

Aqua Giants build around solid nucleus

By TIM HARMON
Staff writer

Despite putting the largest squad at Fremont Ross in five years into the pool, Tom Thomson says this high school swimming season is one to build on.

"This will primarily be a building year on the girls, and we have a lot of first-year swimmers on the boys team," Thomson said. "But we have a real strong nucleus from our letter-winners."

The eight boys and six girls that have lettered previously for the Aqua Giants could result in a more promising 1991-92 season than expected.

"Things are going really well," Thomson said. "In some cases, the training is ahead of schedule for the kids when it comes to technique."

"It's going to be important how good they get in condition because a lot of our races are decided in the last 15 or 20 feet, and that's where it shows up."

Returning for the Ross boys are captains Chris Schaaf and Kent Huffman, Aaron King, Lee Huffman, diver Johnny Popoca, Geoff Streeter, Ryan Wing and David Zinkand. The Ross girls return captains Angie Sprenger and Tracy Baker as well as diver Leslie Hasselbach, Heather

Mears, Ronelle Mahr and Shannon Vaffis.

"Right now, we're using our first swimmers (letterwinners) as utility swimmers," Thomson said. "We're putting them in positions where we can attempt to gather as many points as we can."

"In our younger swimmers, we're trying to find out strengths and weaknesses."

Thomson is counting a solid group of youthful swimmers to produce for the Aqua Giants in a year or so.

"One nice thing is that I don't have to hope that they develop; they will develop," he said. "It's

a given. As coaches, we have to provide them with the growth. It's definitely a coaching year."

Thomson has been associated with Ross swimming since 1983. He was head coach in 1987-88 but took a two-year hiatus before returning last year.

Bob Lozano returns as the Ross diving coach, while Portia Thomas and Denise Dumbroff will help Thomson coach the girls.

The Aqua Giants, who opened the season against Port Clinton last Monday with a 95-90 boys' victory and a 111-61 girls' win, return to the water today against Calvert at the Tiffin YMCA.

Aqua Giants swift in water

News-Messenger reports

TIFFIN — A dominating performance by the Fremont Ross girls swim team Wednesday ended in a 122-47 victory over Tiffin Calvert.

The Ross boys, meanwhile, eased to a 119-48 victory over the Senecas at the Tiffin YMCA.

The Aqua Giants took first and second place in every event in the girls' meet.

Tracie Baker led the way with four victories, including individual wins in the 200 and 500 freestyle events. Baker continued her fine freestyle swimming, anchoring Ross's winning 200 and 400 freestyle relay squads.

Ronelle Mahr and Addie Baker each had three victories. Mahr won the 100 butterfly and swam on the winning 200-medley relay and 400 free relay teams.

Addie Baker took first in the 200 individual medley and the 100 freestyle, while joining with Mahr, Angie Sprenger and Tracie Baker on the winning 400 free relay.

Chris Schaaf matched Tracie Baker's effort for the boys, winning the 200 IM and the 100 freestyle as well as helping the 200 medley relay and 200 free relay to victories.

Ryan Wing and Lee Huffman had three victories apiece.

Wing 200 and 500 freestyle swims as well as the winning 400 free relay. Huffman took first in the 100 breaststroke and swimming on the medley relay and 200 free relay.

Swimming

High School Boys

Ross 119, Calvert 48

200 medley relay: Ross (David Zinkand, Lee Huffman, Chris Schaaf and Aaron King) 1:56.84.

200 freestyle: 1-Ryan Wing (R) 2:08.58, 2-Geoff Streeter (R) 2:22.42.

200 IM: 1-Schaaf (R) 2:19.79, 2-Zinkand (R) 2:36.47.

50 free: 1-Fred Hemminger (C) 25.56, 2-King (R) 25.61.

100 butterfly: 1-Chris Wise (C) 1:11.57, 2-Troy Geller (R) 1:19.23.

100 free: 1-Schaaf (R) 54.38, 2-James Sebeto (R) 1:01.39.

500 free: 1-Wing (R) 5:36.05, 2-Greg Obringer (C) 6:39.32.

200 free relay: Ross (Craig Eppley, King, Huffman and Schaaf) 1:49.69.

100 backstroke: 1-Kent Huffman (R) 1:04.72, 2-Zinkand (R) 1:11.87.

100 breaststroke: 1-L. Huffman (R) 1:15.59, 2-Wise (C) 1:23.27.

400 free relay: Ross (Streeter, Wing, Zinkand and K. Huffman) 4:03.6.

Records: Ross 2-0.

High School Girls

Ross 122, Calvert 47

200 medley relay: Ross (Kristin Humberger, Heather Mears, Ronelle Mahr and Shannon Vaffis) 2:14.94.

200 freestyle: 1-Tracie Baker (R) 2:10.06, 2-Karen Wonderly (R) 2:35.69.

200 IM: 1-Addie Baker (R) 2:32.43, 2-Mears (R) 2:40.56.

50 free: 1-Vaffis (R) 28:23.5, 2-Mahr (R) 28.59.

100 butterfly: 1-Mahr (R) 1:09.75, 2-Angie Sprenger (R) 1:18.07.

100 free: 1-A. Baker (R) 1:02.22, 2-Humberger (R) 1:10.71.

500 free: 1-T. Baker (R) 5:45.83, 2-Wonderly (R) 6:50.9.

200 free relay: Ross (Mears, Sprenger, A. Baker and T. Baker) 1:55.14.

100 backstroke: 1-Deana Spanfellner (R) 1:22.24, 2-Humberger (R) 1:24.78.

100 breaststroke: 1-Mears (R) 1:22.85, 2-Vaffis (R) 1:29.37.

400 free relay: Ross (Mahr, Sprenger, A. Baker and T. Baker) 4:13.66.

Records: Ross 2-0.

Ross splits with Fostoria; Oak Harbor wins twice

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross girls swim team remained undefeated in three meets Saturday, while the Ross boys fell to 2-1.

The Aqua Giants defeated the Fostoria girls 57-30 but lost to the Fostoria boys 46-40.

