

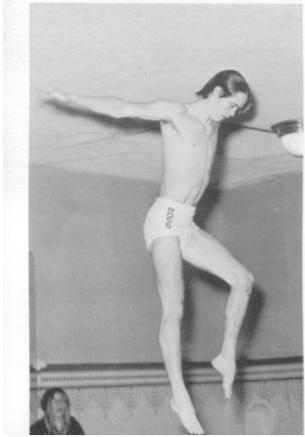
1972 Season review...

Most Valuable Players

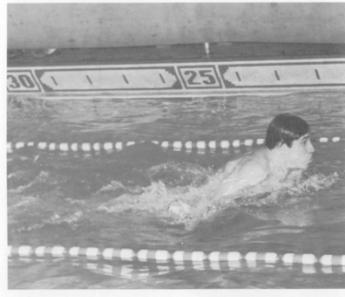
Christensen, Willer Capture High Honors



The Ross tankers wrapped up the season with eight wins and five losses. Toby Peck, Andy Christensen, Steve Willer, and Frank Mattson were co-captains for the winning season. The team placed third in the District and fifth in the State. Diver Sandusky Diver Andy Christensen was the only state qualifier. He placed second at District and fifth at State. Though many seniors did not come out for this season, Coach Zwerlein said it was a good season due to many promising sophomores. Steve Willer received the All Events Award with Toby Peck placing second. Andy Christensen and Steve Willer were awarded Most Valuable Swimmer.



ROW ONE: Andy Christensen — Capt., Steve Willer
Capt., Toby Peck — Capt., Frank Mattson
Capt., ROW TWO: Bob Irwin, Mark Zeller,
John Cramer, Rick Keyes, Phil Havens, Steve Ziles,
Dave Jones, Gary Perkins, Scott McCord; ROW
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Ross High Tankers
Chalk Up 8-5 Record



BELOW: Scott McCord swimming in the free-style event.
BELOW LEFT: Spectators cheer the tankers on to victory.
BELOW FAR LEFT: John Cramer diving off to begin his part in the relay race.
FAR LEFT: The team members.
Ron Serwin does a reverse layout dive in perfect form.
CENTER: The team jubilantly cheers after beating Lima High School. LEFT: Toby Peck moving down the pool in the butterfly event.

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White Defeats Purple

The White team defeated the Purple, 56-38, in the annual Fremont Ross inter-squad swimming meet conducted at the junior high school pool last night.

Ross head coach Ron Zwierlein cited breaststroker Dave Billman, freestylers Tom White, Toby Peck and Andy Christensen,

butterfly specialist Steve Willer and backstroker Tom Hakes for their outstanding performances.

Christensen also participated in the diving and Hakes was entered in the 200 yard individual medley.

Ross opens its season at Toledo St. Francis Tuesday at 4 p.m. The Little Giants win at Colonel Crawford Thursday at 4:15 p.m. before making their first home appearance December 13 with Port Clinton.

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At Colonel Crawford

Ross High Swimmers Begin '71 Campaign

"I can't say enough about the attitude. These fellows have been working extremely hard and are anxious to get the season started."

Those are the comments of Fremont Ross swim coach Ron Zwierlein, who will lead the Little Giants against Colonel Crawford tomorrow in their opening meet of the season. The meet at Colonel Crawford is scheduled to start at 4:15 p.m.

The Little Giants, who have been hampered in practice sessions by the flu bug and also colds, went against Toledo St. Francis in a time trial meet yesterday and Zwierlein was fairly pleased with the results.

"St. Francis was the number two team in the state last year and they have a lot of outstanding individual returning," Zwierlein said, "but our fellows turned in some decent times. Overall, the times were above average for this time of the season."

The Little Giants will use a lineup that will be sprinkled with untested seniors and sophomores along with a number of veterans.

One of the strongest events on paper for the Purple and White appears to be the 200 yard medley relay where three lettermen — Dave Billman, Steve Willer and Andy Christensen — will be joined by Kim Michaels.

Michaels is a senior, who's making his first appearance with the tankers.

"I don't know why did didn't come out before, but he sure could have been a big help," Zwierlein said. Michaels, like other members of the relay team, will compete in at least one other event.

Michaels is also slated to work in the 100 backstroke with another senior, Tom Hakes. Hakes swam for Ross last winter but did not have enough points to earn a letter.

Billman is also slated to swim in the breaststroke with Darrel Mann. Willer will double in the butterfly while Christensen is also scheduled to work in the 400 freestyle relay and diving competition.

Christensen is expected to be one of the state's top divers. He finished 13th in the state competition last year and made a strong showing in various AAU meets throughout the state this summer.

"We're expecting big things from Andy," Zwierlein said. "He made a tremendous amount of improvement over the summer. In fact, he was beating some of the fellows who had finished higher than he did in the state meet."

The Little Giants will probably employ Kent Collins and Tom

White in the 200 freestyle with Kevin Brawley and Hakes in the 200 individual medley.

"Brawley has been sidelined after having minor surgery and we still aren't sure of his status for the Colonel Crawford meet," Zwierlein said. "But we expect him to be a big help throughout the season."

Sophomore John Cramer and Frank Mattson will form the Little Giant entry in the 50 freestyle. Bob Serwin will join Christensen in the division competition.

Willer's partner in the butterfly will be Toby Peck.

A pair of sophomores, Cramer and Mark Schiefer, will be the 100 freestyle competitors. Scheduled for duty in the 400 freestyle are White and Collins.

Zwierlein will employ Cramer, Dave Jones, Schiefer and Christensen in the final event, the 400 freestyle relay.

"We'll be strong in different areas," Zwierlein says. "I expect to pick up a lot of events in the butterfly, diving and breaststroke. The medley relay should also be strong. We do lack depth, however."

The Little Giants received a severe setback early in the season when one of last winter's top freestylers, who only missed the school record by two seconds, failed to come out for the squad.

"When that boy decided not to come out, it took away our depth in the 200 and 400 freestyles," Zwierlein said. "Those are the events where a coach likes to have some experienced swimmers."

The second-year head coach expects the character of the Ross campaign to be determined in the meets prior to the Christmas holidays.

"If we can get a couple of victories under our belts it will be a big help," Zwierlein says. "These young fellows need a couple of wins to gain their confidence."

Zwierlein and his assistant, Jack Kramer, have been working with a 23 man squad. Mattson, Willer, Peck and Christensen will serve as the Little Giant co-captains.

The schedule:

December 9—at Colonel Crawford, 4:15 p.m.; 13—PORT CLINTON, 4 p.m.; 18—LIMA, 2 p.m.

