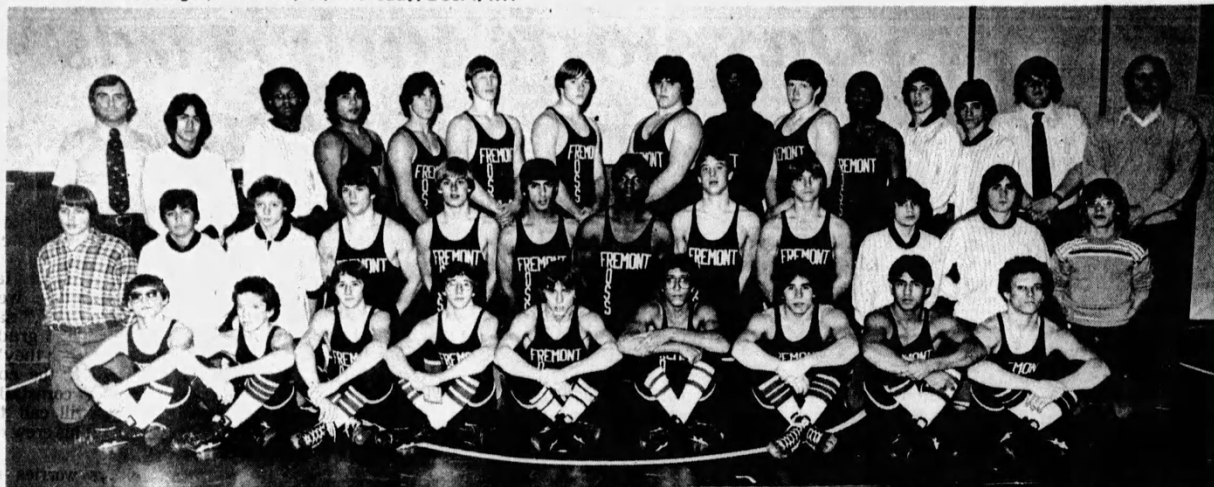


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**MEMBERS OF THE ROSS** wrestling team for the 1977-78 season. Front row (left to right): Merle Rufer, Jim Krock, Fred Merrill, Ted Merrill, Greg Orndorf, Jim Conley, Gilbert Munoz, John Pena, and Tex Miller; second row: trainer Kevin Clohn, Gilbert Palacios, Gary Pollack, Dave

Campbell, Jeff Hull, Mike Pena, Clarence Parks, John LeJeune, Jim Orians, Jim Laird, Walter Stroud, and manager Dave Might; back row: Coach Al Voggenthaler, Eddie Salcedo, Chuck Tiller, Dan Contreras, Shawn Alexander, Tim Don-

nerbach, Chuck Binkley, Troy Amor, Greg Brown, Paul Adams, Andre Parks, Mike Schneider, Craig Hilty, assistant coach Mike Wetzel, and assistant coach Rick Boggs. (News-Messenger photo by Dan Bomeli)

# Ross matmen open at Southview

Ross is set for its first mat appearance of the season Friday when the Little Giants travel to Lorain to take on the highly touted Southview matmen.

"They have a state champ and a guy that finished fifth in the state back this year," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler pointed out Wednesday after practice. "They should be a good test for us to open with."

Rus Wilhelm, the reigning Class AAA 99-pound king of Ohio leads Southview but he will not be at that weight for the Ross match.

"He may move up to 119," Voggenthaler said, "or he may be at 112."

Where Wilhelm wrestles will be determined by George Veliz, a fifth place finisher in the state at 119 a year ago. Veliz may wrestle at 126.

Which ever way Southview decides to go, Voggenthaler already has his lineup set. Part of that was determined by Wednesday's "Purple-white" intersquad meet.

Sophomores will operate at the two lightweight spots for Ross. Merle Rufer will hit the mat at 98 while Jim Krock goes at

105. Letterman Ted Merrill will be Ross's 112-pounder while Jim Conley will wrestle at 119. Merrill and Conley are seniors.

Gilbert Munoz is the Little Giants' 126-pounder while junior letterman Paul "Tex" Miller will be at 132.

"Tex could move down to 126 later this season," Voggie pointed out.

Andre Parks, another sophomore, will wrestle at 138 for Ross with John LeJeune, a junior, at 145. Dave Campbell, a senior letterman, will be at 155 while Clarence Parks, a two-year letterman for Ross, has moved up to 167 this season.

The elder Parks posted a 23-4-1 mark a season ago at 155 but Wednesday aggravated an ankle injury that bothered him a year. As of today, Parks is doubtful for the Southview match.

Tim Donnerbach, a junior who gave Parks all he could handle in the "Purple-White" meet, will be at 175 for the Little Giants. Chuck Binkley, senior, out for his first year of wrestling has been a pleasant surprise for Voggenthaler and will be at 185.

The Ross Heavyweight or "hog body" as the Ross coach affectionally calls the unlimited wrestlers, will be Troy Amor, a junior.

"This is sort of a wait and see season for us," the Ross coach pointed out and then added, "the month of December should give us a pretty good indication of what the season will be like."

Ross will open at home against Mansfield on Dec. 9. The Tygers were second in the Buckeye Conference last season and could win it all this year according to Voggenthaler.

Also slated for December are the Toledo Rogers Tournament and the Medina Invitational Tournament.

"If our kids keep their heads straight during that time, we should be alright," the Ross leader said.

Friday's match at Southview will begin at 7:30 p.m. To get to Southview, take the Ohio Turnpike east to exit eight (Elyria, route 57); take 57 north three traffic lights. Southview High School is located on the right at the third light.

# Southview rips Ross 39-22

LORAIN — Southview put Ross back against the wall quickly and never let the Little Giants get away Friday in the season opening wrestling match for Ross.

Southview recorded falls in the first five matches in rolling to an easy 39-22 win over Ross.

The only real bright spots for Ross were turned in by Clarence Parks and Troy Amor. Both pinned their opponents.

Parks, 167, stopped Southview's Willie Rojas in 1:15 of his match while Amor put 300-pound Ed Bermudey on his back for the count in just 3:31.

"All the kids that won turned in pretty good jobs," Ross wrestling coach Al Voggenthaler said.

Andre Parks, Clarence's brother, won his debut as a Little Giants wrestler. The sophomore stopped Mark Shaffer 5-4 in a 138-pound encounter.

Dave Campbell, 155, of Ross stopped Jerry Dickson 7-5 in his match. Chuck Binkley of the Little Giants did everything but

pin Ed Findley of Southview in the 185-pound match. Binkley, in his first year of wrestling, won 20-4.

In the junior varsity match, the Little Giants recorded a 42-26 win. Mike Pena, Walter Stroud, Mike Schneider, Paul Adams, and Dan Contreras had pins for the Little Giants.

