

1999 State Meet...

Swimmers head to state

Yost, 200 relay represent Ross

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This is what it all comes down to.

For the past five months area swimmers have been working towards one goal and this weekend's state championships at the Branin Natatorium in Canton will provide an opportunity that they will never forget.

Swimming in the boys' 50-free for Fremont Ross will be Pryde Yost. Ross coach Phil Moran said he has high

hopes for Yost.

"We would like to see him get past the preliminaries and get to the finals," Moran said.

Yost finished fifth in last weekend's districts at Bowling Green State University with a time of 21.61.

Ross also advanced its boys' 200-free relay team of Yost, Brett Spicer, Dan Schrickel and Josh Fate, which finished fourth at districts in (1:29.45).

Moran said he feels the relay team can improve its time from districts.

"Pryde can go faster," Moran said. "Josh wasn't 100 percent and Fate and Danny

can work on some things.

"They had slow takeoffs on their exchanges. They were good, but could be a little better."

This weekend's state finals will also provide an opportunity for Oak Harbor to win its first state swim title in school history.

The 200 medley relay team of Andrea Lajti, Lindsay Lange, Kelly Van Horn and Amber Noggle finished first at districts with a time of 1:48.94 and is seeded third at state.

"We have the fastest middle two legs in the country in Kelly and Lindsay," said Bob

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Yost scores points for Ross at state swimming

News-Messenger reports:

CANTON — Pryde Yost picked up a 14th place finish in the 50 free at the state championships Friday and Saturday in Canton.

Yost swam a 21.63 in the preliminaries on Friday and a 21.77 in the finals to finish 14th.

"That was the first time someone's picked up points for us (in boys competition) since 1986," Moran said.

The 200 free relay team of Brett Spicer, Dan Schrickel, Josh Fate and Yost finished in 1:29.27,

breaking a school record set last week at districts.

Despite missing finals by .04, Moran said the team was pleased.

"Sure they wanted to get to the finals," said Moran. "But you can't break a school record and say that's bad."

Oak Harbor's 200 medley relay team of Andrea Lajti, Lange, Kelly Van Horn and Amber Noggle finished third Friday in 1:48.07 to take third, and Lange finished third in the breastroke in 1:03.08.