

2009 State Meet...

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■ STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ross saves best efforts for Canton

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CANTON — The Fremont Ross boys swimming team set two school records and scored 37 points on its way to a 14th place finish at the Ohio State Championships on Saturday at C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton. The Little Giants finished tied for 40th with 9 points in the girls competition.

"We had experience going for us," said Ross coach Phil Moran about his boys 200-yard and 400- freestyle relays, both finishing 10th. "They got out extremely fast in both races, and held on. We had a lot of Northwest Ohio teams in our 200 finals heat, so for the guys it was a rematch against Sandusky and St. John's. We've been after them all season, and got them both when it counted the most."

Dexter Foons, Jordan Beck, Alex Hoffman and Kyle Wasserman started the meet as the 12th place seed with a time of 1:28.99. They maintained the position in preliminaries on Friday with a time of 1:28.61. In finals they swam a 1:28.17.

"We swam the prelims against Cincinnati St. Xavier," (who repeated as the 2009 state champions with a whopping 322 points)," said Foons. "Beck and I were in the lead at the halfway point. We had a 43.1 and St. X was 43.6. To be ahead of St. X, even for half the race, is awesome. That's what set us to for the consolation, running with the big dogs."

The same foursome, Beck, Foons, Hoffman and Wasserman, seeded 13th in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a District time of 3:16.32, went 3:15.99 in prelims for 12th place, and set a new school record at 3:14.89 for 10th place overall in the finals.

"Dexter was a body length behind going into the last leg of the 400, did a 46.31 split, chased down the kid from Centerville, and almost caught him at the wall. They went 3:13.68, we did 3:14.89," Moran said.

Foons and Beck were both part of the 200 and 400 records set in 2007, as was Wasserman in the 400.

According to Moran, this is the first time at the state meet that every single swimmer dropped time in every event.

"Usually we're just happy to maintain, and generally our times are faster at Districts, which is what we have to taper for, in order to even get to states," said Moran. "I didn't think

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our best swims were at Districts this year, and the kids proved me right. They saved the best for when it counted the most.”

Absolutely right is the only way to describe the back-to-back swims that Beck, a senior, put together in the 50 freestyle. He started from the 24th (last) seed position with an entry time of 21.91. Beck swam a 21.70 for 15th place in the prelims on Friday, for a chance to swim again in Saturday's consolation heat.

After a day of rest, he came back with a 21.46 for ninth place in the finals. However, when the championship heat was over, Beck's time was, in fact, the fifth fastest in the event.

But, at the state championships, the swimmers with the eight fastest times swim the championship heat, and the next eight fastest times swim the consolation heat. Only the eight swimmers in the championship heat can medal. So while he may not have medaled, every guy in that event who medaled fifth or lower has a worse time than Beck.

“I may not have a medal, but all my life, I'll know what I did. And so will they,” said Beck. “This turned out better than I could ever have imagined.”

“With his time going into the finals, he was in lane 1, which gets a lot of wash that usually slows a swimmer down,” said Moran. “I told him we've had swimmers win the heat from lane one before, but he'd have to get out their fast, to stay ahead of the wash.” Beck did just that, never fell behind, and won the heat.

Foos, who also swam the 50 freestyle, said, “I dove too deep in prelims and by the time I got up, the other swimmers already had a stroke or two on me. In the 50 you can't afford even one mistake, and I made one.” He finished 18th overall with a time of 21.84. In the 100-free, Foos was the 24th seed at 47.89 and finished prelims in with a personal best time of 47.47.

For coverage of the Division I state championships, see The News-Messenger's Web site: www.thenews-messenger.com.

Swimming

High School Boys

State Championships At Branin Natatorium, Canton Saturday's Final Results Division II

Team standings — 1, Hunting Valley University School 288. 2, Cin. Wyoming 180. 3, Sandusky Perkins 174. 4, New Albany 168. 5, Canfield 151. 6, Cuya Falls Walsh Jesuit 143. 7, Pepper Pike Orange 131. 8, Lewis Center Olentangy 110. 9, Napoleon 78. 10, Day, Oakwood 63.

200-yard Medley Relay

1, Sandusky Perkins 1:35.39 (meet, state record). 2, Cin. Wyoming 1:35.50. 3, New Albany 1:36.06. 4, Canfield 1:36.15. 5, Hunting Val. Univ. School 1:37.26. 6, Cuya Falls Walsh Jesuit 1:37.59. 7, Napoleon 1:39.59. 8, Lewis Ctr. Olentangy 1:39.84.