Following are the results of the matches:

## VARSITY

98-Ed Colon (S) p. Merle Rufer (R) 5:43; 105-Richie Romero (S) p. Jim Krock (R) 2:58; 112-Russ Wilhelm (S) p. Ted Merrill (R) 3:41; 119-Elmer Velez (S) p. Greg Orndorff (R) 3:01; 126-Wilfred Guzman (S) p. Gilbert Munoz (R) 3:52; 132-Jose Camacho (S) d. Tex Miller (R) 8-2;

138-Andre Parks (R) d. Mark Shaffer (S) 5-4; 145-Derik Wilhelm

(S) d. John LeJuene (R) 7-3; 155-Dave Campbell (R) d. Jerry Dickson (S) 7-2; 167-Clarence Parks (R) p. Willie Rojas (S) 1:15; 175-Tom Gonzales (S) d. Tim Donnersbach (R) 6-4; 185-Chuck Binkley (R) d. Ed Findley (S) 20-4; HVY-Troy Amor (R) p. Ed Bermudey (S) 3:31;

## JAYVEE

98-Mack Wilhelm (S) won by forfeit; 105-Pablo Marrero (S) p. Jim Laird (R); 112-Gilbert Romero (S) d. Gilbert Palacios (R) 14-0; 119-Craig Hilty (R) won by default; 126-Mike Pena (R) p. Rich Palacios (S) 5:19; 132-Walter Stroud (R) p. Isreal Rios (S) 5:35; 138-Jim Orians (R) d. David Marrero (S) 7-5;

145-Mike Schneider (R) p. Eric Tucker (S) 3:50; 155-Aquitino Morales (S) d. Shawn Alexander (R) 3-0; 167-Greg Brown (R) d. Luiz Codona (S) 3-0; 176-Rubin Rivera (S) won by forfeit; 185-Paul Adams (R) p. Dan Bermudey (S) 2:28; HVY-Dan Contreras (R) p. Robert Bruce (S) 1:09.

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**MONDAY SPECIAL**  
**FRESH WHOLE PICKEREL**

# Miller, Parks, Amor reach Rogers' semis

Fremont Ross advanced three wrestlers to the semi-finals of this weekend's Toledo Rogers Invitational Wrestling Tournament, and was in 10th place at the end of Friday's preliminary competition.

Tex Miler (126 lbs.), Clarence Parks (165 lbs.) and heavyweight Troy Amor were winners in the first day of the 16-team tourney. The three advance to the third round of wrestling, which is scheduled to begin at 12:30 today.

Miller, a junior defeated both of his early opponents — a 3:53 pin over Highland Park's Ray Wrey, and an 8-1 decision over Jeff Wick of host Toledo Rogers. Today, Miller will face Matt Taylor of Edsel Ford in his third round match.

Senior Clarence Parks drew a first round bye, and then decisioned Gregory McKnight of Highland Park 17-10. Today he faces Bedford's Al Ortman.

In the heavyweight class, Amor also drew a bye in the first round, but wrestled his way into the third round with his third-period pin of Rock Bensman of Toledo Woodward. Today Amor, a junior, faces Daryl Williams of Highland Park.

Bedford, Michigan's defending big-school champ, led the tourney after Friday's wrestling with 60½ points. The Little Giants, in 10th place, had 20.

Seven other Fremont grapplers remain in contention, depending on how well the wrestlers who beat them Friday do in today's matches. The seven still can earn points for Ross in they continue to compete in the consolation rounds.

**TEAM STANDINGS** — Bedford 60½, Wayne Memorial 52, Lansing East 43, Whitmer 38½, Rogers 35½, Adrian 33, Maumee 28½, Trenton 27½, Ann Harbor Huron 21½, Fremont Ross 20, Edsel Ford 17, Flushing 16½, Lansing Everett 16, Highland Park 12, Woodward 8, Scott 4

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## Ross is 4th at Rogers

TOLEDO — Ross finished fifth in the rugged Toledo Rogers Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday with one champion and a pair of runnerup finishers.

Bedford, Michigan's reigning big school state champion, won the meet for the second year in a row by racking up 193½ points. Lansing Eastern was runnerup in the 16-team tourney with 159. Another Michigan school, Wayne Memorial was third at 150 with host Rogers in fourth with 119. Ross with 97 rounded out the top five.

Paul "Tex" Miller won the 126-pound title for the Little Giants.

The Ross junior pinned Marty Andryczik of Toledo Whitmer in a quick 1:35 for the tourney title.

Miller pinned Raymond Wray of Highland Park in 3:53 in his first round match Friday night before posting two straight decision wins in the quarterfinals and the semifinals. In the quarterfinals, Miller stopped Jeff Wicks of Rogers 8-1 and blanked Matt Taylor of Edsel Ford 5-0 to reach the finals.

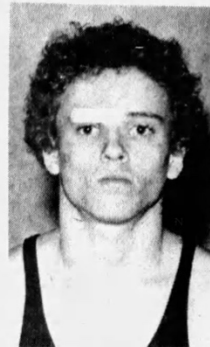
Clarence Parks was second at 167. The Ross senior lost to Howie McEntee of Lansing Eastern 6-4. McEntee scored on a reversal in the final period after leading 4-3

going into the final two minutes.

Ross heavyweight Troy Amor lost to Gary Porter, also from Lansing Eastern, in the finals. Porter scored on a penalty and a takedown in the final period to defeat the Little Giants junior.

Other Ross wrestlers finishing in the top six included Andre Parks, fourth at 138, Chuck Binkley, fifth at 185, Jim Krock, sixth at 105, and John Pena, sixth at 145.

**TEAM STANDINGS:** Bedford 193½, Lansing Eastern 159, Wayne Memorial 150, Toledo Rogers 119, Ross 97, Toledo Whitmer 90½, Adrian 80½, Maumee 79, Trenton 72½, Edsel Ford 62½, Ann Arbor Huron 50½, Lansing Everett, Highland Park 35, Flushing 27½, Toledo Woodward 11, Toledo Scott 10.



PAUL MILLER

# ***Ross in Medina tourney***

The transplanted Medina Wrestling Tournament is the next step of the season for Al Voggenthaler's Ross wrestling team.

Switched to Baldwin-Wallace College because of the closing of the Medina school, the two-day tournament will be held on Dec. 28-29.

There are 23 teams in the big high school tourney including such powers as Maple Heights, Cleveland John Marshall, Worthington, and Toledo St. Francis. Ross finished eighth out of 18 teams a year ago in the tournament.

The Little Giants had one champion, Jesse Heidelberg at 105, and third place finishes at 155 (Clarence Parks) and heavyweight (Jim Smith) in the '76 meet.

No times have been finalized as of yet for this year's tournament but will be set sometime today.

Tickets for all four sessions are on sale through Voggenthaler. Tickets are \$5 and are good for all four sessions. Call Voggenthaler at 332-5859 to purchase the tickets.



## Ross 8th at B-W

BEREA — Ross was first after one but eighth after the second round of the 22-team Medina Invitational Wrestling Tournament being held at Baldwin-Wallace College.

The Little Giants sent two wrestlers into the semifinals of the big high school tournament today: Paul "Tex" Miller and Clarence Parks. Six other Ross wrestlers are still "alive" in the tourney.

Miller, 126, registered a pin and a come-from-behind decision in his two Wednesday wins. In the decision, Miller scored on a four-point "granby" in the final 10 seconds to win 5-4.

Parks, 167, rolled into the semis on the strength of two pins in the first and second rounds.

