

Wrestling Sectional To Attract 142 Competitors

CLYDE — One hundred and forty-two wrestlers from 13 schools will begin competition Friday evening in the sectional wrestling tournament at Clyde high school. Prize for victory in the sectional will be three seats from each weight class in

NCAA Signs 8 At-Large Powerhouses

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NCAA didn't waste any time filling its field for next month's postseason tournament that determines the national collegiate basketball champion.

Within a few hours after the starting time Wednesday to make selections, the NCAA had landed eight at-large teams, including Texas Western, Chicago Loyola and Providence from The Associated Press Top Ten, to round out its 23-team field.

The NIT, the other major postseason tourney, announced the selection of five teams, headed by defending champion St. John's of New York, leaving nine still to be named for its 14-team field.

In addition to unbeaten Texas Western, 20-0, third in The AP poll, fourth-ranked Chicago Loyola, 20-2, and ninth-ranked Providence, 20-3; Oklahoma City, 21-4; Houston, 19-4; Dayton, 19-4; Syracuse, 18-4, and Colorado State U., 12-4, were tapped for the NCAA that opens March 7 and ends March 19.

Western Kentucky, 20-2, the Ohio Valley Conference champion, and the still-to-be determined winners of 14 other conferences complete the NCAA field.

Virginia Tech, 19-4; Boston College, 17-4; De Paul, 17-5, and Penn State, 16-4, accepted bids to the NIT along with St. John's, 17-5. The NIT opens in New York March 10 and ends Saturday afternoon, March 19.

Chicago Loyola is pitted against Western Kentucky at Kent, Ohio, in one of the first-round games at four regional sites that kick off the NCAA on March 7. This game will follow one between Dayton and the winner of the Mid-American Conference, Toledo or Miami of Ohio.

Pairings for the other March 7

the district tournament to be held in Toledo.

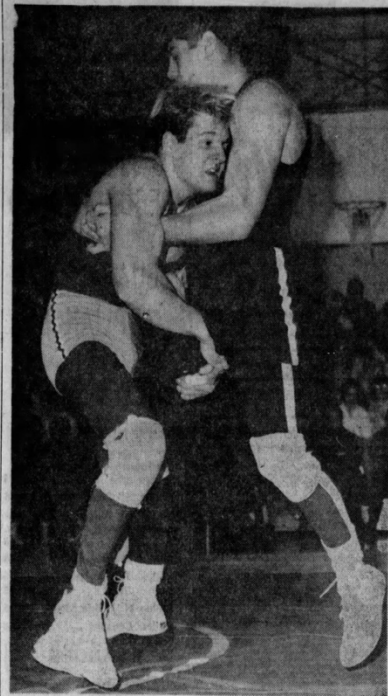
Included in this year's competition will be 10 wrestlers who won their way to district last year. At that time the sectional was held at Fremont junior high school. There has been a switching of sectional lineups this year, so wrestlers from Arcadia, Fostoria, Tiffin Calvert and Lakota will compete this year in a different section.

New additions to the local sectional will be Genoa, Milan, Huron and Berlin Heights. Filling out the Clyde sectional field will

be wrestlers from Fremont Ross, Fremont St. Joseph, Sandusky, Port Clinton, Margareta, Perkins, Clyde, Bellevue and Sandusky St. Mary's.

Only four of those seeking a second trip to district will be in the same weight classes. These are Jim Rofkar, Port Clinton, heavyweight; Ron Gibson, St. Joseph, 178; Paul Imke, Clyde, 130; and Jim Waggoner, Ross, 141.

Others who won their way to district last year and return to competition in another weight are as follows with their weight



RETURN BOUT must wait between Ron Gibson, St. Joseph, and Gary Reinbolt, Lakota, two leading wrestlers in the 178-pound class. They are shown here with Gibson holding Reinbolt in the air during the finals of the Sandusky Bay Conference tournament. Gibson won this bout 1-0, but the two go to different sectionals and if they meet again it will have to be in district. Gibson competes in Clyde sectional, where he was a district qualifier last year, and Reinbolt is in the Carey sectional.

of a year ago in parenthesis: Gary LeMaitre, Ross, 123 (115); Terry Hozepfel, Sandusky, 115 (106); Jim Smith, Clyde, 115 (106); Phil Amerine, Sandusky, 141 (130); George Branco, Ross, 168 (157), and

College Scores

College Basketball

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St. Joseph's, Pa. 108, Lafayette 80

Penn State 66, Bucknell 57
Connecticut 96, Rutgers 84
Loyola (La.) 51, Fordham 50
Westminster, Pa. 102, Pitt 78
Rh. Island 90, N. Hamp. 62
Cheyney 87, West Chester 57
N.C. State 101, Wake Forest 75, completion of suspended game of Dec. 11

