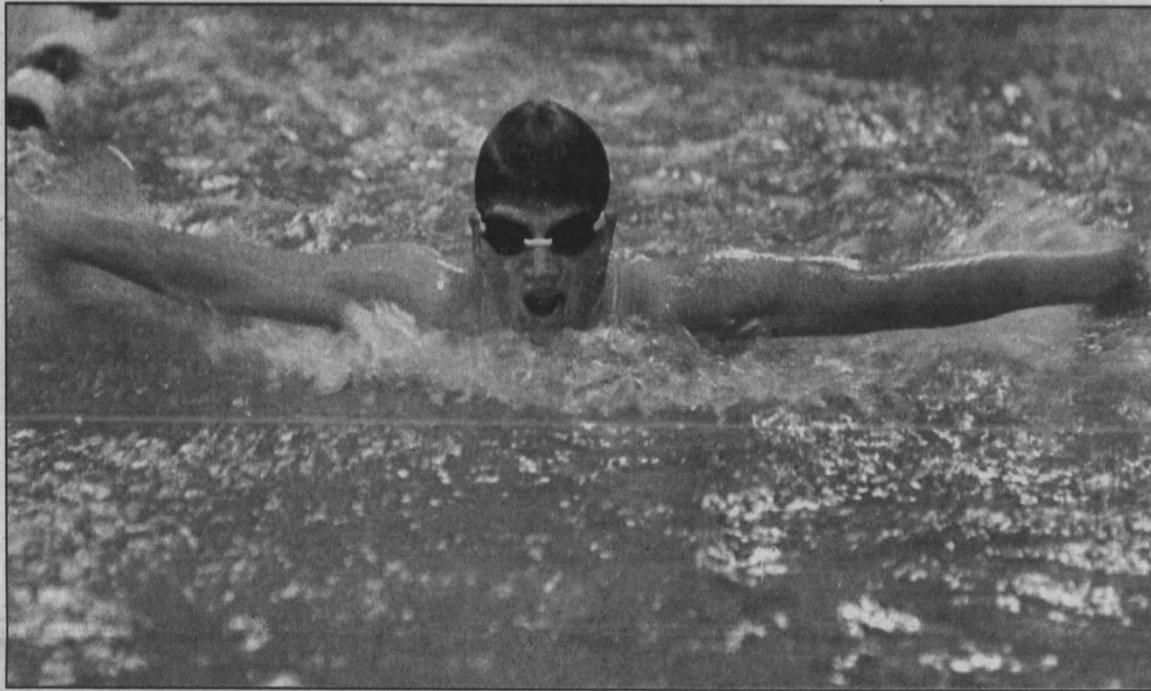


2000 Season Review...

Ross off to a quick start



News-Messenger/Liz Margerum

BRANDON SPICER finished second in the 100 butterfly, as teammate Josh Fate nearly broke a school record in Ross's win over Columbian on Wednesday.

Moran pleased with Giants' effort in wins over Columbian

News-Messenger reports

Both the boys and girls swimming teams at Fremont Ross started their seasons off on a positive note Wednesday, sweeping a dual meet with Tiffin Columbian at the Junior High pool. The boys won 73-21, with the girls posting a 66-28 margin of victory.

"We just basically wanted to see where we're at with our training, and we're pretty happy with where we're at," said Ross coach

Phil Moran. "They kind of surprised me, I didn't think they'd swim that fast."

Josh Fate made a spectacular debut for Ross, coming within a second of the school record in the 100 butterfly, winning in 55.75 seconds.

"He's basically been working hard since the end of his junior year," Moran said. "It's starting to pay off. All the kids have been hitting the weight room really hard."

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Fate also combined with Buck Young, Dan Schrickel and Adam Bundschuh to win the 200 medley relay in 1:47.02 and J.J. Glaspy, Paul Nalley and Brandon Spicer to win the 400 freestyle relay in 3:54.47.

"That's a real good time for this time of year for the medley relay, it's about a second off the pool record," Moran said. "They had talked about it a little bit,

but I didn't think they were going to be this close."

Seth Geib picked up a win in the 200 IM (2:33.71), Noah Grayson won the 50 free (27.56), Bundschuh won the 100 free (56.86), Glaspy won the 500 free (5:42.69), Young won the 100 back (1:02.34), Schrickel won the 100 breast (1:07.24) and the team of Brent Tooman, Grayson, Glaspy and Eric Horn won the 200 free relay.

Collecting second place finishes were Brent Tooman

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(200 free), Spicer (200 IM, 100 fly), Nalley (100 free), Elliot Hogan (500 free), Geib (400 breast), the 200 free relay team of Bundschuh, Nalley, Hogan and Mark Thomson and the 400 free relay team of Young, Schrickel, Grayson and Geib.

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Ross swimmers get off to strong start

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For the girls, Courtney Abbott got off to a blazing start in the 50 free, winning in 26.83.

"I think that's faster than her sectional time last year," Moran said. "She's really starting where she stopped last year, and that's hard to do for kids."

Abbott also combined with Britt O'Connor, Wendy Farrell and Morgan O'Connor to win the 200 medley relay and Meg Nalley, Sam Glaspy and Morgan O'Connor to win the 400 free relay.

Sarah Berger won the 100 free in 1:00.86.

"She had a real good meet, that's about a second and a half off her lifetime best," Moran said. "She should be breaking a minute pretty soon."

Katie Decker won the 200 free (2:13.88), Morgan O'Connor won the 200 IM (2:34.15), Britt O'Connor

won the 500 free (5:48.86), Noelle Stroempl won the 100 backstroke (1:14.07), Glaspy won the 100 breast (1:21.26) and the team of Nalley, Berger, Abby Cominsky and Erika Parker won the 200 free relay (1:56.65).

Taking second for the girls were Kristen Vandyne (200 free), Glaspy (200 IM), Beth Hoelzle (100 fly), Anna Obregon (100 back), Farrell (100 breast) and the 200 free relay team of Farrell, Brittney Werling, Kaylie Crispen and Ana Barros.

"Tonight we swam some of our younger kids," Moran said. "Tiffin's kind of a new program, so we did some other things. We swam really well, we probably could have swam better, but we're trying to get experience."

Ross swims at Port Clinton in the NWOAC meet on Saturday.

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High School Girls

Ross 66, Tiffin Columbian 28

Ross results

200 Medley Relay

1 Britt O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, 2:04.39; 3 Noelle Stroempi, Abby Cominsky, Beth Hoelzle, Amber Barnes, 2:19.72.

200 Freestyle

1 Katie Decker, 2:13.88; 2 Kristen Vandyne, 2:24.29; 3 Jenny Fate, 2:26.94.

200 I.M.

1 Morgan O'Connor, 2:34.15; 2 Sam Glaspy, 2:40.32.

50 Freestyle

1 Courtney Abbott, 26.83; 3 Brittney Werling, 32.12.

100 Butterfly

2 Beth Hoelzle, 1:21.92; 4 Amber Barnes, 1:26.19.

100 Freestyle

1 Sarah Berger, 1:00.86; 3 Erika Parker, 1:10.17.

500 Freestyle

1 Britt O'Connor, 5:48.86; 3 Jenny Fate, 6:44.33.

200 Freestyle Relay

1 Meg Nalley, Abby Cominsky, Erika Parker, Sarah Berger, 1:56.65; 2 Wendy Farrell, Kaylie Crispen, Anna Baros, Brittney Werling, 2:10.27.

100 Backstroke

1 Noelle Stroempi, 1:14.07, 2 Anna Obregon 1:22.94.

100 Breaststroke

1 Sam Glaspy, 1:21.26; 2 Wendy Farrell, 1:21.69.

400 Freestyle Relay

1 Meg Nalley, Sam Glaspy, Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, 4:15.77; 3 Beth Hoelzle, Kristen Vandyne, Abby Cominsky, Noelle Stroempi, 4:27.47.

High School Boys

Ross 73, Tiffin Columbian 21

Ross results

200 Medley Relay

1 Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, Josh Fate, Adam Bundschuh, 1:47.02; 3 Brandon Spicer, Noah Grayson, Elliot Hogan, Robbie Straight, 2:08.88.

200 Freestyle

2 Brent Tooman, 2:17.57; 3 Paul Nalley, 2:20.79.

200 I.M.

1 Seth Geib, 2:33.71; 2 Brandon Spicer, 2:43.36.

50 Freestyle

1 Noah Grayson, 27.56; 3 Mark Thomson, 35.37.

100 Butterfly

1 Josh Fate, 55.75; 2 Brandon Spicer, 1:25.09.

100 Freestyle

1 Adam Bundschuh, 56.86; 2 Paul Nalley, 1:02.41.

500 Freestyle

1 J.J. Glaspy, 5:42.69; 2 Elliot Hogan, 6:19.60.

200 Freestyle Relay

1 Brent Tooman, Noah Grayson, Eric Horn, J.J. Glaspy, 1:54.09; 2 Adam Bundschuh, Paul Nalley, Mark Thomson, Elliot Hogan, 1:56.96.

100 Backstroke

1 Buck Young, 1:02.34; 4 Robbie Straight, 1:20.48.

100 Breaststroke

1 Dan Schrickel, 1:07.24; 2 Seth Geib, 1:15.94.

400 Freestyle Relay

1 Josh Fate, J.J. Glaspy, Paul Nalley, Brandon Spicer, 3:54.47; 2 Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, Noah Grayson, Seth Geib, 4:02.06.

Seniors will determine Ross swimmers' 'Fate'

By SCOTT TAPPA
Sports editor

Fremont Ross swimming coach Phil Moran has a problem. An enviable problem, to be sure, but a problem nonetheless.

The dilemma? Where to put talented senior Josh Fate.

"He can swim any event for us, just about any stroke," Moran said. "Any place we put him, he should be in contention."

Fate will be counted on to step into a leadership role after the graduations of swimmers like Pryde Yost, Brett

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Spicer, Jon Oliver and Josh Tooman. So Fate and fellow seniors Buck Young and J.J. Glaspy will be counted on even more.

"The rest of the kids look up to them for guidance," Moran said.

Moran said Young will swim primarily the 100 and 200 backstroke, and help out on relays. Glaspy swam on two freestyle relay teams in the Little Giants' season-opening meet with Tiffin Columbian on

Wednesday.

