

1975 Buckeye Conference...

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Sandusky picked to win BC meet

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"Sandusky should win it."

That's the general feeling around the Buckeye Conference before anybody gets wet in the annual Buckeye Conference Swim Meet.

The five-team meet will be held at Sandusky High School's six lane pool Saturday. Diving preliminaries are slated to begin at 10 a.m. with all finals beginning at 1 p.m.

The swimming races will be held in two heats with the five fastest times being awarded points on a 6, 4, 3, 2, 1 basis. The relay races will be only one heat apiece with points being awarded on a 12, 8, 6, 4, 2 scale.

Ross' Little Giants are the defending champions but will have to produce an outstanding effort to get past Sandusky and Findlay. On paper, the actual contest will be for second between the Little Giants and Findlay. Sandusky should win it . . . at least on paper that's the way it looks.

"Last year when Ross won the title," first year Ross coach Tim Loehr said, "we were not considered as a contender but we won it."

Ross just did win it by one-half of a point over the Blue Streaks, when it appeared that Findlay and Sandusky decided to swim against each other and not worry about the other teams.

That's not likely to happen this time around.

"We have an outside chance," Loehr contends but then modified that

statement by adding, "we are going to have to have some help from Findlay and the other teams if we hope to win it. We are banking on getting help from Findlay mainly while Findlay is hoping that we can help them with Sandusky."

The relay races figure to be the big races in the meet. The reason is pure mathematics. A team that can win both will pick up 24 points, a substantial edge on the other teams.

"We won both relays last year," Loehr said.

Loehr continued to talk about the meet. "We have quality swimmers this year but we do not have the real strong depth that we need. One thing we do have going for us is that everyone is healthy with the exception of Jim House and he is out for the season with a knee injury."

Ross' Kirk Hess, Marty Mason, and Scott Heschel, have the best shots at scoring victories for the Little Giants. Heschel will be in the diving while Mason will likely be in the free-style sprints. Hess can swim any event but Loehr is not divulging his lineup.

"That's part of the guesswork in a meet like this," the Ross coach said as he talked about the mental game that swim coaches play with each other. "The guess work with the lineup plus how much the kids want to win it."

The last part of that statement could be the key to the whole shebang. It was last year and it could be again for Ross this year.

Sandusky slips by Ross for BC swim title



SCOTT HESCHEL

... Ross diver finished third in BC meet

Two losses for Ross

TOLEDO — Ross closed out the wrestling regular season with a double loss against Whitmer and Mansfield Saturday. The Little Giants are idle until the sectional tournament on Feb. 28 and March 1.

Ross lost to host Whitmer, 41-18, and to Mansfield, 31-19. Whitmer edged Mansfield, 21-19, in that portion of the meet. In triangular scoring, Whitmer finished with 62; Mansfield had 50; and Ross, 37.

"We had a better overall record than usual," Ross coach Al Mathaias said. "Some of the younger wrestlers, especially Jim Smith, turned in good performances."

Smith, a heavyweight, and junior Tony Munoz along with Pete Werling, also a junior, were the only double winners for Ross.

Smith turned back Cliff Bartell of Whitmer, 9-4, and then pounded Mansfield's Norm Cushing, 12-0. Werling, 14, got a pair by pinning Pat Ibarra of Whitmer, 5-4, and then coming back to shutout Rick Owens of Mansfield, 9-0.

Munoz, now 20-0, for the season, turned in pins in the tri-meet. Against Mike Arveny of Whitmer, Munoz registered the match stopper at the three minute mark and against Mansfield's Tony Lee, the pin came 15 seconds into the second period.

A Ross pinning team set best record at 101 in Northeast Ohio at 91-1 before walking onto the mat against the Ross lightweight. The only loss was a 6-3 decision to Munoz in the Rogers Tournament.

Ross is surprising 2nd in three-team scramble

SANDUSKY — Ross nearly pulled off the impossible Saturday afternoon in the Buckeye Conference Swim Meet. The Little Giants, defending BC swimming champs, led the five-team meet up till the final race,

but Findlay, needing a second place finish to win the title, placed fourth and Sandusky, a top heavy favorite before the meet started, pulled out the win with a second place finish.

The second place finish gave the Blue Streaks 61 points, three better than Ross. Findlay was third with 57 points, while Marion was fourth with 28, and Mansfield Senior finished on the bottom with four.

"They (Sandusky) could win it by 10 or 12 points," Ross coach Tim Loehr had said earlier in the week but by the time the 1000 event was over Saturday, Ross held a 10-12 lead over Sandusky.

"I don't think any coach, school, or community could have or ever will be prouder of the performance that this team staged for Ross today," Loehr said as he handed out high praises for his undermanned club.

Ross had only 16 swimmers at the meet and the loss in the end, Sandusky's depth made the loss. The Blue Streaks have a squad of 35 and Findlay has a team of 35 points.

"Our problem," Loehr said, "is in which I am proud of the way my team handled it, has been that four veteran swimmers, for various reasons, decided not to come out this year. That, along with three quitters and their suspension for discipline, has forced us to have to rely on Jim House, our team at a disadvantage."