January 7—NAPOLEON, 4 p.m.; 15—LAKEWOOD ST. EDWARD'S, 2 p.m.; 18—at Sandusky, 6:30 p.m.; 21—at Findlay, 4:30 p.m. 29—FINDLAY, 2 p.m.

February 2—at Mansfield, 4:15 p.m.; 12—Buckeye Conference at Sandusky; 15—SANDUSKY, 6:30 p.m.

Ross Swimmers Drop Opener

NORTH ROBINSON — Colonel Crawford swept the first two places in four events powering the Eagles to a 59-36 swimming victory over Ross yesterday.

It was the opening meet of the season for the Little Giants. Ross begins its home campaign against Port Clinton Monday at 4 p.m.

Colonel Crawford received one-two finishes in the 200 and 400 freestyle, the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke. The Eagles also blanked Ross in the day's final event — the 400 freestyle relay.

Ross had three individual first places and also took the opening event, the 200 medley relay. Posting individual firsts were diver Andy Christensen, Steve

Willer (100 freestyle) and Dave Billman (100 breaststroke).

The relay team was formed by Kim Michaels, Billman, Toby Peck and Andy Christensen.

Christensen acquired 214.85 points in the diving competition, which established a new pool record at Colonel Crawford.

Willer posted a neat :55.8 in the 100 freestyle while Billman was timed in 1:12.6 for the backstroke. The winning Ross relay squad had a 1:58.1.

"The fellows who took first places for us turned in some good times for the first meet," Little Giant head coach Ron Zwierlein said. "Christensen had a real good performance when you consider that he was just recovering from the flu."

In the 200 and 400 freestyle events where Colonel Crawford built up a 16-2 scoring advantage, Ross was missing sophomore Kent Collins, who is recovering from a flu attack.

"I hope to have him back for the Port Clinton meet, but even then it will be pretty rough for him," Zwierlein said. "Usually these flu attacks break down the endurance of an individual."

The loss of Collins just compounded a depth problem for the Little Giants.

"Five fellows who swam with us last season are not out and it hurt us," Zwierlein said. "We just lacked the personnel to compete."

"Colonel Crawford had a fine team and some of their times were pretty good for a small school. They've had an AAU

summer program for six years and also have a new pool. All of these things have helped them build a fine program. Most of their squad was composed of seniors."

200 MEDLEY RELAY — 1. Ross (Michaels, Billman, Peck and Christensen), 1:58.1.

200 FREESTYLE — 1. Lea (CC); 2. Dill (CC); 3. White (R); 2:10.6.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — 1. R. Heckert (CC); 2. B. Heckert (CC); 3. Hakes (R); 2:19.8.

50 FREESTYLE — 1. ONWELLER (CC); 2. Willer (R); 3. B. Heckert (CC); 2:46.

DIVING — 1. Christensen (R); 2. Serwin (R); 3. Rosenberry (CC); 214.85.

100 BUTTERFLY — 1. Onweller (CC); 2. Peck (R); 3. B. Heckert (CC); 1:01.

100 FREESTYLE — 1. Willer (R); 2. R.

Heckert (CC); 3. Brooks (CC); :55.8.

400 FREESTYLE — 1. Lea (CC); 2. Lowmiller (CC); 3. Adams (R); 4:41.1.

100 BACKSTROKE — 1. Dill (CC); 2. R. Schroeder (CC); 3. Hakes (R); 1:05.6.

100 BREASTSTROKE — 1. Billman (R);

2. Murphy (CC); 3. Mann (R); 1:12.6.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. Colonel

Crawford (Leonhardt, Hodges, Brook and Lowmiller), 4:08.

Sports Menu

First Place In Final Relay Gives Ross Narrow Swim Win

A convincing victory in the meet's final event—the 400 yard freestyle relay—pushed Fremont Ross past Lima Senior, 51-44, at the junior high school pool Saturday.

Dave Jones, John Cramer, Tom White and Steve Willer swam in the final event for the Little Giants, who now have back-to-back victories after losing their opening meet. They combined for a 3:53 showing while the Lima quartet could muster only a 4:02.

The final event began with the score deadlocked at 44. It was the

third time during the afternoon the meet was tied. The score was also knotted at 17 following the 50 freestyle and 35 after the 400 freestyle.

"It was an excellent meet," Ross head coach Ron Zwierlein said. "We knew it was going to be close and I kept Tom White and Steve Willer out of an event earlier to save them for the relay.

"I thought the meet might go down to the relay and I wanted to have the best people available. It was actually a guessing game between the Lima coach and myself. We were trying to get our

people where we thought they could do the most good while they were avoiding Lima's strengths."

Lima had six individual victories but Ross won both relay events.

"The 200 medley was real important—it got us going," Zwierlein said. "I thought our fellows swam a fantastic time (1:55) for this early in the year."

The winning foursome in the medley was composed of Kim Michaels, Dave Billman, Andy Christensen and Cramer.

Ross failed to get a win in the next three events—200 freestyle, 200 individual medley and 50 freestyle—but the Little Giants did score in each event.

"Those three races were tremendous," Zwierlein said. "In each race the Lima man just touched out our fellow for first place." Toby Peck (2:06.4) finished behind Chris Barr (2:05.9) in the 200 free. Five tenths of a second separated Lima's Mark Basinger (2:35.9) and Tom White (2:36.4) in the 200 individual medley while Willer missed a win in the 50 free by three tenths of a second. The winner, Craig Hill, was clocked in 25.0 compared to Willer's 25.3.

Ross, which trailed only once (43-36), took a 25-18 lead after the diving competition where Andy Christensen and Rob Serwin finished first and second.

The Golden Bear had seven more field goals than Northwood,

Christensen, who's unbeaten this year, came through with a 205.70 performance.

The Little Giants had only one place winner in the butterfly, but that was Toby Beck's first. Mark Schiefer and Dave Jones took a second and third in the 100 freestyle while Scott McCord picked up a third in the 400 freestyle.

Lima pulled ahead when it received a first place from Jim Tschuor and second from Gary Newell in the 100 backstroke. Ross got a third from Michaels. Tschuor also won the 100 freestyle.

The Little Giants pulled even in the next-to-last event, the 100 breast when Billman took first and Darrel Mann was second.

"We had to have a first in that race," Zwierlein said. "If a Lima man would have been first we would have lost the meet before the last race started."

Zwierlein pointed to the Ross performance in the diving and the number of second and third place finishes for the Little Giants as being the keys to the win.

