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HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Little Giants off to great start in new pool

By ANDY HOGAN
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The new swim facility at Fremont Ross was dedicated at the season's first meet against long-time rival Sandusky on Tuesday, with a formal ceremony and a new school record.

The meet was the 119th meeting between the Little Giants and Sandusky, stretching back to 1933.

The Ross boys won 107-76 on Tuesday while the girls won 106-70. The Little Giants captured 18 of 24 events overall as the boys took 10 and the girls eight.

Jacque Fate, Jessica Ickes, Chris Beier, Josh Bowen and Fahrbach won two events each. Tom Holman took the boys 500 yard freestyle and Brian Hoelze the 50 yard freestyle.

Brittany Stout won the girls diving competition, Caley Miller the 100 yard butterfly and Staci Zimmerman the 100 yard breaststroke.

"This was a good opening meet," said Ross coach Phil Moran. "We saw a number of personal best times by our swimmers. They have been working hard and with the new pool we

are better equipped to realize their full potential."

Betty Weltin, class of 1934, George Hirshberger, state champ in 1951, 52 and 53, long-time record holder Mike Mowry, Donna Fate, one of Fremont's first female letter winners, coaches, officials and team captains officiated as a ceremonial bottle of water from the old junior high pool was poured into the new pool.

Over the years Fremont swimmers have won seven state championships, five runner-up finishes, set three national records, and at

least 20 state records, dating back to the 1930s and 1950s.

The first meet in the new pool was dedicated to the memory of Earl Christy, who passed away Tuesday morning. Christy was the 1939 State Diving Champion, and a two-time All American.

In August, Christy dedicated the diving well by doing two dives on his 85th birthday.

"When we learned Mr. Christy passed away, we decided to dedicate the meet to him," said Little Giants team captain Andre Velez. "To think he could do those dives

at age 85 is amazing."

The new record board was also dedicated to the memory of Wilma Hetrick, a long-time swim parent and booster. Ross junior Lincoln Fahrbach's time of 53.97 in the 100 yard backstroke will be the first new school record recorded on it.

The old record of 55.80 was set by Ross assistant coach Josh Fate in 1998. Athletic Director Art Bucci presented closing remarks and thanked the Fremont Area Foundation for all their hard work in bringing the new pool to fruition.

Swimming

High School Boys

Ross 107, Sandusky 76

Tuesday

200 Medley Relay: 1. Ross (Lincoln Fahrbach, Josh Bowen, Andre Velez, Chris Beier) 1:47.38, 2. Ross (Erick White, Brian Hoelzle, Kyle J. Wasserman, Adam C. Widman) 1:55.97, 5. Ross (Brad Osborne, Michael J. Yuhas, DJ Tucker, Eric Hottinger) 2:11.24.

200 Free: 1. Beier (R) 1:58.73, 4. Jordan Beck (R) 2:09.73, 5. Dexter Foos (R) 2:18.78.

200 IM: 1. Josh Bowen (R) 2:21.63, 2. Velez (R) 2:24.19, 3. Wasserman (R) 2:26.36.

50 Free: 1. Brian Hoelzle (R) 25.23, 4. Widman (R) 25.71.

1 Mtr Diving: 1. Nate Wahl (S) 139.30, 3. Ethan Ackerman (R) 130.90.

100 Fly: 1. Fahrbach (R) 53.81, 2. Wasserman (R) 1:01.06, 3. Thomas Hohman (R) 1:03.18.

100 Free: 1. Chris Beier (R) 52.49, 5. Brad Osborne (R) 59.24.

500 Free: 1. Hohman (R) 5:38.61, 2. White (R) 5:39.61, 3. Velez (R) 5:52.04.

200 Free Relay: 1. Sandusky 1:41.51, 2. Ross (Widman, Beck, Osborne, White) 1:43.29, 4. Ross (Hohman, Joe Woughter, Hottinger, Erik Schroeder) 2:04.81.

100 Back: 1. Fahrbach (R) 53.97, 4. White (R) 1:10.72.

100 Breast: 1. Bowen (R) 1:09.79, 4. Hoelzle (R) 1:17.31, 5. Osborne (R) 1:19.78.

400 Free Relay: 1. Ross (Fahrbach, Beier, Velez, Bowen) 3:37.34, 4. Ross (Hohman, Widman, Hoelzle, Beck) 4:05.33.

High School Girls

Ross 106, Sandusky 70

Tuesday

200 Medley Relay: 1. Ross (Jessica Ickes, Staci Zimmerman, Caley Miller, Jacque Fate) 2:03.30, 3. Ross (Katie Fisher, Carly Young, Brooke Ratcliff, Brittnay Slaughter) 2:13.89, 4. Ross (Courtney Gabel, Ellen Defrance, Julie Overmyer, Stephanie Walther) 2:21.03.

200 Free: 1. Fate (R) 2:09.08, 4. Robyn Edar (R) 2:36.43, 5. Slaughter (R) 2:40.49.

200 IM: 1. Ickes (R) 2:20.97, 2. Miller (R) 2:39.30, 3. Alyssa Moyer (R) 2:41.21, 4. Jenn Serrick (R) 2:45.52.

50 Free: 1. Ellen Prout (S) 26.98, 2. Zimmerman (R) 29.65, 3. Gabel (R) 30.31, 4. Hanna Morris (R) 31.06, 5. Jenn Serrick (R) 31.13.

1 Mtr Diving: 1. Brittany Stout (R) 132.40.

100 Fly: 1. Miller (R) 1:12.05, 2. Julie Overmyer (R) 1:14.79.

100 Free: 1. Prout (S) 1:01.51, 3. Morris (R) 1:06.81, 4. Fisher (R) 1:07.74, 5. Defrance (R) 1:09.28.

500 Free: 1. Ickes (R) 5:35.09, 3. Slaughter (R) 6:32.63, 4. Overmyer (R) 6:42.50, 5. Edgar (R) 7:46.64.

200 Free Relay: 1. Sandusky 1:54.13, 2. Ross (Stephanie Walther, Emily Haubert, Moyer, Zimmerman) 2:01.00, 3. Ross (Overmyer, Morris, Fisher, Edgar) 2:05.53, 5. Ross (Young, Ali Miller, Cordula Andres, Brittany Hausman) 2:18.83.

100 Back: 1. Fate (R) 1:05.88, 2. Moyer (R) 1:15.81, 4. Katie Fisher (R) 1:19.26, 5. Stephanie Walther (R) 1:21.95.

100 Breast: 1. Zimmerman (R) 1:20.72, 4. Gabel (R) 1:28.36.

400 Free Relay: 1. Sandusky 4:13.36, 2. Ross (Miller, Slaughter, Haubert, Ickes) 1:00.55, 3. Ross (Moyer, Jenn Serrick, Morris, Fate) 4:20.57.

Ross boys tie Northview

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The Fremont Ross boys swim team remains undefeated following a 90-90 tie at home against Sylvania Northview on Tuesday. Sylvania finished 2, 3, 4, and 5 in the final individual event, the 100 yard breaststroke, and finished first in the final freestyle relay to close the gap and get the tie.

Lincoln Fahrbach won the 100 and 200 yard freestyle events, beating his best time of 1:46:86, set at the 2006 District Meet, by just over a second. Chris Beier swam a 5:13:31 in the 500 yard freestyle for second, a drop of just over eleven seconds for his personal best. Other first place finishers with personal best times included Kyle Wasserman in the 100 yard butterfly 1:00:43 and Erick White in the 100 yard backstroke 1:06:28. Josh Bowen won the 100 yard breaststroke in 1:10:45. White, Bowen, Wasserman and Brian Hoelzle won the 200 yard medley relay. In all the boys turned in a total of 19 personal best times.

Sylvania Northview girls defeated the Lady Giants, 115-70, despite 13 personal best times turned in by the Fremont swimmers. Jessica Ickes won the 200 yard freestyle with a personal best of 2:03:17, and Jacque Fate took both the 100 yard freestyle in 55:69, and the 200 yard individual medley in 2:22:92, shaving nearly 8 seconds off her 2006 IM District time. Divers Brittany Stout and Emma Ellenberger finished second and third. Ickes, Fate, Caley Miller and Amy Kim won the 200 yard freestyle relay.

"With swimmers going faster than

last year's district times this early in the season, I'd say we have a lot to look forward to," said Head Coach Phil Moran.

Girls basketball

The Lakota girls basketball team played close with Liberty-Benton for three quarters.

But the first quarter cost them.

The Eagles outscored the Raiders 14-3 in the first period en route to a 40-27 out-of-conference win.

Cami Wasserman led the Raiders (0-3) with seven points, while Alison Park had six. Park also led the team with seven rebounds.

Erica Williman led all scorers with 14 points for Liberty-Benton (2-1). Lakota shot just 20 percent from the floor.

Oak Harbor-Perkins

The Rockets hung with Sandusky Bay Conference rival Perkins into the fourth quarter, but the Pirates pulled away for a 53-33 win.

Oak Harbor was only trailing by five going into the fourth quarter, 31-26, but the Pirates, led by Cierra Bravard's eight fourth-quarter points, went on a 22-7 run for the win. Bravard, the SBC player of the year, finished with 26 to lead all scorers.

"Our girls really did a great job of going at Perkins," said Rockets coach Dick Heller. "We just could not stop the inside game in the fourth quarter."

Marisa Bergman led Oak Harbor with seven points.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Fahrbach achieves a Giant first

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross swimmer Lincoln Fahrbach took the school's first ever, first place boys finish at the Ned Reeb Memorial Invitational on Saturday at Ohio State University against 64 of the state's top teams. Eight Little Giant boys and seven girls met the qualifying standards to swim the meet.

Fahrbach won the 100 yard freestyle in 1:45.50, finished sixth in the 100 yard backstroke at 55:58 and swam a 50 yard split time of 21.11 (the meet's fastest) in the boys 200 free relay. Fahrbach, Chris Beier, Josh Bowen and Andre Velez were eighth in the event.

The same relay group finished 10th in the 400 free, and the boys team was 10th overall.

The Little Giants' Jessica Ickes swam a season best time of 1:01.60 in the 100 butterfly for sixth place, and finished 11th in the 100 free. Jacque Fate took sixth in the 50 free.

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Ickes, Fate, Calley Miller and Staci Zimmerman swam a 1:46.58 in the 200 free relay for ninth place, took 13th in the girls 400 free relay and finished 13th overall.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Fahrbach sets Ross record

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Ross junior swimmer Lincoln Fahrbach set his sixth school record Tuesday when he broke a 24-year-old mark in the 500-meter freestyle during a dual meet with Port Clinton.

It was certainly news to him to break the record this year — let alone in midseason.

"I really expected to save that one for my senior year," he said.

The Ross boys blew the Redskins out of the water, winning 128-57. The girls got a non-conference win as well, beating Port Clinton 96-89.

Fahrbach took eight sec-

onds off his personal best time to beat Chris Black's 1982 record of 4:52.20.

Fahrbach's other records include the 50 and 100 free, 100 butterfly, 100 backstroke, and he helped set the 200 free relay record last year. Black still holds the individual medley record of 1:56.93 and his 400 free relay team record remains unbeaten.

"On my last breath I saw 4:40 on the board," said Fahrbach after the meet, "so I gave everything I had to get in there. I took it out slow, hoping I'd have enough for the end."

That leaves just three personal events that Fahrbach doesn't own —

the IM, the 100 breaststroke and the 200 free, the last of which he says he hopes to break yet this year.

