

1981 District Meet...



POINTING FORWARD. Ross swim Coach Art Buccì, right, gets a close look at the hairstyle worn by Ty Heslet after members of the team "shaved down" for the sectional/district meet. "Shaving" hair from the head and legs reduces resistance in the water and helps shave seconds in swim events. (N-M photos by Bill Kennedy)

Swimming

Little Giants rested 'n' ready

The Northwest Ohio Boys and Girls Sectional District Swimming and Diving Meet began at 11 a.m. today at Cooper Pool in the Recreation Center on the Bowling Green State University Campus.

The girls diving began this morning and will finish at 4 p.m. the finals of the girls and boys 200 medley relay, 200 freestyle, 200-yard individual medley and the 50-yard freestyle will begin at 5:15 today.

Saturday, the boys diving begins at 11 a.m. and will run till 4 p.m. The finals for the boys and girls 100-yard butterfly, freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke along with the 500-yard freestyle and the 400-yard freestyle relay will begin at 5:15 p.m.

Ross Coach Art Buccì says his team is ready for the boys portion of the meet.

"I feel that the team is rested properly and ready to go," he said Thursday after the team's ritualistic "shave" in preparation for the one step before the state swim meet.

Two swimmers or teams from each event plus several "at large" entrants will qualify for the state meet at Branin Natatorium in Canton March 6 and 7. The "at large" berths are determined by comparing times from other sectional/district meets from around the state.

Ross's medley relay team of Dave Sanna, Brian Beck, Mike Mowry and John Isaac, intact from last year, figures to be one of Buccì's better shots at a

state qualifying berth. The team posted a 1:42.7 last year and could go faster this time around.

Mowry has a good shot at reaching the state meet in both the 100 and 200-yard freestyles. He won the 200 at the district show a year ago, missing the meet record by a half second. In the 100, Mowry's 49.20 clocking this season is the third best in the state.

Sanna will be in the 50-yard freestyle sprint and has recorded the 11th fastest time in the state —

22.8 this season. He is coming off an ear infection and in the BGSU pool, Buccì feels that Sanna can improve that time.

Sanna also has a shot at qualifying for the backstroke. His 57.20 mark this season is the third fastest in the district and 14th quickest in the state.

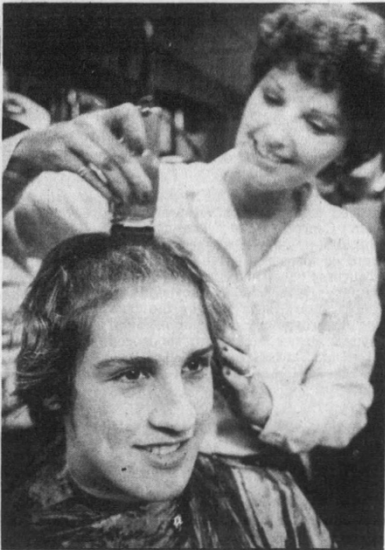
Isaac, Buccì says, has an outside shot at qualifying as an at-large entry in the 100-freestyle. He has a 51-second split off a relay and a 52.2 in the event this season.

"I figure him to have a big drop in his time," Buccì said.

Beck, with a 1:06 clocking in the breaststroke, sixth in the district, is also an at-large possibility in his event.

"He dropped three and one-half seconds in the meet last year," the Ross coach said, "and if he does that again this year, he should make it."

Ross's freestyle relay team of Isaac, Greg Bobay, Brian Overmyer and Beck has posted a 3:31 this season and Buccì feels that the squad can chip six or more seconds off that time. If that happens, the Little Giants could have a shot at another at-large berth in the state meet.



THERE IT GOES. Brian Overmyer's hair is quickly getting shorter as the clippers of his mother, Judy, does its tricks during the "shave session" at Hair, Etc., Thursday.

Teams set

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — The University of Toledo's athletic director has announced the fields for the next five seasons for the Blade-Glass City Basketball Tournament.

Illinois, a Big Ten Conference title contender this winter, Bowling Green and Yale will appear in the 1981 event, Vern Smith said Thursday. Michigan, Oklahoma State and Vermont will appear in 1982, Lamar, Eastern Michigan and Army in 1983, Princeton, North Carolina-Charlotte and Idaho in 1984 and Houston, Detroit and Eastern Michigan in 1985.

