

2002 Season Review...

Swimming

O'Connor wins four as Giants take down Tornadoes

Ross cruises on Parents Night

News-Messenger reports

Brittany O'Connor had a hand in four victories Tuesday as the Fremont Ross boys and girls swimming teams opened their seasons by beating Tiffin Columbian on Parents Night at the Little Giants' pool.

O'Connor, the Little Giants' lone state qualifier last season, won the 100-yard butterfly (1 minute, 3.12 seconds) and the 100 backstroke (1:03.71) and swam on a pair of victorious relay teams to lead the girls to a convincing 70-23 victory.

The boys got three victories apiece from Rob Hoelzle, Elliot Hogan and freshman Jake Ickes on the way to a 58-36 triumph over Columbian.

Hogan won the 100 breaststroke (1:08.67) and the 200 individual medley (2:20.11).

Hoelzle won the 200 medley relay (1:07.4), and Ickes nabbed the 500 freestyle (5:47.97). The two swam together on winning 400 freestyle (3:58.64) and 200 medley relay (1:52.57) teams.

Hogan and Nate Schrickel joined Hoelzle and Ickes on the medley relay team. Greg VanDyne and Noah Grayson swam on the freestyle team.

Ross's Brandon Spicer won the 100 butterfly (1:05.98), and teammate Paul Nalley claimed the 100 freestyle (1:00.17).

For the girls, Sam Glaspy won a pair of individual events in the 50 freestyle (29.18) and the 500 freestyle (6:10.71). Morgan O'Connor won the 200 individual medley (2:25.51), Wendy Farrell took the 200 freestyle (2:22.07), Sarah Berger won the 100 breaststroke (1:19.84) and freshman Micheline Fahrbach claimed the 100 freestyle (1:04.39).

Brittany O'Connor joined Farrell, Jaymelee Glaspy and Jenny Fate to win the 200 medley relay (2:04.36) and teamed up with Fahrbach, Emily Grayson and Emily Zamora to take the 400 freestyle relay (4:23.91).

The 200 freestyle relay team (2:01.64) of Morgan O'Connor, Sara Steinle, Amber Barnes and Erika Parker took first place as well.

Ross visits Perkins for the NWOAC meet on Saturday.



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Swimming

High School Boys

Ross 58, Tiffin Columbian 36

200 Medley Relay

- 1- Ross (Rob Hoelzle, Elliot Hogan, Nate Schrickel, Jake Ickes) 1:52.57
- 2- TC 1:54.76
- 3- Ross (Brandon Spicer, Noah Grayson, Alan Gamble, Jacob Rusch) 2:03.99

200 Freestyle

- 1- Zachary Foster (T) 1:56.94
- 2- Jake Ickes (R) 2:03.70
- 3- David Albrechta (R) 2: 18.16

200 Individual Medley

- 1- Hogan (R) 2:20.11
- 2- David Wahl (T) 2:20.46
- 3- David Cantley (T) 2:32.70
- 4- Gamble (R) 2:35.28

50 Freestyle

- 1- Brett Kuhn (T) 27.44
- 2- Nathan Bowen (R) 32.43
- 3- Ryan Allarding (T) 38.45

100 Butterfly

- 1- Spicer (R) 1:05.98
- 2- Wahl (T) 1:07.95
- 3- Schrickel (R) 1:11.59

100 Freestyle

- 1- Paul Nalley (R) 1:00.17
- 2- Greg Trumble (T) 1:04.10
- 3- Aaron Gray (R) 1:04.15

500 Freestyle

- 1- Ickes (R) 5:47.97
- 2- Anthony Wise (T) 6:10.81
- 3- Greg Vandyne (R) 6:15.57

200 Freestyle Relay

- 1- Tiffin 1:43.03
- 2- Ross (Schrickel, Nalley, Jacob Rusch, Hogan) 1:46.25
- 3- Ross (Grayson, Vandyne, Bowen, Gray) 1:57.99

100 Backstroke

- 1- Hoelzle (R) 1:07.40
- 2- Spicer (R) 1:07.84
- 3- Wise (T) 1:08.52

100 Breaststroke

- 1- Hogan (R) 1:08.67
- 2- Schrickel (R) 1:16.66
- 3- David Cantley (T) 1:16.74

400 Freestyle Relay

- 1- Ross (Ickes, Vandyne, Grayson, Hoelzle) 3:58.64
- 2- Tiffin 4:06.59
- 3- Ross (Gray, Gamble, Albrechta, Rusch) 4:23.89

High School Girls

Ross 70, Tiffin Columbian 23

200 Medley Relay

- 1- Ross (Jaymelee Glaspy, Wendy Farrell, Britt O'Connor, Jenny Fate) 2:04.36
- 2- Ross (Micheline Fahrbach, Sam Glaspy, Morgan O'Connor, Sarah Berger) 2:07.23
- 3- Tiffin 2:20.80

200 Freestyle

- 1- Farrell (R) 2:22.07
- 2- Allison Dore (T) 2:25.61
- 3- Emily Grayson (R) 2:33.48

200 Individual Medley

- 1- M. O'Connor (R) 2:25.51
- 2- Janet Black (T) 2:51.42
- 3- Amber Barnes (R) 2:56.24

50 Freestyle

- 1- S. Glaspy (R) 29.18
- 2- Emily Graham (T) 29.79
- 3- Sara Steinle (R) 30.99

100 Butterfly

- 1- B. O'Connor (R) 1:03.12
- 2- Fate (R) 1:15.30
- 3- Dore (T) 1:23.34

100 Freestyle

- 1- Fahrbach (R) 1:04.39
- 2- Graham (T) 1:06.59
- 3- Erika Parker (R) 1:07.47

500 Freestyle

- 1- S. Glaspy (R) 6:10.71
- 2- Berger (R) 6:21.94
- 3- Michelle Brashares (T) 7:40.10

200 Freestyle Relay

- 1- Ross (M. O'Connor, Steinle, Barnes, Parker) 2:01.64
- 2- Tiffin 2:23.18

100 Backstroke

- 1- B. O'Connor (R) 1:03.71
- 2- J. Glaspy (R) 1:09.73
- 3- Janet Black (T) 1:23.15

100 Breaststroke

- 1- Berger (R) 1:19.84
- 2- Farrell (R) 1:20.44
- 3- Meryl Baker (T) 1:34.35

400 Freestyle Relay

- 1- Ross (B. O'Connor, Fahrbach, Grayson, Emily Zamora) 4:23.91
- 2- Tiffin 4:38.61
- 3- Ross (Jamie Below, Ariane Forster, Theresa Koch, Laura McAllister) 6:07.30

Swim teams 5th at NWOASC

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SANDUSKY — The Fremont Ross girls 300-yard backstroke team finished second Saturday to turn in the Little Giants' best performance at the Northwest Ohio Aquatic Conference Relays at Perkins High School.

The backstroke team of Michelle Fahrbach, Amber Barnes, Jenny Fate and Brittany O'Connor finished second to Northview with a time of 3 minutes, 27.57 seconds.

The Ross boys and girls teams finished fifth in the nine-team event. Northview won the girls meet, and Perkins took the boys meet.

Several Ross swimmers placed third. The boys 300 individual medley relay team of Jacob Ickes, Greg VanDyne and Noah Grayson came in third in 3:20.11. The boys 200 freestyle team of VanDyne, Jacob Rusch, Alan Gamble and Grayson also finished third in 1:47.99.

The girls 300 butterfly team of Jaymelee Glaspy, Sam Glaspy, Morgan O'Connor and Brittany O'Connor was third in 3:13.92. Morgan O'Connor placed third in the 500 freestyle event in 5:47.15.

Ross is at Colonel Crawford on Tuesday.