Ross' Kyle Wasserman beat Port Clinton's Adam Hehr; 2:03.26 to 2:05.26 in the 200 free. The Little Giants' Tom Hohman, Brian Hoelzle and Michael Yuhas went 1-2-3 in the 200 individual medley; Jordan Beck, Adam Widman and DJ Tucker 1-2-3 in the 50 free; and Erick White, Hoelzle and Hohman the same in the 100 backstroke. Ethan Ackerman (F) scored 164.90 points in a 1st in diving. Josh Bowen (F) and Wasserman went 1-2 in the 100 butterfly. Port Clinton's Justin Que won the 100 free,

and PC's Adam Hehr, Paul Schellin and Dan Stewart went 1-2-3 in the 100 breaststroke. Fremont won all three relays.

The Lady Giants took 9 of their 12 events against Port Clinton, with key first place wins by Amy Kim in the 50 free (28.79) over the Redskins' Margaret Lili (29.89). Fremont's Jordyn Gallagher outscored Molly Garber in diving, 129.55 points to 121.90. Caley Miller of Ross took the 500 free over Brooke Overberg, 5:53.41 to 6:02.48. Jacque Fate went 1:08.41 to win the 100 backstroke over Julia Schneider, and Jessica Ickes won the 100 breaststroke with a 1:14.84, and the Fremont Lady Giants won all three relays.

"A lot of the younger swimmers have stepped up and are swimming personal best times," said coach Phil Moran. "I think I'll be saying that a lot this year."



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PORT CLINTON'S Leah Below swims in the 500 freestyle at Fremont Ross High School on Tuesday.

Swimming

High School Boys

Fremont Ross 128, Port Clinton 57

200 Medley Relay: 1. Fremont Ross High School 'A' (Lincoln Fahrbach, Josh Bowen, Andre Velez, Chris Beier) 1:47.87, 2. Fremont Ross High School 'B' (Brian Hoelzie, Michael Yuhas, DJ Tucker, Erick White) 2:01.70, 3. Port Clinton High School 'A' (Paul Schellin, Adam Hehr, David Allen, Harry Baldwin) 2:05.29, 4. Fremont Ross High School 'C' (Dexter Foos, Erik Schroeder, Brad Osborne, Adam Widman) x2:19.10.

200 Freestyle: 1. Kyle Wasserman 2:03.26 Fremont, 2. Adam Hehr 2:05.76 PTCL, 3. Kevin Donnelly 2:07.99 PTCL, 4. Adam Widman 2:18.09 Fremont, 5. Jamie Que 2:33.73 PTCL, 6. Abe Woods x2:38.30 PTCL, 7. Joe Woughter 2:56.90 Fremont, 8. Justin Simpson x3:01.58 Fremont.

200 IM: 1. Thomas Hohman 2:27.57 Fremont, 2. Brian Hoelzie 2:29.69 Fremont, 3. Michael Yuhas 2:33.03 Fremont, 4. Daniel Stewart 2:37.32 PTCL, 5. AJ Boissonault 2:41.79 PTCL, 6. David Allen 2:44.61 PTCL.

50 Freestyle: 1. Jordan Beck 24.80 Fremont, 2. Adam Widman 25.14 Fremont, 3. DJ Tucker 26.58 Fremont, 4. Harry Baldwin 26.87 PTCL, 5. Tim McLean 27.62 PTCL, 6. Eric Hottinger x29.38 Fremont, 7. Evan Sneath 29.94 PTCL, 8. Jamie Que x30.12 PTCL, 9. Joshua Hepp x32.71 PTCL.

1 Mtr Diving: 1. Ethan Ackerman 164.90 Fremont, 2. Daniel Leidheiser 148.00 PTCL, 3. Kraig Paulson 113.00 Fremont, 4. Duncan Moor 78.70 Fremont.

100 Butterfly: 1. Josh Bowen 1:00.77 Fremont, 2. Kyle Wasserman 1:01.06 Fremont, 3. Paul Schellin 1:13.68 PTCL, 4. Brad Osborne 1:16.94 Fremont, 5. Kevin Donnelly 1:17.85 PTCL, 6. David Allen 1:19.52 PTCL.

100 Freestyle: 1. Justin Que 54.31 PTCL, 2. Andre Velez 55.30 Fremont, 3. Jordan Beck 56.90 Fremont, 4. Dexter Foos 59.74 Fremont, 5. Dayne McDonough 1:05.20 PTCL, 6. Harry Baldwin 1:06.50 PTCL, 7. AJ Boissonault x1:07.21 PTCL, 8. Eric Hottinger x1:08.94 Fremont.

500 Freestyle: 1. Lincoln Fahrbach 4:50.65 Fremont, 2. Chris Beier 5:20.33 Fremont, 3. Justin Que 5:36.40 PTCL, 4. Randall Ruggles 6:11.34 PTCL, 5. Tim McLean 6:21.01 PTCL, 6. Abe Woods x7:07.21 PTCL.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. Fremont Ross High School 'A' (Lincoln Fahrbach, Dexter Foos, Andre Velez, DJ Tucker) 1:39.19, 2. Fremont Ross High School 'B' (Brian Hoelzie, Thomas Hohman, Chris Beier, Erick White) 1:40.03, 3. Port Clinton High School 'A' (Adam Hehr, Daniel Stewart, Paul Schellin, Justin Que) 1:43.29, 4. Fremont Ross High School 'C' (Jordan Beck, Josh Bowen, Kyle Wasserman, Eric Hottinger) x1:44.71, 5. Port Clinton High School 'D' (Isaac Hepp, Jamie Que, Abe Woods, Joshua Hepp) 2:05.49.

100 Back: 1. Erick White 1:07.48 Fremont, 2. Brian Hoelzie 1:11.55 Fremont, 3. Thomas Hohman 1:12.99 Fremont, 4. Dayne McDonough 1:27.00 PTCL, 5. Evan Sneath 1:28.78 PTCL, 6. Justin Simpson x1:31.35 Fremont, 7. Joe Woughter x1:41.75 Fremont.

100 Breast: 1. Adam Hehr 1:11.08 PTCL, 2. Paul Schellin 1:13.75 PTCL, 3. Daniel Stewart 1:14.58 PTCL, 4. Michael Yuhas 1:20.44 Fremont, 5. Brad Osborne 1:20.73 Fremont, 6. Isaac Hepp x1:21.37 PTCL, 7. Randall Ruggles x1:23.05 PTCL, 8. Dexter Foos 1:23.84 Fremont.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Fremont Ross High School 'B' (Chris Beier, Jordan Beck, Kyle Wasserman, Erick White) 3:47.14, 2. Fremont Ross High School 'A' (DJ Tucker, Brad Osborne, Lincoln Fahrbach, Michael Yuhas) 3:47.82, 3. Fremont Ross High School 'C' (Andre Velez, Josh Bowen, Justin Simpson, Thomas Hohman) x4:06.34, 4. Port Clinton High School 'A' (Kevin Donnelly, Tim McLean, David Allen, Daniel Stewart) 4:12.27, 5. Port Clinton High School 'B' (Dayne McDonough, Randall Ruggles, Evan Sneath, Jamie Que) 4:36.21.

High School Girls

Fremont Ross 96, Port Clinton 89

200 Medley Relay: 1. Fremont Ross High School 'A' (Caley Miller, Jessica Ickes, Jacque Fate, Staci Zimmerman) 2:06.49, 2. Port Clinton High School 'A' (Margaret Lille, Julia Schneider, Jessica Schroeder, Alex Moore) 2:10.79, 3. Fremont Ross High School 'B' (Alyssa Moyer, Courtney Gabel, Jenn Serrick, Amy Kim) 2:14.38, 4. Port Clinton High School 'B' (Shelly Wagner, Jessica Rodwancy, Emily Provonsha, Corene Nickel) 2:17.66, 5. Fremont Ross High School 'C' (Brittany Hausman, Ali Miller, Julie Overmyer, Ellen Defrance) x2:20.18, 6. Port Clinton High School 'D' (Melissa Dodge, Courtney Waite, Hanna Below, Paige Stevenson) x2:25.62, 7. Port Clinton High School 'C' (Kelsey Lindsley, Michelle Hablitzel, Elissa Barnes, Erika Bailey) x2:26.22.

200 Freestyle: 1. Brooke Overberg 2:14.61 PTCL, 2. Staci Zimmerman 2:17.75 Fremont, 3. Jenn Serrick 2:21.52 Fremont, 4. Alyssa Moyer 2:33.88 Fremont, 5. Erika Bailey 2:36.61 PTCL, 6. Lana Sneath 2:39.24 PTCL, 7. Emily Roder x2:43.60 PTCL, 8. Hannah White x2:48.45 Fremont, 9. Ashley Wood x2:54.34 Fremont, 10. Ashley Brown x2:55.03 PTCL.

200 IM: 1. Shelly Wagner 2:37.62 PTCL, 2. Lorraine Boissoneault 2:45.44 PTCL, 3. Kelsey Lindsley 2:48.74 PTCL, 4. Julie Overmyer 2:48.97 Fremont, 5. Brittney Slaughter 2:54.21 Fremont, 6. Brooke Ratcliff 2:56.84 Fremont, 7. Courtney Gabel x2:57.41 Fremont, 8. Stephanie Walther x2:57.85 Fremont, 9. Alex Moore x2:57.98 PTCL.

50 Freestyle: 1. Amy Kim 28.79 Fremont, 2. Margaret Lille 29.89 PTCL, 3. Hanna Below 30.09 PTCL, 4. Ellen Defrance 30.21 Fremont, 5. Hanna Morris 30.51 Fremont, 6. Paige Stevenson 31.77 PTCL, 7. Halley Bower x32.14 Fremont, 8. Jeni Clawson x34.17 PTCL, 9. Andrea DeLeon x34.71 PTCL, 10. Cordula Andres x40.57 Fremont.

1 Mtr Diving: 1. Jordyn Gallagher 129.55 Fremont, 2. Molly Garber 121.90 PTCL, 3. Emma Ellenberger 110.65 Fre-

mont, 4. Macy Caldwell 102.10 PTCL, 100 Butterfly: 1. Julia Schneider 1:05.17 PTCL, 2. Julie Overmyer 1:15.44 Fremont, 3. Jessica Schroeder 1:17.01 PTCL, 4. Brooke Ratcliff 1:22.22 Fremont, 5. Emily Provonsha 1:26.01 PTCL, 6. Hanna Below x1:26.80 PTCL, 7. Stephanie Walther 1:28.45 Fremont, 8. Elissa Barnes x1:31.58 PTCL.

100 Freestyle: 1. Corene Nickel 1:03.39 PTCL, 2. Alex Moore 1:06.51 PTCL, 3. Robyn Edgar 1:09.85 Fremont, 4. Lana Sneath 1:10.97 PTCL, 5. Ali Miller 1:11.64 Fremont, 6. Emily Haubert 1:12.28 Fremont, 7. Halley Bower x1:13.20 Fremont, 8. Emily Roder x1:14.65 PTCL, 9. Emily Davenport x1:16.64 PTCL, 10. Alayna Dorobek x1:18.50 Fremont.