Tracie Baker, Addie Baker and Ronelle Mahr each won two individual events and swam on the winning Ross girls, 200 and 400 free relays.

Mahr won the 50 freestyle and butterfly event, Tracie Baker took first in the 200 and 500 freestyle and Addie Baker captured first in the 100 freestyle and 200 individual medley.

Chris Schaaf led the Ross boys with victories in the 50 and 100 freestyle swims, while Ryan Wing won the 500 freestyle and helped the Aqua Giants' 400 free relay team to first place.

In one other meet, both Oak Harbor High School swim teams

remained undefeated after five meets.

The Oak Harbor boys won a double dual over Sandusky and Huron — 59-32 and 78-12, respectively; and the Rockets' girls team duplicated the feat — 61-31 over Sandusky and 77-13 over Huron.

The boys were led by Bob Verb, who won two individual events and anchored the winning 200 medley relay team and swam the second leg on the victorious 200 freestyle relay.

Verb won the 200 individual medley and the breaststroke.

Melanie Hamann led the girls, winning the 200 and 100 freestyle events and swimming on the winning 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay squads.

Oak Harbor also swept the diving in both meets as Troy Wright won the boys diving competition and Kelli Bodner won in the girls event.

High School Girls

Ross 57, Fostoria 30

200 medley relay: Fostoria 2:13.10.

200 freestyle: 1-Tracie Baker (R) 2:08.45, 2-Karen Wonderly (R) 2:32.17.

200 IM: 1-Addie Baker (R) 2:33.28, 2-Shannon Dove (F) 2:34.60.

50 freestyle: 1-Ronelle Mahr (R) 28.7, 2-Angie Sprenger (R) 28.94.

100 butterfly: 1-Mahr (R) 1:08.96, 2-Liz Gray (F) 1:17.74.

100 freestyle: 1-A. Baker (R) 1:01.19, 2-Shannon Vaffis (R) 1:05.5.

500 freestyle: 1-T. Baker (R) 5:41.67, 2-Wonderly (R) 6:52.82.

200 free relay: Ross (A. Baker, Heather Mears, Vaffis and T. Baker) 1:54.94.

100 backstroke: 1-Jenny Sander (F) 1:17.63, 2-Jaime Church (F) 1:23.23.

100 breaststroke: 1-Dove (F) 1:18.63, 2-Mears (R) 1:21.53.

400 free relay: Ross (A. Baker, Wonderly, Sprenger and T. Baker). 4:22.47.

Swimming

High School Boys

Fostoria 46, Ross 40

200 medley relay: Fostoria 1:49.83.

200 freestyle: 1-Jon Sander (F) 2:00.64, 2-Ryan Wing (R) 2:02.74.

200 IM: 1-Allen Redford (F) 2:26.96, 2-Kent Huffman (R) 2:28.53.

50 freestyle: 1-Chris Schaaf (R) 23.34, 2-Tate Tyson (F) 24.32.

100 butterfly: 1-Cole Dove (F) 59.4, 2-Larry Waltermeyer (F) 1:07.53.

100 freestyle: 1-Schaaf (R) 53.03, 2-Tyson (F) 55.96.

500 freestyle: 1-Wing (R) 5:30.56, 2-Redford (F) 6:20.99.

200 free relay: Fostoria 1:40.59.

100 backstroke: 1-Sander (F) 1:03.73, 2-Huffman (R) 1:04.23.

100 breaststroke: 1-Dove (F) 1:03.93, 2-Troy Geller (R) 1:15.04.

400 free relay: Ross (Geoff Streeter, Davin Zinkand, Wing and Huffman) 4:24.17.

Ross, Oak Harbor girls lose first swim meets

News-Messenger reports

Girls swim teams from Fremont Ross and Oak Harbor each lost their first meet of the season Tuesday.

Mansfield Senior defeated the Aqua Giants 109-73, while Toledo Notre Dame Academy stopped the Rockets 121-64.

Oak Harbor's boys team, meanwhile, swam past Toledo St. John's 114-68 at Oak Harbor

High School to remain undefeated in six matches.

The Ross boys lost to Mansfield 98-78.

Joe Tack won two events — the butterfly and the breaststroke — and was on the winning 200 medley relay team to lead Oak Harbor's boys.

Mark Weber also won a pair of events for the Oak Harbor boys,

taking first in the 50 and 100 freestyle events. Weber also swam on the winning medley relay team.

The Rockets' girls got two victories from Betsy Verb.

At Mansfield, Aqua Giants John Popoca and Matt McCabe took first and second in the diving competition. The 1-2 finish for Ross was duplicated in girls'

diving by Leslie Hasselbach and Jenny Newman.

Other first-place finishes for Ross went to Chris Schaaf in the butterfly and Andy Wright in the breaststroke.

The Ross girls got two victories — in the 200 and 500 freestyle swims — from Tracie Baker, and a first from Addie Baker in the individual medley.

Swimming

High School Boys

Mansfield Sr. 98, Ross 78

200 medley relay: Mansfield 1:59.33.
200 freestyle: 1-Jones (M) 2:03.52, 2-Grassell (M) 2:10.95.
200 IM: 1-Kennedy (M) 2:13.61, 2-Chris Schaaf (R) 2:14.7.
50 freestyle: 1-Uhde (M) 24.98, 2-Bell (M) 25.46.
Diving: 1-John Popoca (R) 177.2, 2-Matt McCabe (R) 162.65.
100 butterfly: 1-Schaaf (R) 1:00.28, 2-Bell (M) 1:02.6.
100 freestyle: 1-Uhde (M) 56.93, 2-Aaron King (R) 58.51.
500 freestyle: 1-Jones (M) 5:40.4, 2-Grassell (M) 5:50.87.
200 free relay: Mansfield 1:44.44.
100 backstroke: 1-Kennedy (M) 1:02.00, 2-Robinson (M) 1:11.99.
100 breaststroke: 1-Andy Wright (R) 1:14.23, 2-Proffitt (M) 1:18.07.
400 free relay: Mansfield 3:54.02.
Records: Ross 2-2.

