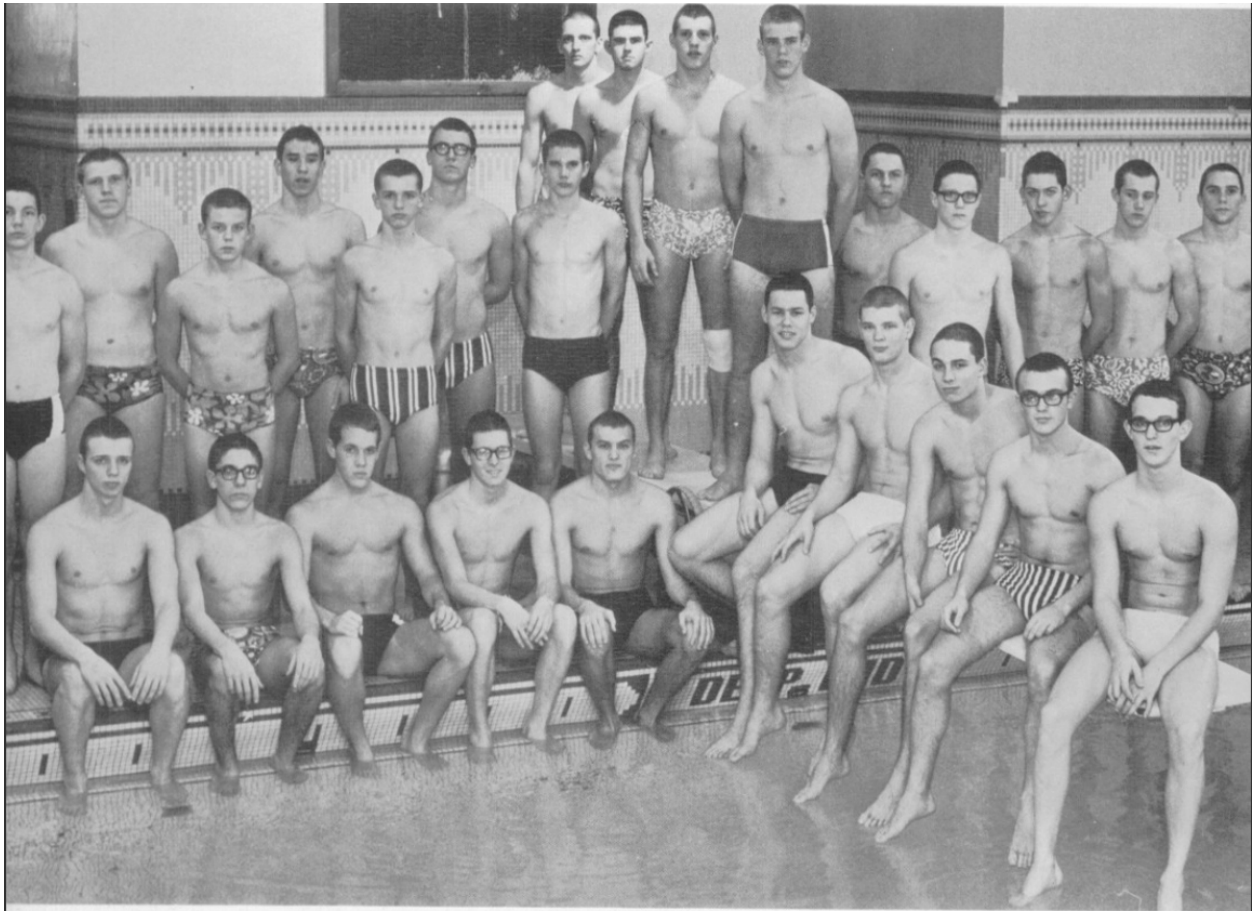


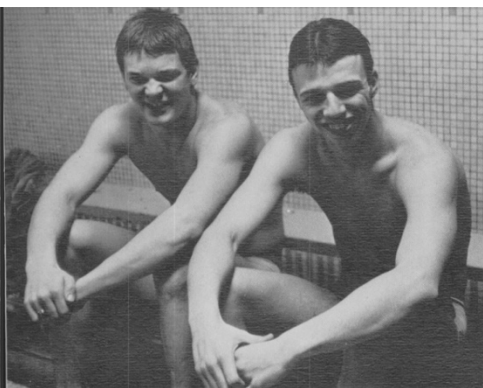
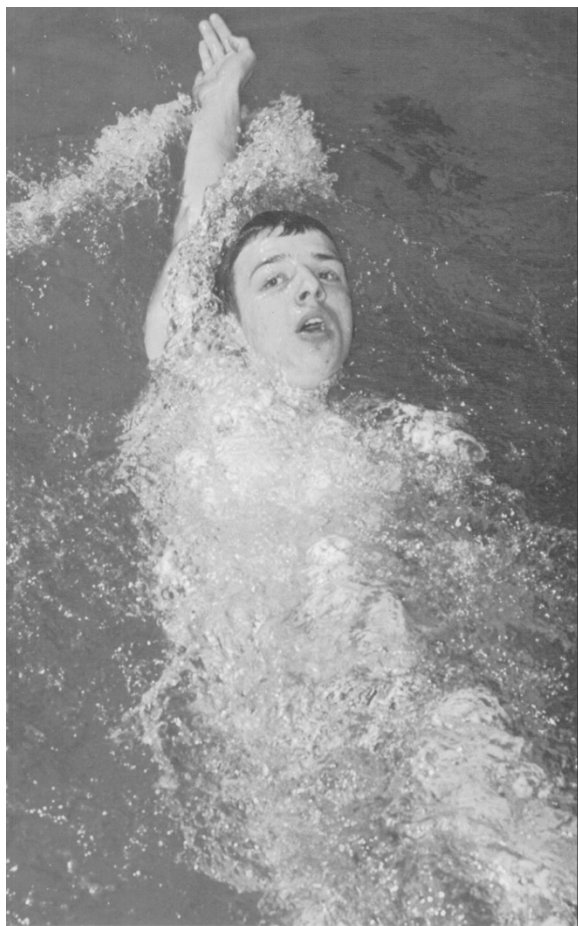
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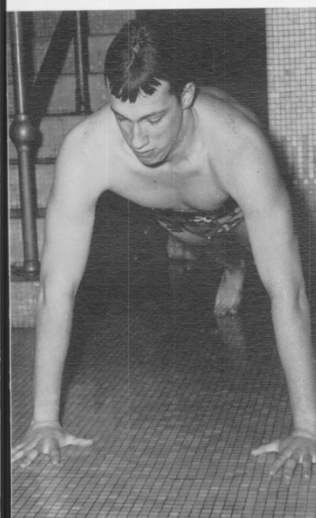
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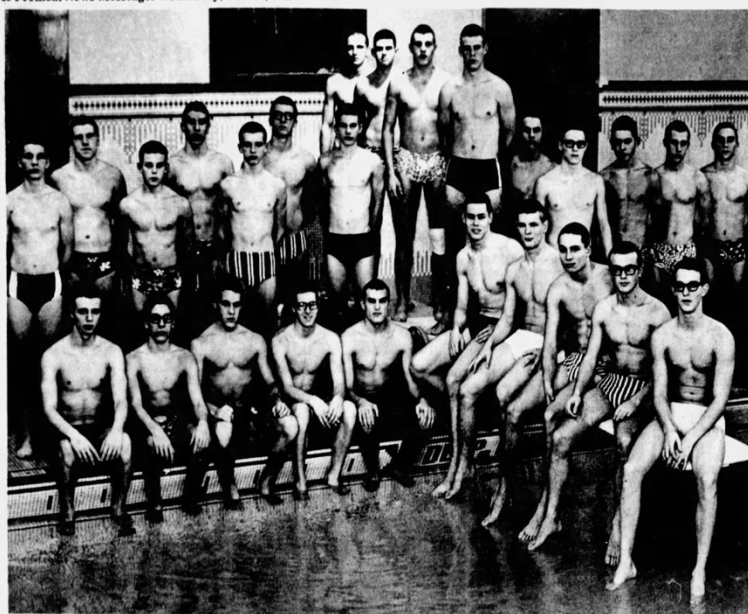


