

2003 Season Review...

# Ross girls douse Columbian, 71-23; boys team topped

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross girls swim team posted a lopsided 71-23 victory while the boys lost by a single point, 46-45, during a dual meet against Tiffin Columbian on Wednesday night in the first meet of the season.

The Lady Giants took first and second places in seven of their 11 events.

The 200-yard medley relay of seniors Brittany O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Jenny Fate and freshman Megan Wasserman took first with second going to teammates Emily Zamora, Emily Grayson, Stephanie Mullins and Heather Williams.

Mullins, Zamora, Grayson and Amy Jo Sweeney took first in the 200 freestyle relay, winning by eight seconds over second-place teammates Laura McAllister, Courtney Paxson, Melissa McDonald and Chelsea Earhart. Wasserman, Williams, O'Connor and Farrell also won the 400 free relay.

Senior Lady Giants led the way in individual events with victories by O'Connor, the team captain, in the 500 freestyle and 100 backstroke, a pair of firsts by Fate in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly and a first in the 100 breaststroke and second in the 200 individual medley by Farrell.

Big contributions from the freshman class added to the point spread. Wasserman took the 200 individual medley and the 100 freestyle, the latter with a personal best time of 58.91 seconds. Williams and Paxson fin-

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FATE ICKES

ished first and third, respectively, in the 50 freestyle.

Second-place finishes were posted by Williams in the 100 freestyle, Mullins in the 100 butterfly and Grayson in the 100 breaststroke.

"Fortunately, the girls team has the depth to enter double relays and two girls in every event," said head coach Phil Moran, who enters his ninth season. "We have a lot of experience on the girls side in three seniors who are all lifetime swimmers, all with big competition experience. Coupled with some returning underclassmen and a few strong freshman swimmers, it looks to be a good year for the girls."

Unfortunately, the same can't be said on the boys side. With only 12 swimmers, and one of those injured, Ross posted a single four-man team in only the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays. Fremont could only field a single swimmer in the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke.

"This is the smallest Ross team in nine years," Moran said. "Last year, just about

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# Giants split opening meet with Columbian

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every meet was a blowout because of our size. This year, every meet will be a dogfight."

Senior co-captains Noah Grayson and Elliot Hogan took three firsts between them, Grayson in the 200 medley and Hogan in both the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke. Senior Brandon Spicer posted a pair of seconds in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke, with Grayson taking third in the backstroke. Sophomore Jake Ickes finished first in the 500 freestyle and second in the 200 freestyle.

Junior Greg VanDyne finished second in the 100 freestyle and third in the 100 breaststroke.

Ickes, Grayson, VanDyne and Hogan took a first in the 400 free relay, with third going to new teammates Matt Bachelder, Spencer Schabel, Derek Hill and Kevin Held. Spicer, Hogan, Grayson and Ickes were second in the medley relay. Spicer, VanDyne, Held and Hill were second in the 200 freestyle relay.

The team swims again on Saturday at the NWOAC Relay Invitational in Port Clinton. Diving starts at 9 a.m., with swimming kicking off at noon.

# Swimming

## High School Girls

### Ross 71, Tiffin Columbian 23

#### 200 Yard Medley Relay

1. Ross (Brittney O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Jenny Fate, Megan Wasserman) 2:02.36; 2. Ross (Emily Zamora, Emily Grayson, Stephanie Mullins, Heather Williams) 2:17.16; 3. Tiffin (Erin Harper, Meryl Baker, Vickie Wurm, Alison Dore) 2:18.6; 4. Tiffin (Jennifer Baum, Lauren Baker, Ashley Arthur, Nicki Reamer) 3:18.73.

#### 200 Freestyle

1. Fate (R) 2:18.73; 2. Dore (TC) 2:27.41; 3. Nikki Martien (TC) 2:32.20; 4. Amy Jo Sweeney (R) 2:39.54.

#### 200 Individual Medley

1. Wasserman (R) 2:26.99; 2. Farrell (R) 2:40.61; 3. M. Baker (TC) 2:55.62; 4. Wurm (TC) 2:58.97.

#### 50 Freestyle

1. Williams (R) 29.60; 2. Arthur (TC) 31.68; 3. Courtney Paxson (R) 32.91; 4. L. Baker (TC) 38.88.

#### 100 Butterfly

1. Fate (R) 1:11.99; 2. Mullins (R) 1:17.08; 3. Wurm (TC) 1:26.25; 4. Harper (TC) 1:33.73.

#### 100 Freestyle

1. Wasserman (R) 58.91; 2. Williams (R) 1:07.69; 3. Reamer (TC) 1:37.44; 4. Baum (TC) 1:48.16.

#### 500 Freestyle

1. O'Connor (R) 5:34.14; 2. Dore (TC) 6:59.27; 3. Martien (TC) 7:16.54; 4. Chelsea Earhart (R) 8:05.88.

#### 200 Freestyle Relay

1. Ross (Mullins, Zamora, Sweeney, Grayson) 2:03.03; 2. Ross (Laura McAlister, Paxson, Melissa McDonald, Earhart) 2:11.92; 3. Tiffin (Martien, Arthur, Harper, Reamer) 2:25.79.

#### 100 Backstroke

1. O'Connor (R) 1:03.68; 2. Harper (TC) 1:25.45; 3. Zamora (R) 1:27.89; 4. Baum (TC) 2:08.52.

#### 100 Breaststroke

1. Farrell (R) 1:17.89; 2. Grayson (R) 1:26.75; 3. M. Baker (TC) 1:33.49.

#### 400 Freestyle Relay

1. Ross (Wasserman, Williams, O'Connor, Farrell) 4:16.78; 2. Tiffin (Martien, Dore, M. Baker, Wurm) 4:41.72; 3. Ross (Fate, Zamora, Mullins, Earhart) 4:52.88.

## High School Boys

### Tiffin Columbian 46, Ross 45

#### 200 Medley Relay

1. Tiffin (Tony Wise, David Cantley, Zach Foster, Brett Kuhn) 1:51.06; 2. Ross (Brandon Spicer, Elliot Hogan, Noah Grayson, Jake Ickes) 1:51.80.

#### 200 Freestyle

1. Foster (TC) 1:54.68; 2. Ickes (R) 1:59.90; 3. Kevin Heid (R) 2:48.65.

#### 200 Individual Medley

1. Grayson (R) 2:24.56; 2. Cantley (TC) 2:25.12.

#### 50 Freestyle

1. Hogan (R) 24.13; 2. Dan HEnry (TC) 26.18; 3. Blake (TC) 35.98; 4. Spencer Schabel (R) 40.22.

#### 100 Butterfly

1. Wise (TC) 1:01.30; 2. Spicer (R) 1:05.72; 3. Grayson (R) 1:07.50.

#### 100 Freestyle

1. Foster (TC) 52.21; 2. Greg VanDyne (R) 56.40; 3. Matt Bachelder (R) 1:11.71; 4. Sal Loparo (TC) 1:12.27.

#### 500 Freestyle

1. Ickes (R) 5:38.01; 2. Kuhn (TC) 6:05.40; 3. Henry (TC) 6:12.21.

#### 200 Freestyle Relay

1. Tiffin (Kuhn, Wise, Henry, Foster) 1:42.70; 2. Ross (Spicer, VanDyne, Held) 1:57.07.

#### 100 Backstroke

1. Wise (TC) 1:04.62; 2. Spicer (R) 1:07.89; 3. Blake (TC) 2:18.12.

#### 100 Breaststroke

1. Hogan (R) 1:06.86; 2. Cantley (TC) 1:11.68; 3. VanDyne (R) 1:19.33; 4. Loparo (TC) 1:26.28.

#### 400 Freestyle Relay

1. Ross (Ickes, Grayson, VanDyne, Hogan) 3:48.62; 2. Tiffin (Kuhn, Loparo, Cantley, Henry) 4:13.80; 3. Ross (Bachelder, Schabel, Derek Hill, Held) 4:53.84.

## FREMONT ROSS LITTLE GIANTS SWIMMING

# Numbers low, expectations still high for Ross

### O'Connor shooting for third straight berth in state meet

News-Messenger reports

There are two ways to look at the Fremont Ross 2002-03 girls swim season.

Is the glass half full or half empty?

"The girls team graduated 13 seniors last year, counting the four exchange students," head coach Phil Moran said, "and it was by far the most successful girls team we've had at Ross in at least 10 years."

"The 2002-2003 team will probably be the smallest girls squad in school history. The girls face a huge depth problem, meaning we just won't have the numbers to field double relays, and that's what it takes to win."

That's not to say the team lacks experience. All three senior swimmers — captain Brittany O'Connor, Wendy Farrell and Jenny Fate — are all what's known as "lifers," meaning they have been swimming as far back as they can remember.

"You can bet they haven't put that many years into this sport to not want to go out on top," Moran said. "Farrell's healthy and practicing hard. Jenny Fate battled through a lot of shoulder problems last season and really hopes to put all that behind her. They both want big seasons more than anything and deserve it."

"So I'd say this year, our focus is on rebuilding and the end of the season. In swimming, your win-loss record doesn't mean much. Pushing a lot of swimmers through sectionals to districts is what it's all about. Getting a few to states is always our end goal."

O'Connor knows what the top feels like, having qualified to state last season in two individual and two relay events. She won All-Ohio and All-Northwest District honors and set one school record and three pool records last season. Despite knee surgery in the offseason, O'Connor expects to be in the hunt again this year.

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She'll have help from another returning state relay swimmer, Jaymee Glasy, who according to Moran looks stronger in the water than he has ever seen her. The team also picked up junior Stephanie Mullins, who swam for years at the YMCA and on the junior high team.

"This is Steph's first year on the high school team, but she brings experience we can use," Moran said.

The returning underclassmen, according to Moran, show a lot of promise and commitment.

"We have some young, dedicated underclassmen who have worked extremely hard and come a long way," he said. "Emily Grayson, Chelsea Earhart, Laura McAlister, Amy Jo Sweeney, Emily Zamora, Melissa McDonald ... they get faster every week."

Moran said he moved a few freshmen up, including Megan Wasserman and Heather Williams, who also show a lot of potential.

"The only time a swimmer goes slower is if they have a serious injury. We've had girls fight through all kinds of adversity over the past few years. They're stronger, physically and mentally, for it. It's one of those irreplaceable life lessons that comes with making a commitment to any sport."

### Ross Diving

For the Ross dive program, the glass is neither half full or half empty. It's completely empty.

"As of today, the girls will be competing without any divers and the boys only have one because we have no place to practice," Moran said. "Our boards were shut down back in the 80s, because the pool's not deep enough and the ceiling's too low."

"We've always been able to arrange to get dive time at either Margaretta, Port Clinton or Oak Harbor. Matter of fact, we've provided boards for the first two over the years and shared our coach with Oak Harbor last year. This year, we started at Oak Harbor with five divers, but Oak Harbor decided they didn't have time for us. We double-backed everywhere, but no luck. So as of now our divers have nowhere to practice. Without divers, we give up valuable points, and in tight meets, like Napoleon and Sylvania, that will cost us."

The loss of diving is especially disheartening for Fremont Ross, which is celebrating 70 years of swimming this season and has a long history of state championships in diving.

Sophomore boys diver Zach

Ramey is practicing with the Bowling Green Dive Club and may be the only diver Ross has.

### Ross Boys

With just 14 swimmers, the Ross boys swim team will still be one of the six biggest and best teams in northwest Ohio. It's also close to the smallest Ross boys team ever.

That doesn't mean, however, that coach Moran doesn't look forward to a lot of success with this team. Of the 14 swimmers, seven are returning lettermen, most of them seniors.

"We're fortunate to have a group of very experienced, very committed upperclassmen this year who are very focused on the end of the season," Moran said.

Those upperclassmen include senior co-captains Noah Grayson and Elliot Hogan and three-year letterman Brandon Spicer. Hogan, who made all-district last season in the 100-yard breaststroke, and Spicer are both "lifers," and Grayson is "one of those junior high kids who really caught on fast," Moran said.

Juniors Alan Gamble, Nate Schricker and Greg VanDyne and sophomore Jake Ickes are also "lifers."

### GIANTS INFO

HEAD COACH: Phil Moran, 9th year.

KEY RETUREES:  
Brittany O'Connor,  
Jenny Fate, Wendy  
Farrell, Jaymee  
Glasy, Zach  
Ramey, Elliot  
Hogan, Noah  
Grayson, Brandon  
Spicer, Nate  
Schricker, Jake  
Ickes.

### SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
Nov. 27	TIFFIN COLUMBIAN
Nov. 30	at NWOAC at Port Clinton
Dec. 10	at Port Clinton w/Oak Harbor
Dec. 14	at Ned Reeb Invite
Dec. 17	at Perkins
Dec. 18	at Findlay
Dec. 20	NORTHVIEW
Dec. 21	at St. Francis Invite
Dec. 28	COLONEL CRAWFORD
Jan. 4	at Lexington
Jan. 7	SANDUSKY
Jan. 11	at Napoleon Invite
Jan. 14	at Margaretta
Jan. 18	NAPOLEON
Jan. 25	at NWOAC
Feb. 1	at Port Clinton Relays

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## High School Swimming

# Ross boys go 4-for-4 at NWOAC

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PORT CLINTON — Sometimes things aren't always as they appear.

Such is the case with the Fremont Ross boys' swim results from the Northwest Ohio Aquatic Conference Relays on Saturday at Port Clinton High School.

The results indicate the Little Giants finished fourth out of eight teams with 56 points. In fact, the boys team won every event it swam.

Fremont fielded five swimmers who competed in four of the 10 events. Meet rules only allow each swimmer to enter three events.

"The boys had an outstanding day," Ross head coach Phil Moran said. "They turned in some really decent times for this early in the season. Oak Harbor beat us by just two points, and they were entered in all 10 events."

Toledo St. John's won the boys meet with 82 points from 10 events, Sandusky Perkins took second with 76 points and Port Clinton finished fifth with 50 points.

Ross' Brandon Spicer, Elliot Hogan, Jake Ickes and Greg VanDyne led off with a half-second win over St. John's in the 400-yard medley relay.

Noah Grayson, Hogan and Spicer teamed up in the 3-by-100 individual medley to beat Sandusky Perkins with a time of 3 minutes, 13:56 seconds to the Pirates' 3:14:39.

Ickes, Grayson, Spicer and VanDyne pulled off another win in the next event, the 200 freestyle relay, beating second-place Port Clinton by two seconds and third-place Oak Harbor by six.

At the break, Fremont had the lead over Sandusky Perkins by 12 points. Fremont added another win and 14 points late in the meet, with a 22-second cushion in the 300 breaststroke relay, finishing at 3:27:49 to the St. John's time of 3:49:11.

"We've been putting in a lot of yards at practice, but got two days rest with the Thanksgiving break," team co-captain Elliot Hogan said. "We swam four and won four, so there's not much to complain about."

Oak Harbor divers Jim Kuli and Andrew Vranish finished first, with Port Clinton second, gaining the teams 14 and 10 points, respectively. Oak Harbor took a pair of thirds in the 800 free and 200 free.

### Ross girls take fifth

Notre Dame Academy edged out Sandusky Perkins, 106-100, to win the girls side of the NWOAC Relays. Port Clinton came in third, Sylvania Northview fourth and the Ross Lady Giants fifth.

Brittany O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Jenny Fate and Megan Wasserman kicked off the meet with a third in the 400 medley relay and followed it up with a fourth in the next event, the 800 freestyle relay. Brittany O'Connor swam solo in the 500 freestyle, finishing third at 5:38:17. The girls had entries in seven of the 10 events.

Notre Dame finished the day with four first-place and three second-place finishes on 10 entries. Perkins finished up with three first and five second places.

Ross swims again Dec. 10 at Port Clinton with Oak Harbor in a double-dual meet.

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### High School Boys

#### NWOAC Relays

##### Team Standings

1-St. John's .....	82
2-Perkins.....	76
3-Oak Harbor .....	58
4-Ross .....	56
5-Port Clinton.....	50
6-Sandusky.....	48
7-Sylvania Northview .....	34
8-Ayersville .....	10

##### 400 Medley

1-Ross (Brandon Spicer, Elliot Hogan, Jake Ickes, Gren Van Dyne) 4:15.87, 2-SJ 4:16.23, 3-SN 4:17.90, 4-OH (Kyle Beck, Don Tabbert, Jared Diekman, Thomas McRitchie), 5-Sand 4:52.92, 6-AYE 5:01.48, 7-PC (George Hurrell, Dan Heschel, Mickey Burkett, Mike Stricklen) 5:15.33.

##### 800 Freestyle

1-Perk 7:48.68, 2-Sand 9:00.71, 3-OH (Josh Young, Chris Greggila, Nick Burns, Brad Slomsky) 10:09.65, 4-PC (Eric Christiansen, Josh Smith, Hurrell, Tyler Thieret) 10:30.24, 5-SJ 10:36.88. N

##### 300 Medley

1-Ross (Elliot Hogan, Noah Grayson, Brandon Spicer) 3:13.56, 2-Perk 3:14.39, 3-SJ 3:17.97, 4-Sand 3:26.20, 5-PC (Jordan Darr, Joe Walker, Alex Darr) 3:26.22, 6-Aye 3:38.70, 7-OH (Josh Young, Greggila, Slomsky) 4:13.10.

## High School Girls

### NWOAC Relays

#### Team Standings

1-Notre Dame	106
2-Perkins	100
3-Port Clinton	70
4-Sylvania Northview	56
5-Ross	40
6-Sandusky	32
7-Oak Harbor	24

#### 400 Medley

1-NDA 4:15.89, 2-Perk 4:18.66, 3-Ross (Brit. O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Jenny Fate, Megan Wasserman) 4:34.48, 4-SN 4:40.91, 5-PC (Beth Logsdon, Ashley Chapman, A.J. Jadwisiak, Jen Chura) 4:47.06, 6-OH (Stacy Laubacher, Ashley Gulvas, Ashlee Jenkins, Tiffany Geiner) 5:12.70, 7-Aye 5:43.63.

#### 800 Freestyle

1-PC (Katie Frey, Sandra Wozniak, Hayley Manly, Morgan Drusbacky) 8:52.52, 2-Perk 9:03.94, 3-SN 9:11.22, 4-Ross (B. O'Connor, Farrell, Fate, Wasserman) 9:14.99, 5-NDA 9:16.19, 6-OH (Kelly Hower, Amy Ottney, Gulvas, Casey O'Shea) 10:23.43, 7-Aye 10:52.69, 8-Sand 11:50.84.

#### 300 Medley

1-Perk 3:14.79, 2-NDA 3:27.70, 3-PC (Wozniak, Logsdon, Drusbacky) 3:30.55, 4-Sand 3:30.69, 5-Ross (Farrell, Fate, Wasserman) 3:37.04, 6-OH (Julie O'Shea, Hower, Ottney) 4:18.43, 7-Aye 4:22.95.

#### 200 Freestyle

1-PC (Wozniak, Manly, Drusbacky, Frey) 1:45.79, 2-NDA 1:51.46, 3-Perk 1:51.61, 4-OH (Laubacher, A. Jenkins, Ashley Benner, Tiffany Geiner) 1:55.14, 5-Ross (Chelsea Earhart, Laura McAllister, Melissa McDonald, Courtney Paxson) 2:08.70, 6-SN 2:12.23, 7-Sand 2:16.23, 8-Aye 2:25.60.

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1-Sand 170.55, 2-PC (Liz Czerwinski, Alex Moore) 147.25, 3-NDA 126.65.

#### 300 Butterfly

1-NDA 3:05.47, 2-Perk 3:10.61, 3-SN 3:21.62, 4-Sand 3:35.25, 5-PC (Ashley Johannsen, Stephanie Genzman, Chura, Frey) 3:28.23, 5-OH (Ottney, Caryn Diefenthaler, Jenkins, C. O'shea) 3:36.38, 6-Sand 3:40.24, 7-Aye 3:56.80.

#### 500 Freestyle

1-SJ 5:33.13, 2-Perk 5:37.32, 3-PC (Thieret) 5:46.76, 4-Sand 6:18.93, 5-OH (T. McRitchie) 6:20.40.

#### 300 Backstroke

1-SJ 3:11.43, 2-Sand 3:21.39, 3-Perk 3:22.31, 4-SN 3:22.76, 5-OH (Kuli, Tabbert, Perry, Beck) 3:35.11, 6-Aye 3:59.77.

#### 300 Breaststroke

1-Ross (VanDyne, Grayson, Ickes, Hogan) 3:27.49, 2-SJ 3:49.11, 3-Sand 3:39.55, 4-OH (Burns, Perry, Grover, Tabbert) 3:54.12, 5-Aye 4:30.02.

#### 400 Free

1-Perk 3:31.74, 2-SN 3:46.26, 3-SJ 3:55.32, 4-PC (J. Smith, Christiansen, Heschel, Hurrell) 4:34.73, 5-OH (Greggila, Kuli, Young, Slomsky) 4:47.07, 6-Sand 4:57.80, 7-Aye 5:25.62.

#### 300 Breaststroke

1-Perk 3:46.79, 2-SN 3:50.95, 3-NDA 3:58.64, 4-PC (Brittany Mazur, Tricia Heschel, Katie Higgins, Chapman) 4:16.86, 5-San 4:21.29, 6-OH (Becky Hegemier, Benner, Geiner, Gulvas) 4:27.82, 7-Aye 5:02.41.

#### 400 Freestyle

1-Perk 3:48.90, 2-NDA 3:58.88, 3-SN 4:18.71, 4-PC (Beth Bender, Shoemaker, Anna Oreskovich, Chura) 4:34.49, 5-Ross (Glaspy, Williams, Melissa McDonald, Courtney Paxson) 4:39.51, 6-OH (Ottney, Young, J. O'Shea, Hegemier) 4:47.44, 7-Sand 5:25.95, 8-Aye 5:43.77.

# Giants sweep PC, OH

## Ross boys win; Lady Giants split

News-Messenger reports

PORT CLINTON — It all came down to the last event for the Fremont Ross boys swim team in a double-dual victory Tuesday over Oak Harbor and Port Clinton.

Jake Ickes, Alan Gamble, Greg VanDyne and Elliot Hogan took first in the 400-yard freestyle relay, finishing almost 40 seconds ahead of Oak Harbor.



GAMBLE

Team-mates Nathan Bowen, Derek Hill, Kevin Held and Matt Bachelder finished third, sealing the 139-130 victory over Port Clinton. Ross downed Oak Harbor 151-126. Port Clinton beat Oak Harbor by just two, 138-136.

"We like to keep our fans on the edge of their seats," the junior Gamble said. "After getting touched out by Port Clinton in the 200 medley relay and again in the 200 free relay, we knew we had to get it done on the 400, so we did."

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# Ross boys squeak past PC; O'Connor part of 4 girls wins

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Port Clinton's Joe Walker, Alex Darr, Mickey Burkett and Jordan Darr finished the 200 medley in 1 minute, 54.9 seconds to a 1:55.13 second-place finish by Brandon Spicer, Elliot Hogan, Noah Grayson and Greg VanDyne. The Darrs, Walker and Tyler Theiret finished in 1:41.95 in the 200 free relay to Ross's 1:43.16 turned in by Gamble, Spicer, Ickes and Noah Grayson.

Ickes recorded a pair of first places for 12 points in the 200 and 500 free, as did Hogan in the 100 free and 100 breaststroke. Fremont went 1-2-3 — Grayson-Spicer-Gamble — in the 200 individual medley and 2-3 — Spicer-Grayson — in the 100 fly. VanDyne added seven points with second- and third-place finishes in the 50 free and 100 breaststroke.

"That 1-2-3 finish was worth 13 points alone," Ross head coach Phil Moran said. "The guys have to fight for every point this year. (Zac) Ramey got us three in diving; Nathan Bowen and Derek Hill added a couple in individual events. This year every guy counts."

Port Clinton senior Jordan Darr grabbed two first-place spots in the 50 free and 100 butterfly. Walker and Alex Darr



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went 2-3 in the 100 free, and Theiret finished 2-3 in the 500 and 200 free.

PC's Steve Karner led the divers with 159.4 points over Oak Harbor's Brett Laub at 157.1

and Ramey at 135.3.

Oak Harbor's top finishes came from Tom McRitchie, with a second in the 200 free, and Kyle Beck, who took second in the 100 backstroke.

## Lady Giants beat OH, fall to PC

The relay story for the Ross girls was much the same as the boys, with the Port Clinton girls winning both the 200 medley and 200 free relays.

Port Clinton's Sandra Wozniak, Morgan Drusbacky, Alicia Jadowska and Hayley Manley finished the opening medley in 1:58.56 to Ross's 2:00.55 by Brittany O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Megan Wasserman and Jaymelee Glaspy.