Volleyball

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Bite the Ball 15, 15, 9, Non-

Little Giants second

Two individuals, medley qualify

BOWLING GREEN — The Ross swim team is in second place behind St. Francis and Art Bucci hopes that his Little Giants can stay there when the district meet concludes today.

St. Francis is way out in front with 112 with Ross in second with 56 and Findlay third with 50.

"Overall, I'm very, very pleased," Bucci said. "We scored in three of four events and are off to a good start. We'll keep our fingers crossed and hope to come home with a runnerup spot."

Dave Sanna, Mike Mowry and the 200 medley relay team highlighted Ross's performance

Friday as each qualified for the state meet next week.

Sanna took third in the 50 free in 22.23, breaking the school record set by Mowry just last week by .2 seconds.

Mowry won the 200 free for the second straight year with a record time of 1:45.12. That broke the old record of 1:46.00 set by Matt Lenhart, now a swimmer for Bowling Green.

The 200 medley relay team of Sanna, Mowry, Brian Beck and John Isaac finished third in 1:43.23, giving them an at large berth in the state meet. They went to the states

last year.

Bucci said that Jan Smith, Ty Heslet, Jill Isaac Greg Bobay and Brian Overmeyer had the best times of the season in their events.

Smith sliced 12 seconds off her 200 free with a 2:13 finish while Heslet swam a 2:12 200 individual medley, 15 seconds better than his previous best time.

Isaac had a 29.2 in the 50 free and Bobay a 24.27 in the 50 free while Overmeyer finished with a time of 2:01.87 in the 200 free.

The district meet continues today with the diving portion beginning at 11 a.m.



MIKE MOWRY of Ross is downcast after finishing third in the 100-yard freestyle in 49.02 seconds. The Ross senior had a bad turn that may have cost him

the top spot. (News-Messenger photos by Bill Kennedy)

Class AA wrestling

Rockets 1st, Clyde 3rd

OAK HARBOR — Oak Harbor had four champions, Clyde three and Port Clinton one in the Class AA sectional wrestling tournament at Oak Harbor High School Saturday.

The Rockets of Oak Harbor won the meet, tallying 244½ points and outdistancing second-place Cardinal Stritch by 43½ points. Clyde finished third with 153½ while Eastwood was fourth with 138½ and Port Clinton fifth with 96½.

Rounding out the field were Lakota, Rossford, Lake, Margaretta, Bellevue and Genoa.

Oak Harbor advanced 12 of its 13 wrestlers to the district tournament while on the way to its sectional title.

"You have to be very happy when 12 guys go to the districts," said Oak Harbor coach Hector Gonzales. "Everybody wrestled well. We had some guys lose in the semifinals but come back in the consolation and do a good job."

Winning titles for Oak Harbor were Rob Huston (98), Bryan Behn (112), Doug Blay (119) and Dan Blay (126). Picking up runner-up spots were Carlos Mincheff (145), Clauk Carman (155) and Glen Fredrick (HWT).

Mincheff, the defending state champ at 145 and undefeated heading into the sectional finals, got caught in a headlock by Cardinal Stritch's Don Derr and was pinned at 3:25. Mincheff was leading at the time 6-1.

Third places for Oak Harbor went to Steve Weirich (138) and

John Ishmael (175) and Matt Bodnar (105) and Norm Cook had fourths.

Clyde coach Ken Thrasher was pleased with his Fliers' performance.

"I think it's the best Clyde has ever done," he said. "Reuben Rodriguez did an outstanding job and Rod Zieber is still undefeated."

Rodriguez got his 138-pound championship over Stritch's Chris Brown by a referee's decision. The match ended in a tie after regulation and overtime but the Clyde wrestler got the title because he had more near falls than Brown.

"He was behind 2-0 in both the regulation and overtime and trailed 4-2 in the overtime with three seconds left but got a reversal to tie it up," Thrasher said.

Zieber upped his record to 27-0 with his 15-12 triumph over Carman of Oak Harbor in the 155 finals. The other champion for Clyde was Rick Rowe (185).

