

2011 DIVISION I SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT



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Oak Harbor's Katelyn Tice swims in the 200-yard individual medley at the Saturday's sectional swim meet at Fremont Ross. See more photos at thenews-messenger.com.

Best still ahead for Ross

Little Giants post big day, set eyes on state meet

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FREMONT — Fremont Ross' Sammi Miller is already one of the fastest swimmers in her district.

And the scary part for her opponents, she hasn't tapered yet, so her fastest times are yet to come.

Miller won the 50 (25.08) and 100-yard (55.73) freestyles Saturday, and joined 12 other Little Giants to qualify to the district meet on the girls side as the Ross girls won the Division I sectional during the Division I and II sectional meets at the Hawk-Bucci Natatorium.

Miller, who also qualified on the winning 200 and 400 freestyle relays, will be seeded second at the district meet in both her individual events.

Winners in each of the two divisions automatically qualify to the district meet next weekend at Bowling Green State University. Times dictate how the rest of the Northwest District

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field is filled out.

"I feel good right now, I'm just excited to see what I go at districts," Miller said. "We cut back a little bit in yards this week, but our main taper will be next week at districts."

Miller finished 23rd at the state meet last year in the 50 free and qualified in the 200 medley and 200 free relays. She's hoping to add the 100 free and 400 free relay to her list this year with subtraction of the 200 medley relay.

"The time I went in the 100 free today will hopefully get me to state," Miller said.

Miller paired with Megan Hawk, Laura Duncan and Taylor Waggoner to win both the 200 and 400 free relays. The 200 free relay time of 1:40.76 was of 14

times listed as new sectional records Saturday. However, a disclaimer came with those times as it was believed a significant amount of data from the past was missing.

"Our 200 free relay was close to the pool record," Ross coach Phil Moran said. "I think they missed it by a tenth or two. But we aren't sure how accurate those sectional records are."

Winning the 200 medley relay (1:59.74) were Hawk, Holly Phillips, Alesha Overmyer and Ellen Silva. Phillips won the 100 backstroke (1:05.59), Duncan won the 200 individual medley (2:19.09), Waggoner the 100 butterfly (1:00.43) and Minier the 500 free (5:43.88).

In Division II, Oak Harbor finished third (296), Margaretta

took sixth (260) and St. Joseph Central Catholic was ninth (123).

"We had a lot of great time drops on both the boys' and girls' sides," Oak Harbor coach Andrea Sorg said.

Danielle Franck was second for the Rockets in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.07), while Marlee Carpenter was third in the 100 butterfly (1:05.39).

Sydney Craig won the 50 free (25.09) for the Polar Bears.

Qualifying to districts for the Crimson Streaks were Emily Ronski in the 50 free, along with the 200 medley and 200 free relays.

BOYS

The Ross boys nearly doubled-up the second-place Division I team, tallying 685 points to best Sandusky with 347. The Little Giants placed 18 different swimmers in the district meet, including Keith Wasserman, who took the top spot in the 100 free (50.45) and was second in the

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200 free (1:53.51) to teammate Alex Hoffman (1:51.23).

"It's going to be a tough year to make it this year individually," Wasserman said. "But I'm definitely hoping next year is the year for me individually, if not this year. There's going to be some stiff competition, though, at districts."

Wasserman, a junior, went to the state meet last year as part of Ross relays. He, Hoffman, Eric Yuhas and Luke Wilhelm were sectional champions in the 200 (1:33.48) and 400 free (3:25.67) relays. Like Miller on the girls' side, their better times are yet to come.

"All of us are going to step it up next week," Wasserman said. "We'll all be dropping time, and I have no doubt we'll make it out again."

Hoffman added a sectional title in the 100 butterfly with a swim of 55.02 seconds. Yuhas won the 500 free (5:10.09), Brandon Hoelzer was champion in the 50 free (23.89), Graham Moor won 200 IM (2:10.61), Harry Dorobek the 100 backstroke (1:04.94), T.J. Harkness the 100 breaststroke (1:10.56), and Jared Schuren won in diving. Winning the 200 medley relay (1:53.00) were Dorobek, Moor, Collin Michael and Chris Yanes.

"I think the kids and coaches were all a little unsure what was going to happen today just because of our crazy training season," Moran said. "The kids that were brought down for this meet swam incredible. The ones that were semi brought down swam great. And the kids that weren't brought down still did good."