"Our fellows had just been beaten out in those first three individual races and it looked like things would go Lima's way all day," Zwierlein said. "Then Christensen and Serwin came through, it gave our kids a big lift."

"The second and thirds were very important. It kept Lima from scoring heavily. Those points mean a lot in a meet that is as close as this one."

The Little Giants will not compete again as a team until January 7 when they host Napoleon at 4 p.m. The following day Ross competes in the Bowling Green State University Relays.

The divers will compete in a diving event at Berea-Midpark high school December 27.

The results:

200 MEDLEY RELAY—1. Ross (Kim Michaels, Dave Billman, Andy Christensen and John Cramer), 1:55.0.

200 FREESTYLE—1. Chris Barr (L); 2. Toby Peck (R); 3. Gregg Schilling (L); 2:05.9.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY—1. Mark Basinger (L); 2. Tom White (R); 3. Mark Schiefer (R); 2:35.9.

100 FREESTYLE—1. Craig Hill (L); 2. Steve Willer (R); 3. Chris Morres (L); 25.0.

DIVING—1. Andy Christensen (R); 2. Rob Serwin (R); 3. Roger Briem (L); 205.70.

100 BUTTERFLY—1. Toby Peck (R); 2. Tom Winkler (L); 3. Mark Basinger (L); 1:05.3.

100 FREESTYLE—1. Jim Tschuor (L); 2. Mark Schiefer (R); 3. Dave Jones (R); 51.7.

400 FREESTYLE—1. Chris Barr (L); 2. Gregg Schilling (L); 3. Scott McCord (R); 4:47.4.

100 BACKSTROKE—1. Jim Tschuor (L); 2. Gary Newell (L); 3. Kim Michaels (R); 1:30.5.

100 BREASTSTROKE—1. Dave Billman (R); 2. Darrel Mann (R); 3. Dave McGue (L); 1:11.5.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY—1. Ross (Dave Jones, John Cramer, Tom White and Steve Willer), 3:53.0.

Christensen Takes Second At Midpark

Fremont Ross divers, sparked by a second place performance by veteran Andy Christensen, gave a good performance in the first annual Midpark Invitational Diving Meet yesterday.

Christensen finished second behind Jim Kennedy of Findlay while sophomore Rob Serwin finished fifth and junior Dave Vandergrift took eighth.

"If they would have determined a team champion we would have won easily," Ross head coach Ron Zwierlein said following the meet.

"I was real pleased with the performance of our kids. For Serwin and Vandergrift this was their first big competition. Serwin was in 10th place behind Vandergrift going into the semifinals but did very well in his last couple of dives."

Kennedy, who finished second

in the state high school competition last winter, scored 458.25 compared to a 429.45 for Christensen.

Rocky River's Bill Smith placed third with 396.35. Serwin had a 331.70 for fifth.

Vandergrift totaled 231.80 for his eighth place finish.

"The meet should be a big help for Christensen," Zwierlein said. "It will give him some idea of what to expect from divers in the northeast part of the state when the state competition is held."

Christensen represented Ross in the state competition last winter and is expected to make the trip again this winter to Ohio State.

Yesterday's meet was designed to give divers more experience under championship conditions, much the same as they will face during the district and state meets.

A total of 24 divers began the competition.

BREAKDOWN

Napoleon Third Victim Of Little Giants

Ross Tankers Win Last Event To Assure Victory

A four second victory in the last event — the 400 freestyle relay — enabled Ross to pull out a 54-40 scholastic swimming victory over Napoleon at the junior high school pool yesterday.

Ross entered the last event with a 47-40 lead. If the Little Giants would have placed second in the relay, the meet would have ended in a 47-47 deadlock.

The win in the 400 free by the quartet of Dave Jones, John Cramer, Mark Schiefer and Steve Willer was one of eight first places for the Little Giants, who now have a 3-1 dual meet record.

Toby Peck was a double winner for Little Giant head coach Ron Zwierlein. Peck placed first in the 200 freestyle with a 2:04 clocking, his best time this season, and also touched the wall first in the 100 butterfly with a 1:04.1.

The Little Giants also got wins from Tom White (200 individual medley), Jones (50 freestyle), Andy Christensen (diving), Steve

Willer (100 freestyle) and Dave Billman (100 breaststroke).

"We didn't pick up very many second and third places that made it a close meet," Zwierlein said. "The team still seems to be hampered with colds and flu. We haven't been able to put together a real good effort."

Ross, which participated in the Bowling Green State University Relays today, fell behind 7-0 when Napoleon won the first event, the 200 medley relay.

Peck's first place in the 200 freestyle cut the Little Giant deficit to 11-5. Ross gained the lead when Tom White and Mark Schiefer placed one-two in the 200 individual medley where the Napoleon entries were disqualified.

Napoleon tankers took the first two spots in the 400 freestyle and the Ross advantage was sliced to 38-31.

Jones' first and a third for Frank Mattson increased the Little Giant bulge to 19-14 after the fourth race. When Christensen and Ron Serwin finished one-

two in the diving it hiked the Little Giant advantage to 27-15.

Peck and Willer garnered first place points in the next two events — 100 fly and 100 freestyle — but those were the only place winners for the Purple and White in those events.

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The visitors got another first in the 100 backstroke but Ross

managed to get a second from Kim Michaels and third out of Tom Hakes.

Billman was Ross' only point getter in the 100 breaststroke where Napoleon pulled within seven points going into the final event.

"Peck, Jones, White, Schiefer, Willer, Billman and the 400 relay all did a fine job," Zwierlein said. "Peck's double was real important and that time in the 200 free is his best. Willer, Billman

and the 400 freestyle relay also had their best times.

"Christensen and Serwin also gave us a big lift with their performance in the diving competition."

