

'Dirty 2+3' for Ross swimmers

It began as the 'dirty dozen' and then dropped to the 'dirty dozen minus one.'

Now it has ballooned to 27 and Art Bucci couldn't be happier.

"This is the biggest team I've ever had in Fremont," the peppery little swim coach bubbled as he talked about his swimmers. "And I think it's the best all-around talented team that Fremont's had in 30 years."

That's a pretty big statement but Bucci thinks he's got the swimmers to back up his preseason analysis.

Returning to the squad from last season's team are four state qualifiers, all of whom Bucci thinks are potential All-Americans this year. They are Mike Mowry, Dave Sanna, John Isaac and Brian Beck. Mowry was a three event qualifier in the state meet last year, participating in the 200 and 100 freestyle and the 200 medley relay.

Sanna was in the 100 backstroke and the 200 medley relay and Beck and Isaac were the two other swimmers on the medley relay team.

"I'm looking for the best year ever since I've been in Fremont," said Bucci, who is beginning his sixth year as head coach. "We have a super bunch of seniors, real front line talent. We have two talented divers in

Ed Weiler and Mike Waggoner, four state qualifiers and Jim Avalos, Johanna Hawk, Greg Bobay, Ty Mitchell."

But what makes Bucci the happiest is the depth he has. No longer will Ross be losing meets because of a numbers problem.

"This is the first time I can go to a six lane pool and everyone can swim. We won't lose because of depth.

"Our goals are to win as many dual meets as possible, win the Buckeye Conference meet, improve on individual times and qualify as many people as we can for the states.

"We have more opportunity. When you go up there (to the Buckeye) with 12 and 13 kids you have to win every event."

Bucci's squad begins its season against one of the state's powerhouses today, Upper Arlington. On Saturday, the Little Giant swimmers will compete in the Upper Arlington Relays.

Here is the lineup for today's meet:

200 medley relay: Sanna, Beck, Mowry, Isaac;

200 freestyle: Brian Overmyer, Randy Randolph, Mitchell;

200 individual medley: Sanna, Tad Winning, Todd Heslet;

50 freestyle: Mowry, Isaac, Beck;

Diving: Weiler, Waggoner, John Albrechts;

100 butterfly: Isaac, Avalos, Winning;

100 freestyle: Mowry, Heslet, Overmyer;

500 freestyle: Mitchell, Randolph, Hawk;

100 backstroke: Sanna, Bobay, Hetrick;

100 breaststroke: Beck, Janice Smith, Jim Ferguson;

400 free relay: Winning, Overmyer, Bobay, Mitchell.

Mowry sets 2 Ross records

UPPER ARLINGTON — Mike Mowry set two Ross school records and a Little Giants relay team established a new standard during two days of swimming here over the weekend.

The Little Giants tankers lost to state power Upper Arlington 104-68 in a dual meet and tied for third in the Upper Arlington Invitational.

Mowry was a triple winner in the dual meet, taking the 50 and 100-yard freestyles. He set records in both. In the 50, Mowry splashed to a 22.9 clocking, chipping two-tenths of a second off his own Ross school record. In the 100, Mowry flashed to a 49.1, beating the Ross record of 49.4, also held by him.

Mowry also swam on the 200-yard medley relay team which won with a clocking of 1:46.23, only two-tenths of a second off the Ross pool record. Also on that team was Dave Sanna, Brian Beck and John Isaac.

Sanna and Beck also won individual races. Sanna won the backstroke in 59.375 while Beck captured the breaststroke in 1:08.936.

In the relays, Worthington ended Upper Arlington's 10-year hold on the top spot, scoring 108 points, four more than the hosts. Third went to Ken Roosevelt and Ross with 48 points each.

Ross's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Sanna, Isaac, Beck and Mowry set a new pool and meet record with a 1:32.1. That was 2.1 seconds quicker than the old mark.

Mowry's anchoring split on the relay was 21.9 for the 50, only two-tenths of a second off All-American cutoff times.

Ross divers Ed Weiler and Mike Waggoner had 72 points and finished third.

Ross wins but Bucci not happy

LIMA — The Ross swim team traveled to Lima Saturday and brought home a 50-33 triumph over the Spartans.

It was the Little Giant tankers' first win of the season after losing to state power Upper Arlington and having its meet with Wauseon canceled twice because of the junior high's tempermental pool.

Art Bucci, however, was not his jovial self after the victory.

"We have to get back to the drawing board," Bucci said. "I wasn't happy with some of our veteran swimmers. We have to get tougher, the months of January and February are going to be unbelievable.

