

2000 Sectional Meet...

Swimmers head to new sectional

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This season, for the first time, the girls portion of the state swimming tournament will be split into two separate divisions, which Fremont Ross coach Phil Moran said gives his team a big advantage.

"The girls are pretty excited for the district level because more kids advance," said Moran. "It's gotten so fast that we needed to have a split. Division II has to swim by themselves with no one else around. Our girls are excited at having a better shot, and they have worked harder as a result."

For every advantage though, there's usually a disadvantage. This year that dis-

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advantage comes in the form of having to go all the way to Mansfield for the sectional meet.

"It's two-and-a-half hour drive with good weather," said Moran. "The long bus ride is tough on the kids. It's not as far as Napoleon and the kids like the pool better, so mentally they will be better."

"Also, because of what they've done this year there will be two meets the same day. We start at 3 p.m., so we'll get the kids up and have a wake-up swim then send them back home and we'll leave sometime mid-morning."

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Since only the girls were split into two divisions this year, the boys will still have to deal with the possibility of deserving swimmers not advancing to the district level.

"There are only 20 at-large boys that advance as compared to 28 with the girls," Moran said. "So with the automatic bids, we could be looking at four or five boys advancing that are slower than our kids. It's more opportunity for someone who should be there to get bumped out."

Moran hopes to break the record of 20 Little Giants advancing to districts.

"I think we can do better this year," said Moran. "Es-

pecially with the girls being split, we could be looking at 25 or 26 kids advancing to the next level."

The Little Giants have a solid base that will more than likely advance, with Josh Fate, Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, Adam Bundschuh, J.J. Glaspy, Elliot Hogan, Brent Tooman, the boys relay teams, Courtney Abbott, Morgan and Brittany O'Connor, Sarah Berger, Meg Nalley, Beth Hoelzle, Kristen Van Dyne, Sam Glaspy, Wendy Farrell and Noelle Stroempl leading the way.

Looking at the field on the boys side, Moran thinks there is one clear-cut favorite.

"Ashland is definitely the team to beat," Moran said. "If some of our young kids step up and the older boys put on

a good show, we could give them a run. I hope we can finish second, but it would be nice to give them a good run."

On the girls side, Findlay's depth places the Trojans as the favorite.

"Findlay's depth makes them very tough to beat," said Moran. "Ashland shouldn't be far behind them and our girls will probably be third. We could give them a run with some strong performances."

The teams in Ross's sectional this year are different from years past.

"The only team that's the same is Sandusky," Moran said. "Everyone else that's there is from a little farther away than us, like Celina and Lima Senior. I hope that might work to our advantage."

Little Giants overcome rough sectional

Ross sends 25 to districts

News-Messenger reports

MANSFIELD — The situation at Saturday's Mansfield Malabar Middle School sectional swimming competition was less than ideal, but Fremont Ross handled it marvelously, advancing 25 swimmers to districts.

The boys won their first-ever sectional title (since the postseason format began to

include sectionals) and advanced 11 individual swimmers, and the girls took second place, 100 points higher than they were seeded, advancing 14 swimmers.

"We left at 11 a.m., and had a two-hour delay," said Ross coach Phil Moran. "The meet started at 4:30 p.m., we finished swimming at 10:25 p.m. and returned home after 12:30 a.m. We had approximately 20-25 delays with timing system problems.

"We didn't have a warm-up/warm-down area. The showers weren't working in

the boys locker rooms. The starting blocks were not secure, they wobbled all over. Some teams had to travel from over three hours away, like Celina. The other division meet was over with by 2 p.m.!

"With all of those horrible conditions, our swimmers swam the best that I have ever seen in my time at Ross. I'm proud of our swimmers for being able to stay focused for such a long time. The Little Giant swimmers are tough."

Swimming

Advancing for the boys were Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, Josh Fate, Adam Bundschuh, Paul Nalley, Elliot Hogan, Brent Tooman, J. J. Glaspy, Brandon Spicer, Neamit Patel and Seth Geib.