While Fate is a most versatile swimmer, Moran said the one stroke he doesn't own right now is the breaststroke. Junior Dan Schrickel is Moran's best in that stroke.

"Schrickel's going to step it up, he's swimming some fast splits on the breaststroke," Moran said. "He could be very scary come the end of the year."

Others looking to fill the void are Seth Geib and Adam Bundschuh. Youngsters like Noah Grayson, Elliot Hogan, Eric Horn, Paul Nalley,



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AMBER BARNES will be a key swimmer for the Ross girls this season.

Mervin Forbes, Brandon Spicer, Robbie Straight and upperclassmen Brent Tooman and Mark Thomson will also contribute.

Ross will go with three freshman divers, Neamit Patel, Joe Rapp and Brian

Whitright.

The girls team loses just as much to graduation as the boys team did, with Amy Barnes, Nicole Farrell and Jenny Schaaf off to college.

Senior Courtney Abbott will step into a leadership role, and

got off to a good start Wednesday in the 50 freestyle. Juniors Meg Nalley, Beth Hoezle and Noella Stroempl are other upperclassmen Moran is looking to for improvement.

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Moran excited for upcoming season

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The coach is also excited about his underclassmen.

"We have a young group of girls that is very talented," Moran said. "We have a lot of sophomores who are going to play key roles for us."

Morgan O'Connor, Sarah Bergner and Kristen VanDyne are the sophomores Moran referred to, also mentioning freshman Brittany O'Connor.

Jenny Straight leads the divers, along with Rachael Rusch, Jera Johnson and Alyssa Zimmerman.

"They're showing a lot of potential, we have some numbers there," Moran said. "That should help us a lot in the dual meets. We've always been pretty strong with the divers we've had."

Moran said Straight would have been a state qualifier last season, had the Ohio High School Athletic Association split the state tournament into two divisions.

A two-division format will be in effect this year for the girls, a change Moran endorses.

"We're going to be able to advance a lot more kids," he said. "It'll make the kids work even harder, because that shot seems more realistic. That's something the girls team's looking at, they have the potential."

Conversely, though, the boys state tournament will remain a one-division affair.

"That's kind of a controversy, most coaches aren't happy with that," Moran said. "Division II schools are really going to be put at a disadvantage, it's really disappointing. Our boys state meet is so fast, even if we split, it's still going to be fast."

Moran points to a three-meet stretch in the middle of the season as a key for his teams: Dec. 21 at Perkins, at home Dec. 22 against Findlay and Jan. 8 at the Timken Relays in Canton.

"We got Perkins last year, the boys won by two, and they weren't real happy about losing," Moran said. "The girls won for the first time ever at Perkins. Perkins is a lot tougher this year."

"The Findlay girls are probably

Ross roster

Courtney Abbott, Amber Barnes, Ana Maria Barros, Sarah Berger, Adam Bundschuch, Abby Cominsky, Kaylie Crispen, Wendy Farrell, Josh Fate, Jenny Fate, Mervin Forbes, Seth Gelb, Tia Gilson, Jim Glaspy, Sam Glaspy, Noah Grayson, Beth Hoelzle, Elliott Hogan, Eric Horn, Jera Johnson, Meg Nalley, Paul Nalley, Morgan O'Connor, Brittany O'Connor, Anna Obregon, Erika Parker, Patel Neamit, Joe Rapp, Rachael Rusch, Daniel Schrickel, Brandon Spicer, Jenny Straight, Robbie Straight, Noelle Stroempl, Mark Thomson, Brent Tooman, Kristen VanDyne, Britini Werling, Brian Whitright, Buck Young, Alyssa Zimmerman.

in the top two in the district, they're real tough, so the girls will have their hands full."

Also, next weekend the Little Giants will travel to Columbus for a meet at Ohio State, bypassing the Viking Invitational in Cleveland the team had usually been a part of.

"That's going to give us an idea of where we stand," Moran said. "That meet (the Viking) has gotten so long, it's doing our kids a disservice."

Giants fare well at NWOAC

Divers break meet record

News-Messenger reports

PORT CLINTON — It was a record-setting day for the Fremont Ross boys and girls swimming teams at the NWOAC relays Saturday.

The boys took second place behind Napoleon, the Little Giants' best finish ever. Coach Phil Moran's team also had three first-place finishes, the team's best since returning to the NWOAC in 1996.

"We swam a lot of our younger swimmers to give them some valuable experience for the rest of the season," Moran said.

Ross was dominant in the relays, winning the 300 breaststroke, the 400 freestyle and the 400 medley.

Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, Josh Fate and Adam Bundschuh teamed up to win the 400 medley in 3:57.50. The same foursome also won the 400 free in 3:34.98.

Seth Geib, Noah Grayson, Elliot Hogan and Schrickel swam a winning time of 3:26.35 to win the 300 breaststroke.

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The diving combination of Brian Whitright and Neamit Patel took second with a 92.40. Individually, Fate took second in the 500 free in 5:16.51.

Other top-four finishes included the Ross 800 free relay (Young, Brent Tooman, Geib and J.J. Glaspy), the 300 IM (Glaspy, Geib and Bundschuh) and the 200 free relay (Grayson, Hogan, Rob Straight and Paul Nalley).

Divers Jenny Straight and Alyssa Zimmerman took

first place with a total of 202.20, setting a new meet record. The old record of 201.60 was set by Northview in 1988.

Also for the girls, the 400 medley relay team of Brittany O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Morgan O'Connor and Courtney Abbott took second in 4:40.22.

"The girls really did a nice job," Moran said.

The Ross girls took fourth place with 50 points — their best finish since returning to the NWOAC — and Oak Harbor took fifth with 48. Notre Dame won with 104 points.

Swimming

High School Girls

NWOAC relays

4-Ross 50, 5-Oak Harbor 48

Ross results

Diving

1-Jenny Straight, Alyssa Zimmerman
(broke meet record), 202.20

400 Medley Relay

2-Brittany O'Connor, Wendy Farrell,
Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott,
4:40.22

800 Free Relay

5-Sarah Berger, Meg Nalley, Jenny
Fate, Morgan O'Connor, 9:27.25.

300 I.M.

5-Meg Nalley, Sam Glaspy, Sarah Berg-
er, 3:38.56

200 Free Relay

6-Noelle Stroempl, Abby Cominsky, Eri-
ka Parker, Jenny Fate, 1:58.97

300 Fly Relay

6-Kristen Van Dyne, Amber Barnes,
Meg Nalley, Beth Hoelzle, 3:43.64.

500 Free Relay

5-Brittany O'Connor, 5:58.69.

300 Back Relay

6-Kristen Van Dyne, Anna Obregon,
Beth Hoelzle, Noelle Stroempl, 3:34.94.

300 Breast Relay

5-Abby Cominsky, Kaylie Crispen,
Wendy Farrell, Sam Glaspy, 3:59.27.

400 Free Relay

5-Brittany O'Connor, Morgan O'Connor,
Sarah Berger, Courtney Abbott, 4:02.08.

High School Boys

NWOAC relays

2-Ross 90, 7-Oak Harbor 14

Ross results

Diving

2-Brian Whitright, Neamit Patel, 92.40.

400 Medley Relay

1-Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, Josh
Fate, Adam Bundschuh, 3:57.50

800 Free Relay

3-Buck Young, Brent Tooman, Seth
Geib, JJ Glaspy, 8:42.34.

300 I.M.

4-JJ Glaspy, Seth Geib, Adam Bund-
schuh, 3:20.18.

200 Free Relay

4-Noah Grayson, Elliot Hogan, Rob
Straight, Paul Nalley, 1:48.26.

300 Fly Relay

5-Elliot Hogan, Brent Tooman, Brandon
Spicer, JJ Glaspy, 3:33.67.

500 Free

2-Josh Fate, 5:16.51.

300 Back Relay

5-Paul Nalley, Brent Tooman, Rob
Straight, Brandon Spicer, 3:35.87.

300 Breast Relay

1-Seth Geib, Noah Grayson, Elliot
Hogan, Dan Schrickel, 3:26.35.

400 Free Relay

1-Josh Fate, Buck Young Adam Bund-
schuh, Dan Schrickel, 3:34.98.

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Little Giants set personal bests

News-Messenger reports

COLUMBUS — The Fremont Ross girls swim team turned in a number of personal bests Saturday at the Ned Reeb Memorial Invitational, held at Ohio State's Mike Peppe Aquatic Center.

In the 200 freestyle, Sarah Berger's time of 2:16.41 was a personal best, as was Meg Nalley's 2:15.40. Berger also set a PR in the 50 free (27.46), as did Brittany O'Connor, whose PR time of 25.87 in the preliminaries qualified her for the finals, where she finished 11th.

O'Connor also had a PR in the 100 free, where she swam a 58.08.

Morgan O'Connor set a lifetime best in the 100 butterfly, where she swam a 1:05.94. In the 100 backstroke, Kristen VanDyne swam a PR 1:14.94.

For the boys, the 200 medley relay team of Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, Josh Fate and Adam Bundschuh finished sixth in 1:46.98. The same foursome finished eighth in the 400 free relay in 3:34.14.

Fate had a solid day individually, finishing fifth in the 100 backstroke in 59.26 and eighth in the 100 fly in 56.43. Young finished ninth in the 100 backstroke in 1:00.16, and J.J. Glaspy set a new PR in the 200 free in 2:04.05.

"The kids did a lot of good things this weekend," said Ross coach Phil Moran. "Many of them had the best day in their lives. This meet will provide a lot of inspiration for the remainder of the season."

Ross swims against Oak Harbor and Port Clinton on Tuesday before traveling to Sylvania for a big meet Friday against Northview.

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High School Girls

Ned Reeb Memorial Inv.