High School Girls

Mansfield Sr. 109, Ross 73

200 medley relay: Mansfield 2:11.49.
200 freestyle: 1-Tracie Baker (R) 2:06.05, 2-Hoenberger (M) 2:08.25.
200 IM: 1-Addie Baker (R) 2:33.94, 2-Robinson (M) 2:35.17.
50 freestyle: 1-McCorkle (M) 26.43, 2-Derrenberger (M) 27.63.
Diving: 1-Leslie Hasselbach (R) 179.7, 2-Jenny Newman (R) 164.7.
100 butterfly: 1-McCorkle (M) 1:06.67, 2-Ronelle Mahr (R) 1:08.67.
100 freestyle: 1-Hoenberger (M) 58.16, 2-A. Baker (R) 1:01.9.
500 freestyle: 1-T. Baker (R) 5:40.7, 2-Kennedy (M) 6:18.54.
200 free relay: Mansfield 1:48.18.
100 backstroke: 1-Robinson (M) 1:10.14, 2-Grassell (M) 1:13.19.
100 breaststroke: 1-Van Harlingen (M) 1:18.12, 2-Brubach (M) 1:22.19.
400 free relay: Mansfield 4:02.83.
Records: Ross 3-1.

Sandusky teams down Ross, Rockets

News-Messenger reports

Sandusky swim teams swept Fremont Ross and Oak Harbor teams Saturday.

Sandusky's Aqua Streaks topped the Ross boys 90-80 and the girls swam past the Aqua Giant girls 98-71. Sandusky Perkins hand Oak Harbor's teams losses, handing the Rocket boys their first loss 97-89 and the Rocket girls fell 101-85.

In the Sandusky-Ross girls meet, the Baker sisters, Tracie and Addie were in on four winning events.

Tracie Baker won the 200 (2:10.01) and 500 (5:45.75) freestyles while Addie took the individual medley (2:34.88) and the backstroke (1:14.57). Both Bakers swam on the Aqua Giants' winning 200 and 400 relays. Angie

Sprenger and Shannon Vaffis were also on the winning freestyle relays for the Aqua Giants.

The Ross boys won just two events: The individual medley and the backstroke. Chris Schaaf took the IM in 2:14.04 and Huffman splashed to a 1:06.44 clocking in the backstroke.

Both Sandusky teams are 5-1.

Oak Harbor-Perkins

The Rockets won more events, but the Pirates were still able to pull out victories.

Oak Harbor has never beaten Perkins in swimming.

Oak Harbor's boys won eight of 12 events, while the Rockets' girls took first in six events. The Pirates' ability to finish second and third proved to be the difference in the meet.

The Rockets' boys team, 6-1,

got victories in the 200 medley relay and 200 free relay, as well as individual victories from Ben Wood in the 200 free, Joe Tack in the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke, Mark Weber in the 50 and 100 free, and Craig Harder in the 100 butterfly.

Oak Harbor's Callie Bodnar in diving and the 200 free relay team of Azure Weis, Betsy Verb, Heather Kohli and Melanie Hamann both set new school records.

Bodnar accumulated 222.75 points to win the diving competition, and the relay team came in first with a time of 1 minute, 46.3 seconds.

Oak Harbor's girls, 5-2, also won the 200 medley relay and got individual wins from Hamann in the 50 free, Kohli in the 100 fly and Weis in the 100 backstroke.

Ross girls win tri-meet

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross girls swim team defeated Bryan and Defiance in a tri-meet at the Sandusky County YMCA Saturday.

The Ross boys, meanwhile, tied with Defiance but trailed Bryan.

Tracie Baker led the Ross girls with four victories, including two as an individual. Baker, who won the 200 and 400 freestyle swims, also anchored the winning 200

and 400 free relay teams.

Ronelle Mahr won the 100 butterfly for Ross, which compiled 49 points to 34 for Bryan and 31 for Napoleon.

Chris Schaaf, Ryan Wing and Kent Huffman won events for the Aqua Giants in the boys' meet, but Ross and Defiance both trailed Bryan's 45 points by 10.

Schaaf won the 200 IM, Wing took first in the 400 freestyle and Huffman captured the 100 backstroke.

Perkins tops Ross

News-Messenger reports

SANDUSKY — The Fremont Ross girls managed five victories and the Ross boys three, but the Aqua Giants came out on the short end twice against Sandusky Perkins in a high school swim meet on Saturday.

Perkins won the girls' meet 110-75 and took the boys' meet 121-65.

Tracie Baker, Angie Sprenger and Ronelle Mahr won the 200 freestyle, 50 free and 100 butterfly, respectively, for the Ross girls. They also combined with Addie Baker to win the 400 free relay; Addie Baker, Shannon N Vaffis, Heather Mears and Tracie Baker swam to victory in the 200 free relay.

Chris Schaaf was a double winner for Ross.