Auburn 74, Georgia 63
Mississippi 81, Tulane 70
Bellarmino 75, Tenn. State 66
DePaul 79, Notre Dame 71
Western Mich. 74, Toledo 72, 3 at

Windsor 94, Youngstown 78
Central State, Ohio, 81 Steubenville 68

OHIO COLLEGE BASKETBALL
(Wednesday)

Western Michigan 74, Toledo 72 (three overtimes)

Central State 81, Steubenville 68

Bluffton 79, Findlay 76
Defiance 87, Olivet, Mich. 79
Windsor, Ont. 94, Youngstown 76

Ashland 116, Cleveland State 69

City League

STANDINGS	W	L	Pd	O.B.
Rainbow Lanes	7	3	—	—
Gabel Oil	7	3	—	—
White's Plumbing	3	7	—	—
Gun Store	3	7	—	—

Gabel Oil	W	L	Pd	O.B.
Chambers	2	9	4	8
Gabel	6	14	—	—
Swint	1	3	—	—
Young	2	3	—	—
Denman	2	19	—	—
Yeager	0	1	—	—
Rodenhouse	4	1	—	—
Overmyer	7	3	—	—
Goffman	5	11	—	—
Total	34	12	82	140
Gabel Oil	12	19	33	19-80
White's Plumbing	22	15	13	19-80

Rainbow	W	L	Pd	O.B.
Kepon	6	19	—	—
Whitfin	11	29	—	—
Decker	9	21	—	—
Gray	6	13	—	—
Boucher	0	1	—	—
Total	51	111	—	—
Total	27	18	92	36
Gun Store	25	27	17	12-61

Tom LeSavage, St. Joseph, 168 (157).

Competition will begin Friday at 2:45 p.m. with the start of preliminaries. There will be a second Friday session at 7 p.m. Tournament manager Art Hendricks reported a desire to run the tournament through the championship bracket semifinals Friday night.

The championship bracket finals and consolation round action will begin with a 1 p.m. session Saturday. Second session Saturday will be at 7 p.m., when the final wrestler in each division will be determined.

The Clyde sectional will send three wrestlers to district in Toledo. There will be no individual nor team champions determined at Clyde. There will be two finalists from the championship bracket and the winner of the consolation bracket advancing to Toledo. The championship finalists will not meet each other.

Those eliminated from the championship bracket by a finalist will have a chance to drop into the consolation for a second chance at a district berth.

SECTIONAL PAIRINGS

104 — Finner, Sandusky, bye; Larry Bieckinger, St. Joseph, 6-4, versus Bartlett, Huron, 4-4; Patchett, Port Clinton, bye; Spaulding, Genoa, versus Mix, Margareta; Stewman, Perkins, versus Jose Alejandro, Ross; Ken Smith, Clyde, versus Silber, Berlin Heights; Emerson, Milan, bye; Jones, Berlin Heights, versus Andres, St. Mary's.

112 — Ross, Milan, 10-3, versus Sanders, Bellevue, 12-2; Seibelman, Huron, 4-8, bye; Brennan, Milan, 10-1, versus Unger, Berlin Heights; Quick, Margareta, 3-2, versus Mike Pfeiffer, Ross, 4-4; Jim Gross, St. Joseph, 2-4, versus Kozmicki, Sandusky, 3-5; Womack, Genoa, 6-4-1, bye; Deseris, Perkins, 4-3, versus Jim Smith, Clyde, 8-2.

123 — Ernie St. Mary's, 7-5, versus McGee, Perkins, 1-3; Gillard, Berlin Heights, 2-7, versus Rice, Margareta, 4-5; Gary LeMaitre, Ross, 4-8, bye; Moore, Milan, 10-1, bye; Brumlin, Sandusky, 9-3-1, versus Anderson, Genoa, 6-3; Penn, Bellevue, 3-2-1, bye; Chuck Koch, St. Joseph, 5-4, versus Taylor, Port Clinton, 3-4; Carver, Rodriguez, Clyde, 4-4.

130 — Paul Belknap, Port Clinton, 7-3, versus Weller, Sandusky, 7-2-1; Gundlach, Huron, 5-9, bye; Horn, Bellevue, 3-4, bye; Wellman, Milan, 12-0, versus Berio, Perkins, 5-2; Imke, Clyde, 1-1, versus Haller, St. Mary's, 1-1; Braddock, Genoa, 5-4-2, versus Kinkaid, Margareta, 4-4; Bruce Norton, Ross, 7-3, versus Hefitz, Berlin Heights, 2-2; Al O'Neal, St. Joseph, 11-3, bye.