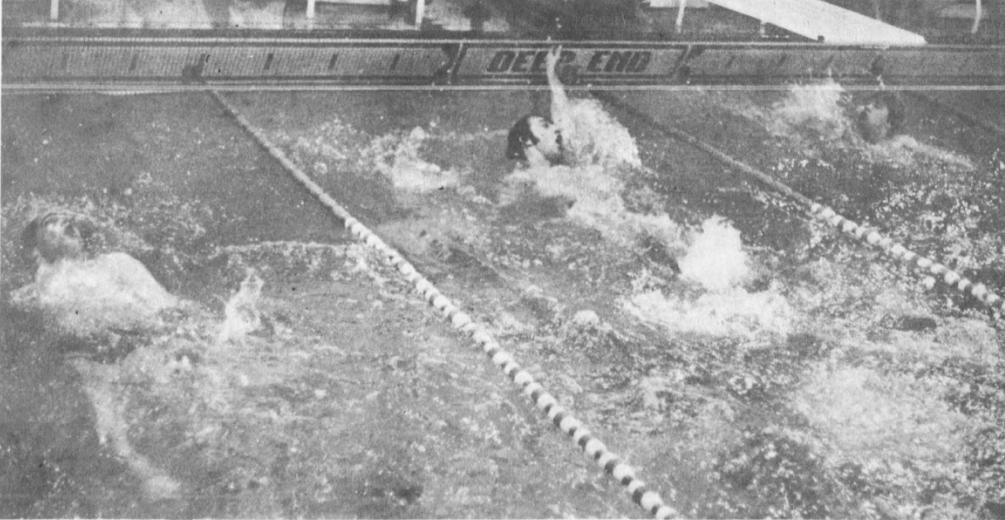
The Little Giants are now idle until Wednesday when they host Marion Harding in the junior high school pool starting at 4 p.m. The meet that was scheduled for Monday against Toledo Whitmer has been forfeited to the Little Giants.

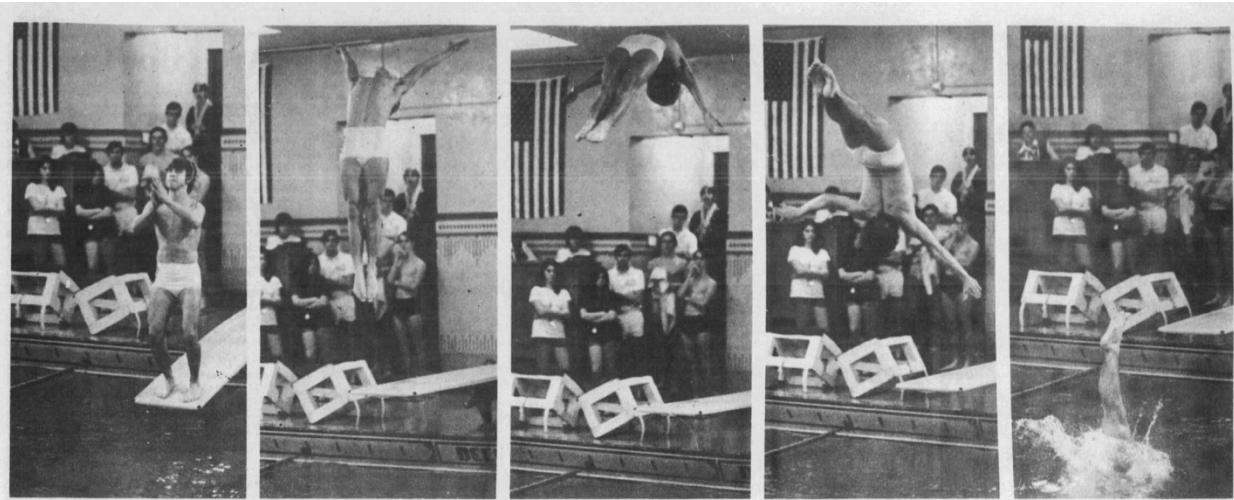
Results

200 MEDLEY RELAY — 1. Napoleon (Coomer, DesGrange, Houts and Vocke); 1:53.2.
200 FREESTYLE — 1. Toby Peck (R); 2. Moden (Cramer); 3. 2:04.0.
200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — 1. Tom White (R); 2. Mark Schiefer (R); Napoleon swimmers disqualified.
50 FREESTYLE — 1. Dave Jones (R); 2. P. Crahan (N); 3. Frank Mattson (R); 25.2.
DIVING — 1. Andy Christensen (R); 2. Rob Serwin (R); 3. Butterfield (N); 197.90.
100 BUTTERFLY — 1. Toby Peck (R); 2. Moyer (N); 3. Houts (N); 1:04.1.
100 FREESTYLE — 1. Steve Willer (R); 2. Vocke (N); 3. Heitman (N); 55.3.
400 FREESTYLE — 1. Moden (N); 2. Kuser (N); 3. White (R); 1:05.7.
100 BREASTSTROKE — 1. DesGrange (N); 2. Michaels (R); 3. Hakes (R); 1:05.7.
100 BREASTSTROKE — 1. Billman (R); 2. Houts (N); 3. DesGrange (N); 1:11.4.
100 FREESTYLE — 1. Ross (Dave Jones, John Cramer, Mark Schiefer and Steve Willer); 3:54.

MARK SCHIEFER (LEFT) AND TOM WHITE (SECOND FROM LEFT) PERFORM FOR ROSS

Little Giants Were One-Two In 200 Individual Medley





CAMERA OF N-M PHOTOGRAPHER LARRY SOLLAZZO CAPTURES DIVE OF ROSS' ROB SERWIN
Little Giant Junior Finished First Ahead Of Teammate Andy Christensen

Little Giant Tankers Nail Fifth Straight Victory

Make it five straight for the Ross swimmers.

Couch Ron Zwierlein's tankmen drubbed Marion Harding, 57-38, for their fifth consecutive victory following an opening day loss yesterday at junior high school pool.

"The fellows did pretty good," Zwierlein said in reviewing the win. "The score could have been bigger but I switched a number of kids around—they weren't swimming in their normal events."

"This allowed me to swim a bigger number of boys. There were a number of sophomores who were able to pick up some valuable experience."

The Little Giants tallied first places in six events and also had second and third places, which have been lacking in the last few meets.

"We picked up a couple of extra second and third places—they sure help out," Zwierlein said. "I still don't think we've put it all together, but the kids are coming. I have no complaints about our progress."

For the Ross team, 200 and 400 freestyle relay, Kim Michaels, Dave Billman, Andy Christensen and Frank Mattson formed the 200 unit while Dave Jones, John Cramer, Tom White and Mark Schiefer were on the 400 quartet.

"I think we might have 'psyched' Marion out in the 200 medley," Zwierlein said. "We not only won the event but our

four boys who swam exhibition also finished ahead of their team. They had an idea of our depth from that showing."

Other firsts were Steve Weller (50 freestyle and 100 butterfly), Rob Serwin (diving), and Dave Billman (100 breaststroke).

Serwin scored 188.40 compared to 179.95 for teammate Andy Christensen, who sustained his first loss in dual meet competition.

"Both boys are fine divers," Zwierlein said. "WE have had a one-two finish in each one of our meets this year. Next to Findlay, I think we have the best pair of divers around."

