

1971 Buckeye Conference...

Findlay Swimmers Given Top Billing

Findlay's basketball team has been grabbing all of the headlines in the Buckeye Conference this winter.

But, the Trojan swimming squad is expected to take over the spotlight for at least one day Saturday when the Buckeye Conference swimming meet is held at Mansfield Malabar high school.

"Findlay has to be favored," Ross high school head coach Ron Zwierlein said Thursday. "They have a number of outstanding individuals and plenty of depth."

"When we swam them in a dual meet they used 24 fellows and we used 16. They still had a number of fresh competitors when it came down to the final relay."

Ross is the defending champion in the meet and Zwierlein, who is coach of the tankers for the first time, expects another high finish.

"We should do no worse than second," Zwierlein said. "Findlay and Sandusky are strong in the same events and should knock each other off."

"Pat Aten is favored to win the individual medley for us and Andy Christensen and Chuck Vandergrift should do well in the diving competition. I expect Pat Collins to place high in the 100-yard freestyle."

Findlay is especially strong in the individual medley and the 200 and 400-yard freestyles. Jeff Lishawa and Jim Mathias swim in those events.

Sandusky's bid for the championship was dealt a severe blow this week when it was learned that Chris Roesch will be unable to compete. He holds the Sandusky school records in the 200 and 400 yard freestyle.

Other top competitors include Mansfield's Don Boals and Dean Jones of Marion. Boals competes in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle. Jones has the best backstroke time of any of the entrants.

The meet begins with the diving preliminaries at 10 a.m. Finals in swimming and diving start at 1 p.m.

Findlay Bags Team Championship

Aten Scores Double Buckeye Victory

MANSFIELD—Pat Aten of Fremont Ross scored victories in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard butterfly in the Eighth Annual Buckeye Conference Swimming Meet at Mansfield Malabar High School Saturday.

Aten was the only victor for the Little Giants. Next highest finishes for Ross were second places by Andy Christensen (diving) and Eric Bristley (400-yard freestyle).

Findlay piled up 73 points to win the team championship. Sandusky (43), Ross (42), Mansfield Senior (31) and Marion (17) completed the five-team field. Ross was the 1970 champion.

"Findlay just dominated the meet," Ross head coach Ron Zwierlein said. "They won both relays, had a first place in the 50-yard freestyle, won the diving,

freestyle and went one-two in the 100-yard breaststroke.

"It helped them (Findlay) that Chris Roesch of Sandusky couldn't swim in the 200 and 400-yard freestyle. He was favored but is injured. But, because of their depth I think Findlay still would have won it."

Aten won the individual medley with a 2:10.20 clocking. That was nearly seven seconds better than the time turned in by Sandusky's Jon Leake, the second place finisher.

In winning the butterfly, Aten duplicated a feat accomplished by his brother, Mike, in the 1970 meet. Pat won the event in 59.7. Findlay's Scott Mathias was second.

Christensen cracked the previous Buckeye Conference diving record. But, he still couldn't come close to Findlay's

Jim Kennedy, who scored 463.30 points, to break his own conference record. Christensen had 349.85.

Bristley finished behind Findlay's Mike Suchy in the 400 freestyle. Bristley was clocked in 4:26.71. Suchy had a 4:19.71.

Bristley also had a third in the 200 freestyle. He finished behind Jeff Boals of Mansfield Senior and Jerry Lishawa of Findlay.

"Aten, Bristley, and Christensen had good days," Zwierlein said. "I was pleased with the performances they turned in."

Other Ross point winners were: Chuck Vandergift, fourth in diving; Pat Collins, fifth in the 100-yard freestyle; Steve Frost, fourth in 100-yard backstroke, and Cy Connors, fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The Little Giants finished third in both relays, behind Findlay

and Sandusky. In the 200-yard medley, Ross was edged out of second by slightly more than a second. Sandusky was timed in 1:52.52 and Ross had 1:53.59.

"We only finished a point out of second place," Zwierlein said. "A second place in that relay would have given us a second. And several of our fellows finished sixth. They were just touched out at the finish and we missed getting a point that would have given us second."

"Several of our fellows turned in their best times of the year.