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MEMBERS OF THE 1969-70 ROSS HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING TEAM

## Last Year's Record Tough To Beat What Can Swimmers Do For An Encore?

What can the Fremont Ross swimming team do for an encore?

Coach Jack Balsizer's squad, which opens its season at the Junior High pool Thursday at 4:30 p.m. against Sandusky Perkins will have to go a long way this year to top last season's dual meet record.

In fact, the Little Giants will need to go undefeated. Ross went 10-1 over the 1968-69 dual meet season.

"We're optimistic about this season," Balsizer said Tuesday. He has every right to be optimistic. When the Little Giants lineup for the Perkins match is announced Thursday it will feature practically all veterans.

Leading the list of returnees are two brothers—Mike and Pat Allen—who qualified for last year's state meet in the 100 yard butterfly and 100 yard breaststroke, respectively.

The only two swimmers missing from the team which lost

its only match to Lima Senior by one point are Dan Linder, a diver, and Scott Keller, who competed in the 200 yard individual medley. Both of them also qualified for the state meet.

"Last year we were a great dual meet team," Balsizer said. "We had great depth. This year I'm not so sure. We have a lot of outstanding individuals who should come in first, but I'm not sure whether we have the individuals to come in second and third consistently."

One area Balsizer feels the squad is especially strong in is the freestyle events.

"We have a number of swimmers for freestyle," the coach said. "That's another reason why the lineup isn't set. I like to juggle the lineup around a lot."

"We like to have the guys excel in a couple of events. I've made out my lineup the last several years that way and it has been fairly successful. We work for versatility."

The tentative starting lineup: 200 Yard Medley Relay—Bob Roosen (Sr.), Pat Allen (Jr.), Mike Allen (Sr.) and Mike Frey (Sr.).

200 Yard Freestyle—Alan Stephenson (Sr.) and Pat Collins (Jr.).

200 Yard Individual Medley—Mark Semer (Sr.) and Eric Bristley (So.).

50 Yard Freestyle—Mike Frey (Sr.), Dick Hooser (Sr.) and Tom White (Soph.).

Diving—Andy Christensen (So.) and Felix Robles (Sr.).

100 Yard Butterfly—Mike Allen and Jeff Keef (Sr.).

100 Yard Freestyle—Stephenson and Randy Hottinger (Jr.).

100 Yard Backstroke—Roosen and Cecil Miller (Jr.).

400 Yard Freestyle—Bristley and Keith Livingston (Sr.).

100 Yard Breaststroke—Pat Allen and Scott Nahn (Sr.).

400 Yard Freestyle Relay—Semer, Collins, Hottinger and Keef.



## *Little Giants Win, 70-25*

# Ross Swim Team Mauls Perkins

Ross high school's swim team opened its season Thursday with a convincing 70-25 win over Sandusky Perkins at the junior high pool.

Ross swimmers captured first places in 10 of the 11 events. Co-captain Alan Stephenson won two events with his best times ever.

"Overall, the boys came thru with the time results we were looking for at this point of the season," coach Jack Balsizer said. "We still have several rough spots to work out before we get too far along in the season, however."

Balsizer was especially pleased with the performance of the medley relay team. Bob Roosen, Pat Aten, Mike Aten and Mike Frey turned in a strong showing with a 149.3 time.

Co-captain Mike Aten swam the butterfly on the medley relay. He won the 100-yard individual butterfly in 58.6. His nearest competitor had a 1:06.8.

Pat Aten missed the school record in winning the 100 yard breaststroke by only two-tenths of a second. His time was 1:07.8.

Sophomore Andy Christensen won the diving event.

Other winners for the Little

Giants were Mark Semer (200 yard individual medley), Mike Frey (50 yard freestyle), Roosen (100 yard backstroke) and the 400 yard freestyle relay team (Pat Collins, Semer, Jeff Keefer and Randy Hottinger).

Perkins won the 400 yard freestyle event.

The summary:

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200 Yard Medley Relay—1. Ross (Roosen, M. Aten, P. Aten, Frey), 1:49.3.

