

1973 Season review...

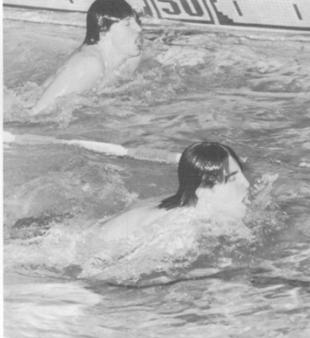
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Swimmers Sink Their Rivals With 8-2 Record

The 1972-3 swim team finished the season with a record of eight wins and two losses. Head Coach Ron Zwielein was assisted by Coach Jack Kramer, while juniors Dave Jones and Mark Schiefer served as co-captains.

A new school record was set in the 400-yard freestyle by junior Kirk Hess with a time of 4:13.6.

The Little Giant Tankers placed fourth in the Buckeye Conference swim meet. They ranked sixth among sixteen teams at the District meet, and rated ninth place at the Bowling Green relays.

Front Row: Mark Schiefer, Dave Jones, Casey Collins, Rick Keyes, Kevin Nitschke, Kirk Hess, Jim House, Marty Mason. **(Second Row):** Jeff Adams, Greg Jess, Doug Bunn, Mike Keller, Phil Hayers, Russ Van Gilder. **(Back Row):** Dave Vandergrift, Coach Ron Zwielein, Coach Jack Kramer.

Ross Swimmers Hold Annual Race Event

Fremont Ross High School swimmers held their annual Purple vs. White intersquad competition yesterday with the Purple team coming out ahead of a 53-41 decision.

Dave Jones headed the Purple effort with victories in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle races. Mark Schiefer doubled for the White squad in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly events.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Ross Inter-Squad Meet

SCORE: Purple 53, White 41.

200-yard medley relay — 1, Purple (Jim House, Darrell Mann, Kevin Nitschke, Kent Collins).

200-yard free — 1, Mark Schiefer (W); 2, John Cramer (W); 3, Rick Keyes (P).

200-yard individual medley — 1, Marty Mason (W); 2, Kevin Nitschke (P); 3, Mike Keller (W).

50-yard free — 1, Dave Jones (P); 2, Kirk Hess (W); 3, Kim Zilles (W).

Diving — 1, Rob Serwin (W).

100-yard-butterfly — 1, Mark Schiefer (W); 2, Phil Havens (W); 3, Dave Vandergrift (P).

100-yard free — 1, Dave Jones (P); 2, Marty Mason (W); 3, John Cramer (W).

400-yard free — 1, Kirk Hess (W); 2, Kent Collins (P); 3, Rick Keyes (P).

100-yard back — 1, Kevin Nitschke (P); 2, Phil Havens (W); 3, Jim House (P).

100-yard breaststroke — 1, Darrell Mann (P); 2, Gary Perkins (W); 3, Gregg Jess (P).

400-yard free relay — 1, Purple (Rick Keyes, Gregg Jess, Kent Collins, Dave Jones).

Fast Giants Record Win

The Fremont Ross swim team overcame a one-day schedule change Thursday to defeat Colonel Crawford in its official season opener, 57-38.

The Little Giants, "officially" slated for a Friday encounter, won the opening 200-yard medley relay and built an insurmountable lead to ward off the visitors from North Robinson.

Fremont's Kirk Hess was the lone double winner, taking the 200 and 400-yard freestyle races. Marty Mason, Dave Jones, Rob Serwin and Kevin Nitschke also won for Ross which captured nine of the 11 events.

The Giants' next "scheduled" meet is Monday at Port Clinton.

Kirk Hess Nips Sloan's Record

Ross Swimmers Win 61-34

Dual Meet At Pt. Clinton

Little Giant pool churning marked up their second win yesterday in Port Clinton by beating the Redskins 61-34.

Kirk Hess, freestyle specialist, slashed a six-year school record in the 400-yard freestyle event with a time of 4:19.2, sevenths of a second better than the old record held by Larry Sloan.

Hess also raced through the pool to place first in the 200-yard freestyle event with a time of 2:01.9.

The Little Giants placed a first in every event except the 100-yard backstroke and the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Backstroke was won by Weisend and the relay was won by Lilie, Gallogly, Tokar and Enderle for the Redskins.

Several other swimmers

scored double wins for Fremont Ross including co-captains Dave Jones (50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle) and Mark Schiefer (100-yard butterfly and 400-yard medley relay).

Schiefer also placed first in the grueling 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:08.1.

