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THE BEST SHOTS for Ross in the district swim meet are shown above. Kneeling in front is Hal Hawk. Seated, left to right, are Kirk Hess, Kevin Casey, Scott Heschel, and Marty Mason.

Ross aiming for 2nd in district

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Ross swim coach Tim Loehr is logical in his thinking. He does not expect his Little Giant swim team to knock off talented Toledo St. Francis in the Northwestern Ohio District Swim Meet.

"They are in a class by themselves," he admits but in the same breath pointed out "but we are capable of getting second. In a meet like this we can pull off something like that."

Finishing second in the district meet was one of the primary goals that Loehr set before the season started. Every other stroke of good luck or high meet finish along the way was just a little sweetening toward that goal.

Loehr does not expect his whole team to walk into the pool at St. Francis High School, site of the two day meet that began with diving at noon today, and splash into the number two spot. Instead, he feels that he has a nucleus of four swimmers and a one diver that could carry Ross into the runnerup spot.

"The medley relay team of Hal Hawk, Kevin Gasey, Kirk Hess, and Marty Mason should finish high," Loehr said. "They have to finish at least second to qualify automatically for the state meet next Friday and Saturday but if they don't, there is a chance they could make one of the eight at-large berths."

The relay team has a best time of 1:50.4, set just this past Saturday. It will take at least a 1:48.0 to get near the top two.

"The can do it," Loehr said flatly. "If (sometimes a very big word) all four of them swim what they are capable of or what they have done this season, they can swim a 1:48."

Hess is the man that Loehr gives the best shot at qualifying in individual competition. The Ross senior will be competing in the individual medley and the 500-yard freestyle with his best chance at qualifying in the IM.

Loehr also gives Mason a shot at the 50-yard freestyle providing "he gets back to early season form."

In diving, junior Scott Heschel must finish in the top four to automatically qualify for the state meet. If he does not finish with a good point total and near the top four, he could receive an at-large berth.

In closing Loehr said, "All of the swimmers have been 'tapered' to the point that they will be rested for the Saturday swimming. It will be up to them after that."

Diving began at noon today with the swimming slated for noon Saturday. St. Francis is located on Bancroft in Toledo.

St. Francis romps

—Ross is 7th in district—

TOLEDO — St. Francis did what was expected — win the Northwestern Ohio District Swim Meet — but they were not expected to win it so handily.

St. Francis rolled up a record 444 points to outdistance the 29-team field at the St. Francis High School natatorium.

The day was "record" day with Findlay's Todd Worthington leading an assault on the district meet record book.

Worthington set two records, in the 200 freestyle and the butterfly with items of 1:48.3 and 54.1, respectively. The two records topped a total of eight set in the 11 events.

St. Francis's March Schlatter also set two records.

Finishing second to St. Francis was Lima Shawnee with 116 while Malabar was third with 111. Fremont Ross was seventh with 63 points.

Kirk Hess of Ross was third in the individual medley and fourth in the 500 freestyle but had to finish in the top two to qualify for the state meet or get an at-large bid.

Sunday's tabulation of the various other district meets eliminated Hess from an at-large berth.

The Ross swimmer did set new school standards in the events with a 2:07.7 in the IM and a 5:03.0 in the long distance freestyle.

Other Ross swimmers that lowered seasons bests were Hal Hawk in the backstroke with a 1:04.0; Kevin Casey with 1:09.4 in the breaststroke; Dave Stein in the breaststroke with a 1:13.4; and Mike Keller in both the 50 and 100

freestyles with times of 24.6 and 55.3.

Ross' medley relay team of Hawk, Casey, Hess, and Marty Mason turned in its best time with a 1:48.6, nearly two seconds faster than its previous best, but finished only fourth.

Scott Heschell was 13th in the diving that was held on Friday.

TEAM SCORING

St. Francis 444; Lima Shawnee 116, Mansfield Malabar 111, Findlay 93, Sandusky 72, Sandusky Perkins 70, Ross 63, Napoleon 62, Lima Senior 44, Ashland 39, Colonel Crawford 26, Margaretta 22, Port Clinton 10, Ontario 2

EVENTS

MEDLEY RELAY — St. Francis (Powell, Schlatter, Smenner, Johns) 1:40.45 (New meet record. Old record held by Sandusky, 1:44.1); Shawnee; Malabar; Ross; Napoleon; Sandusky

200 FREESTYLE — Tod Worthington (Fi) 1:48.3 (New record); Loesch (Mal); Allen (Sh); Ward (SJ); Bertolina (SJ); MacDonald (SF)

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — Marc Schlatter (SF) 2:04.4 (New record); Smenner (SF); **KIRK HESS** (Ro) 2:07.7 (New Ross school record); Hallar (Clay); Zeiher (Per); Conrad (SF)

50 FREESTYLE — Michael Wohl (SF) 22.6 (New record); Barr (LS); Daudelin (SF); Schwab (Na); Day (Mar.); Johns (SF)

BUTTERFLY — Todd Worthington (Fi) 54.1 (New record); Wohl (SF); Smenner (SF); Glasser (Ash); Day (Mar); Lishewski (SF)

100 FREESTYLE — Jon Barr (LS) 50.5 Loesch (Mal); Ward (SF); Arneson (Fi); Lerro (Mal); Schwab (Na)

500 FREESTYLE — Dan MacDonald (SF) 4:59.0 (New record); Sullivan (SF); Lishewski (SF); **HESS** (Ro) 5:03.0 (New Ross school record); Allen (Sh); Depew (Syl)

BACKSTROKE — Terry Powell (SF) 55.6 (New record); Riggs (Sh); Bertolina (SF); Hallar (Clay); Schaffter (Per); Emmenecker (SF)

BREASTSTROKE — Marc Schlatter (SF) 1:01.6 (New record); Hansien (SF); Heck (SF); Borgef (Cel); Crabtree (BG); Joseph (Nap)

FREESTYLE RELAY — St. Francis (Powell, Ward, Daudelin, Wohl) 3:24.9 (New record); Shawnee; Sandusky; Findlay; Malabar; Ashland