

2007 Sectional Meet...

Division I wrestling

Tony Rodriguez (103), Marcus Measimer (112), Devon Mezinger (125) and Yohe Rojas (135) of Fremont Ross qualified for the Division I sectional semifinals Friday at Oregon Clay.

Rodriguez beat Sandusky's Davion Caston, who beat him at the Greater Buckeye Conference Championships last Saturday with a 17-2 technical fall. Rodriguez has a chance to avenge a second loss of last week on Saturday, when he'll wrestle Javon Wright of Lima Senior.

At 125, Mezinger will wrestle Marion Harding's Callen Vanderhoff, who took the GBC individual title last week. Mezinger finished second, and lost a 4-3 decision to him.

The Little Giants are currently eighth among the 14 teams competing at Clay. St. John Jesuit leads with 75 points, and Sandusky ranks second with 63.

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Division I Sectionals

Team Standings

1. St. John Jesuit.....	75
2. Sandusky	63
3. Whitmer.....	61.5
4. Waite	60
5. Findlay	60
8. Fremont Ross.....	34.5

Day 1 Ross results

Advancing to semifinals

103: Tony Rodriguez
112: Marcus Measimer
125: Devon Mezinger
135: Yohe Rojas

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Ross sends 5 to districts

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Fremont Ross didn't wrestle to coach Mike Mezinger's expectations at the Greater Buckeye Conference Championships last week.

But it stepped up Friday and Saturday at its Division II sectional in Oregon Clay, as five Little Giants wrestlers — Tony Rodriguez (103 pounds), Marcus Measimer (112), Devon Mezinger (125), Yohe Rojas (135) and Chris Bias (160) — qualified for districts this weekend in Mentor.

"They wrestled a heck of a lot better than last week," said Mike, whose team placed fifth behind champion Waite. "The whole team did, which I was really happy with. I expected three to five wrestlers to go out, and we did get five."

One of those qualifiers was Rodriguez, who struggled at the conference meet a week earlier. He avenged a pair of losses, though, with wins against GBC champion Javon Wright of Lima Senior and Davion Caston of Sandusky.

Rodriguez, a freshman, actually finished second to Dereck Watson of St. John Jesuit.

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— Little Giants coach Mike Mezinger

"He made a mistake in the finals, and got [pinned]," Mike said.

Still, Rodriguez will likely match up against another sectional's No. 3 seed this weekend.

Devon Mezinger will, too. He placed second over Callen Vanderhoff of Marion Harding, who earned the GBC title at 125 a week ago with a win over Devon.

In Devon's sectional final, he faced Josh Carmona of Waite and lost, 3-2.

"He had a really nice match," Mike said. "Last year, [Carmona] beat Devon by eight or 10 points in sectionals. Devon's just continuing to improve. He had the last 30 seconds to get a takedown and just couldn't."

At 135, Rojas took third with an 8-2 decision against Donnie Zapadka of Whitmer. Seniors Chris Bias and Marcus

Measimer also placed third to advance to districts.

"This is the first time Marcus has gone to districts," Mike said. "He's really improved."

And a solid core of lower weights is one reason for his improvement, Mike said.

"As a freshman, he wrestled 103 and had an all right season," he said. "As a sophomore-junior, he had Devon and Derek Flores in his same weight, and they kept beating him out."

"Usually, you look at any team and if it has one tough guy, you're going to have another tough guy right around that weight. That's their drilling partner every day."

All five district qualifiers will have to push each other in drills again this week in order to advance to states. Mentor is, after all, among the state's toughest districts, Mike said.

"It's a real meat grinder," he said. "The kids just have to step it up one more notch and wrestle with these kids. They can't be afraid; just go out."

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