The 200-yard individual medley, which is 50-yards of the back, breast, butterfly and free strokes, was won by Marty Mason in 2:22.5.

Coach Ron Zwierlein was pleased with the win over the Redskins.

The tankers will compete again Saturday at Lima Senior's pool at 2 p.m.

SCORE: Fremont Ross 61, Port Clinton 34.

200-yard medley relay — 1, Fremont Ross (Havens, Mann, Schiefer, Cramer), 2:02.06.

200-yard free — 1, Kirk Hess (F), 2:01.9;

2, Coon (PC), 2:12.7; 3, Matras (PC), 2:14.0.

200-yard individual medley — 1, Mason (F), 2:22.5; 2, Felber (PC), 2:24.6; 3, Nitschke (F), 2:30.3.

50-yard free — 1, Jones (F), 25.0; 2, Merrill (PC), 25.8; 3, Cramer (F), 26.1.

Diving — 1, Serwin (F), 191.80; 2, Vandergrift (F), 166.15; 3, Van der Giessen (PC), 108.85.

100-yard butterfly — 1, Schiefer (F), 1:08.1; 2, Matras (PC), 1:09.7; 3, Havens (F), 1:18.2.

100-yard free — 1, Jones (F), 56.8; 2, Mason (F), 57.4; 3, Gerber (PC), 1:02.75.

400-yard free — 1, Kirk Hess (F), 4:19.2;

2, Merrill (PC), 4:33.4; 3, Keyes (F), 4:50.7. School Record. Old Record of 4:21.8 set by Larry Sloan in 1965.

400-yard free — 1, Kirk Hess (F), 4:19.2; 2, Merrill (PC), 4:33.4; 3, Keyes (F), 4:50.7. (School Record. Old Record of 4:21.8 set by Larry Sloan in 1965)

100-yard backstroke — 1, Weisend (PC), 1:09.06; 2, Felber (PC), 1:10.2; 3, Nitschke (F), 1:10.3.

100-yard breaststroke — 1, Mann (F), 1:13.8; 2, Jess (F), 1:16.0; 3, Wood (PC), 1:18.05.

400-yard free relay — 1, Port Clinton (Lilie, Gallogly, Tokar, Enderle), 4:01.2.

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Lima Shawnee Provides Test Ross Swimmers Cop Third Meet In Row

The Fremont Ross varsity swim team swept to its third straight season victory in a home duel Saturday by taking a 57-38 decision from Lima Shawnee.

Ross opened up a 7-0 lead when the 200-yard medley relay quartet of Phil Havens, Darrell Mann, Mark Schiefer and John Cramer shot out to a 2.4-second win in the opening event and never trailed.

But Shawnee, which won five of the 10 races including two double triumphs by individual swimmers, made a pair of comebacks during the meet to keep the Little Giants on the alert.

After three events, the Ross lead was pared to 14-11, but Dave Jones flashed to victory in the 50-yard free style and Rob Serwin and Dave Vandergrift finished one-two in the diving to send Ross back to a comfortable margin, 28-15.