"Most of the teams in Northwest Ohio are about even talent wise and I feel most of the meets will be decided by a few points."

Although Ross won six of eleven events, the peppery Bucci wasn't happy about the times. Lima meet officials did

not give him a result sheet but he didn't need it to know that the times weren't as good as he would like.

Bucci was happy, however, with his young swimmers. Seven of his sophomores had their best swims ever for Bucci at Lima.

Steve Rodd and Randy Randolph recorded their bests in the 50-yard free and 100-yard breaststroke, respectively, while Dave Hetrick, Jill Isaac, Ty Heslet, Sandy Process, John Kocsis and Brian Wensinger all had their bests in the 400-yard free relay.

First place winners for Ross were: Ty Mitchell, Brian Beck, Tad Winning and Brian Overmyer in the 200-yard medley relay; Mike Mowry in the 200-yard free; Dave Sanna in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard backstroke; Beck in the 50-yard free and the 100-yard backstroke; and Mike Waggoner in diving.

Napoleon spoils Ross's home debut

Ross finally got to host a swim meet Saturday but Napoleon spoiled the occasion with a 45-38 win over the Little Giants.

Little Giants Coach Art Bucci shrugged off the loss, pointing out several individual performances while contending that his team was tired.

"I feel all the kids are swimming better," Bucci said, "even though they are still tired. Our major

goals are to swim well during the dual meets but the most important things are the conference, district and state meets."

Mike Mowry took his coach's words to heart about swimming well in the dual meets; he set a pair of pool records while winning two events and anchoring the Little Giants' winning freestyle relay.

Mowry posted a 1:49.70 in the 200 free to eclipse the

old mark of 1:50.3 held by Doug Roll of Sylvania Northview. In the 100 free sprint, the Ross senior recorded a 49.6 to shatter the previous pool best of 50.1 held by Jack Waldo of Sandusky.

Dave Sanna finished second in the 50 free for Ross but tied Mowry's school record in the process with a 22.90 clocking. Napoleon's Brian Salsbury won the event despite being clocked at 23.14. Salsbury was awarded the top spot on eye judgment.

"Dave had a super day," Bucci praised. "I know he can go faster in it. He also was three-tenths of a second off the pool record in the backstroke."

Sanna won the backstroke in 57.8 and swam a leg of the medley relay in which Napoleon finished a tenth of a second ahead of Ross.

Bucci also said that Brian Overmyer, Steve Rodd and Ty Heslet had personal bests in the "strong" events. Brian Beck's second place finish in the breaststroke in 1:07.40 was his season best.

Napoleon picked up strength for the victory by sweeping the top two spots in the 200 individual medley, the butterfly and the 500 freestyle.

Ross's diving duo of Mike Waggoner and Ed Weiler took the top two spots with Waggoner's 187.95 taking first.

Following are the results of the events Saturday:

EVENTS

200 medley relay: Napoleon (Mark Bernicke, Nathan Docktor, Alan Rosebrock, Dave Thompson) 1:49.0; Ross 1:50.0;
200 free: Mike Mowry, Ross, 1:49.70 x; Jeff Finn, Napoleon, 1:53.02;
200 individual medley: Docktor, Napoleon, 2:08.95; Cochran, Napoleon, 2:15.32;
50 free: Brian Salsbury, Napoleon, 23.14; Dave Sanna, Ross, 22.90*;
Diving: Mike Waggoner, Ross, 187.95; Ed Weiler, Ross, 175.75;
100 butterfly: Finn, Napoleon, 56.50; Rosebrock, Napoleon, 1:01.81;
100 free: Mowry, Ross, 49.6**; Delventhal, Napoleon, 53.01;
500 free: Salsbury, Napoleon, 5:08.32; Maddox, Napoleon, 5:56.00;
100 backstroke: Sanna, Ross, 57.8; Rosebrock, Napoleon, 1:04.08;
100 breaststroke: Docktor, Napoleon, 1:06.39; Brian Beck, Ross, 1:07.40;
400 free relay: Ross (John Isaac, Brian Overmyer, Greg Bobay, Mowry), 3:40.9; Napoleon, 3:51.55.
x-New pool record. Old mark 1:50.3 held by Doug Roll of Sylvania Northview.
*Ties Ross school record held by Mowry. Placement made on judgment.
**New pool record. Old mark of 50.1 held by Jack Waldo of Sandusky.



BRIAN BECK of Fremont glances to the side during the butterfly leg of the 200-yard medley race against Napoleon Saturday at the Fremont Junior

High School natatorium. Napoleon won the meet 45-38. (N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

Oak Harbor second

Ross wins 7 of 11 from Sandusky

SANDUSKY — Ross splashed past Sandusky 92-80 Tuesday in a high school swim meet after a disqualification knocked the Blue Streaks out of a possible tie.