Ross rolled up 50 points in the first round to tie second round leader Columbus Waterson for the top spot. Waterson kept the lead in the second round with 98½ points while Ross slipped to eighth with a 66, just a point behind Menter and four ahead of North Royalton.

Andre Parks, sophomore brother to Clarence, is 2-1 in the 132-pound division for Ross. He has a pin and a superior decision. Dave Campbell, who dropped from 155 to 145 for the tourney, is also 2-1. Tim Donnersbach, 175, and heavyweight Troy Amor are also 2-1 for the Little Giants. Amor has registered two pins but lost a close 2-0 decision.

Chuck Tiller, 155, and Chuck Binkley, 185, are 1-1 for Ross and are still alive in the action. Binkley's win was a wild 15-13 decision in what Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler termed the "craziest match he had ever witnessed."

The semis began today at noon with the finals slated for 7 p.m. in the Rudolph Ursprung Gymnasium on the B-W campus.

Following are the top 10 teams in the tournament after the first two rounds:

**STANDINGS:** Columbus Waterson 98½, Maple Heights 95, Seneca Valley (Pa.) 75, Fairview 72½, Norton 71, Highland 68, Moenter 67, Ross 66, North Royalton 62, and Toledo St. Francis 60½.

# *Ross is 10th; Miller third*

**BEREA** — Ross wrestling Coach Al Voggethaler had to admit that he was pleased; he committed himself to that before he took his team to the third Medina Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

"I said before we left that if we placed in the top half, I would be fairly well pleased," Voggie pointed out.

He quickly added, "Now I am encouraged, too."

Ross made Voggethaler happy by placing 10th with 94 points in the 21-team tournament. Maple Heights won its second tourney in a row with 171.

"It's disappointing that we did not have any champions," the Ross coach said, "but it's encouraging that we had four wrestlers place."

Paul "Tex" Miller, Ross's junior 126-pounder, had the best finish for Ross, third. Heavyweight Troy Amor was fourth but won the tourney's "most pins" trophy with five. It was the second year in a row that a Ross wrestler had won that trophy — Jim Smith won it last year with, at that time, a record four pins.

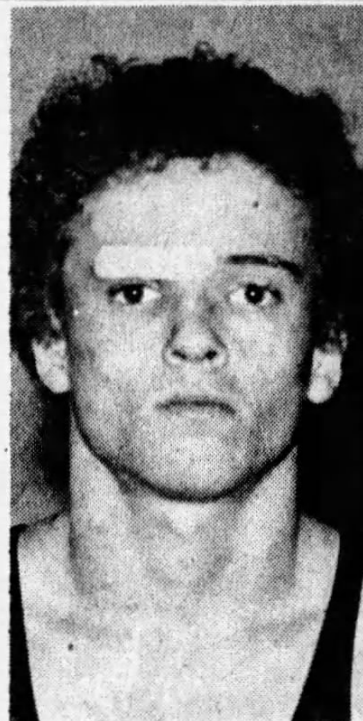
The Parks brothers, sophomore Andre (132), and senior Clarence (167) placed sixth in their divisions. Clarence lost in overtime in the championship semifinals and eventually forfeited his match for fifth place in the tourney because of an injured shoulder.

Ross took 12 wrestlers to the tournament and, Voggethaler pointed out, 10 won at least one match.

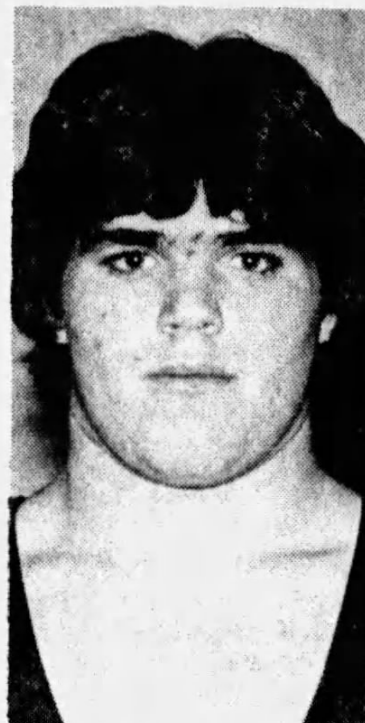
Jim Deubel of Maple Heights, the man that Miller lost to in the semis, and teammate Jim Urban were named the tournament's "outstanding wrestlers."

Following are the team standings:

Maple Heights 171, Fairview 167, Watterson 152½, Seneca Valley (Pa) 133, Highland 132, St. Francis 119, North Royalton 107, Norton 106, John Marshall 97, Fremont Ross 94, Mentor 90½, Centerville 89½, Firestone 71½, Marlinton 71, Elyria Catholic 61, Howland 52½, Bishop Harley 48, Bowsher 38½, Miami Trace 31, Conneaut 29, Barberton 21.



**PAUL MILLER**  
... Third at 126



**TROY AMOR**  
... Most pins award

*Reunion time for Voggenthaler*

# Ross grapplers host Findlay

Al Voggenthaler meets an old friend with a new look Thursday at Ross High School.

Voggenthaler will guide his Ross wrestling team up against the man who made a habit of "picking on" the Little Giants leader.

Jim Hoppel, a teammate of Voggie on the Bowling Green State University wrestling team, will bring his Findlay Trojans into Fremont for a Thursday match against Ross. Hoppel, an All-American wrestler for the Falcons, used the Ross coach as a sparing partner in those college days.

"He used to separate my shoulder every night in practice," Voggie can now laugh. "I can personally attest to his toughness."

Hoppel's toughness, according to his former teammate, is rubbing off on the Trojans who are responding to his first year guidance.

"I don't know a great deal about Findlay," Voggie admitted, "I do know that they are fairly young but much more aggressive than Findlay teams have been in the past."

"Hoppel was a good wrestler in college and he will demand good things of his kids."

It's that new look that Hoppel has put on Findlay this year and one that Ross will face in the match. The Little Giants also will be flashing a bit of a new look.

Gilbert Palacios will be making his first appearance as the varsity 98-pounder. He won the Mal Mackey

tourney title at that weight this past Saturday. Mike Pena also won a title in the Macky junior varsity tournament and will step in at that weight for the varsity against Findlay.

Another switch involving an old face — Clarence Parks—will be made in the upper weights. Parks, who carries a 5-3 record at 167 this season, will be back at 155, the weight he competed at last season.

Taking Parks' place at 167 will be either senior Chuck Tiller or sophomore Shawn Alexander.

With the exception of those weights Ross will field a group of regulars that have competed in one dual and two tournaments this season.

Jim Krock is at 105 with Ted Merrill wrestling at 112. Paul "Tex" Miller, winner of the Rogers Tournament and a third place finisher in the super tough Medina tourney, will be at 126. Miller is 8-1 at 126 after being 0-1 at 132.

Andre Parks, brother to Clarence, is the Ross 132-pounder. The sophomore owns a 7-4 record. John Pena will take the mat at 138 with Dave Campbell at 145. Tim Donnersbach will be Ross's 175-pounder with Chuck Binkley wrestling at 185.

Troy Amor, with eight pins in an 8-3 record, is the Little Giants' heavyweight.

Both the JV and varsity matches will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Ross High School gym.



