

## Travel-weary Aqua Giants ready to return 'home'

By BOB MARKER  
Staff writer

Fremont Ross celebrated its 50th year in high school swimming in 1985 and promptly went on a five-year vacation.

It was not a pleasurable hiatus for the Aqua Giants, instead it was more like being exiled from its antiquated home pool at the Fremont Junior High School.

It's been a road trip ever since, but that will end Wednesday when the Aqua Giants come "home," not to the junior high pool with its snug ceiling and sauna-like atmosphere, but to the Sandusky YMCA and a 5

p.m. meet with Tiffin Calvert.

The YMCA is not a permanent home, but at least for the travel-weary tankers, it's a meet in a pool in Fremont.

Tom Thomson, who returns as head coach of the Aqua Giants after a two-year absence, views the five-year vacation as null and void.

"We had the 50th anniversary five years ago," he offered, "and Wednesday at the YMCA, we begin the next 50 at home."

Thomson will put a team in the pool that is short on experience but long on rookies, especially in the boys ranks. Gone from last

year is state diving champion B.J. Blair.

"I'd have to say that is a big loss," Thomson smiled while watching his team put in the yards Monday afternoon.

"Our strength should be in the relays," he said about both the boys and girls squads.

Tri-captains Allyn Spanfellner, Joe Pemberton and Chase Baker along with Kevin Wagner, Ryan Wing and Aaron King lead Thomson's freestylers.

Returning letterman David Tallman will anchor the butterfly and freestyle sprints.

"The rest of the squad is

mainly sophomores and freshmen," the Ross coach said. "We are deep in rookies but they are good rookies."

On the girls side, Ronelle Mahr, Tracy Baker and Molly Zinkand are the tri-captains.

Senior letterwinner Sheila Poust is the top breaststroker along with Brandi Cooley. Another returning letterwinner, Shannon Vaffis, is currently hampered by an injury.

Heather Mears, another letterwinner, will compete in the stroke (breast and back) events, Thomson said.

Thomson said a strength of

both teams is his assistant coaches: Chris Black and volunteer Brian Koenig — both former Aqua Giants stars; Portia Thomas, diving coach Bob Lozano and strength coach Diane Thomson.

"They have been super," he said.

Thomson's last teams were 6-4-1 (boys) and 4-6 (girls).

After the season opener, the Aqua Giants will still see ample amount of the road — 13 of the 17 meets are away from Fremont — but Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again," may be taking a step toward being a memory.

# Aqua Giants sink Calvert in Fremont

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It was a time to bask in the comforts of home for coach Tom Thomson and his crew of Ross swimmers.

The Aqua Giants defeated outmanned Tiffin Calvert twice at the Sandusky County YMCA Wednesday, the first time in five years that a Ross swim team has competed in a meet in Fremont.

The Ross boys won 63-22 and the girls 61-25 in the season opener for both teams.

In 1985, the Aqua Giants had been exiled from their former home at the Fremont Junior High School when the pool failed to pass Ohio High School Athletic Association regulations for competition.

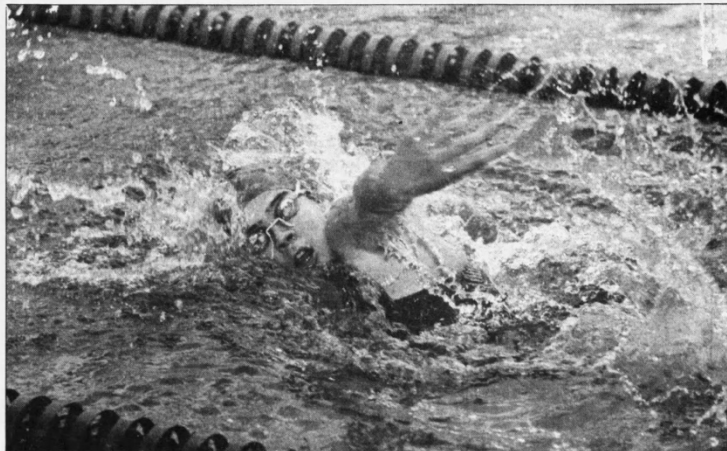
Even a pair of disqualifica-

tions at the end of Wednesday's meet could not sour the "Home, sweet home," atmosphere.

The DQs were all part of a too early celebration when Thomson and his assistant coach, Chris Black, were ceremoniously dumped in the pool by members of the Aqua Giants. The problem: Calvert's final swimmer in the 400 freestyle relay team was still in the water finishing his final lap.

"It was a good thing it was not a close meet," Thomson smiled as water rolled off his nose, "then we would have been regretting it ... a lot."

There were no regrets, though, as Chris Schaaf, Joe Pemberton, Tracy Baker, Angie Sprenger



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TRACY BAKER of Fremont Ross swims during the 200 freestyle event Wednesday.

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and Sarah Moore were individual double winners for Ross. The five also swam on winning relay teams.

Schaaf won the individual medley and the butterfly; Pemberton and Moore took the 50 and 100 free sprints; Baker won the 200 and 500 distance free events; and Sprenger captured the butterfly and backstroke.

The only victory in the pool for Calvert was by Greg Obringer in the boys 500 free.

"We are really happy," Thomson said. "Our younger swimmers had some nice swims."

Thomson's tankers set a pair of team records in the 200 freestyle relay. The event is new this season, but the one minute, 44.23 seconds for the boys and the 1:53.78 posted by the girls will go down in the record books.

Thomson said the lineup he put in the pool Wednesday is far from being a set lineup.

"We had a couple first-line

people in their specialty events simply because that is what they have been training for," Thomson said. "We had some others moved around because we are working them into new events and we wanted to see how well they would swim."

"This home meet ... home atmosphere — a good crowd," the Ross coach said, "it was a good time."

The "good time" will quickly end Saturday when the Aqua Giants travel to Galion Saturday, the first of 13 road trips.

# Swimming

## High School Boys

### Ross 63, Calvert 22

200 medley relay: 1-Ross (Ken Huffman, Lee Huffman, Chris Schaaf, Joe Pemberton) 1:54.55, 2-Ross (David Zinkand, Aaron King, David Tallman, Craig Eppley) 2:06.77, 3-Calvert (Justin Wagner, Greg Obringer, Chris Wise, Jonne Tuominen) 2:15.09.

200 freestyle: 1-Allyn Spanfellner (R) 1:59.56, 2-Ryan Wing (R) 2:13.83, 3-Fred Hemminger (C) 2:34.12.

200 individual medley: 1-Schaaf (R) 2:20.77, 2-L. Huffman (R) 2:37.6, 3-Obringer (C) 2:38.81.

50 free: 1-Pemberton (R) 34.79, 2-Eppley (R) 32.32, 3-Trevor Feller (C) 37.0.

100 butterfly: 1-Schaaf (R) 1:01.27, 2-David Tallman (R) 1:02.56, 3-Chris Wise (C) 1:14.39.

100 free: 1-Pemberton (R) 54.71, 2-Kevin Wagner (R) 55.39, 3-Hemminger (C) 1:04.04.

500 free: 1-Obringer (C) 6:35.23, 2-Geoff Streeter (R) 6:57.29, 3-Troy Geller (R) 7:13.44.