500 Freestyle: 1. Caley Miller 5:53.41

Fremont, 2. Brooke Overberg 6:02.48

PTCL, 3. Jenn Serrick 6:17.72 Fremont,

4. Jessica Rodwancy 6:24.88 PTCL, 5.

Hanna Morris 6:32.72 Fremont, 6. Alyssa

Moyer x6:49.08 Fremont, 7. Amy Kim

x6:49.41 Fremont, 8. Leah Below 7:07.60

PTCL, 9. Ashley Brown x8:02.88 PTCL,

10. Sarah Higgins x8:05.18 PTCL.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. Fremont Ross High School 'A' (Staci Zimmerman, Caley Miller, Jessica Ickes, Jacque Fate) 1:46.70, 2. Port Clinton High School 'A' (Margaret Lille, Brooke Overberg, Corene Nickel, Lorraine Boissoneault) 1:54.78, 3. Fremont Ross High School 'B' (Carly Young, Stephanie Walther, Brooke Ratcliff, Courtney Gabel) 1:57.60, 4. Port Clinton High School 'D' (Lana Sneath, Michelle Hablitzel, Kelsey Lindsley, Paige Stevenson) 2:07.19, 5. Port Clinton High School 'E' (Jessica Schroeder, Courtney Waite, Hanna Below, Leah Below) x2:07.28, 6. Fremont Ross High School 'C' (Ali Miller, Alayna Dorobek, Robyn Edgar, Ellen Defrance) x2:07.52, 7. Port Clinton High School 'B' (Kate Hickman, Ashley Batterton, Emily Provonsha, Heather Hayes) x2:13.85, 8. Fremont Ross High School 'D' (Emily Haubert, Brittany Hausman, Cordula Andres, Ashley Wood) x2:17.72, 9. Port Clinton High School 'C' (Jeni Clawson, Emily Roder, Andrea DeLeon, Emily Davenport) x2:18.51.

100 Back: 1. Jacque Fate 1:08.41 Fremont, 2. Julia Schneider 1:11.75 PTCL, 3. Shelly Wagner 1:14.89 PTCL, 4. Staci Zimmerman 1:15.81 Fremont, 5. Brittney Slaughter 1:21.67 Fremont, 6. Kelsey Lindsley 1:22.94 PTCL, 7. Melissa Dodge x1:23.25 PTCL, 8. Robyn Edgar x1:25.47 Fremont, 9. Leah Below x1:27.66 PTCL, 10. Hannah White x1:32.47 Fremont.

100 Breast: 1. Jessica Ickes 1:14.84 Fremont, 2. Lorraine Boissoneault 1:18.63 PTCL, 3. Carly Young 1:22.13 Fremont, 4. Jessica Rodwancy 1:22.69 PTCL, 5. Courtney Waite 1:27.10 PTCL, 6. Michelle Hablitzel x1:27.81 PTCL, 7. Ali Miller 1:31.59 Fremont, 8. Brittany Hausman, x1:34.14 Fremont, 9. Kate Hickman x1:36.70 PTCL.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Fremont Ross High School 'A' (Amy Kim, Caley Miller, Jessica Ickes, Jacque Fate) 3:58.50, 2. Port Clinton High School 'B' (Shelly Wagner, Julia Schneider, Jessica Schroeder, Lorraine Boissoneault) 4:23.15, 3. Port Clinton High School 'A' (Margaret Lille, Brooke Overberg, Corene Nickel, Alex Moore) 4:25.41, 4. Fremont Ross High School 'B' (Jenn Serrick, Alyssa Moyer, Hanna Morris, Stephanie Walther) 4:30.52, 5. Fremont Ross High School 'C' (Brooke Ratcliff, Ellen Defrance, Brittney Slaughter, Carly Young) x4:32.52, 6. Port Clinton High School 'C' (Jessica Rodwancy, Melissa Dodge, Courtney Waite, Paige Stevenson) x4:47.16, 7. Fremont Ross High School 'D' (Julie Overmyer, Hannah White, Courtney Gabel, Brittany Hausman) x4:58.06, 8. Port Clinton High School 'E' (Erika Bailey, Elissa Barnes, Andrea DeLeon, Jeni Clawson) x5:01.98, 9. Port Clinton High School 'D' (Kate Hickman, Ashley Batterton, Emily Provonsha, Leah Below) x5:13.95.

Swimming

High School Boys

Fremont Ross 119, Findlay 67

Boys 200 Yard Medley Relay

1, Fremont Ross High School 'A' (Lincoln D Fahrbach JR, Josh P Bowen SR, Andre R Velez SR, Chris Beier SR), 1:46.87. 3, Fremont Ross High School 'B' (Erick A White SO, Brian Hoelzle SO, Thomas J Hohman FR, Jordan D Beck SO), 1:55.71. 5, Fremont Ross High School 'C' (Dexter Foos FR, Michael J Yuhas SO, DJ Tucker JR, Erik Schroeder SR), x2:06.23.

Boys 200 Yard Freestyle

1, Chris Beier, Fremont, 1:57.14. 3, Erick A White, Fremont, 2:06.74. 4, Jordan D Beck, Fremont, 2:10.15. 5, Brad A Osborne, Fremont, x2:17.87. 6

Boys 200 Yard IM

1, Chris R Price, Findlay, 2:09.43. 2, Kyle J Wasserman, Fremont, 2:20.64. 3, Andre R Velez, Fremont, 2:23.10. 5, Michael J Yuhas, Fremont, 2:33.98. 7, DJ Tucker, Fremont, x2:35.95.

Boys 50 Yard Freestyle

1, Lincoln D Fahrbach, Fremont, 21.80. 2, Adam C Widman, Fremont, 24.95. 3, Brian Hoelzle, Fremont, 24.98. 8, Eric Hottinger, Fremont, x29.11. 10, Joe Woughter, Fremont, x33.90.

Boys 1 mtr Diving

1, Jordan B Betscher, Findlay, 171.50. 2, Ethan Ackerman, Fremont, 161.15. 5, Duncan J Moor, Fremont, 67.30.

Boys 100 Yard Butterfly

1, Josh P Bowen, Fremont, 1:00.06. 2, Kyle J Wasserman, Fremont, 1:00.41. 3, Thomas J Hohman, Fremont, 1:02.67

Boys 100 Yard Freestyle

1, Adam C Widman, Fremont, 55.80. 3, DJ Tucker, Fremont, 58.93. 4, Dexter Foos, Fremont, 59.54. 7, Erik Schroeder, Fremont, x1:02.42.

Boys 500 Yard Freestyle

1, Chris Beier, Fremont, 5:11.93. 3, Thomas J Hohman, Fremont, 5:43.74. 7, Justin K Simpson, Fremont, 8:24.93.

Boys 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

1, Fremont Ross High School 'A' (Andre R Velez SR, Brian Hoelzle SO, Jordan D Beck SO, Adam C Widman SO), 1:38.04. 3, Fremont Ross High School 'B' (Kyle J Wasserman SO, Dexter Foos FR, Brad A Osborne JR, DJ Tucker JR), 1:44.69. 6, Fremont Ross High School 'C' (Michael J Yuhas SO, Justin K Simpson FR, Eric Hottinger SR, Joe Woughter SO), x2:05.73.

Boys 100 Yard Backstroke

1, Josh P Bowen, Fremont, 1:05.20. 2, Erick A White, Fremont, 1:06.65. 4, Dexter Foos, Fremont, 1:14.57. 6, Erik Schroeder, Fremont, x1:15.05.

Boys 100 Yard Breaststroke

1, Lincoln D Fahrbach, Fremont, 1:04.54. 6, Brian Hoelzle, Fremont, 1:19.20. 8, Brad A Osborne, Fremont, 1:19.86. 9, Michael J Yuhas, Fremont, x1:22.11.

Boys 400 Yard Freestyle Relay

1, Fremont Ross High School 'A' (Chris Beier SR, Andre R Velez SR, Josh P Bowen SR, Lincoln D Fahrbach JR), 3:31.78. 3, Fremont Ross High School 'B' (Adam C Widman SO, Kyle J Wasserman SO, Jordan D Beck SO, Erick A White SO), 3:43.53. 6, Fremont Ross High School 'C' (Thomas J Hohman FR, Eric Hottinger SR, Justin K Simpson FR, Erik Schroeder SR), x4:36.04. 7, Findlay High School 'D' (Curtis E Deal SO, Derek Leonard SR, Travis A Line FR, Nick J Taylor FR), x5:14.46.

High School Girls

Findlay 124, Fremont 62

Girls 200 Yard Medley Relay

1, Findlay High School 'A' (Annie M Donovan JR, Jackie E Walsh SR, Nicole M Schrensky FR, Amy M Zelinsky SO), 1:59.25. 3, Fremont Ross High School 'A' (Alyssa L Moyer SO, Staci L Zimmerman SR, Jenn M Serrick JR, Amy Kim JR), 2:11.14. 4, Fremont Ross High School 'B' (Brittany M Hausman SR, Carly Young FR, Julie Overmyer SO, Ellen T DeFrance SO), 2:18.69. 5, Fremont Ross High School 'C' (Stephanie J Walther JR, Ali Miller FR, Katie L Fisher SO, Alayna Dorobek SO), x2:26.99.

Girls 200 Yard Freestyle

1, Alli E Church, Findlay, 2:02.92. 2, Jacque N Fate, Fremont, 2:04.67. 5, Brittnay A Slaughter, Fremont, 2:32.36. 6, Ellen T DeFrance, Fremont, x2:36.01. 6, Robyn Edgar, Fremont, x2:36.01.

Girls 200 Yard IM

1, Jenna J Seuch, Findlay, 2:18.16. 2, Jessica R Ickes, Fremont, 2:18.67. 4, Staci L Zimmerman, Fremont, 2:36.23. 6, Jenn M Serrick, Fremont, 2:40.62. 8, Katie L Fisher, Fremont, x2:48.82. 9, Brittany M Hausman, Fremont, x3:08.88.

Girls 50 Yard Freestyle

1, Annie M Donovan, Findlay, 25.28. 3, Caley A Miller, Fremont, 27.04. 5, Amy Kim, Fremont, 28.99. 7, Alyssa L Moyer, Fremont, 29.72. 9, Hanna L Morris, Fremont, x29.89. 10, Alayna Dorobek, Fremont, x31.79.

Girls 1 mtr Diving

1, Tori A Mosser, Findlay, 160.65. 3, Brittany Stout, Fremont, 140.80. 4, Jordyn Gallagher, Fremont, 129.50. 7, Emma Ellebenberger, Fremont, 110.55.

Girls 100 Yard Butterfly

1, Jenna J Seuch, Findlay, 1:00.98. 2, Jessica R Ickes, Fremont, 1:01.16. 4, Julie Overmyer, Fremont, 1:15.92. 5, Jenn M Serrick, Fremont, 1:17.58.

Girls 100 Yard Freestyle

1, Jacque N Fate, Fremont, 55.16. 5, Caley A Miller, Fremont, 59.70. 6, Amy Kim, Fremont, 1:03.96. 7, Hanna L Morris, Fremont, x1:05.93. 9, Ellen T DeFrance, Fremont, x1:06.86.

Girls 500 Yard Freestyle

1, Deidra L Weber, Findlay, 6:02.03. 3, Brittnay A Slaughter, Fremont, 6:38.04. 4, Julie Overmyer, Fremont, 6:38.27. 5, Katie L Fisher, Fremont, 6:50.94. 6, Courtney Gabel, Fremont, x7:13.16.

Girls 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

1, Findlay High School 'A' (Amy M Zelinsky SO, Alli E Church JR, Jess R Braddock FR, Annie M Donovan JR), 1:43.59. 2, Fremont Ross High School 'A' (Jessica R Ickes JR, Amy Kim JR, Caley A Miller SR, Jacque N Fate JR), 1:46.17. 4, Fremont Ross High School 'B' (Carly Young FR, Stephanie J Walther JR, Brooke Ratcliff SO, Courtney Gabel FR), 1:59.59. 5, Fremont Ross High School 'C' (Ali Miller FR, Alayna Dorobek SO, Emily Haubert SO, Ellen T DeFrance SO), x2:06.03. 8, Fremont Ross High School 'D' (Robyn Edgar JR, Julie C Auen SO, Cordula Andres SR, Ashley Wood SO), x2:20.53. 9, Findlay High School 'E' (Tori A Mosser JR, Molly K Parsons FR, Kaylee S. Obenour JR, Cata I Uribe JR), x2:20.77.