ROSS'S PAUL "TEX" MILLER (the face at the right) has Findlay's Chip Frey in a "cradle" during the early action of the 126-pound bout. Miller won the match easily 15-2.

# Ross wrestlers roll over Findlay 40-17

By BOB MARKER  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Findlay got the point but Ross got the win Thursday evening in a dual wrestling meet.

Ross won eight matches and tied another in dominating the Trojans 40-17. The win leveled the Little Giants' dual record to 1-1.

"I think we looked pretty sharp," Ross Coach Al Voggenhaller said after his team's sharpness punched through the Trojans. "I was a little worried because most of these kids had not wrestled since Dec. 29."

But the Ross coach's worries did not surface. Jim Krock, Clarence Parks, and Troy Amor pinned their Findlay opponents and Gilbert Palacios, "Tex" Miller, and Ted Merrill won decisively to go with a couple of "gut" wins that put the team under Findlay.

Krock scored his fall in just 1:30 of the 105-pound match over Findlay's Dennis Cervena. That pin came just after 98-pounder Palacios had done just about everything, including keeping from getting pinned himself, in a 21-9 decision over Steve Sites.

Merrill, 112, followed Krock's pin with a mildly surprising 17-9 win over Lee Smith of the Trojans. Merrill's win allowed Ross to blaze out to a 15-0 lead. The closest the Trojans were able to get after that point was at 22-14.

Parks, wrestling his first match of the season at 155, survived a rugged Tim Thomas to post a fall in 5:29, giving Ross a 28-14 bulge. Troy Amor capped the Ross win with his ninth pin of the season in the heavyweight battle.

The Ross junior needed just 3:36

to stop Findlay's "biggie" Dave Bishop.

Miller scored on a three-point nearfall in both the second and third periods of the 126-pound match but could not stop Chip Frey of the Trojans completely in a 15-3 romp.

Ross clinched the win in a match that it lost. Tim Donnersbach, after scoring on a takedown, a two-point nearfall, and a reversal for 6-4 first period lead, lost to Findlay's Hank Kramer 11-7 in the 175-pound match. Kramer had to pin (worth six match points) the Ross junior to give his team a chance at pulling off the win but his three match points made it 31-17 Ross and beyond the reach of the Trojans.

Just before the Kramer win, Ross's 167-pounder Chuck Tiller shrugged off the effects of a twisted ankle to outpoint Randy Smaltz 12-8. Tiller scored on a pair of takedowns in the final period and managed to survive two penalty points and two escapes that he allowed Smaltz. That "gut" win was anti-climatic to the show put on in the last few seconds of the 165-pound skirmish.

Chuck Binkley, a senior but in his first year of wrestling for Ross, scored four points in the final five seconds to nip Findlay's Bill Coburn 7-5 in the second Ross "gut" win. Trailing 4-3 and in the "up" position, Voggenhaller instructed Binkley to let Coburn escape putting the Ross wrestler down 5-3.

With both wrestlers dicing for an advantage, Binkley got his break at the five-second mark, pulled Coburn past him and scored on a

takedown and a two-point nearfall with a move that Voggenhaller called a "lateral drop." Whatever it was, Binkley used the four-point maneuver for a 7-5 win.

One of the Ross losses was at 145 where Dave Campbell was forced to default to Bruce Heater of the Trojans. Leading 5-4, Campbell was hit in the mouth and knocked a tooth out forcing his withdrawal.

Findlay won the JV match 42-36 on the strength of four forfeits, one Ross default, and one pin.

The Ross varsity will be in action Tuesday when it hosts Mansfield in a makeup match that was originally slated for Dec. 9.

Following are the results of the varsity and JV matches.

**Varsity**  
98-Gilbert Palacios (R) d. Steve Sites (F) 21-9; 105-Jim Krock (R) p. Dennis Cervena (F) 1:30; 112-Ted Merrill (R) d. Lee Smith (F) 17-9; 119-Jon Redmen (F) d. Mike Pena (R) 8-4; 126-"Tex" Miller (R) d. Chip Frey (F) 15-3; 130-Tim Donnersbach (F) and Andre Parks (R), draw 2-2; 136-Steve Rettig (F) d. John Pena (R) 6-4; 145-Bruce Heater (F) won by default over Dave Campbell (R); 155-Clarence Parks (R) p. Tim Thomas (F) 5:29; 167-Chuck Tiller (R) d. Randy Smaltz (F) 12-8; 175-Hank Kramer (R) d. Tim Donnersbach (R) 11-7; 186-Chuck Binkley (R) d. Bill Coburn (F) 7-5; HVY-Troy Amor (R) p. Dave Bishop (F) 3:36.

**Junior Varsity**  
98-Both teams forfeited; 105-Mario Ruter (R) p. Gary Yoder (F) 3:45; 112-Both teams forfeited; 119-Dave Fetter (F) d. Craig Hilly (R) 5-0; 126-Walter Stroud (R) d. John Kilpatrick (F) 8-7; 135-Mark Durnall (F) d. Jeff Hall (R) 2-1; 138-Jim Griens (R) d. Greg Beatty (F) 6-2; 145-Kyle Cline (F) p. Mike Schneider (R) 1:07; 155-Andy Manzoni (F) won by default over Shawn Alexander; 167-Greg Brown (R) p. Dave Campbell (F) 3:39; 175-Dave Karcher (F) won by forfeit; 185-Scott Butler (F) won by forfeit; HVY-Dan Contreras (R) p. John Moore (F) 1:45.

## NCAA gives nod to super schools

ATLANTA (AP) — A 3-year-old battle by the so-called big-time conferences and independents to restructure college football's 144 major schools into two divisions finally has succeeded.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association approved Thursday a proposal sponsored by 79 schools separating the current Division I into Divisions I-A and I-AA.

The NCAA convention then appeased some of the bitter opposition when it adopted an amendment requiring less stringent criteria for membership in I-A, opening the door for 25 other schools to qualify.

Schools have 60 days to advise the NCAA of their choice of divisions, and then they would be given three years to meet criteria for membership in the division.

The initial criteria for Division I-A would have

required institutions to participate in eight varsity sports, have an average home attendance of 17,000 during one of the last four years and play home games in a stadium seating 30,000 or more.

The appealing amendment — offered by the Ivy League, Colgate and William & Mary — would remove the attendance average and seating capacity requirements for institutions that sponsor 12 varsity sports. Schools with eight sports still would qualify by meeting the other criteria.

The thorny restructuring issue occupied most of the convention's business. The proposal for the two divisions was rejected early Friday, but then gained approval after the criteria for membership were adopted.

Had the criteria remained without creating divisions I-A and I-AA, those failing to qualify for the top division would have been dropped into Division II.

The original 79 schools consisted of the 60 members of the Big Ten, Pacific 10, Big Eight, Atlantic Coast, Southeastern, Southwest and Western Athletic conferences, along with independents Air Force, Army, Boston College, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Hawaii, Memphis State, Miami of Florida, Navy, North Texas State, Notre Dame, Penn State, Pittsburgh,

San Diego State, South Carolina, Syracuse, Tulane, Virginia Tech and West Virginia.