200 free relay: 1-Ross (Wagner, Aaron King, L. Huffman, Spanfellner) 1:44.23, 2-Ross (Geller, Zinkand, Ryan Vogel, Eppley) 1:58.14, 3-Calvert (Peter Hutzel, Steve Kauffman, Wagner, Hemminger) 2:00.25.

100 backstroke: 1-K. Huffman (R) 1:07.47, 2-Zinkand (R) 1:17.55, 3-Chris Wise (C) 1:24.04.

100 breaststroke: 1-L. Huffman (R) 1:15.96, 2-King (R) 1:20.57, 3-Hutzel (C) 1:29.63.

400 free relay: 1-Calvert (Obringer, Tuominen, Hemminger, C. Wise) 4:29.21, 2-Calvert (Hutzel, Kauffman, Tony Walter, Feller) 5:55.60, 3-No points awarded, both Ross teams were disqualified.

Records: Calvert 0-1, Ross 1-0.

## High School Girls

### Ross 61, Calvert 25

200 medley relay: 1-Ross (Angie Sprenger, Sheila Poust, Heather Mears, Brandi Cooley), 2:19.57, 2-Calvert (Jenny Warnement, Lynn Herbert, Kris Obringer, Angie Gase) 2:37.32, 3-Calvert (Allegra Felter, Vanessa Wax, Tracy Wrich, Amy Panuto) 3:00.45.

200 freestyle: 1-Tracy Baker (R) 2:08.37, 2-Molly Zinkand (R) 2:28.57, 3-Brenda Boehler (C) 3:18.44.

200 individual medley: 1-Ronelle Mahr (R) 2:38.69, 2-Mears (R) 2:46.73, 3-Kris Brinafr (C) 3:26.72.

50 free: 1-Sarah Moore (R) 26.85, 2-Felter (C) 30.52, 3-Tracy Wright (C) 32.84.

100 butterfly: 1-Sprenger (R) 1:18.23, 2-Mears (R) 1:21.65, 3-Ginger Luidhardt (C) 1:42.37.

100 free: 1-Moore (R) 58.7, 2-Zinkand (R) 1:08.84, 3-Gase (C) 1:37.95.

500 free: 1-Baker (R) 5:42.62, 2-Poust (R) 6:35.22, 3-Wax (C) 7:40.84.

200 free relay: 1-Ross (Mahr, Moore, Zinkand, Baker) 1:53.78, 2-Calvert (Ludhardt, Herbert, Warnement, Boehler) 2:32.1, 3-Calvert (Annette Eichert, Connie Elchert, Gase, Kim Bayent) 3:14.12.

100 backstroke: 1-Sprenger (R) 1:19.22, 2-Wax (C) 1:33.38, 3-Cooley (R) 1:35.83.

100 breaststroke: 1-Ross (Mahr, Moore, Sprenger, Baker) 4:15.14, 2-Calvert (Felter, Wright, Panuto, Wax) 5:16.15, 3-Calvert (Boehler, Obringer, A. Elchert, Boyent) 7:15.8.

Records: Calvert 0-1, Ross 1-0.

# Ross boys, girls swim past Galion

News-Messenger reports

**GALION** — The Fremont Ross swim teams climbed to 2-0 with victories over Galion Saturday.

The Aqua Giants boys rolled up a 61-24 edge while the girls dealt the Tigers a 46-39 setback.

The Ross girls had 1-2 finishes in the 200 individual medley and the 200 freestyle, but a 1-3 finish in the 500 put the Tigers away, according to coach Tom Thomson.

Tracy Baker won the 200 free in 2:08.79 with Molly Zinkand second, and Ronelle Mahr was first in 2:39.3 and Heather Mears second in the IM for Ross. Baker also won the 500 free in 5:46.1. Sheila Poust was third in the 500.

Sara Moore won the 50 free (27.27) and the 100 free (1:00.67) for the Aqua Giants and Mears added a first in the breaststroke (1:22.41.).

The other Ross first was in the 4x100 free relay. The team of

Mahr, Moore, Mears and Baker posted a 4:14.4.

The Ross boys had four 1-2 finishes to subdue the Tigers.

Allyn Spanfellner won the 200 free in 2:00.73 with Ryan Wing second; Chris Schaaf was first in the IM in 2:23.31 and Lee Huffman was runner-up; Joe Pemberton took first in the 100 free in 55:35 with Spanfellner second; and Kent Huffman was first in the backstroke in 1:12.2 with David Zinkand second.

Other Ross boys first-place finishes went to Pemberton in the 50 free (25.26), Kevin Wagner in the butterfly (1:07.68) and the medley and free relays. Kent Huffman, Schaaf, Lee Huffman and Pemberton won the medley in 2:11.24 while Wagner, Schaaf, Pemberton and Spanfellner were on the free relay which posted a 3:46.5 clocking.

The Aqua Giants travel to Mansfield Tuesday.



# Ross splits with Mansfield

News-Messenger reports

**MANSFIELD** — Fremont Ross split a swim meet with Mansfield Senior Tuesday.

Ross won the boys meet 95-83, but Mansfield won the girls meet 104-79.

Allyn Spanfellner won the 200 and 100 freestyle events for Ross, and John Popoco took first in diving.

Spanfellner also swam the anchor leg on Ross's winning 200 and 400 freestyle relay squads.

Sarah Moore won the 100 and 200 freestyle events for the Ross girls, and Tracy Baker won the 200 individual medley and the 500 freestyle.

The Little Giants also got a victory from its 200 free relay team of Ronelle Mahr, Angie Sprenger, Moore and Baker.

# Swimming

## High School Boys

### Ross 95, Mansfield 83

200 medley relay: Mansfield 1:53.1.

200 free: 1-Allyn Spanfellner (R) 2:00.03, 2-Chase Baker (R) 2:02.79.

200 IM: 1-Kennedy (M) 2:14.41, 2-Kevin Wagner (R) 2:22.72.

50 free: 1-Bell (M) 24.77, 2-Joe Pemberton (R) 25.2.

Diving: 1-John Popoco (R), 2-Sebetto (R).

100 fly: 1-Bell (M) 1:00.57, 2-Chris Schaaf (R) 1:01.21.

100 free: 1-Spanfellner (R) 53.85, 2-Pemberton (R) 55.55.

500 free: 1-Baker (R) 5:38.15, 2-Ryan Wing (R) 5:53.01.

200 free relay: Ross (Wagner, Schaaf, Baker and Spanfellner) 1:38.44.

100 back: 1-Kennedy (M) 1:03.73, 2-Kent Huffman (R) 1:07.14.

100 breast: Gaeth (M) 1:08.53, 2-Schaaf (R) 1:08.60.

400 free relay: Ross (Wagner, Baker, Pemberton and Spanfellner) 3:41.84.

## High School Girls

### Mansfield 104, Ross 79

200 medley relay: Mansfield 2:14.39.

200 free: 1-Sarah Moore (R) 2:08.45, 2-Hohenberger (M) 2:12.80.