Swimming

High School Boys

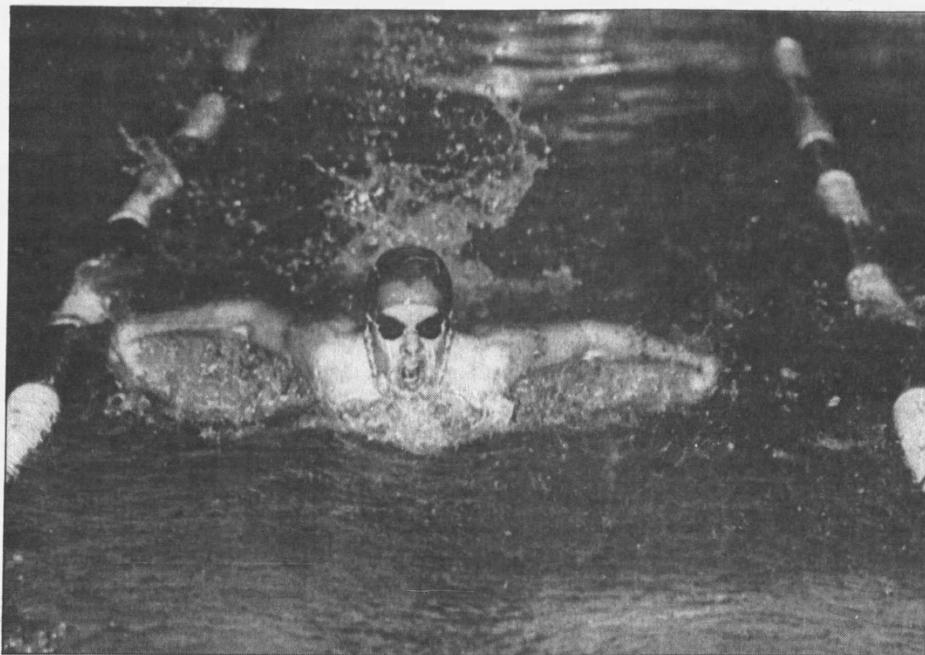
Perkins 121, Ross 65

200 medley relay: Perkins 1:53.43.
200 freestyle: 1-Brian Tann (P) 1:55.54, 2-Jon Voight (P) 2:01.47.
200 IM: 1-Nathan Lavy (P) 2:18.97, 2-Kent Huffman (R) 2:31.03.
50 freestyle: 1-Chris Schaaf (R) 23.41, 2-Brian Shoff (P) 25.03.
Diving: 1-John Popoca (R) 157.2, 2-Gabe Alexander (P) 150.8.
100 butterfly: 1-Schaaf (R) 59.92, 2-Theo Craft (P) 1:08.16.
100 freestyle: 1-Jeff Jordan (P) 55.31, 2-Shoff (P) 56.47.
400 freestyle: 1-Tann (P) 5:14.28, 2-Ryan Wing (R) 5:31.28.
200 free relay: Perkins 1:40.63.
100 backstroke: 1-Lavy (P) 1:02.83, 2-Huffman (R) 1:03.76.
100 breaststroke: 1-Voight (P) 1:07.53, 2-Jordan (P) 1:14.23.
400 free relay: Perkins 3:46.28.

High School Girls

Perkins 110, Ross 75

200 medley relay: Perkins 2:09.86.
200 freestyle: 1-Tracie Baker (R) 2:08.85, 2-Candace Moffitt (P) 2:12.74.
200 IM: 1-Brianna McGlashan (P) 2:25.04, 2-Addie Baker (R) 2:35.13.
50 freestyle: 1-Angie Sprenger (R) 28.69, 2-Ronelle Mahr (R) 28.85.
Diving: 1-Berger (P) 169.95, 2-Cockrell (P) 165.6.
100 butterfly: 1-Mahr (R) 1:07.28, 2-Dawn Gerken (P) 1:12.41.
100 freestyle: 1-McGlashan (P) 1:02.9, 2-Kim Brown (P) 1:04.72.
400 freestyle: 1-McGlashan (P) 5:38.63, 2-Moffitt (P) 5:44.37.
200 free relay: Ross (A. Baker, Shannon Vafis, Heather Mears and T. Baker) 1:53.19.
100 backstroke: 1-Molly Shoemaker (P) 1:12.17, 2-A. Baker (R) 1:14.47.
100 breaststroke: 1-Gerken (P) 1:13.34, 2-Kasi Eiselstein (P) 1:21.19.
400 free relay: Ross (A. Baker, Sprenger, Mahr and T. Baker) 4:08.31.



News-Messenger/Eric Branda

KENT HUFFMAN of Fremont Ross swims in the boys 200-meter individual medley Saturday during

the Aqua Giants' swim meet against Fostoria at the Sandusky County YMCA.

Aqua Giants split at home meet

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross split with Fostoria Saturday in a rare home swim meet for the Aqua Giants Saturday.

The Ross girls splashed past the Redmen 64-22, but the Ross boys bowed by 10, 48-38 in the Sandusky County YMCA pool.

The meet was the second of three home meets at the YMCA this season for Ross, which otherwise swims an "all road" schedule.

The Aqua Giants won all 11 girls events, including top two sweeps in four events. Tracie Baker won her specialties, the 200 and 500 freestyles, and anchored the winning 200 and 400 freestyle relays. The 400 relay swam to a 4:13.57 clocking.

Ronelle Mahr and Addie Baker won two individual events. Mahr won the 50 freestyle and came back in the next — the 100 butterfly — to win again. Baker was first in the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke.

Mahr also swam on the Aqua Giants' winning medley relay and the 400 free relay. Addie Baker led off the 200 and 400 free relays.

Other individual winners for the Aqua Giants included Shannon Vaffis in the 100 freestyle and Heather Mears in the 100 breaststroke.

Chris Schaaf led the Ross boys' effort, winning the 50 and 100 freestyles. The only other

first for the Aqua Giants was by Ryan Wing in the 500 freestyle.

In one other meet, Oak Harbor swam past Port Clinton twice.

The Oak Harbor girls won every event in a 142-40 victory, which upped their record to 7-3 and dropped Port Clinton to 1-6.

Betsy Verb, Azure Weis, Melanie Hamann and Heather Kohli each won two individual events for the Rockets to go with Callie Bodnar's victory in the diving

competition.

In the boys meet, Oak Harbor defeated Port Clinton 107-76 as Ben Wood, Bob Verb and Mark Weber won two individual events apiece and the Rockets swept the relays.

Mike Chrapkiewicz won the diving competition for PC, 5-3, and Todd Perry took first in the 100 backstroke.

Oak Harbor's boys won for the ninth time in 10 meets.

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Swimming

High School Girls

Ross 64, Fostoria 22

200 medley relay: 1-Ross (Kritten Humberger, heatgher Mears, Ronelle Mahr, Shannon Vaffis) 2:10.92.

200 freestyle: 1-Tracie Baker (R) 2:09.79, 2-Karen Wonderly (R) 2:29.37.

200 individual medley: 1-Addie Baker (R) 2:33.25, 2-Dena Holman (F) 2:36.92.

50 freestyle: 1-Mahr (R) 28.81, 2-Vaffis (R) 28.95.

100 butterfly: 1-Mahr (R) 1:08.63, 2-Angie Sprenger (R) 1:10.66.