200 Freestyle

1, Ian Stewart-Bates, Hunting Val. Univ. School, 1:38.64 (state, meet record). 2, Matt Luehrmann, Cin. McNicholas, 1:43.27. 3, Jay Haney, Olentangy, 1:43.36. 4, Ben Stewart-Bates, Hunting Val. Univ. School, 1:43.56. 5, Daniel Schmitz, Day, Oakwood, 1:43.58. 6, Michael Mulvin, Sandusky Perkins, 1:43.71. 7, Ryan Harper, Napoleon, 1:43.73. 8, Andrew Worley, Franklin, 1:44.15.

200 Individual Medley

1, Garrett Trebilcock, Canfield, 1:53.00 (state, meet record). 2, Michael Gallagher, Sandusky St. Mary, 1:54.63. 3, Mike Gaudiani, Hunting Val. Univ. School, 1:55.64. 4, Bryan Bedacht, Cin. Summit Country Day, 1:55.77. 5, Chris Waldock, Sandusky Perkins, 1:55.96. 6, Ben Bailey, Olentangy, 1:56.39. 7, Steven Zimmerman, Little Miami, 1:56.42. 8, Nicholas Crane, Hunting Val. Univ. School, 1:56.45.

50 Freestyle

1, Brian Barrett, New Albany, 20.98 (state, meet record). 2, Thomas Fellowes, Orange, 21.14. 3, Tyler Bailey, Hunting Val. Univ. School, 21.22. 4, Berry Thompson, Orange, 21.35. 5, Michael Cavanaugh, Otsego, 21.55. 6, Zach Fischer, Wyoming, 21.73. 7, Tyler Paulsen, Heath, 22.23. 8, Mason Monheim, Orrville, 22.28.

100 Butterfly

1, Carl Svagerko, Cols. DeSales, 50.40 (state, meet record). 2, Jimmy Chapman, Sandusky Perkins, 50.78. 3, Alex Kornick, Cuya Falls Walsh Jesuit, 50.94. 4, Michael Murphy, Wyoming, 51.23. 5, Chris Waldock, Sandusky Perkins, 51.32. 6, Matt Gleason, New Albany, 51.55. 7, Brad Hines, Taylor, 52.02. 8, Jay Haney, Olentangy, 52.31.

100 Freestyle

1, Tyler Bailey, Hunting Val. Univ. School, 45.44 (meet, state record). 2, Thomas Fellowes, Orange, 45.88. 3, Michael Cavanaugh, Otsego, 46.95. 4, Berry Thompson, Orange, 46.98. 5, Carl Svagerko, Cols. DeSales, 47.08. 6, Ryan King, Canfield, 47.52. 7, Michael Murphy, Wyoming, 47.68. 8, Andrew Worley, Franklin, 48.04.

500 Freestyle

1, Ian Stewart-Bates, Hunting Val. Univ. School, 4:31.02 (meet, state record). 2, Matt Luehrmann, McNicholas, 4:36.73. 3, Mike Gaudiani, Hunting Val. Univ. School, 4:37.91. 4, Ryan Harper, Napoleon, 4:39.93. 5, Ben Stewart-Bates, Hunting Val. Univ. School, 4:39.99. 6, Brett Mackenzie, Tippecanoe, 4:40.14. 7, Michael Mulvin, Sandusky Perkins, 4:42.42. 8, Bryan Bedacht, Summit, 4:43.52.

200 Freestyle Relay

1, New Albany 1:25.16 (meet, state record). 2, Hunting Val. Univ. School 1:25.24. 3, Canfield 1:26.15. 4, Pepper Pike Orange 1:26.27. 5, Cuya Falls Walsh Jesuit 1:28.64. 6, Cin. Wyoming 1:29.36. 7, Gahanna Cols. Acad. 1:29.44. 8, Elyria Cath. 1:29.79.

100 Backstroke

1, Patrick McHugh, Spring. Cath. Cent., 50.78 (meet, state record). 2, Ryan King, Canfield, 50.90. 3, Steven Zimmerman, Little Miami, 51.02. 4, Jimmy Chapman, Sandusky Perkins, 52.06. 5, Michael Gallagher, Sandusky St. Mary, 52.64. 6, Zach Fischer, Wyoming, 53.03. 7, Ben Bailey, Olentangy, 53.37. 8, Max Mantkowski, Madeira, 54.14.