Wozniak, Drusbacky, Manley and Katie Frey took first in the 200 freestyle relay with a 1:47.17-1:58.44 victory over Oak Harbor's Ashley Gulvas, Tiffany Geiner, Ashlee Jenkins and Ashley Benner. In the final relay of the meet, the 400 freestyle, O'Connor,

Wasserman, Glaspy and Jenny Fate came back to beat Port Clinton, 4:00.60 to 4:09.86. The Redskins swimmers were Frey, Jadowska, Jen Chura and Beth Logsdon.

O'Connor finished 20 seconds ahead of the field in the 500 freestyle with a 5:35.44. Drusbacky of Port Clinton took 2nd and Ashley Benner of Oak Harbor 3rd.

O'Connor and Glaspy went 1-3 in the backstroke, and Glaspy was second in the 100 freestyle, behind Port Clinton's Hayley Manley. Manley also won the 200 individual medley, with Fremont's Wasserman and Farrell taking second and third, respectively.

Wasserman, Jenny Fate and Stephanie Mullins went 1-3-5 in the 100 butterfly for 10 points. Fate added another four points with a second in the 200 freestyle, and Farrell was good for four with a second in the 100 breaststroke.

Port Clinton's Katie Frey grabbed a pair of firsts in the 200 freestyle and the 50 freestyle to help give Port Clinton their double-dual win. The Redskins won 168-116 over Ross and 190-93 over Oak Harbor. The Ross Lady Giants beat Oak Harbor, 148-116.

Fremont travels to Ohio State University on Saturday for the Ned Reeb Invitational. Preliminary rounds begin at 9 a.m.; finals start at 5 p.m.

# Swimming

## High School Boys

**Ross 151, Oak Harbor 126**

**Ross 139, Oak Harbor 130**

**P. Clinton 138, Oak Harbor 136**

### 200 Medley Relay

1-PC (Joe Walker, Alex Darr, Mickey Burkett, Jordan Darr) 1:54.90, 2-Ross (Brandon Spicer, Elliot Hogan, Noah Grayson, Greg Vandyne) 1:55.13, 3-OH (Kyle Beck, Don Tabbert, Jared Diekman, Thomas McRitchie) 1:56.66, 4-OH (Chris Greggila, Drew Grover, Steve Perry, Brad Slomsky) 2:12.08, 5-PC (David Lonneman, Dan Heschel, George Hurrell, Tyler Thieret) 2:13.23.

### 200 Free

1-Jake Ickes (R) 2:00.67, 2-McRitchie (OH) 2:10.44, 3-Thieret (PC) 2:11.39, 4-Nick Burns (OH) 2:24.27, 5-Nathan Bowen (R) 2:26.08, Greggila (OH) 2:26.87.

### 200 IM

1-Grayson (R) 2:24.49, 2-Spicer (R) 2:31.31, 3-Alan Gamble (R) 2:39.54, 4-Bekc (OH) 2:40.96, 5-Hurrell (PC) 2:41.45, 6-Perry (OH) 2:41.96.

### 50 Free

1-J. Darr (PC) 24.36, 2-Vandyne (R) 24.78, 3-Diekman (OH) 24.90, 4-Burns (OH) 27.48, 5-Burkett (PC) 27.64, 6-Matt Bachelder (R) 29.53.

### 1 MTR Diving

1-Steve Karner (PC) 159.40, 2-Brett Laub (OH) 157.10, 3-Zachary Ramey (R) 135.30, 4-Jim Kuli (OH) 124.10.

### 100 Fly

1-J. Darr (PC) 1:03.79, 2-Spicer (R) 1:05.98, 3-Grayson (R) 1:07.31, 4-Diekman (OH) 1:08.57, 5-Burkett (PC) 1:10.32.

### 100 Free

1-Hogan (R) 53.51, 2-Walker (PC) 54.97, 3-A. Darr (PC) 58.82, 4-McRitchie (OH) 58.92, 5-Tabbert (OH) 58.92, 6-Laub (OH) 1:06.53.

### 500 Free

1-Ickes (R) 5:43.66, 2-Thieret (PC) 6:09.14, 3-Gamble (R) 6:17.90, 4-Greggila (OH) 6:39.60, 5-Grover (OH) 6:42.71.

### 200 Free Relay

1-PC (J. Darr, Walker, Thieret, A. Darr) 1:41.95, 2-Ross (Gamble, Grayson, Spicer, Ickes) 1:42.16, 3-OH (Burns, McRitchie, Diekman, Perry) 1:46.66, 4-PC (Burkett, Eric Christiansen, Hurrell, Josh Smith) 1:59.52, 5-OH (Josh Young, Jim Kuli, Laub, Greggila) 2:06.04, 6-Ross (Nathan Bowen, Kevin Held, Derek Hill, Spencer Schabel) 2:08.81.

### 100 Back

1-Walker (PC) 1:06.05, 2-Kyle Beck (OH) 1:10.75, 3-David Lonneman (PC) 1:20.19, 4-Brad Slomsky (OH) 1:24.99, 5-Hill (R) 1:32.30, 6-Schabel (R) 1:43.96.

### 100 Breast

1-Hogan (R) 1:08.07, 2-A. Darr (PC) 1:11.89, 3-Vandyne (R) 1:14.43, 4-Tabbert (OH) 1:15.37, 5-Heschel (PC) 1:22.01, 6-Grover (OH) 1:23.35.

### 400 Free Relay

1-Ross (Ickes, Gamble, Vandyne, Hogan) 3:55.88, 2-OH (Burns, Beck, Grover, Tabbert) 4:34.23, 3-Ross (Bowen, Hill, Held, Bachelder) 4:39.40, 4-PC (Heschel, Lonneman, Smith, Christiansen) 4:42.08, 5-OH (Laub, Kuli, Slomsky, Young) 4:48.87.

## High School Girls

**Ross 148, Oak Harbor 116**

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**Port Clinton 190, Oak Harbor 93**

### 200 Medley Relay

1-PC (Sandra Wozniak, Morgan Drusbacky, Alicia Jadwisiak, Hayley Manly) 1:58.56, 2-Ross (Brit O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Megan Wasserman, Jaymee Glaspy) 2:00.55, 3-OH (Stacy Laubacher, Amy Jenkins, Ashlee Jenkins, Tiffany Geiner) 2:12.50; 4-PC (Beth Logsdon, Ashley Chapman, Jen Chura, Anna Oreskovich) 2:12.63, 5-Ross (Emily Zamora, Emily Grayson, Stephanie Mullins, Heather Williams) 2:20.94, 6-PC (Stacy Shoemaker, Olivia Szilagyi, Lorell Kubicek, Cheryl Crosser) 2:28.30.

### 200 Free

1-Katie Frey (PC) 2:11.43, 2-Jenny Fate (R) 2:21.27, 3-Ashley Johannsen (PC) 2:26.29, 4-Julie O'Shea (OH) 2:30.55, 5-Tiffany Geiner (OH) 2:31.02, 6-Amy Ottney (OH) 2:34.42.

### 200 IM

1-Manly (PC) 2:24.92, 2-Wasserman (R) 2:26.08, 3-Farrell (R) 2:40.44, 4-Chura (PC) 2:48.03, 5-Mullins (R) 2:48.88, 6-Chapman (PC) 2:48.89.

### 50 Free

1-Frey (PC) 26.24, 2-Wozniak (PC) 26.65, 3-Jenkins (OH) 29.11, 4-Benner (OH) 29.25, 5-Wilson (PC) 29.48, 6-Heather Williams (R) 30.19.

### 1 MTR Diving

1-Alex Moore (PC) 113.85, 2-Sarah Higgins (PC) 112.25.

### 100 Fly

1-Wasserman (R) 1:07.15, 2-Jadwisiak (PC) 1:08.53, 3-Fate (R) 1:10.90, 4-Logsdon (PC) 1:13.82, 5-Mullins (R) 1:19.18, 6-Genzman (PC) 1:22.47.

### 100 Free

1-Manly (PC) 57.03, 2-Glaspy (R) 59.07, 3-Chura (PC) 1:03.44, 4-Jenkins (OH) 1:04.11, 5-Geiner (OH) 1:05.59, 6-Grayson (R) 1:05.79.

### 500 Free

1-O'Connor (R) 5:35.44, 2-Drusbacky (PC) 5:54.62, 3-Benner (OH) 6:32.89, 4-Johannsen (PC) 6:37.35, 5-Jenkins (OH) 6:38.34, 6-Amy Jo Sweeney (R) 7:23.03.

### 200 Free Relay

1-PC (Wozniak, Frey, Drusbacky, Manly) 1:47.17, 2-OH (Gulvas, Geiner, Jenkins, Benner) 1:58.44, 3-PC (Crosser, Oreskovich, Higgins, Wilson) 2:00.86, 4-Ross (Fate, Williams, Zamora, Grayson) 2:02.84, 5-Ross (Earhart, Sweeney, McDonald, Farrell) 2:07.97, 6-OH (Ottney, Geiner, Hower, Diefenthaler) 2:14.56.

### 100 Back

1-O'Connor (R) 1:03.62, 2-Wozniak (PC) 1:09.33, 3-Glaspy (R) 1:10.29, 4-Laubacher (OH) 1:12.20, 5-Logsdon (PC) 1:17.51, 6-Shoemaker (PC) 1:24.27.

### 100 Breast

1-Drusbacky (PC) 1:12.91, 2-Farrell (R) 1:19.15, 3-Chapman (PC) 1:19.89, 4-Gulvas (OH) 1:28.41, 5-Grayson (R) 1:28.63, 6-Jenkins (OH) 1:30.88.

### 400 Free Relay

1-Ross (Wasserman, Glaspy, O'Connor, Fate) 4:00.60, 2-PC (Frey, Chura, Logsdon, Jadwisiak) 4:09.86, 3-PC (Crosser, Oreskovich, Higgins, Wilson) 4:39.73, 4-OH (Laubacher, Benner, Jenkins, Ottney) 4:45.19, 5-PC (Amanda Long, Shoemaker, Lorell Kubicak, Johannsen) 4:45.25, 6-Ross (Stephanie Mullins, Amy Jo Sweeney, Melissa McDonald, Chelsea Earhart) 5:00.01.

# O'Connor, Hogan advance to finals at Ned Reeb Invite

News-Messenger reports

COLUMBUS — Every year, the times get faster, and the competition gets tougher at the Ned Reeb Invitational, according to Fremont Ross swim coach Phil Moran.

This year was no different.

"Last year, Brittany O'Connor took fourth in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of one minute, 4.49 seconds. This year she swam faster, a 1:03.16, and finished ninth," Moran said.

Eleven Ross swimmers qualified to swim at the Ned Reeb this year. All swimmers must meet qualifying times. This year's field included 619 of the state's top swimmers from 52 schools. The top 12 swimmers in each event advanced from the morning preliminaries to the evening finals.

O'Connor was the only Ross girl to advance, and she did so in two events, the 100 backstroke and the 100 freestyle. O'Connor got her best finish of the day in the freestyle; she placed sixth in a field of 70 swimmers with a time of 56.92 seconds.

Senior co-captain Elliot Hogan was the only Ross boy to make finals. He finished 11th in a field of 50 in the 100 breaststroke with a 1:06.90. Sophomore Jake Ickes just missed the finals in the 200 freestyle by placing 13th at 1:57.50.

"Some of our kids swam season-best times on Saturday, and I'm real happy with the time drops" Moran said. "We're into long, hard yardage in practice right now, so they go into the Ned Reeb pretty tired. Some of them died a little at the end, but overall they turned in some pretty decent times, especially on the relays."

Senior co-captain Noah Grayson shaved two seconds off his season-best 200 individual medley time, dropping from 2:23.50 to 2:21.43.

The girls 200 medley relay team that included O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Jenny Fate and Emily Grayson, dropped from 2:07.61 to 2:04.68 and finished 12th against 36 teams. Jaymelee Glaspy, Fate, Grayson and Farrell dropped four seconds off their season-best 200 freestyle relay time, from 1:56.00 to 1:52.01.

## Swimming



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Senior Brandon Spicer swam his first 55-second 100 freestyle in the boys 400 freestyle relay, helping give teammates Ickes, Grayson and Greg VanDyne an 11th-place finish. The team dropped from 3:45.00 to 3:41.75. Spicer, Hogan, Grayson and VanDyne also finished 11th in the 200 freestyle relay.