Three other Clyde wrestlers will go on to the districts. They are Rick Rosen (98) who finished second to Huston, Hiro Persons (105) who also had a runnerup finish and Kirk Allen (167) who was second to Eastwood's Ralph Cubberly.

Brian Celek was Port Clinton's only champion but the Redskins qualified four others for the districts.

Tom Pope (126) defaulted to Dan Blay in the 126 finals because of a bad knee while Mark Apple (132)

finished third. Grabbing fourths for the Redskins were Mark Hernes (Hwt) and Terry Dunn (175).

Other area teams who qualified wrestlers for the districts were Lakota, Margaretta and Bellevue.

The Raiders of Lakota, who finished sixth, had one champion in Steve Fairbanks (132). Pete Gibson (112) took third for Lakota while Tom Veler (126) and Barry Hull (138) took fourths.

Bob Avila, (119) was Margaretta's only district qualifier as he finished fourth and John Dideon (185) of Bellevue moved on to the districts with his fourth place finish.

TEAM STANDINGS: Oak Harbor 244½, Cardinal Stritch 201, Clyde 153½, Eastwood 138½, Port Clinton 96½, Lakota 94½, Rossford 76, Lake 59, Margaretta 43, Bellevue 27, Genoa 3.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
98-Huston (OH) d. Rosen (C) 4-3 overtime;
105-Casay (CS) d. Persons (C) 15-0; 112-Behn (OH) d. Hardy (E) 4-3; 119-Blay (OH) d. Neal (E) 6-4; 126-Blay (OH) by default over Pope (PC); 132-Fairbanks (L) d. Elinski (R) 8-5; 138-Rodriguez (C) d. Brown (CS) overtime by criteria;
145-Derr (CS) p. Mincheff (OH) 2-25; 155-Zieber (C) d. Carman (OH) 15-12; 167-Cubberly (E) d. Allen (C) 10-2; 175-Celek (PC) d. Scott (Lake) 2-1; 185-Rowe (C) d. Becker (E) 10-7; HWT-Baker (Lake) d. Fredrick (OH) 6-1.

CONSOLATION FINALS
98-McGory (CS) d. Waters (E) 16-3; 105-Doktor (R) d. Bodnar (OH) 7-5; 112-Gibson (L) d. Lansaway (CS) 4-1; 119-Derr (CS) d. Avila (R) 8-3; 126-Ackerman (C) d. Veler (L) 6-4; 132-Apple (PC) d. Talbot (CS) 6-4; 138-Weirich (OH) d. Hull (L) 5-2; 145-Dunn (E) d. Callaghan (R) 9-0; 155-Szymanski (CS) by default over Dunn (PC); 167-Zeteld (CS) d. Cook (OH) 2-2; 175-Ishmael (OH) d. Fox (CS) overtime by criteria; 185-Jean (OH) p. Dideon (E) 6-0; HWT-Jarrett (R) p. Hernes (PC) 3-25.

Ross 4th in district

BOWLING GREEN — Fremont Ross finished a strong fourth in the Northwest Ohio District Swimming and Diving Championships Friday and Saturday at Cooper Natatorium on the Bowling Green State University campus.

The Little Giants qualified the medley relay team and two individuals to the Ohio High School State Swimming and Diving Championships at Brann Natatorium in Canton this Friday and Saturday. Only district winner Toledo St. Francis qualified a bigger delegation to the state meet than Ross.

St. Francis had 297 points with runnerup Napoleon second at 122. Findlay was third at 108 and Ross had 106, falling from second in the meet's last event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. Sandusky Perkins was fifth with 102.

Mike Mowry qualified for the state meet in the 100 and 200-yard freestyle events for Ross while Dave Sanna will make ap-

pearances in the state in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke. Those two along with John Isaac and Brian Beck form the medley relay.

Mowry won the 200 free on Friday night in district record time of 1:45.12. It was the second time that the Ross senior has won the 200 free event.

In Saturday's 100 free sprint, Mowry had the top time entering the race — 49.20 — but a bad turn on his second trip across the pool cost him a stroke. He finished third in 49.02. The time is a new Ross school record, breaking Mowry's own mark set this season.