Swimming

High School Boys

NOAC Relays

Team Scores

1. Perkins PERK.....	92
2. Napoleon NAP.....	88
3. Northview NV.....	66
4. St. Johns STJ.....	64
5. Fremont FR.....	46
6. Southview SV.....	40
7. Port Clinton PC.....	14
8. Oak Harbor OH.....	12
9. Sandusky SAND.....	6
400 Relay — 1. PERK 4:04.18, 2. NAP 4:05.64, 3. STJ 4:07.38...5. FR(Rob Hoelzle, Elliot Hogan, Brandon Spicer, Jacob Ickes) 4:14.97, 6. OH 4:55.52.	
800 Freestyle — 1. PERK 8:12.10, 2. NAP 8:14.03, 3. NV 8:27.75...6. FR(Noah Grayson, Greg VanDyne, Alan Gamble, Hoelzle) 8:49.86...9. OH 11:08.82.	
300 Medley — 1. PERK 3:05.48, 2. NV 3:16.18, 3. FR (Ickes, VanDyne, Grayson) 3:20.11...9. OH 3:41.58.	
200 Freestyle — 1. Napoleon 1:37.08, 2. PC 1:40.52, 3. FR(VanDyne, Jacob Rusch, Gamble, Grayson) 1:47.99...7. OH 2:04.13.	
300 Butterfly — 1. PERK 3:10.03, 2. STJ 3:11.39, 3. NV 3:12.47...5. FR(Nate Schrickel, David Albrechta, Ickes, Spicer) 3:16.23.	
500 Freestyle — 1. NAP 5:21.51, 2. PERK 5:29.21, 3. SV 5:42.48, 4. FR(Eliot Hogan) 5:49.00.	
300 Backstroke — 1. SV 3:04.42, 2. STJ 3:05.57, 3. NAP 3:09.11...6. FR(Paul Nalley, Rusch, Hoelzle, Spicer) 3:18.78...9. OH 3:47.89.	
300 Breaststroke — 1. NV 3:24.47, 2. OH 3:27.31, 3. STJ 3:29.34...6. FR(Albrechta, Aaron Gray, Schrickel, Hogan) 3:38.40.	
400 Freestyle — 1. PERK 3:27.83, 2. NAP 3:35.86, 3. STJ 3:46.31...6. FR(Nalley, Albrechta, Gray Schrickel) 4:02.57...8. OH 4:10.60.	

Diving

1. Northview.....	157.10
2. Napoleon.....	127.70
3. Fremont.....	126.30

High School Girls

NOAC Relays

Team Scores

1. Northview NV.....	88
2. Napoleon NAP.....	88
3. Perkins PERK.....	86
4. Notre Dame ND.....	64
5. Fremont FR.....	42
6. Southview SV.....	30
7. Oak Harbor OH.....	20
8. Port Clinton PC.....	10
8. Sandusky SAND.....	10
400 Medley — 1. NAP 4:19.69, 2. ND 4:24.10, 3. SV 4:40.57...7. FR(Jaymelee Glaspy, Wendy Farrell, Kristen VanDyne, Sarah Berger) 4:53.01...9. OH 5:25.43	
800 Freestyle — 1. PERK 8:39.01, 2. NV 8:43.86, 3. ND 8:51.61...6. FR(Sam Glaspy, Tia Gilson, Jenny Fate, Michi Fahrbach) 9:38.43, 7. OH 9:56.38	
300 Medley Relay — 1. PERK 3:17.23, 2. ND 3:19.57, 3. NV 3:31.31...5. OH 3:34.17...8. FR(Berger, Farrell, VanDyne) 3:40.32	
200 Freestyle — 1. PERK 1:52.00, 2. NAP 1:54.26, 3. NV 1:57.48, 4. FR(Erika Parker, Amber Barnes, Gilson, Emily Grayson) 2:01.63...9. OH 2:16.64	
300 Butterfly — 1. ND 3:06.96, 2. NAP 3:12.72, 3. FR (J. Glaspy, S. Glaspy, Morgan O'Connor, Brittany O'Connor) 3:13.92	
500 Freestyle — 1. NAP 5:39.82, 2. NV 5:44.72, 3. FR (Morgan O'Connor) 5:47.15...5. OH 5:54.00	
300 Backstroke — 1. NV 3:20.73, 2. FR (Fahrbach, Barnes, Fate, B. O'Connor) 3:27.57, PERK 3:28.45...6. OH 3:41.74	
300 Breaststroke — 1. Perk 3:37.80, 2. ND 3:44.78, 3. NAP 3:45.56...6. FR (Parker, Grason, S. Glaspy, Berger) 4:04.11	
400 Freestyle — 1. Perkins 3:49.41, 2. NAP 3:55.40, 3. NV 4:00.15, FR (B. O'Connor, Gilson, J. Glaspy, M. O'Connor) 4:00.23, 5. OH 4:04.26	

Diving Team Scores

Northview.....	172.5
Southview.....	166.05
Napoleon.....	146.80
Oak Harbor.....	134.70
Notre Dame.....	132.95

Fremont takes swim tri-meet

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NORTH ROBINSON — Both the Fremont Ross boys and girls swim teams added two wins to their perfect conference records in a tri-meet Tuesday against Colonel Crawford and Galion.

Final scores on the boys' side were Fremont 51-43 over Colonel Crawford, and Fremont 76-16 over Galion. The girls scored 52 to Galion's 42, and 67 to Colonel Crawford's 27.

Senior Morgan O'Connor finished first in both the 200 individual medley (two minutes, 24 seconds) and the 100 free (56:99). Brittany O'Connor took a first in the 100 back (1:03:24), and in the 400 free relay, along with teammates Morgan O'Connor, Jaymelee Glaspy and Sarah Berger (3:58:61). Berger also finished first in the 500 free at 6:03:16, followed by Sam Glaspy in second at 6:12:53.

Freshman Jake Ickes took two firsts, in the 200 and 500 freestyle. The Giants took 1-2 in the men's 100 butterfly, with Brandon Spicer finishing first at 1:08:04 and Alan Gamble second at 1:12:11. Sophomore Rob Hoelzle got a first in the 100 backstroke with a 1:07:96, followed by Spicer with a 1:09:93. In the final event of the meet, the 400 freestyle relay, Ickes, Rob Hoelzle, Greg VanDyne and Elliot Hogan also grabbed a first with a time of 3:55:72.

The Giants swim at Ohio State on Saturday at the Ned Reeb Invitational.

Swimming

High School Boys

Ross 51, Col. Crawford 43

Ross 76, Galion 16

Col. Crawford 73, Galion 19

Ross Results

200 Medley Relay: A (Rob Hoelzle, Elliot Hogan, Jacob Ickes, Nat Schrickel) 1.54.59, B (Alan Gamble, Aaron Gray, Noah Grayson, Brandon Spicer) 2.05.72.

200 Free: Jacob Ickes 2.03.39, Paul Nalley 2.15.86.

200 Ind. Med: Rob Hoelzle 2.26.46, Noah Grayson 2.31.50.

50 Free: Greg VanDyne 25.28, Nate Schrickel 25.45.

100 Fly: Brandon Spicer 1.08.04, Alan Gamble 1.12.11.

100 Free: Elliot Hoagn 54.85, Greg VanDyne 59.01.

⁴⁰⁰/₅₀₀ Free: Jacob Ickes 5.29.86, Noah Grayson 6.14.76.

200 Free Relay: A (Nate Schrickel, Paul Nalley, Greg VanDyne, Noah Grayson) 1.45.07, B (Brandon Spicer, Jacob Rusch, Aaron Gray, Alan Gamble) 1.51.79.

100 Back: Rob Hoelzle 1.07.89, Brandon Spicer 1.09.93.

100 Breast: Elliot Hogan 1.07.97, Nate Schrickel 1.15.79.

400 Free Relay: A (Jacob Ickes, Rob Hoelzle, Greg VanDyne, Elliot Hogan) 3.55.72, B (Paul Nalley, Jacob Rusch, Aaron Gray, Alan Gamble) 4.10.39.

High School Girls

Ross 67, Col. Crawford 27

Ross 52, Galion 42

Galion 50, Col. Crawford 44

Ross Results

200 Medley Relay: A (Wendy Farrell, J. Fate, Jaymelee Glaspy, Samantha Glaspy) 2.10.00, B (Amber Barnes, Sarah Berger, M. Fahrbach, Tia Gilson) 2.16.82.

200 Free: Fahrbach 2.26.61, Barnes 2.37.02.

200 Ind. Med: Morgan O'Connor 2.24.02, Farrell 2.38.43.

50 Free: J. Glaspy 27.67, Sara Steinle 31.33.

100 Fly: Brittany O'Connor 1.03.17, Barnes 1.26.13.

100 Free: M. O'Connor 56.99, Erika Parker 1.07.10.

⁴⁰⁰/₅₀₀ Free: Berger 6.02.16, S Glaspy 6.12.53.

200 Free Relay: A (B. O'Connor, Glaspy, Berger, M. O'Connor) 1.47.75, B (S. Glaspy, Fate, Gilson, Barnes) 2:03.10.

100 Back: B. O'Connor 1.03.24, Fahrbach 1.11.92.

100 Breast: Farrell 1.21.23, Fate 1.24.08.

400 Free Relay: A (M. O'Connor, Glaspy, Berger, B. O'Connor) 3.58.61, B (S. Glaspy, Steinle, Parker, Gilson) 4.28.06.

Ross girls finish 6th at tough invitational

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COLUMBUS — The Fremont Ross girls swimmers kicked it up a notch to take sixth place Saturday at the Ned Reeb Invitational at Ohio State University.

Nine Ross girls and seven boys qualified to swim in the Champions Meet against 670 other swimmers from 52 Ohio high school teams.