"The kids who don't qualify for finals leave in the afternoon. I kind of wish they would have stayed," Hogan said. "We got to see four meet records set during the finals, and some of them were just awesome swims."

Margot Brooks, a sophomore from Hathaway Brown School in Cleveland, smashed the girls 500 freestyle record of 5:09.02 with a 4:59.03, earning herself a standing ovation.

"That's a 10-second drop," O'Connor said. "She finished a whole lap ahead of the field. She'd have finished fifth in the men's event. You can bet that record will be there for years."

The men's 500 freestyle record of 4:45.92 was also broken by a Cleveland swimmer, Omar El Gammal from Orange High School, who swam it in 4:43.77. Records also were set in the men's 50 freestyle and women's 200 freestyle.

The teams from Upper Arlington and Akron Firestone went 1-2 in both the girls and boys divisions. The Findlay girls finished 14th overall. The Ross girls were 16th, the boys 21st.

The Little Giants swim four times in the coming week. They are at Perkins at 5 p.m. Tuesday, at Findlay at 5 p.m. Wednesday, at home at 5 p.m. Friday against Northview and at the St. Francis Invitational at 9 a.m. Saturday in Toledo.

# Perkins swimmers sweep Ross

News-Messenger reports

SANDUSKY — The Perkins swim team proved too deep and experienced for Fremont Ross, beating the Little Giants 124-45 on the girls side and 104-67 on the boys side in a dual meet Tuesday.

Ross won three events out of 24 with second place in all six relays.

Brittany O'Connor took first in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of five minutes, 33.46 seconds. Elliot Hogan swam a 23.72 in the 50 freestyle for first place and missed another top finish in the 100 breaststroke, touching four-hundredths of a second behind Adam Wohl of Perkins. Both turned in their best times of the season, Wohl at 1:06.00 to Hogan's 1:06.04.

"They were dead even at the wall," Ross weight training coach John O'Connor said, "and it all came down to where each guy was on their stroke coming in. Those two really went after it. Great race."

Ross's other first came from sophomore diver Zak Ramey, who finished with a score of 155.65 for six team points.

Dan Wohl, Adam's older brother, broke two of his own pool records, one in the 500 freestyle with a sizzling 4:39.90 and the other in the 200 freestyle with a 1:44.49. The senior Wohl holds five pool and team records outright and is part of four record-holding relays.

Other top Ross finishes for the girls included a second by

senior Wendy Farrell in the 100 breaststroke, a third by Emily Grayson in the 50 freestyle and a pair of thirds by Jaymelee Glaspy in the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke.

Brandon Spicer, Noah Grayson and Alan Gamble finished 2-3-4 in the 100 butterfly for a combined nine team points. Spicer was second in the 100 backstroke, Grayson third in the 200 individual medley. Ickes, Nathan Bowen and Derek Hill went 3-4-5 in the 500 freestyle. Bowen also finished third in the 100 breaststroke.

Ross swims at 5 p.m. today in Findlay and will host Northview at 5 p.m. Friday. On Saturday, the Little Giants travel to Toledo for the St. Francis Invitational.

## Swimming

### High School Boys

#### Perkins 104, Ross 67

200 Medley Relay: 1-Perkins (Mike Brown, Adam Wohl, Brian Cassidy, B.J. Kurlic) 1:50.46, 2-Ross (Brandon Spicer, Elliot Hogan, Noah Grayson, Greg Vandyne) 1:54.40.

200 Free: 1-Daniel Wohl (P) 1:44.49, 3-Jake Ickes (R) 2:01.43, 5-Matt Bachelder (R) 2:44.94, 6-Kevin Held (R) 2:45.84.

200 IM: 1-A. Wohl (P) 2:10.79, 3-Grayson (R) 2:21.89, 4-Alan Gamble (R) 2:40.02.

500 Free: 1-Hogan (R) 23.72, 4-Vandyne (R) 25.11, 6-Kyle Huffman (R) 42.19.

1 MTR Diving: 1-Zachary Ramey (R) 155.65.

100 Fly: 1-Brian Cassidy (P) 1:02.96, 2-Spicer (R) 1:07.59, 3-Grayson (R) 1:07.92, 4-Alan Gamble (R) 1:14.69.

100 Free: 1-Mark Smith (P) 52.23, 4-Spencer Schabel (R) 1:10.37, 5-Kevin Held (R) 1:13.83, 6-Kyle Huffman (R) 1:41.36.

500 Free: 1-D. Wohl (P) 4:39.90, 3-Ickes (R) 5:37.01, 4-Bowen (R) 6:30.41, 5-Derek Hill (R) 7:17.11.

200 Free Relay: 1-Perkins (Brown, Smith, Baker, D. Wohl) 1:37.31, 2-Ross (Hogan, Vandyne, Ickes, Gamble) 1:41.74, 4-Ross (Nathan Bowen, Kevin Held, Derek Hill, Spencer Schabel) 2:04.53.

100 Back: 1-Brown (P) 1:00.58, 2-Spicer (R) 1:06.41, 4-Matt Bachelder (R) 1:25.07, 5-Schabel (R) 1:35.32.

100 Breast: 1-A. Wohl (P) 1:06.00, 2-Hogan (R) 1:06.04, 3-Bowen (R) 1:27.70.

400 Free Relay: 1-Perkins (D. Wohl, Baker, Wohl, Smith) 3:39.10, 2-Ross (Ickes, Vandyne, Grayson, Spicer) 3:48.45, 4-Ross (Bachelder, Bowen, Gamble, Hill) 4:36.87.

### High School Girls

#### Perkins 124, Ross 45

200 Medley Relay: 1-Perkins (Brie Henning, Sara Carver, Jessie Wohl, Michelle Burns) 1:58.97, 2-Ross (Brit O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Jenny Fate, Jaymelee Glaspy) 2:03.54, 4-Ross (Emily Zamora, Emily Grayson, Stephanie Mullins, Heather Williams) 2:19.79.

200 Free: 1-Carolyn Routh (P) 2:04.64, 4-Fate (R) 2:19.62, 5-Courtney Paxton (R) 2:41.78.

200 IM: 1-Henning (P) 2:18.30, 3-O'Connor (R) 2:22.50, 5-Zamora (R) 3:14.55.

50 Free: 1-Melanie Burns (P) 26.10, 3-Emily Grayson (R) 28.57, 5-Heather Williams (R) 29.91.

100 Fly: 1-Abby Koch (P) 1:05.98, 4-Fate (R) 1:12.19, 5-Mullins (R) 1:19.87.

100 Free: 1-Routh (P) 56.14, 3-Glaspy (R) 59.95, 5-Chelsea Earhart (R) 1:13.35.

500 Free: 1-O'Connor (R) 5:33.46, 5-Laura McAllister (R) 8:00.05.

200 Free Relay: Perkins (Burns, Koch, Wohl, Routh) 1:46.19, 2-Ross (Glaspy, Grayson, Williams, O'Connor) 1:51.99, 4-Ross (Zamora, Mullins, Farrell, Earhart) 2:05.80.

100 Back: 1-Henning (P) 1:05.22, 3-Glaspy (R) 1:10.46, 5-Earhart (R) 1:33.27, 6-McAllister (R) 1:34.66.

100 Breast: 1-Sara Carver (P) 1:11.11, 2-Farrell (R) 1:16.95.

400 Free Relay: 1-Perkins (Nichole Leslie, Brandi Rice, Megan Frank, Kara Baker) 4:10.16, 2-Ross (Fate, Grayson, Williams, Farrell) 4:24.45, 4-Ross (Mullins, Earhart, McAllister, Zamora) 4:56.99.

# Ross boys swim bests, rout Findlay

News-Messenger reports

**FINDLAY** — It was a night of season-best times for the Fremont Ross boys swim team in an overwhelming 110-48 victory over Findlay on Wednesday at the University of Findlay.

The Little Giants won nine of the 12 events, including all three relays, with 10 swimmers turning in 14 season-best times.

Jake Ickes and Alan Gamble went 1-2 in the 100-yard breaststroke. Noah Grayson and Nathan Bowen matched them with a 1-2 finish in the 200 freestyle, and so did Elliot Hogan and Gamble in the 200 individual medley.

Brandon Spicer, Matt Bachelder and Keven Held finished 1-2-3 in the 100 backstroke. Hogan, Grayson and Greg VanDyne took the top 3 spots in the 500 freestyle, all posting season-best times, and Hogan missing his personal best of 5:33.33 by just 16-hundredths of a second.

Spicer and Ickes finished 2-3 in the 100 butterfly to Findlay's Todd Geise, who also won the 50 freestyle.



BOWEN

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# Little Giant swimmers split with Findlay in GLL action

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Ross's sole diver, Zac Ramey, turned in an outstanding performance on the board, with a personal-best point total of 180.50 for first place.

"Findlay's not as deep as we are on the men's side, so this was a good opportunity for our guys to swim events they normally might not swim," Ross head coach Phil Moran said. "It's good for them to get a feel for how their training is coming along."

Unfortunately the same could not be said for the Lady Giants, who lost several close races and finished the night with 79 points to Findlay's 103 despite 13 season-best times.

The girls started strong with a 1-3 finish in the 200 medley relay, with Brittany O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Jenny Fate, and Jaymelee Glaspy finishing in 2:03.76, 12 seconds ahead of the field.

In the final event of the night, Glaspy, O'Connor, Fate and Megan Wasserman were just touched out with a 3:59.41 to a 3:59.04 for Findlay's Britt Webb, Kelsey Meuser, Jennifer Spieldenner and Mitch Jastal.

Wasserman, just returning from an ankle injury, won the 200 individual medley, and swam a season-best 1:06.96 in the 100 but-



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terfly for second place, followed by teammates Fate and Stephanie Mullins. Fate also took second in the 200 freestyle and posted her personal-best 100 freestyle time, a 58.48, in the 400 freestyle relay.

O'Connor added two first-place finishes to the girls' total with wins in the 500 freestyle and 100 backstroke, in which she swam a season-best 1:02.89. Freshman Laura McAllister and Melissa McDonald enjoyed personal bests in the 100 back, finishing 3-4 and adding five more points to the girls total.

Farrell finished second in the 100 breaststroke, Glaspy second in both the 50 and 100 freestyles, including a season-best 58.48 in the 100.

Fremont hosts Northview at 5 p.m. Friday and is at the Toledo St. Francis Invitational on Saturday. Preliminaries on Saturday start at 9 a.m. and finals will be held at the University of Toledo natatorium at 5:15 p.m.

# Swimming

## High School Boys

### Ross 110, Findlay 48

200 Medley Relay: 1-Ross (Jake Ickes, Elliot Hogan, Brandon Spicer, Greg Van-Dyne) 1:55.71, 2-Findlay, 3-Ross (Matt Bachelder, Nathan Bowen, Alan Gamble, Spencer Schabel) 2:15.17.  
200 Freestyle: 1-Noah Grayson (R) 2:05.52, 2-Bowen (R) 2:24.15, 3-Matt Scherger (F) 2:28.76.  
200 IM: 1-Hogan (R) 2:20.17, 2-Gamble (R) 2:54.57.  
50 Freestyle: 1-Todd Geise (F) 24.51, 2-VanDyne (R) 24.62, 3-Craig Hermiller (F) 28.04, 4-Brian Dawes (F) 30.54, 5-Bachelder (R) 34.01, 6-Kyle Huffman (R) 40.11.  
1-Meter Diving: 1-Zach Ramey (R) 180.50, 2-Ryan Cramer (F) 136.35.  
100 Butterfly: 1-Geise (F) 1:02.36, 2-Spicer 1:05.40, 3-Jake Ickes (R) 1:05.75.  
100 Freestyle: 1-Dawes (F) 1:07.66, 2-Teddy Rader (F) 1:08.34, 3-Schabel (R) 1:10.32, 4-Kevin Held (R) 1:12.32, 5-Kyle Huffman (R) 1:50.50.  
500 Freestyle: 1-Hogan (R) 5:33.49, 2-Grayson (R) 5:47.43, 3-VanDyne (R) 5:50.62, 4-Matt Scherger (F) 7:08.80.  
200 Freestyle Relay: 1-Ross (Ickes, Grayson, VanDyne, Bowen) 1:46.68, 2-Findlay 1:53.00, 3-Ross (Bachelder, Held, Derek Hill, Schabel) 2:06.23.  
100 Backstroke: 1-Spicer (R) 1:08.59, 2-Bachelder (R) 1:21.34, 3-Held (R) 1:32.43.  
100 Breaststroke: 1-Ickes (R) 1:14.34, 2-Gamble (R) 1:18.38, 3-Hermiller (F) 1:20.93, 4-Bowen (R) 1:27.83, 5-Rader (F) 1:29.61.  
400 Freestyle Relay: 1-Ross (Grayson, Hogan, Spicer, Gamble) 4:00.45.