100 freestyle: 1-Vaffis (R) 1:04.81, 2-Shannon Dove (F) 1:04.9.

500 freestyle: 1-T. Baker (R) 5:43.72, 2-Wonderly (R) 6:38.87.

200 free relay: 1-Ross (A. Baker, Sprenger, Mears, T. Baker) 1:54.06.

100 backstroke: 1-A. Baker (R) 1:13.82, 2-Jenny Sander 1:16.21.

100 breaststroke: 1-Mears (R) 1:21.35, 2-Liz Gray (F) 1:26.03.

400 free relay: 1-Ross (A. Baker, Sprenger, Mahr, T. Baker) 4:13.57.

High School Boys

Fostoria 48, Ross 38

200 medley relay: 1-Fostoria (Redford, Dove, Sander, Waltermyer) 1:51.7.

200 freestyle: 1-Tate Tyson (F) 1:58.29, 2-Ryan Wing (R) 2:02.27.

200 individual medley: 1-Cole Dove (F) 2:11.24, 2-Allen Redford (F) 2:26.16.

50 freestyle: 1-Chris Schaaf (R) 23.42, 2-Jon Sander (F) 24.82.

100 butterfly: 1-Larry Waltermyer (F) 1:05.24, 2-Geller (R) 1:23.18.

100 freestyle: 1-Schaaf (R) 52.32, 2-Tyson (F) 52.31 (by placement).

500 freestyle: 1-Wing (R) 5:38.28, 2-Rory Coleman (F) 6:17.11.

200 free relay: 1-Fostoria (Sander, Waltermyer, Dove, Tykson) 1:40.16.

100 backstroke: 1-Sander (F) 1:00.77, 2-Kent Huffman (R) 1:04.19.

100 breaststroke: 1-Dove (F) 1:03.66, 2-Hans Geller (R) 1:15.25.

400 free relay: 1-Fostoria (Coleman, Sander, Redford, Tyson) 3:56.05.

Swimming

Fremont Ross swimming coach Tom Thomson believes the Aqua Giants' tough time in the Northview pool Tuesday will benefit them in the near future.

Although Ross came home with two boys and two girls dual losses, Thomson is thinking ahead to the sectional meet in two weeks.

"The biggest benefit is Northview's pool is 25 meters," Thomson said. "It's an overdistance pool and the kids work harder."

Most of the Aqua Giants' meets are held in pools that are measured in yards.

"It will benefit us two weeks from now," Thomson said. "It tends to help them swim faster when we hit sectionals."

The Ross girls lost 54-39 to Northview and 59-34 to Southview, while the boys lost 67-26 to Northview and 63-30 to Southview.

Leslie Hasselbach won the diving competition outright with 202.7 points and Tracie Baker won the 500 freestyle outright in 6 minutes, 16.39 seconds for the Ross girls, 6-5.

Baker's 2:22.53 in the 200 freestyle was also good for a victory against Southview, and Ronelle Mahr swam the butterfly in 1:15.18 for a victory against Northview.

Chris Schaaf won the 50 freestyle outright in 25.96 for the Ross boys, 3-7-1.

Other highlights for the Ross boys included a victory by the 400 free relay team of Aaron King, Lee Huffman, David Zinkand and Schaaf against Southview. The relay was clocked in at 4:20.7.

Johnny Popoca's 179.4 points in diving were good for a victory against Northview.

Ross girls swim to 4th at PC Relays

News-Messenger reports

PORT CLINTON — Fremont Ross's girls swim team took fourth place and the boys' team finished fifth Saturday at the 24th Port Clinton Relays.

The Little Giants scored 28 points in the boys' competition, while the girls garnered 46.

Oak Harbor's boys and girls teams both finished third, with 46 and 54 points, respectively.

Sandusky Perkins won the boys' events with 66 while Ashland was second with 56. Mansfield took the girls title with 76 points.

Port Clinton's boys tied for sixth with Sandusky in the 12-team field, each with 26 points. PC's girls finished 11th.

For the Ross boys, the diving team of Matt McCabe and John Papoca took second, the 200 backstroke team was third and the 300 individual medley team took fourth.

Port Clinton's best finish in the boys' events was by the 200 medley team, which finished second.

The Redskins' diving duo of Ed Zilles and Mike Chrapkiewicz also finished fourth.

The Oak Harbor boys got first-place finishes in the 200 fly-breast (Mark Weber, Bryan Peters, Bob Verb and Joe Tack) and the 400 free relay (Ben Wood, Craig Harder, Peters and Weber) and also was second in the 200 underwater freestyle and third in the 850 crescendo.

In the girls' events, Ross's two first-place finishes came from the diving tandem of Leslie Hasselbach and Jenny Neuman, and the 850 crescendo foursome of Tuesday Miller, Angie Sprenger, Addie Baker and Tracy Baker.

Ross also took third in the 200 medley and fourth in the 300 individual medley.

Oak Harbor's girls got a first-place finish from the 200 fly-breast team of Heather Kohli, Teresa Buehler, Melanie Hamann and Megan Kohli.

The Rockets also took second in the 200 backstroke and 200 underwater free relay.

The Rockets' diving team was third and their 400 freestyle squad took fourth.

Swimming

High School Boys

Port Clinton Relays

TEAM STANDINGS			
Perkins	66	Sandusky	26
Ashland	56	St. John's	24
Oak Harbor	46	Mansfield Sr.	18
Fostoria	34	Ontario	16
Ross	28	Col. Crawford	10
Port Clinton	26	Calvert	0

EVENTS

Diving: 1-Perkins 256.0, 2-Ross (Matt McCabe, John Papoca) 252.95, 3-Ontario 234.55, 4-Port Clinton (Ed Zilles, Mike Chrapkiewicz) 231.90.

850 crescendo: 1-Sandusky 8:17.14, 2-Ashland 8:45.04, 3-Oak Harbor (Tracey Witt, Brian Pointer, Jason Wood and Ben Wood 8:47.37, 4-Mansfield Senior 8:55.77.

