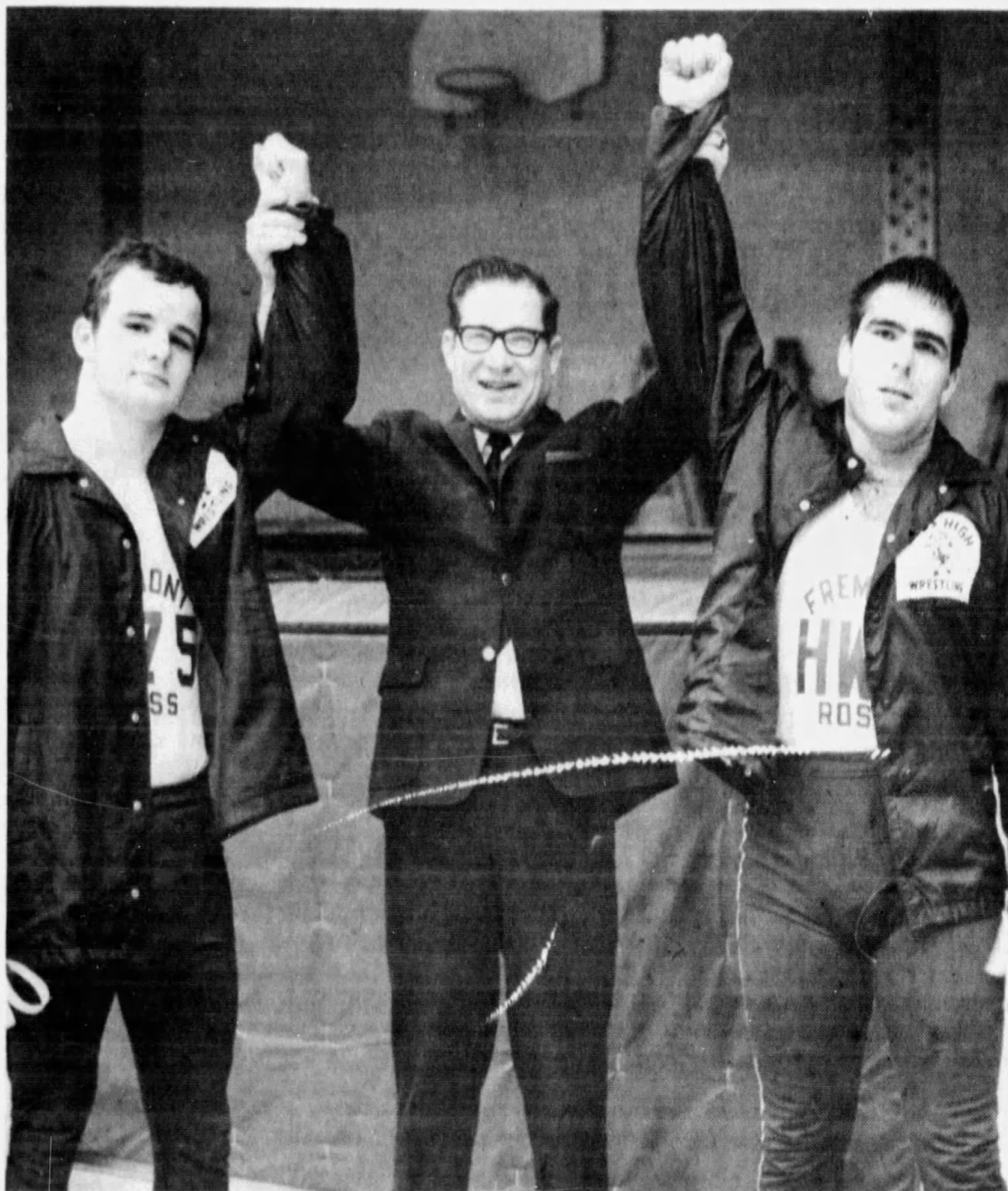


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ROSS DISTRICT QUALIFIERS—Coach Mal Mackey raises in victory the arms of 175-pounder Mark Weiser and heavyweight Ted Brunner. The pair placed third in their division by fighting through the consolation

bracket of the Fremont Sectional wrestling tournament. Both qualified for this weekend's district tourney at Toledo Whitmer.

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Mat, Cage Tournaments Advance This Weekend

Basketball and wrestling tournaments take another major step this weekend for area athletes. In the wrestling competition the boys are one step away from the state tournament. In basketball both Class A and AA teams will be fighting this weekend for berths in the super sectionals.

On the local scene action opens in the Class A Sectional tournament at Ross high school. Tournament manager Richard Sherman has indicated there

will be tickets available at the door. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and tickets go on sale at 6:30 p.m. He said there is a certainty for Friday tickets and a likelihood that door sales also will take place Saturday.

The local tournament Friday will feature a game between Danbury of the Lakeshore Conference and Bettsville of Seneca County League. Green Springs of Lakeshore conference will have the unenviable job of meeting Sandusky Bay Confer-

ence champion Sandusky St. Mary in the second contest. The winners of these two games meet Saturday for the chance to advance to the Heidelberg supersectional next weekend.

Saturday night at Ross Fremont St. Joseph will try to redeem a disappointing season against Monroeville of the Firelands Conference. Winner of this battle also moves to the supersectional.