## High School Girls

### Findlay 103, Ross 79

200 Medley Relay: 1-Ross (Brittany O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Jenny Fate, Jaymelee Glaspy) 2:03.76, 2-Findlay 2:15.50, 3-Ross (Emily Zamora, Emily Grayson, Stephanie Mullins, Heather Williams) 2:18.86, 4-Findlay 2:46.28.  
200 Freestyle: 1-Mitch Jastal (F) 2:06.07, 2-Fate (R) 2:21.19, 3-Emily Fox (F) 2:23.14, 4-Mo Fitzgerald (F) 2:36.93, 5-Courtney Paxson (R) 2:37.81, 6-Laura McAllister (R) 2:47.82.  
200 IM: 1-Megan Wasserman (R) 2:27.79, 2-Megan Comer (F) 2:27.94, 3-Jennifer Spieldenner (F) 2:32.17, 4-Mullins (R) 2:46.93.  
50 Freestyle: 1-Brittany Webb (F) 26.41, 2-Glaspy (R) 26.67, 3-Kelsey Meuser (F) 28.57, 4-Emily Church (F) 28.70, 5-Zamora (R) 31.15, 6-Chelsea Earhart (R) 31.67.  
100 Butterfly: 1-Jastal (F) 1:04.18, 2-Wasserman (R) 1:06.96, 3-Fate 1:10.43, 4-Mullins (R) 1:18.16, 5-Randi Agin (F) 1:18.39.  
100 Freestyle: 1-Webb (F) 58.11, 2-Glaspy (R) 58.48, 3-Williams (R) 1:06.10, 4-Fitzgerald (F) 1:06.88, 5-Earhart (R) 1:15.39, 6-Katie Heflinger (F) 1:21.87.  
500 Freestyle: 1-O'Connor (R) 5:35.01, 2-Spieldenner (F) 5:52.19, 3-Church (F) 6:05.09, 4-Farrell (R) 6:15.78, 5-Fox (F) 6:23.07, 6-Melissa McDonald (R) 8:30.17.  
200 Freestyle Relay: 1-Findlay 1:49.32, 2-Ross (Grayson, Farrell, Williams, Wasserman) 1:56.13, 3-Findlay 1:56.33, 4-Ross (McAllister, Earhart, Paxson, Zamora) 2:09.97.  
100 Backstroke: 1-O'Connor (R) 1:02.89, 2-Meuser (F) 1:15.96, 3-McAllister (R) 1:31.69, 4-McDonald (R) 1:37.30, 5-Heflinger (F) 1:42.92.  
100 Breaststroke: 1-Comer (F) 1:17.63, 2-Farrell (R) 1:17.74, 3-Agin (F) 1:25.27, 4-Julie Ha (F) 1:35.32, 5-Zamora (R) 1:41.40.  
400 Freestyle Relay: 1-Findlay 3:59.04, 2-Ross (Glaspy, O'Connor, Wasserman, Fate) 3:59.41, 3-Ross (Williams, Earhart, Mullins, Grayson) 4:40.79, 4-Findlay 4:42.77.

# Ross swims hard for 3rds at St. Francis

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — The Fremont Ross boys and girls swim teams impressed one of their coaches on the way to a pair of third-place finishes Saturday at the Knight Invitational.

"Finals tonight was as hard as I've ever seen a Fremont Ross swim team work and as fast as I've seen them go in my nine years of watching Fremont Ross High School swimming," training coach John O'Connor said.

Fremont took third place out of 11 teams on the girls and boys sides of the meet. Sylvania Northview and St. Ursula finished 1-2 for the girls, and it was St. Francis and Detroit Catholic Central 1-2 for the boys.

Fremont swimmers posted a total of 12 season-best times, including the best girls 200-yard medley relay time "in at least 4 years," according to coach O'Connor. Wendy Farrell, Brittany O'Connor, Megan Wasserman and Jaymelee Glaspy finished in one minute, 59.84 seconds for first place.

Glaspy, O'Connor, Wasserman and Jenny Fate also won the 400 freestyle relay with a season-best time of 3:58.77.

Fremont took a combined 80 points for the two relay wins alone. Farrell, Emily Grayson, Heather Williams and Fate added another 28 points with a fifth place in the 200 freestyle relay.

"The 'B' relays fought hard and won some valuable points tonight," Ross head coach Phil Moran said. "They (Stephanie Mullins, Emily Zamora, Chelsea Earhart, Courtney Paxson) gave us 12 with an 11th place in the 400 free, and another 12 in the 200 free (Earhart, Laura McAllister, Melissa McDonald, Paxson). Everyone's got to contribute if you expect to do well against this many teams."

It was nothing but firsts for

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Brittany O'Connor, who won the 100 backstroke with a 1:02.56 and the 50 freestyle with a 25.78, both season-best times.

Glaspy was good for third in the 100 backstroke with a season-best 1:07.64 and another third in the 100 freestyle. Wasserman took second in the 200 individual medley and Fate sixth. Ross picked up 38 points in the 200 individual medley, with Wasserman finishing second, Fate sixth, Farrell 11th and Stephanie Mullins 15th.

### Boys switch relay, take third

Switching a few swimmers around on the boys 200 medley relay proved to be a good coaching move as Jake Ickes, Elliot Hogan, Brandon Spicer and Noah Grayson jumped from their fifth seed after the morning preliminaries to finish third in the finals, dropping from 1:57.10 to 1:51.94.

"I think I finally have the right combination on that one," Moran said.

Ickes, Greg VanDyne, Spicer and Hogan dropped two seconds off their preliminary time to finish fifth in the 400 freestyle relay. VanDyne, Grayson, Alan Gamble and Nathan Bowen also took a fifth in the 200 freestyle.

The Ross boys 'B' relays finished 10th in both the 200 (Spence Schabel, Kevin Held, Derek Hill and Matt Bachelder) and 400 freestyle relays (Hill, Schabel, Bachelder and Bowen) for 28 points.

Individually, Ickes took two second-place finishes in the 100 and 200 freestyles, with a season-best 1:57.27 in the 200. Hogan was second in the 100 breaststroke and swam a season-best 2:18.67 for fifth in the 200 individual medley. Grayson was seventh in the individual medley.

VanDyne jumped from his



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WENDY FARRELL, above, of Fremont Ross competes in the 200-yard individual medley during Friday's meet against Sylvania Northview. Below, Noah Grayson of Ross surfaces during his 200-yard individual medley.

13th-place seed to finish ninth in the 100 breaststroke, swimming a season-best 1:12.39. He was also ninth in the 50 freestyle.

Grayson and Spicer went head-to-head and turned in season-best times in the 100 butterfly, at 1:04.10 and 1:04.35 for fourth and sixth places, respectively.

Spicer dropped four seconds off his preliminary time in the 100 backstroke to finish sixth at 1:05.91. Gamble recorded a 6:04.95 for seventh in the 500 freestyle.

Two swimmers for St. Joseph Central Catholic also finished in the point standings. Ben Burkett swam a 1:16.33 for ninth in the 100 butterfly. Billy Pietrykowski was 11th in the 200 individual medley and 14th in the breaststroke.

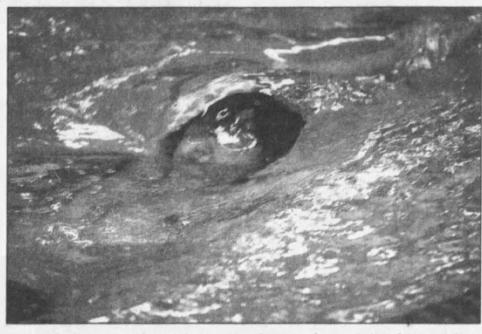
"After losing to Northview on Friday, it felt really good to come back and beat them at the Knight," Ross co-captain Noah Grayson said.

Fremont boys finished with 273 points to Northview's 244.

### Results from Northview Dual

The timing system wasn't all that was broken on Friday at Fremont Middle School.

Brittany O'Connor also broke her own 100 backstroke record for the second time this year, swimming a 1:03.15. She also won the 200 freestyle and was part of two winning relays, the 200 medley along with Farrell, Wasserman and Glaspy; and the 400 freestyle with Glaspy, Wasserman and Fate.



Northview won the girls meet 94-75.

"On Friday, we scored five girl swimmers because Northview has a lot of swimmers, so they picked up a lot of points in the lower finishes, and that's what got us," Brittany O'Connor said.

"Not enough bodies. In the backstroke alone, Northview placed 2-3-4-5 for 10 points, so we won it, but lost it."

Wasserman and Fate went 1-3 in the 200 individual medley and 1-4 in the 100 butterfly. Glaspy was second in the 50 freestyle and she went 1-4 along with Emily Grayson in the 100 freestyle. Grayson also was fourth in the 100 breaststroke behind Wendy Farrell, who finished second.

Five individual and two relay wins weren't quite enough for the Ross boys team. The Little Giants came up just three points

short in the end, finishing with 47 points to Northview's 50. Northview stayed even by taking second- and third-place finishes in several events, keeping the point totals even.

Co-captain Hogan took a pair of firsts in the 50 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke. Noah Grayson was first in the 200 individual medley, VanDyne finished first in the 100 freestyle, Ickes came in first in the 200 freestyle and second in the 500 freestyle. Spicer was second in the 100 back.

VanDyne, Ickes, Grayson and Gamble won the 200 freestyle relay, and Ickes, VanDyne, Spicer and Hogan took the 400 freestyle relay, finishing just a second ahead of Northview, 3:43 flat to 3:44.80.

Fremont swims again at home at 1 p.m. Saturday against Colonel Crawford.

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# Giants, Eagles settle for 2 ties

News-Messenger reports

In swimming, the difference between winning and losing is measured in hundredths of a second.

And then there are days when you trade those fractions back and forth and come out all tied.

Such was the case Saturday, when the Fremont Ross girls and boys both

tied Colonel Crawford in a dual meet at the Fremont Middle School pool. All four teams scored 47 points.

The story is in the milliseconds.

Ross head coach Phil Moran loaded up his girls relays, hoping to use the

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# Swimmers from Ross, CC tie at 47 in two meets

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6-3-1 point spread for first, second and third places to his advantage.

"Some of our best swimmers only swam one individual event so we could get the extra points in the relays," Moran said. "Crawford was just deep enough to go 1-2 and 1-3 in a few key individual events to stay even with us. So it almost worked."

Each swimmer is allowed to compete in four events.

Ross's Brittany O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Megan Wasserman and Jaymelee Glaspy got off to a record-setting start in the first event, the 200-yard medley relay. The Little Giants broke the 1999 pool record of one minute, 59.89 seconds with a time of 1:59.76, their best of the year.

Glaspy, Wasserman, O'Connor and Jenny Fate won the 200 freestyle relay, just a second ahead of Colonel Crawford, 1:49.38-1:50.60. The foursome trounced Colonel Crawford, 4:04.13-4:31.88 in the final 400 freestyle relay.

O'Connor also won the 200 freestyle, Wasserman the 100 butterfly and Glaspy the 100 freestyle.

Fate was second in the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly, with a season best time of 1:09.59 in the latter. Farrell was second in the 100 breaststroke and 3rd in the IM with a season-best 2:39.91. Stephanie Mullins finished second in the 500 freestyle with a season-best 6:34.14 and third in the 100 backstroke.

Sometimes it's not a millisecond that makes a difference, it's one individual swimmer.

On the boys side of the meet, that would be Colonel Crawford's outstanding freshman, Andy Holtzapfel. He won the 200 individual medley, with a 2:13.12 over Noah Grayson's 2:25.00 for Ross, and the 100 backstroke, with a blistering 59.73 over Ross's Brandon Spicer and his 1:07.76. Holtzapfel was also part of two winning Colonel Crawford relays, the 400 freestyle and a close 200 medley, finishing at 1:53.21 to a 1:54.42 for Ross's Jake Ickes, Elliot Hogan, Brandon Spicer and Noah Grayson.