Sandusky's top freestyle relay team was disqualified after two swimmers had been ruled as starting before a teammate had touched. The disqualification knocked the Blue Streaks out of 10 possible points with a first and third place finish and gave Ross enough points to cement the win.

Brian Overmeyer, Greg Bobay, Steve Rodd and Mike Mowry benefitted from the DQ, taking first in the race in 3:39.5.

"This had to be the best team effort that we have had since I have been coaching here," said Art Bucci, Ross coach. "The team spirit

was great and each swimmer did his or her job."

Mowry added first place finishes in the 200 and 100 freestyle sprints, taking the longer race in 1:51.84 and the shorter distance in 50.1.

Mike Waggoner led a 1, 2, 5 finish in the diving event for the Little Giants. Waggoner piled up 204.65 points and teammates Ed Weiler had 190.4 for second and Dave Ackerman 125.85 for fifth.

Other first places — Ross won seven of the 11 events — for the Little Giants went to the medley relay team of Dave Sanna, Brian Beck, Tad Winning and John Isaac with a 1:50.99; Sanna in the backstroke (57.39); and Beck with a 1:09.4 in the breaststroke.

Beck's victory in the breaststroke was backed up by a third from sophomore Ty Heslet (1:14.9) and a fourth by junior Jan Smith in 1:15.46.

Overmeyer knocked five seconds off his 200 freestyle time to finish fourth in 2:04.58. He also chipped more than a second and one-half off his best 100 free time for fifth with a 55-second clocking.

Jim Avalos was second and Winning third in the butterfly for Ross while Beck finished second in the individual medley and Ty Mitchell third. Sanna was second in the 50 free with Isaac coming in fourth.

Ross will travel to Findlay College Thursday for a 4 p.m. meet against Findlay High School.

'Silver pickle' for Ross tankers

FINDLAY — Ross swim coach Art Bucci said his team should get the "Silver Pickle" award for their showing in Findlay.

"That's one that should of been in the record book on Ross's side," Bucci said of the Little Giant's 87-86 loss to Findlay Thursday night. "We should have beaten them by 15 but we went in there over confident and went through the motions."

Bucci's usually bubbly personality was all but popped as he talked about the meet.

"I'm not very enthusiastic right now" he said. We should have won the meet. We didn't have very good times. If we would have swam like we did Tuesday it would have been no contest. I'm not very happy with them."

Ross won five of 11 of the events and led the entire meet until the final relay event. In that, the hosts took first and third to gain the points needed to edge the Little Giants.

The only good swims, in Bucci's opinion, were by sophomore Steve Rodd. He had his best times ever in the 200 and 500 freestyles.

Bucci said that was the whole ball of wax as far as he was concerned.

Dave Sanna won the 50 freestyle and the 100 backstroke for Ross in 23.2 and 59.4, respectively. Mike Mowry was also a double winner, capturing the 200 freestyle in 1:51.1 and the 100 freestyle in 49.7. The only other winner was John Isaac in the 500 freestyle in 5:25.5.

Ross will be at Margarett Saturday for a 1 p.m. meet. The meet had originally been scheduled for the Fremont Junior High School natatorium. The meet slated for Feb. 21 at Margarett has been switched to Fremont.

Little Giants sink Margaretta

CASTALIA — Ross sounded and acted like a broken record Saturday as the Little Giants swimmers paddled past outgunned Margaretta 113-56 in a dual meet.

The splashers of Coach Art Bucci's broke five Margaretta pool records and established a Ross school record.

The freestyle relay squad of Dave Sanna, Brian Beck, John Isaac and Mike Mowry recorded a 3:28.5 to set the new Ross standard that had stood for 13 seasons. That mark also wiped out the Margaretta pool record of 3:40.5.

"We have come back after the loss to Findlay,"

Bucci claimed while thinking back to Thursday and a meet that he felt his team should have won. "I feel that the team is starting to get ready for the big meets coming up. We host Sandusky Perkins Tuesday and I feel that Perkins is one of the strongest teams in north-west Ohio."

That Tuesday meet will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Fremont Junior High natatorium.

In the Margaretta meet, the Ross wrecking crew set new records in the medley relay, 50 and 100 freestyles and the butterfly as well as the freestyle relay.

The medley of the

foursome that comprised the freestyle relay, recorded a 1:47.1 for the new Margaretta pool record. The old mark was 1:47.8. Isaac set the 50 freestyle sprint record, lowering the pool mark from 23.9 to 23.7.

