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Clyde grapplers beat Ross, hosts

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SANDUSKY -- The Clyde wrestling team picked up two wins on Wednesday, while the Fremont Ross team dropped a pair in tri-match action at Sandusky High School.

The Fliers (4-0) defeated the host Blue Streaks 49-16 and the Little Giants 57-15. In the other match Sandusky topped Ross, 55-18.

Sahen Fultz (135 pounds), Brandon Flores (152, 160) and Trevor Strickland (215, 289) all picked up two wins for the Fliers. Tylor Trautwein led the way for Ross with two pins.

"We're starting to get into the meat of our schedule and to come out with two big wins over Division I schools is always nice," said Fliers coach Rob Jennings. "Obviously there is always a lot of room for improvement up and down the lineup regardless of how bad win or lose. We'll have to come back in (Thursday) and get ready for the weekend at Monroeville."

Jennings's squad picked up most of their points in the matches from the middleweights. Fultz (135) was one of five wins for the Fliers in a sweep between the 135 and 160 classes against the Little Giants. He pinned Ross' Matt Christiansen, while Eric Pumphrey added another pin in the 140 match and Kalob Andrews (145) and Brad Smith (152) each won in regular decisions, with Flores picking up a forfeit.

Also in the win column for Clyde was Zach Rawson (125) and Strickland (215).

The Little Giants got wins in the match from Miguel Marquez (119), Steven Johnson (130), Wyatt Wukie (171) and Trautwein (189).

Clyde also dominated Sandusky in the middles, picking up four wins. Zach Thurn (130), Fultz, Flores (152) and Brad Smith (160) all got wins against the Blue Streaks, while Dakota Flores (112), David Norman (119) and Strickland (289) were also victorious.

"Individually, we're a pretty good place for the most part," Jennings said. "It's just eliminating mistakes, making adjustments and starting to win some of the closer matches."

Trautwein was the highlight of Ross' match with Sandusky, picking up his second pin against Dominic Aaron at 189. Four forfeits were costly, though, as Ross had forfeits at 103, 112, 160 and 289 in each match.

"I think our kids were just tired tonight," Ross coach Mike Mezinger said. "We really wrestled hard our past two tournaments and they just looked run down tonight."

Both Clyde and Ross will return to action Saturday. The Fliers will head to Monroeville for the Monroeville Invite, while the Little Giants will take on Bowsher and Tiffin Columbian in Tiffin.

"It doesn't get any easier," Mezinger said. "Hopefully we rebound off of this and the kids keep their weight down so we don't have to go so hard this weekend."