200 Yard Freestyle—1. Stephenson, Ross; 2. Murry, Perkins; 3. Collins, Ross; 4. Cuthbertson, Perkins, 2:03.4.

200 Yard Individual Medley—1. Semer, Ross; 2. Bristley, Ross; 3. Baumeister, Perkins; 4. Cole Perkins, 2:27.9.

50 Yard Freestyle—1. Frey, Ross; 2. Hooser, Ross; 3. Bruens, Perkins; 4. Persons, Perkins, 24.8.

Diving—1. Christensen, Ross; 2. Robles, Ross; 3. Freyberg, Perkins; 4. Jeffrey, Perkins.

100 Yard Butterfly—1. M. Aten, Ross; 2. Martos, Perkins; 3. Cundari, Perkins, 58.6.

100 Yard Freestyle—1. Stephenson, Ross; 2. Hottinger, Ross; 3. Bruens, Perkins; 4. S. Zorn, Perkins, 53.8.

100 Yard Backstroke—1. Roosen, Ross; 2. Ingles, Perkins; 3. Cowie, Perkins, 1:05.3.

400 Yard Freestyle—1. Murry, Perkins; 2. Livingston, Ross; 3. Cuthbertson, Perkins, 4:53.6.

100 Yard Breaststroke—1. P. Aten, Ross; 2. Delamater, Perkins; 3. Deehr, Perkins, 1:07.8.

400 Yard Freestyle Relay—1. Ross (Collins, Semer, Keefer and Hottinger), 3:45.3.

# Ross Swim Squad Finishes Fourth

BOWLING GREEN — Defending champion Birmingham (Mich.) Groves high school won the annual Bowling Green Relays with 85 points Saturday. Fremont Ross finished fourth in the seven-team field.

Ross' best performance came in the 200 yard breaststroke relay where the team composed of Mike Aten, Mark Semer, Pat Aten and Scott Nahm finished second to Akron Firestone. The winning time was 202.3 Ross with a 2:05.1 edged Birmingham Groves by one-tenth of a second.

In other events, Ross finished sixth in the 400 yard freestyle relay, fifth in the 200 yard backstroke relays, fourth in the 400 yard individual medley relay, fifth in the diving relays, fifth in the 200 yard butterfly relay, fourth in the 800 yard freestyle relay and fourth in the 400 yard medley relay.

The winners won four separate events. Firestone took two titles and Sandusky and Edsel Ford of Dearborn, Mich., won one each.

Trailing Groves in the team race were Firestone (67), Edsel Ford (43), Ross (40), Battle Creek (38), Monroe (33) and Sandusky (23). Jackson high school of Jackson, Mich., was

slated to attend the meet but was unable to attend.

Ross coach Jack Balsizer said, "after a slow and disappointing start in our first two relay events and then a complete about-face in the 200 yard breaststroke relay we began to put forth a strong and consistent effort for the remainder of the meet.

"The breaststroke relay was our biggest surprise because it was in the slow heat, but swam well enough to nail down second place."

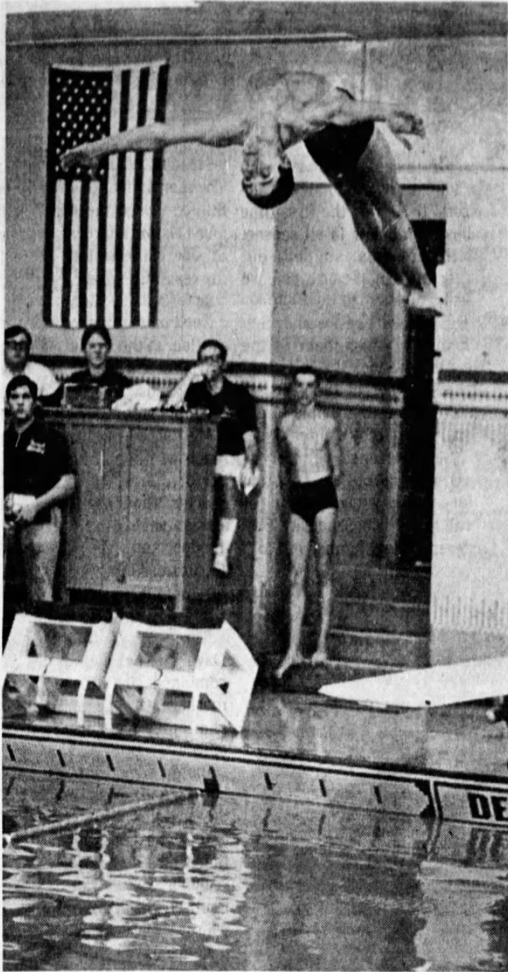
Balsizer was also satisfied with the performance turned in by members of the 400 yard medley relay. The team of Bob Roosen, Pat Aten, Mike Aten and Al Stephenson was in the slow heat but managed to finish fourth.

"With the exception of the first two relays we were pleased with the results," Balsizer said. "Just about everyone turned in their best effort. I think the longlayoff hurt us and it took a couple of events to get in gear."

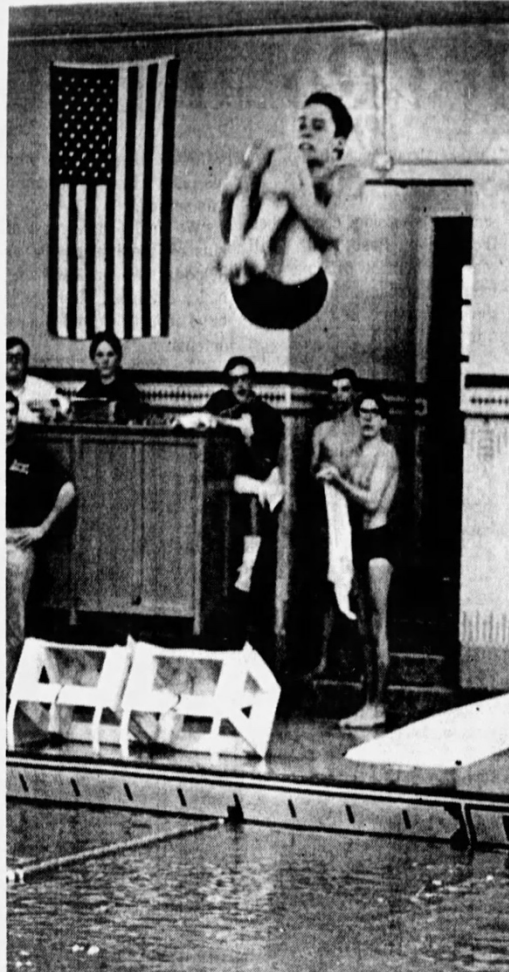
Ross, which had not finished as high as fourth in the relays for several years, had not swam competitively since December 11.