200 IM: 1-McCorkle (M) 2:31.31, 2-Heather Mears (R) 2:32.20.

50 free: 1-Desrenberger (M) 28.22, 2-Ronelle Mahr (R) 28.41.

Diving: 1-Haring (M), 2-Hasselbach (R).

100 fly: 1-Mahr (R) 1:10.06, 2-Esmont (M) 1:19.05.

100 free: 1-Moore (R) 58.67, 2-Desrenberger (M) 1:00.29.

500 free: 1-Tracie Baker (R) 5:39.81, 2-Hohenberger (M) 6:01.61.

200 free relay: Ross (Mahr, Angie Sprenger, Moore and Baker) 1:50.87.

100 back: 1-McCorkle (M) 1:11.68, 2-Robinson (M) 1:16.23.

100 breast: 1-VanHarlinghan (M) 1:20.75, 2-Mears (R) 1:20.95.

400 free relay: Mansfield 4:12.08.

# Sandusky swims past Aqua Giants twice

News-Messenger reports

Sandusky swam to a pair of high school swim meet victories over Fremont Ross Saturday.

The Blue Streaks edged the Little Giants 89-81 in the girls meet, while Sandusky won the boys meet 96-74.

First-place finishes for the Ross girls went to Sarah Moore in the 200 and 100 freestyle events, Tracy Baker in the 200 individual medley and the 400 freestyle as well as the 200 and 400 free relay squads.

Moore and Baker swam the third and fourth legs on both relays. Ronelle Mahr opened both winning relays.

Angie Sprenger and Molly Zinkand swam the second leg in the 200 free relay and 400 free relay, respectively.

Kevin Wagner, 200 IM; Allyn Spanfellner, 100 free; Ryan Wing, 50 free; and Chris Schaaf, 100 breaststroke, took individual firsts for the Ross boys.

The Little Giants also won the 200 medley relay behind Kent Huffman, Schaaf, Dave Tallman and Joe Pemberton.

In other swimming action Saturday, Oak Harbor set eight school swimming records but lost both a boys and a girls meet

to Sandusky Perkins.

Perkins won the boys meet 109-77, and the Pirates took the girls meet 104-82.

Six girls' records were set as well as two boys' marks.



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# Swimming

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## High School Boys

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### Sandusky 96, Ross 74

200 medley relay: Ross (Kent Huffman, Chris Schaaf, Dave Tallman and Joe Pemberton) 1:53.15.

200 free: 1-Patterson (S) 1:50.58, 2-Spanfeller (R) 1:58.04.

200 IM: 1-Kevin Wagner (R) 2:18.67, 2-Millot (S) 2:18.78.

50 free: 1-Lenhart (S) 24.10, 2-McCune (S) 24.66.

100 fly: 1-Patterson (S) 58.08, 2-Schaaf (R) 1:07.04.

100 free: 1-Spanfeller (R) 52.96, 2-McCune (S) 54.81.

400 free: 1-Ryan Wing (R) 5:34.02, 2-Wigley (S) 5:41.06.

200 free relay: Sandusky 1:35.19.

100 back: 1-Millot (S) 1:05.01, 2-Shirley (S) 1:05.58.

100 breast: 1-Schaaf (R) 1:07.91, 2-Mandrick (S) 1:10.42.

400 free relay: Sandusky 3:36.16.

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## High School Girls

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### Sandusky 89, Ross 81

200 medley relay: Sandusky 2:15.96.

200 free: 1-Sarah Moore (R) 2:09.72, 2-Schmidt (S) 2:26.96.

200 IM: 1-Tracie Baker (R) 2:32.76, 2-Russell (S) 2:45.80.

50 free: 1-Patterson (S) 27.55, 2-Ronelle Mahr (R) 27.92.

100 fly: 1-Patterson (S) 1:07.64, 2-Mahr (R) 1:09.03.

100 free: 1-Moore (R) 59.71, 2-Knupke (S) 1:04.90.

400 free: 1-Baker (R) 5:45.23, 2-Shelia Poust (R) 6:37.22.

200 free relay: Ross (Mahr, Angie Sprenger, Moore and Baker) 1:51.78.

100 back: 1-Mills (S) 1:16.72, 2-McCune (S) 1:24.70.

100 breast: 1-Russell (S) 1:21.69, 2-Carroll (S) 1:22.17.

400 free relay: Ross (Mahr, Molly Zinkand, Moore and Baker) 4:17.61.

# Aqua Giants win double 'at home'

By BOB MARKER

Staff writer

Fremont Ross put a win in the nostalgia column Thursday afternoon, hanging a double high school swim loss on Fostoria.

Ross coach Tom Thomson was happy to remember which column on the scoring sheet to use in the rare home meet at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

The Ross boys won 50-36, the Aqua Giants seventh win in eight dual clashes, and the Ross girls won 48-37, raising their record to 6-3.

"My problem," Thomson said, "was remembering to put my lineup on the left-hand side —that's where the home team lineup goes; I'm not used to that."

It was only the second home meet for a Ross swim team in the last six seasons. Earlier this season, Ross hosted Tiffin Calvert in a meet at the Sandusky County YMCA.

"I was the announcer at the last meet here," Thomson said while relaxing in the humid hallway of the junior high natatorium. "That was in 1985."

The junior high pool does not meet regulations for regular home meets but with Fostoria agreeing, enough water was pumped into the antiquated pool to make it acceptable to both teams.

"We had to have three feet of water in the shallow end," Thomson said, "and with custodian Jim Scherrer's help, we did."

Scherrer pumped water into the pool Wednesday night, assuring the proper depth.

With that settled, the Aqua Giants took over.

The Ross boys won 7 events: 6 individual and a relay event.

Kent Huffman was the only double winner for Ross, winning the 50-yard freestyle in 25.68 seconds and coming back for a first place in the backstroke in 1:08.58.

Other Ross firsts went to Kevin Wagner in the 200 free; Joe Pemberton in the 100 free; David Tallman in the butterfly; Allyn Spanfellner in the 500 free; and the 400 freestyle relay team of Wagner, Ryan Vogel, Chase Baker and Tallman.

Tracie Baker and Sarah Moore won two events apiece and swam on two winning relays to pace the Ross girls.

Baker won the 200 and 500 freestyles, winning the latter in 5:39.35. Moore won the 50 and 100 freestyle sprints.

Other Ross girls victories went to Ronelle Mahr in the butterfly; Heather Mears in the breaststroke; the 200 free relay of Moore, Angie Sprenger, Mahr and Baker; and the 400 free relay of Sprenger, Mahr, Moore and Baker.

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# Swimming

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## High School Boys

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### Ross 50, Fostoria 36

Medley relay: 1-Fostoria (Allen Redford, Cole Dove, Juan Soles, Mark Hadacek) 1:57.4, 2-Ross (David Zinkand, Troy Geller, Kent Huffman, Craig Eppley) 2:05.82, 3-Ross (Lee Huffman, Aaron King, Joe Pemberton, Ryan Vogel) 2:08.05.

200 freestyle: 1-Kevin Wagner (R) 2:02.34, 2-Tate Tyson (F) 2:05.01, 3-Soles (F) 2:22.91.