Glaspy won the 500 free and was fourth in the 200 free, Schrickel was third in the 100 breast and sixth in the 50 free, Patel was eighth in the 1-meter diving, Fate was first in the 100 fly and 100 back, Young was third in the 100 back and fourth in the 100 free, Hogan was sixth in the 100 free and eighth in the 100

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breast, Spicer was sixth in the 100 back, Geib was ninth in the 100 breast, the team of Young, Fate, Schrickel and Bundschuh was second in the 200 free relay and 200 medley relay, and the team of Glaspy, Tooman, Nalley and Hogan

was fourth in the 400 free relay.

The boys totaled 376.5 points, easily outdistancing second place Ashland (339) and third place Celina (279).

Advancing for the girls were Noelle Stroempl, Wendy Farrell, Meg Nalley, Beth Hoelzle, Sarah Berger, Brittany and Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, Kristen VanDyne, Jenny Fate, Sam Glaspy, Alyssa Zimmerman, Jera Johnson and Rachael Rusch.

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Swimmers fare well despite lengthy delays

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Morgan O'Connor was second in the 200 free and third in the 100 fly, Berger was second in the 500 free and fourth in the 200 free, Nalley was sixth in the 500 free and 10th in the 200 free, Brittany O'Connor was third in the 50 free and 100 free, Abbott was fourth in the 50 free and seventh in the 100 free, VanDyne was ninth in the 100 fly, Fate was 11th in the 100 fly and 14th in the 100 back, Hoelzle was 12th in the 100 free and 100 back, Stroempl was fifth in the 100 back, Glaspy was seventh in the 100 breast and Farrell was eighth in the 100 breast.

The team of Stroempl, Farrell, Nalley and Hoelzle took eighth in the 200 medley relay, and the O'Connors, Berger and Abbott won

the 400 free relay and took second in the 200 free relay.

In the diving competition, Zimmerman was eighth, Rusch was ninth and Johnson was 10th.

District competition begins Thursday at Bowling Green State University.

Oak Harbor sectional

OAK HARBOR — Host Oak Harbor's girls swimming and diving team got a first-place finish from Kelly Van Horn in the 100-yard backstroke and the 200 free relay Saturday en route to a second-place finish at the Division II Northwest Ohio Sectional Championships.

Van Horn won the backstroke in 1:00.85 and took second in the butterfly in 1:01.24, while the 200 free relay team won its event in 1:46.90.

The Rockets' 200 medley relay team also advanced to this week's district meet at Bowling Green State University by placing second in 2:01.91. The 400 free relay also advanced with a second-place finish (3:58.16).

Also placing in the top three for Oak Harbor were Amber Noggle in the individual medley (second, 2:24.10), Fran Darr in the 500 free (second, 5:47.10), Allison Jacobs (second, 1:16.35) and Janelle Montano in the 50 free (third, 26.94).

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Division I at Mansfield Girls

1-Findlay 392.5, 2-Ross 372, 3-Ashland 339, 4-Celina 217, 5-Mansfield Senior 180, 6-Sandusky 177, 7-Lima Senior 173, 8-Madison Comprehensive 147, 9-Columbian 110.5, 10-Wapakoneta 91.

Ross results

200 Medley Relay

8 - Noelle Stroempl, Wendy Farrell, Meg Nalley, Beth Hoeltzle, 2:06.88

200 Free

2 - Morgan O'Connor, 2:04.81; 4 - Sarah Berger, 2:09.58; 10 - Meg Nalley, 2:11.93; 16 - Kristen VanDyne, 2:17.60.

200 IM

3 - Noelle Stroempl, 2:31.90; 5 - Sam Glaspy, 2:34.11; 7 - Wendy Farrell, 2:34.74; 19 - Kaylie Crispen, 2:55.74.