136 — Steve Decker, St. Joseph, 6-2-1, versus Shearer, Clyde, 6-7; Mount, Huron, 11-4, bye; Tester, Genoa, 4-3, bye; Hayes, St. Mary's, 11-1, bye; Summers, Perkins, 10-2, versus Loudermeyer, Bellevue, 0-7; Von Hooser, Port Clinton, 3-7, versus Rockwell, Milan, 1-1; Cal Konan, 0-0, Ross, bye; Parker, Margareta, 0-4, versus Collins, Sandusky, 11-4.

141 — Myers, Margareta, 5-4, versus Rimmer, St. Mary's, 6-4; Green, Berlin Heights, 5-3, bye; Wettrich, Clyde, 6-7, bye; Bill Frederick, St. Joseph, 13-4, versus Carroles, 0-3; Parsli, Genoa, 13-2.

versus White, Huron, 5-4-1; Jim Waggoner, Ross, 5-2, versus Lewis, Milan, 7-5-1; Miller, Perkins, 5-4-2, versus Krenner, Bellevue, 5-4-1; Amerine, Sandusky, 14-2, bye.

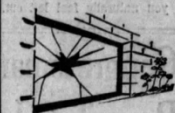
148 — Strashine, Genoa, 7-3, versus Crosby, Bellevue, 4-7; Wright, Sandusky, 8-5, bye; Simon, Huron, 9-3, versus Lou Berger, Ross, 2-3; Houghie, Milan, 12-0-1, bye; Bartlett, St. Mary's, 11-1-1, versus Bruens, Perkins, 0-5; Hill, Berlin Heights, 7-2, bye; Con Lee, St. Joseph, 8-2, versus Cleveland, Margareta, 4-3; Gohn, Port Clinton, 5-3-1, versus Lourenoudo, Clyde, 12-3.

157 — Ruthaals, Genoa, 6-4-1, versus Rowland, Bellevue, 1-5; Kader, Berlin Heights, 7-2, versus Davis, St. Mary's, 2-3; Snetter, Margareta, 4-4, bye; Steve Beier, St. Joseph, 15-0, bye; Kiser, Port Clinton, 7-2, versus Houghie, Milan, 5-2; Harris, Perkins, 2-6, bye; Jim Winters, Ross, 1-4, versus Jack, Sandusky, 9-2; Wagner, Huron, 10-4, versus Pump, Clyde, 10-4.

164 — Wynn, Milan, 10-4, versus Hugo, Bellevue, 5-3; P. Kaiser, Port Clinton, 5-4, bye; Amiah, Sandusky, 11-4, versus Tomika, Genoa, 7-2-1; George Branco, Ross, 11-4, bye; Tom LeSavage, St. Joseph, 15-9, versus Antonelli, Huron, 6-4; Tarris, Clyde, 5-4, versus Jacoby, Margareta, 2-4; Pucker, Perkins, 1-5, versus O'Rourke, Berlin Heights, 6-0; Missig, St. Mary's, 10-2, bye.

169 — Clark, Sandusky, 11-5, versus Zimmerman, Huron, 3-2; Hillis, Berlin Heights, 3-2, bye; Mitchell, St. Mary's, 8-4, versus Jim Brown, Ross, 8-7; Ron Gibson, St. Joseph, 10-0, bye; Hopfinger, Port Clinton, 8-1, versus Hahn, Genoa, 4-0; Rolson, Perkins, 5-5, versus Moore, Margareta, 4-2; Wellman, Milan, 4-4, bye; Ray, Bellevue, 5-7-1, versus Dahms, Clyde, 8-2.

Heavyweight — Horvath, Perkins, 7-3, versus Wellman, Milan, 1-1; Rofkar, Port Clinton, 5-5, versus Greenfield, Clyde, 7-5; Eril, Sandusky, 8-4, bye; Picciola, St. Joseph, 8-2-0, bye; Mander, Bellevue, 13-1, versus LeLand, St. Mary's, 5-1; Ron Izzi, Huron, 3-4, bye; Huston, Genoa, 3-4, versus Van Cawentburg, Margareta, 3-4; Randy Koebel, Ross, 6-3-3, bye.



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SANDUSKY LEADS LIST OF QUALIFIERS

Eleven Fremont Wrestlers Gain District

CLYDE — Sandusky, Fremont St. Joseph and Fremont Ross led the list of schools qualifying wrestlers for district competition in the Clyde sectional wrestling tournament. Sandusky had seven district qualifiers emerge from the weekend tournament.