Mowry clipped more than three seconds off the 100 free mark with a 50.1 clocking. The old mark was 53.2. The other record was claimed by Sanna in the butterfly with a 58.5,

shattering the previous mark of one minute flat.

"The rest of the team swam well," the Ross coach praised.

Ty Mitchell won the 200 freestyle in 2:05.0. Brian Overmyer had his best time in the 500, ticking off a 5:48.0 while Ty Heslet had his best time in the 200 individual medley with a 2:31.0. Also recording its best time was the freestyle relay team of John Kocsis, Jay Cooper, Jim Ferguson and Brian Wensinger.

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ROSS SWIMMER JIM AVALOS SHOWS HIS BUTTERFLY STYLE DURING A LEG OF THE 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY.

Perkins outswims Ross

The loss was a bit more lopsided than expected but Ross swim Coach Art Bucci could still smile after highly touted Perkins dealt his team a 53-30 setback in the Fremont Junior High natatorium.

"I figured that we would possibly lose by seven," Bucci admitted, "but not by 23."

Still, Bucci was happy about three school records set by Dave Sanna and Mike Mowry. Sanna knocked off a tenth of second from his 50-yard freestyle record with a 22.8 while beating Scott Jurs of Perkins by a fingertip.

Mowry continued his assault on his own records. His 1:48.33 in the 200-yard

freestyle lowered his own school record from 1:49.7. In the race, the Ross senior beat out nationally ranked Dwight Davis of Perkins by seven one-hundredths of a second.

In the 100 freestyle spring, Mowry lowered his school record from 49.7 to 49.57 in easily winning his second event of the meet.

Sanna also picked up a first place in the backstroke, winning in 58.66 seconds.

Ed Weiler was second and Mike Waggoner third in diving for Ross with 182.25 and 181.45 points, respectively. David Golf of

Perkins was the winner with 196.80.

John Isaac recorded his best time this season in the 500 freestyle while finishing second in 5:24.49. Isaac, Brian Overmyer, Sanna and Mowry teamed up for second in the freestyle relay with a 3:36.75. Isaac was also third in the 200 free.

Ty Mitchell had his best time of 2:27.94 in finishing third in the individual medley. Jim Avalos was third in the 100 butterfly for Ross and Mitchell took third in the backstroke. Jan Smith was third in the breaststroke.

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Mowry, Sanna showing merits of Bucci's beginnings

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Mike Mowry and Dave Sanna have been splashing around water in Fremont for as long as Art Bucci pleasantly remembers.

The duo of Ross seniors have taken turns shattering Ross swim records on an individual basis while teaming up with a couple of other Little Giants to fracture two more during the Little Giants season.

when he was 13, ever since — nine months out of the year.

"Mrs. (Pat) Weiler (mother of Ross diver Ed) got me started," Mowry recalled. "It was fun and good times; got to go places like Windsor, Canada, Pennsylvania and Michigan to big meets.

"Swimming," the crack Ross freestyler (mainly) said, "is something that I have always wanted to do."

longer distance, his school record is 1:46.50 and the pool mark, 1:48.50.

Both will probably go lower before the season is over.

Sanna began swimming competitively when he was 10.

"I never got into it till then," he said. "John Isaac and I took lessons at the YMCA. After about a week, we were ready."

The medley record is 1:46.1 while the freestyle relay mark is 3:28.5.

Both Sanna and Mowry are not so good that they feel they are unbeatable.

"Hey," Sanna smiled, "there are always people better than I am. I never felt that I was better than anyone else but I'd like to be."

Both of Ross's ace swimmers are leaning toward Bowling Green State University. Mowry wants to major in business while Sanna wants to coach while working toward a future in architecture.

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Ross's record setters

Bucci, the Ross varsity swim coach, has a place reserved for Mowry and Sanna as well as this year's crop of senior swimmers. The group has grown up with the lively little Italian; they were in the seventh grade program when Bucci came to Fremont.

"They are the most talented kids I have had in Fremont," Bucci says quickly about Mowry and Sanna. "There is no telling what their achievements will be in college."

Both 17, Mowry is the "veteran" of the two.

"I started swimming (competitively) at the 'Y' when I was seven," Mowry said. He's been swimming, except for a brief lapse

Always?

"Well," he grinned, "there was a time when I stopped for the summer but I came back."

He's been swimming ever since and along with Bucci's coaching and sometimes harping, also with encouragement from his parents, Mowry has been lowering the Ross records in the 100 and 200 freestyles and regularly as the hands on a clock go around.