Scoring second place points for the Purple and White were Toby Peck (200 freestyle and 100 butterfly), White (200 individual medley), Christensen, Scott McCord (400 freestyle) and Darrell Mann (100 breaststroke).

Third place points were picked up by Phil Havens (200 freestyle), Jones (50 freestyle) Schiefer (100 freestyle), Kent Collins (400 freestyle) and Michaels (100 backstroke).

Marion was preparing for an invasion Saturday by Lakewood St. Edward.

"It will be closer than the Marion meet," Zwierlein predicts. "In fact it will probably be our toughest meet since the opener. We'll find out what we can do under pressure."

"Our times in some events are almost identical with St.

Edward. There are some events they are a little better than we are and we have the advantage in a few others."

"We'll have to go with a more stable lineup than we used against Marion. Most of the kids will be back swimming in their normal events."

Starting time for the St. Edward meet is 2 p.m.

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200 MEDLEY RELAY — 1. Ross (Kim Michaels, Dave Billman, Andy Christensen and Frank Mattson); 1:58.4

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY—1. Jay Johnson (M); 2. Toby Peck (R); 3. Phil Havens (R); 1:24.4

50 FREESTYLE—1. Jan Beveridge (M); 2. Tom White (R); 3. Don Edwards (M); 3:58.4

50 FREESTYLE—1. Steve Weller (R); 2. Bob Green (M); 3. Dave Jones (R); 2:13.2

DIVING—1. Rob Serwin (R); 2. Andy Christensen (R); 3. Bob Virden (M); 1:06.6

100 BUTTERFLY—1. Steve Weller (R); 2. Toby Peck (R); 3. Dave Phillips (M); 1:11.5

100 FREESTYLE—1. Jay Johnson (M); 2. Rich Wakely (M); 3. Mark Schiefer (R); 54.1

50 FREESTYLE—1. Andy Jones (M); 2. Scott McCord (R); 3. Kent Collins (R); 5.13.6

100 BACKSTROKE—1. Jan Beveridge (M); 2. Don Edwards (M); 3. Kim Michaels (M); 1:12.2

100 BREASTSTROKE—1. Dave Billman (R); 2. Darrell Mann (R); 3. Dave Phillips (M); 1:12.1

400 FREESTYLE RELAY—1. Ross (Dave Jones, John Cramer, Tom White and Mark Schiefer); 3:59.5

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Ross Tankers Swamped

SANDUSKY — Ross managed only 11 points in the final five events and dropped a 60-35 swimming decision to powerful Sandusky last night.

The loss was the first for the Little Giants since the opening meeting of the season. The Ron Zwierlein-coached tankmen had put together five consecutive wins since Dec. 9. The Little Giants journey to Findlay Friday for a meeting with the defending Buckeye Conference champions at 4:30 p.m.

Ross trailed by a slim four

points (28-24) after the first six events. But that's where the Little Giants ran into trouble. In the next four races, Sandusky had an 8-1 advantage in each event.

The Blue Streaks went into the final race — the 400 freestyle relay — with a 60-28 advantage. They would have won that race, too, except they were disqualified. In the last race, the Sandusky foursome swam a 3:41.4 compared to Ross' 4:11.9.

Ross had only two first places in the 11-event program. Steve Willer churned to a first in the 50 freestyle and Rob Serwin took the diving competition.

After three events, Sandusky had moved out to a 21-4 advantage. The Blue Streaks posted a win in the opening relay, picked up a first and second from Jon Leake and Chris Gross in the 200 freestyle and also nailed a first (Doug Wagner) and third (Fred Hasenmeier) in the 200 individual medley.

Ross had 8-1 advantages in the next two events — 50 freestyle and diving. Andy Christensen was second in the freestyle and Dave Vandergrift took a second in the diving.

The momentum swung back to Sandusky after the diving, however. Ted Camella got the Blue Streaks a first in the 100 butterfly while Ross received a

second and third from Willer and Toby Peck, respectively.

Sandusky's top swimmer, Chris Roesch, swam in the next two events (100 and 400 freestyle) and had a first in each. Bob Seamens of the Blue Streaks was second in the 100 and Gross followed Roesch to the wall in the 400.

Zeller and Bob Morrow combined for eight Blue Streak points in the 100 backstroke and Paul Brown and Jon Phieffer tallied eight more markers in the 100 breaststroke.

The results:

Sandusky 60-Ross 35

200 MEDLEY RELAY — 1. Sandusky (Zeller, Brown, Camella and Lombardy), 1:49.7.

200 FREESTYLE — 1. Leake (S); 2. Gross (S); 3. Cramer (R); 1:58.1.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — 1. Wagner (S); 2. White (R); 3. Hasenmeier (S); 2:19.1.

50 FREESTYLE — 1. Willer (R); 2. Christensen (R); 3. Hughes (S); :25.1.

DIVING — 1. Serwin (R); 2. Vandergrift (R); 3. Freeman (S); 139.55.

100 BUTTERFLY — 1. Camella (S); 2. Willer (R); 3. Peck (R); :59.5.

100 FREESTYLE — 1. Roesch (S); 2. Seamens (S); 3. Scheifer (R); :51.0.

400 FREESTYLE — 1. Roesch (S); 2. Gross (S); 3. Keyes (R); 4:24.9.

100 BACKSTROKE — 1. Zeller (S); 2. Morrow (S); 3. Michaels (R); 1:00.2.

100 BREASTSTROKE — 1. Brown (S); 2. Phieffer (S); 3. Billman (R); 1:10.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. Ross (Collins, Mattson, Cramer and Jones), 4:11.7.

Rifle Club Scores Win

Fremont Rifle Club posted its fourth win in six starts, defeating Bowling Green, 1428-1273, at the local range last night.

Fremont's Floyd Waggoner led all shooters with a 293 score. He had a 100 from the prone position, 97 kneeling and 97 standing.

The results:

BG	P	K	S	T
Milnor	99	94	92	285
Hill	98	96	89	283
Wilks	95	93	82	270
Warden	96	93	78	267
Hill	87	45	36	168
Fremont				
Waggoner	100	97	96	293
Engler	98	98	92	288
Oxley	99	95	91	285
Wolfe	100	88	95	283
Nickel	99	93	87	279

Ross Falls To Findlay

Christensen Establishes New Pool Diving Record

A new diving record by Andy Christensen wasn't enough and Ross lost a 55-40 swimming decision to powerful Findlay in the junior high school pool Saturday.