The Little Giants are now off until they host Toledo Whitmer next Monday at 4:30 p.m.





**TAKES SECOND PLACE**  
Felix Robles



**WINS DIVING EVENT**  
Andy Christensen

## Little Giants Sink Whitmer

Fremont Ross' swimming team tuned up for Saturday's crucial match at Lima Shawnee by whipping Toledo Whitmer, 69-26, at the junior high pool Monday.

Coach Jack Balsizer's Little Giants (2-0) took eight first places in 11 events. Ross also had seven second place finishers.

"Whitmer failed to challenge us the way we had hoped," Balsizer said. "Several of their boys were out due to illness. We still had some time improvements, but we feel we can do better with a little extra competition."

Pat Collins, a junior freestyler, turned in the day's best effort for the Little Giants. He won the 400 yard event with a

time of 4:36.6, the best of his career.

Also finishing ahead of the pack were Mike Aten (200 yard freestyle), Pat Aten (200 yard individual medley), Andy Christensen (diving), Bob Roosen (100 yard backstroke) and Scott Nahm (100 yard breaststroke.)

The Aten brothers registered their best times of the season. Also turning in their best efforts were second place finishers Alan Stephenson (200 yard freestyle), Mark Semer (200 yard individual medley), Mike Frey (50 yard freestyle) and Jeff Keefer (100 yard butterfly).

Ross also won the two relay events. Roosen, Nahm, Keefer and Frey teamed up in the 200 yard medley relay and Mike

Aten, Mark Semer, Randy Hottinger and Stephenson composed the 400 yard freestyle relay squad.

Whitmer swimmers won the 50 yard freestyle, 100 yard butterfly and 100 yard breaststroke.

"We think we are capable of still better times at this point of the season," Balsizer said. "I think with closer competition the boys will deliver."

"The squad knows it has several tough meets coming up in the next three weeks. We won't need to wait long to find out just how tough we really are."

After the Shawnee meet, Ross swims four meets—Sandusky, Findlay, Lima Senior and Findlay—in 11 days.

The summary:

200 yard medley relay—1. Ross (Roosen, Nahm, Keefer and Frey), 1:53.9.

200 yard freestyle—1. M. Aten, Ross; 2. Stephenson, Ross; 3. Hale, Whitmer; 4. Turner, Whitmer, 2:01.5.

200 yard individual medley—1. P. Aten, Ross; 2. Semer, Ross; 3. Hetzner, Whitmer, 2:19.3.

50 yard freestyle—Chambers, Whitmer; 2. Frey, Ross; 3. Hooser, Ross; 4. Conn, Whitmer, 24.6.

Diving—1. Christiansen, Ross; 2. Robles, Ross; 3. Hetzner, Whitmer.

100 yard butterfly—1. Ruff, Whitmer; 2. Keefer, Ross; 3. Dearth, Whitmer; 4. Brawley, Ross, 1:03.3.

100 yard freestyle—1. Chambers, Whitmer; 2. Hottinger, Ross; 3. White, Ross; 4. Brumm, Whitmer, 53.5.

100 yard backstroke—1. Roosen, Ross; 2. Sweeney, Whitmer; 3. Frost, Ross, 1:05.5.

400 yard freestyle—1. Collins, Ross; 2. Brecht, Whitmer; 3. Livingston, Ross; 4. Hetzner, Whitmer, 4:36.3.

100 yard breaststroke—1. Nahm, Ross; 2. Billman, Ross; 3. Dearth, Whitmer, 1:12.4.

400 yard freestyle relay—1. Ross (M. Aten, Semer, Hottinger, Stephenson), 3:41.4.

Sandusky Tomorrow

# Shawnee Tankers Swamp Ross Squad

LIMA — Lima Shawnee stunned the Fremont Ross swimming team 57-38 here Saturday afternoon. Ross, which went into the meet

undefeated, won only three events.

Little Giants captured first place in the 100 yard butterfly, 100 yard freestyle and diving. Mike Aten got the honors in the butterfly. Al Stephenson won top honors in the freestyle and Andy Christensen led the diving competition.

"Our best performances were by Christensen and Felix Robles in the diving," coach Jack Balsizer said. "Both boys showed improvement in placing one and two. It was the greatest number of points either of them has scored this year.

"Our meet plan called for a win in the medley relay, but Shawnee was ready for us. Our kids swam well, but just were no match for Shawnee."

Ross lost the event by the narrowest of margins—four tenths of a second.

Besides Robles, other second place finishes for Ross were Stephenson in the 200 yard freestyle, Mike Frey (50 yard freestyle), Bob Roosen (100 yard backstroke) and Pat Aten (100 yard breaststroke).

Stephenson and Pat Collins turned in their best 200 yard freestyle times of the year, but could only manage a second and third place finish.

Ross (2-1) travels to Sandusky Tuesday for a 6:30 p.m. meet.

The results:

The summary:

100 — Hasselbach, Bellevue, pinned Rusdicker 1:57.

109—Bickhart, Bellevue, dec. Davlin,

4-1.

117 — Tonovitz, Bellevue, dec. McGookey, 4-2.

125 — Crosby, Bellevue, dec. Oeder, 5-2.

132 — Dan Lang, Perkins, pinned Wolfe,

5-33.

139—Linder, Bellevue, dec. Schaeffer,

2-0.

147 — Speer, Perkins, dec. Evert, 9-2.

157 — Roth, Bellevue, dec. Lauer, 14-0.

167—Brindley, Perkins, dec. Heuring,

9-2.

177—Dillon, Bellevue, dec. Waldock,

13-4.

187 — Woodruff, Bellevue, pinned Rose

3-15.

Hvy — Simmons, Perkins, dec. O'Brien

4-2.

200 yard medley relay—1. Shawnee (Noble, Buehler, Paplow and Smith), 1:50.2.

200 yard freestyle—1. Townsend, Shawnee; 2. Stephenson, Ross; 3. Collins, Ross; 4. Paplow, 2:00.4.