Today, the 100-yard freestyle Ross school and Fremont Junior High pool record belong to him. Ditto the 200 freestyle. In the century, Mowry has parted the water in 49.20 for the school mark and a 49.50 for the pool record. In the

Sanna owns the Ross school record in the 50 freestyle and the school and pool records in the backstroke. In the shortest race in high school competition, Sanna has recorded a 22.8 for his quick time while in the back, the school mark is 57 seconds flat and the pool mark, a half second off that pace.

The two are also members of the school record holding medley and freestyle relay teams along with John Isaac and Brian Beck. Mowry swims the butterfly and Sanna the backstroke. Beck is the breaststroke man while Isaac anchors the team with the freestyle.

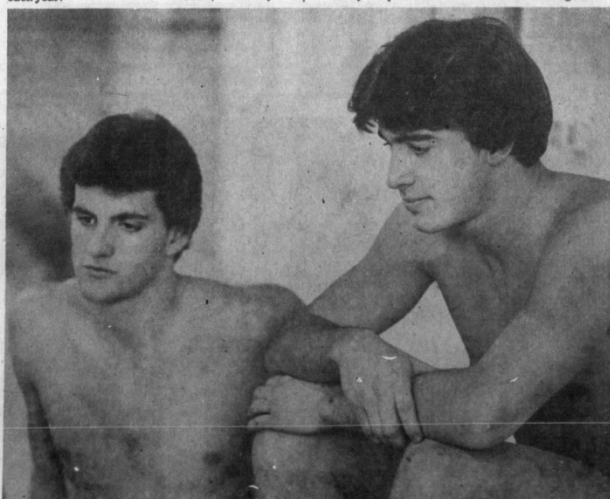
As far as their coach is concerned, the seniors credit Bucci with reviving the Ross swimming program.

"He's kept it alive," Mowry claimed.

"He makes our goals, his goals," Sanna chimed in.

Getting to those goals through Bucci means hard work. Work that is tiring and sometimes a bit on the boring side.

Getting up at 5:15 a.m. for a 3,000 yard swim and two hours after school for more of the same has its effect but is part of the "taper" which



DAVE SANNA, LEFT, AND MIKE MOWRY

Ross swimmers knock off Southview

SYLVANIA — The Ross swim team warmed up for its rematch with Buckeye Conference rival Sandusky with a 96-76 triumph over Sylvania Southview Saturday afternoon.

The Little Giant swimmers, behind Dave Sanna and Mike Mowry, won seven of 11 events finished one-two in three of them.

Sanna and Mowry were triple winners. Sanna won the 50 freestyle and the 100 backstroke in 25.25 and 1:05.89, respectively and was a member of the winning 200 medley relay team.

Mowry won the 100 and 200 freestyles in 56.03 and 2:01.00, respectively and swam the final leg of the winning 400 freestyle relay team.

"We had a super meet," Ross coach Art Bucci said. "We had many personal bests and this pleases me because we are very tired. We're still going two practices a day and beginning our taper to get ready for the districts and state meets."

"The pool was meters and the times were really good for this time of the year. If we convert

these times, we will have some new records."

Ed Weiler won the diving event for Ross with 173.95. Mike Waggoner was second with 170.4.

Other members of the winning 200 medley relay with Sanna were Brian Beck, Todd Winning and John Isaac. Brian Overmyer, Steve Ross and Greg Bobay joined Mowry on the winning 400 free relay team.

The winning times for the relay teams were 2:04.84 and 4:02.2, respectively.

Little Giants' split sinks Streaks

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Sandusky set a couple of records but in the end, Ross knifed through a split in the Blue Streaks defenses to record a 45-38 dual swim meet win Tuesday at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

"He split up his good relay team," theorized

Ross Coach Art Bucci after the meet while talking about Sandusky Coach Dave Roberts' strategy, "to attempt to 'one-two' (take first and second) us. They had to do that to beat us."

That was the watery maneuvering before the final event, the freestyle relay, during the meet. Ross's foursome in the

event, Brian Overmyer, Greg Bobay, John Isaac and Mike Mowry, buried Sandusky's hope with a six-second (3:35.46) win over the Blue Streaks squad.

With a fairly narrow 39-34 lead heading into the final event, Ross had to finish at least second to insure the win.

Overmyer, who came up with a strong third in the 100 freestyle sprint, led off for Ross in the relay and stayed even with Sandusky's Craig Cliff. Bobay followed and put Ross ahead by a half length.

Isaac was next and gave anchor man Mike Mowry a two-length lead and that was it for the Blue Streaks.