Then some others didn't even equal their best times. They tensed up. I don't know what happened."

"Maybe it was the bus ride. It's a rough trip to Mansfield anyway, but Saturday it was worse. It took three hours to get down there and tensed the fellows up."

Ross concludes its dual meet season at Sandusky Tuesday. The first race is slated to start at 4:30 p.m. Saturday Ross will compete in the District meet at Toledo St. Francis High School.

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Buckeye Conference Swimming Summary

Key: Mansfield (M), Marion (MA), Findlay (FI), Sandusky (S) and Fremont (F).

200-yard Medley Relay — 1. Findlay (Bob Moser, Lee Davis, Jim Kennedy and Steve Tille), 1:50.19; 2. Sandusky (Doug Zeller, Joel Mariott, Derek Hutchins and Mike Newton), 1:52.52; 3. Fremont (Steve Frost, Dave Billman, Toby Peck and Randy Hottinger), 1:53.59; 4. Mansfield (Jim Erdenberger, Joe Roscoe, Ted Williams and Tom Finnerty), 1:57.51; 5. Marion (Don Edwards, Jim Wilson, Erick Felt and Rich Wakely), 1:59.23.

200-yard Freestyle — 1. Jeff Boals (M), 1:56.25; 2. Jerry Lishawa (FI), 1:59.10; 3. Eric Bristley (F), 2:04.16; 4. Greg Bookwalter (M), 2:06; 5. Doug Wagner (S), 2:07.98.

200-yard Individual Medley — 1. Pat Aten (F), 2:10.20; 2. Jon Leske (S), 2:17.13; 3. Mike Suchy (FI), 2:17.48; 4. Dave Jones (MA), 2:19.39; 5. Brad Buffington (FI), 2:25.08.

50-yard Freestyle — 1. Mathias Scott (FI), :23.27; 2. Toby Shawber (M), :24.81; 3. Ron Harple (S), :25.61; 4. Kim Lombarky (S), :25.61; 5. Bob Green (MA), :25.62.

Diving — 1. Jim Kennedy (FI), 463.30 (new record); 2. Andy Christensen (F), 349.85; 3. Mike Newton (S), 325.80; 4.

Charles Vandergrift (F), 305.05; 5. Dirk Ewing (FI), 281.45.

100-yard Butterfly — 1. Pat Aten (F), :59.7; 2. Scott Mathias (FI), 1:00.33; 3. Erick Felt (MA), 1:02.83; 4. Derek Hutchins (S), 1:02.85; 5. Rick Dougherty (FI), 1:04.69.

100-yard Freestyle — 1. Jeff Boals (M), :52.61; 2. Jerry Lishawa (FI), :53.13; 3. Toby Shawber (MS), :55.25; 4. Rich Wakely (MA), :55.78; 5. Pat Collins (F), :56.12.

400-yard Freestyle — 1. Mike Suchy (FI), 4:19.71; 2. Eric Bristley (F), 4:26.71; 3. Doug Wagner (S), 4:26.93; 4. John Pheiffer (S), 4:38.08; 5. Greg Bookwalter (M), 4:41.57.

100-yard Backstroke — 1. Dave Jones (M), 1:02.33; 2. Doug Zeller (S), 1:03.72; 3. Bob Moser (FI), 1:06.81; 4. Steve Frost (F), 1:06.99; 5. Don Edwards (MA), 1:07.49.

100-yard Breaststroke — 1. Les Davis (FI), 1:08.27; 2. Gary Wittenmyer (FI), 1:09.27; 3. Joel Mariotti (S), 1:11.33; 4. Cy Connors (F), 1:12.53; 5. Ted Williams (M), 1:13.27.

400-yard Freestyle Relay — 1. Findlay (Steve Tille, Rick Garvison, Greg Kuck and Brad Buffington), 3:45.48; 2. Sandusky (John Pheiffer, Kim Lambardy, Ron Harple and Jon Leake), 3:47.23; 3. Fremont (Steve Willer, Kevin Brawley, Randy Hottinger and Pat Collins), 3:49.81; 4. Mansfield (Larry Chiverton, Tom Finnerty, Rick Widders and Jim Erdenberger), 3:57.29.

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