200 fly-breast: 1-Oak Harbor (Mark Weber, Bryan Peters, Bob Verb and Joe Tack) 1:52.87, 2-Perkins 1:56.27, 3-Ashland 1:56.44, 4-St. John's 2:46.00.

200 back: 1-Fostoria 1:51.77, 2-St. John's 1:58.66, 3-Ross (David Zinkand, Jason Kramer, Ryan Wing and Huffman 1:59.73, 4-Ashland 2:03.28.

300 IM: 1-Perkins 3:01.67, 2-Sandusky 3:04.92, 3-St. John's 3:15.85, 4-Ross (Kent Huffman, Lee Huffman, Chris Schaaf and Derik Elder) 3:16.48.

400 free: 1-Oak Harbor (Ben Wood, Craig Harder, Peters and Weber) 3:33.69, 2-Perkins 3:34.51, 3-Ashland 3:42.14, 4-Ontario 3:47.76.

200 medley: 1-Fostoria 1:48.10, 2-Port Clinton (Tim Ohm, Todd Perry, David Jonke and Ryan Mizeren) 1:54.71, 3-Perkins 2:00.56, 4-Ashland 2:03.13.

200 underwater free: 1-Ashland 1:46.50, 2-Oak Harbor (Verb, Harder, J. Wood and Tack) 1:51.04, 3-Mansfield Senior 1:52.92, 4-Perkins 1:56.53.

High School Girls

Port Clinton Relays

TEAM STANDINGS			
Mansfield Sr.	76	Fostoria	24
Perkins	64	Col. Crawford	16
Oak Harbor	54	Ontario	8
Ross	46	Port Clinton	6
Ashland	32	Calvert	0
Sandusky	24		

EVENTS

Diving: 1-Ross (Leslie Hasselbach and Jenny Neuman) 277.70, 2-Mansfield Senior 277.55, 3-Oak Harbor (Kristen Osborne and Callie Bodnar) 243.45, 4-Perkins 239.75.

850 crescendo: 1-Ross (Tuesday Miller, Angie Sprenger, Addie Baker and Tracy Baker) 9:21.74, 2-Perkins 9:32.74, 3-Mansfield Senior 9:33.15, 4-Ontario 10:10.56.

200 fly-breast: 1-Perkins 2:09.83, 2-Mansfield Senior 2:12.62, 3-Oak Harbor (Heather Kohli, Teresa Buehler, Melanie Hamann and Megan Kohli) 2:13.26, 4-Sandusky 2:13.28.

200 back: 1-Mansfield Senior 2:08.36, 2-Oak Harbor (Sara Henn, Azure Weis, Rachel Loretz and Betsy Verb) 2:08.66, 3-Fostoria 2:15.69, 4-Sandusky 2:16.19.

300 IM: 1-Ashland 3:28.42, 2-Mansfield Senior 3:40.56, 3-Fostoria 3:42.06, 4-Ross (Heather Mears, Wonderly and A. Baker) 3:48.51.

400 free: 1-Perkins 4:02.71, 2-Mansfield Senior 4:04.03, 3-Colonel Crawford 4:13.47, 4-Oak Harbor (Camile Heintz, Amy Wylam, Andrea Lange and Monica Tabbert) 4:24.38, 4-Fostoria 4:35.40.

200 medley: 1-Mansfield Senior 2:05.25, 2-Sandusky 2:05.98, 3-Ross (Baker, Mears, Ronelle Mahr and Vaffis) 2:06.05, 4-Oak Harbor (Henn, Buehler, Hamann and Lange) 2:08.62.

200 underwater free: 1-Ashland 205.93 (meet record), 2-Oak Harbor (Bodnar, Verb, H. Kohli and Weis) 2:08.60, 3-Perkins 2:11.82, 4-Colonel Crawford 2:16.40.