Ross results

200 Medley Relay

14 - Brittany O'Connor, Sam Glaspy, Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, 2:05.17

200 Free

Lifetime Best - Sarah Berger, 2:16.41; Lifetime Best - Meg Nalley, 2:15.40; Morgan O'Connor, 2:12.46

50 Free

Meg Nalley, 28.17; Noelle Stroempl, 28.37; Beth Hoezle, 27.90; Lifetime Best - Sarah Berger, 27.46; 11 and Lifetime Best - Brittany O'Connor, 26.04; 14 - Courtney Abbott, 26.27

100 Fly

Lifetime Best - Morgan O'Connor, 1:05.94

100 Free

Courtney Abbott, 58.97; 14 and Lifetime Best - Brittany O'Connor, 58.08

200 Free Relay

19 - Meg Nalley, Kristin Van Dyne, Noelle Stroempl, Beth Hoezle, 1:52.59

100 Back

Lifetime Best - Kristin VanDyne, 1:14.94; Beth Hoezle, 1:12.81; Noelle Stroempl, 1:12.76

100 Breast

Sam Glaspy, 1:21.91; Wendy Farrell, 1:23.76

400 Free Relay

12 - Brittany O'Connor, Morgan O'Connor, Sarah Berger, Courtney Abbott, 4:03.83

High School Boys

Ned Reeb Memorial Inv.

Ross results

200 Medley Relay

6 - Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, Josh Fate, Adam Bundschuh, 1:46.98

200 Free

Lifetime Best - JJ Glaspy, 2:04.05

50 Free

Adam Bundschuh, 24.67; JJ Glaspy, 25.08; Dan Schrickel, 24.25

100 Fly

8 - Josh Fate, 56.43

100 Free

Buck Young, 54.28

200 Free Relay

18 - JJ Glaspy, Elliot Hogan, Seth Geib, Adam Bundschuh, 1:41.80

100 Back

5 - Josh Fate, 59.26; 9 - Buck Young, 1:00.16

100 Breast

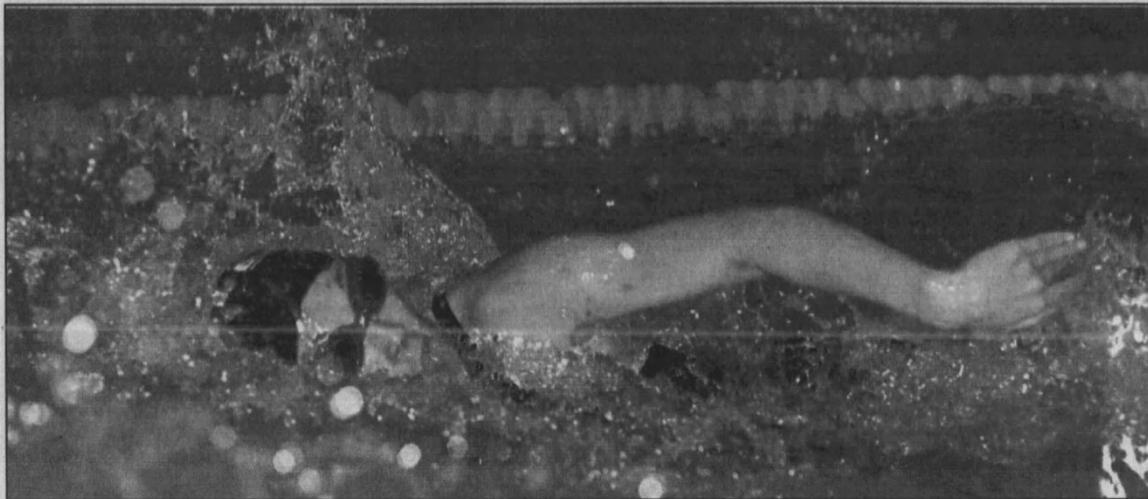
13 - Dan Schrickel, 1:07.05

400 Free Relay

8 - Josh Fate, Buck Young, Adam Bundschuh, Dan Schrickel, 3:34.14

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Ross girls edge Oak Harbor



News-Messenger/Rachel Rice

JANELLE MONTANO of Oak Harbor swims to a first-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle event during Tuesday's triangular at Port Clinton against the host Redskins and Fremont Ross. Both the Ross boys and girls teams won their respective meets. (Photos of Ross swimmers were unavailable).

Little Giants win triangular with first, third in last event

News-Messenger reports

PORT CLINTON — Fremont Ross had too much talent and too much depth for host Port Clinton and Oak Harbor during Tuesday's swimming and diving meet at Port Clinton High School.

The Little Giants' boys team scored 148 points to beat the Redskins by 55 points, while Oak Harbor was third with 83.

Ross also won the girls meet, with 146 points, followed by the Rockets (139) and Redskins (44).

"Ross has a nice boys team," PC coach Ken Gipe said. "They have decent

depth and several good individuals. I know Oak Harbor won quite a few girls events, but Ross had a little more depth.

"That was really a good meet. It came down to the last relay and Fremont went first and third to pull it out."

For the girls, Ross needed a clutch performance in the 400 freestyle relay to close out Oak Harbor. The team of Sarah Berger, Morgan O'Connor, Kristen VanDyne and Beth Hoelzel came through, taking first in 4:04.35.

Clinching things was the third place team of Meg

Nalley, Erika Parker, Noelle Stroempl and Sam Glaspy, which finished in 4:24.28.

It was the first time in Ross coach Phil Moran's six years at the school that Ross had won the triangular.

Ross dominated the diving competition, with Jenny Straight taking first, Alyssa Zimmerman second and Rachael Rusch third. Brittany O'Connor won the 100 backstroke in 1:08.74.

While the Rockets girls won nine events, compared to three for Ross, it was the Little Giants' depth that prevailed.

Berger (200 free), Courtney Abbott (50 free, 100 free), O'Connor (500 free), Morgan O'Connor (100 fly), Stroempl (100 back) and Wendy Farrell (100 breast) had second place finishes, as did the relay teams of the O'Connors, Abbott and Glaspy (200 medley relay) and the O'Connors, Berger and Abbott (200 free relay).

The boys competition wasn't as close. A highlight for the Little Giants was the 400 free relay, where Ross placed three teams under the four-minute barrier for the first time ever.

Dan Schrickel, Adam Bundschuh, Brent Tooman

and Eric Horn won the event in 3:56.36, Buck Young, J.J. Glaspy, Seth Geib and Noah Grayson were third in 3:58.05 and Josh Fate, Elliot Hogan, Paul Nalley and Rob Straight were fourth in 3:59.56.

Individually, Young won the 200 free and 500 free, Fate won the 100 back and Hogan won the 100 breast.

Glaspy (200 free, 100 fly) and Schrickel (500 free) took second place, as did the relay teams of Tooman, Geib, Bundschuh and Horn (200 medley) and Fate, Grayson, Straight and Nalley (200 free).

High School Boys

Ross 148, Oak Harbor 83, Port Clinton 93

200 medley relay: 1-Port Clinton (Dean Gordon, Tim Root, Rob Zajac, Keith Conte) 2:00.22, 2-Ross (Brent Tooman, Seth Geib, Adam Bundschuh, Eric Horn) 2:01.95.

200 free: 1-Buck Young (R) 2:01.33, 2-J.J. Glaspy (R) 2:04.05, 3-Zajac (PC) 2:04.85.

200 IM: 1-Josh Fate (R) 2:11.43, 2-Root (PC) 2:25.76, 3-Justin Lange (OH) 2:33.34.

50 free: 1-Conte (PC) 25.84, 2-Austin Fogle (OH) 26.31, 3-Brian Dammeyer (OH) 27.15.

Diving: 1-Gordon (PC) 193.75, 2-Rich Clemens (PC) 122.95, 3-Neamit Patel (R) 118.30.

100 fly: 1-Root (PC) 1:04.90, 2-JJ Glaspy (R) 1:08.70, 3-Adam Bundschuh (R) 1:12.02.

100 free: 1-Zajac (PC) 55.91, 2-Fogle (OH) 58.26, 3-Elliot Hogan (R) 58.81.

500 free: 1-Buck Young (R) 5:33.11, 2-Dan Schrickel (R) 5:49.53, 3-Derrick Silva (OH) 5:57.15.

200 free relay: 1-Oak Harbor (Fogle, Lange, Josh Christopher, Silva) 1:45.33, 2-Ross (Josh Fate, Noah Grayson, Rob Straight, Paul Nalley) 1:49.02.

100 back: 1-Josh Fate (R) 1:01.28, 2-Joe Rapp (R) 1:10.94, 3-Brent Tooman (R) 1:13.87.

100 breast: 1-Elliot Hogan (R) 1:10.99, 2-Lange (OH) 1:10.99, 3-Seth Geib (R) 1:13.79.

400 free relay: 1-Ross (Dan Schrickel, Adam Bundschuh, Brent Tooman, Eric Horn) 3:56.36, 2-Port Clinton (Zajac, Zach Riedmaier, Root, Conte) 3:57.48.

Swimming

High School Girls

Ross 146, Oak Harbor 139, Port Clinton 44

200 medley relay: 1-Oak Harbor (Angie Benner, Kelly Van Horn, Amber Noggle, Michelle Bleim) 2:01.97, 2-Ross (Brittany O'Connor, Sam Glaspy, Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott) 2:04.75.

200 free: 1-Fran Darr (OH) 2:10.86, 2-Sarah Berger (R) 2:14.50, 3-Jackie Baumgartner (OH) 2:20.82.

200 IM: 1-Noggle (OH) 2:27.54, 2-Lauren Grover (OH) 2:36.46, 3-Meg Nalley (R) 2:42.06.

50 free: 1-Van Horn (OH) 25.98, 2-Courtney Abbott (R) 26.97, 3-Hayley Manley (PC) 27.85.

Diving: 1-Jenny Straight (R) 207.35, 2-Alyssa Zimmerman (R) 175.80, 3-Rachael Rusch (R) 150.20.

100 fly: 1-Van Horn (OH) 1:00.56, 2-Morgan O'Connor (R) 1:06.82, 3-Leanne Emsthausen (OH) 1:10.68.

100 free: 1-Janelle Montano (OH) 1:00.59, 2-Courtney Abbott (R) 1:00.87, 3-Sarah Berger (R) 1:01.77.

500 free: 1-Darr (OH) 5:44.84, 2-Brittany O'Connor (R) 5:53.55, 3-Beth Hoelzle (R) 6:19.63.

200 free relay: 1-Oak Harbor (Noggle, Jackie Baumgartner, Montano, Van Horn) 1:47.66, 2-Ross (Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, Sarah Berger, Brittany O'Connor) 1:48.24.