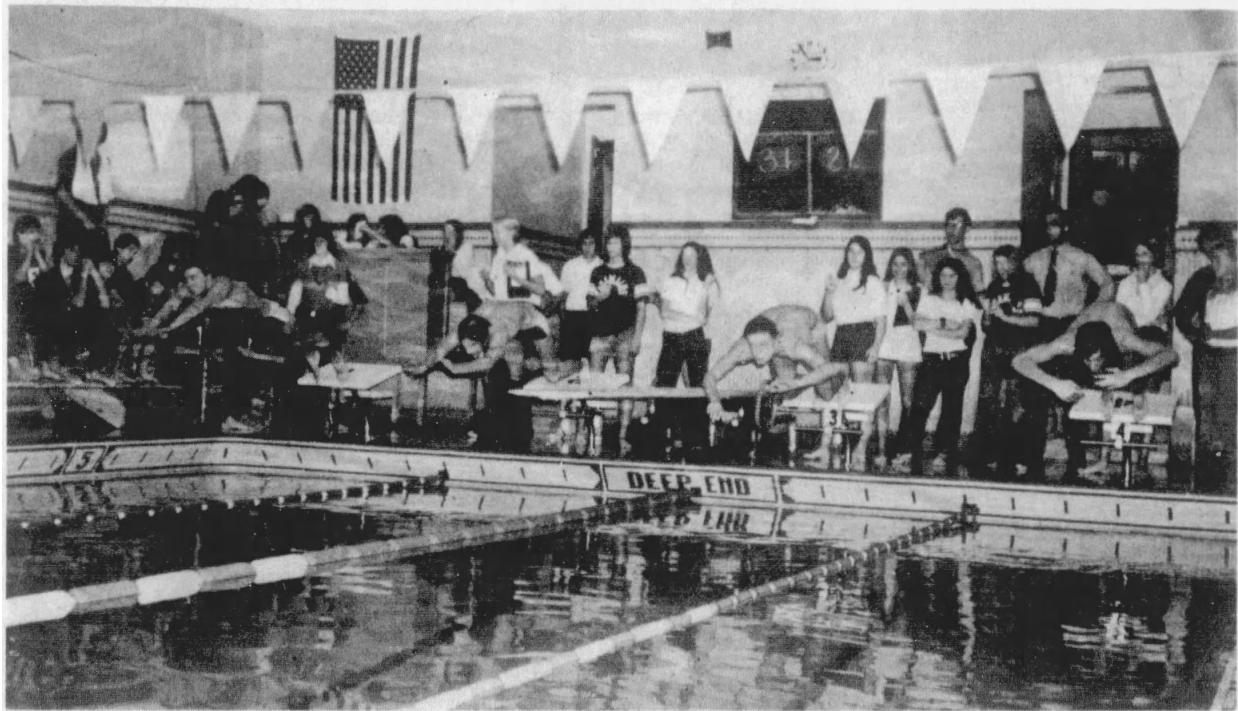
With three events remaining, Shawnee again had edged to striking distance, 38-32.

At that point, Kevin Nitschke copped the backstroke event

at 100 yards and Mann followed with an "eyelash" win in the 100-yard breaststroke.

And with the team victory assured, the 400-yard freestyle relay foursome of Adams, Vandergrift, House and Collins iced the meet with a five-second-margin win.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING
SCORE: Fremont Ross 57, Lima
Shawnee 38.
200-yard medley relay — 1, Fremont
(Phil Havens, Darrall Mann, Mark
Schiefer, John Cramer), 1:55.5.
200-yard freestyle — 1, Sehnert (L),
2:01.3; 2, Kirk Hess (F), 2:01.4; 3,
Swanberg (L), 2:12.3.
200-individual medley — 1, Allen (L),
2:22.4; 2, Marty Mason (F), 2:25.9; 3,
Kevin Nitschke (F), 2:27.3.
50-yard free — 1, Dave Jones (F), 24.6;
2, Freeland (L), 25.2; 3, John Cramer (F),
27.7.
Diving — 1, Rob Serwin (F), 229.95; 2,
Dave Vandergrift (F), 191.60; 3, Steve
Lewis (L), 129.05.
100-yard fly — 1, Allen (L), 1:05.4; 2,
Mark Schiefer (F), 1:07.1; 3, Lewis (L),
1:09.6.
100-yard free — 1, Coolahan (L), 53.1; 2,
Dave Jones (F), 55.2; 3, Marty Mason (F),
58.1.
400-yard free — 1, Sehnert (L), 4:20.3; 2,
Kirk Hess (F), 4:21.4; 3, Freeland (L),
4:21.8.
100-yard back — 1, Kevin Nitschke (F),
1:08.2; 2, Riggs (L), 1:09.3; 3, Jim House
(F), 1:14.5.
100-yard breaststroke — 1, Darrell Mann
(F), 1:12.4; 2, Stevens (L), 1:12.4; 3,
Gregg Jess (F), 1:16.4.
400-yard free relay — 1, Fremont
(Adams, Vandergrift, House, Collins),
4:14.4.



THIS IS THE TAKE-OFF of the 100 yard free style event at the Junior High pool when the Little Giant tank team kept its dual meet slate clean. Lima Shawnee won this race, Coolahan doing

the distance in 53.1. Fremont's Dave Jones was second and Marty Mason third. Shawnee's Bertoldo finished fourth. (News-Messenger Photo)

Ross Swimmers Ninth In Relays Staged At BGSU

BOWLING GREEN — The Bowling Green Swim Relays were won Saturday by Edsel Ford High School (Mich.) with a score of 81 points.

Fremont Ross scored 16 points in the meet and trailed eight teams including two Buckeye Conference crews, Sandusky with 30, and Lima Senior with 19. Findlay scored 10 points.

Little Giants' springboard crew placed third with a total of 336.65 points. They were out-distanced by the Edsel Ford divers with 406.55 points.

