

2000 State Meet...

Same spot; same result?

Little Giants head to state

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It was Jan. 8, and Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, Josh Fate and Adam Bundschuh had just finished winning the 200 medley relay in the 14th Annual Timken Trojan Relays at Canton's C.T. Branin Natatorium.

But Young had more on his mind.

"That was great winning that," Young said. "I remember saying to the guys, 'Hey let's get back here in February,' and we did it, so that's

really gratifying."

The win was a big one, as it helped the Fremont Ross boys and girls teams combine to win the tough competition.

But Friday morning, Young, Schrickel, Fate and Bundschuh, along with alternate J.J. Glaspy, will try for an even more successful swim in the same pool, as the Ross 200 medley relay team has qualified for the state tournament.

The Little Giants boys won the Timken Relays, led by the 200 medley relay team's first place finish in 1 minute, 45.76 seconds. One of the reasons the Little Giants traveled to that competition was to ex-

perience the state venue.

"They've won there," said Ross coach Phil Moran. "When we swim there, usually we swim fast. So that place should be associated with good times. We know we've got to go fast and we've done it there in the past. So, most definitely, that will help us."

The Little Giants advanced to the state tournament by placing second at the Bowling Green State University district meet on Saturday. The team's time of 1:40.83 is a new school record, topping the old mark of 1:41.73 set in 1978 by Hal Hawk, Tom Messina, Brian Kaling and John Albright.

Fate will also compete in the 100 butterfly.

Now that the first goal of making it to state has been achieved, the team is setting its focus on bigger and better things.

"I think they are prepared," said Moran. "I think they're still in the relief state, they're glad that they're going, they knew it would be a tough road."

The preliminaries begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday, and the top 16 teams advance to the semifinals and automatically earn team points. Ross is ranked 17th of 32 teams in the event.

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Fate set for 100 fly

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Ross senior Josh Fate turned in a record-setting performance in the Bowling Green State University district tournament Saturday in the 100 butterfly.

He hopes to shave over one second off his school record, as he prepares to compete at the state tournament Friday at the C.T. Branin Natatorium.

"I'm just hoping to swim a little better than last week," said Fate, who will also participate in the 200 medley relay. "I hope to go 52.5."

Fate qualified in the 100 butterfly, finishing third last week at BGSU. His

time of 53.97 broke a 19-year-old school record previously held by Randy Penrod.

"He wants to swim a little faster, and he is capable of that," coach Phil Moran said. "He doesn't have as much pressure as last week, so hopefully he loosens up a little bit, and does what he's capable of."

Fate has state experience, relieving even more of the pressure on him. Last year he participated on the Little Giants 200 free relay team.

"I think it's going to help a lot," Fate said of his experience. "I know what to expect down there. It's really intense."

Fate breaks school record at state tourney

News-Messenger reports

CANTON — The Fremont Ross contingent at the state swimming tournament will not be advancing to today's competition at Canton's C.T. Branin Natatorium, but still made some history nonetheless.

Senior Josh Fate finished 22nd in the 100 butterfly, but his time of 53.68 seconds broke his own school record. Fate broke Randy Penrod's old school record with a time of 53.97 at last week's district competition.

The 200 medley relay team of Fate, Buck Young, Dan

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Schrickel and Adam Bundschuh finished 21st in 1:41.97, slightly slower than the group's district-winning time.

Oak Harbor senior Kelly Van Horn, the No. 2 seed in the 100-yard butterfly, took sixth place in that event. Van Horn finished in 58.57.

Oak Harbor's 200 medley relay team of Van Horn, seniors Amber Noggle and Leanne Ernsthausen and sophomore Janelle Montano took ninth place in 1:54.94.