100 back: 1-Brittany O'Connor (R) 1:08.74, 2-Noelle Stroempl (R) 1:12.99, 3-Grover (OH) 1:13.36.

100 breast: 1-Noggle (OH) 1:16.46, 2-Wendy Farrell (R) 1:21.55, 3-Sam Glaspy (R) 1:21.93.

400 free relay: 1-Ross (Sarah Berger, Morgan O'Connor, Kristen VanDyne, Beth Hoelzle) 4:04.35, 2-Oak Harbor (Baumgartner, Grover, Bleim, Darr) 4:06.78, 3-Ross (Meg Nalley, Erika Parker, Noelle Stroempl, Sam Glaspy) 4:24.28.

Northview edges Ross boys

News-Messenger reports

SYLVANIA — Sylvania Northview posted a narrow 95-91 win over Fremont Ross in a non-league boys swim meet.

Buck Young and Dan Schrickel won two individual events and teamed up on two winning relays for the Little Giants. Young won the 100 free in 59.47 seconds and the 100 back in 1:07.55 and Schrickel won the 50 free in 26.63 and the 100 breast in 1:15.10. Both boys teamed up with Josh Fate and Adam Bundschuh to win the 200 medley in 1:59.14 and the 400 free relay in 4:02.88.

Other winners for Ross

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included Glaspy, who won the 200 free in 2:16 and the 500 free in 6:22. Fate won the 100 fly in 1:04.23 and the 200 relay team of Bundschuh, Paul Nalley, Elliot Hogan and Glaspy won in 1:54.04.

Also for Ross, Bundschuh took second in the 100 free (1:10) and Nalley was sixth (1:18). Brent Tooman was fourth in the 100 back (1:19). Tooman, Seth Geib, Brandon Spicer and Rob Straight were third in the 200 medley in 2:18.18; Glaspy, Elliot Hogan, Paul Nalley and

Tooman were third in 4:25.83.

Nalley was fifth in the 200 free in 2:39. Hogan was fifth in the 200 individual medley in 2:51. Noah Grayson was fourth in the 50 free in 31.01. Joe Rapp was third in the diving with 112.10 points, followed by Neamit Patel (110.55) and Brian Whitright (95.25).

In the 100 fly, Spicer was fifth (1:32.40) followed by Straight (1:47). Tooman was fourth in the 100 back in 1:19, Geib took third in 1:21.60 and Glaspy, Hogan, Nalley and Tooman took third in the 400 free relay in 4:25.83.

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High School Boys

Northview 95, Ross 91

Ross results

200 Medley Relay

1 - Buck Young, Daniel Schrickel, Josh Fate, Adam Bundschuh, 1:59.14; 3 - Brent Tooman, Seth Geib, Brandon Spicer, Robbie Straight, 2:18.18

200 Free

1 - Jim Glaspy, 2:16.02; 5 - Paul Nalley, 2:38.83

200 Ind. Medley

1 - Josh Fate, 2:26.31; 5 - Elliot Hogan, 2:51.22

50 Free

1 - Daniel Schrickel, 26.63; 4 - Noah Grayson, 31.01

1-Meter Diving

3 - Joe Rapp, 112.10; 4 - Neamit Patel, 110.55; 5 - Brian Whitright, 95.25

100 Fly

1 - Josh Fate, 1:04.23; 5 - Brandon Spicer, 1:32.40; 6 - Rob Straight 1:47

100 Free

1 - Buck Young, 59.47; 2 - Adam Bundschuh, 1:01.59; 6 - Paul Nalley 1:18.49

500 Free

1 - Jim Glaspy, 6:21.69; 4 - Elliot Hogan, 6:42.65

200 Free Relay

1 - Adam Bundschuh, Paul Nalley, Elliot Hogan, Jim Glaspy, 1:54.04

100 Back

1 - Buck Young, 1:07.55; 4 - Brent Tooman, 1:18.67

100 Breast

1 - Daniel Schrickel, 1:15.10; 3 - Seth Geib, 1:21.60

400 Free Relay

1 - Josh Fate, Adam Bundschuh, Buck Young, Daniel Schrickel, 4:02.88; 3 - Jim Glaspy, Elliot Hogan, Paul Nalley, Brent Tooman, 4:25.83;

Ross boys edged by Perkins 93-91

News-Messenger reports

SANDUSKY — The Fremont Ross boys swim team had four first-place finishes Tuesday, but Sandusky Perkins held on to defeat the Little Giants 93-91.

Buck Young captured first in both the 100 backstroke and the 100 freestyle with times of 59.64 and 52.92 respectively. Josh Fate grabbed the other individual first place finish in the 100 fly with a time of 57.06.

The 200 free relay team of Dan Schrickel, Adam Bundschuh, Elliot Hogan, J.J. Glaspy won in

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1:38.60.

Other notables for Ross were the 200 medley relay team of Young, Elliot Hogan, Fate and Adam Bundschuh, which took second place in 1:49.36, and the 400 free relay team of Fate, Glaspy, Young and Dan Schrickel, which also took second in 4:13.80.

Joe Rapp finished second in diving and Neamit Patel finished third.

In girls action, the Pirates

downed the Aqua Giants 108-78.

Jenny Straight took first in the diving competition and Brittany O'Connor finished first in the 200 free in 1:49.12.

O'Connor also earned second place finishes the 50 free (26.25) and the 100 back (1:08.16).

The girls also got second place finishes from Morgan O'Connor in the 200 IM (2:30.19) and in the 500 free (5:55.27). Erika Parker finished second in the 100 free (59.29).

The Little Giants will be in action today at 5 p.m. at the Fremont Middle School against Findlay.

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High School Girls

Perkins 108, Ross 78

Ross results

200 Medley Relay

3 - Noelle Stroempi, Wendy Farrell, Meg Nalley, Beth Hoelzle, 2:10.97; 4 - Anna Obregon, Sam Glaspy, Jenny Fate, Abby Cominsky, 2:20.43.

200 Free

3 - Sarah Berger, 2:14.37; 4 - Beth Hoelzle, 2:17.48; 6 - Jenny Fate, 2:32.07.

200 I.M.

2 - Morgan O'Connor, 2:30.19; 5 - Meg Nalley, 2:38.44; 6 - Sam Glaspy, 2:40.21.

50 Free

2 - Brittany O'Connor, 26.25; 3 - Courtney Abbott, 26.79; 4 - Noelle Stroempi, 28.40.

1 Mtr. Diving

1 - Jenny Straight, 203.65; 3 - Alyssa Zimmerman, 173.55; 4 - Jera Johnson, 133.80.

100 Fly

3 - Jenny Fate, 1:18.63; 4 - Beth Hoelzle, 1:18.78; 5 - Kristen VanDyne, 1:20.73.

100 Free

2 - Erika Parker, 59.29; 5 - Courtney Abbott, 1:09.18; 6 - Amber Barnes, 1:12.98.

500 Free

2 - Morgan O'Connor, 5:55.27; 3 - Meg Nalley, 5:58.40; 6 - Kaylie Crispen, 7:41.41.

200 Free

1 - Brittany O'Connor, 1:49.12; 3 - Kristen VanDyne, 1:57.59.

100 Back

2 - Brittany O'Connor, 1:08.16; 4 - Noelle Stroempi, 1:14.68; 5 - Kristen VanDyne, 1:17.62.

100 Breast

3 - Sam Glaspy, 1:20.31; 4 - Sarah Berger, 1:20.78; 5 - Wendy Farrell, 1:21.14.

400 Free Relay

2 - Morgan O'Connor, Brittany O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, Sarah Berger, 4:05.90; 3 - Beth Hoelzle, Meg Nalley, Kristen VanDyne, Sam Glaspy, 4:17.70.

High School Boys

Perkins 93, Ross 91

Ross results

200 Medley Relay

2 - Buck Young, Elliot Hogan, Josh Fate, Adam Bundschuh, 1:49.36; 4 - Brent Tooman, Seth Geib, Brandon Spicer, Rob Straight, 2:07.72.

200 Free

3 - JJ Glaspy, 2:05.72; 4 - Brent Tooman, 2:19.81; 5 - Paul Nalley, 2:24.

200 I.M.

2 - Josh Fate, 2:07; 4 - Elliot Hogan, 2:33.57; 5 - Seth Geib, 2:35.12.

50 Free

3 - Dan Schrickel, 24.37; 4 - Adam Bundschuh, 25.31; 5 - Noah Grayson, 28.29.

1 Mtr. Diving

2 - Joe Rapp, 111.05; 3 - Neamit Patel, 109.65; 4 - Brian Whiright, 98.15.

100 Fly

1 - Josh Fate, 57.06; 4 - Brandon Spicer, 1:17.21; 5 - Rob Straight, 1:30.90.

100 Free

1 - Buck Young, 52.92; 3 - Adam Bundschuh, 56.33; 5 - Eric Horn, 1:02.94.

500 Free

2 - JJ Glaspy, 5:37.89; 3 - Paul Nalley, 6:27.48; 5 - Rob Straight, 7:03.78.

200 Free Relay

1 - Dan Schrickel, Adam Bundschuh, Elliot Hogan, JJ Glaspy, 1:38.60; 3 - Seth Geib, Eric Horn, Brent Tooman, Paul Nalley, 1:51.82.

100 Back

1 - Buck Young, 59.64; 3 - Brandon Spicer, 1:10.77.

100 Breast

2 - Dan Schrickel, 1:07.40; 4 - Seth Geib, 1:12.95; 5 - Elliot Hogan, 1:13.82.

400 Free Relay

2 - Josh Fate, JJ Glaspy, Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, 3:34.69; 3 - Brent Tooman, Brandon Spicer, Eric Horn, Noah Grayson, 4:13.80.

Ross swimmers split against Findlay

Boys win, girls fall just short

By KYLE TIMMONS
News-Messenger correspondent

Things have been tough lately for the Fremont Ross swim team.

After being handed two close losses at the hands of Sylvania Northview and Sandusky Perkins, the Ross boys responded by defeating Findlay 65-25, but the girls team dropped a tight 50-44 decision Wednesday at the Fremont Middle School pool.