50 Free

3 - Brittany O'Connor, 25.79; 4 - Courtney Abbott, 26.15.

1 Mtr. Diving

8 - Alyssa Zimmerman, 269.35; 9 - Rachael Rusch, 255.55; 14 - Jera Johnson, 236.

100 Fly

3 - Morgan O'Connor, 1:04.31; 9 - Kristen VanDyne, 1:11.12; 11 - Jenny Fate, 1:11.49; 23 - Amber Barnes, 1:21.77.

100 Free

3 - Brittany O'Connor, 57.04; 7 - Courtney Abbott, 59.97; 12 - Beth Hoeltzle, 1:01.12; 31 - Ana Baros, 1:11.90.

500 Free

2 - Sarah Berger, 5:48.36; 6 - Meg Nalley, 5:58.04; 22 - Erika Parker, 7:02.01.

200 Free Relay

2 - Courtney Abbott, Morgan O'Connor, Sarah Berger, Brittany O'Connor, 1:47.05.

100 Back

5 - Noelle Stroempl, 1:08.40; 12 - Beth Hoeltzle, 1:11.55; 14 - Jenny Fate, 1:12.87; 18 - Amber Barnes, 1:16.31.

100 Breast

7 - Sam Glaspy, 1:18.41; 8 - Wendy Farrell, 1:18.99; 16 - Kaylie Crispen, 1:23.90; 20 - Abby Cominsky, 1:25.96.

400 Free Relay

1 - Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, Sarah Berger, Brittany O'Connor, 3:55.22.

Boys

1-Ross 376.5, 2-Ashland 339, 3-Celina 279, 4-Mansfield Senior 218.5, 5-Lima Senior 214, 6-Findlay 179, 7-Sandusky 171, 8-Wapakoneta 149, 9-Columbian 116, 10-Madison Comprehensive 58.

Ross results

200 Medley Relay

2 - Buck Young, Dan Schnickel, Josh Fate, Adam Bundschuh, 1:46.20.

200 Free

4 - JJ Glaspy, 2:00.24; 11 - Noah Grayson, 2:12.01; 12 - Paul Nalley, 2:12.51; 13 - Eric Horn, 2:12.72.

200 IM

4 - Brent Tooman, 2:30.04; 6 - Robbie Straight, 2:49.74.

50 Free

6 - Dan Schnickel, 23.41; 11 - Adam Bundschuh, 24.57; 25 - Kyle Myers, 29.17; 26 - Mark Thomson, 29.46.

1 Mtr. Diving

6 - Neamit Patel, 226.90; 14 - Brian Whitright, 168.90.

100 Fly

1 - Josh Fate, 55.84; 8 - Brandon Spicer, 1:09.54; 13 - Robbie Straight, 1:23.25.

100 Free

4 - Buck Young, 51.82; 6 - Elliot Hogan, 53.24; 10 - Adam Bundschuh, 55.03; 15 - Paul Nalley, 59.05.

500 Free

1 - JJ Glaspy, 5:23.10; 8 - Brent Tooman, 6:10.51.

200 Free Relay

2 - Josh Fate, Buck Young, Adam Bundschuh, Dan Schnickel, 1:33.88.

100 Back

1 - Josh Fate, 57.61; 3 - Buck Young, 58.43; 6 - Brandon Spicer, 1:04.49; 17 - Eric Horn, 1:17.15.

100 Breast

3 - Dan Schnickel, 1:04.15; 8 - Elliot Hogan, 1:09.14; 9 - Seth Geib, 1:09.90; 17 - Noah Grayson, 1:15.40.

400 Free Relay

4 - JJ Glaspy, Brent Tooman, Paul Nalley, Elliot Hogan, 3:50.13.