Girls 100 Yard Backstroke

1, Annie M Donovan, Findlay, 1:08.25. 3, Alyssa L Moyer, Fremont, 1:14.53. 5, Stephanie J Walther, Fremont, 1:22.54. 6, Brittany M Hausman, Fremont, 1:23.72. 7, Robyn Edgar, Fremont, x1:23.87. 9, Hannah J White, Fremont, x1:30.81.

Girls 100 Yard Breaststroke

1, Jackie E Walsh, Findlay, 1:16.23. 3, Staci L Zimmerman, Fremont, 1:18.17. 4, Carly Young, Fremont, 1:20.55. 5, Courtney Gabel, Fremont, 1:28.97. 7, Ali Miller, Fremont, x1:32.17. 9, Hannah J White, Fremont, x1:37.25. --.

Girls 400 Yard Freestyle Relay

1, Findlay High School 'A' (Jess R Braddock FR, Jenna J Seuch JR, Deidra L Weber JR, Alli E Church JR), 3:52.25. 2, Fremont Ross High School 'A' (Jessica R Ickes JR, Staci L Zimmerman SR, Caley A Miller SR, Jacque N Fate JR), 3:53.57. 3, Fremont Ross High School 'B' (Jenn M Serrick JR, Hanna L Morris SO, Alyssa L Moyer SO, Stephanie J Walther JR), 4:31.90. 5, Fremont Ross High School 'C' (Brooke Ratcliff SO, Brittnay A Slaughter SO, Ali Miller FR, Carly Young FR), x4:50.26. 7, Fremont Ross High School 'D' (Courtney Gabel FR, Julie Overmyer SO, Hailey Bower SO, Alayna Dorobek SO), x4:55.34.

Ross boys fifth, girls seventh at Knight

By ANDY HOGAN
News-Messenger correspondent

Fremont boys walked away exhausted and 5th, the girls 7th in a grueling day of preliminaries and finals against 24 teams, Saturday at the St. Francis Knight Invitational in Toledo. The St. Joseph Central Catholic boys took 12th.

"The kids are putting a lot of time into training right now," said Coach Phil Moran. "Keeping their energy level up over that long a day, when there's no where for them to rest, means they're running on empty by the end of the meet. I was happy to come away with as many top finishes as we had."

Among those at the top was junior Jessica Ickes, who touched in at 2:00.59 in the 200-yard freestyle. She looked around, checked the clock, waited, and waited some more. It would be a full seven seconds before the 2nd place swimmer finished out. Teammate Staci Zimmerman was 15th. In a meet that included the likes of Sylvania Northview, Findlay, St. Ursula, and Perrysburg, to win by that much was just more proof that two-a-day practices and

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Ross girls seventh at Knight invite

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hours in the pool are paying off. Ickes was also 3rd in the 100-yard backstroke.

Teammate Jacque Fate took home a pair of seconds; one in the 100-yard freestyle at 55:38, and the other in the 50-yard free, with a time of 25.33. Fremont's Caley Miller was 11th in the event at 27.56.

Ickes, Zimmerman, Miller and Fate were 4th in both the girl's 200 and 400-yard freestyle relays.

Lincoln Fahrbach won the 100-yard freestyle at 47.51, and was 2nd in the 200 yard individual medley, swimming a personal best time of 2:02.47. Fremont

St. Joe's Nick Swint was 8th in the event, and Ross' Andre Velez took 14th. Swint was also 6th in the 100-yard backstroke. Four Little Giants made it to the finals in the 100-yard butterfly, including Kyle Wasserman at 5th in 59.39, his first time swimming the event in under a minute. Tom Hohman was 9th, Velez 11th, and Josh Bowen 15th. Bowen was 8th in the 100-yard breaststroke, Chris Beier 8th in the 50 and 200-yard free. First-year diver Ethan Ackerman took 5th.

Beier, Bowen, Fahrbach and Velez were 3rd in the boy's 400-yard free relay, and 4th in the 200-free relay.

Fremont swims again on Tuesday at home against Sandusky Perkins.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Ross Divers key in win over Perkins

By ANDY HOGAN
News-Messenger correspondent

After years of lose close meets for lack of divers, Fremont Ross boys put a win on the board, 97-86, against Sandusky Perkins on Tuesday, thanks to the 14 points from divers Ethan Ackerman, Kraig Paulson and Duncan Moor.

"Thanks to the new facility, we're finally a complete team," said coach Phil Moran. "This could have been a heartbreaker without them. Take away the divers, and we lose by 3."

The Little Giants' former home at the middle school could not support diving, due to the small pool and low ceiling, but the new natatorium at the high school enables Ross to field

divers — and earn more points.

A few changes to the line-up also helped the Little Giants gain some ground. Moran loaded up the boys medley relay and 200-yard freestyle relay with upperclassmen.

Lincoln Fahrbach, Josh Bowen, Andre Velez, and Chris Beier, won the medley in 1:47.15, and Fahrbach, Bowen, Velez, and Adam Widman took the 200 in 1:35.23. DJ Tucker, Brad Osborne, Dexter Foos and Jordan Beck were 3rd in the 200 for Fremont.

"With Fahrbach was out of the 400-yard free relay, and sophomores Widman and Kyle Wasserman had to step it up," Moran said. "The relay was only a second off their best time, with

out Lincoln, and got 2nd, so they all pretty much stepped it up."

Fahrbach won his two individual events, the 200-yard free over Perkins' Mike Mulvin, 1:48.34 to 1:56.68, and the 100-yard free over Perkins' Jonathan Harris, 47.52 to 53.90. Mulvin took the 500-yard free, with Fremont's Beier 2nd, Erick White 3rd, and Tom Hohman 4th.

"There are a lot of important points in those 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finishes," said Moran. "They won the 500, but we out-pointed them. That's how you win meets."

Beier won the 50-yard free, Widman was 3rd and Brian Hoelzle 4th, for another point grab. Fremont's Wasserman, Hohman and Velez went 2-4-5 in the 100-

yard butterfly.

Perkins gained back some ground late in the meet, with 1-2 finishes by Jimmy Chapman and Chris Wallock in the 100-yard back, and Michael Carver and Zach Pfeil in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Despite a number of personal best swims, winning two of the three relays, and a new pool record, the Lady Giants fell to Perkins, 102-81. Multiple top finishes late in the meet pushed Perkins ahead. They were 1-2 in the 100-yard back and 1-2-3 in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Jessica Ickes and Jacque Fate both won a pair of events each for Fremont. Ickes took the 200-yard free and the 100-yard butterfly. Fate got the 50-free with a new pool record of 25.20, and

the 100-yard free. Amy Kim was 3rd in the 100, and Hanna Morris 5th.

Ickes, Kim, Fate and Caley Miller won the 200-yard free relay, with Fremont's Carly Young, Brooke Ratcliff, Stephanie Walther and Alyssa Moyer 3rd.

In the come from behind win in the last event of the meet, Fate chased down Sandusky Perkins' Samantha Roll, who had a three-second lead on the last lap of the 400-yard free relay, to touch Roll out at the wall, 3:51.26 to 3:51.82.

"Lexington comes in here next," said Moran after the meet. "They have divers, and they're good. As good as we swam today, we have to do it better on Thursday."

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Ross changes strategy, wins meet

By KRISTI EGBERT
News-Messenger correspondent

Switching things around proved to be a successful strategy for the Fremont Ross swim team Wednesday, when it took on Lima Senior and Marion Harding in a Greater Buckeye Conference meet.

The boys defeated the Spartans 141-41 and the Presidents 137-41, and the girls won 136-47 and 145-37. The Little Giants took first in 20 out of 24 events.

Junior Lincoln Fahrbach won the 100 butterfly and tied his own

pool record in the 50 freestyle with a time of 21.80 seconds.

"I was really surprised," said Fahrbach, who also holds the school record in the event.

"I'm happy with how I swam and how the team swam. We're all working harder than we ever have before and I think all of us

did a lot better than we expected."

Sophomore Kyle Wasserman was another top performer for the boys. He won the 200 IM and helped out close friend and fellow sophomore Erick White while winning the 500 freestyle. It was Wasserman's first time competing in the event.

"White's been steady, but hasn't dropped a lot of time, so I tried to get him fired up by putting his best friend in the pool against him," Ross coach

Phil Moran said. "I knew Kyle could probably beat him or at least give him a heck of a run."

White dropped two seconds off of his personal best time.

"A friendly rivalry sometimes works," Moran said.

Juniors Jacque Fate and Jessica Ickes each took first in two individual events for the girls—Fate in the 100 backstroke and 50 freestyle, and Ickes in the 100 butterfly and 200 freestyle. They also were on the winning relay

teams in the 200 medley and 400 freestyle.

"We did our relays a little bit different," Moran said. "We kind of split them up to race each other, giving us some pretty close races."

In all three of the boys relays, the top two teams for Ross finished within four seconds of one another, and in the 200 medley relay the Little Giants placed first, second and third, within a range of 4.37 seconds. In the same event for the girls, Ross took first and second

place, with only a difference of .22 seconds between the teams.

The Little Giants accomplished all this on top of a three-hour practice the same morning.

"We did 10,000 yards this morning, so that was quite tiring," Fate said. "We did pretty good for how hard we've been working."

"If we can all go this fast working this hard," Fahrbach said, "when we step it down in yardage, we'll all go a lot faster."



Fahrbach

Swimming

Boys

Rose 145, Lima Senior 41
Rose 137, Marion Harding 41
Marion Harding 84, Lima Senior 74
Boys 200 Yard Medley Relay
1, Fremont 'B' (Brian Hoezel SO, Michael Yuhas SO, Andre Velez, Jordan Beck SO), 1:57.61.2,
Fremont 'C' (Erick White SO, Josh Bowen SR, DJ Tucker JR, Dexter Foos FR), 1:58.98.3, Fremont 'A' (Thomas Hohman FR, Brad Osborne JR, Kyle Wasserman SO, Erik Schroeder SR), x2:01.98.
Boys 200 Yard Freestyle
1, Andre Velez, Fremont, 2:06.53.2, Jordan Beck, Fremont, 2:07.03.3, Dexter Foos, Fremont, 2:14.75.
Boys 200 Yard IM
1, Kyle Wasserman, Fremont, 2:21.09.
3, Erick White, Fremont, 2:24.63.4, Adam Widman, Fremont, 2:40.19.
Boys 50 Yard Freestyle
1, Lincoln Fahrbach, Fremont, 21.80.
(team pool record)
3, Eric Hottinger, Fremont, 28.91.5, Richard Christiansen, Fremont, 29.53.
Boys 1 mtr Diving
1, Eric Ackerman, Fremont, 164.66.2,
Kris Pohl, Fremont, 143.20.3,
Duncan Moor, Fremont, 71.00.
Boys 100 Yard Butterfly
1, Lincoln Fahrbach, Fremont, 54.90.2,
Brian Yuhas, Fremont, 1:06.84.
4, DJ Tucker, Fremont, 1:11.75.
Boys 100 Yard Freestyle
1, Chris Beier, Fremont, 54.24.3, Erik Schroeder, Fremont, 1:00.59.
Boys 500 Yard Freestyle
1, Kyle Wasserman, Fremont, 5:31.19.
2, Erick White, Fremont, 5:32.78.3,
Thomas Hohman, Fremont, 5:40.45.
Boys 200 Yard Freestyle Relay
1, Fremont 'B' (Lincoln Fahrbach JR, DJ Tucker JR, Thomas Hohman FR, Adam Widman SO), 1:39.27.2, Fremont 'F' (Josh Bowen SR, Dexter Foos FR, Brad Osborne JR, Chris Beier SR), 1:40.38.4,
Fremont 'C' (Erik Schroeder SR), x1:55.63.
Boys 100 Yard Backstroke
1, Chris Beier, Harding, 1:07.66.2, Brian Yuhas, Fremont, 1:08.72.3, Andre Velez, Fremont, 1:08.85.6, Justin Simpson, Fremont, 1:31.79.
Boys 100 Yard Breaststroke
1, Jacob Klay, LIMA-OH, 1:10.96.3,
Michael Yuhas, Fremont, 1:18.39.5,
Dexter Foos, Fremont, 1:23.82.
Boys 400 Yard Freestyle Relay
1, Fremont 'B' (Lincoln Fahrbach SR, Josh Bowen SR, Adam Widman SO, Kyle Wasserman SO), 3:41.51.2,
Fremont 'A' (Andre Velez SR, Erick White SO, Brian Hoezel SO, Lincoln Fahrbach JR), 3:45.08.5, Fremont 'C' (Michael Yuhas SO, Jordan Beck SO, Justin Simpson FR, Brad Osborne JR), x4:22.98.