During the morning preliminary events, junior Brittany O'Connor placed sixth in the 100-yard butterfly against a field of 55 of the top Ohio swimmers. She finished third against 79 others in the 100 backstroke, qualifying to swim in the afternoon finals.

Only the top 12 qualifiers from the morning session return for the finals competition. Brittany held on to her sixth place in the butterfly finals with a time of 1 minute, 3.11 seconds, and finished fourth in the backstroke finals with a time of 1:04:49, earning the team a total of 20 points.

Senior Morgan O'Connor qualified 10th against 64 others in the freestyle to return for the evening. In the final, she moved up to eighth place with a 56.53, earning five team points.

The girls freestyle relays, which included the O'Connors, senior Sarah Berger and sophomore Jaymelee Glaspy, racked up 40 points thanks to strong preliminary finishes. The top six teams, based on seed times prior to the meet, automatically qualified through to the evening session.

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Although the Ross girls were not among those six teams, their time of 1:46.76 in the 200 free relay moved them up to fourth-place overall, earning 22 team points. Their 3:55.68 in the 400 free relay moved them up to sixth for an additional 18 points and a final team total of 65 points for sixth place overall.

Upper Arlington won the girls meet with 264 points. Findlay's girls finished 11th, and Sylvania Northview 26th.

On the boys side for Ross, the freestyle relays posted season-best times, just out of the point standings. Freshman Jake Ickes, sophomore Rob Hoelzle and juniors Noah Grayson and Elliot Hogan finished 14th against 27 other teams in the boys 400 freestyle relay with a 3:43:40. Hoelzle, Grayson, sophomore Nate Schrickel and senior captain Paul Nalley finished 17th against 30 teams in the 200 free relay at 1:42:66. Junior Elliot Hogan posted the boys top finish at 15th in the 100 breaststroke against a field of 52 swimmers with a 1:07:80, just missing the finals.

Akron Firestone won the boys meet with 294 points. St. John's finished 12th overall, Findlay 20th and Sylvania Northview 26th.

The Little Giants swim again at 5 p.m. Friday at Sylvania Northview and at 11 a.m. Saturday in a double-dual with Oak Harbor and Port Clinton at Port Clinton.

Swimming

High School Boys

Ned Reeb Invitational

Team Scores

1. Akron Firestone.....294
2. Westerville North.....164
3. Upper Arlington.....136
4. St. Charles Prep.....117
5. Worthington Kilbourne.....104

Ross Results

200 Freestyle Prelims

23. Jake Ickes 1:59.56, 33. Rob Hoelzle 2:03.12, 51. Noah Grayson 2:09.27, 58. Paul Nalley 2:14.87

50 Freestyle Prelims

28. Elliot Hogan 24.49, 39. Nate Schrickel 25.17

100 Butterfly Prelims

32. Brandon Spicer 1:05.50

100 Freestyle Prelims

32. Jake Ickes 54.88, 41. Noah Grayson 58.26

200 Freestyle Relay Final

17. Nate Schrickel, Rob Hoelzle, Paul Nalley, Noah Grayson 1:42.66

100 Backstroke Prelims

33. Rob Hoelzle 1:05.93, 34. Brandon Spicer 1:06.26

100 Breaststroke Prelims

15. Elliot Hogan 1:07.80, 47. Nate Schrickel 1:14.81

400 Freestyle Relay Final

14. Jake Ickes, Rob Hoelzle, Noah Grayson, Elliot Hogan 3:43.40.

High School Girls

Ned Reeb Invitational

Team Scores

1. Upper Arlington.....264
2. Thomas Worthington.....162
3. Akron Firestone.....161
4. Dublin Coffman.....149
5. Hathaway Brown.....71
6. Ross.....65

Ross Results

200 Medley Relay Final

28. Micheline Fahrback, Wendy Farrell, Sam Glaspy, Jenny Fate 2:12.01

200 Freestyle Prelims

21. Morgan O'Connor 2:07.33, 44. Sarah Berger 2:13.73, 61. Sam Glaspy 2:17.60

200 Individual Medley Prelims

55. Wendy Farrell 2:40.11

50 Freestyle Prelims

36. Jaymelee Glaspy 27.36

100 Butterfly Prelims

6. Brit O'Connor 1:02.06

100 Butterfly Final

6. Brit O'Connor 1:03.11

100 Freestyle Prelims

10. Morgan O'Connor 57.05, 32. Sarah Berger 1:00.67

100 Freestyle Final

8. Morgan O'Connor 56.53

200 Freestyle Relay Final

4. Brit O'Connor, Sarah Berger, Jaymelee Glaspy, Morgan O'Connor 1:46.76

100 Backstroke Prelim

3. Brit O'Connor 1:03.87, 33. Jaymelee Glaspy 1:10.44, 44. Micheline Fahrback 1:11.83, 65. Jenny Fate 1:14.10

100 Backstroke Final

4. Brit O'Connor 1:04.49

100 Breaststroke Prelim

35. Wendy Farrell 1:18.93, 48. Sam Glaspy 1:21.61

400 Freestyle Relay Final

6. Morgan O'Connor, Sarah Berger, Jaymelee Glaspy, Brit O'Connor 3:55.68.

Giants sink in dual

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SYLVANIA — Northview swept Fremont Ross in a swimming dual meet Friday at Sylvania.

The Northview girls won, 100-85, while the boys were 105-80 winners over the Little Giants.

Despite the loss, Friday was a big day for the O'Connor sisters of Ross.

Brittany O'Connor won the girls 200 freestyle in 2 minutes, 16.65 seconds. She also won the 100 butterfly, finishing in 1:10.69.

Morgan O'Connor captured first place in the 200 individual medley, touching the wall in 2:40.15. O'Connor edged Northview's Jessie Guinness to win the 100 freestyle, finishing in 1:03.38. Guinness's time was 1:03.49.

The O'Connors teamed with Sarah Berger and Jaymelee Glaspy to win the 200 freestyle medley. Their winning time was 2:00.47.

The same four won the 400 freestyle relay in 4:25.98.

Ross captured the girls 200-meter medley relay in 2:22.75. The team featured Micheline Fahrbach, Wendy Farrell, Berger and Glaspy.

The boys 200 medley relay squad from Ross was also victorious, winning in 2:06.78. The team included Rob Hoelzle, Elliott Hogan, Nate Schrickel and Greg Vandyne.

Hogan won the 100 breaststroke in 1:15.88.

Ross swims at Port Clinton today.

High School Girls

Sylv. Northview 100, Ross 85

200 Medley Relay

1. Ross (Micheline Fahrbach, Sarah Berger, Wendy Farrell, Jaymelee Glaspy) 2:22.75
2. Sylvania 2:23.25
3. Ross (Jenny Fate, Amber Barnes, Sam Glaspy, Erika Parker) 2:32.06
6. Ross (Laura McAllister, Emily Grayson, Theresa Koch, Ariane Forster) 3:09.23

200 Freestyle

1. Ross (Britt O'Connor) 2:16.65
2. Sylvania 2:24.18
3. Sylvania 2:24.91
5. Ross (Chelsea Earhart) 3:29.03

200 Individual Medley

1. Ross (Morgan O'Connor) 2:40.15
2. Sylvania 2:45.12
3. Sylvania 2:50.06
5. Ross (Farrell) 2:57.34
6. Ross (Fahrbach) 3:04.13

50 Freestyle

1. Sylvania 29.81
2. Ross (Berger) 30.86
3. Sylvania 31.89
6. Ross (Tia Gilson) 32.78

100 Butterfly

1. Ross (B. O'Connor) 1:10.69
2. Sylvania 1:14.92
3. Sylvania 1:20.31
5. Ross (Barnes) 1:31.81

100 Freestyle

1. Ross (M. O'Connor) 1:03.38
2. Sylvania 1:03.49
3. Sylvania 1:10.22
4. Ross (Fate) 1:11.40
6. Ross (Gilson) 1:13.11

500 Freestyle

1. Sylvania 6:27.64
2. Sylvania 6:38.70
3. Ross (Farrell) 6:45.18
4. Ross (S. Glaspy) 6:45.95
6. Ross (Barnes) 8:36.23

200 Freestyle Relay

1. Ross (B. O'Connor, Berger, M. O'Connor, J. Glaspy) 2:00.47
2. Sylvania 2:04.01
3. Ross (Fate, S. Glaspy, Sara Steinle, Gilson) 2:13.51
5. Ross (Melissa McDonald, Reina Yasuyama, Theresa Koch, Gesa Walter) 2:52.26