200 individual medley: 1-Dove (F) 2:16.51, 2-Chase Baker (R) 2:19.53, 3-Zinkand (R) 2:38.12.

50 freestyle: 1-K. Huffman (R) 25.68, 2-Hadacek (F) 25.73, 3-King (R) 27.47.

100 butterfly: 1-David Tallman (R) 1:04.16, 2-Wagner (R) 1:07.03, 3-Larry Wallermyer (F) 1:14.24.

100 freestyle: 1-Joe Pemberton (R) 55.19, 2-Hadacek (F) 59.4, 3-Eppley (R) 1:09.18.

500 freestyle: 1-Allyn Spanfellner (R) 5:32.21, 2-Tyson (F) 6:20.41, 3-Glen DeMars (F) 6:41.28.

200 freestyle relay: 1-Fostoria (Hadacek, Dove, Soles, Tyson) 1:43.42, 2-Ross (Spanfellner, Geller, K. Huffman, Baker) 1:43.61, 3-Ross (King, Zinkand, Tallman, Eppley) 1:51.09.

100 backstroke: 1-K. Huffman (R) 1:08.58, 2-Baker (R) 1:12.13, 3-Redford (F) 1:13.1.

100 breaststroke: 1-Dove (F) 1:07.61, 2-Chris Schaaf (R) 1:08.0, 3-Soles (F) 1:11.82.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Ross (Wagner, Vogel, Baker, Tallman) 3:56.31, 2-Fostoria (DeMars, Wallermyer, Redford, Tyson) 4:09.02, 3-Ross (Schaaf, Apsnfellner, Pemberton Geoff Streeter) 4:16.83.

Records: Ross 7-1.

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## High School Girls

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### Ross 48, Fostoria 37

200 medley relay: 1-Fostoria (Nicole Baker, Liz Gray, Jenny Tiell, Rhoda Gehr) 2:20.13, 2-Ross (Brandi Cooley, Sheila Poust, Heather Mears, Molly Zinkand) 2:21.9, 3-Fostoria disqualified.

200 freestyle: 1-Tracie Baker (R) 2:07.57, 2-Jessica Strahm (F) 2:22.91, 3-Gehr (F) 2:22.75.

200 individual medley: 1-Shannon Dove (F) 2:33.89, 2-Mears (R) 2:43.26, 3-Angie Sprenger (R) 2:51.9.

50 freestyle: 1-Sarah Moore (R) 27.00, 2-N. Baker (F) 29.08, 3-Pam Baker (F) 31.47.

100 butterfly: 1-Ronelle Mahr (R) 1:09.62, 2-Dove (F) 1:10.69, 3-Sprenger (R) 1:19.77.

100 freestyle: 1-Moore (R) 1:08.08, 2-Gehr (F) 1:03.82, 3-N. Baker (F) 1:08.71.

500 freestyle: 1-Baker (R) 5:39.35, 2-Strahm (F) 6:24.46, 3-Poust (R) 6:26.2.

200 freestyle relay: 1-Ross (Moore, Sprenger, Mahr, Baker) 1:52.53, 2-Ross (Weibke Hartmann, Cooley, Zinkand, Mears) 2:16.31, 3-Fostoria (Heather Etchen, Gray, Tiell, Rachel Smith), 2:16.93.

100 backstroke: 1-P. Baker (F) 1:21.05, 2-Heidi Etchen (F) 1:24.12, 3-Cooley (R) 1:26.51.

100 breaststroke: 1-Mears (R) 1:30.02, 2-Gray (F) 1:28.57, 3-Tiell (F) 1:29.6.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Ross (Sprenger, Mahr, Moore, Baker) 4:07.59, 2-Fostoria (P. Baker, Gehr, Strahm, Dove) 4:19.05, 3-Fostoria (N. Baker, Hea. Etchen, Smith, Hei. Etchen) 5:14.68.

Records: Ross 6-3.



# Napoleon swims past Aqua Giants

News-Messenger reports

**NAPOLEON** — Fremont Ross was dealt a double setback in high school swimming Saturday, losing to the Napoleon boys and girls teams.

Napoleon took the boys meet 107-79 and topped the Aqua Giants girls 114-59.

Both the Ross boys and girls took three first places.

Leslie Hasselbach won the diving event for the Ross girls while Sarah Moore was first in the 100-freestyle sprint.

Ross's 400-freestyle relay team of Moore, Ronelle Mahr, Angie Sprenger and Tracy Baker won that event.

Hasselbach recorded 161.85 points in the diving competition while Moore broke a minute in the 100-free sprint with a 58.58 clocking. The free relay won in 4:10.55.

John Popoca gave Ross a sweep in the meet's diving, winning for the Ross boys with 177.80 points. Matt McCabe was second to his teammate with 146.70.

Chris Schaaf won the 50-free-style in 23.72 seconds for the Aqua Giants and the 200-freestyle relay of Kevin Wagner, David Tallman, Allyn Spanfellner and Schaaf was first in 1:38.65.

The Aqua Giants return to action today, traveling to Findlay.

## Swimming

### High School Boys

#### Napoleon 107, Ross 79

200 medley relay: 1-Napoleon (Nagel, Schroeder, Smithhisler, Rohrs (1:50.73), 2-Ross (Kent Huffman, Lee Huffman, Chris Schaaf, Joe Pemberton) 1:58.73, 3-Napoleon 2:00.22.

200 freestyle: 1-Vernace (N) 1:54.38, 2-Allyn Spanfellner (R) 1:57.6, 3-Chase Baker (R) 2:01.96.

200 individual medley: 1-Rohrs (N) 2:13.53, 2-Storch (N) 2:23.13, 3-Kevin Wagner (R) 2:23.37.

50 freestyle: 1-Schaaf (R) 23.72, 2-Smithhisler (N) 23.73, 3-Schroeder (N) 25.68.

Diving: 1-John Popoca (R) 177.80, 2-Matt McCabe (R) 146.70, 3-Moenimon (N) 145.65.

100 butterfly: 1-Rohrs (N) 1:01.36, 2-David Tallman (R) 1:03.43, 3-Gunter (N) 1:06.49.

100 freestyle: 1-Nagel (N) 51.19, 2-Smithhisler (N) 52.4, 3-Spanfellner (R) 52.71.

500 freestyle: 1-Vernace (N) 5:13.47, 2-Baker (R) 5:28.46, 3-Storch (N) 5:41.03.

200 freestyle relay: 1-Ross (Schaaf, Wagner, Tallman, Spanfellner) 1:38.65, 2-Napoleon (Moehrmann, Schroeder, Vernace, Warner) 1:42.23, 3-Ross 1:47.47.

100 backstroke: 1-Schroeder (N) 1:03.53, 2-K. Huffman (R) 1:08.3, 3-Vold (N) 1:13.78.

100 breaststroke: 1-Nagel (N) 1:03.59, 2-Schaaf (R) 1:09.0, 3-Wieds (N) 1:15.31.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Napoleon (Nagel, Rohrs, Smithhisler, Vernace) 3:34.18, 2-Ross (Wagner, Baker, Pemberton, Spanfellner) 3:37.86, 3-Napoleon 4:12.37.

Record: Ross 6-3.