The 25 schools qualifying under the 12 varsity sport criterion were seven Ivy League schools, Appalachian, Ball State, Bowling Green, Colgate, Holy Cross, Idaho, Indiana State, Long Beach State, Ohio University, Rutgers, San Jose State, Temple, Western Michigan and William & Mary, along with four current Division II schools in the Yankee Conference, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Columbia, the other Ivy League school, did not meet the 12-sport qualification.

Some schools on the list of 79 don't currently qualify because they do not sponsor eight sports, but they are expected to have little trouble in adding enough to reach that figure.

### Girls court swim team in action

Two of Ross's four winter sports teams will be in action on Saturday.

At 2 p.m. Art Buccell will take his Little Giants tankers to Castalia in search of their first dual swim meet win. Margaretta is the target of the Little Giants.

At 6:30 Saturday evening, the Little Giants girls basketball team will be attempting to shake a four-game losing streak against a strong Upper Sandusky team.

Sue Wolf's team will be seeing its first action since Jan. 5. Ross was to have hosted Mansfield last Tuesday but the cold snowy weather pushed that game back until Jan. 30.

### Sports

## Sports in Brief

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

ATLANTA — Don James, who led the University of Washington to the Pacific-8 championship and a 27-0 upset of Michigan in the Rose Bowl, was named major college Coach of the Year by the American Coaches Football Association.

Bill Manlove of the NCAA Division III champion Widener was named College Division Coach of the Year.

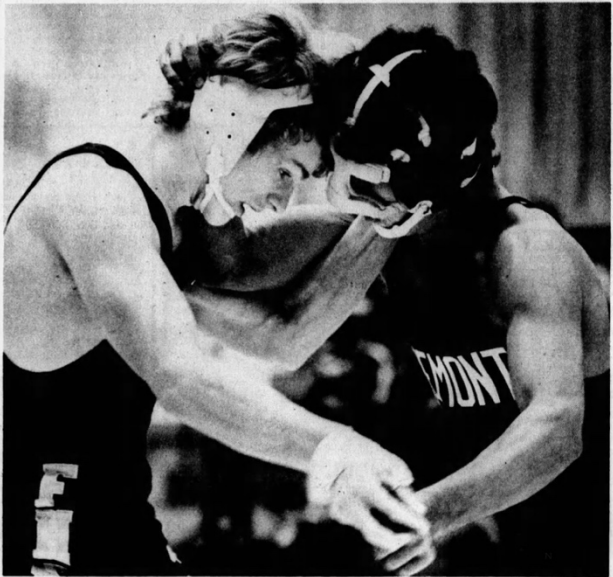
### GOLF

LAKELAND, Fla. — Jim Dent and George Bayer, two of the longest hitters in golf, teamed for a 7-under-par 65 and tied for the opening day lead in the PGA National Senior-Junior Best Ball Championship.

Also at 65 were Mel McMullen and Art Scott, Joe Oliver and John Ebert, Joe Taylor and Denis Huse, Bob Erickson and Ted Kondratko, and Fred Atkins and Gene Borek.

### BASEBALL

NEW YORK — Jon Matlack and the New York Mets have reached a tentative settlement, subject to baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn's approval, concerning bonus money Matlack says the Mets owe



MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE? Not really says Ross's John Pena (right) to Findlay's Steve Rettig during the 138-pound match Thursday at Ross High School. Rettig scored on a takedown and a penalty point to beat Pena 6-4. (News-Messenger photo by Dan Bonelli)

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## *Little Giants face Sandusky*

Ross will take on archrival Sandusky tonight at Sandusky High School in a tuneup for the Buckeye Conference Wrestling Tournament.

The Little Giants and Blue Streaks will be offering "mirror" effect according to Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler.

"They are strong in the same weights that we are strongest at," he said. "That should make it a close match."

The Little Giants, inactive since last Thursday's 40-17 win over Findlay, will send the same lineup onto the mat against the Blue Streaks.

Gilbert Palacios will be at 98 with Jim Krock at 105 and Ted Merrill at 112. Mike Pena is Ross's 119-pounder and Paul "Tex" Miller is at 126. Wrestling at 132 for Ross will be sophomore Andre Parks and John Pena is Ross's 138-pounder.

Dave Campbell will be at 145 with Clarence Parks at 155. Chuck Tiller is the 167-pounder and Tim

Donnerbach will be at 175. Chuck Binkley and Troy Amor will wrestle at 185 and heavyweight, respectively, for Ross.

Ross's scheduled Tuesday match with Mansfield was postponed for the second time because of inclement weather and Voggenthaler said that it has not been rescheduled yet.

"We are still working on it but I don't know when it will be," he said.

At Sandusky, Voggenthaler expects Ross's toughest match will be at 126 where the Little Giants' Miller squares off against Steve Camella of the Blue Streaks. Miller, 9-1, puts his record against the Sandusky senior who's biggest claim to fame this season was conquering Jock Murray of Elyria.

Murray is expected to win the BC title at 126 this year.

The junior varsity and the varsity matches will begin at 7 p.m. tonight.



# Ross breaks Sandusky mat hold

**SANDUSKY** — Ross shattered an 11-year victory famine at the hands of the Sandusky Blue Streaks wrestling team Thursday by defeating the Blue Streaks 38-21.

"It's the first time in six years since I have been here that we have beaten them," a pleased Al Voggenthaler, Ross head coach smiled.

Voggie thought while savoring the victory and then said, "I think that the thing that may have helped us was starting off by preparing for Mansfield and we did not have that much time to think about Sandusky.

"We did go over what Sandusky likes to use and we defended it pretty well — that made a difference."

Voggenthaler was referring to what was supposed to have been a match with Mansfield last Tuesday but that was postponed because of bad weather.

Before the dual match, the Ross coach had pointed at the 126 and 155-pound divisions as offering the most problems against Sandusky.

The forecast turned out to be right but Ross responded with a pin and a draw. Clarence Parks stopped Kirk Wyatt of Sandusky in 5:29 after surviving a three-point nearfall in the second period of the 155-pound skirmish.

Paul "Tex" Miller was slapped with a stalling penalty and the point cost the Ross 126-pounder. Steve Camella of Sandusky was able to escape from a near pin by Miller in the second period to tie the Ross wrestler 9-9 with five points, including the penalty point, in the final period.

Ross 98-pounder Gilbert Palacios and 112-pounder Ted Merrill also drew praise from Voggenthaler. Palacios opened with rough and tumble 17-15 decision over Rick Jones.

Merrill slipped past Sandusky's Gary Hipp at 112, 5-0. Voggenthaler said that he was pleased with the way the senior lightweight wrestled in the match.

Mike Pena, 119, won his first varsity match for Ross, posting a 6-3 win over Mike Stamm. John Pena, Mike's brother, turned in his first varsity pin, a 3:11 effort against Phil Koegan at 138. Tim Donnersbach scored Ross's third pin of the match, dropping Joe Amison of Sandusky in 5:02 of the 175-pound match.