Girls

Rose 136, Lima Senior 47
Rose 145, Marion Harding 71
Lima Senior 96, Marion Harding 71
Girls 200 Yard Medley Relay
1, Fremont 'A' (Jacque Fate JR, Jessica Ickes JR, Caley Miller, Amy Kim JR), 2:05.10.3, Fremont 'B' (Katie Fisher SO, Carly Young FR, Julie Overmyer, Brooke Ratcliff SO), 2:16.79.6, Fremont 'C' (Robyn Edgar JR, Hannah White JR, Brittany Hausman SR, Hailey Bower SO), x2:28.47.
Girls 200 Yard Freestyle
1, Jessica Ickes, Fremont, 2:06.53.2, Ellen Defrance, Fremont, 2:27.54.5, Emily Haubert, Fremont, 2:48.43.
Girls 200 Yard IM
1, Melody Whittington, Harding, 2:31.82.
3, Alyssa Moyer, Fremont, 2:40.89.4, Jenn Serick, Fremont, 2:41.55.
5, Julie Overmyer, Fremont, 2:43.11.
Girls 50 Yard Freestyle
1, Jacque Fate, Fremont, 25.89.2, Caley Miller, Fremont, 27.63.5, Kristyn Paulson, Fremont, 30.96.
Girls 1 mtr Diving
1, Jordan Fisher, Fremont, 1:01.10.2,
Brittany Strout, Fremont, 1:00.00.3,
Emma Ellerberger, Fremont, 11.325.
Girls 100 Yard Butterfly
1, Jessica Ickes, Fremont, 1:03.05.
3, Jeni Stenzel, Fremont, 1:15.29.4,
Brooke Ratcliff, Fremont, 1:19.02.
Girls 100 Yard Freestyle
1, Amy Kim, Fremont, 1:04.90.3, Ellen Defrance, Fremont, 1:09.35.5, Kristyn Paulson, Fremont, 1:10.05.
Girls 500 Yard Freestyle
1, Caley Miller, Fremont, 5:57.98.2, Julie Overmyer, Fremont, 6:22.92.3, Ali Miller, Fremont, 7:00.63.
Girls 200 Yard Freestyle Relay
1, Fremont 'A' (Carly Young FR, Brooke Ratcliff SO, Kristyn Paulson FR, Courtney Gabel FR), 1:59.62.2, Fremont 'B' (Amy Kim FR, Carly Young FR, Alyssa Moyer SO, Ellen Defrance SO), 1:59.62.5, Fremont 'C' (Hailey Bower SO, Julie Auen SO, Cordula Andres SR, Ashley Wood SO), x2:22.43.2.
Girls 100 Yard Backstroke
1, Jacque Fate, Fremont, 1:07.08.2,
Alyssa Moyer, Fremont, 1:14.68.4, Katie Fisher, Fremont, 1:19.28.
Girls 100 Yard Breaststroke
1, Brooke Ratcliff, LIMA-OH, 1:20.00.
2, Carly Young, Fremont, 1:20.47.3,
Courtney Gabel, Fremont, 1:22.82.5,
Hannah White, Fremont, 1:31.65.
Girls 400 Yard Freestyle Relay
1, Fremont 'A' (Jessica Ickes JR, Amy Kim JR, Caley Miller SR, Jacque Fate JR), 4:03.92.2, Fremont 'B' (Courtney Gabel FR, Ellen Defrance SO, Brooke Ratcliff SO, Alyssa Moyer SO), x3:76.5, Fremont 'C' (Julie Overmyer SO, Brittany Hausman SR, Robyn Edgar JR, Katie Fisher SO), x4:43.02.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Fahrbach sets pool marks at Little Giant Invitational

St. Francis boys,
Perkins girls win
inaugural event

By ANDY HOGAN
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Fremont Ross junior Lincoln Fahrbach led the boys team to a fourth-place finish in the first Little Giant Invitational on Saturday, with impressive wins and new pool records of 21.71 in the 50-yard and 47.03 in the 100-yard freestyle events.

First place overall went to Toledo St. Francis with 612 points, second to Toledo St. John Jesuit with 417, and third to Sandusky Perkins at 408. Oak Harbor was 13th and Fremont St.

Joseph boys took 16th.

Fahrbach swam a consistent 21.7 seconds through morning preliminaries and evening finals in the 50-free and his leg of the 200-yard free relay, and clocked an amazing 46.36 in his leg of the 400-yard free relay.

"I swam a 46-something in the 100 at Districts last year, so to get that time in mid-season, during heavy training, and not tapered, is not bad," said Fahrbach, who was awarded the National Interscholastic Coaches Association Top Swimmer Award for the meet, based on his nationally rated time in the 100 free.

Jamie Akenberger of Bowling Green won the girl's top swimmer award.

On the girls' side, San-



FAHRBACH

dusky
Perkins
girls
proved
that team
size is ev-
erything in a big
invita-
tional. They
won the
meet without ever winning
an event, getting one 2nd
and one 3rd place finish. Indi-
vidual events in the meet
are pointed down to 20th,
and Sandusky racked up 24
top 20 finishes, coming in 45
points ahead of Lima
Shawnee, 392 to 347. Find-
lay was 3rd, Fremont Ross
10th and Oak Harbor 11th.

Quality points would have
to go to the smaller Bowling
Green girls team who won

three individual events, took
three 2nd place finishes, and
two 3rds. Likewise, Shawnee
won two events and had bet-
ter relay finishes than
Perkins but didn't have the
number of entries that the
Pirates, the class of the San-
dusky Bay Conference, had.

More than 550 swimmers
on 20 girls and 21 boys
teams set a total of 15
records at the new pool at
Fremont Ross, in a meet
that kicked off on Friday
with a near-perfect precision
diving display by Mill-
bury Lake's defending Divi-
sion II state champion Brit-
tany TenEyck and team-
mate Krista Sanders, who
finished 1-2. Fremont diver



Charlie Longton/News-Messenger

SJCC'S ANTON KABISCH swims at the Little Giant Invitational on Saturday at Fremont Ross.

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Ickes wins for Ross girls

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Brittany Stout was 15th overall.

Fremont advanced four swimmers from morning preliminaries to evening finals in Saturday's first boys' event, the 200-yard free; Chris Beier finished 10th in the championship round, while Andre Velez, Kyle Wasserman and Erick White were 17-18 and 20 in the consolation heat. Oak Harbor's Tom Tabbert was 17th in the 200-yard individual medley, and Fremont's Brad Osborne 20th.

In the 50-yard free, won by Fahrbach, Little Giants Adam Widman, Jordan Beck and Brian Hoelzle were 13-14-15 against 82 other swimmers. Wasserman finished 9th in the championship heat of the 100-yard butterfly, with Fremont St. Joseph senior Nick Swint taking 13th, and Little Giant Josh Bowen 16th. Swint also gave the Streaks their best finish of the day, taking 8th in the 100-yard backstroke.

Velez was 12th and Adam Widman 19th in the 100-yard free that Fahrbach won by a full second over Sylvania Southview's Mike Pelechaty. Beier took 7th and Erick White 16th in the 500-yard free; Oak Harbor's Lucas Bechtel finished 9th in the event. Bowen and Tabbert finished the 100-yard breaststroke 16-17, with 18th place going to Oak Harbor's Tabbert.

Beier, Fahrbach, Bowen and Velez were 3rd for Ross in the 200-yard free relay, and teammates Widman, Beck, Brian Hoelzle and DJ Tucker 10th; Oak Harbor's Tabbert, Bechtel, Evan Miller and PJ Cervantes came in 14th. Hoelzle, Bowen, Wasserman and Beck were 7th and White, Osborne, Tucker and Tom Hohman 13th for Ross in the boys 200-yard medley relay. Fremont boys finished the meet with 6th and 14th places in the 400-yard free relay.

With just a handful of swimmers on his boy's teams, St. Joe's coach Kevin Casey was pleased that his swimmers (Swint, Anton Kabisch, Marco Mangini,

Constantine Heckl, Alex Reineck and Chris Ronski) made it through prelims in the relays.

"We have two brand new swimmers on our team, so to make consolations in all three relays against the likes of St. John's and St. Francis was a great accomplishment for our boys," said Casey.

Jessica Ickes jumped from her third place seed to win the 100-yard butterfly in 1:01.44, and give Fremont its only first place finish; she took 6th in the individual medley. Oak Harbor's Kaycee Hallett was 16th in the fly.

Sylvania Southview's LesLee Winfield snatched the 100-yard free by :01 over Fremont's Jacque Fate, finishing at 55.72 to Fate's 55.73. Olivia Porter gave Oak Harbor a 17th in the event. Fate was also 4th in the 200 free, with Oak Harbor's Katie Bechtel and Stephanie Greggila getting 7th and 9th. Porter was 9th in the 50 free and Fremont's Caley Miller 13th against a field of 108. Greggila was 8th in the 500 free, Bechtel 11th and Miller 13th.

Ickes, Miller, Fate and Amy Kim added 40 points to Fremont's total with a 3rd in the 200 free relay. Oak Harbor's Hallett, Greggila, Bechtel and Porter were 6th. Both Fremont and Oak Harbor lost ground in the team totals when they were unable to place anyone in the top 20 in both the 100 back or 100 breaststroke. Perkins piled it on in the same events, taking 4th in the back and 3rd, 4th, and 9th places in the breaststroke.

Fremont girls double scored in the final 400 free relay, with Ickes, Alyssa Moyer, Miller and Fate grabbing 6th, and Carly Young, Stephanie Walther, Hanna Morris and Kim getting 18th.

"Times in our invitational are comparable to those we saw at the Ned Reeb Invite down at Ohio State back in mid-December," said Ross coach Phil Moran, "and the best swimmers from every district compete in that one. Swimmers and coaches who check out our times on the state Web site are in for a big surprise. This is one fast pool, and this was one impressive meet."

Swimming

High School

1st Annual Little Giant Invitational

Boys

1, Toledo St. Francis De Sales, 612. 2, St. Johns Jesuit High School, 417. 3, Sandusky Perkins, 408. 4, Fremont Ross High School, 315. 5, Sylvania Northview, 305. 6, Bowling Green High School, 247. 7, Findlay High School, 182. 8, Celina High School, 178. 9, Maumee High School, 161. 10, Shawnee High School, 98. 11, Anthony Wayne High School, 92. 12, Van Wert Cougars, 85. 13, Oak Harbor High School, 57. 14, Sylvania Southview, 52. 15, Otsego High School, 36. 16, Fremont St Joseph Central Cath, 31. 17, Lima Central Catholic, 26. 18, St. Henry High School, 22. 19, Ottawa Glandorf, 19. 20, Toledo Christian High School, 7. 21, Start High School, 5.