John Stauffer, just a sophomore, and Steve Cremean established new Ross pool records for Sandusky. Stauffer backed his way to a 55.92 clocking in the back stroke to wipe out Ross swimmer Dave Sanna's former mark of 57.50 set this season. Sanna was second in the race with a 57.27.

Cremean shattered a 13-year pool record in the butterfly, recording a 55.36 to erase the 1967 mark of

55.4 set by Chuck Gottschalk of University School.

Sandusky finished one-two in the butterfly with Ross countering that with a one-two finish in the diving event. Mike Waggoner had a 193.60 while Ed Weiler finished with 184.30 for the Little Giants.

Mowry came up with firsts in the 200 and 100 freestyles, taking the former in 1:49.62 and the latter in 49.61. Overmyer was third in the 100 and that, according to Bucci, helped offset the Blue Streaks' butterfly dominance.

Isaac won the 500 freestyle in 5:22.81 and also finished third in the 200 free. Sanna was second in the 50 free and the backstroke and was a member of the medley relay which was first in 1:50.14. Brian Beck, Tad Winning and Overmyer were on the medley along with Sanna.

Beck was first in the breaststroke in 1:10.42 and also finished second in IM with a 2:22.91 clocking.

Winning finished third in the butterfly and Ty Heslet was third in the breaststroke.

Ross will travel to Mansfield Saturday to compete in the Malabar Relays. Diving preliminaries begin at 9:30 a.m. with the swimming event prelims at 12:30.

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Ross tankers take fourth in Malabar Swim Relays

MANSFIELD — Ross finished fourth Saturday in the Malabar Swim Relays at Malabar High School.

Malabar won the event with 64 points. Sandusky Perkins was second with 50 with Wooster at 46 and Ross fourth at 42.

The Little Giants swimmers won one event, taking the 200 medley relay in near record time. With John Isaac turning in a torrid 22.60 clocking off the freestyle leg, the Ross team turned out a 1:45.8 clocking, just a half second off the Malabar pool record.

Joining Isaac on the team were Brian Beck, Mike Mowry and Dave Sanna.

Ross's 850 crescendo relay of Steve Rodd, Greg Bobay, Brian Overmyer and Isaac finished third with an 8:51.0. The Little Giants' 300-yard individual

medley team of Sanna, Beck and Mowry also took third with a 3:02.8.

The 400-yard freestyle relay of Ross, Ty Mitchell, Overmyer and Bobay also grabbed a third spot.

"We could have been runnerup," Ross Coach Art Bucci theorized, "but it wasn't our day for breaks. We had several good swims and that split time by Isaac in the medley relay was great."

Ross's diving duo of Mike Waggoner and Ed Weiler placed fifth in the field of 11 teams.

In other Ross finishes, the backstroke relay team of Mitchell, Ty Heslet, Tad Winning and Jim Ferguson finished sixth in 2:041.1

and the breast-fly relay of Winning, Jim Avalos, Randy Randolph and Heslet finishing in 2:06.9, a second out of sixth.



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Little Giants win 10 of 11 events in easy swim win

Ross won 10 of 11 events while cruising to a 61-22 victory in a high school swim meet Saturday at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

Mike Mowry set a new pool and school record in the 50-yard freestyle and the Ross medley relay team established a new pool record in the process.

Mowry lowered the 50-yard sprint record to 22.43, breaking teammate Dave Sanna's school record and the pool record of 22.8 set by Jack Waldock of Sandusky in 1977. Sanna finished second in the event with a 23.24 clocking.

Sanna, Brian Beck, Mowry and John Isaac teamed up for a 1:45.01 clocking to win the medley relay. The same foursome held the old record of 1:46.1.

Brian Overmyer won two events for the Little Giants, taking the 200-yard freestyle in his season best time of 2:01.93, and coming back to win the 500 free in 5:41.21. Overmyer won the latter race in a little over a second from Margaretta's Tom Leber.

Mowry won the butterfly in 57.01 to be Ross's only other double individual event winner.

Isaac won the 100 freestyle in 52.35 and Sanna took the backstroke in 58.90. Beck was the breaststroke winner in 1:10.10. Mike Waggoner won the diving event with 188.65 points.

Ross seconds went to

Beck in the individual medley, Greg Bobay in the 100 free and Ty Mitchell in the backstroke.

Ty Heslet, Jay Cooper, Jim Avalos and Overmyer teamed up to win the freestyle relay for Ross in 3:55.31. Greg Bobay, Jo Hawk, Tad Winning and

Burke Mitchell finished second in the event for the Little Giants, a little over a second behind the winning Ross team.