"It's been a rough week

and a half for us," said Ross coach Phil Moran. "We've had some really tough mental meets, first to Northview, a four-point loss and then Perkins, losing by two, last night. But they recovered nicely from last night and swam well today."

In the 200-medley relay, Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, Josh Fate and Adam Bundschuh finished first in a time of 1:46.88. The same relay team also finished first in the 200 freestyle (1:36.02) and the 400 free (3:39.27).

"I felt the boys medley relay team was pretty good," Moran said. "We were about

seven-tenths (of a second) off of the school record."

Fate also placed first in the 100 butterfly, finishing in 56.39 seconds.

"Josh's fly was pretty good today," Moran said. "He was

trying to get the school record, but was off by about a second."

Placing first for the Little Giants in other events were J.J. Glaspy, with a time of 2:04.93 in the 200 free and 5:43.72 in the 500 free, Seth Geib in the 200 IM (2:32.34), and Young, who finished the 100 free in a time of 53.53.

"Time-wise, we had some kids swim some decent

better dual meet.

"Our No. 2 girls, typically, were just a little better than (Ross's) tonight."

The 200-free relay team of Brittany O'Connor, Sarah Berger, Morgan O'Connor and Courtney Abbott swam to a first place finish in 1:49.65 and also finished first in 4:05.29 in the 400 free relay.

"The girls didn't run away with (the meet), which is fine, but I think they could have," Moran said. "The girls swam better than they have all year."

Taking second and third place honors in the 200 IM were Meg Nalley (2:36.72)

and Sam Glaspy (2:36.84), respectively, which Moran said were lifetime bests for them.

Moran also complimented Noelle Stroempf's second place finish in the 100 back.

"Today she swam a 1:10, and she went 1:13 yesterday," Moran said.

The Little Giants return to action Jan. 8 at the Timken Relays in Canton.

"We usually swim well there," said Moran. "It's the state facility and that's the goal for our kids. They want to go down there and try to do their best at the state pool and get some experience there."

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High School Girls

Findlay 50, Ross 44

Ross Results

200 Medley Relay

2 - Britt O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott 2:03.03.
4 - Anna Obregon, Abby Cominsky, Amber Barnes, Erika Parker 2:24.45.

200 Freestyle

2 - Sarah Berger 2:16.25, 3 - Beth Hoelzle 2:21.90.

200 IM

2 - Meg Nalley 2:36.72, 3 - Sam Glaspy 2:36.84.

50 Freestyle

2 - Courtney Abbott 26.71, 4 - Sarah Berger 28.63, 5 - Erika Parker 30.37, 6 - Ana Barros 36.05.

100 Butterfly

2 - Morgan O'Connor 1:06.28, 4 - Jenny Fate 1:19.61.

100 Freestyle

1 - Britt O'Connor 58.96, 4 - Kristen Vandyne 1:03.56, 5 - Abby Cominsky 1:10.36, 6 - Kaylie Crispen 1:11.97.

500 Freestyle

3 - Meg Nalley 6:06.77, 4 - Beth Hoelzle 6:22.57.

200 Freestyle Relay

1 - Britt O'Connor, Morgan O'Connor, Sarah Berger, Courtney Abbott 1:49.65, 4 - Anna Obregon, Wendy Farrell, Ana Barros, Kaylie Crispen 2:07.04.

100 Backstroke

2 - Noelle Stroempl 1:10.21, 4 - Kristen Vandyne 1:15.51, 5 - Amber Barnes 1:18.73, 6 - Anna Obregon 1:20.39.

100 Breaststroke

2 - Wendy Farrell 1:19.57, 3 - Sam Glaspy 1:20.72.

400 Freestyle Relay

1 - Britt O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, Morgan O'Connor, Sarah Berger 4:05.29, 2 - Beth Hoelzle, Noelle Stroempl, Jenny Fate, Meg Nalley 4:21.19.

High School Boys

Ross 65, Findlay 25

Ross Results

200 Medley Relay

1 - Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, Josh Fate, Adam Bundschuh 1:46.88, 3 - Robbie Straight, Seth Geib, Brandon Spicer, Eric Horn 2:10.39.

200 Freestyle

1 - JJ Glaspy 2:04.93, 4 - Noah Grayson 2:24.67.

200 IM

1 - Seth Geib 2:32.34

50 Freestyle

2 - Adam Bundschuh 24.69, 3 - Paul Nalley 26.98.

100 Butterfly

1 - Josh Fate 56.39, 2 - Brandon Spicer 1:19.48.

100 Freestyle

1 - Buck Young 53.53, 3 - Eric Horn 1:03.13.

500 Freestyle

1 - JJ Glaspy 5:43.72, 2 - Elliot Hogan 6:07.64.

200 Freestyle Relay

1 - Josh Fate, Dan Schrickel, Adam Bundschuh, Buck Young 1:36.02
3 - Brett Tooman, Noah Grayson, Mark Thomson, Paul Nalley 1:56.40.

100 Backstroke

2 - Brandon Spicer 1:11.77, 3 - Robbie Straight 1:20.15.

100 Breaststroke

2 - Dan Schrickel 1:06.58, 3 - Elliot Hogan 1:13.57.

400 Freestyle Relay

1 - Josh Fate, Buck Young, Adam Bundschuh, Dan Schrickel 3:39.27, 2 - JJ Glaspy, Seth Geib, Mark Thomson, Paul Nalley 4:29.77.

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Aqua Giants win Timken Relays

Boys finish first, girls take third

News-Messenger reports

CANTON — The Fremont Ross swim teams had a big day Saturday, combining to win the 14th Annual Timken Trojan Relays at Canton's C.T. Branin Natatorium.

"We worked harder than any other year, and the kids have really responded well," said Ross coach Phil Moran. "I think a lot of it is due to their good eating habits and the fact that we have stayed really healthy as a group."

The Aqua Giants boys and girls combined for 440 points, easily out-distancing second place Orange (404) and third place Ashland (358). Moran said the majority of his swimmers swam personal or seasons bests at the relays.

The boys finished first overall with 247 points, with three first place finishes.

Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, Josh Fate and Adam Bunschuh combined to win the 200 medley relay and 200 free relay, and Schrickel, Elliott Hogan, Seth Geib and Noah Grayson combined to win the 200 breast relay.

Taking home second place finishes were the 400 free relay team of Young, Bunschuh, Schrickel and Fate and the 200 fly relay team of Fate, Bunschuh, Young and J.J. Glaspy. Paul Nalley, Brandon Spicer, Rob Straight and Grayson teamed up to finish third in the

100 free relay.

Spicer, Straight, Glaspy and Brent Tooman teamed up to take fourth in the 200 back relay, Glaspy, Hogan, Tooman and Nalley finished fourth in the 800 free relay and Neamit Patel and Joe Rapp took fourth in the diving competition. Glaspy, Hogan, Geib and Spicer finished fifth in the 400 individual medley relay.

The Ross girls finished third overall with 266 points, with four second place finishes.

Jenny Straight and Alyssa Zimmerman were second in the diving, Brittany and Morgan O'Connor, Sarah Berger and Courtney Abbott were second in the 200 free relay, the O'Connors, Abbott and Meg Nalley were second in the 200 fly relay and Noelle Stroemple, Jenny Fate, Abby Cominsky and Beth Hoelzle were second in the 100 free relay.

The O'Connors, Abbott and Berger were third in the 400 free relay, and the O'Connors, Abbott and Wendy Farrell were third in the 200 medley relay.

Berger, Kristen VanDyne, Sam Glaspy and Meg Nalley were fifth in the 800 free relay, Stroemple, Hoelzle, Fate and VanDyne were fifth in the 200 back relay and Glaspy, Berger, Cominsky and Farrell were fifth in the 200 breast relay.

Ross swims at Sandusky on Tuesday.

Boys

Finished first overall with 247 points

Diving

4 - Neamit Patel, Joe Rapp 206 points

200 Medley Relay

1 - Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, Josh Fate, Adam Bundschuh, 1:45.76.

800 Free Relay

4 - JJ Glaspy, Elliot Hogan, Brent Tooman, Paul Nalley, 8:46.56.

200 Free Relay

1 - Dan Schrickel, Buck Young, Adam Bundschuh, Josh Fate, 1:34.47.

400 Ind. Medley Relay

5 - JJ Glaspy, Elliot Hogan, Seth Geib, Brandon Spicer, 4:25.38.

200 Fly Relay

2 - Josh Fate, Adam Bundschuh, Buck Young, JJ Glaspy, 1:47.70.

200 Back Relay

4 - Brent Tooman, Brandon Spicer, Rob Straight, JJ Glaspy, 2:05.25.

200 Breast Relay

1 - Elliott Hogan, Seth Geib, Noah Grayson, Dan Schrickel, 2:07.26.

100 Free Relay

3 - Paul Nalley, Brandon Spicer, Rob Straight, Noah Grayson, 49.03.

400 Free Relay

2 - Buck Young, Adam Bundschuh, Dan Schrickel, Josh Fate, 3:31.12.

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High School

Timken Trojan Relays

1-Ross 464, 2-Orange 415, 3-Ashland 174, 4-Lexington 348, 5-Findlay 330, 6-Perry 290, 7-Louisville 266, 8-Central 224, 9-Walsh Jesuit 189, 10-Beachwood 88, 11-Normandy 86, 12-Dover 86, 13-St. Thomas 82, 14-Tallmadge 66, 15-Aurora 50, 16-Independence 34, 17-Coshocton 30, 18-River View 24, 19-Springfield 18, 20-Timken 2

Ross results

Girls

Finished third overall with 217 points

Diving

2 - Jenny Straight, Alyssa Zimmerman 266 points.

200 Medley Relay

3 - Brittany O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, 2:01.12.

800 Free Relay

5 - Sarah Berger, Kristen VanDyne, Sam Glaspy, Meg Nalley, 9:15.11.

200 Free Relay

2 - Brittany O'Connor, Sarah Berger, Courtney Abbott, Morgan O'Connor, 1:46.03.

400 Ind. Medley Relay

6 - Noelle Stroemple, Sam Glaspy, Wendy Farrell, Meg Nalley, 4:49.19.