Boys 200 Yard Medley Relay

1, St. Johns Jesuit (J Christy, J Epper-
son, J MacKay, A Yeung), 1:42.06. 7, Frem-
ont Ross High School 'A' (B Hoezle, J
Bowen, K Wasserman, J Beck), 1:54.43.
13, Fremont Ross (E White, B Osborne, T
Hohman, D Tucker), 1:58.39. 20, Frem-
ont St Joseph (N Swint, A Kabisch, M
Mangini, C Heckl), 2:04.08.

Boys 200 Yard Freestyle

1, S Friderichs, St. Francis, 1:45.19. 10,
C Beier, Fremont Ross, 1:57.48. 15, L
Bechtel, Oak Harbor, 2:00.09. 17, A
Velez, Fremont Ross, 2:02.32. 18, K
Wasserman, Fremont Ross, 2:02.55. 20,
E White, Fremont Ross, 2:04.64.

Boys 200 Yard IM

1, R Willets, St. Francis, 2:01.15. 17, T
Tabbert, Oak Harbor, 2:27.88. 1 20, B
Osborne, Fremont Ross, 2:31.04.

Boys 50 Yard Freestyle

1, L Fahrbach, Fremont Ross, 21.71.
13, A Widman, Fremont Ross, 25.03. 14,
J Beck, Fremont Ross, 25.18. 15, B Hoezle,
Fremont Ross, 25.30.

Boys 100 Yard Butterfly

1, J Epperson, St. John's, 52.85. 9, K
Wasserman, Fremont Ross, 59.53. 13, N
Swint, SJCC, 59.60. 16, J Bowen, Fremont
Ross, 1:02.08.

Boys 100 Yard Freestyle

1, L Fahrbach, Fremont Ross, 47.03.
12, A Velez, Fremont Ross, 54.67. 19, A
Widman, Fremont Ross, 56.66.

Boys 500 Yard Freestyle

1, D Balogh, Northview, 4:50.99. 7, C
Beier, Fremont Ross, 5:18.01. 9, L Bechtel,
Oak Harbor, 5:21.44. 16, E White,
Fremont Ross, 5:30.81. 1 21, T Hohman,
Fremont Ross, 5:40.92. 25, P Cervantes,
Oak Harbor, 5:54.08.

Boys 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

1, Toledo St. Francis (B Swartz, R Wil-
lets, J Katich, S Friderichs), 1:31.33. 3,
Fremont Ross (L Fahrbach, C Beier, J
Bowen, A Velez), 1:33.20. 10, Fremont
Ross (A Widman, J Beck, B Hoezle, D
Tucker), 1:41.17. 14, Oak Harbor (E
Miller, T Tabbert, P Cervantes, L Bechtel),
1:44.48. 19, Fremont St Joseph (A
Kabisch, M Mangini, A Reineck, C Ron-
ski), 1:49.63.

Boys 100 Yard Backstroke

1, J Chapman, Perkins, 55.90. 8, N
Swint, SJCC, 1:01.93.

Boys 100 Yard Breaststroke

1, J Epperson, St. John's, 59.52. 16, J
Bowen, Fremont 1:12.38. 17, B Hoezle,
Fremont 1:14.08. 18, T Tabbert, Oak Har-
bor, 1:14.25.

Boys 400 Yard Freestyle Relay

1, St. Johns Jesuit (A Yeung JR, J
Christy SO, J MacKay JR, J Epperson
JR), 3:17.06. 5, Fremont Ross (L
Fahrbach JR, A Widman SO, C Beier SR,
A Velez SR), 3:29.24. 1 14, Fremont
Ross (K Wasserman SO, E White SO, J
Beck SO, D Foos FR), 3:48.85. 17, Oak
Harbor (E Miller JR, P Cervantes SR, T
Tabbert FR, L Bechtel SR), 3:54.52. 20,
Fremont St Joseph (N Swint SR, A Reineck
JR, C Heckl SR, C Ronski JR),
3:57.88.

Boys 1 mtr Diving

1, Jessop, Alex, St. Francis, 376.20. 9,
Andryc, Adam, Oak Harbor, 209.85.

Girls

1, Sandusky Perkins, 392. 2, Shawnee
High School, 347. 3, Findlay High School,
330. 4, Sylvania Northview, 324. 5, Bow-
ling Green High School, 255. 6, Notre
Dame Academy, 242. 7, Clay High
School, 192. 7, Celina High School, 192.
9, Toledo St. Ursula Academy, 188. 10,
Fremont Ross High School, 183. 11, Oak
Harbor High School, 148. 12, Sylvania
Southview, 139. 13, Whitmer High School,
91. 14, Anthony Wayne High School, 83.
15, Van Wert Cougars, 71. 16, Ottawa
Glandorf, 65. 17, Maumee High School,
58. 18, Millbury Lake, 34. 18, Eastwood
High School, 34. 20, Rossford High
School, 2.

Girls 200 Yard Medley Relay

1, Shawnee (A Pohl, M Courtney, V
Wende, K Hoops), 1:57.16. 1

Girls 200 Yard Freestyle

1, J Akenberger, Bowling Green,

1:57.24. 4, J Fate, Fremont Ross,
2:03.87. 7, K Bechtel, Oak Harbor,
2:05.48. 9, S Greggila, Oak Harbor,
2:07.97.

Girls 200 Yard IM

1, M Courtney, Shawnee, 2:15.60. 2 6,
J Ickes, Fremont Ross, 2:21.83. 7, L Han-
ley, Clay, 2:24.28.

Girls 50 Yard Freestyle

1, L Winfield, Southview, 25.47. 9, O
Porter, Oak Harbor, 26.97. 13, C Miller,
Fremont Ross, 27.31.

Girls 100 Yard Butterfly

1, J Ickes, Fremont Ross, 1:01.44. 16,
K Hallett, Oak Harbor, 1:10.90.

Girls 100 Yard Freestyle

1, L Winfield, Southview, 55.72. 2, J
Fate, Fremont Ross, 55.73.

Girls 500 Yard Freestyle

1, K Womack, Bowling Green, 5:22.57.
8, S Greggila, Oak Harbor, 5:36.96. 9 11,
K Bechtel, Oak Harbor, 5:39.99. 13, C
Miller, Fremont Ross, 5:52.40. 21, J Ser-
rick, Fremont Ross, 6:03.87. 24, H
Dahlhofer, Oak Harbor, 6:07.82. 27, J
Overmyer, Fremont Ross, 6:16.63.. 31, B
Slaughter, Fremont Ross, 6:39.79. 32, A
Miller, Fremont Ross, 6:58.34. 33, A
Braun, SJCC, 7:09.30. 34, S Keating,
SJCC, 7:32.11.

Girls 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

1, Findlay (A Zelinsky, A Church, J
Braddock, A Donovan), 1:43.10. 3, Fre-
mont Ross (J Ickes, A Kim, C Miller, J
Fate), 1:45.67. 6, Oak Harbor (K Hallett;
S Greggila, K Bechtel, O Porter), 1:49.82.
17, Fremont Ross (C Young, B Ratcliff, C
Gabel, A Moyer), 1:56.68. 19, Fremont
Ross (S Walther, E Defrance, S Zimmer-
man, H Morris), 1:57.95.

Girls 100 Yard Backstroke

(A 1, J Akenberger, Bowling Green,
59.89.

Girls 100 Yard Breaststroke

1, M Courtney, Shawnee, 1:10.50.

Girls 400 Yard Freestyle Relay

1, Findlay (A Zelinsky SO, A Church
JR, J Seuch JR, A Donovan JR), 3:46.92.
6, Fremont Ross (J Ickes JR, A Moyer
SO, C Miller SR, J Fate JR), 3:55.30. 9,
Oak Harbor (S Greggila SR, S Reynolds
SO, O Porter FR, K Bechtel SO), 4:00.49.
18, Fremont Ross (C Young FR, S
Walther JR, H Morris SO, A Kim JR),
4:17.47. 19, Oak Harbor (B Hanthorn FR,
J Dieknam FR, H Dahlhofer SR, E Fall
JR), 4:17.51. 2 .

Girls 1 mtr Diving

1, TenEyck, Brittany, Millbury, 456.80.
14, Andryc, Carrie, Oak Harbor, 269.05.
15, Stout, Brittany, Fremont Ross, 267.80.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Ross swimmers remain undefeated

By ANDY HOGAN
News-Messenger correspondent

Thanks to computer technology, five teams were able to swim four dual meets simultaneously on Tuesday night at the Fremont Aquatic Center. The Little Giants added three wins to their undefeated boys season, beating Margaretta 81-26, Tiffin Calvert 86-14 and Tiffin Columbian 86-12. Fremont St. Joseph boys also won three, 56-43 over Margaretta, 57-43 over Calvert and 60-15 over Columbian. Margaretta beat Calvert 54-20 and Columbian 59-13. Finally, Calvert beat Columbian 18-13. Due to the variations in team sizes, each agreed to enter only two swimmers per event, and Ross did not score

against SJCC, as they had competed in a dual meet earlier in the season.

Ross took the opportunity to swim some of its younger, newer swimmers up, mix up the relays and rest some of the A team. Senior Chris Beier and Erick White went 1-2 in the 200-yard freestyle; the Steaks' Chris Ronski was 4th and Alex Reineck 6th. Beier also won the 100-yard free, with Ronski 4th, and Senior Eric Hottinger 7th. Senior Andre Velez was 3rd in the 50-yard free, Senior Matt Trautman of Margaretta 4th, and Senior Anton Kabisch 6th for St. Joe's. Little Giant Ethan Ackerman nosed out the Bear's Nyle Graffice for first place in diving, 166.95 points to 166.80; Kraig Paulson of Fre-

mont was 4th with 143.85.

Lincoln Fahrbach beat his summer swim partner, SJCC senior Nick Swint, in the 100-yard butterfly; Margaretta's Andrew Shupp was 3rd, DJ Tucker 4th for Fremont, and senior Marco Mangini 5th for the Steaks. Swint won the 200-yard individual medley over Fremont's Kyle Wasserman. Tom Hohman and Mike Yuhas went 1-2 in the 500-yard free for Ross. Jerald Fitz was 4th for Margaretta, and Mangini 5th.

Margaretta's Andrew Shupp and Daniel Gearheart were 2nd and 6th in the 100-yard backstroke; Velez and Dexter Foos were 3rd and 4th for Ross, and Reineck 5th for St. Joe. Josh Bowen and Brad Osborne took 2nd and 3rd in the 100-yard breast-

stroke, with Kabisch getting 4th, and Margaretta's Jason McClellan 5th. Fremont's A relay was 1st and the B relay 2nd in both the 200-yard medley and 200-yard free relays. St. Joe took 3rd on both relays, and Margaretta 4th.

St. Joe and Margaretta boys were nearly tied going into the final 400-yard free relay. Fremont won the event, the Steaks took 2nd, and a false start disqualified Margaretta, giving St. Joe the dual win over the Bears.

In the girls' meet, first-place finishes in all three relays made all the difference in Margaretta's 59-55 win over the Lady Giants, and added up to bigger wins of 93-17 over the SJCC girls, 84-27 over Tiffin Calvert, and 83-28 against Tiffin

Columbian. The Lady Giants beat Calvert, 85-25 and Columbian 83-25. Margaretta, Calvert and Columbian all beat SJCC, and Columbian edged out Calvert 48-41.