### High School Girls

#### Napoleon 114, Ross 59

200 medley relay: 1-Napoleon (Li. Haldy, McColey, Nagel, Sonneberg) 2:01.12, 2-Napoleon (La. Haldy, Lanzer, Moorehead, Werncke) 2:01.47, 3-Ross 2:20.57.

200 freestyle: 1-La. Haldy (N) 2:02.42, 2-Tracy Baker 2:06.71, 3-Sarah Moore (R) 2:07.31.

200 individual medley: 1-Sonneberg (N) 2:21.64, 2-Nagel (N) 2:38.0, 3-Heather Mears (R) 2:43.98.

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Record: Ross 5-4.

# Swim loss

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The Ross boys got firsts from Chris Schaaf in the 50 free and the 200 free relay team of Schaaf, Kevin Wagner, Chase Baker and Allyn Spanfellner.

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## High School Boys

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### Findlay 111, Ross 75

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200 free: 1-Alcott (F) 1:54.71, 2-Allyn Spanfellner (R) 1:56.06.

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Diving: 1-Anderson (F) 246.45, 2-John Popoca (R) 221.00.

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100 breast: 1-Braden (F) 1:05.82, 2-Schaaf (R) 1:09.54.

400 free relay: 1-Findlay 3:34.60, 2-Ross (Wagner, Baker, Joe Pemberton and Spanfellner) 3:37.83.

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## High School Girls

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### Findlay 107, Ross 76

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50 free: 2-Ronelle Mahr (R) 27.64.

Diving: 1-Leslie Hasselbach (R) 176.70.

100 free: 1-Sarah Moore (R) 59.95.

500 free: 2-Tracie Baker (R) 5:39.48.

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100 breast: 1-Heather Mears (R) 1:21.97.

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## Oak Harbor boys tie with Southview; girls lose

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In other meets Saturday, Oak Harbor's boys tied Sylvania Southview 91-91, while the Rockets' girls team swam to a 110-76 victory over the host Cougars.

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### Oak Harbor boys

The Rockets, 5-1-1, got relay victories from the 200 medley team of Joe Tack, Bob Verb, Kevin Witt and Mark Weber; Weber in the 50 free; Troy Wright in diving; Joe Tack in the 400 free; and Verb in the 100 breaststroke.

### Port Clinton boys

Diver Ed Zilles and Todd Perry in the 100 backstroke picked up the only first-place finishes for Port Clinton.

### Ross girls

Finishing in first place for the Little Giants were Ronelle Mahr in the 100 fly, Heather Mears in the 100 breaststroke, Sarah

Moore in the 100 free and the 200 free relay team.

### Oak Harbor girls

The Rockets got individual victories from Heather Kohli in the butterfly, Betsy Verb in the individual medley and 400 freestyle, Melanie Hamman in the 50 free and 100 free, and Callie Bodnar in diving.

Oak Harbor's 200 free relay and 400 free relay teams also won. The Rockets are 5-2 on the season.

### Port Clinton girls

Suzi Krupp in the 500 freestyle was the only winner for the PC girls. The Redskins finished second in the 200 free relay and the 400 free relay.

# Swimming

## High School Boys

### Ashland 46, Ross 40

200 medley relay: 1-Ashland 1:48.40, 2-Ross 1:56.76.

200 free: 1-Allyn Spanfellner (R) 1:55.37, 2-Joe Johnson (A) 1:57.39.

200 individual medley: 1-Matt Nelson (A) 2:16.44, 2-Siloy (A) 2:18.61.

50 free: 1-John Davidson (A) 23.54, 2-Chris Schaaf (R) 23.85.

Diving: Not contested.

100 fly: 1-Siloy (A) 59.60, 2-Dave Tallman (R) 1:03.04.

100 free: 1-Davidson (A) 51.74, 2-Spanfellner (R) 51.88.

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100 back: 1-Jon Finks (A) 1:02.47, 2-Kent Huffman (R) 1:08.79.

100 breast: 1-Schaaf (R) 1:07.83, 2-Ryan Gray (A) 1:08.23.

400 free relay: 1-Ashland 3:36.17, 2-Ross 3:36.71.

### Oak Harbor 91, S'view 91

200 medley relay: 1-Oak Harbor (Joe Tack, Bob Verb, Kevin Witt and Mark Weber) 2:01.78, 2-Southview 2:02.97.

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Individual medley: 1-Matile (S) 2:20.22, 2-

(PC) 1:11.27.

100 breast: 1-Gaeth (M) 1:09.41, 2-David Jonke (PC) 1:10.75.

400 free relay: 1-Mansfield (Jones, Grassell, Gadfield and Jordan), 2-Port Clinton.

## High School Girls

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200 medley relay: 1-Ashland 2:05.01, 2-Ross 2:18.09.

200 free: 1-Jamie Minnich (A) 2:04.69, 2-Tracie Baker (R) 2:08.

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50 free: 1-Cathy Fraas (A) 27.25, 2-Sarah Moore (R) 27.37.

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400 free relay: 1-Ashland 3:59.64, 2-Ross 4:10.05.

# Oak Harbor swims past Aqua Giants

News-Messenger reports

**OAK HARBOR** — Joe Tack won two individual events and swam on two winning relay teams, leading Oak Harbor to a 97-86 high school boys swimming victory over Fremont Ross.

In the girls meet, Oak Harbor swam to a 108-74 victory.

Tack won the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly and also swam the first and third legs, respectively, on the Rockets' 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay.

Mark Weber, who anchored both relays, won the 50 and 100 freestyle events.

Bob Verb, also a member of both winning Rocket relays, won the 10 breaststroke, and Clark Oakley won the 100 backstroke for Oak Harbor.

Ross got a victory from its 400 free relay team of Kevin Wagner, Chase Baker, Joe Pemberton and Allyn Spanfellner. Baker won the 500 freestyle and Spanfellner the 200 freestyle for the Aqua Giants.

Ross's John Popoca and Matt McCabe swept the diving competition.

The Rockets won nine events in the girls meet, including a pair by Betsy Verb (200 and 500 freestyle swims) and Melanie Hamann (50 and 100 freestyle) and the 200 medley relay.

Tracie Baker won the 200 individual medley for Ross. The Aqua Giants 200 and 400 free relay teams of Sarah Moore, Angie Sprenger, Ronelle Mahr and Baker were also victorious.

Other Oak Harbor swimmers taking first were Callie Bodnar (diving), Heather Kohli (butterfly), Sarah Henn (backstroke) and Becky Adams (breaststroke).



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# Swimming

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## High School Boys

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### Oak Harbor 97, Ross 86

200 medley relay: Oak Harbor (Joe Tack, Bob Verb, Kevin Witt and Mark Weber) 1:49.38.

200 freestyle: 1-Allyn Spanfellner (R) 1:56.55, 2-Witt (OH) 2:01.40.

200 IM: 1-Tack (OH) 2:10.28, 2-Chase Baker (R) 2:18.32.

50 free: 1-Weber (OH) 23.21, 2-Chris Schaaf (R) 23.97.

Diving: 1-John Popoca (R) 173.6, 2-Matt McCabe (R) 156.5.