Christensen, a senior, scored a 226.15 in all dives to shatter the old pool mark of 217 established by Findlay's Jim Kennedy last winter. Kennedy is still a member of the Findlay squad but did not participate in Saturday's

Swimming

Findlay 55-Ross 50

200 MEDLEY RELAY—1. Findlay (Moser, Wittenmeyer, Suchy and Burke), 1:51.7.

200 FREESTYLE — 1. Lishawa (F); 2. Tom White (R); 3. Phil Havens (R); 2:00.4.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY—1. Monday (F); 2. Menery (F); 3. Mark Schiefer (R); 2:28.6.

50 FREESTYLE — 1. Burke (F); 2. Steve Willer (R); 3. Dave Jones (R); 23.9.

DIVING — 1. Andy Christensen (R); 2. Rob Serwin (R); 3. Dick Ewing (F); 226.15.

100 BUTTERFLY — 1. Steve Willer (R); 2. Daugherty (F); 3. Menery (F); 1:03.8.

100 FREESTYLE — 1. Sarmina (F); 2. Dave Jones (R); 3. Mark Schiefer (R); 56.6.

400 FREESTYLE — 1. Suchy (F); 2. Tom White (R); 3. Rick Keyes (R); 4:11.3.

100 BACKSTROKE — 1. Bish (F); 2. Kim Michaels (R); 3. Tom Hakes (R); 1:09.2.

100 BREASTSTROKE — 1. Dave Billman (R); 2. Wittenmeyer (F); 3. Darrell Mann (R); 1:10.9.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. Findlay (Streaker, Lishawa, Moser and Daugherty); 3:56.5.

meet because of a sprained ankle.

The first place by Christensen was one of only three for the Little Giants, who have now lost three straight meets after reeling off six consecutive victories.

Steve Willer churned to a first in the 100 butterfly and Dave Billman took top honors in the 100 breaststroke.

"I know the score doesn't indicate it," Zwierlein said, "but our kids swam well. Six of the boys equaled or better their best times of the season."

Besides Christensen, others who equaled or topped their best previous performances were Willer (50 freestyle), Dave Jones (50 and 100 freestyle), Rick Adams (100 butterfly) and Rick Keyes (100 freestyle).

"Several other boys were only a couple tenths of a second away from doing their best of the season," Zwierlein said. "We gave the boys a little extra incentive for this meet by telling them they would receive two extra varsity points if they better or equaled their best previous time in the event."

Ross, which had been beaten 70-25 at Findlay only eight days earlier, got second place points from Tom White (200 and 400

freestyle), Willer (50 freestyle), Rob Serwin (diving), Jones (100 freestyle) and Kim Michaels (100 backstroke).

The third place points came from Phil Havens (200 freestyle), Mark Schiefer (200 individual medley and 100 freestyle), Jones (50 freestyle), Keyes (400 freestyle), Tom Hakes (100 backstroke) and Darrell Mann (100 breaststroke).

"We swam much better than the week before at Findlay," Zwierlein said. "I think we shocked Findlay with our performance. The Findlay coach told me after the meet that he thought we swam exceptionally well."

"It was pretty hard for our kids to get ready for this one since we were beaten so badly only eight days earlier. We told the kids not to worry about the team score. We set individual goals for each swimmer. Now we're worrying about getting ready for the Buckeye Feb. 12."

Next outing for the Little Giants is Wednesday against Mansfield Senior. The Little Giants will take on the Tygers in the Mansfield Malabar pool starting at 4:15 p.m. Ross will then be off until the Buckeye meet at Sandusky.

Edge Mansfield, 49-46

Swimmers Win Seventh

MANSFIELD—Ross swimmers snapped a three-meet losing skein with a 49-46 dual meet win over Mansfield Senior in the Mansfield Malabar high school pool yesterday.

The Little Giants trailed by a 46-42 score entering the last event. But Mansfield failed to field a team in the 400 freestyle so the Ross foursome of John Cramer, Frank Mattson, Toby Peck and Tom White churned to an easy win with a 3:59 showing.

Eagles Pick Bill Overmyer

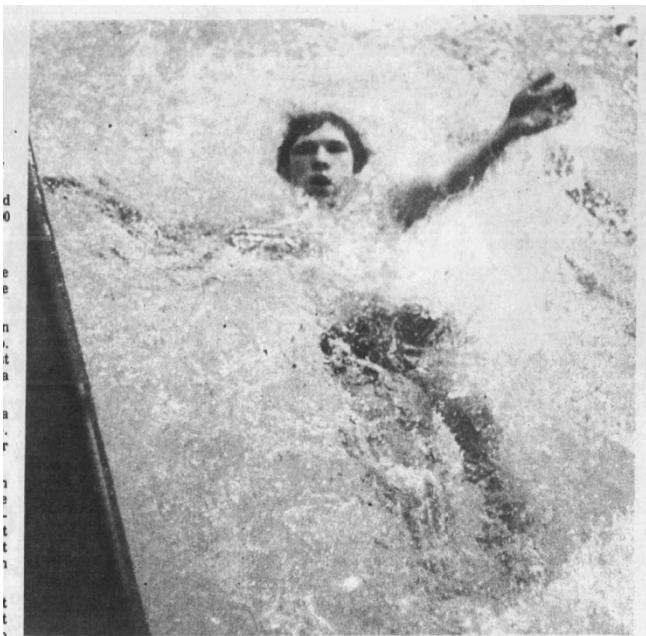
Ross had only four other firsts in the 11-event program. Senior diver Andy Christensen scored a whopping 233.9 to take that event while Toby Peck was first in the 100 butterfly, Steve Willer topped the 100 freestyle field and Dave Billman touched the wall first in the 100 breaststroke.

The Little Giants did manage to bag five seconds and seven thirds, however.

Ross, which is now idle until the Buckeye Conference championships at Sandusky Feb. 12, has a 7-4 dual meet record. The dual meet campaign closes Feb. 15 with a home meet against Sandusky at 6:30 p.m.

The results:

Ross 49-Mansfield 6
200 MEDLEY RELAY—1. Mansfield (Roscoe, Williams, Baker and Finnerty), 1:57.16.
200 FREESTYLE—1. Bookwalter (M); 2. Schiefer (R); 3. Henry (M); 2:06.5.
200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — 1. Erdenberger (M); 2. White (R); 3. Mattson (R); 2:29.
50 FREESTYLE—1. Finnerty (M); 2. Jones (R); 3. Willer (R); 25.6.
DIVING — 1. Christensen (R); 2. Serwin (R); 3. Steiner (M); 233.9.
100 BUTTERFLY—1. Peck (R); 2. Roscoe (M); 3. Schiefer (R); 55.1.
400 FREESTYLE—1. Erdenberger (M); 2. Henry (M); 3. Keyes (R); 4:56.4.
100 BACKSTROKE—1. Widdees (M); 2. Hakes (R); 3. Havens (R); 1:10.4.
100 BREASTSTROKE—1. Billman (R); 2. Baker (M); 3. Mann (R); 1:10.4.
400 FREESTYLE RELAY—1. Ross (Cramer, Mattson, Peck and White), 3:59.0.