100 Breaststroke

1, Jonathan Profitt, Wyoming, 57.20 (meet, state record). 2, Andrew Turner, Cuya Falls Walsh Jesuit, 58.09. 3, Andrew Malone, Hunting Val. Univ. School, 59.01. 4, Atahan Yaya, New Philadelphia, 59.23. 5, Sean Murphy, Cuya Falls Walsh Jesuit, 59.25. 6, Brian Barrett, New Albany, 59.34. 7, Corey Schneider, Hunting Val. Univ. School, 59.39. 8, Ethan McNeil, Little Miami, 59.73.

400 Freestyle Relay

1, Hunting Val. Univ. School 3:06.70 (meet, state record). 2, Pepper Pike Orange 3:11.26. 3, Sandusky Perkins 3:11.59. 4, Cin. Wyoming 3:13.26. 5, Cuya Falls Walsh Jesuit 3:14.52. 6, Lewis Ctr. Olentangy 3:15.06. 7, Day, Oakwood 3:17.65. 8, Richfield Revere 3:18.96.

High School Girls

State Championships At Branin Natatorium, Canton Saturday's Final Results Division II

Team standings — 1, Gates Mills Hawken 334. 2, New Albany 213. 3, Cin. Wyoming 140. 4, Lima Shawnee 126. 5, Shaker Hts. Hathaway Brown 125. 6, Napoleon 84. 7, Kettering Alter 82. 8, Chagrin Falls 72. 9 (tie) Richfield Revere, Rocky River 70.

200-Yard Medley Relay

1, Gates Mills Hawken 1:47.57 (meet, state record). 2, Cin. Wyoming 1:49.51. 3, New Albany 1:51.04. 4, Richfield Revere 1:52.36. 5, Chagrin Falls 1:53.24. 6, Kettering Alter 1:54.48. 7, Lima Shawnee 1:54.67. 8, Cols. Hartley 1:55.01.

200 Freestyle

1, Samantha Zuch, Napoleon, 1:50.34. 2, Morgan Cohara, Hawken, 1:54.39. 3, Jenna Young, New Albany, 1:54.67. 4, Erika Chick, Yellow Springs, 1:55.39. 5, Bailey Laban, Shawnee, 1:56.70. 6, Ally Stover, Alter, 1:56.76. 7, Emily Gudbranson, Hathaway Brown, 1:57.07. 8, Hannah Vester, Indian Hill, 1:57.39.

200 Individual Medley

1, Molly Dengler, New Albany, 2:05.34. 2, Alana Arnold, Hawken, 2:05.54. 3, Emilee Gysegem, Lakeview, 2:09.72. 4, MacKenzie Stewart, Port Clinton, 2:10.19. 5, Courtney Tumbush, Hawken, 2:10.20. 6, Stephanie Gyurke, Perkins, 2:10.77. 7, Taylor Pearl, Hawken, 2:12.81. 8, Meghan Shroyer, Chagrin Falls, 2:14.22.

50 Freestyle

1, Margo Geer, Fairbanks, 22.58 (meet, state record). 2, Lauren Funk, Kenton Ridge, 23.86. 3, Jordan Moxley, Maplewood, 24.01. 4, Katie Joseph, McDonald, 24.36. 5, Evann Heidersbach, Elyria Cath., 24.40. 6, Stephanie Thomas, Rocky River, 24.65. 7, Bryn Dunbar, Wyoming, 24.81. 8, Rachael Lewis, Wilmington, 24.84.

100 Butterfly

1, Alana Arnold, Hawken, 56.96. 2, Hannah Morris, Marietta, 58.59. 3, Aubrey Germ, Hathaway Brown, 59.05. 4, Katlin Dagg, Hawken, 59.27. 5, Elizabeth Malone, Yellow Springs, 59.35. 6, Maddie Lawhorn, Balt. Liberty-Union, 59.43. 7, Franciska Mandy, New Albany, 59.44. 8, Jessica Carpenter, Cols. Hartley, 59.89.

200 Freestyle

1, Margo Geer, Fairbanks, 49.39 (meet, state, pool record). 2, Katie Joseph, McDonald, 52.47. 3, Lauren Funk, Kenton Ridge, 52.60. 4, Suzanne Hrabowy, Cols. DeSales, 53.84. 5, Bailey Laban, Shawnee, 53.58. 6, Emily Gudbranson, Hathaway Brown, 53.92. 7, Bryn Dunbar, Wyoming, 53.95. 8, Evann Heidersbach, Elyria Cath., 54.78.

