

2004 District Meet...



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— Ross coach Phil Moran on the performance of Rob Hoelzle, above

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BOWLING GREEN — The Fremont Ross boys swimming team won't be sending anyone to state.

But the Little Giants have an abundance of reasons to take pride in their performance at the Northwest Districts at Bowling Green State University on Friday.

(Take a deep breath.)

Jake Ickes dropped nine seconds off his qualifying time and finished eighth in the 200-yard freestyle as the

DISTRICT SWIMMING

Swimmers' bests not enough

Giants drop time, fail to qualify for state

17th seed.

Greg VanDyne and Chris Beier, one of only two freshman to compete in the event, each established personal-best times in the 50 freestyle.

Rob Hoelzle was seeded 32nd in the 100 freestyle and finished eighth.

(Come up for air.)

VanDyne shaved 2.7 seconds off his best time in the 100 breaststroke.

Hoelzle swam his career best time in the 100 backstroke and missed the school record by two seconds. He was seeded 18th and finished eighth.

The 200 medley relay team of Hoelzle, VanDyne, Ickes and Alan Gamble dropped 3.5 seconds and each swam lifetime bests and dropped a combined 10 seconds.

(The wall is approaching.)

Beier, VanDyne, Hoelzle and Ickes comprised a 200 freestyle team that dropped six seconds and finished fourth as a 12th seed.

The 400 freestyle relay team members — Beier, Gamble, Nate Bowen and Matt Bachelder — each swam lifetime bests and dropped a combined 10 seconds.

"We saw some of the greatest time drops we've

had in 10 years," Ross coach Phil Moran said. "We dropped an average of (approximately) seven spots for each kid. A kid dropping nine spots happens once or twice a year here."

"But not the whole team doing it left and right."

No area boys qualified for the state meet.

St. Joseph Central Catholic's Billy Pietrykowski dropped four seconds off his 200 individual medley time.

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Improvement abound at meet

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The Crimson Streaks 200 medley relay team of Pietrykowski, Nick Swint, Brian Setzler and Ben Burkett dropped a combined 4.5 seconds and each swam a personal best.

Brett Laub was Oak Harbor's highest placer. He finished sixth in the diving competition. The Rockets' 200 medley relay team comprised of Kyle Beck, Don Tabbert, Stevyn Perry and Josh Young finished 10th.

Margaretta's best finish came courtesy of Caleb Griffith in the 100 breaststroke (15th).

"Everybody dropped time," Polar Bear assistant coach Holly Miller said. "The kids tapered good and worked really hard, and it showed. We're looking forward to bigger and better things next year."

Griffith (100 breaststroke), the 200 medley relay team of Griffith, Brad Barnes, Tim Haynes and Brett Nemitz

(18th) and the 200 freestyle relay team of Ross Wriker, Corey Hamilton, Bruce Kardotzke and Chase Grealy (29th) each were only a few seconds off school records.

Moran had never had a swimmer improve 24 spots.

"(Hoelzle) came out fast and gave himself a shot to finish fast," Moran said. "I've seen a lot of things, but never something like that."

Hoelzle said he wouldn't rank his astonishing day on par with a trip to state. But a little time to reflect could change that.

"I had a disappointing swim in the medley relay — I had a bad turn and a bad start," said Hoelzle, who didn't swim as a junior. "That got me mad. I think that's why I swam the 100 free so well."

"I gave it everything I had in the 200 free relay. Everything went perfectly in the 100 backstroke. I'm thrilled I came back."

Swimming

High School Boys

Northwest Ohio Districts

Team Standings

1. St. Francis DeSales	400
2. Napoleon	205
3. Perkins	153
4. St. Johns Jesuit	138
5. Bowling Green	129
10. Ross	87
16. Oak Harbor	40
31. Port Clinton	11
39. Margaretta	2

1 Mtr Diving

1. David Coltrane (SJJ) 432.40, 6. Brett Laub (OH) 319.45, 8. Brian Thomas (PC) 288.20, 17. Aaron Stweart (Marg) 183.80, 19. Peter Mapes (OH) 176.65, 21. Ryan Turinsky (Marg) 107.20.

200 Medley Relay

1. St. Francis 1:39.10, 9. Ross (Rob Hoelzle, Greg Vandyne, Alan Gamble, Jake Ickes) 1:47.50, 10. Oak Harbor (Kyle Beck, Don Tabbert, Stevyn Perry, Josh Young) 1:47.99, 18. Margaretta (Brad Barnes, Caleb Griffith, Tim Haynes, Brett Nemitz) 1:51.19, 23. St. Joe (Nick Swint, Brian Setzler, Billy Pietrykowski, Ben Burkett) 1:53.01.

200 Free

1. Jacob Busch (TCH) 1:43.75, 8. Jake Ickes (Ross) 1:49.71, 23. Brett Nemitz (Marg) 1:58.18, 30. Tyler Thieret (PC) 2:00.48, 32. Lucas Bechtel (OH) 2:01.27, 33. Chris Greggila (OH) 2:01.49.

200 IM

1. Adam Wohl (Perkins) 1:58.04, 20. Billy Pietrykowski (St. Joe) 2:13.11, 27. Mickey Burkett (PC) 2:16.10, 31. Stevyn Perry (OH) 2:17.73.

50 Free

1. Ryan McHugh (St. Francis) 21.57, 18. Jared Diekman (OH) 23.24, 23. Thomas McRitchie (OH) 23.72, 24. Greg Vandyne (Ross) 23.73, 26. Chris Beier (Ross) 23.77.

100 Fly

1. Kelly Mallory (Celina) 53.87, 18. Tim Haynes (Marg) 59.19, 19. Mickey Burkett

(PC) 59.33.

100 Free

1. Ryan McHugh (St. Francis) 46.94, 8. Rob Hoelzle (Ross) 50.09, 17. Jake Ickes (Ross) 50.75, 21. Jared Diekman (OH) 51.33.

500 Freestyle

1. Jeff Montahue (Ash) 4:43, 27. Lucas Betchel (OH) 5:26.44, 32. Chris Greggila (OH) 5:32.93.

200 Freestyle Relay

1. St. Francis 1:28.15, 4. Ross (Chris Beier, Greg VanDyne, Rob Hoelzle, Jake Ickes) 1:31.75, 14. Oak Harbor (Thomas McRitchie, Kyle Beck, Josh Young, Jared Diekman) 1:35.55, 29. Margaretta (Ross Wriker, Corey Hamilton, Bruce Kardotzke, Chase Grealy) 1:41.36.

100 Backstroke

1. Jacob Busch (TCH) 52.63, 8. Rob Hoelzle (Ross) 57.86, 14. Kyle Beck (OH) 59.65, 21. Tim Havens (Marg) 1:01.52.

100 Breaststroke

1. Adam Wohl (Perk) 1:00.63, 11. Greg VanDyne (Ross) 1:05.88, 15. Caleb Griffith (Marg) 1:07.76, 21. Don Tabbert (OH) 1:08.61.

400 Freestyle Relay

1. St. Francis 3:16.20, 15. Oak Harbor (Thomas McRitchie, Kyle Beck, Stevyn Perry, Jared Diekman) 3:35.10, 20. Margaretta (Tim Haynes, Ross Wriker, Chase Grealy, Brett Menitz) 3:38.22, 21. Ross (Chris Beier, Matt Bachelder, Nate Bowen, Alan Gamble) 3:38.42.