100 Backstroke

1. Sylvania 1:17.53
2. Ross (J. Glaspy) 1:18.04
3. Sylvania 1:20.11
4. Ross (Fahrbach) 1:21.39
5. Ross (Fate) 1:23.79

100 Breaststroke

1. Sylvania 1:27.47
2. Ross (S. Glaspy) 1:28.62
3. Sylvania 1:29.10
5. Ross (Grayson) 1:43.42

400 Freestyle Relay

1. Ross (M. O'Connor, B. O'Connor, Berger, J. Glaspy) 4:25.98
2. Sylvania 4:38.49
3. Ross (Parker, Fahrbach, Gilson, Farrell) 4:56.96
6. Ross (Koch, Steinle, Earhart, Yasuyama) 6:33.99

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1. Sylvania 181
2. Ross (Alyssa Zimmerman) 173.30
3. Sylvania 167.55

Swimming

High School Boys

Sylv. Northview 105, Ross 80

200 Medley Relay

1. Ross (Rob Hoelzle, Elliot Hogan, Nate Schrickel, Greg Vandyne) 2:06.78
2. Sylvania 2:07.83
3. Ross (Brandon Spicer, Alan Gamble, Noah Grayson, David Albrechta) 2:18.80

200 Freestyle

1. Sylvania 2:14.42
2. Ross (Jake Ickes) 2:15.85
3. Ross (Hoelzle) 2:19.84
6. Ross (Jacob Rusch) 3:15.38

200 Individual Medley

1. Sylvania 2:32.50
2. Sylvania 2:33.04
3. Ross (Hogan) 2:40.08
5. Ross (Paul Nalley) 2:50.98
6. Ross (Gamble) 2:57.35

50 Freestyle

1. Sylvania 25.41
2. Ross (Vandyne) 28.15
3. Ross (Schrickle) 28.37

100 Butterfly

1. Sylvania 1:13.59
2. Ross (Spicer) 1:14.69
3. Sylvania 1:14.79
5. Ross (Grayson) 1:17.86
6. Ross (Nalley) 1:20.88

100 Freestyle

1. Sylvania 59.83
2. Ross (Vandyne) 1:04.18
3. Sylvania 1:06.23
4. Ross (Albrechta) 1:06.85
5. Ross (Gray) 1:11.04

500 Freestyle

1. Sylvania 6:04.44
2. Ross (Ickes) 6:10.32
3. Ross (Grayson) 6:45.66
5. Ross (Gamble) 6:57.01

200 Freestyle Relay

1. Sylvania 1:50.28
2. Ross (Hogan, Ickes, Schrickel, Vandyne) 1:51.72
3. Sylvania 2:07.43
4. Ross (Albrechta, Nathan Bowen, Rusch, Gray) 2:07.59

100 Backstroke

1. Sylvania 1:11.08
2. Ross (Hoelzle) 1:13.27
3. Ross (Spicer) 1:15.18
5. Ross (Rusch) 1:39.03

100 Breaststroke

1. Ross (Hogan) 1:15.88
2. Sylvania 1:19.43
3. Sylvania 1:21.08
5. Ross (Gray) 1:39.11

400 Freestyle Relay

1. Sylvania 4:13.07
2. Ross (Ickes, Grayson, Albrechta, Hoelze) 4:13.22
3. Ross (Nalley, Gray, Gamble, Spicer) 4:38.12

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1. Sylvania 201.50
2. Ross (Brian Whitright) 145.50
3. Ross (Zachary Ramey) 127.68

Ross swimmers top Rockets, 'Skins

News-Messenger reports

PORT CLINTON — Thirty-two season best times, many in key events, gave the Fremont Ross swim teams a pair of wins in a double-dual against Port Clinton and Oak Harbor on Saturday.

The Ross girls defeated Oak Harbor 161-132 and squeaked by Port Clinton 146-144. The boys dominated with a 193-71 win over Oak Harbor



M. O'CONNOR

and a 159-124 win over Port Clinton.

On the girls side, it was close all the way against Port Clinton.

Going into the last event, the 400-yard freestyle relay,

the girls trailed the Redskins by eight points.

But a first-place finish by Brittany and Morgan O'Connor, Sarah Berger and Jaymelee Glaspy won the team 10 points. Port Clinton finished in fourth place and didn't score.

The O'Connors, Berger and Glaspy also won the 200 freestyle relay earlier in the meet.

"We knew on the girls side it would come down to the relays, so we loaded them up," Ross coach Phil Moran said. "In a double-dual, it's really hard to keep track of the scoring, but we knew it was close going into that last relay, maybe a little too close. But the girls swam their best time of the season and pulled it out."

On the other side of the

double-dual, both the Port Clinton boys and girls beat Oak Harbor, 159-72 for the boys and 162-133 for the girls.

Morgan O'Connor took two first places, in the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly. Berger took second in the butterfly, and Sam Glaspy was second in the individual medley.

See GIANTS, B4

Pirates scuttle Little Giants

Season bests
not enough for
Ross swimmers

News-Messenger reports

What is left to say when you swim the best 500-yard freestyle of your life and still take second place.

"Oh well," was about all Fremont Ross's Brittany O'Connor took muster between deep breaths after losing to Sandusky Perkins' Kim Routh.

Routh finished the race in five minutes, 22.99 seconds. O'Connor swam a career-best 5:31.31.

"She's gone under five minutes in this event, so just staying close to her gave me a great swim. I'm happy with it," O'Connor said.

O'Connor also took a second in the 100 backstroke.

It was the same story for Ross freshman Jake Ickes. He recorded a personal best time in the boys 500 free, a 5:28.55, but got touched out by Perkins' Adam Wohl, who took second with a 5:28.45. Jon Baker of Perkins won the race with a 5:26.14.

Ickes also swam his best time in the 200 individual medley, a 2:22.36, and ended up third. Baker took 2nd, and Wohl was first at 2:14.42.

Elliot Hogan of Ross swam his best time of the year in the 100 breaststroke, a 1:06.34, and got touched out by Dan Wohl at 1:05.89.

That was pretty much the way it went the whole meet. Perkins took places 1-2 or 1-3-5, Fremont Ross took 2-4-6. When the point totals came in at the end, the Perkins girls earned a 117-63 victory over Ross, and the Pirates boys beat the Little Giants 100-79.

Ross's Morgan O'Connor took second in the 200 free to Kim Routh of Perkins and another second in the 100 free to Kim's sister, Carolyn Routh. Ross' Tia Gilson finished fourth.

Sarah Berger, Sam Glaspy and Gilson went 3-4-5 in the 200 individual medley; Jake Ickes, Noah Grayson and Aaron Gray did the same on the boys side. Jaymelee Glaspy grabbed second in the girls

High School Girls

Perkins 117, Ross 63

Winners and Ross Results

200 Medley Relay

1. Perkins 1:56.93
2. Brittany O'Connor, Wendy Farrell, Morgan O'Connor, Jaymelee Glaspy 2:02.98
4. Micheline Fahrbach, Sam Glaspy, Amber Barnes, Tia Gilson 2:17.67

200 Freestyle

1. Perkins (Kimberly Routh) 2:00.95
2. M. O'Connor 2:06.24
4. Farrell 2:20.35
5. Fahrbach 2:27.21

200 Individual Medley

1. Perkins (Jenna Kastor) 2:24.88
3. Sarah Berger 2:30.20
4. S. Glaspy 2:35.60
5. Gilson 2:44.89

50 Freestyle

1. Perkins (Melanie Burns) 26.68
2. J. Glaspy 27.25
5. Sara Steinle 30.79
6. Reina Yaswyama 39.76

100 Butterfly

1. Perkins (Kastor) 1:06.31
3. Berger 1:11.40
5. Barnes 1:22.95
6. Emily Grayson 1:34.72

100 Freestyle

1. Perkins (Carolyn Routh) 56.71
2. M. O'Connor 57.58
4. Gilson 1:07.52
6. Atiane Forester 1:31.14

500 Freestyle

1. Perkins (Routh) 5:22.99
2. B. O'Connor 5:31.31
4. S. Glaspy 6:02.00
6. Fahrbach 6:41.31

200 Freestyle Relay

1. Perkins 1:49.48
2. J. Glaspy, Farrell, Berger, Gilson 1:54.94
5. Barnes, Chelsea Earhart, Yaswyama, Steinle 2:17.96

100 Backstroke

1. Perkins (Briana Henning) 1:02.66
2. B. O'Connor 1:03.27
5. Melissa McDonald 1:50.82
6. Laura McCallister 1:52.24

100 Breaststroke

1. Perkins (Sara Carver) 1:12.66
2. Farrell 1:20.24
4. Grayson 1:29.45
6. Jesa Walter 1:41.35

400 Freestyle Relay

1. Perkins 3:45.29
2. M. O'Connor, J. Glaspy, Berger, B. O'Connor 3:58.62
4. S. Glaspy, Fahrbach, Steinle, Grayson 4:30.03