## Varsity Matches

98 — Gilbert Palacios (R) d. Rick Jones (S) 17-15; 105 — Howard Carr (S) p. Jim Krock (R) 3:10; 112 — Ted Merrill (R) d. Gary Hipp (S) 5-0; 119 — Mike Pena (R) d. Mike Stamm (S) 6-3; 126 — Paul "Tex" Miller (R) and Steve Camella (S), draw 9-9; 132 — Larry Shoemo (S) d. Andre Parks (R) 7-6; 138 — John Pena (R) p. Phil Koegan (S) 3:11;

145 — Dave Campbell (R) d. Larry Gerald (S) 6-1; 155 — Clarence Parks (R) p. Kirk Wyatt (S) 5:29; 167 — Bob Hafner (S) p. Chuck Tiller (R) 18; 175 — Tim Donnersbach (R) p. Joe Amison (S) 5:02; 185 — Randy Kosel (S) d. Chuck Binkley (R) 11-1; HVY — Troy Amor (R) won by forfeit.

## JV Matches

112 — Tim Pepitone (S) d. Craig Hilty (R) 11-1; 128 — Walter Stroud (R) d. Tony Watson (A) 7-1; 132 — Tim Walther (R) d. Gordon Sherman (S) 4-0; 138 — Jim Orlans (R) d. Ryan Corrick (S) 4-1; 85 — Paul Adams (R) d. Bill Tyrone (S) 8-2; HVY — Dan Contreras (R) d. Mel Wilson (S) 12-11;

# Lorain wrestlers trip Ross

LORAIN — Gilbert Palacios got Ross off on the right foot but Lorain Senior knocked the Little Giants off that foot and handed Ross a 35-18 loss in high school wrestling Thursday.

Palacios pinned Tim York in 5:36 of the 98-pound match but it was downhill for the Little Giants from there. Ross, with its lineup featuring many new faces caused by the flu bug, lost eight of the next 12 matches.

Clarence Parks remained undefeated at 155 for the Little Giants with a 5-2 decision over Harry Williamson, the same person he pinned in the finals of the Buckeye Conference Tournament last Saturday.

Missing from Ross's lineup were conference champions Mike Pena (119) and Paul "Tex" Miller (126).

Ted and Fred Merrill picked up two wins for Ross at 112 and 119. Ted stopped Willie Ramos 16-6 and Fred took care of Sean Wallace 16-9 in the 119-pound match.

Chuck Binkley scored Ross's last two

points by wrestling Todd Auvil to a 6-6 stalemate in the 185-pound match.

In junior varsity matches, Ross's Paul Adams and Dan Contreras, pinned opponents in the 185 and heavyweight divisions, respectively, but Ross lost 55-21.

Next week, Ross will have two home matches to close out the regular season. On Tuesday, the Little Giants will entertain Bellevue while on Thursday, Toledo Whitmer visits Fremont. Both matches will begin at 7 p.m.

Following are the varsity matches results:

98 — Gilbert Palacios (R) p. Tim York (L) 5:36; 105 — Paul Francis (L) d. Jim Krock (R) 15-2; 112 — Ted Merrill (R) d. Willie Ramos (L) 16-6; 119 — Fred Merrill (R) d. Sean Wallace (L) 16-9; 126 — Benny Matos (L) d. Walter Stroud (R) 10-3; 132 — Jamie Matos (L) d. Andre Parks (R) 4-3; 138 — Tim Price (L) d. John Pena (R) 14-1;

145 — Mike York (L) d. Dave Campbell (R) 8-5; 155 — Clarence Parks (R) d. Harry Williamson (L) 5-2; 167 — Mark Thompson (L) p. Shawn Alexander (R) 3:49; 175 — Brad Mullins (L) d. Tim Donnersbach (R) 12-8; 185 — Chick Binkley (R) and Todd Auvil (L), draw 6-6; HVY — Ed Chavez (L) p. Troy Amor (R) 3:13.

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CLARENCE PARKS of Ross has a firm grip on Bellevue's Roger Jones in the 145-pound wrestling match Tuesday. Parks pinned Jones to help the Little Giants

in a 37-24 victory over the Redmen. (News-Messenger photo by Bob Marker)

Woodmore, Bellevue girls win  
Elfers clinch

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## Campbell, Parks lift Ross wrestlers past Bellevue

Dave Campbell and Clarence Parks turned in back-to-back pins Tuesday night and put Ross over the hump in a dual wrestling meet with Bellevue at Ross High School.

The two falls took a combined time of 2:18 and eased Ross to a 37-24 win over the Redmen.

"Everytime that Bellevue and Ross wrestle," recalled Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler, "someone is always going after each other and tonight they were after us."

Ross jumped to a 6-0 match lead on decision wins by Gilbert Palacios, 98, and Jim Krock, 105, but that lead evaporated quickly. Bellevue's Brian Malott hopped on Ted Merrill for a 14-4 win and four team points.

Gary Aller followed with a 6-3 win over Mike Pena at 119 and Bellevue had a 7-6 lead. That was the last time the Redmen were to lead.

Paul "Tex" Miller, Ross's once-beaten 126-pounder, did just about as he wished in stopping Bellevue's Bret Roy 18-4. Miller was just back after a bout with the flu and was visibly tired during the final

minute of the match.

Steve McConkey brought Bellevue back to 11-10 with a hard fought 4-1 win over Tim Walther of Ross who was wrestling in his first varsity match. Walther had taken over for Andre Parks who has the flu.

John Pena of Ross and John Burns wrestled to a 4-4 draw at 138. Burns scored on a reversal in the final eight seconds to tie the match but Ross still had a 13-12 lead.

Campbell was up next at 145 and put Ross one foot over the top by pinning Don Nutter in 1:18. Nutter scored first on a takedown but Campbell escaped, and outmuscled Nutter for the fall at 1:18.

Parks put the lid on the match for Ross by stopping Roger Jones in one minute of the 155-pound match. Parks scored at the 30-second mark with the takedown and then headlocked Jones for the fall.

The match tightened up again to 25-24 on pins by P.J. O'Lynn, 167, and Dave Contreras at 175 for the Redmen but a forfeit to Ross's Chuck Binkley at 185 insured the Ross win with a 31-24 margin with

only the heavyweight match left.

Ross junior Troy Amor took care of the finishing touches by flopping Tom Bollenbacher onto his back early in the second period and coming away with a fall in 2:38.

Voggenthaler, while being pleased with the win, was not overjoyed.

"I'd say a few of us were a bit sluggish," he said and offered no more.

### VARSITY MATCHES

98 — Gilbert Palacios (R) d. Todd Anderson (B) 5-3; 105 — Jim Krock (R) d. Phil Rowe (B) 6-3; 112 — Brian Malott (B) d. Ted Merrill (R) 14-4; 119 — Gary Aller (B) d. Mike Pena (R) 6-3; 126 — Paul "Tex" Miller (R) d. Bret Roy (B) 18-4; 132 — Steve McConkey (B) d. Tim Walther (R) 4-1; 138 — John Pena (R) and John Burns (B), draw 4-4; 145 — Dave Campbell (R) p. Don Nutter (B) 1:18; 155 — Clarence Parks (R) p. Roger Jones (B) 1:00; 167 — P.J. O'Lynn (B) p. Shawn Alexander (R) 1:48; 175 — Dave Contreras (R) d. Tim Walther (B) 2:38; 185 — Chuck Binkley (R) won by forfeit; HVY — Troy Amor (R) p. Tom Bollenbacher (B) 2:38.