200 yard individual medley—1. Grannis, Shawnee; 2. Stocksdales, Shawnee; 3. M. Aten, Ross; 4. Semer, Ross, 2:13.4.

50 yard freestyle—1. Gayer, Shawnee;

2. Frey, Ross; 3. Hooser, Ross; 4.

Smith, Shawnee, 24.2.

Diving—1. Christensen, Ross; 2.

Robles, Ross; 3. Lewes, Shawnee; 4.

McCarty, Shawnee.

100 yard butterfly—1. M. Aten, Ross;

2. Gayer, Shawnee; 3. Keefer, Ross;

4. Darbyshire, Shawnee, 59.0.

100 yard freestyle—1. Stephenson,

Ross; 2. Freeland, Shawnee; 3. Hot-

tinger, Ross; 4. Schnert, Shawnee,

54.6.

100 yard backstroke—1. Stocksdales

Shawnee; 2. Roosen, Ross; 3. Miller,

Ross; 4. Armstrong, Shawnee, 1:00.9.

400 yard freestyle—1. Townsend, Shaw-

nee; 2. Grannis, Shawnee; 3. Collins,

Ross; 4. Livingston, Ross, 4:24.1.

100 yard breaststroke—1. Buehler,

Shawnee; 2. P. Aten, Ross; 3. Nahn,

Ross; 4. Bertoldo, Shawnee, 1:06.4.

400 yard freestyle relay—1. Shawnee

(Noble, Paplow, Biggs and Freeland),

3:42.7.

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## Swimmers Beat Sandusky

# Pat Aten Sets Record

SANDUSKY — Ross high school's Pat Aten broke his own school record in the 100 yard breaststroke Tuesday night, highlighting his team's 62-33 triumph over Sandusky.

Aten's time was 1:07.1 which cut eight-tenths of a second off his old mark.

"Overall, it was a good strong team showing," coach Jack Balsizer said. Our depth proved too much for Sandusky even though it took five of 11 first places. They were led by senior Paul Gilbert, who ranks among the best in Ohio."

Alan Stephenson 100 and 200 yard freestyle and Mike Aten (100 yard butterfly) also captured first places for the

Little Giants. Both Ross relay teams finished in the number one position.

The 200 yard medley relay team had nearly a two second advantage on the Blue Streaks. Ross' squad was made up of Cecil Miller, Scott Nahm, Pat Aten and Mike Frey.

The 400 yard freestyle relay unit (Dick Hooser, Mark Semer, Jeff Keefer and Randy Hottinger) won its event by 4.1 seconds.

Second place finishers for the Little Giants were Pat Collins (200 and 400 freestyle), Mike Aten (200 yard individual medley), Mike Frey (50 yard freestyle), Andy Christensen (diving), Jeff Keefer (100 yard butterfly) and Bob

Roosen (100 yard backstroke).

Collins has shown steady improvement according to Balsizer. His 2:03.1 was 2.9 seconds better than his 200 yard performance at Shawnee Saturday. He shaved five seconds off his Saturday time in the 400.

Ross (3-1) travels to Findlay Friday for 4:30 p.m. meet.

"We swam well against Sandusky, but will have to be better against Findlay if we hope to win," Balsizer said, "they are strong again this year."

Ross won the reserve match, 55-40.

The summary:

200 yard medley relay—1. Ross (Miller, Nahm, Aten, Frey), 1:51.0.  
200 yard freestyle—1. Stephenson, Ross;

2. Collins, Ross; 3. Roesh, Sandusky, 4. Milter, Sandusky, 2:02.5.

200 yard individual medley—1. Gilbert, Sandusky; 2. M. Aten, Ross; 3. Semer, Ross; 4. Miller, Sandusky, 2:07.8.

50 yard freestyle—1. Beare, Sandusky; 2. Frey, Ross; 3. Hooser, Sandusky; 4. Feick, Sandusky, 24.7.

Diving — 1. Newton, Sandusky; 2. Christensen, Ross; 3. Robles, Ross; 4. James, Sandusky, 118.20.

100 yard butterfly—1. M. Aten, Ross; 2. Keefer, Ross; 3. Hutchins, Sandusky; 4. Farrell, Sandusky, 1:00.

100 yard freestyle—1. Stephenson, Ross; 2. Harple, Sandusky; 3. Hottinger, Ross; 4. Swander, Sandusky, :54.0.

100 yard backstroke—1. Gilbert, Sandusky; 2. Roosen, Ross; 3. Miller, Ross; 4. Perry, Sandusky, 56.6.

400 yard freestyle—1. Roesh, Sandusky; 2. Collins, Ross; 3. Bristley, Ross; 4. Ganfluff, Sandusky, 4:28.5.

100 yard breaststroke—1. P. Aten, Ross; 2. Coyle, Sandusky; 3. Nahm, Ross; 4. Mariotti, Sandusky, 1:07.1.

400 yard freestyle relay—1. Ross (Hooser, Semer, Keefer, Hottinger), 3:43.5.

# Ross Swim Team Wins

FINDLAY—Ross high school's swimming team had just enough to win here Friday.

Coach Jack Balsizer's tankers notched their fourth win of the campaign—48-47—over arch-rival Findlay.

"We didn't swim as well as we did in beating Sandusky," Balsizer said, "but we did swim well enough to win. This was the first time we swam in the new Findlay college pool. It's difficult to turn in and we had some problems with the slippery walls."

Ross sewed up the meet when senior breaststroker Scott Nahm pulled the upset of the day in taking the third place away from Findlay.

Nahm edged the Findlay swimmer by only six tenths of a second. Ross' Pat Aten won the event.

Other individual winners for Ross included Pat Aten (200 yard individual medley) and Mike Aten (100 yard butterfly). The 200 yard medley relay team composed of Cecil Miller, Scott Nahm, Mike Aten and Mike Frey edged the Findlay contingent by five-tenths of a second.

Second place finishers for Ross were Dick Hooser (200 yard

freestyle), Mark Semer (200 yard individual medley), Felix Robles (diving), Alan Stephenson (100 yard freestyle), Miller (100 yard backstroke) and Pat Collins (400 yard freestyle).

The Ross freestyle relay team finished second.

Ross' next outing is against Lima Senior Friday. Senior was the only team to beat Ross last year. The Little Giants will also host Findlay Saturday.