Swimming

High School Boys

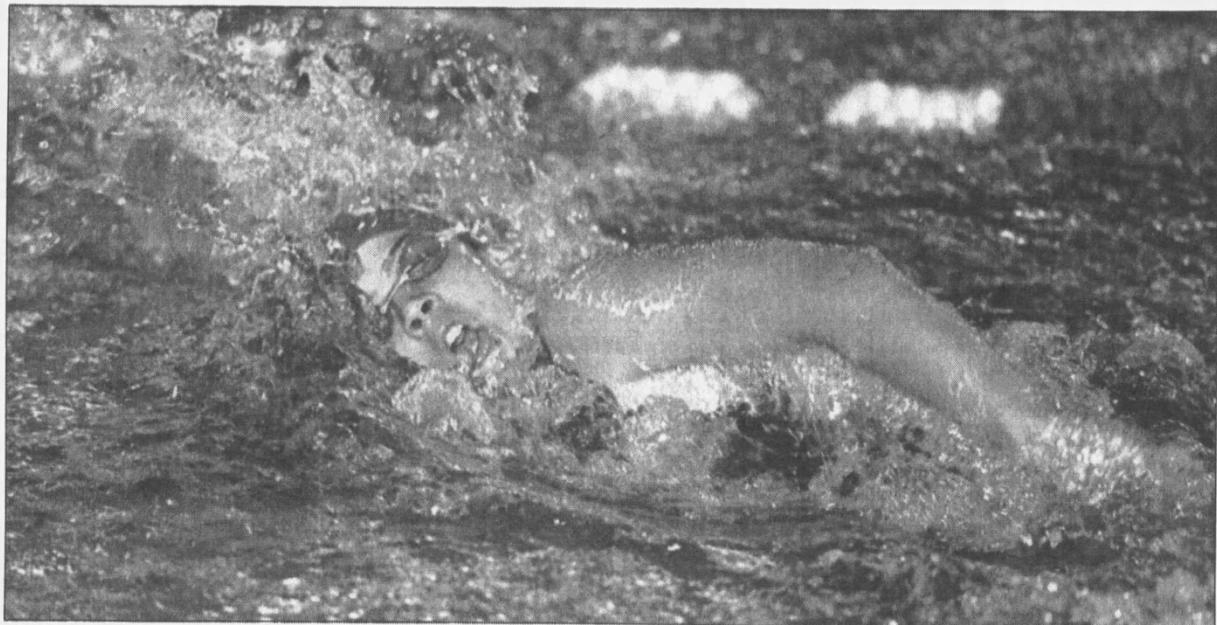
Findlay 51, Ross 35

200 medley relay: Findlay 1:45.56.
200 freestyle: 1-Jake Deerhake (F) 1:58.12, 2-Ryan Wing (R) 2:03.25.
200 IM: 1-Chris Alcott (F) 2:10.81, 2-Brent Ziegler (F) 2:24.85.
50 freestyle: 1-Chris Schaaf (R) 23.2, 2-Jim Heine (F) 24.12.
100 butterfly: 1-Gregg Lathron (F) 56.97, 2-Troy Geller (R) 1:21.53.
100 freestyle: 1-Andy Snow (F) 54.48, 2-Kent Huffman (R) 55.81.
500 freestyle: 1-Frank Braden (F) 5:00.5, 2-Wing (R) 5:41.45.
200 free relay: Findlay 1:36.78.
100 backstroke: 1-Gavin Creed (F) 1:04.28, 2-Kent Huffman (R) 1:05.53.
100 breaststroke: 1-Schaaf (R) 1:08.53, 2-Ziegler (F) 1:14.63.
400 free relay: Findlay 3:47.31.

High School Girls

Findlay 47, Ross 31

200 medley relay: Ross (Tracie Baker, Heather Mears, Ronelle Mahr, Shannon Vaffis) 2:07.39.
200 freestyle: 1-Sarah Niswander (F) 2:06.66, 2-T. Baker (R) 2:10.47.
200 IM: 1-Addie Baker (R) 2:31.98, 2-Christy Lyons (F) 2:35.47.
50 freestyle: 1-Nikki Snow (F) 26.84, 2-Vaffis (R) 28.96.
100 butterfly: 1-Niswander (F) 1:04.6, 2-Mahr (R) 1:06.85.
100 freestyle: 1-Chelsey Cindric (F) 1:03.39, 2-Lisa Guzman (F) 1:13.78.
500 freestyle: 1-Snow (F) 5:36.92, 2-T. Baker (R) 5:46.25.
200 free relay: Findlay 1:53.97.
100 backstroke: 1-Cindric (F) 1:11.25, 2-Sarah Cramer (F) 1:11.97.
100 breaststroke: 1-Mears (R) 1:21.42, 2-Lyons (F) 1:21.78.
400 free relay: Ross (A. Baker, Mahr, Angie Sprenger, T. Baker) 4:09.06.



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

ADDIE BAKER of Fremont Ross swims the anchor leg of the Aqua Giants' 200-meter freestyle relay, which finished first in a dual

meet at Oak Harbor Thursday. Shannon Vaffis, Angie Sprenger and Heather Mears joined Baker on the relay.

Oak Harbor sinks Aqua Giants

News-Messenger reports

OAK HARBOR — The Oak Harbor High School swim team set five records Thursday, including two individual marks by Joe Tack, as the Rockets swept Fremont Ross.

Tack set records in the 100 freestyle (49.37) and 100 breaststroke (1:04.41) as the Oak Harbor boys improved to 11-1 in dual meets with a 110-74 victory.

Tack also swam with Bob

Verb, Mark Weber and Brian Pointer on the winning 200 medley relay team that finished in 1:44.66, shattering the previous school record by nearly three seconds (the old mark was 1:47.45).

Oak Harbor's 112-73 victory in the girls meet improved its record to 9-3.

Freshman Azure Weis helped Oak Harbor's girls 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay set

records.

The team of Weis, Heather Kohli, Melanie Hamann and Betsy Verb won the medley relay in 2:00.26, while Weis teamed with Andrea Lange, Betsy Verb and Melanie Hamann to win the 400 free relay in a record time of 3:56.27.

Ross freestyler Tracie Baker won the 200 and 500 freestyle swims, and freshman Tuesday Miller finished second in both events.

Divers John Popoca and Matt McCabe finished first and second, respectively, for the Ross boys. Leslie Hasselbach won the girls' diving competition.

Other Ross victories were turned in by Kent Huffman in the boys' backstroke, which David Zinkand finished second in, and the girls 200 free relay team of Shannon Vaffis, Angie Sprenger, Heather Mears and Addie Baker.

Swimming

High School Boys

Oak Harbor 110, Ross 74

200 medley relay: 1-Oak Harbor (Joe Tack, Bob Verb, Mark Weber and Brian Pointer) 1:44.66.

200 freestyle: 1-Ben Wood (OH) 1:54.65, 2-Jason Wood (OH) 2:04.36.

200 IM: 1-Verb (OH) 2:11.99, 2-Craig Harder (OH) 2:22.73.

50 freestyle: 1-Weber (OH) 22.99, 2-Chris Schaaf (R) 23.41.

Diving: 1-John Popoca (R) 203.4, 2-Matt McCabe (R) 17270.

100 butterfly: 1-Weber (OH) 56.55, 2-Tracy Witt (OH) 1:10.46.

100 freestyle: 1-Tack (OH) 49.37, 2-Pointer (OH) 55.81.

500 freestyle: 1-Verb (OH) 5:15.00, 2-B. Wood (OH) 5:17.81.

200 free relay: 1-Oak Harbor (Bryan Peters, J. Wood, Harder and B. Wood) 1:39.37.

100 backstroke: 1-David Zinkand (R) 1:06.17, 2-Kent Huffman (R) 1:06.32.

100 breaststroke: 1-Tack (OH) 1:04.41, 2-Schaaf (R) 1:07.04.

400 free relay: 1-Oak Harbor (Verb, B. Wood, Tack and Weber) 3:27.37.

High School Girls

Oak Harbor 112, Ross 73

200 medley relay: 1-Oak Harbor (Azure Weis, Heather Kohli, Melanie Hamann and Betsy Verb) 2:00.26.

200 freestyle: 1-Tracie Baker (R) 2:06.46, 2-Verb (OH) 2:09.10.