St. Joseph will send six and Ross five to the district meet next weekend at Toledo Waite. St. Joseph had the leading number of wrestlers to survive the sectional unbeaten, five. Ross and Sandusky each had four wrestlers with unblemished marks. While Ross and St. Josephs had one wrestler each take advantage of a second chance and come through the consolations, Sandusky had four

wrestlers get their district berth with a consolation survival.

In three weights, 127, 138 and 165, Ross and St. Joseph will each have a district representative.

Of the 13 schools with wrestlers competing in the district tournament, 12 will have representatives on the team going to the district. Only Berlin Heights, a first-year wrestling school, did not have a boy win the right to advance the next step on the route to the March 11-12 state championships.

Fremont Qualifiers

Winning district berths from Ross were Gary LeMaitre, 123; Bruce Norton, 130; Jim Waggoner, 141; George Brance, 168; and Mike Pfefferle, 115. Pfefferle lost once and then came through the consolation bracket.

Going to district for St. Joseph will be Al O'Neal, 127, consolation winner; Bill Frederick, 141; Steve Beier, 157; Tom LeSavage, 168; Ron Gibson, 178, and Tom Picciuto, heavyweight.

It will be a return trip to the district tournament for LeMaitre, Waggoner, Branco, LeSavage and Gibson.

Huron will send three wrestlers to Waite. Port Clinton, Clyde and Bellevue has two each, while one wrestler each will go from Genoa, Perkins, Sandusky St. Mary's, Milan and Margaretta.

Accident Cuts Chances

St. Mary's chances of sending more boys to district were erased by an automobile acci-

dent Friday night. A carload of St. Mary's wrestlers crashed on the slippery, ice-covered roads of Friday night. They were returning home from Clyde. Injured to the degree they were unable to continue in the tournament were Dan Brenner, 115, and Mike Missig, 168. Missig was unbeaten and one win away from a district berth, while Brenner was alive in consolation competition. Both had to forfeit matches scheduled for Saturday.

A year ago St. Joseph had five district qualifiers and Ross had four. None survived for the trip to state.

WINNERS' BRACKETS

106 — Lynn Spaulding, Genoa, decided on Ron Feltner, Sandusky; Walter Stevenson, Perkins, decided on Elnerson,

Milan (Spaulding, Stevenson to district). 115 — Typ Belknap, Port Clinton, decided on Mike Stebielau, Huron; Jim Smith, Clyde, decided on Mike Pfefferle, Ross (Belknap, Smith to district).

123 — Gary LeMaitre, Ross, decided on Tom Ernie, St. Mary's; Don Brattain, Sandusky, decided on Jeff Carver, Huron (LeMaitre, Brattain to district).

130 — Gordon Weller, Sandusky, decided on Weinau, Milan; Bruce Norton, Ross, decided on Paul Imke, Clyde (Weller, Norton to district).

136 — Frank Mount, Huron, decided on Frank Hayes, St. Mary's; Jim Collins, Sandusky, pinned Bill Summers, Perkins (Mount, Collins to district).

141 — Bill Frederick, St. Joseph's, decided on Pat Finnegan, St. Mary's; Jim Waggoner, Ross, decided on Phil Amerine, Sandusky (Frederick, Waggoner to district).

147 — Tom Wright, Sandusky, decided on Houpple, Milan; Dave Laurendeau, Clyde, decided on Ron Barrett, St. Mary's (Wright, Laurendeau to district).

157 — Steve Beier, St. Joseph's, pinned John Ruffsatz, Genoa; Fred Wagner, Huron, decided on Craig Kaiser, Port Clinton (Beier, Wagner to district).

168 — George Brance, Ross, decided on Hupp, Bellevue; Tom LeSavage, St. Joseph's, by forfeit over Mike Missig, St. Mary's (Brance, LeSavage to district).

178 — Ron Gibson, St. Joseph's, decided on Brian Clark, Sandusky; Todd Moore, Margaretta, decided on Keith Dahms, Clyde (Gibson, Moore to district).

Heavyweight — Tom Picciuto, St. Joseph's, decided on Tim Harvath, Perkins; Larry Meador, Bellevue, decided on Randy Koebel, Ross (Picciuto, Meador to district).

CONSOLATIONS

106 — Bob Patchett, Port Clinton, pin Dave Mix, Margaretta; Jose Alejandro, Ross, decided on Charles Sifter, Bellevue; Ron Feltner, Sandusky, decided on Patchett; Alejandro decided on Elnerson, Milan; Feltner decided on Alejandro (Feltner to district).

