

WRESTLING: FREMONT ROSS 60, CLYDE 15

FREMONT ROSS BLASTS PAST CLYDE IN HOME OPENER

Later matches make the difference

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FREMONT - Fremont Ross led by just three points after six matches in a non-league wrestling meet against Clyde.

But when the Little Giants got rolling, they were hard to stop.

Ross scored four pins, a forfeit, and a technical fall in the final eight matches - all wins for the Little Giants - to defeat Clyde, 60-15, on Wednesday.

"It was a good match in terms of the score," Ross coach Mike Mezinger said. "We're still sloppy and our technique isn't there yet. A couple of the guys are just coming off of injury and aren't there yet with their conditioning."

DeShea Pettiford pinned Jared Norman at 120 pounds and Keaton Jordan pinned Dalton Warwick at 126 to increase the Ross lead to 30-15. Warwick used a technique that could've led to a pin but Jordan countered.

"If Warwick finished his move correctly, it could have been did points our way," Clyde coach Bob Blackburn said. "We're really trying to work on our mentality and being more aggressive."

Lamonte Chapman used a handful of takedowns to cruise to a 19-3 technical fall over Lucas McKee at 132. Charles Chapman took a forfeit win at 138 for the Little Giants before Jackson Weisinger scored an 8-0 decision win over Levi Graham.

"I don't think there were many surprises in the matches," Mezinger said. "We could've had a couple guys work a little harder. We made a few mistakes but we can clean up mistakes."

The match of the night came at 152 where Jalen Cooper squeaked out a 3-1 overtime decision over Derick Coleman.

Brandon Garcia pinned Nick Ortiz at 160 and Garrett Barth pinned John Laparo at 170 pounds to end the evening.

"We have to work on conditioning and cleaning up mistakes," said Mezinger. "We've got some basic technique but we haven't done a lot of technique. We're trying to get them in shape and a lot of these guys have experience."



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Clyde's James Batesole, left, wrestles Fremont's Carter Smith during Wednesday night's match.

Caleb Wood started the night off right for Ross with a pin of James Devanna at 182 before Kieler Foster took a forfeit win at 195.

Ryan Kelley scored a win for the Fliers when he pinned Isaiah Delahamioe at 220 pounds. The Little Giants responded with a pin at 285 when Mike Thomas took down Kris Mange.

"I was kind of disappointed in the conditioning overall," said Mezinger. "It is early in the season. It's a good win and anytime we can beat Clyde, it's a good win."

Clyde won the two lower weight classes as Rush Andres pinned David Boda at 106 and James Batesole took a 6-1 decision over Carter Smith at 113.

"We are really young and we knew Fremont has a really good team," Blackburn said. "We wanted to go out and show our improvement. We wanted to put up a fight and not just roll over because they're good. We lost some matches maybe we shouldn't have and had some mistakes but it's early in the year."

FRESHMEN PAIR PLACE AT SOLON TOURNEY

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SOLON – Seven Little Giant wrestlers competed at the Solon Comet Classic tournament this weekend. Of the seven, two, Bryce Estep and Jayce Frymire, wrestled their way to fourth-place finishes. It was the pair’s first varsity experience, as both are freshmen.

LITTLE GIANTS SHOW WELL AT HOPEWELL INVITE

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The Little Giant wrestling team travelled to Hopewell Loudon on Saturday as they took part in a five-team invite. Ross did not compete with a full squad. Ava Thomas wrestled in the 106 lbs. weight class, Bryce Estep (113 lbs.), Brandon Hottinger and Gage Ross (120 lbs.), Owen Shanahan (126 lbs), Brody Barth (157 lbs), Rhien Hottinger (175 lbs.), Dean Hetrick (190 lbs.) (shown in picture above), Mason Villarreal (215 lbs.) and Gabe Elder (285 lbs.).

The teams competing in the tournament were the host, Hopewell-Loudon, Gibsonburg, Port Clinton, Margaretta, and Fremont Ross.

The Little Giants overall had a very good showing. Starting with Thomas at 106, his record for the tourney was 2-2. Estep dominated in the 113 lbs. class, finishing a perfect 4-0. Brandon Hottinger and Gage Ross wrestled at 120 lbs. Hottinger was 1-0 while Ross was a perfect 4-0. Shanahan at 126lbs finished 3-1. A trio of wrestlers, Barth at 157 lbs, Rhien Hottinger at 175 lbs, and Dean Hetrick at 190 lbs, all finished unbeaten at 4-0. Mason Villarreal at 215 lbs. was 3-1, and heavyweight Gabe Elder finished 3-1.