100 butterfly: 1-Tack (OH) 56.52, 2-Dave Talman (R) 1:00.61.

100 free: 1-Weber (OH) 50.55, 2-Spanfellner (R) 51.57.

500 free: 1-Baker (R) 5:23.78, 2-Bryan Peters (OH) 5:34.48.

200 free relay: Oak Harbor (Verb, Craig Harder, Tack and Weber) 1:35.

100 backstroke: 1-Clark Oakley (OH) 1:04.82, 2-Kent Huffman (R) 1:05.47.

100 breaststroke: 1-Verb (OH) 1:07.26, 2-Schaaf (R) 1:15.53.

400 free relay: Ross (Kevin Wagner, Baker, Joe Pemberton and Spanfellner) 3:39.31.

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## High School Girls

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### Oak Harbor 108, Ross 74

200 medley relay: Oak Harbor (Sarah Henn, Becky Adams, Teresa Buehler and Camille Heintz) 2:13.35.

200 freestyle: 1-Betsy Verb (OH) 2:04.67, 2-Sarah Moore (R) 2:07.13.

200 IM: 1-Tracie Baker (R) 2:28.8, 2-Heather Kohli (OH) 2:34.01.

50 free: 1-Melanie Hamann (OH) 26.49, 2-Ronelle Mahr (R) 27.82.

Diving: 1-Callie Bodnar (OH) 184.55, 2-Leslie Hasselbach (R) 181.6.

100 butterfly: 1-Kohli (OH) 1:05.67, 2-Mahr (R) 1:06.01.

100 free: 1-Hamann (OH) 57.30, 2-Moore (R) 58.44.

500 free: 1-Verb (OH) 5:33.68, 2-Baker (R) 5:38.24.

200 free relay: Ross (Moore, Angie Sprenger, Mahr and Baker) 1:49.83.

100 backstroke: 1-Henn (OH) 1:14.57, 2-Wendt (OH) 1:22.2.

100 breaststroke: 1-Adams (OH) 1:22.21, 2-Buehler (OH) 1:24.5.

400 free relay: Ross (Moore, Baker, Mahr and Sprenger) 4:02.48.

# Ross swimmers split; Rockets 5th in NWOAC

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross split a pair of swim meets at Fostoria Saturday.

The Aqua Giants boys topped the Redmen 49-37 but the Ross girls lost 47-37.

Also Saturday, Oak Harbor's boys and girls teams were fifth in the Northwest Ohio Aquatics Conference Championships at Ayersville High School.

The Ross boys took seven first places against Fostoria.

Chris Schaaf won the 100 free in 53.47 and swam on the winning 200 free relay with David Tallman, Kevin Wagner and Aaron King which recorded a 1:39.56 clocking. Schaaf, Kent Huffman, Joe Pemberton and Troy Geller comprised the winning 400 relay (3:43.1).

Chase Baker won the 200 free (1:54.76), Tallman took the 50 free (24.87), Allyn Spanfellner won the 500 free (5:21.78) and Kent Huffman won the 100 backstroke (1:05.97), all for Ross.

Sara Moore won the 200 free (2:07.83) and the 100 (58.77) and

swam on the Ross girls' winning 400 and 200 free relays, both comprised of her, Angie Sprenger, Ronelle Mahr and Tracie Baker. The 400 team won in 4:06.52 and the 200 team in 1:51.69.

Other Ross girls winners included Mahr in the 100 butterfly (1:07.91) and Baker in the 500 free (5:39.79).

## NWOAC

Oak Harbor freshman Callie Bodnar won the girls' diving competition and sophomore Joe Tack captured the boys' 100 butterfly Saturday, helping their respective teams to their fifth-place finishes.

The Oak Harbor girls had 127 points and the boys 150. Sandusky Perkins captured the boys' championship with 240 points, while Napoleon, with 392 points, ran away with the girls' trophy.

Port Clinton's boys were seventh (125 points) out of 12 teams, and the PC girls were last in the 11-team competition.

# Napoleon swims past Aqua Giants

News-Messenger reports

**NAPOLEON** — Fremont Ross was dealt a double setback in high school swimming Saturday, losing to the Napoleon boys and girls teams.

Napoleon took the boys meet 107-79 and topped the Aqua Giants girls 114-59.

Both the Ross boys and girls took three first places.

Leslie Hasselbach won the diving event for the Ross girls while Sarah Moore was first in the 100-freestyle sprint.

Ross's 400-freestyle relay team of Moore, Ronelle Mahr, Angie Sprenger and Tracy Baker won that event.

Hasselbach recorded 161.85 points in the diving competition while Moore broke a minute in the 100-free sprint with a 58.58 clocking. The free relay won in 4:10.55.

John Popoca gave Ross a sweep in the meet's diving, winning for the Ross boys with 177.80 points. Matt McCabe was second to his teammate with 146.70.

Chris Schaaf won the 50-free-style in 23.72 seconds for the Aqua Giants and the 200-freestyle relay of Kevin Wagner, David Tallman, Allyn Spanfellner and Schaaf was first in 1:38.65.

The Aqua Giants return to action today, traveling to Findlay.

## Swimming

### High School Boys

#### Napoleon 107, Ross 79

200 medley relay: 1-Napoleon (Nagel, Schroeder, Smithhisler, Rohrs (1:50.73), 2-Ross (Kent Huffman, Lee Huffman, Chris Schaaf, Joe Pemberton) 1:58.73, 3-Napoleon 2:00.22.

200 freestyle: 1-Vernace (N) 1:54.38, 2-Allyn Spanfellner (R) 1:57.6, 3-Chase Baker (R) 2:01.96.

200 individual medley: 1-Rohrs (N) 2:13.53, 2-Storch (N) 2:23.13, 3-Kevin Wagner (R) 2:23.37.

50 freestyle: 1-Schaaf (R) 23.72, 2-Smithhisler (N) 23.73, 3-Schroeder (N) 25.68.

Diving: 1-John Popoca (R) 177.80, 2-Matt McCabe (R) 146.70, 3-Moenimon (N) 145.65.

100 butterfly: 1-Rohrs (N) 1:01.36, 2-David Tallman (R) 1:03.43, 3-Gunter (N) 1:06.49.

100 freestyle: 1-Nagel (N) 51.19, 2-Smithhisler (N) 52.4, 3-Spanfellner (R) 52.71.

500 freestyle: 1-Vernace (N) 5:13.47, 2-Baker (R) 5:28.46, 3-Storch (N) 5:41.03.

200 freestyle relay: 1-Ross (Schaaf, Wagner, Tallman, Spanfellner) 1:38.65, 2-Napoleon (Moehrmann, Schroeder, Vernace, Warner) 1:42.23, 3-Ross 1:47.47.

100 backstroke: 1-Schroeder (N) 1:03.53, 2-K. Huffman (R) 1:08.3, 3-Vold (N) 1:13.78.

100 breaststroke: 1-Nagel (N) 1:03.59, 2-Schaaf (R) 1:09.0, 3-Wieds (N) 1:15.31.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Napoleon (Nagel, Rohrs, Smithhisler, Vernace) 3:34.18, 2-Ross (Wagner, Baker, Pemberton, Spanfellner) 3:37.86, 3-Napoleon 4:12.37.