Andy Claes won the individual medley for Margaretta's only first play. He took the event in 2:20.9.

News Messenger

Boys basketball roundup

Woodmore ties

Woodmore tied its school record and Margaretta ended a losing streak Saturday in two of three boys high school basketball games involving Fremont area teams.

Woodmore exploded for its 13th victory with a 96-51 thumping of Old Fort.

The Wildcats pulled off 54 rebounds, 40 more than their visitors, and canned 39 of 70 shots to raise their season record to 13-5. Old Fort fell to 2-17.

Ten Woodmore players scored with Jeff Hartman's 18 leading the scoring parade. Steve Madaras had 14 and Mike Haar added 13.

Doug Stacy's 18 lead Old Fort.

Margaretta tossed the monkey off its back with a 59-52 win over Monroeville and shook off an 18-game losing streak this season in the process.

Matt Sullivan's 19 and Bill

Monroeville 40-30 Balduff's 10 topped Bears.

At Ottawa Hills, the pulled away late in the Bettsville 57-48.

Bettsville suffered a first half, hitting 10 shots as Ottawa Hills 29-18 lead.

The Bobcats, paced by Hartsel, came back in the second period to trail by 2:30 to play. Bettsville was forced to foul according to Coach and Ottawa Hills carried the charity stripe in the fourth.

Hartsel finished with 15 for Bettsville.

Ottawa Hills 57, Bettsville 48
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Bettsville
Ottawa Hills

Five Ross athletes win winter sports MVP honors

Rhea Paulson, Rod Meyer, Tom Smith, Dave Sanna and Mike Mowry were named "Most valuable" in four winter sports during the Ross High School Winter Sports Awards program Monday.

Paulson won the MVP for girls basketball and Meyer the same honor for the boys team. Smith was honored by his teammates in wrestling while Sanna and Mowry shared honors for the swimmers.

Coach Sue Wolf handed out other special girls basketball awards to Cindy Gilson, the most improved, Sandy Long as the most valuable sophomore and Diane Borys as the team's best free throw shooter.

Laurie Smith took the top rebounder trophy for the girls and also received a captain's trophy along with Paulson. Tammy Haas won the trophy for the most assists and steals for the season.

Shawn Simms was named the boys basketball team's "Mr. Defense" by Coach Biz Paeth. Greg Nossaman won the free throw shooting award while Tony Gant was the team's top rebounder.

John Sachs was named the outstanding junior varsity player for the Little Giants. Mike Eicher and Gant received captain's trophies.

Jim Lipstraw won the "coaches award" for the wrestling team. Coach Al Voggenthaler awarded the most improved trophy to Mike Wendt.

Anthony Gardner won the trophy for the most takedowns and shared the award for the most pins with Doug

Smith.

Lipstraw, Smith and Mark Walther were given captain's trophies.

In swimming, Coach Art Bucci awarded Brian Overmyer the most improved trophy while the coaches award went to Mowry and Sanna. John Isaac, Mowry and Sanna received captain's trophies.

Due to a camera malfunction, pictures of the trophy winners were not available.

Following are the letter winners for the respective sports:

GIRLS BASKETBALL

First year: Becky Coleman, Joan Osman, Julie Ritchart and Sandy Long.

Second year: Amy Lindstrom, Tammy Haas, Diane Borys, Cindy Gilson, Della Hall and Lisa Pfeiffer, manager.

Third year: Rhea Paulson and Laurie Smith.

BOYS BASKETBALL

First year: Rod Meyer, Greg Nossaman, Shawn Simms, Andy Rodenhauser, Sam Lindsey, Craig Daniels, Tony Gant, Dave Miller, Ted Orndorff, student trainer, and Brian Farr, manager.

Second year: Mike Eicher.

WRESTLING

First year: Dave Baum, Mark Schmidt, Rick Heidelberg, Mitch Curliss, Mike Wendt, Doug Bischoff, Craig Trick, Blaine Hines, Andy Esquivel and Mike Adams, manager.

Second year: John Havener, Corey Beard, Tony Shiets, Anthony Gardner and Kevin Zimmerman, manager.