Diving

1. Alyssa Zimmerman 159.75.

Swimming

High School Boys

Perkins 100, Ross 79^N

Winners and Ross Results

200 Medley Relay

1. Perkins 1:50.58
2. Rob Hoelzle, Elliot Hogan, Nate Schrickel, Jacob Ickes 1:54.10
3. Brandon Spicer, Noah Grayson, Alan Gamble, Paul Nalley 2:07.69

200 Freestyle

1. Perkins (Mark Smith) 2:01.14
3. Hoelzle 2:08.39
4. Greg Vandyne 2:09.70
5. Nalley 2:15.93

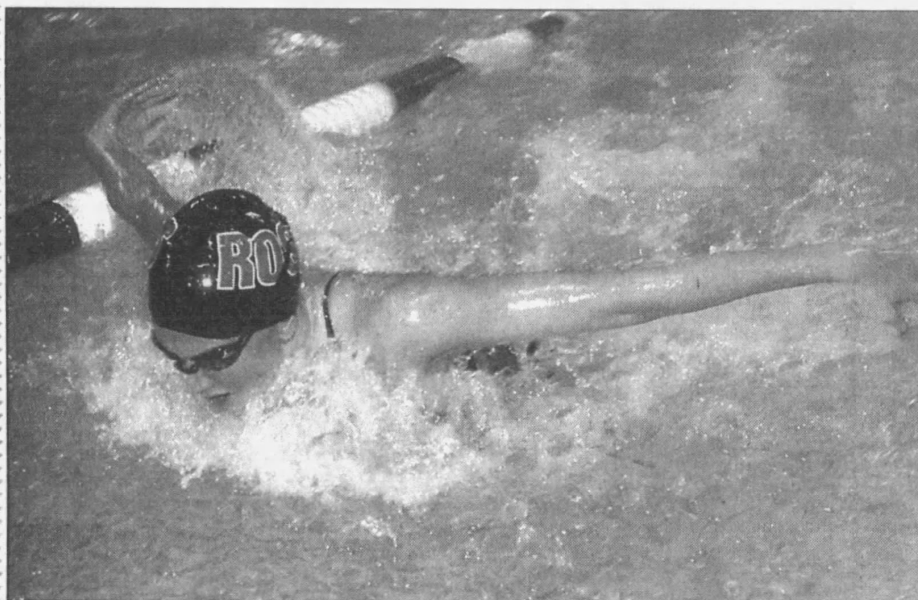
200 Individual Medley

1. Perkins (Adam Whol) 2:14.42
3. Ickes 2:22.36
4. Grayson 2:29.88
5. Aaron Gray 2:47.23

50 Freestyle

1. Perkins (Drew Janitzki) 24.40
3. Schrickel 25.74
4. Mervin Forbes 26.63
6. Nathen Bowen 31.52

High School Swimming



News-Messenger/Ben French

SARAH BERGER of Fremont Ross competes in the 200-yard individual medley during Wednesday's meet with Findlay at Fremont Middle School. Berger finished third in the event.

Record-setting relay team saves Ross girls

Boys squad drenches Trojans, 83-17

News-Messenger reports

Three Fremont Ross pool records fell Wednesday as the Lady Giants again pulled out a win on the last event of a dual meet, this time at home against Findlay.

On Saturday, the girls trailed Port Clinton until the final relay, the 400-yard freestyle.

On Wednesday, Ross trailed by two points, but a record-setting performance by Morgan and Brittany O'Connor, Sarah Berger and Jaymelee Glaspy — coupled with a third place by teammates Sam Glaspy, Emily Grayson, Michi Fahrback and Wendy Farrell — gave the girls the 10 points they needed to beat Findlay 93-89.

The Ross winners recorded a time of 3 minutes, 53.30 seconds. The O'Connors, Berger and the now-graduated Noelle Stroeml set the previous 400 freestyle record of 3:55.20 last season.

"This is only the second time in eight years that the girls have won against Findlay," Ross coach Phil Moran said, "and it's one of those times when you're glad to have a big team. All those third-

and fourth-place finishes added the extra one or two points along the way that we needed to beat them."

Lindsay Zirkle of Findlay set a pool record in the 100 butterfly at 1:02.43, beating Brittany O'Connor, who finished second at 1:03.90. O'Connor came back to beat Zirkle in the 100 backstroke. Zirkle was also part of Findlay's 1:45.95 record-setting 200 freestyle relay, swimming with Ashley Meuser, Amanda Wittenmeyer and Michelle Jastal.

The same four Ross swimmers from the 400 freestyle relay took second at 1:46.95 in the 200 freestyle, also beating the pool record.

Ross's Jaymelee and Sam Glaspy, Farrell and Tia Gilson kicked the meet off with a first in the 200 medley relay. Sam Glaspy took second in the 200 freestyle, Jaymelee Glaspy second in the 50 freestyle, Farrell second in the 50 breaststroke and Morgan O'Connor and Berger first and third, respectively, in the 200 individual medley. Morgan O'Connor also was first in the 500 freestyle.

Senior Kristen VanDyne, just back off the injured list, posted a winning time of 1:02.81 in the 100 freestyle. Alyssa Zimmerman contributed a much-needed six points with her first-place finish in diving.

On the boys side, it wasn't much of a contest. Ross won 83-17, taking first and second in nearly every event, including all three relays.

Jake Ickes and Noah Grayson went 1-2 in the 200 freestyle, Elliot Hogan and Paul Nalley 1-2 in the 200 individual medley and Hogan and Alan Gamble 1-2 in the 100 breaststroke.

Greg VanDyne and Mervin Forbes went 1-2 in the 50 freestyle, Nate Schrickel and Gamble 1-2 in the 100 freestyle, Rob Hoelzle and David Albrechta 1-2 in the 500 freestyle and Brandon Spicer and Hoelzle 1-2 in the 100 backstroke. Spicer also grabbed first in the 100 butterfly. Divers Brian Whitright and Zach Ramey finished second and fourth, respectively.

Ross swims Saturday at the St. Francis Invitational in Toledo.

Swimming

High School Boys

Fremont Ross 83, Findlay 17

Winners and Ross results

50 Freestyle

1. Greg Vandyne 24.89
2. Mervin Forbes 27.26

100 Butterfly

1. Brandon Spicer 1:05.18
3. Aaron Gray DQ

100 Freestyle

1. Nate Schrickel 56.93
2. Alan Gamble 59.40

100 Backstroke

1. Spicer 1:06.93
2. Rob Hoelzle 1:07.26

100 Breaststroke

1. Hogan 1:08.33
2. Gamble 1:20.73

200 Freestyle Relay

1. Jake Ickes, Paul Nalley, Elliot Hogan, Noah Grayson 1:44.18
2. Forbes, Nathan Bowen, Gray, Jacob Rusch 1:56.53

200 Medley Relay

1. Hoelzle, Schrickel, Gamble, David Albrechta 2:00.57
2. Spicer, Hogan, Grayson, Bowen 2:05.37

200 Freestyle

1. Ickes 2:04.05
2. Grayson 2:09.79

200 Intermediate Medley

1. Hogan 2:21.51
2. Nalley 2:33.18

400 Freestyle Relay

1. Gray, Gamble, Schrickel, Ickes 4:01.60
2. Rusch, Nalley, Grayson, Vandyne 4:13.04

500 Freestyle

1. Hoelzle 5:53.18
2. Albrechta 6:15.21

Diving

1. Findlay (Kieron Cindric) 248.61
2. Brian Whitright 164.15
4. Zachary Ramey 135.25

High School Girls

Fremont Ross 93, Findlay 89

Winners and Ross results

50 Freestyle

1. Findlay (Michelle Jastal) 26.96
2. Jaymelee Glaspy 27.01
3. Kristen Vandyne 28.55
7. Reina Yasuyama 39.89

100 Butterfly

1. Findlay (Lindsay Zirkle) 1:02.43
2. Brittany O'Connor 1:03.90
4. Sarah Berger 1:14.42
5. Amber Barnes 1:24.92
6. Emily Grayson 1:38.58

100 Freestyle

1. Vandyne 1:02.81
3. Tia Gilson 1:05.75
4. Sara Steinle 1:09.44
8. Theresa Koch 1:20.50

100 Backstroke

1. B. O'Connor 1:04.07
4. Fahrback 1:15.27
6. Emily Zamora 1:26.58
7. Ariane Forster 1:51.18

100 Breaststroke

1. Findlay (Megan Comer) 1:19.55
2. Farrell 1:19.90
4. Gilson 1:27.77
6. Barnes 1:31.38

200 Freestyle Relay

1. Findlay 1:45.95
2. B. O'Connor, J. Glaspy, Berger, M O'Connor 1:46.95
4. Steinle, Melissa McDonald, McAllister, Earhart 2:14.39

200 Medley Relay

1. J. Glaspy, Ferrell, S. Glaspy, Gilson 2:17.39
4. McAllister, Theresa Koch, Barnes, McDonald 2:45.67

200 Freestyle

1. Findlay (Jennifer Speidenner) 2:13.61
2. S. Glaspy 2:15.72
4. M Fahrback 2:24.10
6. Grayson 2:28.94
8. Earhart 2:53.74

200 Intermediate Medley

1. M O'Connor 2:21.90
3. Berger 2:34.42
4. Farrell 2:37.06
6. Zamora 3:14.45

400 Freestyle Relay

1. M O'Connor, J. Glaspy, Berger, B. O'Connor 3:53.30
3. S. Glaspy, Grayson, Fahrback, Farrell 4:28.63

500 Freestyle

1. M O'Connor 5:43.85
3. S Glaspy 6:01.87

Diving

1. Alyssa Zimmerman 167.50

Giants swim to second at invite

Deep relay squads lead boys in Toledo

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Double the relays, double the points.