200 yard medley relay—1. Ross (Miller, Nahm, M. Aten, Frey), 1:49.7.

200 yard freestyle—1. Lishawa, Findlay; 2. Hooser, Ross; 3. Collins, Ross; 4. Pratt, Findlay, 1:59.8.

200 yard individual medley—1. P. Aten, Ross; 2. Semer, Ross; 3. Buffington, Findlay; 4. Davis, Findlay, 2:19.4.

50 yard freestyle—1. Strathman, Findlay; 2. Mathias, Findlay; 3. Frey, Ross; 4. Stephenson, Ross, 24.5.

Diving—1. Kennedy, Findlay; 2. Christensen, Ross; 3. Robles, Ross; 4. Dillon, Findlay, 262.25.

100 yard butterfly—1. Aten, Ross; 2. Mathias, Findlay; 3. Keefer, Ross; 4. Buffington, Findlay, :59.5.

100 yard freestyle—1. Worthington, Findlay; 2. Stephenson, Ross; 3. Hottinger, Ross; 4. Tille, Findlay, :54.0.

100 yard backstroke—1. Silverstein, Findlay; 2. Miller, Ross; 3. Roosen, Ross; 4. Thomas, Findlay, 1:04.9.

400 yard freestyle—1. Lishawa, Findlay; 2. Collins, Ross; 3. Bristley, Ross; 4. Pratt, Findlay, 4:25.5.

100 yard breaststroke—1. P. Aten, Ross; 2. Davis, Findlay; 3. Nahm, Ross; 4. Wittenmeyer, Findlay, 1:07.6.

400 yard freestyle relay—1. Findlay (Scott, Suhuck, Tille and Worthington), 3:45.4.

# Ross Drowns Lima

Ross high school's swimming team avenged last year's one-point loss to Lima Senior by soundly trouncing the Spartans, 59-36, at the junior high school pool Friday afternoon.

And, the score could have been even worse. Ross thought it had won the first event — 200 yard medley relay — until the official ruled a Ross swimmer had left the starting block too soon.

The Ross team of Cecil Miller, Scott Nahm, Pat Aten and Dick Hooser swam the event in 1:50.1, 14.5 seconds better than Lima. If Ross would have been given those first place points the final score would have been 66-29.

"After that first event they (Lima) had me worried for a while," Little Giant mentor Jack Balsizer said. "They started juggling their lineup some and I wasn't sure what to expect."

"Our freestylers, I thought, did an exceptional job. Dick Hooser, Pat Collins and Mike Frey had good days. Frey had his best time this season in the 50 yard freestyle."

"I just hope we didn't burn ourselves out today. We have Findlay Saturday at 2 p.m. and that will be a real barn burner. If they make a couple of lineup changes we could be in real trouble."

Ross took first places in five of the 11 events. Frey took the 50 yard freestyle, Andy Christensen (diving), Andy Livingston (400 yard freestyle), Pat Aten (100 yard breaststroke) and the team of Hooser, Pat Collins, Frey and Alan Stephenson the 400 yard freestyle relay.

But in every event a Little Giant did take second place honors, Mike Aten picked up three team points in the 200 yard

freestyle and 100 yard butterfly, Mark Semer (200 yard individual medley), Jeff Keeler (50 yard freestyle), Felix Robles (diving), Stephenson (100 yard freestyle), Miller (100 yard backstroke), Eric Bristley (400 yard freestyle), Nahm (100 yard breaststroke).

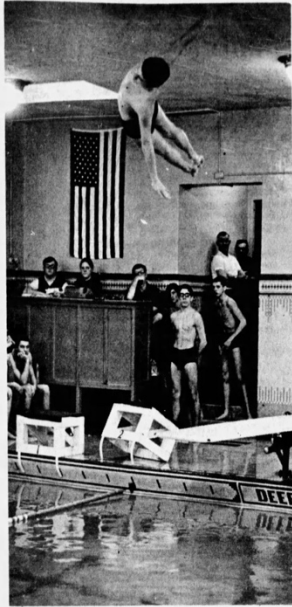
The Little Giants also had five third places. Lima had two double winners — Scott McKenna (200 and 100 yard freestyle events) and Jim McCain (200 yard individual medley and 100 yard butterfly).

Ross is now 5-1 on the season. After today's meet with Findlay, the Little Giants take to the road next week for meets at Toledo DeVillius and Mansfield Senior.

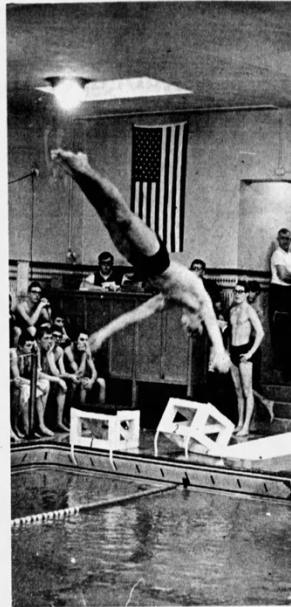
The following week is the all-important Buckeye Conference meet at Sandusky. Date of that event is Feb. 14. Lima was the only team to defeat Ross last season.

The summary:

200 yard medley relay: 1. Lima (Lyons, Kramer, Foster, Wade) 2:04.6	100 yard freestyle: 1. McKenna, Lima; 2. Stephenson, Ross; 3. Collins, Ross; 4. Parr, Lima 32.5
200 yard freestyle: 1. McKenna, Lima; 2. M. Aten, Ross; 3. Hestinger, Ross; 4. Hawk, Lima 1:52.8	100 yard backstroke: 1. Alexander, Lima; 2. Miller, Ross; 3. Semer, Ross; 4. Kramer, Lima 1:52.3
200 yard individual medley: 1. McCain, Lima; 2. Semer, Ross; 3. Bristley, Ross; 4. Sampson, Lima 2:11.4	50 yard freestyle: 1. Livingston, Ross; 2. Bristley, Ross; 3. Alexander, Lima; 4. Hawk, Lima 4:03.6
50 yard freestyle: 1. Frey, Ross; 2. Keeler, Ross; 3. Hill, Lima; 4. Rex, Lima 28.4	100 yard breaststroke: 1. P. Aten, Ross; 2. Nahm, Ross; 3. Palmer, Lima; 4. Foster, Lima 1:08.1
Diving: 1. Christensen, Ross; 2. Robles, Ross; 3. Brown, Lima; 4. Johnston, Lima 191.3	400 yard freestyle relay: 1. Ross (Hooser, Collins, Frey, Stephenson); 2. M. Aten, Ross; 3. Keeler, Ross; 4. Sawyer, Lima 56.1



ANDY CHRISTENSEN  
First Place



FELIX ROBLES  
Second Place

## Golden Bears Flunk Test

By MARK CARLSON  
News-Messenger Sports Editor  
GIBSONBURG—Lakota and Gibsonburg high school basketball teams played "Extremes" here Friday night. Unfortunately for Gibsonburg,

perfect quarters of playing by Lakota.