District Qualifiers

Girls

Noelle Stroempl, Wendy Farrell, Meg Nalley, Beth Hoeltzle, Sarah Berger, Brittany O'Connor, Morgan O'Connor, Courtney Abbott, Kristen VanDyne, Jenny Fate, Sam Glaspy, Alyssa Zimmerman, Jera Johnson, Rachael Rusch.

Boys

Buck Young, Dan Schnickel, Josh Fate, Adam Bundschuh, Paul Nalley, Elliot Hogan, Brent Tooman, JJ Glaspy, Brandon Spicer, Neamit Patel, Seth Geib.

Division II at Oak Harbor Girls

1-Perkins 478.6, 2-Oak Harbor 408, 3-Huron 242, 4-Margaretta 237, 5-Port Clinton 213.5, 6-St. Mary's 136, 7-Willard 131, 8-St. Paul 103, 9-Norwalk 76, 10-Kansas Lakota 62, 11-Hopewell-Loudon 9, 12-Eastwood 2.

200 Medley relay

1 - Perkins, 1:56.49; 2 - Oak Harbor, 2:01.91; 3 - St. Mary's, 2:05.96; 4 - Huron, 2:08.79; 5 - Margaretta, 2:09.51; 6 - Port Clinton, 2:12.49.

200 Free

1 - Routh (P), 2:00.29; 2 - Hohler (P) and Manly (PC), 2:09.35; 4 - Lippus (H), 2:09.54; 5 - Darr (OH), 2:11.35; 6 - Baumgartner (OH), 2:15.23.

200 IM

1 - Henning (P), 2:21.33; 2 - Noggle (OH), 2:24.10; 3 - Rice (P), 2:24.10; 4 - Kastor (P), 2:30.96; 5 - Grover (OH), 2:31.19; 6 - Nodner (M), 2:32.09.

50 Free

1 - Geiger (PC), 26.64; 2 - Miller (M), 26.88; 3 - Montano (OH), 26.94; 4 - Westcott (M), 27.15; 5 - Rose (OH), 27.28; 6 - Burns (P), 27.49.

1 Mtr. Diving

1 - Orwig (M), 153.35; 2 - Kehres (P), 357.55; 3 - Balogh (PC), 233.55; 5 - Bohn (M), DQ; 5 - Hayes (OH), DQ; 5 - Babcock (PC), DQ.

100 Fly

1 - Henning (P), 58.88; 2 - VanHorn (OH), 1:01.24; 3 - Harris (P), 1:05.39; 4 - Schumacher (L), 1:06.61; 5 - Erathause (OH), 1:07.46; 6 - Bodner (M), 1:08.65.

100 Free

1 - Henning (P), 55.85; 2 - Miller (M), 58.58; 3 - Geiger (PC), 58.64; 4 - Schumacher (L), 59.03; 5 - Harris (P), 59.23; 6 - Manly (PC), 59.94.

500 Free

1 - Routh (P), 5:11.53; 2 - Darr (OH), 5:47.10; 3 - Lippus (H), 5:50.63; 4 - Groner (OH), 5:59.12; 5 - Frank (P), 6:06.15; 6 - Badiuk (H), 6:06.78.

200 Free Relay

1 - Oak Harbor, 1:46.90; 2 - Perkins, 1:49.03; 3 - Port Clinton, 1:50.73; 4 - Margaretta, 1:51.21; 5 - St. Mary's, 1:52.18; 6 - Huron, 1:53.47.

100 Back

1 - VanHorn (OH), 1:00.85; 2 - Henning (P), 1:05.15; 3 - Goff (SM), 1:05.92; 4 - Benner (OH), 1:09.71; 5 - Boehk (H), 1:11.56; 6 - Hughes (M), 1:11.97.

100 Breast

1 - Kastor (P), 1:14.22; 2 - Jacobs (OH), 1:16.35; 3 - Dillinger (SM), 1:17.22; 4 - Moore (H), 1:21.09; 5 - Laubacher (OH), 1:21.21; 6 - Weichel (P), 1:21.73.