115 — Wendy Unger, Berlin Heights, by forfeit over Dan Brennan, St. Mary's; Steve Deering, Perkins, decided on Alton Womack, Genoa; Mike Stebielau, Huron, pinned Unger; Mike Pfefferle, Ross, pinned Deering; Pfefferle decided on Stebielau (Pfefferle to district).

123 — McLane, Milan, bye; Ricardo Anaverde, Genoa, decided on John Fern, Bellevue; Tom Ernie, St. Mary's, decided on McLane; Jeff Carver, Huron, decided on Anaverde; Carver decided on Ernie (Carver to district).

130 — Richard Gundlach, Huron, by forfeit over Paul Belknap, Port Clinton; Al O'Neal, St. Joseph's, by forfeit over Jess Hintz, Berlin Heights; Weinau, Milan, decided on Gundlach; O'Neal decided on Paul Imke, Clyde (O'Neal to district).

136 — Steve Decker, St. Joseph's, bye; Col Kanan, Ross, by forfeit over Jerry Parker, Margaretta; Frank Hayes, St. Mary's, pinned Decker; Kanan pinned Bill Summers, Perkins; Hayes decided on Kanan (Hayes to district).

141 — Jim Wettrich, Clyde, decided on Ed Corristo, Port Clinton; Richard White, Huron, pinned Lewis, Milan; Wettrich decided on Pat Finnegan, St. Mary's; Phil Amerine, Sandusky, decided on White, overtime; Amerine decided on Wettrich (Amerine to district).

148 — Gregg Crosby, Bellevue, bye; Mike Gohn, Port Clinton, decided on Dan Lee, St. Joseph's; Houpple, Milan, decided on Crosby; Gohn, by forfeit over Ron Barrett, St. Mary's; Houpple decided on Gohn (Houpple to district).

157 — Ray Smetzer, Margaretta, bye; Jim Pump, Clyde, decided on Jim Winters, Ross; John Ruffsatz, Genoa, decided on Smetzer; Craig Kaiser, Port Clinton, decided on Pump; Kaiser decided on Ruffsatz (Kaiser to district).

168 — Tim Tarris, Clyde, by forfeit over John Antonelli, Huron; Tim Tomalaka, Genoa, bye; Tarris by forfeit over Mike Missig, St. Mary's; Fred Hupp, Bellevue, pinned Tomalaka; Hupp decided on Tarris (Hupp to district).

178 — William Mitchell, St. Mary's, bye; Paul Hohn, Genoa, decided on Pete Ralston, Perkins; Brian Clark, Sandusky, decided on Mitchell; Keith Dahms, Clyde, decided on Hohn; Clark decided on Dahms (Clark to district).

Heavyweight — Tom Ernst, Sandusky, bye; Joe Fontozzi, decided on Mike LaLond, St. Mary's; Ernst pinned Tim Harvath, Perkins; Fontozzi decided on Randy Koebel, Ross; Ernst decided on Fontozzi (Ernst to district).



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ROSS' MIKE PFEFFERYLE CLAMPS GULL OTINE ON PERKINS' STEVE DEERING

Official Chris Ford On The Spot Ready To Call For Little Giant

Oak Harbor Stays Alive, St. Wendelin Is 71-66 Victim; Delta Next Challenge

Oak Harbor took advantage of foul trouble by the Fostoria St. Wendelin big gun Saturday night to win a right to the sectional finals, 71-66. Dan Hammer sat down with four personal fouls late in the second quarter, cut-

points for Oak Harbor. Dave Krieger added 13.

Hammer led St. Wendelin with 22.

Next opponent for Oak Harbor in the Class A Sectional finals at Anthony Wayne will be

55, as Ron Penix again was the winner's leader with 27. Ottawa Hills advanced with a 74-58 conquest of Metamora.

National Basketball Association

Last Second Shot Wins Tourney

LINDSEY — A free throw by Danny Appelans with one second to play gave Graytown championship of the first Washington township junior high tournament Thursday night. The Appelans foul shot gave Graytown a 31-30 victory over Elmore.

Appelans was the leading scorer of the game with 11 points. David Miller paced Elmore with nine.

In a consolation game Steve Kromer scored 19 points as Lindsey defeated Riley, 49-38.

In first round games earlier in the week Graytown defeated Riley, 34-22, and Elmore stopped Lindsey, 40-28.

Peggy Fleming Wins World Skating Title

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — Graceful Peggy Fleming, a 17-year-old high school student from Colorado Springs, Colo., is the heroine today of America's amazing comeback in world figure skating competition.

Miss Fleming captured the women's title in the World Figure Skating Championships Sunday with a thrilling freestyle skating performance that