200 Fly Relay

2 - Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, Meg Nalley, Brittany O'Connor, 2:01.63.

200 Back Relay

5 - Noelle Stroemple, Beth Hoelzle, Jenny Fate, Kristen VanDyne, 2:11.52.

200 Breast Relay

5 - Sam Glaspy, Sarah Berger, Abby Cominsky, Wendy Farrell, 2:28.40.

100 Free Relay

2 - Noelle Stroemple, Jenny Fate, Abby Cominsky, Beth Hoelzle, 52.49.

400 Free Relay

3 - Brittany O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, Morgan O'Connor, Sarah Berger, 3:57.86.

Little Giants set for meets at Sandusky, Napoleon

By SCOTT TAPPA
Sports editor

Things have been going pretty well for the Fremont Ross swim teams lately.

The Little Giants overcame a 16-day layoff to take first place at Canton's Timken Relays on Saturday, the best finish the team has ever had,

Ross coach Phil Moran said.

"We finished second in '97 with the boys, a combined runner-up, but all-in-all, these were our top finishes," he said. "We used to get 12ths, 10ths, eighths for our worst finishes, but Saturday, our worst finish with the guys was fifth, and the girls' worst

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finish was sixth."

The success is surprising, considering the heavy training the teams have been putting in lately, Moran said.

"The kids swam amazingly well," he said. "The times we swam were not necessarily

our fastest, on a whole, but we had extremely fast times for the 200 medley, 200 free and 400 free relays for the boys. They're the fastest we've been all season, and that's not supposed to be the case.

"We're still up there yardage-wise, but we don't

have a lot of time (until the postseason), so we'll start bringing them down pretty quick."

The quartet of Dan Schrickel, Buck Young, Adam Bundschuh and Josh Fate teamed up for quick times in

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Ross swimmers strong after break

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the aforementioned events, winning the 200 medley relay in 1:45.76, the 200 free relay in 1:34.47 and taking second in the 400 free relay in 3:31.12.

Today, the Little Giants swim at Sandusky in a double-dual with the Blue Streaks and recently-added St. Mary.

"Sandusky is rebuilding, they're a little young," Moran said. "We're going to try to swim some kids around, make it a good meet. Basi-

cally, we'll swim through like we do for most dual meets."

But Moran and his swimmers have their sights set on a bigger meet: this weekend's Napoleon Invitational, the meet that determines the mythical Great Lakes League champion.

The GLL does not officially recognize league swim champions, but the Napoleon meet, hosted by the former GLL member Wildcats, is the closest thing to a league championship meet.

"The Findlay girls and

Napoleon girls are going to have a real battle, that should be fun to watch," Moran said. "We'll be competitive, but we're real young.

"On the guys side, we've never won this thing. I think we can be in the meet, it depends on how our younger boys step up. I think we can give Napoleon a run. The rest of the GLL is really down depth-wise, they just can't compete, they don't have the numbers. Findlay's got some great boys, but they just don't have the numbers."

Ross swimmers sweep double dual

News-Messenger reports

SANDUSKY — The Fremont Ross swim teams had a productive day Tuesday, sweeping a double-dual with Sandusky and Sandusky St. Mary.

The Ross boys beat St. Mary 77-14 and Sandusky 70-24, while the girls beat St. Mary 66-28 and Sandusky 55-39.

Highlighting the girls' efforts was the girls 200 freestyle relay team of Brittany O'Connor, Noelle Stroemple, Courtney Abbott and Sarah Berger, which set a pool record with a time of 1:49.77. The old record was 1:51.23.

The Little Giants picked up seven other first place finishes. Individually, Morgan O'Connor won the 200 free in 2:09.24 and the 50 free in 27.22, Brittany O'Connor won the 200 individual medley in 2:27.34, Courtney Abbott won the 100 free in 59.91 and Meg Nalley won the 500 free in 6:02.55.

Also, the team of Berger, Nalley, Abbott and Morgan O'Connor won the 400 free relay in 4:06.38, and the O'Connors, Abbott and Sam Glaspy won the 200 medley relay in 2:17.56.

Kristen VanDyne (100 back) and Wendy Farrell (100 breast) took second place finishes.

The Ross boys swept all 11 events in their competition.

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Josh Fate won the 200 free in 1:58.77 and the 100 fly in 59.77, Buck Young won the 200 individual medley in 2:15.99 and the 100 back in 1:02.33, Rob Straight won the 50 free in 27.20, Dan Schrickel won the 100 free in 53.82, J.J. Glaspy won the 500 free in 5:35.27 and Elliot Hogan won the 100 breast in 1:10.59.

The team of Fate, Hogan, Glaspy and Schrickel won the 200 medley relay in 1:50.63, Schrickel, Young, Hogan and Adam Bundsuh won the 200 free relay in 1:38.88 and Fate, Glaspy, Bundsuh and Young won the 400 free relay in 4:53.53.

Seth Geib took second place in the 200 individual medley and 100 breast, Brent Thomas took second in the 100 back, Paul Nalley was second in the 500 free and Bundsuh was second in the 100 fly. The Little Giants also took second in the three relays, Brent Tooman, Nalley, Kyle Myers and Mark Thomson in the 400 free, Thomson, Straight, Brandon Spicer and Noah Grayson in the 200 free and Tooman, Geib, Spicer and Nalley in the 200 medley.

Ross competes Saturday at the Napoleon Invitational.

High School Girls

Ross 66, St. Mary 28;

Ross 55, Sandusky

Ross results

200 Medley Relay

1 - Brittany O'Connor, Sam Glaspy, Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, 2:09.96; 3 - Anna Obregon, Abby Cominsky, Kristen VanDyne, Noelle Stroemple, 2:17.56.

200 Free

1 - Morgan O'Connor, 2:09.24; 3 - Jenny Fate, 2:25.59.

200 Ind. Medley

1 - Brittany O'Connor, 2:27.34; 3 - Sam Glaspy, 2:36.72.

50 Free

1 - Morgan O'Connor, 27.22; 3 - Abby Cominsky, 30.99.

100 Fly

3 - Beth Hoelzle, 1:19.66; 4 - Amber Barnes 1:26.19.

100 Free

1 - Courtney Abbott, 59.91; 3 - Sarah Berger, 1:01.67.

500 Free

1 - Meg Nalley, 6:02.55; 3 - Wendy Farrell, 6:23.58.

200 Free Relay

1 - Brittany O'Connor, Noelle Stroemple, Courtney Abbott, Sarah Berger, 1:49.77; 3 - Jenny Fate, Anna Obregon, Ana Baros, Tia Gilson, 2:06.49. (Broke the Pool Record in the 200 Free Relay time 1:49.77. — old time 1:51.23)

100 Back

2 - Kristen VanDyne, 1:15.16; 3 - Beth Hoelzle, 1:15.49.

100 Breast

2 - Wendy Farrell, 1:19.37; 3 - Sam Glaspy.

400 Free Relay

1 - Sarah Berger, Meg Nalley, Courtney Abbott, Morgan O'Connor, 4:06.38; 3 - Kristen VanDyne, Amber Barnes, Anna Obregon, Beth Hoelzle, 4:33.99.

Record: Ross 5-3

Oak Harbor 144, Fostoria 25

200 medley relay: 1-Oak Harbor (Lauren Grover, Amber Noggle, Kelly Van Horn, Janelle Montano) 2:00.95, 2-Fostoria 2:20.83.

High School Boys

Ross 77, St. Mary 14;

Ross 70, Sandusky 24

Ross results

200 Medley Relay

1 - Josh Fate, Elliot Hogan, JJ Glaspy, Dan Schrickel, 1:50.63; 2 - Brent Tooman, Seth Geib, Brandon Spicer, Paul Nalley, 2:05.38.

200 Free

1 - Josh Fate, 1:58.77; 3 - Noah Grayson, 2:19.38.

200 Ind. Medley

1 - Buck Young, 2:15.99; 2 - Seth Geib, 2:36.74.

50 Free

1 - Rob Straight, 27.20; 3 - Kyle Myers, 34.39.

100 Fly

1 - Josh Fate, 59.77; 2 - Adam Bundsuh, 1:10.13.

100 Free

1 - Dan Schrickel, 53.82; 3 - Mark Thomson, 1:26.23.

500 Free

1 - JJ Glaspy, 5:35.27; 2 - Paul Nalley, 6:28.44.

200 Free Relay

1 - Dan Schrickel, Buck Young, Elliot Hogan, Adam Bundsuh, 1:38.88; 2 - Noah Grayson, Brandon Spicer, Rob Straight, Mark Thomson, 1:56.99.

100 Back

1 - Buck Young, 1:02.33; 2 - Brent Thomas, 1:11.06.