Sanna set a new Ross record in finishing third in the 50 free sprint Friday night, clocking out at 22.23 seconds.

In Saturday's backstroke, Sanna glided to third in 57.3 seconds.

The medley team gained a spot in the state meet with a third Friday night in 1:43.22.

Ross's diving duo of Ed Weiler

and Mark Waggoner finished seventh and eighth, respectively.

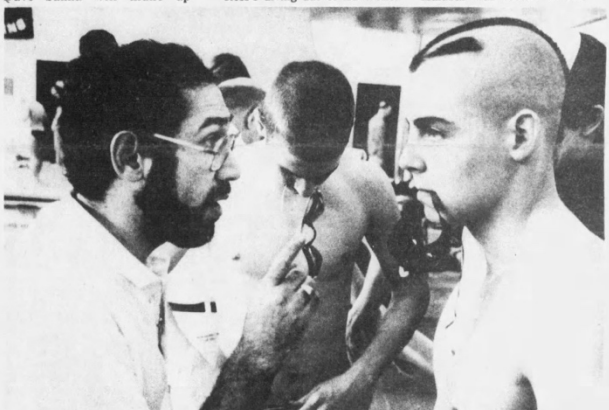
"We were second going into the last event," Ross Coach Art Buccì said. "But Napoleon took third in the freestyle relay and we got eighth. They picked up 26 points and we got 10 and they passed us."

Continuing, Buccì said, "This is the most that we have qualified for the state since I have been here."

Jan Smith, swimming in the girls competition, chopped a dozen seconds off her 200-yard freestyle time Friday night and came back Saturday for a fourth place finish in the breaststroke with a 1:13.12 clocking. That was two seconds better than her season best.

The girls freestyle relay team of Johanna Hawk, Sandy Process, Jill Isaac and Smith finished eighth in 4:15.4.

The Ross girls, finished in the top 10, despite having only four on the team. Napoleon won with 165, Malabar was second at 141,



NOW HEAR THIS: Ross Swim Coach Art Buccì Isaac just before a heat in the 100-yard freestyle. make a point while giving instructions to John

Four Little Giants advance

MANSFIELD — Four Fremont Ross wrestlers advanced to the district after finishing in the top four of the Class AAA Sectional Tournament at Mansfield Senior High School.

Jim Lipstraw, Mark Walther, Doug Smith and Tom Smith will be in the district at Toledo Rogers High School Friday and Saturday. The top two from the district advance to the state tournament March 12, 13 and 14.

Sandusky won the sectional crown with 204 points. Ashland was second with 136½, Marion Harding took third with 132½, Columbian as fourth with 117½, Vermilion fifth with 113½ and Ross sixth with 106.

Lipstraw, 145, had the best finish for Ross, second. He had to default to Mike Arnold of Pinckney in the finals because of an injury he received in the semifinals against

Tony Budka at Vermilion.

Budka was disqualified in the semis when he slammed Lipstraw to the mat. When Lipstraw was unable to continue, Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said the "rowdiest demonstration that he has witnessed in 18 years of coaching" was triggered.

"Vermilion fans are the most obnoxious I have seen in my 18 years of coaching," the Ross coach said disgustedly. "They were throwing pop and other things on us when 'Lippy' could not go on."

"We have a Mansfield trainer there," Voggenthaler continued, "and we checked Lippy's eyes and he did not respond to light. I broke two ammonia capsules under his nose and he did not smell them."

"The trainer said that he should not continue and I agreed with that but when I took Lippy out, that's

when the Vermilion people got upset."

"It doesn't bother me that they yelled at me, but the things they yelled at Lipstraw were what hurt. That was the worst demonstration of sportsmanship I have seen."

Lipstraw was taken to the emergency room of a Mansfield hospital where he was checked out as okay but was advised to rest for at least two days.

Walther, 138, took third, beating Kurt Smith of Columbian 6-4.

Walther had been called for a "defensive pin" during the match but a mat judge overruled the call by the referee.

Tom Smith, 185, was third, beating Doug Mosier of Mansfield 6-3.

Doug Smith, 167, finished fourth, losing to Mike Davis of Findlay 11-4 in the consolations.