At Heidelberg in Friday sectional play Bloomville, Seneca

County champion, tries to repeat its two wins of the regular season against Hopewell-Loudon. Republic, winner of only two games all year, runs into Attica.

Woodmore of the Lakeshore Conference and Gibsonburg of Sandusky Bay are both at Eastwood. Woodmore meets Elmwood and Gibsonburg faces a rematch with Fostoria St. Wendelin, a team with which it split in the regular season.

In Class AA action Norwalk, the Tuesday night conqueror of

Ross, runs into Port Clinton and Bellevue, Northern Ohio League champ, faces Clyde, SBC runnerup, at Sandusky.

Sandusky, the Buckeye Conference champion, is not expected to have any trouble with Margaretta, while Tiffin teams Calvert and Columbian clash at Norwalk.

In the district wrestling tournament five boys from Fremont and a total of 10 from the county will be in action. Representing the county will be champions Bill

Beier, 145, and Ed Fiber, 165, from St. Joseph; and Chuck DeLuca, 133, Bellevue.

Also winning the right to compete at district by being runnerup or consolation winner in the Sectional tournament at Fremont were: Jim Redd, 145, Bellevue; Scott Felter, 175, Clyde; Mike Blechinger, 138, St. Joseph; Jack Evert, 154, Bellevue; Ted Schreck, 165, Bellevue; Mark Weiser, 175, Ross, and Ted Brunner, heavy-weight, Ross.

Weiser, Fiber, Beier Win Two Three Local Wrestlers Advance

TOLEDO — Wrestlers who qualified through the Fremont Ross Sectional are making their mark in the Northwest District Wrestling tournament at Toledo Whitmer high school. With the field of 198 wrestlers cut to 44 in the championship bracket after more than two rounds of competition the Fremont Sectional has had only six wrestlers eliminated.

Teams which qualified at Fremont still boast 12 unbeaten wrestlers and have 15 more of the 33 sent to Toledo still hoping for a second chance in the consolations. The Fremont originating district entries are still in the run for championships in seven of the 11 weight divisions.

Early standings show that three of the teams qualifying from Fremont are in the top 10, trailing the Toledo St. Francis leadership. In the top 10 of a field numbering 62 teams are St. Francis leadership. In the top 10 of a field numbering 62 teams are St. Francis, 18; Sandusky, 11; Toledo Macomber, 10; Cardinal Stritch, 9; Toledo St. John, 9;

Toledo Whitmer, 8; Huron, 7; Toledo Rogers, 6; Toledo Scott, 6, and Fremont St. Joseph, 6. Sandusky, Huron and St. Joseph all qualified at Fremont Ross.

Bill Beier and Ed Fiber of St. Joseph and Mark Weiser of Ross all are unbeaten going into today's championship semifinals. Victory this afternoon will insure these wrestlers of a trip to the state tournament. The winners then vie tonight for the district title. Champion, runnerup and consolation survivor all make the trip to state. The 165-pound Fiber decisioned Toledo Waite's Ron Marcinek, 11-2, in his first outing. He then recorded the fastest pin of the tournament when he stopped Toledo St. John's Gary Dunn in 38 seconds.

Beier advanced with two one-point decisions, the first avenging his only loss of the season. The 145-pounder decisioned Al Moran of Cardinal Stritch, 4-3, and then topped Don Saluti of Crestline, 1-0. Moran had handed Beier his only loss this season in

the Catholic Invitational Tournament at Lakewood St. Edward.

Weiser is proving one of the tournament surprises. After qualifying as a consolation winner at sectional he has won a fall and a decision at district. Weiser pinned Genoa's Jerry Spitzer in 3:17 and then decisioned Tim Sennsbogen of Van Wert, 5-3.

In today's semi finals Fiber wrestles D. Wolfe of Northwood. Beier meets M. Tobin, Lima Central Catholic, and Weiser tests J. Turley, Mansfield Malabar. Beier met and defeated Tobin in a regular season triangular meet at St. Joseph, but it was an exhibition since Tobin was overweight in that match.

St. Joseph's Mike Blechinger won his first match and lost in the second to St. Francis' R. Tscholl. Ross' Ted Brunner was eliminated, beaten in the first round by St. Francis' Don White, who in turn was beaten in the quarterfinals.

Other area wrestlers still unbeaten are

Mark Belknap, Port Clinton, 112; and Chuck DeLuca, Bellevue, 133. Clyde's Scott Felter lost in the first round to Springfield's Tom Scott, who was beaten in his second 175-pound match. In the same weight class Rod Fetterman, Lakota, won his first match, 5-0, but was decisioned in the second by C. Gould, Cardinal Stritch. Three other Lakota wrestlers lost their first match but later lost. Steve Hammer, 165, beat John Trisler, Clear Fork, and lost to John Peless, Sandusky, both by 2-1 counts. Heavyweight Nick Nighswander won two bouts before losing to E. Floyd of St. John's. Rick Bloom, 145, won an 8-1 decision before losing to K. Jackson, Lake.

First match victims were Jack Evert, 154, and Ted Schreck, 165, Bellevue; and Paul Smith, 120, Port Clinton. Bellevue's Jim Redd, 145, won his first match and then lost to D. Caywood, Rogers. Only Evert has been eliminated from a consolation chance.

Mark Weiser of Ross advanced to the championship semifinals before being decisioned by J. Turley of Mansfield Malabar, 17-2. In consolation he was then pinned by Toledo St. Francis' Mark Oldham.