Coach Larry Hedden's Raiders ended up on the long end of a 86-66 count. But, the Raiders had a rough time doing it.

"It was a complex situation,"

boom. First we tried to run away with it and then they came back.

"The second half was much steadier—our kids got the momentum and never gave it up."

The Raiders tried to blow the

Lakota had built up a 26-6 margin with slightly less than two minutes remaining in the first stanza.

But Gibsonburg came right back, converting five straight Lakota turnovers, to make it 26-



# Beat Findlay, 62-33

## Little Giant Tankers Win

You've heard about the home court and home field advantage, but have you ever heard anyone mention the home pool advantage?

Well, based on the Fremont Ross-Findlay swimming meet Saturday, there must be one. The Little Giants, who only beat the Trojans 44-43 at Findlay earlier, swamped their opponent, 62-33, at the junior high pool.

"It was a strong team effort—a team victory," said coach Jack Balsizer. "It's a big win for the squad. They wanted it badly and went right out after it with a good 1:48.4 medley relay time. Our kids were in command the rest of the way."

The 200 yard medley team turned in its best time of the season. Cecil Miller, Scott Nahn, Mike Aten and Jeff Frey made up the foursome.

"Miller is beginning to round into form," Balsizer said. "He has his best 50 yard backstroke in leading off the medley and then came back with his best time in the 100 backstroke."

Miller won the 100 with a sparkling 1:04.4. Teammate Bob Roosen finished second at 1:05.4.

Also cited for turning in outstanding performances were co-captains Al Stephenson and Mike Aten. Stephenson won the 100 yard freestyle with a 53.6 and Aten was clocked at 58.4 in capturing top honors in the 100 butterfly.

Stephenson also anchored the victorious 400 yard freestyle relay team. Dick Hooser, Mark Semar and Dick Hottinger are the other members of that unit.

Other winners for the Little Giants included Pat Aten (200 individual medley) and Felix

Robles (diving). Capturing second places were Semer (200 individual medley), Andy Christensen (diving), and Pat Collins (400 freestyle).

The victory boosted Ross to a 6-1 record on the season. The Little Giants travel to Toledo DeVilbiss and Mansfield Senior this week.

The summary:

200 yard medley relay — 1. Ross (Miller, Nahn, M. Aten, Frey), 1:48.4.

200 yard freestyle — 1. Lischawa,

Findlay; 2. Worthington, Findlay; 3.

Hooser, Ross; 4. Collins, Ross, 1:59.3.  
200 yard individual medley — 1. P. Aten, Ross; 2. Semer, Ross; 3. Buffington, Findlay, 2:17.4.

50 yard freestyle — 1. Strathman, Findlay; 2. Mathias, Findlay; 3. Keefer, Ross; 4. Frey, Ross, 24.3.

Diving — 1. Robles, Ross; 2. Christensen, Ross; 3. Kennedy, Findlay; 4. Majerus, Findlay, 169.5.

100 yard butterfly — 1. M. Aten, Ross; 2. Mathias, Findlay; 3. Keefer, Ross; 4. Buffington, Findlay, 58.4.

100 yard freestyle — 1. Stephenson, Ross; 2. Worthington, Findlay; 3. Hottinger, Ross; 4. Tille, Findlay, 53.6.

100 yard backstroke — 1. Miller, Ross; 2. Roosen, Ross; 3. Thomas, Findlay; 4. Swales, Findlay, 1:04.4.

400 yard freestyle — 1. Lischawa, Findlay; 2. Collins, Ross; 3. Livingston, Ross; 4. Pratt, Findlay, 4:24.1.

100 yard breaststroke — 1. P. Aten, Ross; 2. Wittenmyer, Findlay; 3. Nahn, Ross; 4. Laube, Findlay, 1:08.1.

400 yard freestyle relay — 1. Ross (Hooser, Semer, Hottinger, Stephenson), 3:41.6.

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# Tyger Tankers Lose To Ross

MANSFIELD—Ross high school's swimming team didn't have one of its better days Wednesday but the performance of the Little Giants was enough to batter Mansfield, 63-32.

"As expected, we had a letdown following our Saturday victory over Findlay," coach Jack Balsizer said. "As a result we swam just well enough to do the job. We have always had some trouble with the Mansfield pool and today was no exception."

Ross swimmers bettered their previous times in only one event—200 yard individual medley. Senior Pat Aten won the event with a 2:16.5. Eric Bristley turned in a 2:29.1 for third.

Aten was the only double winner for the Little Giants, who boosted their season record to 7-1. Pat also won the 100 yard breaststroke.

His brother, Mike, won the 100 yard butterfly. Mike Frey captured the laurels in the 50 freestyle and Felix Robles took the honors in the diving competition.

Both Ross relay teams won. The 200 medley relay beat Mansfield by nine seconds and the 400 freestyle held an 11 second advantage. Cecil Miller, Scott Nahm, Mike Aten and Dick Hooser are on the 200 team. Mark Semer, Frey, Dick Hottinger and Al Stephenson make up the 400 unit.

Second place finishers for the Little Giants included Semer (200 freestyle), Jeff Keefer (50 freestyle), Andy Christensen (diving), Stephenson (100 freestyle), Bob Roosen (100 backstroke) and Pat Collins (400 freestyle).

Mansfield swimmers won the 100, 200 and 400 freestyle events plus the 100 backstroke.