100 Breast

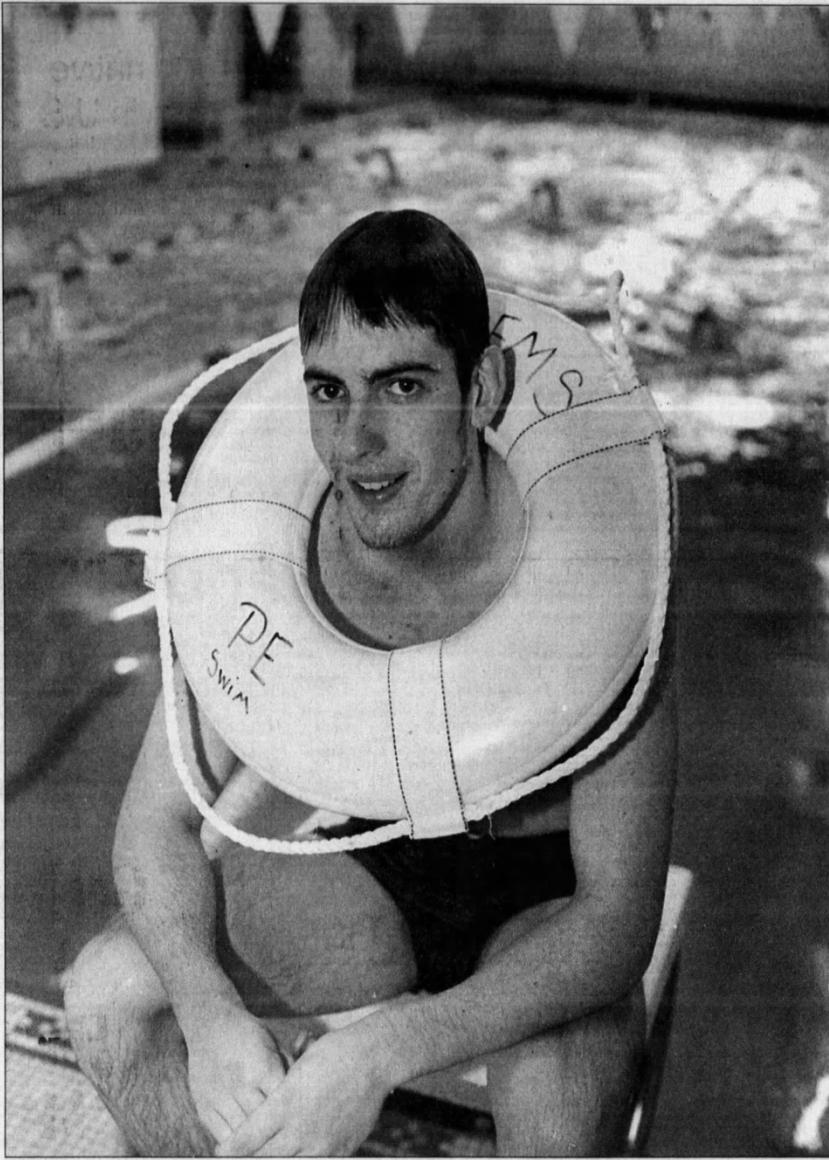
1 - Elliot Hogan, 1:10.59; 2 - Seth Geib, 1:13.37.

400 Free Relay

1 - Josh Fate, JJ Glaspy, Adam Bundsuh, Buck Young, 3:44.74; 2 - Brent Tooman, Paul Nalley, Kyle Myers, Mark Thomson, 4:53.53.

Record: Ross 6-2

Swimming was his Fate



News-Messenger/Liz Margerum

JOSH FATE holds two school records for the Fremont Ross swim team.

Senior stands out for Ross boys

By SCOTT TAPPA
Sports editor

The coach saw it right away.

Art Bucci, now the athletic director at Fremont Ross, was the school's swimming coach for much of the 1980s, and also taught swimming lessons on the side at the Fremont Yacht Club.

One day, Donna Fate,

who was a swimmer on Bucci's boys teams in the 1970s, brought her oldest child, Josh, to the club for lessons.

"He was a good one," says Bucci.

"He's a natural in the water; he was not afraid. He loved the water, and he caught on very quickly."

It was a natural match.

"It was always a lot of fun," says Fate. The News-Messenger Athlete of the Week.

Fremont swim fans and coaches have had a lot of fun watching Fate ever since.

The Ross senior marked yet another high

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Athlete of week

Josh Fate profile

School: Ross
Grade: Senior
Sports: Swimming
Family: Parents Dave and Donna Fate; Sisters Jenny, 14, and Jacque, 9
Hobbies: Watching TV, hanging out with friends
Favorite TV show: The Simpsons
Favorite move: Dazed and Confused

Fate, relay team going strong for Ross

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point in his already successful season Saturday in Napoleon, setting three meet records at the Wildcat Classic.

Fate set individual meet records in the 100 fly (56.89) and 200 IM (2:07.6), and teamed up with Adam Bunschuh, Dan Schrickel and Buck Young to set a record in the 200 medley relay (1:46.71).

Yet while Fate and swimming have long seemed a perfect match, his ascension into the ranks of the region's elite swimmers was not a forgone conclusion, Ross swim coach Phil Moran says. Moran says he met Fate when the latter was as a junior high swimmer, and the seventh grader was far from a finished product.

"He really wasn't that good a swimmer," Moran said. "He really wasn't that strong on most of the strokes. He was an OK swimmer. I don't think he really trained a whole lot."

"He was small, his nickname was 'Sticks.' It really doesn't apply as much now, but we still call him that."

As a youngster, Fate was sort of a swimming anomaly: his weakest stroke was the freestyle, Moran says.

"That usually tends to be their strong stroke, because

it's the easiest one," Moran says. "He'd do real well, but then lose on the freestyle leg."

But Fate has turned that weakness into a strength. While his best strokes are probably the butterfly and backstroke, his freestyle has improved to the point where he is dangerous in the IM.

"He's just progressed," Moran says. "He was used to being in the first heat in the outside lanes at these meets; now he finds himself in the final heat. It's nice to see a kid progress that much."

"He showed a lot of desire, asked questions, listened well. Give me a kid like that, they're going to improve, and in the end, that's the deciding factor. A coach can only do so much, the kid has to take that step."

A big step for Fate came when he was a sophomore in the 1997-98 season. That year, he broke a decade-old school record in the 100 backstroke, swimming a 55.8.

But that isn't the only school record Fate has his name on. Fate teamed with Pryde Yost, Brett Spicer and Dan Schrickel to set a school record of 1:29.27 in the 200 free relay.

The team picked the perfect event to swim the record-setting time: last year's state championships in Canton. Though the team missed qual-

ifying for the finals by .04 seconds, the trip was a valuable learning experience.

"We went Thursday, and it was really exciting," Fate says. "Everything's real competitive, everybody's doing all their traditional stuff, going to eat at the same places, everything has to be perfect."

For Fate and the gang, which included Young as an alternate, that meant meals at the Olive Garden and T.G.I. Fridays.

"We went the same places Molly O'Connor had gone when she had gone down," Fate says.

The current 200 IM team has a solid shot at returning to Canton. With Young on backstroke, Schrickel on breaststroke, Fate on butterfly and Bunschuh on freestyle, the team has the potential.

Moran says the foursome's chemistry has been outstanding.

"They spend so much time together in school and summertime," he says. "You better hope you like each other, because you're around each other so much and do a lot of stuff together."

The same could be said for the entire Ross team, not just the relay units. Fate and Young serve as co-captains for the boys team, forcing them

into leadership roles.

"We just try to keep everybody's mind where it needs to be, make them concentrate on swimming and on what they need to be doing," Fate says. "We're getting better. The younger kids didn't know what was going on at first, but they're realizing we need everybody to win."

The result has been some of the best overall team cohesiveness Moran has seen in his 13 years in the program.

"This is probably the best chemistry we've ever had between the boys and girls teams," Moran says. "We really haven't had any in-fighting. Josh and Buck are doing really well as captains. Josh isn't necessarily as vocal, but a lot of it is leading by example. Our captains don't have too many responsibilities, but we expect them to lead by example."

That applies to the classroom as well. Moran says Fate is a 3.0 student, and was a solid performer in the coach's ninth grade history class.

After high school, Fate hopes to swim collegiately, and says he has talked with Findlay and Eastern Michigan about possibilities there. He plans on studying somewhere in the fields of engineering or graphic design.

Swimming

High School

Ross IntraSquad Meet

White 142, Purple 136

Girls

200 Medley Relay
1W - Noelle Stroempi, Sam Glaspy, Meg Nalley, Tia Gilson, 2:06.98 (Personal Best); 2P - Anna Obregon, Wendy Farrell, Jenny Fate, Erika Parker, 2:11.65.

200 Free

1P - Morgan O'Connor, 2:08.09 (Pool Record, Personal Best); 2P - Sarah Berger, 2:12.04 (Personal Best).

200 IM

1P - Brittany O'Connor, 2:28.54 (Pool Record); 2W - Noelle Stroempi, 2:36.13 (Personal Best); 3W - Sam Glaspy, 2:36.50 (Personal Best); 4P - Kaylie Crispen, 2:56.33 (Personal Best).

50 Free

1P - Courtney Abbott, 26.83; 2W - Kristen VanDyne, 28.12 (Personal Best); 3W - Tia Gilson, 26.69; 4P - Erika Parker, 30.78.

100 Fly

1P - Morgan O'Connor, 1:07.33; 2W - Kristen VanDyne, 1:13.54 (Personal Best); 3P - Jenny Fate, 1:16.44; 4W - Amber Barnes, 1:25.43.

100 Free

1P - Brittany O'Connor, 59.11; 2P - Courtney Abbott, 1:00.47; 3W - Beth Hoelzle, 1:02.46; 4W - Ana Barros, 1:17.49 (Personal Best).

500 Free

1W - Meg Nalley, 5:57.72 (Personal Best); 2P - Sarah Berger, 6:06 (Personal Best); 3P - Wendy Farrell, 6:21.38 (Personal Best); 4W - Amber Barnes, 6:59.72 (Personal Best).

200 Free Relay

1P - Courtney Abbott, Morgan O'Connor, Brittany O'Connor, Sarah Berger, 1:50.69; 2W - Noelle Stroempi, Beth Hoelzle, Sam Glaspy, Kristen VanDyne, 1:56.34; 3W - Tia Gilson, Meg Nalley, Ana Barros, Amber Barnes, 2:05.51; 4P - Erika Parker, Kaylie Crispen, Jenny Fate, Anna Obregon, 2:06.23.

100 Back

1W - Noelle Stroempi, 1:11.08; 2W - Beth Hoelzle, 1:15.66; 3P - Jenny Fate, 1:17.22 (Personal Best); 4P - Anna Obregon, 1:19.87.

100 Breast

1W - Sam Glaspy, 1:17.58 (Personal Best); 2P - Wendy Farrell, 1:19.49 (Personal Best); 3P - Kaylie Crispen, 1:26.21; 4W - Ana Barros, 1:39.99 (Personal Best).

400 Free Relay

1P - Sarah Berger, Morgan O'Connor, Brittany O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, 4:05.46; 2W - Kristen VanDyne, Meg Nalley, Beth Hoelzle, Tia Gilson, 4:18.23; 3P - Erika Parker, Anna Obregon, Kaylie Crispen, Wendy Farrell, 4:49.63.

Boys

200 Medley Relay

1W - Buck Young, Dan Schricket, Josh Fate, Adam Bundschuh, 1:45.10 (Pool Record, Personal Best); 2P - Brent Tooman, Elliot Hogan, JJ Glaspy, Rob Straight, 1:57.74; 3P - Eric Horn, Seth Geib, Paul Nalley, Kyle Myers, 2:16.37.