400 Free Relay

1 - Perkins, 3:52.92; 2 - Oak Harbor, 3:58.16; 3 - Margaretta, 4:05.47; 4 - Huron, 4:06.39; 5 - Port Clinton, 4:06.82; 6 - St. Mary's, 4:08.62.

Boys

1-Perkins 385, 2-Margaretta 329, 3-Huron 328, 4-Oak Harbor 275, 5-Port Clinton 241; 6-Norwalk 211.5, 7-St. Paul 134, 8-St. Mary's 80, 9-Willard 74.

200 Medley Relay

1 - Perkins, 1:46.72; 2 - Huron, 1:51.22; 3 - Margaretta, 1:53.22; 4 - Norwalk, 1:56.53; 5 - Oak Harbor, 2:00.51; 6 - Port Clinton, 2:01.18.

200 Free

1 - Wohl (P), 1:50.51; 2 - Rengel (P), 1:53.91; 3 - Klaus (H), 1:56.89; 4 - Zajac (PC), 1:57.84; 5 - Silva (OH), 2:01.64; 6 - Marsh (H), 2:08.65.

200 IM

1 - Koch (P), 2:33.72; 2 - Criscione (P), 2:08.42; 3 - Sorg (H), 2:21.82; 4 - Lange (OH), 2:23.46; 5 - Carr (N), 2:24.28; 6 - Gray (H), 2:30.20.

50 Free

1 - Roberts (P), 23.08; 2 - Kline (N), 23.79; 3 - Hower (P), 24.23; 4 - Rickenbaugh (M), 24.50; 5 - Roland (N), 24.74; 6 - Niederkohr (M), 25.22.

1 Mtr. Diving

1 - Gordon (PC), 298.95; 2 - Rohrbacher (M), 267.80; 3 - Bartemes (H), 265.55; 4 - Mohr (M), 254.00; 5 - Clemens (PC), 241.45; 6 - New (H), 231.25.

100 Fly

1 - Klaus (H), 57.17; 2 - Root (PC), 1:02.25; 3 - Loch (SP), 1:02.55; 4 - Lamb (N), 1:03.29; 5 - Janitski (P), 1:03.38; 6 - Beach (W), 1:07.50.

500 Free

1 - Wohl (P), 4:55.90; 2 - Silva (OH), 5:40.80; 3 - Collins (M), 5:46.62; 4 - Ginesi (H), 5:47.92; 5 - Lodermeier (N), 6:07.56; 6 - Riemer (PC), 6:16.39.

100 Free

1 - Rengel (P), 51.83; 2 - Hower (P), 53.22; 3 - Magovac (H), 53.34; 4 - Zajac (PC), 53.37; 5 - Rickenbaugh (M), 54.21; 6 - Leber (M), 55.04.

200 Free Relay

1 - Perkins, 1:34.19; 2 - Margaretta, 1:38; 3 - Norwalk, 1:39.99; 4 - Huron, 1:40.58; 5 - Oak Harbor, 1:41.81; 6 - Willard, 1:54.69.

100 Back

1 - Criscione (P), 58.94; 2 - Schaefer (P), 1:02.25; 3 - Baillie (M), 1:02.31; 4 - Magovac (H), 1:03.16; 5 - Loch (SP), 1:04.23; 6 - Carr (N), 1:05.52.

100 Breast

1 - Lange (OH), 1:06.54; 2 - Sorg (H), 1:08.13; 3 - Knoght (SP), 1:10.68; 3 - Kline (N), 1:10.68; 5 - Fekky (OH), 1:10.71; 6 - Laubacher (OH), 1:13.87.

400 Free Relay

1 - Perkins, 3:23.59; 2 - Margaretta, 3:40.10; 3 - Huron, 3:42.01; 4 - Oak Harbor, 3:52.29; 5 - Port Clinton, 3:59.72; 6 - Norwalk, 4:01.19.