Ross travels to Toledo DeVilbiss for a meet Friday at 4:30 p.m. After that meet, the Little Giants next competition is the Buckeye Conference meet at Sandusky, Feb. 14. Next home encounter for Ross is against Sandusky, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

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200 yard medley relay—1. Ross (Miller, Nahm, M. Aten and Hooser), 1:51.4.  
200 yard freestyle — 1. Boals, Mansfield; 2. Semer, Ross; 3. Collins, Ross; 4. Henry, Mansfield, 2:00.6.  
200 yard individual medley—1. P. Aten, Ross; 2. C. Bookwalter, Mansfield; 3. Bristley, Ross; 4. Widders, Mansfield, 2:16.5.  
50 yard freestyle — 1. Frey, Ross; 2. Keefer, Ross; 3. Adams, Mansfield; 4. Phealey, Mansfield, 24.6.  
Diving—1. Robles, Ross; 2. Christensen, Ross; 3. Bales, Mansfield; 4. DeBolt, Mansfield, 173.3.  
100 yard butterfly — 1. M. Aten, Ross; 2. Parsons, Mansfield; 3. Keefer, Ross; 4. Widders, Mansfield, 59.7.  
100 yard freestyle — 1. C. Bookwalter, Mansfield; 2. Stephenson, Ross; 3. Shawber, Mansfield; 4. Hottinger, Ross, 53.0.  
100 yard backstroke — 1. Finnerty, Mansfield; 2. Roosen, Ross; 3. Miller, Ross; 4. Watkins, Mansfield, 1:05.0.  
400 yard freestyle — 1. Boals, Mansfield; 2. Collins, Ross; 3. Bristley, Ross; 4. G. Bookwalter, Mansfield, 4:29.  
100 yard breaststroke — 1. P. Aten, Ross; 2. Chitty, Mansfield; 3. Nahm, Ross; 4. Williams, Mansfield, 1:08.8.  
100 yard freestyle — 1. Ross (Semer, Frey, Hottinger and Stephenson), 3:47.7.

## Ross Swim Team Beats Toledo Devilbiss

TOLEDO—Ross high's swimming team won 10 of 11 first places in rolling to an easy 75-20 victory over Toledo Devilbiss Friday afternoon.

A number of Ross swimmers didn't swim in their speciality but still managed to record

victories. Pat Aten swam the 100 butterfly for the first time this year and turned in a 1:01.3 in winning the event.

Al Stephenson swam the 200 freestyle for the first time in several weeks and had the best time of his career—2:00.5.

Coach Jack Balsizer reported several of the reserves turned in their best efforts of the season while swimming for the varsity.

Tom White had a 59.5 in the 100 freestyle, Steve Frost a 1:10.9 in the 100 backstroke and Kevin Brawley a 2:29.2 in the 200 individual medley.

200 yard medley relay—1. Ross (Roosen, Nahm, Frey and Keefer), 1:51.7.

200 yard freestyle—1. Stephenson, Ross; 2. Hottinger, Ross; 3. Ligibel, Devilbiss; 4. Ayish, Devilbiss, 2:00.5.

200 yard individual medley—1. M. Aten, Ross; 2. Brawley, Ross; 3. Curphy, Devilbiss; 4. Schwartz, Devilbiss, 2:17.8.

50 yard freestyle—1. Rosenberg, De-

vilbiss; 2. Survitt, Devilbiss; 3. White, Ross, 25.1

Diving—1. Robles, Ross; 2. Shafer, Ross; 3. Levey, Devilbiss, 113.2.

100 yard butterfly—1. P. Aten, Ross; 2. Rosenberg, Devilbiss; 3. Brawley, Ross, 1:01.3.

100 yard freestyle—1. Hottinger, Ross; 2. White, Ross; 3. Surrott, Devilbiss; 4. Green, Devilbiss, 55.6.

100 yard backstroke—1. Roosen, Ross; 2. Levey, Devilbiss; 3. Frost, Ross; 4. Metzger, Devilbiss, 1:05.3.

400 yard freestyle—1. Collins, Ross; 2. Livingston, Ross; 3. Ligibel, Devilbiss; 4. Wysong, Devilbiss, 4:39.9.

100 yard breaststroke—1. Semer, Ross; 2. Bristley, Ross; 3. Frutschi, Devilbiss; 4. Anderson, Devilbiss, 1:14.5.

400 yard freestyle relay—1. Ross (Mattson, Miller, Willer, C. Miller), 4:08.1.

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## Balsizer Resigning From Swim Post

By MARK CARLSON  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

The News-Messenger has learned from unimpeachable sources that Jack Balsizer, coach of the Ross high school swimming team the last five years, has resigned.

Balsizer reportedly presented his resignation letter to Dr. George Coult, superintendent of schools, Wednesday. The Fremont school district's board of education is expected to act on

the resignation when it meets in regular session tonight.

Balsizer wasn't available to comment on the resignation this morning. He was teaching at the junior high school. It was learned, however, that the resignation only includes the swimming post. Balsizer doesn't plan to quit teaching in the Fremont system.

The resignation of the likeable coach comes on the heels of what was probably his finest season

with the Little Giants. Ross finished with a 9-1 record in dual meets losing only to Lima Senior.

But, more important, is the fact that Ross won the coveted swimming title in the prestigious Buckeye Conference. The Little Giants won the title at Sandusky in early February, beating out a strong Findlay contingent.

After the meet, Balsizer termed the victory "one of his greatest thrills in coaching."

In his first year as pilot of the

tankmen, Ross had seemingly won the Buckeye crown only to be disqualified when an over-anxious squad member jumped in the pool while a race was still in progress.

"I waited four years to get thrown in that pool over at Sandusky," Balsizer said, "it was a great feeling hitting that water."

In Balsizer's last two years as coach, Ross dropped only two dual meets. The Little Giants lost

by only one point to Lima Senior. Ross finished 10-1 that year and placed second in the Buckeye meet.

Frustrated, both the losses took place in the Lima YMCA pool. Teams coached by Balsizer never won a dual meet at that pool during his five years of coaching.

Balsizer-coached teams were always strong in the free style events.

"We like to have a lot of good free styler," Balsizer said, "If

we have a number of freestylers I'm not afraid to use in any meet it means we should have plenty of depth."

It was that depth which powered Ross to its 19-2 mark in the last two campaigns. Ross had only a couple of outstanding swimmers but there were numerous other competitors who would always pick up the vital second and third place points.

