

1980 Buckeye Conference meet...

# Ross swimmers 3rd at Buckeye

**FINDLAY** — The Ross swim team took third in the 12-team Buckeye Conference Invitational Saturday and coach Art Bucci was ecstatic.

"It was a great day for us," the coach said. "It was the first time since I've been in Fremont that we have done well at the Buckeye Conference meet.

"I feel this was our best effort yet as a team and we are just starting to rest for the Districts on Feb. 29 and March 1 at Bowling Green State University.

"We placed in every event and had super swims by a great deal of our kids."

Findlay won the meet with 300 points. Lakewood St. Edward's was second with 200 and Ross was third with 149. Rounding out the top five was Columbus Academy with 138 and Sylvania Southview with 131.

Top performances for Ross were turned in by Mike Mowery. Dave Sanna, Brian Beck and the 200 and 400-yard relay teams.

Mowery took second in the 100-yard free style in 51.456 and also grabbed third in the 200-yard freestyle in 1:52.015. Dave Sanna had a third place finish in the 100-yard backstroke in 59.671 and Beck took fifth in the 50-yard freestyle in 24.707.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Sanna, Mowery, Dennis Eickert and John Isaac was fifth in 1:50.115 and the 400-yard free relay team of Sanna, Isaac, Tim Heslet and Randy Penrod was fourth in 3:38.052.

Bucci pointed out, however, that the biggest satisfaction of the meet was the improvement of his swimmers.

Ty Mitchell, Bucci noted, improved his times in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard free style by three and five seconds respectively. Rory Keys took nine seconds off his 200-yard freestyle.

Brian Overmeyer shaved four seconds off his 200-yard freestyle time and Ron Kelley improved his 200-yard freestyle by three.

Mark Schuster also took three seconds off his 500-yard freestyle event.

Other improvements were turned in by Scott Pitts, Dave Lenz, Johalinda Hawk and Jan Smith.