Individual wins kept the Little Giants' boys team in the hunt. Elliot Hogan swam a career-best 5:27.73 for first in the 500 freestyle and won the 100 breaststroke by nine seconds with a 1:07.51. Jake Ickes added another pair of firsts with wins in both the 100 and 200 freestyles.

Greg VanDyne finished second in the 50 and 100 freestyles with a season-best 55.65 in the latter. Grayson was touched out in the 100 butterfly by Colonel Crawford's Jacob Biederman, 1:05.57-1:05.71.

VanDyne, Spicer, Ickes and Alan Gamble won the 200 freestyle relay, 1:41.77-1:42.60. VanDyne, Grayson, Spicer and Hogan were second in the 400 freestyle relay.

And just in case someone doesn't think the B relays matter, consider this: Ross's Matt Bachelder, Nate Bowen, Derek Hill and Gamble took third in the 200 medley relay for a point and Bachelder, Spencer Schabel, Hill and Kevin Held took another point with a third in the 200 freestyle relay.

"The young guys are coming along, and this just goes to prove how much we need them," Ickes said.

The Little Giants compete again at 1 p.m. Saturday at Lexington.

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### High School Boys

#### Ross 47, Colonel Crawford 47

200 Medley Relay: 1-CC (Andy Holtzapfel, Steven Kocher, Jacob Biederman, David Lewis Jr.) 1:53.21, 2-Ross (Jake Ickes, Elliot Hogan, Brandon Spicer, Noah Grayson) 1:54.42, 3-Ross (Matt Bachelder, Nate Bowen, Alan Gamble, Derek Hill) 2:12.74, 4-CC (Britten Martin, Brode Phillips, Josh Wynn, Tim Myers) 2:16.99.

200 Free: 1-Ickes (R) 2:00.51, 2-Trevor Seif (CC) 2:01.26, 4-Hill (R) 2:55.55.

200 IM: Holtzapfel (CC) 2:13.12, 2-Grayson (R) 2:25.00, 3-Gamble (R) 2:41.26.

50 Free: 1-David Lewis (CC) 24.70, 2-Greg Vandyne (R) 24.82, 4-Kevin Held (R) 31.95.

100 Fly: 1-Biederman (CC) 1:05.57, 2-Grayson (R) 1:05.71, 4-Gamble (R) 1:15.94.

100 Free: 1-Ickes (R) 54.42, 2-Vandyne (R) 55.65.

500 Free: 1-Hogan (R) 5:27.73, 2-Seif (CC) 5:41.56, 3-Nate Bowen (R) 6:21.47.

200 Free Relay: 1-Ross (Vandyne, Spicer, Ickes, Gamble) 1:41.77, 2-CC (Biederman, Steven Kocher, Andrew Eichorn, Seif) 1:42.60, 3-Ross (Matt Bachelder, Schabel, Hill, Held) 1:59.10.

100 Back: 1-Holtzapfel (CC) 59.73, 2-Spicer (R) 1:07.76, 4-Bachelder (R) 1:16.52.

100 Breast: 1-Hogan (R) 1:07.51, 2-Kocher (CC) 1:16.49, 4-Bowen (R) 1:25.18.

400 Free Relay: 1-CC (Lewis, Eichorn, Seif, Holtzapfel) 3:39.79, 2-Ross (Vandyne, Grayson, Spicer, Hogan) 3:43.37, 4-Ross (Bachelder, Schabel, Hill, Bowen) 4:35.66.

### High School Girls

#### Ross 47, Colonel Crawford 47

200 Medley relay: 1-Ross 1:59.76, 2-CC 2:01.57, 3-CC 2:20.02, 4-Ross 2:20.98.

200 Free: 1-Britt O'Connor (R) 2:06.18, 2-Manda Phillips (CC) 2:26.71, 4-Courtney Paxson (R) 2:36.50.

200 IM: 1-Lacey Shumate (CC) 2:20.86, 2-Jenny Fate (R) 2:34.34, 3-Wendy Farrell (R) 2:39.91.

50 Free: 1-Joanna West (CC) 27.04, 2-Erin Weaver (CC) 27.65, 3-Emily Grayson (R) 28.66, 4-Heather Williams (R) 29.75.

100 Fly: 1-Megan Wasserman (R) 1:07.72, 2-Jenny Fate (R) 1:09.59.

100 Free: 1-Jaymelee Glaspy (R) 59.35, 2-Joanne West (CC) 59.59, 4-Williams (R) 1:07.37.

500 Free: 1-Manda Phillips (CC) 6:27.44, 2-Mullins (R) 6:34.14, 4-Emily Zamora (R) 7:20.04.

200 Free Relay: 1-Ross (B. O'Connor, Glaspy, Wasserman, Fate) 1:49.38, 2-CC (Lacey Shumate, Stephanie McQuillen, Erin Weaver, West) 1:50.60, 3-Ross (Chelsea Earhart, Farrell, Melissa McDonald, Paxson) 2:10.67.

100 Back: 1-Tracie Ross (CC) 1:14.10, 3-Mullins (R) 1:19.92, 4-Zamora (R) 1:24.23.

100 Breast: 1-Shumate (CC) 1:13.66, 2-Farrell (R) 1:18.85, 4-Grayson (R) 1:26.85.

400 Free Relay: 1-Ross (Glaspy, Wasserman, Fate, O'Connor) 4:04.13, 2-CC 4:31.88, 3-Ross (Heather Williams, Mullins, Grayson, Zamora) 4:38.04.



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# Lexington, bigger pool sink Ross

News-Messenger reports

MANSFIELD — Competing against a bigger team in a six-lane pool has been a problem for the Fremont Ross swim team all year long. In a six lane pool, the first five places score, and with the smallest team in several years, the Little Giants didn't have the depth, experience or divers they needed to beat Lexington High School in Mansfield on Saturday. The girls team fell 103-73, and the boys lost 97-77.

That said, the Little Giant girls 200-yard medley relay team, including Brittany O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Megan Wasserman and Jaymelee Glaspy, continued to douse the competition with another first-place finish, at one minute 59.56 seconds, two-tenths of a second faster than the pool record time they set last Saturday against Colonel Crawford.

O'Connor, Glaspy, Wasserman and Jenny Fate also won the 400 free relay, at 3:59.93, just a half-second slower than their season-best time.

"To say they put in a hard week of training going into this meet is something of an understatement," head coach Phil Moran said. "We put just about 10 miles on them on Tuesday alone, so for them to have a time drop after a week like this is something of a surprise."

The team puts in two back-to-back practices each day throughout the holiday break, from 6-7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. to noon, getting ready for sectionals and districts in early February.

The girls scored three individual first-place finishes; O'Connor in the 200 free, Wasserman in the 100 butterfly, and Farrell in the 100 breaststroke. O'Connor was second in the 50 free, Wasserman second in the 200 individual medley, dropping over a second for a season best time of 2:24.90, and Emily Grayson was second in the 100 free. Glaspy had a pair of thirds in the 50 and 200 frees, Fate the same in the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly, and Stephanie Mullins was third in the 100 back.

The boys team took five first place finishes, including one in the 200 free relay, with Elliot Hogan, Jake Ickes, Greg VanDyne and Alan Gamble clocking a 1:41.95. Adding those eight points to the two won by the third-place "B" relay of Matt Bacheider, Spencer Schabel, Derek Hill and Kevin Held, gave the Ross boys their best relay finish of the day.

Ickes and Hogan found themselves in a horse race with the Lexington swimmer for a photo finish in the 200 free. Without electronic touch pads, there would have been no way of knowing that Ickes finished first with a 2:00.68, the Lexington swimmer second at 2:00.81, and Hogan third at 2:00.95. Ickes also finished second in the 100 free, and Hogan first in the 100 breaststroke.

Noah Grayson added another first in the 200 individual medley and second in the 500 free, with Brandon Spicer first in the 100 butterfly and second in the 100 back. VanDyne was second in the 50 free.

"We're continuing to see real improvement in the underclassmen," said Moran. "Derek Hill dropped time in both his events, almost six seconds in his 100 back. Courtney Paxson knocked just over 15 seconds off her 500 free, and Emily Zamora dropped nearly four in the 100 IM."

The Little Giants swim again at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Sandusky.

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#### Lexington 97, Ross 77

##### Ross Results

##### 200 Medley

2 — Brandon R. Spicer (12) Elliot L. Hogan (12) Noah H. Grayson (12) Greg H. Vandyne (11) 1:52.44, 4 — Matt Bacheider (9) Nate Bowen (10) Alan I. Gamble (11) Spencer Schabel (9) 2:10.43

##### 200 Free

1 — Ickes, Jake 2:00.68, 3 — Hogan, Elliot L. 2:00.95, 6 — Held, Kevin J. 2:44.25

##### 200 IM

1 — Grayson, Noah H. 2:23.35, 4 — Gamble, Alan I. 2:35.85

##### 50 Free

2 — Vandyne, Greg H. 24.86, 4 — Hill, Derek D. 29.44, 6 — Huffman, Kyle 39.82

##### 100 Fly

1 — Spicer, Brandon R. 1:06.00, 4 — Gamble, Alan I. 1:14.70

##### 100 Free

2 — Ickes, Jake 53.69, Schabel, Spencer 1:06.89, 6 — Held, Kevin J. 1:10.40

##### 500 Free

2 — Grayson, Noah H. 5:45.43, 4 — Bowen, Nate 6:27.57

##### 200 Free

1 — Elliot L. Hogan (12) Jake Ickes (10) Greg H. Vandyne (11) Alan I. Gamble (11) 1:41.95

3 — Matt Bacheider (9) Spencer Schabel (9) Derek D. Hill (10) Kevin J. Held (9) 1:59.19

##### 100 Back

2 — Spicer, Brandon R. 1:10.46, 4 — Bowen, Nate 1:15.86, 5 — Hill, Derek D. 1:26.46

##### 100 Breast

1 — Hogan, Elliot L. 1:06.90, 4 — Bowen, Nate 1:24.33

##### 400 Free

2 — Jake Ickes (10) Noah H. Grayson (12) Brandon R. Spicer (12) Greg H. Vandyne (11) 3:49.31, 3 — Spencer Schabel (9) Matt Bacheider (9) Derek D. Hill (10) Nate Bowen (10) 4:27.11

### High School Girls

#### Lexington 103, Ross 73

##### 200 Medley

1 — Brit O'Connor (12) Wendy K. Farrell (12) Megan A. Wasserman (9) Jaymelee J. Glaspy (11) 1:59.56, 4 — Emily E. Zamora (10) Emily J. Grayson (10) Stephanie J. Mullins (11) Heather J. Williams (9) 2:19.13

##### 200 Free

1 — O'Connor, Brit 2:07.44, 3 — Glaspy, Jaymelee J. 2:14.71, 6 — Earhart, Chelsea 2:50.24

##### 200 IM

2 — Wasserman, Megan A. 2:24.90, 3 — Fate, Jenny 2:32.56, 6 — Zamora, Emily E. 3:11.14

##### 50 Free

2 — O'Connor, Brit 26.00, 3 — Glaspy, Jaymelee J. 27.74, 6 — McDonald, Melissa A. 31.89

##### 200 Free

2 — Jenny Fate (12) Heather J. Williams (9) Emily J. Grayson (10) Wendy K. Farrell (12) 1:59.57, 4 — Adriana Baumgardner (10) Melissa A. McDonald (11) Chelsea Earhart (10) Courtney R. Paxson (9) 2:12.44

##### 100 Fly

1 — Wasserman, Megan A. 1:08.28, 3 — Fate, Jenny 1:09.53

##### 100 Free

2 — Grayson, Emily J. 1:05.46, 5 — Williams, Heather J. 1:08.73, 6 — Earhart, Chelsea 1:17.83

##### 500 Free

3 — Farrell, Wendy K. 6:12.37, 5 — Mullins, Stephanie J. 6:37.12, 6 — Paxson, Courtney R. 7:18.00

##### 100 Back

3 — Mullins, Stephanie J. 1:20.62, 5 — Zamora, Emily E. 1:26.29, 6 — Baumgardner, Adriana 1:38.40

##### 100 Breast

1 — Farrell, Wendy K. 1:18.16, 4 — Grayson, Emily J. 1:24.70, 6 — McDonald, Melissa A. 1:42.39

##### 400 Free

1 — Brit O'Connor (12) Jaymelee J. Glaspy (11) Megan A. Wasserman (9) Jenny Fate (12) 3:59.93, 4 — Heather J. Williams (9) Stephanie J. Mullins (11) Courtney R. Paxson (9) Emily E. Zamora (10) 4:43.20



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# Times tumble in Ross victory

## Diekman paces Oak Harbor

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross swimmers won 16 of the 22 events in a dual meet at home against Sandusky on Tuesday. The girls won 53-41, and the boys won 56-38.

