

Ross Hall of Fame inductee, 2006

1953 Swimming & Diving Team

The 1953 swimming and diving team won the last state title in that sport for Fremont Ross High School.

The team had eight district titles by individuals or relay teams. After winning the team district championship, the team went on to claim the state title.

The team, coached by Ross Hall of Famer Head Coach George Gruse and Assistant Coach John Titsworth, had 10 top-10 finishes in the state meet.

The 200-freestyle relay team of Jack Rose, Ned Frantz, Bob Lucas, and George Hirschberger won the state title. All four swimmers were named high school All-Americans.

The 150-medley relay of Gary Schwartz, Bill Faunce, and Lucas finished third.

Individually in the state meet, Larry Hunt was third in diving, Rose fourth in the 100 freestyle, Hirschberger was fourth in the 50 freestyle, Faunce fifth in the 100 breaststroke, Schwartz sixth in the 100 backstroke, Frantz eighth in the 200 freestyle and Merlin Eversole was eighth in the 100 backstroke.

Other notable finishes in the state meet were Jack Bovard and Walter Deicher, 19th, and 20th in the 50 freestyle; Bruce Sherer 13th in the breaststroke; Charles Hull 12th and Bovard 19th in the 200 freestyle; Bob Corthell 17th in the backstroke; Hull 13th and Louis Lorenzen 15th in the 100 freestyle; Gene Smith 18th in diving; and Sherer 12th, Tom Wolf 14th, Lorenzen 23rd and Dave Hunt 26th in the 150 medley.

Topping off the championship season was a resolution adopted by the Ohio House of Representatives commemorating the Little Giants' seventh swimming and diving state title.