That was the Fremont Ross boys' successful swim strategy at the first Knight Invitational on Saturday at St. Francis High School.

Two relay teams in each of three relay events earned the Little Giants 180 points toward a final total of 406, and a second-place finish. Ross defeated rival Sandusky Perkins, which finished third with 370. St. Francis won the meet with 701 points.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Greg VanDyne, Nate Schrickel, Elliot Hogan and Jake Ickes moved from a third-place finish in morning preliminaries to take second in the finals. Mervin Forbes, Dave Albrechta, Aaron Gray and Noah Grayson advanced from fifth to fourth in the same event for 64 total points.

Hogan, VanDyne, Ickes and Rob Hoelzle took third in the 400 freestyle relay. Teammates Alan Gamble, Paul Nalley, Albrechta and Forbes advanced from seventh to fifth, for a 60-point total.

A fourth-place finish by Hoelzle, Schrickel, Grayson and Nalley in the 200 medley relay — combined with a sixth place by Gray, Gamble, Brandon Spicer and Jacob Rusch — gave the boys an additional 56 points.

"Having enough good swimmers to double-point in relays made all the difference," Ross coach Phil Moran said. "Combined with some personal-best performances in individual events, the boys had a pretty good day."

Among those personal bests was a fourth-place finish in the 100 backstroke (1 minute, 3.22 seconds) by Hoelzle, who dropped nearly three seconds off his best time. Grayson dropped a full 27 seconds off his 500 freestyle best to take fifth, at 5:47.48.



HOGAN



HOELZLE

Swimming

High School Boys

Knight Invitational

Team Scores

St. Francis De Sales (SFS)	701
Ross	406
Sandusky Perkins (PERK)	370
Findlay (FIN)	80
Masnfield St. Peter (MSP)	68
Sylvania Southview (SYLS)	53
Mansfield Christian (MC)	37
Perrysburg (PHS)	4

Winners and Ross Results

400 Freestyle Relay

1. SFS 3:31.25; 3. Ross (Elliot Hogan, Rob Hoelzle, Greg Vandyne, Jake Ickes) 3:51.70; 5. Ross (Alan Gamble, Paul Nalley, David Albrechta, Mervin Forbes) 4:07.19

100 Breaststroke

1. MC 1:06.29; 5. Ross (Hogan) 1:09.85; 7. Ross (Nate Schrickel) 1:15.43

100 Backstroke

1. SFS 55.93; 4. Ross (Hoelzle) 1:03.22; 10. Ross (Brandon Spicer) 1:08.68

200 Freestyle Relay

1. SFS 1:37.77; 2. Ross (Vandyne, Schrickel, Hogan, Ickes) 1:40.98; 4. Ross (Forbes, Albrechta, Aaron Gray, Noah Grayson) 1:49.48

500 Freestyle

1. PERK 4:51.50; 5. Ross (Grayson) 5:47.48; 6. Ross (Hogan) 5:47.59

100 Freestyle

1. MSP 50.72; 5. Ross (Ickes) 55.27; 9. Ross (Vandyne) 56.95; 11. Ross (Nalley) 59.47; 12. Ross Albrechta 1:00.55; 14. Ross (Gamble) 1:01.01; 16. Ross (Forbes) 1:02.03

100 Butterfly

1. SYLS 57.63; 5. Ross (Spicer) 1:05.02; 8. Ross (Grayson) 1:09.89

50 Freestyle

1. MSP 22.95; 4. Ross (Schrickel) 25.92; 8. Ross (Albrechta) 26.83; 9. Ross (Nalley) 26.45; 11. Ross (Gamble) 27.51; 13. Ross (Gray) 28.40; 14. Ross (Forbes) 27.13

200 Individual Medley

1. SFS 2:09.00; 6. Ross (VanDyne) 2:34.23

200 Freestyle

1. PERK 1:47.52; 5. Ross (Hoelzle) 2:02.37; 6. Ross (Ickes) 2:04.22

200 Medley Relay

1. SFS 1:47.83; 4. Ross (Hoelzle, Schrickel, Grayson, Nalley) 2:02.32; 6. Ross (Spicer, Gray, Gamble, Rusch) 2:15.26

High School Girls

Knight Invitational

Team Scores

Notre Dame Academy (NDA)	639
Sandusky Perkins (PERK)	396
Findlay (FIND)	251
Ross	207
Perrysburg (PHS)	201
St. Ursula Academy (SUA)	182
Sylvania Southview (SYLS)	16

Winners And Ross Results

400 Freestyle Relay

1. NDA 3:48.68; 3. Ross (Morgan O'Connor, Jaymelee Glaspy, Sarah Berger, Brit O'Connor) 4:01.14

100 Breaststroke

1. NDA 1:11.92; 9. Ross (Wendy Farrell) 1:20.04; 11. Ross (Berger) 1:22.74

100 Backstroke

1. NDA 1:00.34; 2. Ross (B. O'Connor) 1:03.56; 12. Ross (J. Glaspy) 1:11.05; 14. Ross (Micheline Fahrbach) 1:12.70

200 Freestyle Relay

1. NDA 1:44.91; 4. Ross (M. O'Connor, J. Glaspy, Berger, B. O'Connor) 1:50.33

500 Freestyle

1. NDA 5:06.95; 5. Ross (Sam Glaspy) 6:05.50

100 Freestyle

1. FIND 56.14; 2. Ross (M. O'Connor) 56.70; 16. Ross (Emily Grayson) 1:06.78

100 Butterfly

1. NDA 57.87; 4. Ross (B. O'Connor) 1:07.23

50 Freestyle

1. FIND 25.66; 9. Ross (J. Glaspy) 27.72

200 Individual Medley

1. NDA 2:11.00; 10. Ross (Berger) 2:34.35; 11. Ross (Farrell) 2:43.97; 15. Ross (Barnes) 2:53.22

200 Freestyle

1. NDA 1:54.30; 3. Ross (M. O'Connor) 2:03.74; 7. Ross (S. Glaspy) 2:16.33; 11. Ross (Kristen Vandyne) 2:28.25

200 Medley Relay

1. NDA 1:56.73.

O'Connor gets mark; boys earn 7th victory

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross junior Brittany O'Connor set a pool record in the 500-yard freestyle Saturday as the Little Giants suffered another tight loss, 88-81, against Lexington High School.

O'Connor recorded a time of 5 minutes, 31.64 seconds to break the previous mark of 5:38.80 was set by Northview swimmer Jessica Guinness last season.

Swimming

Sam Glaspy placed second in the event with a personal-best time of 5:56.49.

O'Connor also took a first in the 200 individual medley.

"I wanted to get my time down low enough that the record would stand for a while. If anyone beats it again, I hope it's me. I missed my best time ever by three-hundredths of a second, but for this pool, a 5:31.64 is OK," O'Connor said.

Morgan O'Connor and Sarah Berger went 1-2 in the 200 freestyle, and Morgan also grabbed six more team points with a first-place finish in the 100 butterfly.

Jaymelee Glaspy was first in the 50 freestyle and swam on two first-place relays, the 200 and 400 freestyles, along with both O'Connors and Berger.

Both Glaspys, Kristen VanDyne and Tia Gilson teamed up to finish second in the 200 medley relay.

Other top finishes included seconds by Berger in the 100 freestyle and Wendy Farrell in the 100 breaststroke, and a third by Micheline Fahrback in the 100 backstroke.

The depth on the boys swim team paid off again as the Little Giants cruised to a 113-56 victory, going 1-2 in four events and winning all three relays.

Elliot Hogan took a pair of firsts, one in the 200 individual medley with a personal-best time of 2:19.27, and the other a season-best time of 1:06.76 in the 100 breaststroke.

Freshman Jake Ickes and sophomore Rob Hoelzle went 1-2 in the 200 freestyle, and Noah Grayson and Alan Gamble went 1-2 in the boys 500 freestyle. Hoelzle took first in the 100 backstroke followed by teammate Brandon Spicer. Ickes also took a second in the 100 freestyle.