LITTLE GIANT BACKSTROKER FRANK MATTSON

Little Giant Swimmers Beaten By Blue Streaks

Sandusky jumped out to a 28-8 advantage and cruised to a 52-43 victory over Ross in the junior high school pool last night.

The win gives the Little Giants a 6-5 season mark. They close the regular campaign at Marion Harding Friday starting at 2:30 p.m.

Ross had only two first places last night. Rob Serwin took the diving competition. Toby Peck was first in the butterfly and the Little Giants also took the final event, the 400 freestyle relay.

Serwin won the diving with a score of 158.90 while Dave Vandergrift was second at 142.70.

Peck churned to a 1:03.9 for his first in the butterfly. Second in the fly went to Mark Schiefer (1:08). The one-two finishes in two consecutive races cut Sandusky's 14-point cushion to just four points (28-24).

The Blue Streaks started to rebuild their lead in the 100 freestyle, however where Jon Leake was first at 54.0. Ross had a second from Steve Willer and third from Dave Jones.

A first and second in the 400 freestyle hiked the Blue Streak advantage to 41-29.

Doug Zeller picked up a first and Bill Chapman was third for the Blue Streaks in the 100 backstroke.

Sandusky added to its lead in the 100 breaststroke where Chris Roesch picked up his second individual win of the night. Ross received a second from Dave Billman and Darrell Mann's third to make it 52-36.

Ross narrowed the final margin with the relay victory. Phil Havens, Frank Mattson, Kent Collins and John Cramer formed the Ross foursome.

In addition to his first in the butterfly, Peck also notched a second in the 200 freestyle. The only other Little Giant to place in two events was Willer, who had seconds in the 50 and 100 freestyle events.

The Little Giants also received a second in the 100 backstroke from Kim Michaels.

After the meet with Harding,

Ross will begin preparing for the district meet at Mansfield

Malabar Feb. 25 and 26. Diver

Andy Christensen will be bidding

for his second trip to the state competition in Columbus.



MRS. FRANK MATTSON (right) was one of several senior parents honored during last night's Ross-Sandusky swimming meet at the junior high school pool. Parents of all senior swimmers were introduced to the crowd and the mothers received corsages. At the right of Mrs. Mattson is her daughter, Jane, a student in the junior high school. The Ross followers didn't have much to cheer about. The Little Giants dropped a 52-45 decision. (News-Messenger Photo by Larry Sollazzo)

Sandusky 52-Ross 43

200 MEDLEY RELAY—1. Sandusky (Morrow, Garro, Sharrah and Roesch); 1:32.5.

200 FREESTYLE—1. Wagner (S); 2.

Peck (R); 3. Pfeiffer (S); 2:05.6.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY—1. Ch.

Roesch (S); 2. Semans (S); 3. White (R);

2:13.5.

50 FREESTYLE—1. Leake (S); 2.

Schiefer (R); 3. Sharrah (S); 1:03.9.

100 FREESTYLE—1. Leake (S); 2.

Willer (R); 3. Serwin (R); 2. Vandergrift

(R); 3. Freeman (S); 1:05.8.

100 BUTTERFLY—1. Peck (R); 2.

Schiefer (R); 3. Sharrah (S); 1:03.9.

100 FREESTYLE—1. Leake (S); 2.

Gross (S); 3. White (R); 4:28.2.

BACKSTROKE—1. Zeller (S); 2.

Michaels (R); 3. Chapman (S); 1:05.8.

100 BREASTSTROKE—1. Ch. Roesch

(S); 2. Billman (R); 9. Mann (R); 1:07.5.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY—1. Ross

(Havens, Mattson, Collins and Cramer);

4:07.6.

Giant Tankers Drown Harding

MARION — A one-two finish by Dave Billman and Darrell Mann in the 100-yard breaststroke guaranteed Fremont Ross a swimming victory over Marion Harding Friday. Ross won the meet, 55-39.

The meet closed out the Ross dual meet season. The Little Giants finished 8-5 and four of the losses were to Sandusky and Findlay, who ranked first and second in the recent Buckeye Conference meet. The other loss

Cage Results

Findlay	88,	Marion	Harding
68			
Elyria	67,	Lorain	Senior
Lorain	King	59,	Fremont
Ross	55		
Sandusky	74,	Mansfield	Senior
Marion	Pleasant	68,	Morral
Ridgedale	49		
North	Robinson	Crawford	72,
Riverdale	56		
Wynford	62,	Buckeye	Central
55			
Mohawk	74,	Carey	61
Bellevue	53,	Norwalk	49
Galion	76,	Tiffin	Columbian
67			
Williard	58,	Shelby	44
Upper	Sandusky	62,	Bucyrus
56			
Mechanicsburg	70,	North	Union
62			
Lexington	67,	Ontario	55
Fairbanks	67,	Marion	Catholic
60			
Louisville	Aquinas	56,	West
Branch	53		
East	Liverpool	69,	Niles
Brookfield	69,	Sharon	(Pa.)
66			
Wellsville	76,	Toronto	58

"SCRATCHES"

was in the opening meet of the season to North Robinson Colonel Crawford.

"I don't think that's too bad," Ross head coach Ron Zwierlein said in reviewing the record. "I thought it could end up a lot worse at the start of the season when a lot of the fellows from last year didn't come out again."

The Little Giants now begin preparing for the district meet at Mansfield Malabar. Diving competition will be conducted Friday with the swimming competition a week from today.

Ross had only four individual firsts yesterday. Toby Peck took two of the individual events — the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly.

Also winning were Andy Christensen (diving) and Billman.

The 400 freestyle relay team of John Cramer, Dave Jones, Tom White and Mark Schiefer also stroked to a first.

Kent Collins and Steve Willer each picked up two seconds for the Purple and White. Collins was second in the 200 and 400 freestyle events while Willer took runnerup honors in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

Other second places for Ross were taken by Tom White (200 individual medley), Dave Vandergrift (diving), Kim Michaelis (400 backstroke) and Mann.