### JV MATCHES

119 — Rick Emery (B) d. Craig Hilly (R) 11-0; 126 — Mark Weber (B) p. Eddie Salcedo (R) 4-0; 132 — Jeff Hall (R) d. Rod Cook (B) 4-0; 145 — Rick Karnes (B) d. Mike Schneider (R) 9-2; 167 — Greg Brown (R) d. Jude Sangreary (B) 7-2.

# 'Psycho corps' saves Little Giant matmen

By BOB MARKER  
N-M Sports Editor

Ross was nearly crumpled by the unexpected but instead was revived by a case of the "crazies" in struggling to a hard fought 33-23

wrestling win over Toledo Whitmer here Thursday.

Clarence Parks, Ross's captain and undefeated 155-pounder, inadvertently pinned himself while leading in his match. That mishap to Parks brought

the Little Giants to their knees until Chuck Binkley went a bit "crazy" in his 185-pound bout.

Ross was cruising along easily on the rubber with a 21-8 margin when Parks stepped onto the mat. Jim

Krock's fall over Dave Randolph of Whitmer in 5:09 of the 105-pound match, and 11-0 and 11-4 decision wins by Paul "Tex" Miller and Dave Campbell at 126 and 145, respectively, had given Ross the momentum for the lead.

With Parks on the mat, Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler heaved a sigh of relief but that lasted only a bit over a minute and one-half. Parks scored easily enough on the takedown a minute into the match with Whitmer's Marty Huff and seemed to have the match under control.

Huff, however, put Parks on the defensive by backing into him. The Ross senior went to his back while trying to counter the move and stayed just a fraction of a second too long. Referee George Branco saw Parks slip and slapped the mat to send Huff into a wild victory dance, while Parks flew into a rage.

"The unexpected did happen to us tonight," Voggenthaler said while talking about the turn of events for Parks.

"I thought the pin was called a little quick. His (Parks) shoulders were there (on the mat) but I did not think two seconds had passed."

Whitmer, with the score narrowed to a reachable 21-14 for Ross, went on a two-match rampage. Terry Mauere pinned Ross's Shawn Alexander in 5:21 of the 167-pound match and Steve Lay scored seven points in the first half of the 175-pound match to defeat Tim Donnersbach of Ross 7-4.

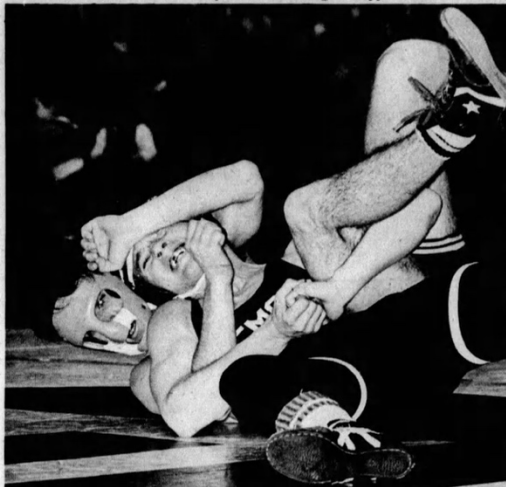
That put Whitmer ahead for the first time in the match 23-20 and put the pressure on the Little Giants.

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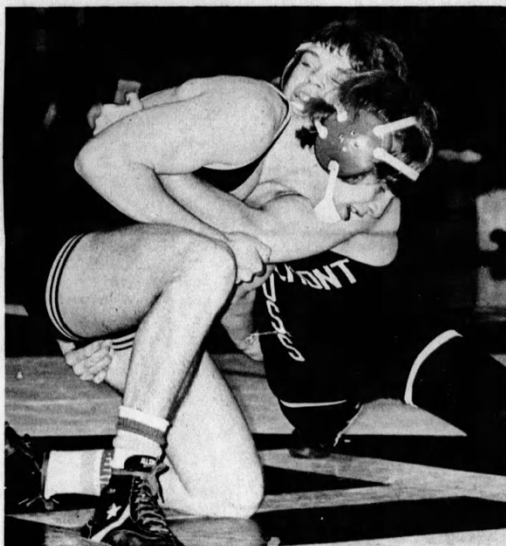
Ross's "psycho corps." Binkley was the first Little Giant to throw a "nutty" on the mat and sent Whitmer's Craig Kwiatkowski looking for a straight jacket. Instead, Binkley took the Whitmer wrestler down quickly and just as quickly, slapped on a cradle and rolled him on his back. At 1:13 of the match, Binkley, heard Branco's hand hit the mat and Ross was back in the driver's seat 27-23.

Heavyweight Troy Amor was next to act a bit crazy. Just 20 seconds into his match with Whitmer's Andy Jensen, Amor lofted his 250-plus pounds through the air to flatten Jensen. Thirty-eight seconds later and Jensen was finished along with Whitmer's last hope.

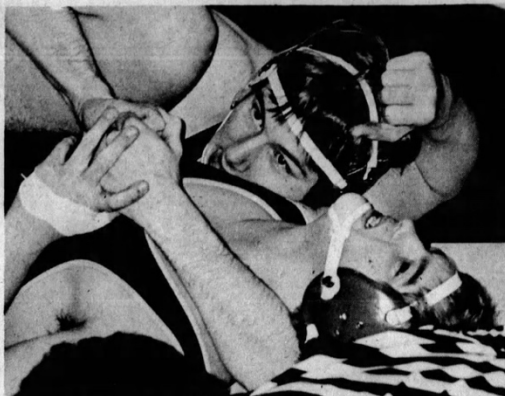
Varsity Matches  
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ROSS'S PAUL "TEX" MILLER leans back into Marty Andryczik of Whitmer while in the process of scoring on a five-point move in the 126-pound match. Miller won 11-0.



DAVE CAMPBELL of Ross takes a look over the shoulder of Rod Huff of Whitmer in the 145-pound match. Campbell defeated Huff 11-4.



CHUCK BINKLEY of Ross glances up as he applies pressure to a "cradle" hold on Whitmer's Craig Kwiatkowski. Binkley pinned his opponent to turn the match around for Ross.

## Marion vs. Ross

### Cellar dweller battle

Marion Harding and Ross have one embarrassing thing in common: the teams are tied for the first spot when starting from the bottom of the Buckeye Conference basketball standings.

That will change tonight. One must suffer the tag of being the conference's cellar dweller. The Little Giants know that feeling, having frequented that spot many times in the past.

The Presidents and Ross are 2-10 in the BC and carry two of the worst offensive and defensive averages in the rugged eight-team conference.

Ross is on the bottom of the conference in offensive stats, averaging 54.7 points per game. Harding is a notch above with a 55.6 ppg.

Marion is also a notch above the Little Giants on the defensive charts, giving up 65.3 points while Ross is more than four points behind that with a 69.9 yield.

The Little Giants, however, have a better overall won/lost record with a 4-12 mark (a 400 percent improvement over last season) while the Presidents carry a

3-12 slate. Ross also defeated Harding on its home court 62-55 back on Dec. 22 and will have the home court advantage tonight.

One intangible that could affect both teams — the flu bug. Ross has been fighting it all week. Jeff Brown and Tim Price were the most recent casualties but both are expected to be ready for tonight's contest.