200 Free

1W - Buck Young, 2:00.65; 2P - Elliot Hogan, 2:09.26 (Personal Best); 3P - JJ Glaspy, 2:11.91; 4W - Noah Grayson, 2:21.56.

200 IM

1W - Josh Fate, 2:06.60; 2P - Seth Geib, 2:32.35; 3P - Rob Straight, 2:48.75 (Personal Best).

50 Free

1W - Dan Schricket, 24.26; 2W - Adam Bundschuh, 25.21; 3P - Eric Horn, 27.76; 4P - Kyle Myers, 33.25.

100 Fly

1W - Josh Fate, 56.14; 2W - Brandon Spicer, 1:17.66.

100 Free

1W - Adam Bundschuh, 57.07; 2P - Paul Nalley, 1:00.54 (Personal Best); 3P - Kyle Myers, 1:20.50.

500 Free

1P - JJ Glaspy, 5:46.21; 2P - Brent Tooman, 6:15.04.

200 Free Relay

1W - Buck Young, Dan Schricket, Adam Bundschuh, Josh Fate, 1:36.37; 2P - Eric Horn, Kyle Myers, Rob Straight, Paul Nalley, 1:55.84.

100 Back

1W - Buck Young, 1:02.54; 2W - Brandon Spicer, 1:10.40; 3P - Brent Tooman, 1:10.64; 4P - Eric Horn, 1:22.26 (Personal Best).

100 Breast

1W - Dan Schricket, 1:04.80; 2P - Elliot Hogan, 1:11.91; 3P - Seth Geib, 1:13.92; 4W - Noah Grayson, 1:22.07.

400 Free Relay

1P - Paul Nalley, Brent Tooman, Elliot Hogan, JJ Glaspy, 3:56.58.

Swimming

Ross sweeps tri-meet

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross boys and girls beat Tiffin Calvert and Norwalk St. Paul in a tri-meet on Wednesday.

The boys won with a score of 152, St. Paul had 61 and Calvert 57.

Ross got first place finishes from the 200 medley relay team of Brent Tooman, Elliot Hogan, Buck Young, and J.J. Glaspy (1:55.65), Dan Schrickel in the 200 IM (2:17.70), Josh Fate in the 50 free (:23.17), Young in the 100 fly (1:01.85), Tooman in the 500 free (6:08.97), Schrickel, Noah Grayson, Paul Nalley, and Adam Bundschuh in the 200 Free Relay (1:44.92), Young in the 100 back (:59.87), Hogan in the 100 Breast (1:09.32), and the 400 free relay team of Bundschuh, Glaspy, Schrickel, and Fate (3:48.52).

The Little Giants (8-2) got second place finishes from Brandon Spicer, Seth Geib, Bundschuh, and Nalley in the 200 medley relay (2:00.99), Grayson in the 200 free (2:20.28), Nalley in the 200 IM (2:39.33), Grayson in the 500 free (6:30.26), and Glaspy, Hogan, Eric Horn, and Rob Straight in the 200 free relay (1:45.50).

The girls (7-3) won with 125, with Calvert finishing second (106), and St. Paul third (76).

The girls got first place finishes from Meg Nalley in the 200 Free (2:15.55), Brittany O'Connor in the 200 IM (2:26.64), Morgan O'Connor in the 100 fly (1:07.20), Courtney Abbott in the 100 free (:59.20), Noelle Stroempl in the 100 back (1:12.03), Sarah Berger, the O'Connors, and Abbott in the 400 free relay (4:05.23). The Little Giants picked up second place finishes from Stroempl, Sam Glaspy, Nalley, and Beth Hoelzle in the 200 medley relay (2:09.21), Hoelzle in the 50 free (:28.64), Kristen Van Dyne in the 100 fly (1:12.37), Hoelzle in the 100 free (1:03.12), Jenny Fate in the 500 free (6:32.14), and Nalley, Van Dyne, Berger, and Glaspy in the 200 free relay (1:54.97).

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High School Boys

Ross 152, St. Paul 61, Calvert 57

Ross first place finishers

200 Medley Relay

Brent Tooman, Elliot Hogan, Buck Young, J.J. Glaspy, 1:55.65

200 IM

Dan Schrickel, 2:17.70

50 Free

Josh Fate, :23.17

100 Fly

Buck Young, 1:01.85

500 Free

Brent Tooman, 6:08.97

200 Free Relay

Dan Schrickel, Noah Grayson, Paul Nalley, Adam Bundschuh, 1:44.92

100 Back

Buck Young, :59.87

100 Breast

Elliot Hogan, 1:09.32

400 Free Relay

Adam Bundschuh, J.J. Glaspy, Dan Schrickel, Josh Fate, 3:48.52

Ross second place finishers

200 Medley Relay

Brandon Spicer, Seth Geib, Adam Bundschuh, Paul Nalley, 2:00.99

200 Free

Noah Grayson, 2:20.28

200 IM

Paul Nalley, 2:39.33

500 Free

Noah Grayson, 6:30.26

200 Free Relay

J.J. Glaspy, Elliot Hogan, Eric Horn, Rob Straight, 1:45.50.

Record: Ross 8-2

High School Girls

Ross 125, Calvert 106, St. Paul 76

Ross first place finishers

200 Free

Meg Nalley, 2:15.55

200 IM

Brittany O'Connor, 2:26.64

100 Fly

Morgan O'Connor, 1:07.20

100 Free

Courtney Abbott, :59.20

100 Back

Noelle Stroempl, 1:12.03

400 Free Relay

Sarah Berger, Brittany O'Connor, Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, 4:05.23

Ross second place finishers

200 Medley Relay

Noelle Stroempl, Sam Glaspy, Meg Nalley, Beth Hoelzle, 2:09.21

50 Free

Beth Hoelzle, :28.64

100 Fly

Kristen Van Dyne, 1:12.37

100 Free

Beth Hoelzle, 1:03.12

500 Free

Jenny Fate, 6:32.14

200 Free Relay

Meg Nalley, Kristen Van Dyne, Sarah Berger, Sam Glaspy, 1:54.97

Records: Ross 7-3

Ross boys repeat as PC Relays champion

News-Messenger reports

PORT CLINTON — The Fremont Ross boys swimming team successful defended its Port Clinton Relays title, posting 74 points to easily out-distance second place Margaretta on Saturday.

The Little Giants won three races. The 200 fly relay team of Josh Fate, Dan Schrickel, J.J. Glaspy and Seth Geib won in 1:53.69; the 200 medley relay team of Buck Young, Schrickel, Fate and Adam Bundschuh won in 1:44.94 and the 300 medley relay team of Elliot Hogan, Brandon Spicer and Buck Young won in 3:17.43.

Brandon Spicer, Noah Grayson, Eric Horn and Rob Straight took second in the 200 back relay in 2:08.38 and Mark Thompson, Kyle Myers, Noah Grayson and Glaspy took second in the 850 free relay in 9:33.39.

The Ross girls took second with 60 points, just short of champion Oak Harbor's 62

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points. For Ross, Noelle Stroempl, Beth Hoelzle, Jenny Fate and Kristen VanDyne won the 200 back relay in 2:09.74; Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, Sarah Berger and Brittany O'Connor won the 400 free relay in 3:57.10; the O'Connors, Abbott and Berger were second in the 850 free relay in 9:21.10 and Meg Nalley, Sam Glaspy and Wendy Farrell took second in the 200 back relay in 3:37.84.

Oak Harbor's girls 300 medley relay team of Amber Noggle, Janelle Montano and Kelly Van Horn won in 3 minutes, 23.45 seconds. The 200 free relay team of Noggle, Jackie Baumgartner, Montano and Van Horn won in 1:59.0.

The Oak Harbor boys took 10th place.

The sectional tournament is Saturday at Oak Harbor High School.

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High School Girls

Port Clinton Relays

Team results

1-Oak Harbor 62, 2-Ross 60, 3-Perkins 54, 4-Margaretta 36, 4-Colonel Crawford 36, 6-Mansfield Senior 30, 7-Port Clinton 22, 7-Sandusky 22, 9-Huron 14, 10-Ontario 10, 11-Tiffin Calvert 4, 12-Fostoria 2.

Ross results

850 Free Relay

2 - Courtney Abbott, Morgan O'Connor, Brittany O'Connor, Sarah Berger, 9:21.10.

200 Back Relay

1 - Noelle Stroempl, Beth Hoelzle, Jenny Fate, Kristen VanDyne, 2:09.74.

1 Mtr. Diving

4 - Rachael Rusch, 238.85.

300 Medley Relay

2 - Meg Nalley, Sam Glaspy, Wendy Farrell, 3:37.84.

400 Free Relay

1 - Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, Sarah Berger, Brittany O'Connor, 3:57.10.

200 Medley Relay

4 - Noelle Stroempl, Kaylie Crispen, Meg Nalley, Tia Gilson, 2:09.52.

High School Boys

Port Clinton Relays

Team standings

1-Ross 74, 2-Margaretta 44, 3-Colonel Crawford 40, 3-Huron 40, 5-Perkins 36, 6-Mansfield Senior 32, 7-Sandusky 30, 8-Ontario 20, 9-Port Clinton 14, 10-Oak Harbor 10, 11-Tiffin Calvert 2.

Ross results

850 Free Relay

2 - Mark Thompson, Kyle Myers, Noah Grayson, JJ Glaspy, 9:33.39.

200 Fly Relay

1 - Josh Fate, Dan Schrickel, JJ Glaspy, Seth Geib, 1:53.69.

200 Back Relay

2 - Brandon Spicer, Noah Grayson, Eric Horn, Rob Straight, 2:08.38.

1 Mtr. Diving

6 - Neamit Patel, 188.40.

300 Medley Relay

1 - Elliot Hogan, Brandon Spicer, Buck Young, 3:17.43.

400 Free Relay

5 - Adam Bundsuh, Brent Tooman, Paul Nalley, Elliot Hogan, 3:53.66.

200 Medley Relay

1 - Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, Josh Fate, Adam Bundsuh, 1:44.94.

200 Free Relay

4 - Seth Geib, Brent Tooman, Eric Horn, Paul Nalley, 2:06.76.