500 Freestyle

1, Samantha Zuch, Napoleon, 4:59.17. 2, Molly Dengler, New Albany,

5:02.94. 3, Courtney Tumbush, Hawken, 5:05.49. 4, Laura Tramer, Beachwood, 5:07.79. 5, Stephanie Gyurke, Perkins, 5:08.32. 6, Hannah Vester, Indian Hill, 5:11.03. 7, Erika Chick, Yellow Springs, 5:11.44. 8, Taylor Pearl, Hawken, 5:14.09.

200 Freestyle Relay

1, New Albany 1:37.707. 2, Gates Mills Hawken 1:38.02. 3, Celina 1:39.73. 4, Rocky River 1:40.13. 5, Shaker Hts. Hathaway Brown 1:40.41. 6, Napoleon 1:40.72. 7, Pepper Pike Orange 1:40.85. 8, Cin. Wyoming 1:42.63.

100 Backstroke

1, Celia Oberholzer, Wyoming, 56.91. 2, Jenna Young, New Albany, 57.82. 3, Morgan Cohara, Hawken, 58.37. 4, Aubrey Germ, Hathaway Brown, 58.38. 5, Meghan Shroyer, Chagrin Falls, 59.57. 6, Lysie Farrel, Arcanum, 59.62. 7, Emilee Gysegem, Lakeview, 1:00.52. 8, Amy Myers, Eastwood, 1:00.55.

100 Breaststroke

1, Brittany Rospierski, Hawken, 1:03.98 (meet, state record). 2, MacKenzie Stewart, Port Clinton, 1:05.25. 3, Hope Mitchell, Ontario, 1:05.61. 4, Maddie Lawhorn, Balt. Lib. Union, 1:06.13. 5, McKenzie Courtney, Shawnee, 1:07.36. 6, Katie Quinn, Perkins, 1:08.04. 7, Jordan Moxley, Maplewood, 1:08.50. 8, Michelle Feeney, Cin. Hills. 1:09.05.

400 Freestyle Relay

1, Gates Mills Hawken 3:34.54. 2, Shaker Hts. Hathaway Brown 3:38.16. 3, New Albany 3:40.11. 4, Richfield Revere 3:40.38. 5, Pepper Pike Orange 3:40.86. 6, Kettering Alter 3:41.06. 7, Rocky River 3:42.20. 8, Lima Shawnee 3:42.88.

NOTE — Division I results will appear in Tuesday's Scoreboard.

Waggoner 10th in 'fly

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Fremont Ross sophomore Taylor Waggoner moved up the ladder in the 100-yard butterfly at the state swim meet last weekend, finishing 10th overall, up from her 13th place finish in the event last year.

Waggoner started from way back in the pack, with a 23rd place seed time of 59.3. She was 13th after prelims with a 57.63 and closed out the finals with a 57.57.

"Every race a little faster," said Ross swim coach Phil Moran. "To be as good as she is in the butterfly beginning in her freshman year is unusual. Fliers rely on a lot of upper body strength, and that comes with age. I expect Taylor to just keep moving up over the next two years."

Waggoner said she liked the new schedule, put into place this year when the Boys Division II was added.

"We swam prelims on Friday evening, had all day Saturday to rest before finals on Saturday night," she said. "I think we were all a lot more relaxed and rested this way. We had time to recover, and I'm sure that's why all our times improved."

In past years, prelims and finals were on the same day, with about 4 hours off in between. Trying to get lunch and rest in that time was nearly impossible.

The Little Giants' Courtney Gabel, Christy Meggitt and Sammi Miller were seeded 20th in the 200-yard free relay, based on their 1:41.12 District time. That meant they had to jump at least 4 spots in order to make finals. A full one second time drop to 1:40.14 gave them 15th place and a trip back to the consolation heat, where they swam a 1:40.31 for 16th place overall.

"The girls had a great meet," said Moran. "Sammi's just a freshman and she went 24 on her split in the relay. Taylor broke 24 for the first time on her leg, so there's a lot of potential there for next year."

Miller and Hoffman, both freshmen, were the only two swimmers from Fremont without state experience.

"Between the new scheduling and having an experienced team, the team, as a whole, swam better than we ever have before," said Moran. "And that gives us a lot to look forward to next season."