Rick Keyes earned thirds for the Giants in the 200 and 400 freestyle events. Mark Schiefer (100 butterfly) and Dave Jones (100 freestyle) also took third place points.

Ross fell behind early when Harding took the 200 medley relay and a first in the 200 freestyle. That gave the Prexies a 12-4 lead. Ross tied the meet in the third event but fell behind 18-15 after only taking a second in the 50 freestyle.

The Little Giants got the lead for the first time after the diving competition. They never trailed after the sparkling one-two by Christensen and Vandergrift.

The results:

ROSS 55-Harding 39
200 MEDLEY RELAY—1. Marion (Beveridge, Virden, Edwards and Robbins), 1:54.8.

200 FREESTYLE—1. Johnson (H); 2. Collins (R); 3. Keyes (R); 2:18.8.
200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY—1. Peck (R); 2. White (R); 2:33.7—nr third place, Harding swimmers disqualified.

50 FREESTYLE—1. Wakly (H); 2. Willer (R); 3. Green (H); 25.0.

DIVING—1. Christensen (R); 2. Vandergrift (R); 3. Virden (H); 172.60.

100 BUTTERFLY—1. Peck (R); 2. Phillips (H); 3. Schiefer (R); 1:02.6.

100 FREESTYLE—1. Johnson (H); 2. Willer (R); 3. Jones (R); 54.0.

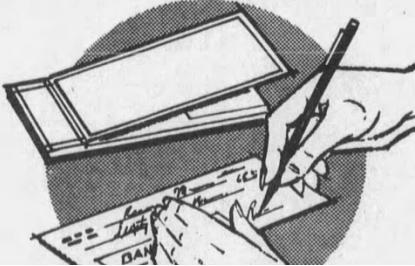
400 FREESTYLE—1. Edwards (H); 2. Collins (R); 3. Keyes (R); 4:54.8.

400 BACKSTROKE—1. Edwards (H); 2. Michaels (R); 3. Gooding (H); 1:04.7.

100 BREASTSTROKE—1. Billman (R); 2. Mann (R); 3. Phillips (H); 1:10.7.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY—1. Ross (Cramer, Jones, White and Schiefer); 3:57.9.

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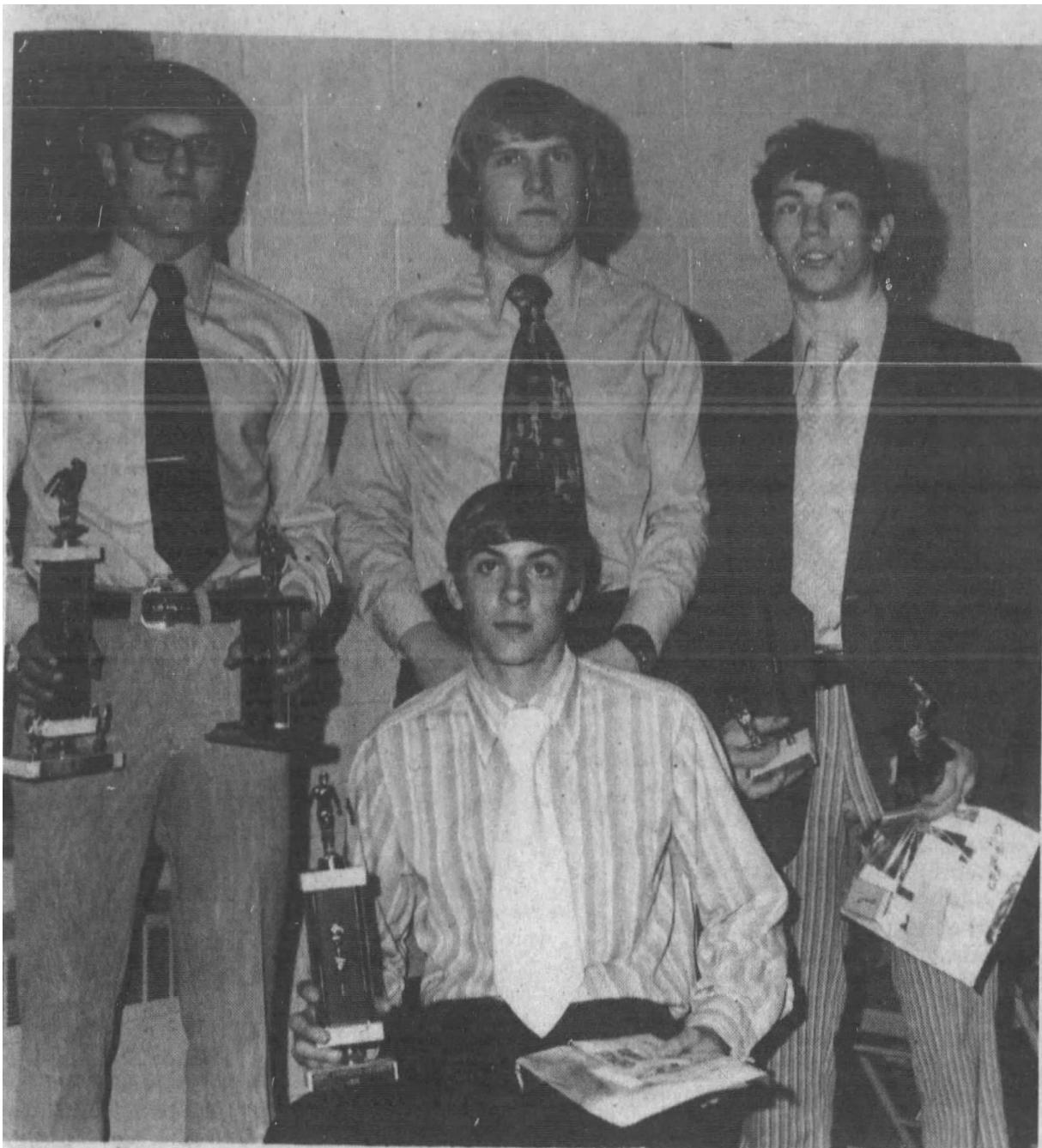


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Honored At Winter Sports Event

These four individuals were among the young men honored for their accomplishments with the Ross swimming team this season during the Winter Sports Awards Night. Seated is Dave Jones, who was selected as the Most Improved member of this year's tank squad. Standing from left are

Steve Willer, Frank Mattson and Toby Peck. Willer was the Most Valuable and all-events winner. Mattson was named honorary co-captain with Willer, Peck and Christensen, who was unable to be present when the photo was taken. (News-Messenger Photo)