Tonight's game will be the 17th of the season for Ross and the 18th will be Saturday night when Findlay visits Fremont. The junior varsity games will begin at 6:30 tonight and Saturday.

Marion will bring the top assist artist in the conference in Mark Rubich. The President senior is averaging 6.3 assists per game. Price of Ross is third in that department with a 5.2 mark.

Dave Miller is the top Marion scorer with a 11.5, good for 16th in the conference. Price is hitting 14.9 to rank fourth in the BC and Steve McGilton is seventh at 13.9. Ross's Randy Hammer is 15th at 12.3.

## Girls sectional wrapup

### Unfortunate draws

The Ross and St. Joe Central Catholic girls basketball teams had the dubious distinction of drawing the top-seeded teams for the upcoming sectional tournaments.

Ross drew twice-beaten Bowling Green in the Class AAA Sectional at Findlay College. St. Joe will play undefeated Danbury-Lakeside in the Class A Sectional at Seneca East High School in Attica.

Ross and Bowling Green will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1. If Ross should beat Bowling Green it will meet either Lima Senior, Defiance or Tiffin Columbian for the sectional title at 9 p.m. Friday, March 3. The sectional title game will be at Findlay High School instead of Findlay College.

St. Joe has a rematch with Danbury-Lakeside at Seneca East at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28. The winner will meet the New London-Seneca East winner at 6:30 on March 3 for the sectional title. St. Joe, after falling way behind, lost to Lakeside 50-42 in a regular season game

will play either top-seeded New Riegel or Fostoria St. Wendelin at 6:30 p.m. March 3 for the sectional title.

The Clyde Fliers are the top-seeded team in the Class AA Sectional at Huron. The once-beaten Fliers will meet Edison at 6:30 on Feb. 27 with Norwalk and the Oak Harbor Rockets meeting in the second game at 8:30. The winners will meet at 6:30 on March 3 for the sectional title.

In the lower bracket at Huron, Margaretta and Willard will clash at 6:30 and Sandusky St. Mary's and Huron meet at 8:30 on Feb. 28. The winners play at 8:30 on March 3 for the sectional title.

Genoa and Woodmore will play each other at 8:30 on Feb. 27 in the Class AA Sectional at Eastwood High School. The Genoa-Woodmore winner will play either Otsego or second-seeded Lake at 6:30 on March 3 for the sectional title.

Eastwood, which lost in the Class AA State Championship game last season, is

# **Parks, Amor wrestle in 'pre-World' show**

Clarence Parks and Troy Amor will represent Fremont Ross on the Northwestern Ohio All-Star wrestling teams Saturday in a match with the Southeastern Michigan All-Stars.

The high school wrestling match will begin at noon Saturday and will serve as a warmup for the World Cup wrestling matches at Toledo University's Centennial Hall.

Parks, the Northwestern Ohio Class AAA sectional and district champion as well as a two-time Buckeye Conference champ, will wrestle at 155 pounds. Amor, a junior, finished third in the district this year while leading Ross in total pins.

The World Cup will begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and will have teams from Japan, Cuba, the U.S.S.R., and the United States. The Cuban team is making its first appearance in the United States since Fidel Castro came to power.

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# Five Ross athletes win MVP awards

Five Ross High School athletes were awarded "most valuable" trophies Thursday evening during the Ross Winter Sports Awards Program.

Clarence Parks and Paul "Tex" Miller shared the MVP award for the wrestling team. Named the Mal Mackey Award, Parks and Miller earned

the honor for team leadership and accomplishments during the season.

Parks, a senior, was the sectional and district

champion, as well as a repeat winner in the Buckeye Conference Tournament at 155 pounds. Miller, a junior, was the sectional champ and runnerup in the district while also winning a conference title at 126. Both of the MVPs made it to the state tournament in Columbus.

Parks was also the recipient of a captain's trophy and shared the award for most takedowns with another senior, Dave Campbell.

Other wrestling awards went to junior heavyweight Troy Amor for most pins; senior Chuck Binkley for most improved; and Mike Pena, a junior, won the coaches' award for his attitude and effort. Pena was a surprise winner of a conference title at 119 pounds.

Paul Adams was named the most valuable JV wrestler.

Mark Porczak was named the most valuable swimmer. It was one of three trophies that the Ross senior took home. He also was named as a co-winner of the White Scholarship along with Doug Ackerman, a junior.

The White Scholarship is awarded in memory of Tom White Jr. by White Plumbing and Heating.

Other special award winners for the swim team went to Dave Stover as the most improved while Ackerman won the coaches' award. Ackerman went through the season with a steel pin in his leg after an automobile accident last fall.

Jean McKittrick and Charlie Lease also received captain's trophies for the swim team.

Senior Kim Myers was tabbed as the girls basketball team's MVP. She also shared the co-captaincy with senior teammate Barb Bliss.

Bliss was awarded a trophy as the team's best defensive player.

Lori Lawrence, a junior, won two awards. She was the team's best free throw shooter and also won the most improved award.

Paula Zimmerman, a

junior, won the rebounding trophy while Amy Troike was the most valuable junior varsity player.

Randy Hammer, a three-year letterman for the Little Giants boys basketball team, was named the most valuable player. It was one of three trophies that Hammer took home. He was also tabbed

as "Mr. Defense" and co-captained the Little Giants along with Tim Price.

Price was awarded the team trophy as the best free throw shooter along with his captain's trophy. Steve McGilton, a junior, won the rebounding award. Gregg Hedden, a sophomore, was the junior varsity's "outstanding" player winner.



**GIRLS BASKETBALL** award winners. Left to right are Lori Lawrence,

Kim Myers, Paula Zimmerman, Amy Troike and Barb Bliss.



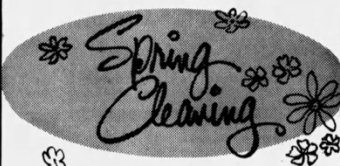
**WRESTLING AND BOYS BASKETBALL** award winners. Seated at the table, left to right, are Mike Pena, Paul "Tex" Miller, Chuck

Binkley, Troy Amor and Dave Campbell; standing: Clarence Parks, Gregg Hedden, Randy Hammer, Steve McGilton and Tim Price.



**SWIM TEAM** award winners. Left to right are Dave Stover, Mark Porczak, Doug Ackerman and Jean McKittrick. Not pictured: Charlie Lease.

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## Golf courses open Saturday

Several area golf courses will be open for play this weekend, if the weather permits.

Those courses planning on opening Saturday are Sycamore Hills Golf Club in Fremont, Green Hills Golf Club in Clyde, and Sleepy Hollow Golf Course in Clyde. The Oak Harbor Club may open Saturday or next week.

Nature Trails Golf Course in Bettsville is planning on opening Sunday. The Sugar Creek Golf Course in Elmore has been open this week.

## 'Down debut

CLEVELAND (AP) — Thistledowns will open Friday with a 10-race program to kickoff the summer thoroughbred racing season, officials said.

George W. Jones, Thistledown general manager, has announced a \$1.2 million stakes program for the summer. The program's highlight will be the \$150,000 Ohio Derby June 18.

Minimum purses will be \$2,500 in Thistledown races.



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