Diving for the Little Giants were Bob Serwin and Dave Vandergift.

Fremont Ross tankers placed fourth in the 400-yard individual medley relay with a time of 4:22.4, 4.3 seconds off the winners time. The record for the event is 3:51.9 set in 1967.

Swimming in the relay were Kevin Nitschke, Mark Schiefer, Kirk Hess and Marty Mason.

Ross swimmers also placed fourth in the longest swim of the meet, the 800-yard freestyle relay with a time of 8:41.1. Winning time was 7:55.0 by St. Francis of Toledo.

Swimming in that event were Mark Schiefer, Marty Mason, Dave Jones and Kirk Hess.

Sandusky Blue Streaks placed third in the 200-yard backstroke relay, second in the 200-yard butterfly relay, and third in the 400-yard medley relay.

Lima Senior placed second in the 200-yard breaststroke relay.

Final team scores were Edsel Ford, 81; St. Francis, 77; Monroe, 37; Sandusky, 30; Lima Shawnee, 20; Dundee, 20; Marion Harding, 20; Lima Senior, 19; Fremont Ross, 16; Findlay, 10.

Giants' Shuffle Pays Off, 48 To 47

Ross Tankers Trim Streaks

Ross High School's young swimmers bumped off "the big boys" Tuesday night, stopping the defending Buckeye Conference champion Sandusky Blue Streaks, 48-47, in a thrilling dual meet at Ross High.

The foursome of John Cramer, Jim House, Casey Collins and Mark Schiefer swam to a five-second victory in the final event—the 400-meter free style—giving the Giants the seven points they needed to win the tight battle.

"We knew we needed to win one of the relays. We juggled our lineup and shot for that second one," Coach Ron Zwierlein said after the meet.

It paid off for Ross.

The Giants posted a 3:59.4 clocking in that meet-winning relay. Sandusky's foursome had a 4:04.4 clocking.

"It was an outstanding team effort," Zwierlein said of the victory by his young swimmers. "Seven men bettered their best times of the year to date."

The best of the performances was turned in by Kirk

Hess in the 400-meter free style race. Hess smashed his own school record, turning in a 4:18 clocking to give the Giants a second place in that race.

Hess also had one of the Giants' five first place finishes, capturing the 200-meter free style race with a 2:01.7 clocking.

Dave Jones doubled in the sprints and Dave Vandergrift led a one-two sweep in the diving to give Ross its other first place finishes.

Jones captured the 30-yard free style with a 24.5 clocking and then took the 100-yard free style with a time of 54.8.

Sandusky actually had six firsts to the Giants' five, but Ross had more seconds and thirds.

Rob Serwin finished second to Vandergrift in the diving while Marty Mason in the 200-meter individual medley, Mark Schiefer in the 100-meter butterfly, Hess in the 400 and Darrill Mann in the 100-meter breaststroke added second place points to the Ross total.

Kevin Nitschke grabbed a pair of thirds—in the 200-meter individual medley and the 100-meter butterfly.

John Cramer was third in the 50-meter free style, Marty Mason was third in the 100-meter free style, Phil Havens third in the 100-meter backstroke and Gregg Jess third in the 100-meter breaststroke.

The victory boosted the young Giants' record to 4-0.

Sandusky, which swept to an easy Buckeye Conference championship last year, suffered its second loss of the year. The Streaks were swimming without the services of one of their top performers—John Leak, who was ill. The Streaks, however, had only one serious graduation loss from last year's powerhouse while Ross has only two seniors on this year's team and the Giants also have had some problems with illness.

The Blue Streaks are still considered the favorite for the Buckeye Conference title, which is determined at a conference meet rather than on the basis of dual meet records.

Zwierlein, however, was more than a little pleased with his team's performance against the Streaks and the Ross team now has been stamped as a true challenger for the throne.

Ross Swim Squad Gets Two Wins

FINDLAY — Fremont Ross swim team scored a double win yesterday at Findlay College over the Findlay and Lima Senior swim teams. In the triple-dual meet the Ross tankers beat Findlay 50-44 and Lima Senior 55-40.

Rather than a triangular meet where the total points are matched one, two, three, Fremont's swimmers matched their times against Findlay, as in a dual meet, then against Lima, as in a dual meet.

The win for Fremont ups its record to 6-0. Sophomore Kirk Hess, notched a new school record for the third time this season in the 400-yard freestyle with a 4:13.6 clocking.