The Little Giants are now off until December 22, when they are scheduled to welcome Bellevue to the "Purple Pit".`

LADIES TAKE TO THE MATS

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Submitted Story

Girls' wrestling is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country. Fremont Ross is very excited to have girls wrestling this year! Girls' wrestling is semi-sanctioned in the State of Ohio; girls are considered OHSAA athletes and follow all the rules that the boys follow. This will be the 3rd year of a Girls State Wrestling Tournament, and we have high hopes that Ohio will soon fully sanction the sport for ladies! As of now, 787 girls are registered on teams in Ohio.

Starting girls' wrestling has been in the works for a few years and has received support from many, including AD Chad Berndt. The Long & Hetrick families are glad to be a part of Fremont & Ohio history!

For the Longs:

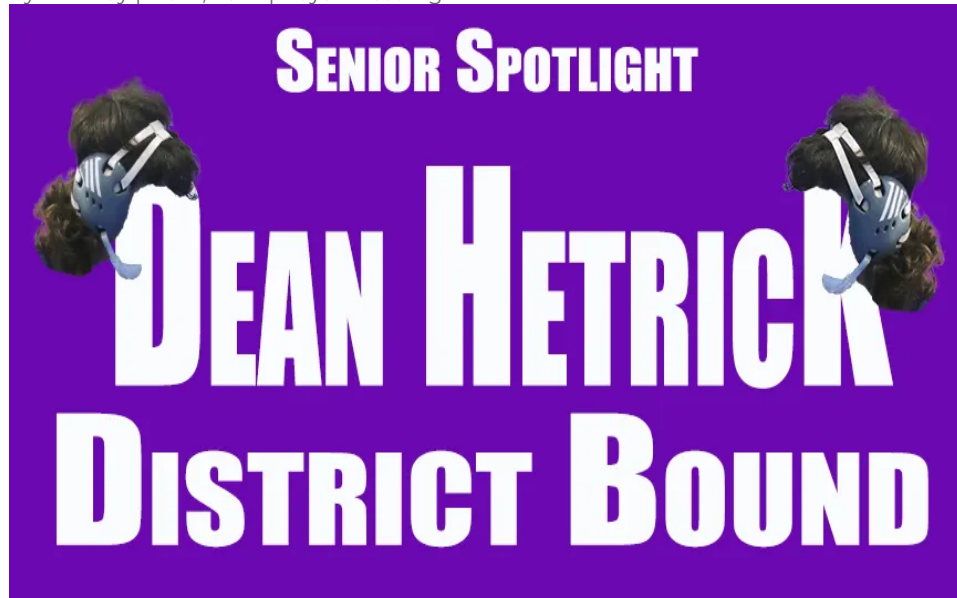
Chad had a great wrestling career at Clyde High School. Jen couldn't wrestle (because she was a girl), but enjoyed watching her brother wrestle in bidy all through high school. Jen married her younger brother's football & wrestling coach! Chad was the head Coach at both Tiffin Columbian and Fremont Ross, and they have been a part of the Wrestling family in both communities. When they had children, they started wrestling at an early age. Chad & Jen realized that girls wrestling was needed, their three oldest are girls, the older two wrestle on the Middle School team, and the younger two wrestle for Headstrong.

For the Hetrick's:

Chad began coaching with his cousin, Mike Mezinger, when their son was 3 years old. There was no local bidy wrestling team, so they started the Fremont

IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THIS

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Little Giant senior, Dean Hetrick, has raised and shown animals for competition at both the county and state fair levels. He knows what it takes to be a champion and uses this same philosophy in his own athletic endeavors.

From the time Hetrick was big enough to walk, he has spent countless hours on the wrestling mat. His uncle, Chad Hetrick, has been his coach for the majority of his 14-year wrestling career. The elder Hetrick saw his nephew grow from a thin little four-year-old in 2008 to a solid 190 pounds in 2022.

In Dean's freshman year, wrestling at just 132 pounds, he was moved up to varsity but admittedly did not wrestle well at tournaments like Maumee Bay. A large growth spurt occurred between his freshman and sophomore years. As a sophomore, Hetrick was tipping the scale at 170 pounds. "I guess you could say I was a late bloomer," Hetrick said. Entering his junior wrestling campaign, he was wrestling at 182 pounds and advanced to the district tournament for the first time in his career. "I had hoped to stay at 182 lbs. for this season, but the weight classes got shifted up, so my choices were to wrestle at either 175 or 190," Hetrick explained. "There was no way I was going to 175 lbs. because I came in after football at around 208 lbs. Plus if I stayed at 190 lbs., I would maintain my muscle mass from the weightlifting I did during football."

"Wrestling is a love, hate relationship to be honest," Hetrick said. "A lot of times it is more hate than love," he said with a chuckle. "When you are winning and