

2009 District...

Little Giant grapplers still alive for state spots

All five Fremont Ross wrestlers are still alive in the district meet at Mentor High School.

Yohe Rojas, wrestling at 135 pounds, won both matches Friday, and will face Westlake's Conner Dempsey at 12:30 today.

Cody Evans went 1-1 Friday at 171 pounds, and Tylor Trautwein at 189 lost a heartbreaker in triple overtime. Wyatt Wukie lost his first match at 160, as did heavyweight Cameron Journigan.

They will wrestle in the consolation matches beginning at 9 a.m. Finals will be at 7 p.m.

Rojas qualifies for state tourney

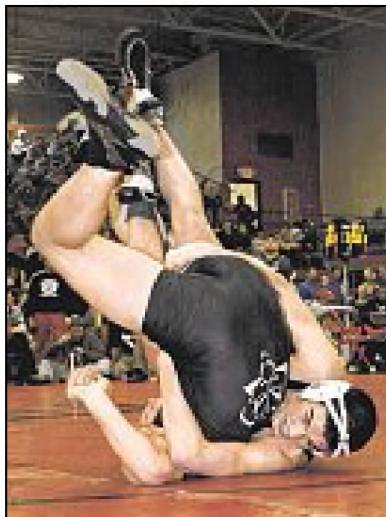
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MENTOR — On Saturday, Yohe Rojas became the first Fremont Ross wrestler in two years to advance to the OHSAA Division I State Tournament.

Rojas, a senior, was the runner-up at 135 pounds during the Division I Mentor District Tournament on Saturday.

"He came so close last year, when he was a state alternate," Fremont Ross coach Mike Mezinger said. "But I think being an alternate helped to reshape his goals for this season. After all the wrestling he did and the camps he went to over the summer made him not want to be satisfied with being a state alternate."

In 2007, Devon Mezinger, a 130-pound Little Giants' grappler, was the last Ross wrestler to qualify for the state tournament, which will be held Thursday through Saturday at The Ohio State University's



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Oak Harbor wrestler Konner Witt locks down on Highland grappler John McKee during the Division II District Tournament at Fostoria on Saturday.

Jerome Schottenstein Center in Columbus.

Rojas (39-4) won his first match by technical fall before

posting a pair of major decisions. In the 135-pound district title bout against Anthony Salupo (St. Edward), the Little Giants' wrestler trailed 3-0 before Mezinger made a decision to end the match.

"Yohe had bummed his elbow during the bout," Mezinger said. "I know it was an unpopular decision to end the match. But it's a call I have to make. I didn't want to see him get hurt any further with the state tournament around the corner. We need to do what we can to get it some rehab this week."

At 189 pounds, sophomore Tylor Trautwein became a state alternate by going 4-2 with a pair of pins along the way. After losing a tough 3-2 decision in four overtimes to Mike Green (St. Edward) during the championship quarterfinals, Trautwein rallied to win three of his next four matches.

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Division I

At Mentor

Team standings — 1. St. Edward 197.5, 2. Elyria 151, 3. St. Ignatius 124.5, 4. Clay 122, 5. Mentor 112, 6. Southview 77.5, 7. Findlay 65.5, 8. Westlake 62, 9. St. Francis DeSales 45, 10. Shaker Hts. 44, 11. Sylvania Southview 44, 12. Madison Comp. 42, 13. Fremont Ross 40, 14. Sandusky 40, 15. Bowling Green 38.0, 16. Valley Forge 37, 17. Waite 35, 18. Berea 34, 19. Normandy 32.5, 20. Parma 32, 21. Olmsted Falls 30.5, 22. Lakewood 29, 23. St. John's Jesuit 23, 24. Steele 22, 25. Marion Harding 20, 26. North Olmsted 19.5, 27. Midpark 17, 28. Start 16, 29. Springfield 14, 30. Anthony Wayne 13, 31. Avon Lake 13, 32. Rhodes 12, 33. Admiral King 10.5, 34. Mansfield Senior 10.5, 35. Perrysburg 9, 36. North Ridgeville 7.5, 37. Ashland 7, 38. Midview 4, 39. Sylvania Northview 4, 40. Whitmer 4, 41. Bowsher 3, 42. Lincoln West 3

First Place

103 — George DiCamillo (St. Ignatius) dec. Nick Garcia (Clay) 6-2

112 — Jerome Robinson (St. Ignatius) dec. Gus Sako (St. Edward) 9-6

119 — Jamie Clark (St. Edward) tech. fall Alex Marzec (St. Francis DeSales) 24-9

125 — Nick Lawrence (Westlake) dec. Callen Vanderhoff (Marion Harding) 12-5

130 — Dalton McHenry (Elyria) pin Matt VanCuren (St. Edward) 3:08

135 — Anthony Salupo (St. Edward) dec. Yohe Rojas (Fremont Ross) 3-0

Fifth Place

103 — Uland Ralston (Southview) dec. Nick Barber (St. Edward) 5-0

112 — Jack Young (Mentor) dec. Cody Kish (Clay) 6-0

119 — Willie Long (St. Ignatius) pin Yousef Abdelsalam (Lakewood) 2:54

125 — Gavin Speelman (Madison Comp.) maj. dec. Bill Irwin (Anthony Wayne) 13-3

130 — Kevin Brunner (Avon Lake) dec. Nick Ramsey (Lakewood) 17-10

135 — Brandon Morgan (Steele) dec. Nick Miller (Bowling Green) 8-1

140 — Dan Fisher (Clay) dec. Tre Gordon (Shaker Hts.) 2-1

145 — Michael Travagliante (Normandy) dec. Ben Kieffer (Mentor) 10-5

152 — Corey Greenwade (St. John's Jesuit) dec. Tyler Derr (Waite) 3-1

160 — Wade Arredondo (Findlay) over Jeremy Jones (Parma) default

171 — Chriss Kelly (North Olmsted) dec. Conner Dever (Westlake) 3-1

189 — Tylor Trautwein (Fremont Ross) dec. Peter Heggs (Shaker Hts.) 5-1

215 — Jake Staebler (Sylvania Southview) over Joe Klupp (Madison Comp.) default

285 — Marlowe Burton (Southview) pin Kas Stratidakis (Clay) 2:49