"Ever with those problems, Ross was highly respect in the Conference and the performance only raised that respect."

Ross took down four first places with Kirk Hess grabbing two and sophomore Hal Hawk another. The Little Giants also won the medley relay.

Hess set a new record in the 500-yard freestyle with a 5:08.2 and also paddled his way to the individual medley relay.

Hawk was a pleasant surprise to Loehr and assistant coach Art Bucci. The sophomore had finished first in the butterfly and admitted that he did not "feel comfortable" in the event.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Loehr's strategy for the big soap was to get off to a good start, and using a flip turn, lengthened his lead throughout the race. On the last turn at 75 yards, Hawk hit it perfectly and picked up a stroke on second place finisher, Bryan Brounseault of Sandusky. Hawk was timed in 1:04.9.

Hawthorne was the medley relay team with Hess, Kevin Case, and Marty Mason. That quartet recorded a 1:51.3 for the win.

"I'm afraid that I will make the mistake of not praising each one of our swimmers," Loehr said. "All of them performed in championship style ... it's just that, all of them turned in outstanding performances for us."

But Loehr was not all smiles, he took a swipe at some of the support shown for his team this year.

"Personally, I think it is a shame that our community has failed to come out and support us. There are many ex-swimmers, state champs, and others, that haven't even been to our meets," he said.

"The older generation likes to boast about how tough they had it, well, our fellows are still in the same pool they were in and perhaps, we may have it tougher than they did."



ROSS DIVER CAROL GOTTRON

... Miss Gottron finished eighth in the meet

BRETT MCKITTRICK, left, paddles toward a second place finish in the 200-yard freestyle. The Ross swimmer later finished third in the 100-yard freestyle sprint. At the right, Kevin Casey is not standing in the water, he is on the breaststroke leg of Ross' winning medley relay team.



Central Michigan takes over lead in MAC race

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The game of Russian Roulette, basketball style, continued for another week, that Mid-American Conference scramble.

For six straight weeks, the leader on Mondays has lost at least one game. The latest contender to feel the heat was Miami of Ohio, a 78-74 victim at Central Michigan on Tuesday.

So it's Central Michigan's turn as the new MAC pacemaker. The Chippewas, 6-3 and 0-1 ahead of 7-4 Rowling Green in

and James McElroy in the last 1½ minutes of game Central Michigan its margin of victory, stoking a 26-point wallop suffered at Miami.

McElroy flipped in 23 points and Helminski 21 before a record home crowd of 6,292. Steve Fields' 18 points paced the Redskins.

Don Parfitt, Central Michigan's coach, was cautious afterward.

"Toledo is the only game left on our schedule now," he said. "We can't look

—BC swim meet results—

TEAM STANDINGS —

Sandusky 61; Ross 57; Findlay 57;

Mars 26; Mansfield Senior 4

Events

Medley relay — Ross (Hal

Hawk, Kirk Hess, Kevin Casey,

Marty Mason) 2:15.7; Sandusky

1:52.4; Marion 1:54.7; Findlay

1:52.4; Mansfield Senior 2:00

200-yard freestyle — Jack

Waldock (S) 1:55.0; Brett

McElroy (R) 1:55.0; Fred Somerlot (M) 2:00.8; Gwil Evans (F) 2:01.1; Chuck Bennett (S) 2:03.5

Individual medley — Kirk Hess (R) 1:00.2; Marion 1:01.1; Findlay 1:01.1; Chip Palazzo (S) 2:15.7; Kevin Case (R) 2:22.2; Jim Gedding (M) 2:29.7

50-yard freestyle — Todd

Collier (R) 50.2; Jack

Wallock (S) 51.9; Chuck Bennett

(S) 52.3; Don Bahr (F) 54.6; Gary Bader (M) 54.6

Backstroke — Hal Hawk (R)

1:04.9; Bryan Brounseault (S)

1:04.9; Doug Virden (F) 1:06.7

Ted White (S) 1:07.3; Kevin

Breaststroke — Chip Palazzo (S)

1:08.2; Kevin Casey (R) 1:10.5;

Dave Arens (F) 1:10.5; New

Buckeye Conference record;

100-yard freestyle — New

Buckeye Conference record;

100-yard freestyle sprint —

Findlay (F) 50.9; New

Buckeye Conference record;

200-yard freestyle —

Sandusky 3:38.7; Marion 3:39.5;

Ross 3:44.2; Mansfield Senior

3:45.5

Freestyle relay — Findlay

1:51.3; Marion 1:52.4; New

Buckeye Conference record;

Medley relay — Findlay

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200-yard freestyle —

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Buckeye Conference record;

200-yard medley relay —

Findlay (F) 1:51.3; New

Buckeye Conference record;

400-yard medley relay —

Findlay (F) 3:45.5; New

Buckeye Conference record;

400-yard freestyle relay —

Findlay (F) 3:45.5; New

Buckeye Conference record;

400-yard freestyle sprint —

Findlay (F) 3:45.5; New

Buckeye Conference record;

400-yard butterfly relay —

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Buckeye Conference record;

400-yard butterfly sprint —

Findlay (F) 3:45.5; New

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400-yard backstroke relay —

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400-yard butterfly medley relay —

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