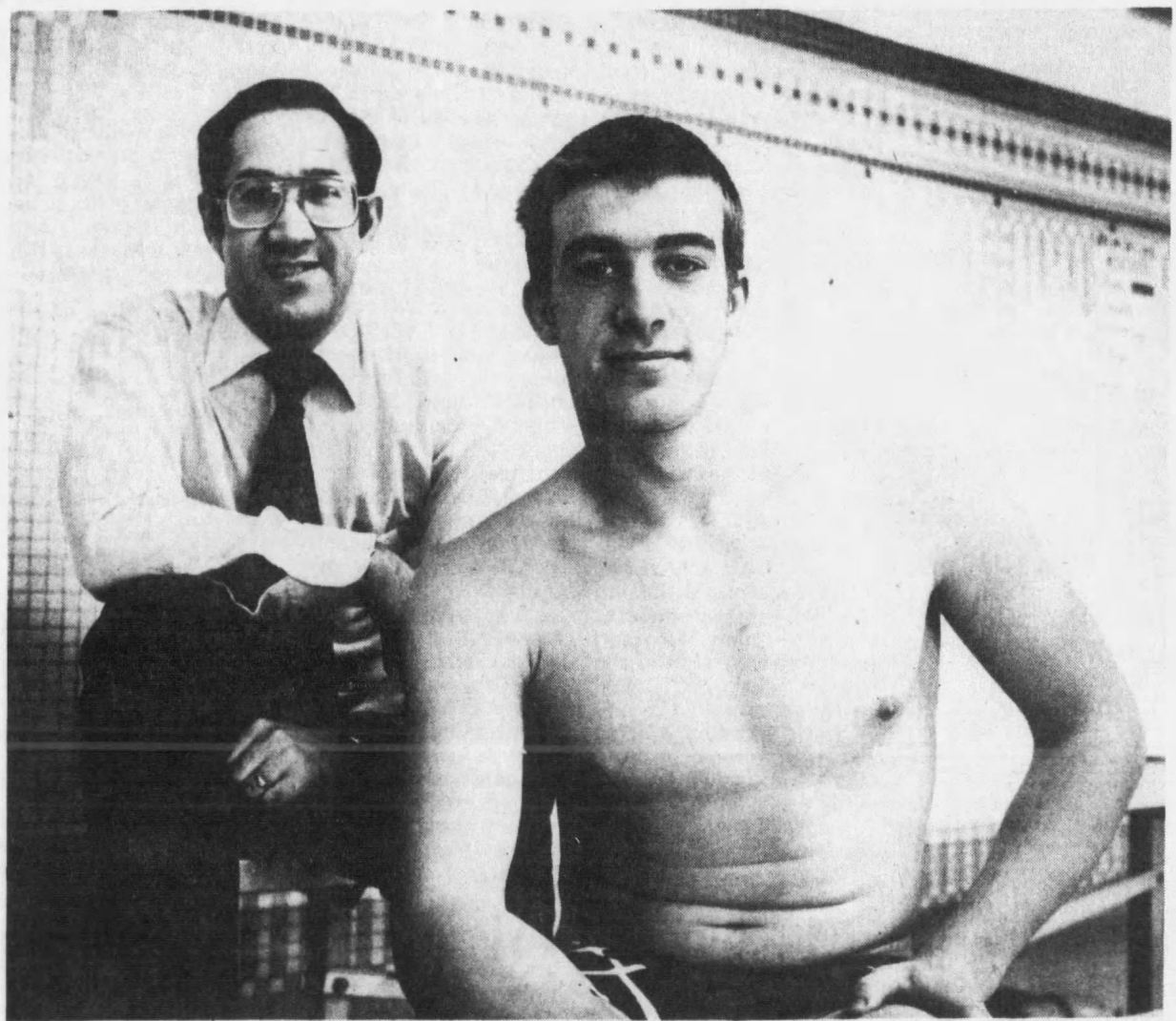
Third year: Mark Walther, Jim Lipstraw, Doug Smith, Tom Smith and Dana Syzmanowski, student trainer.

SWIMMING

First year: Tyler Heslet, Walter Randolph, Steven Rodd, Tad Winning and Dan Might, manager.

Second year: Gregory Boday, Brian Overmyer, and Janice Smith.

Third year: Jim Avalos, Brian Beck, Johanna Hawk, John Isaac, Ty Mitchell, Mike Mowry, Dave Sanna, Mike Waggoner and Ed Weiler.



Junior Olympic qualifier

Mike Mowry, Ross High School senior, and swim Coach Art Bucci will leave Tuesday for Milwaukee and the National Junior Olympic Swimming Championships. Mowry qualified for the 100-yard freestyle while finishing third in the Ohio High School State Meet in March. His 47.38 clocking was

three-tenths of a second under the cutoff time for the national meet. He is the first Ross swimmer to qualify for the national meet which is made up of the top high school swimmers in the country. Mowry will swim Wednesday. (News-Messenger photo by Bill Kennedy)