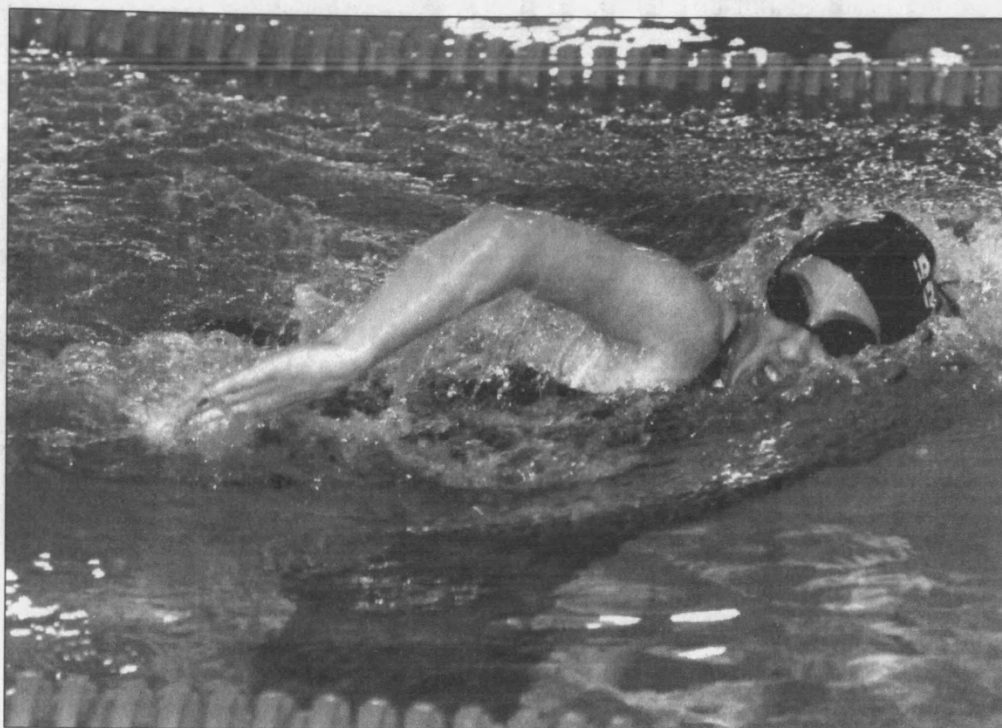
Spicer, Gamble and Aaron Gray went 2-3-4 in the 100 butterfly as did Greg VanDyne, Nate Schrickel and David Albrechta in the 50 freestyle.

Hoelzle, Hogan, Schrickel and VanDyne teamed up for a first in the 200 medley relay. And it was Ickes, VanDyne, Grayson and Hoelzle grabbing first in the 400 freestyle relay.

Jake Ickes dug deep to crank out a 24.23 on the final 50-yard leg of the 200 freestyle relay (with teammates Hogan, Schrickel, and senior Mervin Forbes) for a come-from-behind win that brought everyone to their feet.

Ross finished at 1:41.71, and Lexington touched at 1:42.01.

The Lady Giants' record stands at 6-3 in dual meets, and the boys are 7-2. Both teams swim again Tuesday at Sandusky.



News-Messenger/John Walz

LAUREN GROVER of Oak Harbor strokes her way down the pool in the 200-yard freestyle Tuesday. Grover won the event as the Rockets defeated Fostoria and Lakota.

Giants sweep Streaks

Oak Harbor whips Fostoria, Lakota in double-dual

News-Messenger reports

SANDUSKY — The Fremont Ross swimmers were in control from the first event Tuesday, taking two wins from Sandusky in a dual meet, the girls winning 104-66 and the boys 107-61.

Jaymelee and Sam Glaspy and Brittany and Morgan O'Connor grabbed 12 points in the opening 200-yard medley relay, finishing first. They were followed by teammates Micheline Fahrback, Wendy Farrell, Emily Grayson and Kristen VanDyne in second.

The girls won seven of the 11 events, including first-place finishes by Morgan O'Connor in the 200 and 500 freestyles, another pair of firsts by Brittany O'Connor in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke, and one by Sarah Berger in the 200 individual medley.

The O'Connors, Berger and Jaymelee Glaspy finished the meet with a first in the 400 freestyle relay.

Other top finishes included second places by Jenny Fate in the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly, Jaymelee Glaspy in the 50 freestyle,

Swimming

Fahrback in the 100 backstroke and Farrell in the 100 breaststroke.

Fahrback, Berger, Sam Glaspy and Grayson also placed second in the 200 freestyle relay.

Not to be outdone, the boys matched the girls, taking first place in seven of their 11 events, starting off with a first place by Rob Hoelzle, Elliot Hogan, Nate Schrickel and Greg VanDyne in the opening 200 medley relay.

In both the 200 and 500 freestyles, Fremont went 1-2-3, with Jake Ickes taking a pair of firsts. Hoelzle and Alan Gamble went 2-3 in the 200 freestyle, and it was Noah Grayson and Gamble taking 2-3 in the 500 freestyle, with a tight finish separating the pair by 11-hundredths of a second.

It was all Fremont in the 100 backstroke as well, with Hoelzle, Brandon Spicer and Gamble finishing 1-2-3.

The boys finished 1-2 in another pair of events. Noah Grayson and Paul Nalley went first and second in the 200 in-

dividual medley, and Elliot Hogan and Nate Schrickel turned the trick in the 100 breaststroke.

Aaron Gray added a second in the 100 butterfly, his best finish on the year. Ickes, Grayson, Gamble and Hoelzle finished the meet with a second in the 400 freestyle relay.

The Little Giants swim Saturday at the Napoleon Invitational.

Rockets down Fostoria, Lakota

OAK HARBOR — Oak Harbor's Lauren Grover and Janelle Montano had a hand in three victories apiece Tuesday as the Rockets girls swimmers swept Fostoria and Lakota in a double-dual.

Grover won the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events, and Montano swept the 50 and 100 freestyle. The duo combined with Michelle Druckenmiller and Branda Rose to claim the 200 freestyle relay.

The Oak Harbor girls defeated Fostoria 132-35 and Lakota 132-34.

Also Tuesday, the Oak Harbor boys glided to a 106-44 victory in a dual meet with Fostoria.

The Oak Harbor girls also got first-place finishes from Tiffany Hayes (diving) and Casey O'Shea (100 butterfly).

The 200 medley relay team of Stacy Laubacher, Rose, Druckenmiller and Amy Jenkins won as did the 400 freestyle relay team of Jenkins, O'Shea and Laubacher.

Sonia Schumaker won a pair of events for Lakota. She took the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke. Teammate Robyn Stumpe claimed the 100 breaststroke.

In boys action, Oak Harbor's Jeremy Laubacher won the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke to lead his team's effort. Brett Laub won the diving event, Brad Slomsky took the 200 individual medley and Thomas McRitchie finished first in the 100 freestyle. The 200 freestyle relay team also finished first. Team members were not available.

The Rockets will compete in the Sandusky Bay Conference Championships on Thursday and Saturday at Margareta. The diving competition is Thursday, the swimming competition on Saturday.

Ross 107, Sandusky 61

Ross Results

200 Medley Relay

1-Ross (Rob Hoeltzle, Elliot Hogan, Nate Schrickel, Greg VanDyne) 1:53.50,
3-Ross (Brandon Spicer, Noah Grayson, Alan Gamble, Paul Nalley) 2:05.10.

200 Free

1- Jacob Ickes 1:59.97, 2-Hoeltzle 2:04.4, 3-Gamble 2:11.10.

200 IM

1-Grayson 2:23.56, 2-Nalley 2:26.42, 4-Spicer 2:31.37.

50 Free

3-VanDyne 24.86, 4-Mervin Forbes 26.35, 6-Nathan Bower 32.34.

100 Butterfly

2-Aaron Gray 1:11.37, 3-Hogan 1:13.08.

100 Free

3-Schrackel 53.43, 4-Nalley 56.90, 5-Rusch 1:09.63.

500 Free

1-Ickes 5:36.36, 2-Grayson 5:46.25, 3-Gamble 5:46.86.

200 Free Relay

1-Ross 1:44.92, 3-Ross 1:54.48.

100 Back

1-Hoeltzle 1:04.96, 2-Spicer 1:08.24, 3-Gamble 1:11.91.

100 Breast

1-Hogan 1:08.41, 2-Schrackel 1:14.45, 4-VanDyne 1:16.98.

400 Free Relay

2-Ross (Ickes, Grayson, Gamble, Hoeltzle) 3:48.93, 3-Ross (Nalley, Spicer, Gray, Forbes) 4:09.15.