Best individual times of the year were scored by Hess in the 200 and 400-yard freestyle, Dave Jones in the 50-free, Phil Havens in the 100-breaststroke.

Ross divers Rob Serwin and Dave Vandergrift were two of the Ross squad members feeling the effects of the latest flu scourge. Serwin was sidelined by the malady while Vandergrift, competing with a fever, totaled 187.80 points to win over the Lima contingent and finish third to Findlay.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

at Findlay College

SCORES: Fremont 55, Lima Senior 40; Fremont 50, Findlay 44.

(Fremont times)

200-yard medley relay — Phil Havens, Derrill Mann, Mark Schiefer, John Cramer, 1:56.0.

200-freestyle — Kirk Hess, 1:59.9; Rick Keyes, 2:19.3.

200-individual medley — Marty Mason, 2:24.6; Kevin Nitschke, 2:27.3.

50-free — Dave Jones, 24.1; Mike Keller, 27.3.

100-butterfly — Kevin Nitschke, 1:08.4.

100-free — Dave Jones, 55.6; Jim House, 1:02.2.

400-free — Kirk Hess, 4:13.6; Rick Keyes, 4:55.6.

100-backstroke — Phil Havens, 1:09.1; Casey Collins, 1:12.9.

100-breaststroke — Derrill Mann, 1:12.0; Gregg Jess, 1:14.3.

400-free relay — John Cramer, Casey Collins, Mark Schiefer, Marty Mason, 3:52.3.

Diving — Dave Vandergrift, 187.80.



LITTLE GIANTS' TANKERS — Members of the Fremont Ross High swimming team that has recorded a 6-2 season record, include (front row, from left): Rob Serwin, Joe Havens, Jim House, Derrill Mann, Dave Vandergrift, Marty Mason, Kevin Nitschke, Kent Collins, Doug Bunn. Back row: Assistant Coach Jack Kramer, Jeff Adams,

Greg Jess, Mike Keller, Mark Schiefer, Dave Jones, John Cramer, Kirk Hess, Rick Keyes, Coach Ron Zwierlein. The Little Giants are in action next at Mansfield for the Buckeye Conference meet Feb. 9. They have one dual meet remaining, at Margaretta on Feb. 17. (News-Messenger Staff Photo).

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Ross Wins In Finale, 53 to 42

CASTALIA—The Fremont Ross tankers finished their dual meet season with a flourish on Saturday with a 53-42 win over Margaretta's swimming crew.

The Little Giants season record was upped to 8-2 after the win in Margaretta's pool. Four pool records were smashed in the competition.

Kirk Hess set a new record in the 200 yard I.M. with a time of 2:16.5 and Darrell Mann broke the 100 yard breaststroke record with a time of 1:09.5. The 400-yard free relay team of Dave Jones, Kirk Hess, Mark Schiefer and Marty Mason set a new pool record in their 3:43.5 race.

Diver Rob Serwin bested the old pool record of 220.60 points with his 251.45 points.

Other winners for the Little Giants were Dave Jones, Mark Schiefer, Jim House and Gregg Jess.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

At Margaretta

SCORE: Fremont Ross 53, Margaretta 42.

200-yard medley relay — 1, Margaretta (Kuns, Rohrbacher, Buckholz, Knauer), 1:55.1.

200-free — 1, Dale Jones (F), 2:06.3; 2, Otto (M); 3, Jim House (F).

200-individual medley — 1, Kirk Hess (F), 2:16.5; 2, Kent Collins (F); 3, Kaufman (M).

50-free — 1, Moloney (M), 24.6; 2, John Cramer (F); 3, Mike Keller (F).

Diving — 1, Rob Serwin (F), 251.45; 2, Dave Vandergrift (F); 3, Buckholz (M).

100-fly — 1, Mark Schiefer (F), 1:05.7; 2, Kevin Nitschke (F); 3, Shal (M).

100-free — 1, Moloney (M), 54.6; 2, Marty Mason (F); 3, John Cramer (F).

400-free — 1, Jim House, (F), 4:43.6; 2, Otto (M); 3, Rick Keyes (F).

100-back — 1, Kuns (M), 1:06.1; 2, Jeff Adams (F); 3, Phil Havens, (F).

100-breast — 1, Jess Gregg (F), 1:13.0; 2, Knauer (M); 3, Rohrbacher (M).

100-free relay — 1, Margaretta (McCullough, Sanders, Rickelbauch, Bauer), 4:18.1.