Record: Ross 6-3.

### High School Girls

#### Napoleon 114, Ross 59

200 medley relay: 1-Napoleon (Li. Haldy, McColey, Nagel, Sonneberg) 2:01.12, 2-Napoleon (La. Haldy, Lanzer, Moorehead, Werncke) 2:01.47, 3-Ross 2:20.57.

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### Ross girls

Finishing in first place for the Little Giants were Ronelle Mahr in the 100 fly, Heather Mears in the 100 breaststroke, Sarah

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# Swimming

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100 breast: 1-Mears (R) 1:23.29, 2-Heather Kula (A) 1:24.20.

400 free relay: 1-Ashland 3:59.64, 2-Ross 4:10.05.

# Oak Harbor swims past Aqua Giants

News-Messenger reports

**OAK HARBOR** — Joe Tack won two individual events and swam on two winning relay teams, leading Oak Harbor to a 97-86 high school boys swimming victory over Fremont Ross.

In the girls meet, Oak Harbor swam to a 108-74 victory.

Tack won the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly and also swam the first and third legs, respectively, on the Rockets' 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay.

Mark Weber, who anchored both relays, won the 50 and 100 freestyle events.

Bob Verb, also a member of both winning Rocket relays, won the 10 breaststroke, and Clark Oakley won the 100 backstroke for Oak Harbor.

Ross got a victory from its 400 free relay team of Kevin Wagner, Chase Baker, Joe Pemberton and Allyn Spanfellner. Baker won the 500 freestyle and Spanfellner the 200 freestyle for the Aqua Giants.

Ross's John Popoca and Matt McCabe swept the diving competition.

The Rockets won nine events in the girls meet, including a pair by Betsy Verb (200 and 500 freestyle swims) and Melanie Hamann (50 and 100 freestyle) and the 200 medley relay.

Tracie Baker won the 200 individual medley for Ross. The Aqua Giants 200 and 400 free relay teams of Sarah Moore, Angie Sprenger, Ronelle Mahr and Baker were also victorious.

Other Oak Harbor swimmers taking first were Callie Bodnar (diving), Heather Kohli (butterfly), Sarah Henn (backstroke) and Becky Adams (breaststroke).

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# Swimming

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## High School Boys

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### Oak Harbor 97, Ross 86

200 medley relay: Oak Harbor (Joe Tack, Bob Verb, Kevin Witt and Mark Weber) 1:49.38.

200 freestyle: 1-Allyn Spanfellner (R) 1:56.55, 2-Witt (OH) 2:01.40.

200 IM: 1-Tack (OH) 2:10.28, 2-Chase Baker (R) 2:18.32.

50 free: 1-Weber (OH) 23.21, 2-Chris Schaaf (R) 23.97.

Diving: 1-John Popoca (R) 173.6, 2-Matt McCabe (R) 156.5.

100 butterfly: 1-Tack (OH) 56.52, 2-Dave Talman (R) 1:00.61.

100 free: 1-Weber (OH) 50.55, 2-Spanfellner (R) 51.57.

500 free: 1-Baker (R) 5:23.78, 2-Bryan Peters (OH) 5:34.48.

200 free relay: Oak Harbor (Verb, Craig Harder, Tack and Weber) 1:35.

100 backstroke: 1-Clark Oakley (OH) 1:04.82, 2-Kent Huffman (R) 1:05.47.

100 breaststroke: 1-Verb (OH) 1:07.26, 2-Schaaf (R) 1:15.53.

400 free relay: Ross (Kevin Wagner, Baker, Joe Pemberton and Spanfellner) 3:39.31.

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## High School Girls

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### Oak Harbor 108, Ross 74

200 medley relay: Oak Harbor (Sarah Henn, Becky Adams, Teresa Buehler and Camille Heintz) 2:13.35.

200 freestyle: 1-Betsy Verb (OH) 2:04.67, 2-Sarah Moore (R) 2:07.13.

200 IM: 1-Tracie Baker (R) 2:28.8, 2-Heather Kohli (OH) 2:34.01.

50 free: 1-Melanie Hamann (OH) 26.49, 2-Ronelle Mahr (R) 27.82.

Diving: 1-Callie Bodnar (OH) 184.55, 2-Leslie Hasselbach (R) 181.6.

100 butterfly: 1-Kohli (OH) 1:05.67, 2-Mahr (R) 1:06.01.

100 free: 1-Hamann (OH) 57.30, 2-Moore (R) 58.44.

500 free: 1-Verb (OH) 5:33.68, 2-Baker (R) 5:38.24.

200 free relay: Ross (Moore, Angie Sprenger, Mahr and Baker) 1:49.83.

100 backstroke: 1-Henn (OH) 1:14.57, 2-Wendt (OH) 1:22.2.

100 breaststroke: 1-Adams (OH) 1:22.21, 2-Buehler (OH) 1:24.5.

400 free relay: Ross (Moore, Baker, Mahr and Sprenger) 4:02.48.

# Ross sinks Sandusky two times

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross Aqua Giants squeaked out two high school swimming victories over Sandusky Tuesday at the Sandusky County YMCA.

Ross topped the Blue Streaks 45-41 in the boys' meet and got by 44-42 in the girls' meet.

Allyn Spanfellner won the 50 and 400 freestyle events and anchored Ross's winning 200 free relay squad.

Chase Baker, who also won the 200 free, added a second-place finish to Spanfellner's victory in the 400 free. Ross also took 1-2 in the backstroke as Kent Huffman and Dave Zinkand captured the event.

Dave Tallman added a victory in the butterfly.

Sarah Moore, Angie Sprenger, Ronelle Mahr and Tracie Baker combined to win two relays for the Ross girls. The Ross quartet took first in the 200 and 400 freestyle relay events.

Baker also won the 200 individual medley and the 400 freestyle, while Moore took first in the 100 and 200 freestyle swims. Sprenger added a victory in the 50 free.

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# Swimming

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## High School Boys

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### Ross 45, Sandusky 41

200 medley relay: Sandusky 1:54.04.

200 free: 1-Chase Baker (R) 2:00.13, 2-Craig Wigley (S) 2:01.71.

200 IM: 1-Tom Patterson (S) 2:09.07, 2-Lee Huffman (R) 2:36.27.

50 free: 1-Allyn Spanfellner (R) 23.93; 2-John Lenhart (S) 24.05.

100 butterfly: 1-Dave Tallman (R) 1:01.74; 2-Adam McCune (S) 1:02.31.

100 free: 1-Patterson (S) 52.25; 2-Chris Schaaf (R) 53.75.

400 free: 1-Spanfellner (R) 5:22.06, 2-Baker (R) 5:28.41.

200 free relay: Ross (Joe Pemberton, Kevin Wagner, Schaaf and Spanfellner) 1:37.09.

100 backstroke: 1-Kent Huffman (R) 1:05.84, 2-Dave Zinkand (R) 1:09.47.

100 breaststroke: 1-Don Mandrik (S) 1:11.75, 2-David Murphy (S) 1:14.43.

400 free relay: Sandusky 3:33.69.