200 IM: 1-Weis (OH) 2:26.47, 2-Addie Baker (R) 2:31.15.

50 freestyle: 1-Hamann (OH) 26.13, 2-Andrea Lange (OH) 27.28.

Diving: 1-Leslie Hasselbach (R) 227.05, 2-Callie Bodnar (OH) 206.50.

100 butterfly: 1-Kohli (OH) 1:04.06, 2-Ronelle Mahr (R) 1:06.30.

100 freestyle: 1-Hamann (OH) 57.25, 2-Lange (OH) 59.59.

500 freestyle: 1-T. Baker (R) 5:36.18, 2-Verb (OH) 5:45.81.

200 free relay: 1-Ross (Shannon Vaffis, Angie Springer, Heather Mears and A. Baker) 1:53.41.

100 backstroke: 1-Weis (OH) 1:07.91, 2-Sarah Henn (OH) 1:12.93.

100 breaststroke: 1-Kohli (OH) 1:18.45, 2-Mears (R) 1:20.63.

400 free relay: 1-Oak Harbor (Lange, Verb, Hamann and Weis) 3:56.27.

Ross swimmers hand Wauseon pair of losses

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross handed Wauseon a pair of losses Saturday in high school swimming.

The Ross girls won all 10 events in a 60-26 victory and the Aqua Giant boys eight of 10 events for a 53-33 win.

Tracie and Addie Baker and Shannon Vaffis won two individual events and swam on two winning relays for the Ross girls.

Tracie Baker won the 200 (2:09.37) and 500 (5:42.48) free-styles while Addie Baker took the 200 individual medley (2:32.17) and the 100 backstroke (1:13.13) and swam a leg of the 200 and 400 free relays.

Vaffis won the 50 free (28.72) and the 100 free (1:04.96).

Heather Mears and Shannon Vaffis teamed up with Tracie Baker and Vaffis on the individual medley relay. Vaffis, Angie Sprenger and Mears swam with Addie Baker on the 200 free relay. Mahr and Sprenger and the Bakers comprised the 400

free relay.

Other girls victories went to Mears in the 100 breaststroke and Mahr in the butterfly.

Ryan Wing, Chris Schaaf and Kent Huffman won two events each for the boys. Schaaf also swam on two winning relays, Wing and Huffman one.

Wing won the 200 free (2:06.23) and the 500 free (5:25.71) while Schaaf won the 200 IM (2:16.37) and the butterfly (59.85).

Kent Huffman was first in the 50 free (25.73) and the backstroke (1:05.32).

Schaaf, Kent and Lee Huffman and James Sebeto comprised the winning medley relay. Schaaf also swam the anchor leg of the 200 free relay. Sebeto, Aaron King and Lee Huffman were also on the 200 free relay.

Wing was on the winning 400 free relay with King, Kent Huffman and David Zinkand.

The wins raise the girls record to 7-8 and the boys to 5-9-1.

Swimming

High School Boys

Ross 53, Wauseon 33

200 medley relay: 1-Wauseon 1:55.1, 2-Ross 1:56.08.

200 free: 1-Ryan Wing (R) 2:06.23, 2-Case (W) 2:13.16.

200 individual medley: 1-Chris Schaaf (R) 2:16.37, 2-Wharton (W) 2:22.35.

50 free: 1-Kent Huffman (R) 25.73, 2-Lee Huffman (R) 25.73.

100 butterfly: 1-Schaaf (R) 59.85, 2-Neunsch (W) 1:02.31.

100 free: 1-Wharton (W) 55.39, 2-Aaron King (R) 57.78.

500 free: 1-Wing (R) 5:25.71, 2-Case (W) 6:08.44.

200 free relay: 1-Ross (James Sebeto, King, L. Huffman, Schaaf) 1:41.87, 2-Wauseon 1:44.7.

100 backstroke: 1-K. Huffman (R) 1:05.32, 2-David Zinkand (R) 1:05.85.

100 breaststroke: 1-Neunsch (W) 1:05.39, 2-Troy Geller (R) 1:15.21.

400 free relay: 1-Ross (King, Wing, K. Huffman, Zinkand) 3:55.92, 2-Wauseon 4:02.57.

High School Girls

Ross 60, Wauseon 26

200 medley relay: 1-Ross (Tracie Baker, Heather Mears, Ronelle Mahr, Shannon Vaffis) 2:08.28, 2-Wauseon 3:14.11.

200 free: 1-T. Baker (R) 2:09.37, 2-Schuett (W) 2:20.52.

200 individual medley: 1-Addie Baker (R) 2:32.17, 2-Mull (W) 2:44.49.

50 free: 1-Vaffis (R) 28.72, 2-Weber (W) 29.66.

100 butterfly: 1-Mahr (R) 1:07.55, 2-Elling (W) 1:09.31.

100 free: 1-Vaffis (R) 1:04.96, 2-Tuesday Miller (R) 1:06.16.

500 free: 1-T. Baker (R) 5:42.48, 2-Schuete (W) 6:16.82.

200 free relay: 1-Ross (Vaffis, Angie Sprenger, Mears, A. Baker) 1:55.7, 2-Wauseon 2:03.81.

100 backstroke: 1-A. Baker (R) 1:13.13, 2-Elling (W) 1:14.3.

100 breaststroke: 1-Mears (R) 1:24.04, 2-Beth Brudzinski (R) 1:24.45.

400 free relay: 1-Ross (A. Baker, Mahr, Sprenger, T. Baker) 4:12.25, 2-Wauseon 4:31.26.

Ross awards

Chris Schaaf and Ronelle Mahr were named the most valuable swimmers for the Fremont Ross



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High School swim teams during the team's awards program Monday night at Ross High School.

Schaaf was named the most valuable for the boys team and also received a captain's trophy along with Kent Huffman.

Coach Tom Thomson also presented the boys team's most improved swimmer to Troy Geller while the coaches award went to David Zinkand.

Mahr topped the girls honorees. Thomson also presented captains awards to Angie Springer and Tracie Baker while Beth Brudzinski was named the girls team's most improved swimmer.

Tuesday Miller won the coaches award.