Margaretta's Jessica Fitz and Kaitlyn Eckert were 2nd and 4th in the 200-yard freestyle; Ross's Jenn Serrick was 3rd. Lady Bears Mary Griffith and Lindsay Trautman were 2-4 in the 200-yard individual medley with Fremont's Alyssa Moyer grabbing 3rd.

Second and third in the 50-yard free went to Margaretta's Alissa Malott and Amanda Wahl, with Amy Kim 4th for Ross. Little Giant divers Brittany Stout and Jordyn Gallagher scored 155.15 and 148.80, respective-

ly, to beat Margaretta's Lauren Bolinger (118.60) and Mandy Dauch (115.25).

Lady Giants Julie Overmeyer and Brooke Ratcliff were 2-4 in the girl's 100-yard butterfly; Senior Sarah Stierwalt was 3rd for St. Joe. Malott and Morgan Craig were 2-3 for Margaretta in the 100-yard free, and Kim 4th. Jessica Fitz of Margaretta took 1st in the 500-yard free over Serrick and Overmeyer, and her teammate Griffith won the 100-yard backstroke over Fremont's Moyer and Katie Fisher. Senior Staci Zimmerman and Carly Young went 2-3 in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Fremont Ross faces Napoleon at Napoleon on Saturday in the final dual meet of the year.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Ross boys are again unbeaten

By ANDY HOGAN
News-Messenger correspondent

Undefeated in 27 dual meets. Two straight undefeated seasons. The best record in school history.

That's how Fremont Ross closed its season Saturday, with a 94-92 win over Napoleon in a meet that came down to the final relay event.

Even though the Little Giants swam a number of personal best times, the girls team still lost to state-ranked Napoleon, 111-75.

For the boys, it was tight the whole way despite winning seven of the 12 events.

"Napoleon was within four after the diving," Ross coach Phil Moran said. "The next few events we barely managed to stay ahead. Then, we got hammered in the 100 back (Napoleon finished first, second, fourth) and they went [first, second] to our 3-4-5 in the breaststroke, which put them four up."

"I saw the Napoleon coach go over to the scorer's table, so I knew he was switching his relays around. We knew we'd get first, so I figured he pulled his best swimmer back to his B relay, trying to get second and third."

Josh Fate, another coach, kept a close eye on the score, though, and told Moran his team had to finish first, second and third in the final relay to win.

"I thought about it long and hard," Moran said. "Our B relay is all sophomores, and they would really have to step it up to get third. I quietly asked Lincoln (Fahrbach) what he thought, and he told me he was sure the B guys could do it. Then I talked to all of them, and decided to let it ride."

No one on Ross' side was watching the A relay (Fahrbach, Chris Beier, Andre Velez, and Josh Bowen) in the final event. They won it by eight seconds.

As for the B relay (Jordan Beck, Erick White, Kyle Wasserman and Adam Widman), it swam so well it nearly beat Napoleon's A team. It lost by less than one second.

"We were pretty upset after losing to Napoleon in the Greater Buckeye Championships last weekend, so it was just a matter of figuring out what we were going to do," Moran said. "Having the sophomores swim personal best times made all the difference, and it says a lot about where we'll be next year."

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Ross went first, second and third in the 200-yard medley relay, while Beier, Beck, Hoelzle and Josh Bowen were first in the 200-yard free relay.

Fahrbach and Beier each won

a pair of individual events, too. Fahrbach took the 200-yard free and the 500-yard free, as Beier finished second in the 50-yard free to win by a second.

Jordan Beck's third-place fin-

ish in the 100 free was just short of amazing, according to Moran.

"Beck let the Napoleon swimmer get ahead of him on the last 25, and he was an arm's length

Swimming

High School Boys

Fremont Ross Dual Meet

1. Fremont Ross High School 94
2. Napoleon High School 92

Boys 200 Yard Medley Relay

1, Fremont Ross High School 'A' (Fahrbach, Lincoln D JR, Hoelzle, Brian SO, Wasserman, Kyle J SO, Velez, Andre R SR), 1:49.23. 3, Fremont (White, Erick, Osborne, Brad A, Hohman, Thomas J, Widman, Adam), 1:55.78. 6, Fremont 'C' (Tucker, DJ, Yuhas, Michael J, Foos, Dexter, Simpson, Justin), x2:15.98.

Boys 200 Yard Freestyle

1, Fahrbach, Lincoln D, Fremont, 1:51.66. 4, Beck, Jordan 2:05.31. 5, White, Erick A, 2:06.22.

Boys 200 Yard IM

1, Westhoven, Zach, Napoleon, 2:17.21. 2, Bowen, Josh P, 2:17.60. 3, Wasserman, Kyle J, 2:20.53. 5, Velez, Andre R, 2:23.33.

Boys 50 Yard Freestyle

1, Beier, Chris, 23.56. 3, Widman, Adam C, 24.93. 6, Hoelzle, Brian, 25.56.

Boys 1 mtr Diving

1, Dennie, Tyler, Napoleon, 201.90. 2, Ackerman, Ethan, 172.40. 5, Paulson, Kraig, 124.80. 6, Moor, Duncan J, 108.65.

Boys 100 Yard Butterfly

1, Harper, Ryan, Napoleon, 58.50. 2, Wasserman, Kyle J, Fremont, 59.14. 3, Velez, Andre R, 1:01.35. 5, Hohman, Thomas J, 1:02.53.

Boys 100 Yard Freestyle

1, Beier, Chris, Fremont, 51.72. 2, McBride, Jordan, 55.03. 3, Beck, Jordan, 56.24. 6, Foos, Dexter, 58.50. 7, Christiansen, Rich, 1:05.04. 8, Simpson, Justin, 1:17.53.

Boys 500 Yard Freestyle

1, Fahrbach, Lincoln D, 4:58.95. 4, Hohman, Thomas, 5:40.06. 6, Yuhas, Michael, 5:45.54.

Boys 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

1, Fremont 'A' (Beier, Chris, Beck, Jordan, Hoelzle, Brian, Bowen, Josh), 1:36.76. 4, Fremont 'B' (Widman, Adam, Foos, Dexter, Osborne, Brad A, Tucker, DJ), 1:44.32.

Boys 100 Yard Backstroke

1, Creager, Michael, Napoleon, 1:02.51. 3, White, Erick, 1:06.25. 4, Anderson, Marc, 1:06.50. 5, Foos, Dexter, 1:11.45. 6, Hottinger, Eric 1:18.61.

Boys 100 Yard Breaststroke

1, Westhoven, Zach, Napoleon, 1:10.57. 3, Bowen, Josh P, 1:13.32. 4, Hoelzle, Brian, 1:16.05. 5, Osborne, Brad A, 1:17.90.

Boys 400 Yard Freestyle Relay

1, Fremont 'A' (Fahrbach, Lincoln D, Beier, Chris, Velez, Andre R, Bowen, Josh P), 3:33.62. 3, Fremont 'B' (Beck, Jordan D, Wasserman, Kyle J, White, Erick A, Widman, Adam C), 3:42.29. 5, Fremont 'C' (Tucker, DJ, Yuhas, Michael J, Christiansen, Richard, Hottinger, Eric),

High School Girls

Fremont Ross Dual Meet

1. Napoleon High School 111
2. Fremont Ross High School 75

Girls 200 Yard Medley Relay

1, Napoleon 'A', 2:02.00. 3, Fremont 'A' (Fisher, Katie, Zimmerman, Staci L, Ratcliff, Brooke, Defrance, Ellen), 2:14.26. 5, Fremont 'B' (Dorobek, Alayna, Young, Carly, Overmyer, Julie, Walther, Stephanie J), 2:19.18. 6, Fremont 'C' (Edgar, Robyn, Miller, Ali, Paulson, Kristyn, Gabel, Courtney), 2:21.08.

Girls 200 Yard Freestyle

1, Meyer, Chelsea, Napoleon, 2:05.10. 3, Miller, Caley, 2:09.62. 4, Zimmerman, Staci, 2:19.65. 6, Slaughter, Brittney, 2:26.63.

Girls 200 Yard IM

1, Sworden, Samantha, Napoleon, 2:24.24. 4, Moyer, Alyssa, 2:41.41. 5, Morris, Hanna, 2:54.12. 6, Miller, Ali, 3:02.91.

Girls 50 Yard Freestyle

1, Zuch, Samantha, Napoleon, 24.97. 2, Fate, Jacque, 25.09. 3, Kim, Amy, 28.61., 29.36. 6, VonDeylen, Cora, 29.44.

Girls 1 mtr Diving

1, Stout, Brittany, Fremont, 151.55. 2, Gallagher, Jordyn, 151.25. 3, Ellenberger, Emma, 147.70.

Girls 100 Yard Butterfly

1, Ickes, Jessica R, Fremont, 1:02.52. 5, Overmyer, Julie, 1:15.25. 6, Ratcliff, Brooke, 1:20.64.

Girls 100 Yard Freestyle

1, Ickes, Jessica R, Fremont, 56.78. 5, Kim, Amy, 1:04.68. 6, Walther, Stephanie J, 1:05.63. .

Girls 500 Yard Freestyle

1, Meyer, Chelsea, Napoleon, 5:21.19. 2, Miller, Caley A, 5:52.05. 3, Overmyer, Julie, 6:13.91. 6, White, Hannah J, 7:24.18.

Girls 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

1, Fremont 'A' (Ickes, Jessica R, Kim, Amy, Miller, Caley A, Fate, Jacque N), 1:47.14. 4, Fremont 'B' (Young, Carly, Morris, Hanna, Defrance, Ellen, Moyer, Alyssa), 2:00.58. 5, Fremont 'C' (Edgar, Robyn, Haubert, Emily, Andres, Cordula, Wood, Ashley), 2:12.08.

Girls 100 Yard Backstroke

1, Fate, Jacque N, Fremont, 1:07.63. 3, Moyer, Alyssa, 1:12.96. 5, Fisher, Katie, 1:15.92.

Girls 100 Yard Breaststroke

1, Zuch, Samantha, Napoleon, 1:10.70. 3, Damman, Kayla, 1:21.24. 4, Zimmerman, Staci L, 1:21.57. 5, Young, Carly, 1:23.68. 6, Gabel, Courtney, 1:25.51.

Girls 400 Yard Freestyle Relay

1, Napoleon 'A', 4:02.52. 4, Fremont 'C' (Slaughter, Brittney, Paulson, Kristyn, Miller, Ali, Walther, Stephanie J), 4:31.10. 5, Fremont 'A' (Young, Carly, Morris, Hanna L, Defrance, Ellen T, Gabel, Courtney), 4:32.27. 6, Fremont 'B' (Edgar, Robyn, Haubert, Emily, Andres, Cordula, Wood, Ashley), 4:04.45.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Little Giant girls tie for first in unorthodox meet

By ANDY HOGAN

News-Messenger correspondent

The Fremont Ross girls tied Toledo Notre Dame Academy for first at the Ken Gipe Relays on Saturday.

Jessica Ickes had a personal-best performance in the 850-yard crescendo relay, and the Little Giants divers (Brittney Stout and Jordyn Gallagher) won their portion of the meet. The Oak Harbor girls were fifth and Margaretta sixth.

Toledo St. John Jesuit was first for the boys, Ross second, the Rockets eighth and the Polar Bears 10th.

The Ken Gipe Relays are unlike any other meet throughout the season, with an array of un-

orthodox events. Only at "The Gipe" will you see a 200-yard underwater freestyle relay, each swimmer going down and back, underwater.

You come up, you're disqualified. For all the cheering that goes on, the swimmers can't hear a thing.

"The Gipe's a little fun after a long season of training, and helps the swimmers relax going into sectionals," Ross coach Phil Moran said. "Not that they don't take it seriously. At The Gipe they swim against local kids they've known for a long time, so there's 'bragging rights' on the line. We had a couple personal best times, so we know they're out to win."