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## High School Girls

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### Ross 44, Sandusky 42

200 medley relay: Sandusky 2:12.96.

200 free: 1-Sarah Moore (R) 2:06.27; 2-Angela Knupke (S) 2:20.95.

200 IM: 1-Tracie Baker (R) 2:29.23, 2-Heather Mears (R) 2:40.32.

50 free: 1-Angie Sprenger (R) 28.75; 2-Ronelle Mahr (R) 28.56.

100 butterfly: 1-Julie Patterson (S) 1:06.45; 2-Mahr (R) 1:07.29.

100 free: 1-Moore (R) 58.59, 2-Knupke (S) 1:04.74.

400 free: 1-Baker (R) 5:35.57, 2-Lindsay Holland (S) 6:15.38.

200 free relay: Ross (Moore, Sprenger, Mahr and Baker) 1:51.59.

100 backstroke: 1-Joy Mills (S) 1:16.83, 2-Megan McCune 1:19.81.

100 breaststroke: 1-Betsy Russell (S) 1:18.91, 2-Mears (R) 1:20.44.

400 free relay: Ross (Moore, Sprenger, Mahr and Baker) 4:04.07.

# Ross girls salvage one win

News-Messenger reports

SYLVANIA — The Fremont Ross girls swim team split a double dual meet with Northview and Southview Tuesday, while the Ross boys lost to Northview.

Ross's girls' team defeated Southview 52-41 but lost to Northview 48-45. The Ross boys fell 53-39 against Northview.

The time of 2:08.92 in the 20 freestyle relay and the 4:29.16 in the 400 free relay was good for first place in both meets for the Ross girls. Sarah Moore, Angie Sprenger, Ronelle Mahr and Tracie Baker comprised both relay

squads.

Mahr in the butterfly, Moore in the 100 free and Baker in the 500 free also scored a first place in each meet.

In the boys meet, Allyn Spanfellner won the 500 free and also participated on two winning relay teams.

Spanfellner anchored the Aqua Giants' 200 free relay after swims by Joe Pemberton, Kevin Wagner and Chris Schaaf. Spanfellner led off the 400 free relay and was followed into the water by Schaaf, Wagner and Chase Baker.



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## High School Boys

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### Northview 53, Ross 39

200 medley relay: Northview 2:08.29.  
200 free: 1-Miller (N) 2:02.9, 2-Chase Baker (R) 2:14.29.  
200 IM: 1-Dorn (N) 2:35.19, 2-Dave Tallman (R) 2:42.17.  
50 free: 1-White (N) 26.12, 2-Allyn Spanfellner (R) 26.42.  
Diving: 1-Crouse (N) 159.7, 2-Formanns 147.5.  
100 butterfly: 1-White (N) 1:05.48, 2-Tallman (R) 1:09.47.  
100 free: 1-Miller (N) 56.36, 2-Chris Schaaf (R) 59.2.  
500 free: 1-Spanfellner (R) 4:39.17, Baker (R) 4:41.64.  
200 free relay: Ross (Joe Pemberton, Kevin Wagner, Schaaf, Spanfellner) 1:47.8.  
100 back: 1-Pfenning (N) 1:14.17, 2-Kent Huffman (R) 1:15.89.  
100 breaststroke: 1-George (N) 1:13.37, 2-Kidd (N) 1:23.02.  
400 free relay: Ross (Spanfellner, Schaaf, Wagner, Baker) 4:00.15.

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## High School Girls

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### Northview 48, Ross 45

200 medley relay: Northview 2:20.56.  
200 free: 1-Minichello (N) 2:18.28, 2-Sarah Moore (R) 2:20.97.  
200 IM: 1-Stefanoni (N) 2:41.85, 2-Heather Mears (R) 2:57.04.  
50 free: 1-Jones (N) 28.58, 2-Ronelle Mahr (R) 31.06.  
Diving: 1-Leslie Hasselbach (R) 171.1, 2-Shondell (N) 143.  
100 butterfly: 1-Mahr (R) 1:16.54, 2-Eddy (N) 1:16.89.  
100 free: 1-Moore (R) 1:04.12, 2-Konczal (N) 1:05.82.  
500 free: 1-Tracie Baker (R) 4:56.17, 2-Steele (N) 5:29.61.  
200 free relay: Ross (Moore, Angie Sprenger, Mahr, Baker) 2:08.92.  
100 backstroke: 1-Eddy (N) 1:16.62, 2-Tracy Smith (R) 1:32.74.  
100 breaststroke: 1-Brady (N) 1:27.05, 2-Vogel (N) 1:27.06.  
400 free relay: Ross (Sprenger, Moore, Mahr, Baker) 4:29.16.

### Ross 52, Southview 41

200 medley relay: Southview 2:25.96.  
200 free: 1-Moore (R) 2:20.97, 2-Baker (R) 2:21.34.  
200 IM: 1-Mears (R) 2:57.04, 2-McIntyre (S) 2:57.46.  
50 free: 1-Gorl (S) 30.94, 2-Mahr (R) 31.06.  
Diving: 1-Slapik (S) 189.15, 2-Hasselbach (R) 171.1.  
100 butterfly: 1-Mahr (R) 1:16.54, 2-Stewart (S) 1:17.7.  
100 free: 1-Moore (R) 1:04.12, 2-Iagulli (S) 1:06.06.  
500 free: 1-Baker (R) 4:56.17, 2-Sheila Poust (R) 5:34.21.  
200 free relay: Ross (Moore, Sprenger, Mahr, Baker) 2:08.92.  
100 backstroke: 1-McIntyre (S) 1:23.66, 2-Smith (R) 1:32.74.  
100 breaststroke: 1-Mears (R) 1:28.65, Skapik (S) 1:30.71.  
400 free relay: Ross (Sprenger, Moore, Mahr, Baker) 4:29.16.

# Three swimmers tabbed most valuable at Ross

News-Messenger report

A trio of swimmers were named "most valuable" Tuesday evening during the Fremont Ross High School Swim Awards Program in the school cafeteria.

Allyn Spanfellner won the honor for coach Tom Thomson's team with Tracie Baker and Sarah Moore sharing the award for the girls team.



**SPANFELLNER**



**BAKER**



**MOORE**

Spanfellner is a three-year letterman while Baker is a two-year letter-winning sophomore and Moore is a freshman.

The most improved awards went to Craig Eppley and Brandy Cooley while Joe Pemberton and Leslie Hasselbach won the coaches award.

Each team had tri-captains. Chase Baker, Pemberton and Spanfellner were presented with the captain awards for the boys with Ronelle Mahr, Molly Zinkand and Baker taking home the trophies for the girls team.

Sheila Poust was presented with her fourth-year award and Zinkand her third.

Chase Baker and David Tallman won their fourth awards for the boys while Kent Huffman and Pemberton also won their third awards.

In other awards, the Ross Booster Club presented medals to All-Buckeye Central Conference first team members: Tracie Baker, Moore, Angie Sprenger, Ronelle Mahr, Heather Mears and diver Leslie Hasselbach.

Other awards programs at Ross are wrestling on March 20 and the boys and girls basketball on March 21, both beginning at 7 p.m..