Along the way, Brittany O'Connor broke two of her own pool records, winning both the 500-yard freestyle in five minutes 29.32 seconds, and the 100 backstroke at 1:02.41. She set the old 500 record of 5:30.61 in January of last year, and the 100 backstroke record of 1:03.15 just this past December.

Wendy Farrell and Emily Grayson both swam their best 100 breaststrokes of

the year to take first and third in that event, respectively. Jenny Fate dropped more than two seconds for a season-best time of 2:29.72 to win the 200 individual medley. Farrell was second in the 200 freestyle, Fate second in the 100 butterfly, and Grayson third in the 50 freestyle.

Megan Wasserman took a pair of firsts, one in the 200 freestyle and the other with a season-best time of 1:06.73 in the 100 butterfly. Jaymelee Glaspy grabbed a pair of seconds in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

Courtney Paxson and Melissa McDonald also swam season-best times in their events.

"I think it does the kids a lot of good to see time drops after all the hard work they've put in," training coach John O'Connor said. "These kids set goals for themselves before the season starts, and making a season or personal best time is quite an accomplishment."

In the relays, O'Connor, Farrell, Wasserman, and Glaspy won the 200 medley, and it was O'Connor, Glaspy, Wasserman and Fate on the winning 400 freestyle relay. Emily Zamora, Grayson, Fate and Farrell were second in the 200 freestyle relay, with Zamora, Grayson, Stephanie Mullins and Chelsea Earhart taking third in the 200 medley.

The Ross boys matched the girls with eight season-best times of their own. Elliot Hogan



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dropped more than three seconds to win the 200 individual medley in 2:15.66, with third going to teammate Alan Gamble, who dropped a second for a season-best 2:34.78. Hogan also won the 100 breaststroke, and Gamble was third in the 100 butterfly.

Jake Ickes took both the 50 and 500 freestyles. Noah Grayson dropped more than a second for a season-best of 2:04.47 to win the 200 free, and was second behind Ickes in the 500. Brandon Spicer's 1:04.19 in the 100 butterfly was a season best and good for the win.

"Winning all three relays sure helped our cause," Spicer said. "The 200 freestyle relay was too close, and with all those people screaming in that little pool, it's amazing the tiles are still stuck to the walls." It was Ickes, VanDyne, and Gamble with Hogan swimming anchor, touching out Sandusky, 1:39.96 to 1:40.28.

Spicer, Hogan, Grayson and VanDyne won the 200 medley relay by five seconds, and VanDyne, Ickes, Grayson and Spicer finished 10 seconds ahead in the 400 free relay.

The Little Giants compete in the Napoleon Invitational on Saturday.

### Diekman leads OH boys

OAK HARBOR — Jared Diekman had an excellent day in helping lead the Oak Harbor boys swim team to victories over Huron and St. Mary Central Catholic on Tuesday.

The Rockets beat the Tigers 94-89 and took down the Panthers 106-64.

The Oak Harbor girls swim team split its two competitions. The Rockets won against St. Mary 110-58, but fell to Huron 120-60.

Diekman won two events had had a hand in two others.

First, Diekman won the 100-yard butterfly in one minute and 4.83 seconds. Then he came in first in the 100 freestyle at 56.58.

He followed those two performances by helping Oak Harbor's 200 medley team (1:57.30) the 200 freestyle team (1:45.79) to wins.

## O'Connor swims for mark, two triumphs

Ross boys 2nd, girls 4th at invite

News-Messenger reports

NAPOLEON — Fremont Ross swimmer Brittany O'Connor set a 100-yard backstroke record Saturday at the Napoleon Invitational.

The record of 1 minute, 2.46 seconds earned O'Connor one of her two first-place finishes for 32 points. The previous backstroke record was 1:02.69. The other victory came in the 100 freestyle, which she finished in 56.13, a drop of .13 off her season best.

The Lady Giants finished fourth out of eight teams with 197 points from 12 swimmers. Wauseon, with 15 swimmers, won the meet with 300 points, and Napoleon took second with 287 points and 22 swimmers.

The girls earned 84 points in the relay events alone. A second place by O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Megan Wasserman and Jaymelee Glaspy scored 26 in the 200 medley relay. Emily Zamora, Emily Grayson, Stephanie Mullins and Chelsea Earhart added eight more with their ninth-place finish. O'Connor, Glaspy, Wasserman and Jenny Fate grabbed second in the 400 freestyle relay for another 26 points. Emily Zamora, Emily Grayson, Farrell and Fate went 1:58.59 for sixth and 15 points in the 200 freestyle relay.

Wasserman contributed an additional 23 points to the cause with a third place in the 100 individual medley and a fourth in the 100 butterfly, swimming a season best-time of 1:06.63 in the latter.

Fate and Glaspy added another 19 points each with fifth- and sixth-place finishes. Fate in the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly, Glaspy in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke, respectively.

Farrell was seventh in the 100 breaststroke and ninth in the 200 individual medley for 11 points. Emily Grayson added another seven points with a seventh place in the

## Ross boys finish 2nd

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50 freestyle, and Stephanie Mullins added two points with a season-best time for 15th in the 200 individual medley.

### Boys win two of three relays

Fremont's upperclassmen outswam and outturned Napoleon in two of the three boys relays, winning the opening event of the invitational, the 200 medley, and the final event, the 400 freestyle.

"In all the years I've been coming to this meet, I've never seen our boys outgun Napoleon on the wall," Ross training coach John O'Connor said. "This year, that's where we beat them, on the turns."

Ross's 13 boys finished the day second with 279 points. Napoleon's 17 swimmers totaled 399 points for first, and Sandusky was third at 242.

"The underclassmen made up the difference between Sandusky and us," Ross head swim coach Phil Moran said. "Individually and in relays, the freshmen and sophomores were good for 57 points. We beat Sandusky by 37."

All totaled, the Little Giants scored 126 points in relay events. Brandon Spicer, Elliot Hogan, Noah Grayson and Greg VanDyne turned in a 1.54.03 to Napoleon's 1:55.08 in the medley with Matt Bachelder, Nate Bowen, Alan Gamble and Spencer Schabel finishing eighth for 10 points.

Jake Ickes, VanDyne, Grayson and Hogan went 3:40.70 in the 400 freestyle relay to beat Napoleon by two seconds. Schabel, Bowen, Derek Hill and Kevin Held were good for seventh and 14 points. VanDyne, Gamble, Spicer and Ickes went 1:41.98 in the 200 freestyle

for third, with Bachelder, Held, Hill and Schabel adding 14 with another seventh-place finish.

Team point honors at 29 went to senior Hogan, who won the 100 breaststroke going away, and swam a season-best 50 freestyle at 23.68 seconds, for second. Brendan Gardner, a Sandusky junior, set the only other meet record in the 50 freestyle at 22.94 seconds; VanDyne was fifth.

Ickes took second in the 100 freestyle and fourth in the 200 freestyle for 24 points.

Grayson dropped a second and a half, and Gamble more than four seconds for season-best times in the 200 individual medley, finishing second and ninth, respectively. Gamble also had one of the biggest time drops of the day, knocking 13.58 seconds off his season best for fourth in the 500 freestyle. Bowen was fifth with a time drop of just more than five seconds.

Spicer was third in the 100 backstroke, with Bachelder and Hill adding nine points to the team total with eighth- and ninth-place finishes.

Spicer and Grayson finished less than a half second apart for fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 100 butterfly.

Fremont travels to Margaretta on Tuesday and swims in a dual against Napoleon on Saturday in its last home meet of the year.

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# Napoleon's depth dooms Ross

News-Messenger reports

The final scores of Saturday's dual swim meet between Fremont Ross and Napoleon don't reflect how the meet played out.

The Wildcats claimed a 98-72 victory in the girls meet and a 95-74 triumph in the boys meet.

But, head-to-head, the Little Giants held their own, with each team winning four individual events on both the boys and girls sides. The Lady Giants took two of the three re-

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lays, and the boys went one for three.

"Napoleon brought a bigger team, so we ran two heats in most individual events and scored five places," Ross head coach Phil Moran said. "Jaymelee (Glaspy) won the 100 freestyle (with a season-best 58.10 seconds), but Napoleon took second, third and fourth. So we won but lost the event. And that happened in four

events for us. Some days, you just can't win for losing."

Brittany O'Connor finished the home season the way she started, breaking records. Over four years, she has kept close track of her stats, and, looking back, they indicate that she has broken a pool record in every home meet since her freshman year.

This past Saturday, she set two marks, one in the opening 200-yard girls medley relay along with Wendy

Farrell, Megan Wasserman and Glaspy. They broke their old record of one minute, 59.76 seconds, set on Dec. 28, with a new mark of 1:57.76.

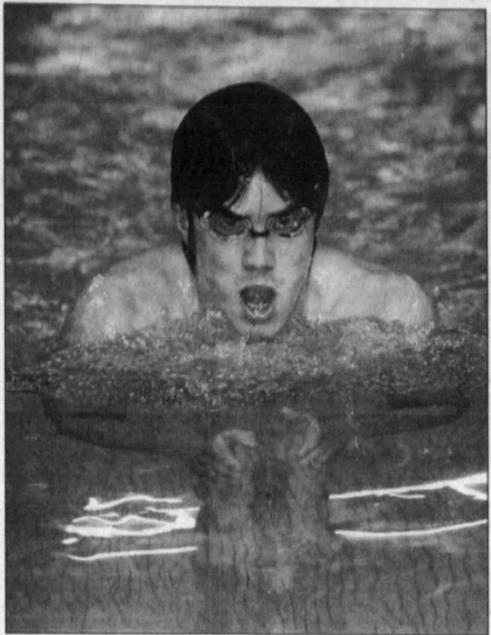
"I can't wait to see what they'll go once they're tapered," Moran said.

Swimmers taper going into sectionals and districts, slowly cutting back on practice yards to rest the body and build energy.

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O'Connor set her second



News-Messenger/Ben French  
**MEGAN WASSERMAN** of Fremont Ross competes in the 200-yard individual medley during Saturday's dual meet against Napoleon at Fremont Middle School. Wasserman finished second.



News-Messenger/Ben French  
NOAH GRAYSON of Fremont Ross competes in the 200-yard individual medley Saturday at Fremont Middle School.

## O'Connor continues record-setting streak

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O'Connor set her second record of the day in the last girls event, the 400 freestyle relay. She swam lead for a time of 56.12, breaking her older sister Morgan's record of 56.61, set in 2002. O'Connor, Wasserman, Glaspy and Jenny Fate came within a second of the 400 freestyle relay pool record as well, winning in a time of 3:54.32.

O'Connor took a pair of individual first-place finishes, one in the 100 butterfly, and the other in the 100 backstroke, with Fate taking third in the butterfly.

Farrell added another first-place finish to the girls total, swimming a season best 1:16.90 in the 100 breaststroke and was third in the 200 freestyle. Glaspy was second in the 50 freestyle.

Wasserman finished second in her two events, the 500 freestyle and the 200 individual medley, in which she went a personal best of 2:23.63.

Also among those with season-best times were Stephanie Mullins, 2:27.15 in the 200 freestyle, and Emily Zamora, 1:07.85 in the 100 free.

### Ross Boys Win 5 of 11

The Little Giants started strong, winning the first two events of the meet. Brandon Spicer, Elliot Hogan, Noah Grayson and Jake Ickes turned in a 1:52.81 in the 200 medley relay, beating Napoleon by six seconds.

Jake Ickes came back to win the second boys event, the 200

freestyle. However, this was one of those events where Napoleon went 2-3-4 and outscored Fremont, 9-7. It happened again later in the meet, when Ickes won the 100 freestyle, and Napoleon outscored Fremont 9-7.

Senior Elliot Hogan was also a dual winner, turning in a pair of season-best times, with a 23.64 in the 50 freestyle and a 1:05.99 in the 100 breaststroke. Hogan has won every breaststroke event at home during the past two seasons.

Greg VanDyne was second in the 100 breaststroke and third in the 50 freestyle. Matt Bachelder was fourth in the 50 freestyle, going a season-best 25.96. He also dropped times in two other events, with a 1:15.47 in the 100 backstroke and a minute flat as the lead leg on the B team's 400 freestyle relay.

