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Ross 4th in BC Invite

FINDLAY — Host Findlay pulled off the expected but Ross swim team Coach Art Bucci got a promising sign for the future in the Buckeye Conference Invitational Swim Meet Saturday at Findlay College.

The Trojans piled up 309 points for the top spot with Westerville North a distant second with 182. Third went to Lima Senior with 143 while Ross was fourth at 131.

Delaware, Sylvania, Northview, Westerville South, Sylvania Southview, and Wauseon rounded out the nine-team meet.

Smith to return

RICHFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Cleveland Cavaliers Coach Bill Fitch says he expects to reactivate veteran center Elmore Smith sometime this week.

Smith, a 7-footer who underwent knee surgery during training camp, has been on the National Basketball Association team's injured list for the entire season.

"This is the first since I have been coaching at Ross," Bucci beamed, "where everyone on the team scored points in a meet like this."

"That's a good sign for the years to come," the Ross coach conjectured.

Dave Sanna was near a Ross record in hauling down the Little Giants' only first place of the day. Sanna was one-tenth of a second off Ross's backstroke record with a winning time of 59.767. The Ross mark is held by Hal Hawk and was set two seasons ago.

Sanna also hauled down a fifth in the 200-yard individual medley.

Other top finishes for Ross include a second in the 200-free by Mike Mowry and a second in the 500-free for the Ross sophomore.

John Isaac was fifth in both the 200 and 500 freestyles.

Mark Schuster was 10th in the 500-free with Ty Mitchell taking 12th in the IM. Tim Heslet was seventh in the 100 and 10th in the 50 freestyles.

Dave Stover took seventh in the breaststroke with Brian Beck finishing ninth in the same event. Ed Weiler was eighth in the diving competition.

In the relay events, the team of Sanna, Stover, Mowry, and Isaac finished fifth in the medley while the team of Mitchell, Dennis Eickert, Beck, and Heslet were 11th, also in the medley relay.

The team of Galen Rhoades, Jim Avalos, Jon Gottron, and Schuster came home 10th in freestyle relay.

"We had some super time drops in the meet, too," Bucci pointed out. "Mitchell dropped his time by four seconds in IM and by two seconds in the back. Avalos dropped by nine seconds in the 200-free and 19 seconds in the 500."

Continuing, Bucci pointed out the other time drops including Sanna's near record.

"It was a very pleasing performance for us I felt," Bucci said, "especially since we are in the middle of our taper for the district meet."