The meet opens with the loudest, biggest event of the day, the 850-yard crescendo. Four swimmers combine to swim a 50, 100, 200 and 500-yard freestyle relay.

The Oak Harbor girls (Jenna Dickman, Olivia Porter, and Katie Millinger) had a decent lead going into the final 500. The Little Giants (Kristyn Paulson, Staci Zimmerman, Cailey Miller) were about eight seconds back when Ickes started her 500. By the final 75 yards it

was Oak Harbor, Notre Dame and Ross neck-and-neck.

Rafters were shaking and plaster was cracking, it was that loud. Oak Harbor's Stephanie Greggill had equipment problems with her goggles, and fell back, finishing third.

Ickes touched out Notre Dame 9:13.12 to 9:13.37.

"Over 850 yards, to finish that close was amazing," Ickes said. "And we had to swim it without Jacque (Pate). I never thought we'd get first in the event, or the meet, without her. Everybody really stepped up."

Fair received a minor injury during warm-ups and sat the meet out, but was cleared for practice today.



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The Little Giants' Andre Velez, Josh Bowen, Chris Beier and Lincoln Fahrbach matched the girls with a win in the boys crescendo, finishing eight seconds ahead of St. John's.

The Oak Harbor girls (Samantha Reynolds, Kaycee Hallett, Brielle Hanthorn and Andrea Behm) beat Margaretta (Erin Toms, Gray, Fitz and Mary Griffith) by three seconds for a win in the 400-yard free relay.

Beier, Jordan Beck, Adam Widman and Kyle Wasserman were third for Ross in the boys 400.

Margaretta's Griffith, Morgan Craig, Alissa Malott and Lindsay Trautman took second in the 200-yard butterfly-breaststroke

relay. The Little Giants' Tom Hohman, Brian Hoelzle, Kyle Wasserman and Brad Osborne were third in the event for the boys.

Miller, Ickes and Jenn Serrick went third in the 300-yard individual medley relay for the girls, six seconds ahead of Oak Harbor's Reynolds, Hanthorn and Katie Bechtel. The Ross boys took third in the medley.

Carly Young, Staci Zimmerman, Julie Overmyer and Amy Kim took third in the 200-yard medley.

Ross and Margaretta will swim in sectionals at Napoleon on Saturday while Oak Harbor hosts its meet.

Swimming

High School Boys

Ken Gripe Relays

1. St. Johns Jesuit	70
2. Fremont Ross	56
3. Sandusky	46
4. Lewis Center Olentangy	42
5. Colonel Crawford	38
6. Mansfield Senior	30
7. Ontario	24
9. Port Clinton	12
10. Margaretta	10
11. Oak Harbor	6

Diving Relay

1. Mansfield	361.15;
2. Margaretta	260.55;
3. Sandusky	256.05;
4. Oak Harbor	213.50;
5. Fremont Ross	208.25

850 Crescendo Relay

1. Fremont Ross (Andre Velez, Chris Beier, Josh Bowen, Lincoln Fahrbach)	8:06.83;
2. St. Johns	8:14.59;
3. Lewis Center Olentangy	8:15.64;
4. Oak Harbor (Devin Meek, PJ Cervantes, Evan Miller, Lucas Bechtel)	8:48.45;
5. Port Clinton (Harry Baldwin, Justin Que, Adam Hehr, Kevin Donnelly)	8:59.01;
6. Sandusky 9:04.05	

200 Fly-Breast Relay

1. St. Johns Jesuit	1:53.84;
2. Colonel Crawford	1:55.60;
3. Fremont Ross (Thomas Holman, Kyle Wasserman, Brian Hacker, Brad Osborne)	2:03.61;
4. Sandusky	2:04.43;
5. Oak Harbor (Evan Miller, PJ Cervantes, Tom Tabbert, Tyler McNutt)	2:06.30;
6. Mansfield	2:08.32

200 Backstroke Relay

1. Sandusky	1:54.73;
2. Lewis Center	1:56.71;
3. St. Johns	1:57.50;
4. Fremont Ross (Erick White, Dexter Foos, Brad Osborne, Brian Hoelzle)	2:00.08;
5. Mansfield	3:25.80;
6. Oak Harbor (Tom Tabbert, Aaron Riechman, Lucas Bechtel)	3:27.50

400 Free Relay

1. St. Johns	3:28.56;
2. Sandusky	3:38.04;
3. Fremont Ross (Chris Beier, Adam Widman, Jordan Beck, Kyle Wasserman)	3:41.84;
4. Colonel Crawford	3:53.24;
5. Mansfield	4:01.79;
6. Oak Harbor (Andrew Walsh, Drew Wilburn, Devin Mock, Ben Andrye)	4:06.28

200 Medley Relay

1. Lewis Center	1:48.82;
2. St. Johns	1:56.59;
3. Colonel Crawford	1:58.09;
4. Fremont Ross (Erick White, Thomas Holman, Jordan Beck, Adam Widman)	1:58.63;
5. Ontario	2:05.06;
6. Mansfield	2:09.65

200 Underwater-Freestyle

1. Ontario	1:50.14;
2. Colonel Crawford	1:52.15;
3. Port Clinton (Adam Hehr, Daniel Stewart, Paul Schellin, Justin Que)	1:54.25;
4. Sandusky	1:55.34;
5. Mansfield	2:00.08;
6. Fremont Ross (DJ Tickler, Michael Yuhas, Dexter Foos, Erik Schroeder)	2:03.80

High School Girls

Ken Gripe Relays

1. Fremont Ross	50
2. Notre Dame Academy	50
3. Lewis Center Olentangy	44
4. Mansfield Senior	36
5. Oak Harbor	34
6. Margaretta	32
7. Colonel Crawford	26
8. Port Clinton	22
9. Ayersville	20
10. Sandusky	12
11. Oak Harbor	10
12. Ontario	8
13. Huron	6

Diving Relay

1. Fremont Ross	269.55;
2. Oak Harbor	248.90;
3. Lewis Center Olentangy	224.25;
4. Margaretta	205.80,
5. Port Clinton	180.60

850 Crescendo Relay

1. Fremont Ross (Kristyn Paulson, Cailey Miller, Staci Zimmerman, Jessica Ickes)	9:13.12;
2. Notre Dame Academy	9:13.37;
3. Oak Harbor (Jenna Diekman, Katie Millinger, Olivia Porter, Stephanie Greggila)	9:21.28;
4. Margaretta (Amanda Wahl, Alissa Malott, Liz Gray, Jessica Fitz)	9:45.74;
5. Port Clinton (Lorraine Boissonault, Jessica Rodwaney, Margaret Lille, Brooke Overberg)	9:54.54

200 Fly-Breast Relay

1. Lewis Center Olentangy	2:08.94;
2. Margaretta (Mary Griffith, Alissa Malott, Morgan Craig, Lindsay Trautman)	2:16.63;
3. Port Clinton (Jessica Schroeder, Emily Provansha, Julia Schneider, Lorraine Boissonault)	2:17.65;
4. Sandusky	2:18.96;
5. Mansfield	2:19.01;
6. Fremont Ross (Brooke Ratcliff, Julie Overmyer, Ali Miller, Courtney Gabel)	2:23.33

200 Backstroke Relay

1. Notre Dame Academy	2:02.81;
2. Mansfield	2:04.56;
3. Colonel Crawford	2:04.64;
4. Huron	2:15.66;
5. Oak Harbor (Hallie Dahlhofer, Jenna Dickman, Christie Andrye, Vanessa Rischman)	2:16.59;
6. Lewis Center	2:19.30

300 Individual Medley Relay

1. Ayersville	3:27.17;
2. Notre Dame Academy	3:29.05;
3. Fremont Ross (Cailey Miller, Jessica Ickes, Jenna Serrick)	3:32.29;
4. Oak Harbor (Samantha Reynolds, Brielle Hanthorn, Katie Bechtel)	3:38.74;
5. Ontario	3:39.26;
6. Port Clinton (Julia Schneider, Kelsey Lindsley, Alex Moore)	3:42.80

400 Free Relay

1. Oak Harbor (Samantha Reynolds, Brielle Hanthorn, Kaycee Hallett, Andrea Belm)	4:05.51;
2. Margaretta (Erin Toms, Jessica Fitz, Liz Gray, Mary Griffith)	4:08.07;
3. Colonel Crawford	4:11.10;
4. Sandusky	4:13.70;
5. Fremont Ross (Stephanie Walther, Hanna Morris, Jenn Serrick, Amy Kim)	4:17.24;
6. Notre Dame	4:20.01

200 Medley Relay

1. Notre Dame	2:00.85;
2. Mansfield	2:09.17;
3. Fremont Ross (Carley Young, Julie Overmyer, Staci Zimmerman, Amy Kim)	2:11.33;
4. Lewis Center	2:15.11;
5. Port Clinton (Hanna Below, Brooke Overberg, Kate Hickman, Alex Moore)	2:18.17;
6. Colonel Crawford	2:21.94;
7. Oak Harbor (Hallie Dahlhofer, megan Cervantes, Justine Grover, Erika Fall)	2:21.41

200 Underwater Freestyle

1. Lewis Center	2:02.79;
2. Mansfield	2:06.50;
3. Colonel Crawford	2:06.64;
4. Ayersville	2:06.66;
5. Ontario	2:11.51;
6. Oak Harbor (Hallie Dahlhofer, megan Cervantes, Justine Grover, Erika Fall)	2:21.41

Fahrbach continues training for top spot

By KEVIN YANIK
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Fremont Ross junior Lincoln Fahrbach spends his summer days in the pool like every other teenager.

But he's in there training, attacking the water four hours at a time and preparing for another high school swimming season.

This past season, Fahrbach shattered records, returned to the state swim championships and led the Little Giants to a second straight unbeaten regular season. So clearly, he's deserving of The News-Messenger's Male Swimmer of the Year honor.

"He's an amazing swimmer," Ross junior Jessica Ickes said. "It's just weird to think that I've been swimming with him for so long, and that he was that high up in the state this season."

Fahrbach actually raced in two individual events at states, placing second in the 50-yard freestyle and fourth in the 100-yard free. In the 50, he finished 0.06 seconds behind champion Paul Miller of Sidney.

"I set out a lot of goals for myself this year, and I accomplished even more than I expected," Fahrbach said. "I had a lot of expectations for myself."

He still left a little to be had next season, though. Fahrbach, who finished last in his first individual event at states as a freshman, will aim for a first-time first-place finish next season in Canton.



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Could that happen in the 50 or 100? Or, perhaps, another event?

"I've never really been one of those swimmers who sticks with one event meet after meet," Fahrbach said. "The great swimmers aren't just great at one event; they can do well at any event. That's what my coach (Phil Moran) wants for me."

During the regular season, Fahrbach took performance of the meet honors at the Little Giant Invitational against some of his district's fiercest competitors.

"All the top guys were there," he said. "I set a pool record in both of my events, and set my season-best times. That couldn't have gone better. That really gave me the confidence toward the end of the year."

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Fahrbach continues to improve

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At sectionals, Fahrbach didn't race to his expectations. But he still advanced easily to districts, where he won the 50 free and dropped a whole second off his time.

"To drop a whole second is an amazing ac-

complishment, and a testament to how hard he trains," Moran said. "I had him under 10 seconds on two different 25-yard laps in warmups, so I thought we'd be seeing something come race time."

Fahrbach has improved several of his times since his sopho-

more season because of the new Olympic-sized pool at Ross, he said. It makes practices more roomy for him and his teammates.

"You really can do so much more now that we have so much more facility," Fahrbach said.