Grayson dropped a second off his best 200 individual medley time for the year, for second place, and was third in the 100 butterfly. Spicer added a pair of seconds, in the 100 backstroke and 100 butterfly. Alan Gamble dropped 3.6 seconds off his season best in the 500 free, for 2nd place with a 5:43.30.

Other season-best times included a five-second drop for Kevin Held in the 200 freestyle (2:31.93) and Kyle Huffman's 1:39.35 in the 100 free.

Ross will compete in the Northwest Ohio Swimming Championships at Napoleon, diving on Friday and swimming on Saturday.

## Swimming

### High School Boys

#### Napoleon 95, Ross 74

##### Results

200 Yard Medley: 1. Ross 1:52.81, 2. Nap 1:58.82, 3. Nap 2:02.77, 4. Ross 2:11.05.

200 Freestyle: 1. Jake Ickes (R) 2:00.62, 2. Jon Saul (N) 2:00.91, 3. Tyler Burgei (N) 2:02.75, 5. Kevin Held (R) 2:31.93, 6. Derek Hill (R) 2:32.40.

200 Individual Medley: 1. Saul (N) 2:17.35, 2. Noah Grayson (R) 2:18.56, 3. Adam Weirich (N) 2:42.16, 4. Alan Gamble (R) 2:30.74.

50 Freestyle: 1. Elliot Hogan (R) 23.64, 2. Saul (N) 24.18, 3. Greg Vandyne (R) 24.88, 4. Matt Bachelder (R) 25.96.

100 Butterfly: 1. Saul (N) 1:02.32, 2. Brandon Spicer (R) 1:04.41, #. Grayson (R) 1:04.76.

100 Freestyle: 1. Ickes (R) 59.99, 2. Chris Moden (N) 55.07, 3. Tyler Burgei (N) 57.20, 5. Spencer Schabel (R) 1:02.32.

500 Freestyle: 1. Saul (N) 5:29.08, 2. Gamble (R) 5:43.30, 3. Sean Sonnenberg (N) 5:44.58, 6. Nate Bowen (R) 6:16.53.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. Nap. 1:38.61, 2. Ross 1:45.05, 3. Nap 1:58.79.

100 Backstroke: 1. Saul (N) 1:00.89, 2. Spicer (R) 1:05.81, 3. Moden (N) 1:05.88, 6. Bachelder (R) 1:15.47, 7. Derek Hill (R) 1:25.02.

100 Breaststroke: 1. Hogan (R) 1:05.99, 2. Vandyne (R) 1:11.04, 3. Weirich (N) 1:15.34, 6. Schabel (R) 1:23.35.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Nap 3:35.33, 2. Ross 3:41.70, 3. Nap 4:02.16, 4. Ross 4:23.39.

### High School Girls

#### Napoleon 98, Ross 72

##### Results

200 Medley Relay: 1. Ross 1:57.84, 2. Nap 2:05.33, 3. Nap 2:13.21, 4. Ross 2:22.51.

200 Freestyle: 1. Katrina Ducas (N) 2:11.48, 2. Missy Snyder (N) 2:15.34, 3. Wendy Farrell (R) 2:15.60, 6. Stephanie Mullins (R) 2:27.15, 7. Courtney Paxson (R) 2:40.18.

200 Individual Medley: 1. Sarah Boyd (N) 2:23.06, 2. Megan Wasserman (R) 2:23.63, 3. Mariel DeMichie (N) 2:33.82, 4. Jenny Fate (R) 2:34.45.

50 Freestyle: 1. Sara Bleas (N) 26.49, 2. Jaymelee Glaspy (R) 26.74, 3. Allison Zuch (N) 28.29, 5. Emily Grayson (R) 29.20, 7. Laura McAllister (R) 31.86.

100 Butterfly: 1. Brittany O'Connor (R) 1:03.08, Bleas (N) 1:06.78, 3. Fate (R) 1:10.06.

100 Freestyle: 1. Glaspy (R) 58.10, 2. Ducas (N) 1:01.61, 3. Snyder (N) 1:03.94, 5. Emily Zamora (R) 1:07.85, 7. Chelsea Ehart (R) 1:12.24.

500 Freestyle: 1. Boyd (N) 5:33.66, 2. Megan Wasserman (R) 5:50.07, 3. Zuch (N) 5:52.75, 5. Mullins (R) 6:35.27, 7. Paxson (R) 7:11.67.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. Nap 1:49.90, 2. Ross 1:56.72, 3. Nap 1:57.87, 4. Ross 2:12.05.

100 Backstroke: 1. O'Connor (R) 1:02.45, 2. DeMichie (N) 1:11.06, 3. Katie Walter (N) 1:12.63, 5. Zamora (R) 1:25.93, 7. McAllister (R) 1:36.03.

100 Breaststroke: 1. Farrell (R) 1:16.90, 2. Dana Meyer (N) 1:18.07, 3. Kelli Fisher (N) 1:21.96, 5. Grayson (R) 1:26.65, 7. Melissa McDonald (R) 1:39.08.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Ross 3:54.32, 2. Nap 4:26.45, 3. Ross 5:07.31.

# Two Ross swimmers advance to Sectionals

## O'Connor, Hogan qualify at Silverlake

News-Messenger reports

FLORENCE, Ky. — Fremont Ross swimmers Brit O'Connor and Elliot Hogan qualified to swim in the USA Swimming Sectional Championships with their performances this past weekend at the Ohio Short Course Senior Championship Meet.

O'Connor advanced in the 100-yard backstroke and 100 freestyle, Hogan in the 100 breaststroke. Both seniors competed at the Silverlake Aquatic Club along with two other Ross swimmers, freshman Megan Wasserman and sophomore Jake Ickes.

The USA Swimming Sectional Championships will be held on March 21-23 at Miami University.

"For Brit and Elliot, Silverlake gives them a good idea of what to expect at USA Sectionals in two weeks," Ross head coach Phil Moran said. "The best of the best were at Silverlake, trying for qualifying times. Out of 57 breaststrokers in the boys event, only eight are moving on. As for Wasserman and Ickes, this was a look at really big times and really big numbers. There were 147 entries in the girls 100 free. Plus Silverlake is an open event, meaning



O'CONNOR

HOGAN

## Wasserman gets first taste of huge swimming event

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anyone over the age of 15 can compete. There aren't a whole lot of college-age women at the event, but there are a lot of college and post-college guys, which takes the competition to a whole other level."

Unlike high school swimming, which only allows a swimmer to enter two individual events, USA Swimming allows swimmers to compete in as many events as they want.

O'Connor, who finished fourth at the state meet in the 100 backstroke, was fourth again at Senior Meet for Fremont's top finish. She was 11th by place in the 500 freestyle, finishing in five minutes, 21.33 seconds.

"At Senior meet, you're not so much interested in your place as you are your times," O'Connor said. "My season best was a 5:28.50, and I swam a 5:25.18 in the morning prelims, which put me in the consolation heat. Just like state meet, you can't move up out of your heat in finals. But based on final times, I was eighth overall."

O'Connor was 17th in the 50 freestyle, 18th in both the 100 freestyle and 200 freestyle and 24th in the 100 butterfly.

Hogan, who finished 16th at state in the 100 breaststroke, finished 11th at Silverlake for the boys top finish.

"I was totally out of sync during the prelims and swam a 1:03 high," Hogan said. "It felt like I should have been going up when I was going down. I worked it out in the lap pool between prelims and finals and managed a 1:02 low at finals. Like Brit, I couldn't move up, but by time, I was 10th overall. Now we both have to hope we can hold our tapers for another two weeks until sectionals."

Hogan was also 18th in the 50 freestyle in a field of 85 and 44th in the backstroke.

"I never swim the back, but what the heck. I was there, I could enter, so I did," Hogan said. "Doubt if I'll ever do it again."

Ickes was 27th in both the 200 individual medley and the 100 freestyle against 123 other entries and 39th in the 200 freestyle out of 99 entries.

"My personal best in the IM was a 2:18.79. I swam a 2:11.42 in prelims and a 2:12.77 at finals. I don't swim the IM very often, so it's nice to know I've done some improving there."

Said Moran, "For a freshman like Wasserman, Silverlake was a baptism by fire. She's never competed in a prelim-finals event before, and then of all things she decided to swim the 200 butterfly and 200 IM back to back. She made finals in the fly with a 2:29.15, so had to swim it twice in the same day."

Wasserman finished 30th in the event with a 35th in the IM.

She was 77th out of 147 in the 100 freestyle at 59.61 seconds and 70th out of 133 in the 200 freestyle.

"I've never swam against that many people in my life," Wasserman said. "There were 16 heats in the 100 free. Eleven girls had sectional times, and I just know some of them will make Nationals. Silverlake was awesome."



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# Swim teams small, mighty

## Ross bids farewell to six four-year letterwinners

News-Messenger reports

Seventeen Fremont Ross swimmers received letters from head coach Phil Moran at Tuesday's awards ceremony.

Moran told the swimmers and parents that this year's girls and boys team was the smallest in his nine years, but "everyone understood that their swim was important. Everyone did their best, and that's all a coach can ask."

"The girls were fifth at district meet, and, after losing nine seniors from last season, that just wasn't something we expected to happen. The boys made the district scoreboard on Saturday, and I just kept waiting for them to get



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bumped out, but some strong swims kept us there. This may not have ever been the largest number of swimmers we've ever put into districts, but it was the highest percentage."

Six lifetime swimmers who have lettered all four years will be graduating with the class of 2003. They are Wendy Farrell, Jenny Fate, Noah Grayson, Elliot Hogan, Brit

O'Connor and Brandon Spicer.

Coaches Moran and Tom Thomson awarded Farrell and Fate the Most Improved trophies.

"This is the most improved senior class I have ever seen as coach," Moran said. "Wendy turned in the third-fastest breaststroke time at District in my nine years.

Jenny Fate started the year with a one-minute, eight-second time in the 100 free. She ended with a 57 (seconds). There was a whole lot of hard work in between."

Moran called the three senior boys the glue that kept the boys team together. Five plaques on the pool-school record board at the Middle School will be changed. Duplicate plaques were awarded to the team members who broke those records. The girls 200 medley relay — including O'Connor, Farrell, Megan Wasserman and Jaymelee Glaspy — set a new mark at 1:57.84.

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## Ross swimmers rewarded for strong season

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O'Connor has left her name all over the record board. She owns the 50, 100 and 500 freestyle and the 100 backstroke pool records, the school record in the 100 backstroke and was also part of last year's record 400 freestyle relay team.

Elliot Hogan set a breaststroke record of 1:00.62 at the district meet.

"All day Saturday at districts, the kids were pretty quiet. I think they were afraid they'd jinx him, and his is one of the last events to swim," Moran said. "So Elliot's in the last, fastest heat, but some kid in the second heat goes a 1:01. Hogan's seed time was a 1:05. I saw him look up at the board and look away real fast. I thought 'Oh, no. Don't panic.'

"He was seeded third, and for the first 50, he and two other guys were head to head. Then he just exploded off the wall on his second

turn, pulled ahead and did a 15 (seconds) on that third lap. I actually started whooping, because I knew he'd bring the last 50 in under 34 seconds, and that would get him there. Everyone from Fremont was so focused on that race, they went nuts when he won it. I don't think it's a moment any of us will ever forget."

Hogan and O'Connor each received all-district and all-state honors, O'Connor in the 100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke and Hogan in the 100 breaststroke. They also received the team high-point trophies, O'Connor with 456 points earned throughout the season and Hogan with 386.

The award for most improved boy swimmer went to freshman Matt Bachelder. The Coach's Award for Outstanding Effort went to freshman Megan Wasserman and sophomore Jake Ickes. Both finished second in the team-point standings, Wasserman with 348.75 for the girls

and Ickes with 353.75 for the boys.

"This one's for doing what's asked ... and more. It's for doing what a swimmer ought to do: practicing hard, competing hard. That's Megan and Jake, every day," Moran said.

First-year letters were awarded to freshmen Heather Williams, Megan Wasserman, Matt Bachelder, Spencer Schabel and Kevin Held;

sophomores Emily Zamora, Derek Hill and Nate Bowen; and junior Stephanie Mullins.

Second-year lettermen included Emily Grayson, Jake Ickes and diver Zach Ramey.

Juniors Alan Gamble, Jaymelee Glaspy and Greg Van-Dyne all received third-year letters and were third-time district qualifiers.

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