Oak Harbor 106, Fostoria 44

Oak Harbor Results

200 Medley Relay

2-OH (Jeremy Laubacher, Drew Grover, Jared Diekman, Thomas McRitchie) 2:02.28, 3-OH (Brad Slomsky, Donald Tabbert, Dan Royster, Chris Greggilla) 2:31.86.

200 Free

2-Diekman 2:19.82, 3-Nick Burns 2:36.66.

200 IM

1-Slomsky 2:48.98, 2-Grover 2:56.58, 3-Royster 3:28.21.

50 Free

1-Laubacher 25.73, 2-McRitchie 26.33, 3-Burns 29.30.

Diving

1-Brett Laub 128.25, 2-Jim Kuli 114.0

100 Fly

2-Royster 1:33.75.

100 Free

1-McRitchie 59.05, 2-Diekman 1:00.53, 3-Burns 1:04.73.

500 Free

1-Greggilla 7:40.74, 2-Royster 7:52.37.

200 Free Relay

1-OH 1:50.07, 2-OH 2:04.79.

100 Back

3-Slomsky 1:27.31.

100 Breast

1-Laubacher 1:12.69, 3-Tabbert 1:23.18, 4-Grover 1:29.24.

400 Free Relay

2-OH (Slomsky, Greggilla, Tabbert, Burns) 4:49.77.

High School Girls

Ross 104, Sandusky 66

Ross Results

200 Medley Relay

1-Ross (Samantha Glaspy, Jaymelee Glaspy, Morgan O'Connor, Britt O'Connor) 2:02.30, 2-Ross (Wendy Farrell, Fahrbach, Emily Grayson, Kristen VanDyne) 2:08.95, 4-Ross (Zamora, McDonald, Parker, Sara Steinle) 2:26.63.

200 Free

1-M. O'Connor 2:02.71, 3-Farrell 2:18.87, 5-Tia Gilson 2:29.51.

200 IM

1-Sarah Berger 2:28.22, 2-Jenny Fate 2:29.11, 5-Grayson 2:58.57.

50 Free

1-B. O'Connor 25.34, 3-Fahrbach 28.98, 4-Steinle 30.44.

100 Butterfly

2-Forster 1:14.76, 3-VanDyne 1:13.00, 4-Amber Barnes 1:23.87.

100 Free

2-J. Glaspy 59.50, 4-Berger 1:01.09, 5-Gilson 1:07.57.

500 Free

1-M. O'Connor 5:36.00, 3-S. Glaspy 6:06.69, 6-Zamora 7:11.98.

200 Free Relay

2-Ross (Fahrbach, Berger, Glaspy, Grayson) 1:53.38, 3-Ross (Fate, Gilson, Parker, VanDyne) 2:04.30, 6-Ross (Earhart, McAllister, Sweeney, Zamora) 2:11.53.

100 Back

1-B. O'Connor 1:03.00, 2-Fahrbach 1:44.34, 4-Barnes 1:19.21.

100 Breast

2-Farrell 1:18.96, 3-S. Glaspy 1:19.31, 6-McAllister 1:41.62.

400 Free Relay

1-Ross (M. O'Connor, B. O'Connor, Berger, Glaspy) 3:56.00, 3-Fate, Gilson, Grayson, VanDyne) 4:32.14, 6-Ross (Earhart, McAllister, Sweeney, Zamora) 5:07.07.

Ross swimmers record top times at Napoleon Invite

News-Messenger reports

NAPOLEON — A handful of top finishes along with a lot of backup points by underclassmen gave Fremont Ross a second place finish for the boys and third place for the girls against eight other teams Saturday at The Napoleon Classic Swimming and Diving Invitational.

Napoleon won its own invitational on both the boys and girls side. The Wildcats boys scored 474 points, and Ross had 358 points. The Sandusky boys were third with 250 points.

In the girls meet, Napoleon won with 427 points, Findlay was second with 310 points and Ross scored 263 points. Sandusky fourth and Fostoria fifth.

Junior Elliot Hogan's 29 individual points led the team. He had a first-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke and a second in the 50 freestyle, both with season-best times.

Freshman Jake Ickes beat his personal-best time by 2.44 seconds in the 200 freestyle, finishing at 1:56.83 for second place and 13 points. He added another 12 points with a third in the 100 freestyle.

Alan Gamble beat his personal-best time by 2.62 seconds in the 500 freestyle for a third-place finish, followed by Noah Grayson, who took fourth in the 500 freestyle and the 200 individual medley.

Sophomore David Albrechta turned in the most amazing performance of the meet, with a 24.68-second drop in the 500 freestyle for a sixth-place finish, taking his personal best time from 6:15 to 5:50.53.

"I've been watching high school swimming for 15 or so years, and in all that time I've never seen anyone drop that much time in one event," said John O'Connor, the team's conditioning coach. "He put everything he had into that race and barely cleared the pool when he finished. That's effort."

Albrechta also dropped 5.55 seconds in his 200 freestyle for seventh place.

Other top finishes included a first in the 200 medley relay for 32 points (Hogan, Ickes, Rob Hoelzle and Nate Schrickel); a third in the 400



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freestyle relay (Ickes, Grayson, Hoelzle and Hogan); a pair of fourth places by Rob Hoelzle in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke; a fourth by Nate Schrickel in the 100 breaststroke; and a fifth by Brandon Spicer in the 100 backstroke.

The divers, Zac Ramey and Brian Whitright, added another 21 points with fourth- and fifth-place finishes.

Senior Morgan O'Connor's 27 points led the girls. She earned a first in the 200 individual medley and fourth in the 100 freestyle. Sister Brittany O'Connor followed with 26 points and second-place finishes in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke. Alyssa Zimmerman finished first in the girls diving competition to add another 16 points to the girls total.

Sam Glaspy contributed 20 points with fifth-place finishes in the 200 and 500 freestyles, beating her sister Jaymee's 19 points, earned with fifth and sixth places in the 50 and 100 freestyles, respectively.

The girls' best relay finish was a third in the 400 freestyle (both O'Connors, Jaymee Glaspy and Wendy Farrell).

"Sometimes it's not so much about beating the others as much as it is about beating yourself, doing your personal best," assistant varsity coach Jim Rasavage said. "Several of our kids turned in personal-best times at Napoleon, and, considering how hard we're working them in practice right now, that shows a lot of determination on their part."

Some of those personal bests included two by freshman Emily Zamora in the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke, two apiece by Sara Steinle and Amy Jo Sweeney in the 50 and 100 freestyles, Mervin Forbes and Jake Rusch in the 50 freestyle, Aaron Gray in the 100 butterfly, and Laura McAllister in the 100 backstroke.

The Little Giants swim and dive at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Margaretta.

Swimming High School Boys

Napoleon Classic

Team Results

Napoleon.....	474
Ross.....	358
Sandusky.....	250
St. Wendelin.....	47
Findlay.....	36
Fostoria.....	33

200 Medley Relay

1-Ross (Rob Hoelzle, Elliot Hogan, Nate Schrickel, Jake Ickes) 1:53.51, 2-Nap (Jordan Vocke, Jon Saul, Jake Saul, Tyler Burgei) 1:56.67, 3-Nap (Tom Rains, Andrew Oehrtman, Jeff Reide-man, Adam Dewit) 2:03.30, 4-Ross (Brandon Spicer, Aaron Gray, Alan Gamble, Mervin Forbes) 2:09.90.

200 Free

1-Josh Boyd (Nap) 1:52.69, 2-Ickes (R) 1:56.83, 3-Chad Schwaiger (Nap) 2:02.24, 4-Rob Hoelzle (R) 2:03.85.

200 IM

1-Tyler Burgei (N) 2:17.69, 2-Jon Saul (N) 2:22.10, 3-Jeff Riedeman (N) 2:23.17, 4-Noah Grayson (R) 2:25.66.

50 Free

1-Hoover (N) 23.42, 2-Hogan (R) 23.91, 4-Chris Bravard (Sand) 23.97, 4-Anthony Gardner (Sand) 24.31.

1 MTR Diving

1-Tyler Groll (N) 169.95, 2-Paul Berger (Sand) 167.15, 3-Chris Borstelman (N) 150.20, 4-Zachary Ramey (R) 149.20, 5-Brian Whitright (R) 145.20.

100 Fly

1-Andy Bulkowski (SW) 58.85, 3-Saul (N) 1:03.24, 3-Brady Cremean (Sand) 1:04.95, 4-David Beach (Find) 1:05.30.

100 Free

1-Boyd (N) 51.44, 2-Chris Bravard (Sand) 53.62, 3-Ickes (R) 54.36, 4-Anthony Gardner (Sand) 55.69.

500 Free

1-Burgei (N) 5:24.22, 2-Jordan Vocke (N) 5:33.58, 3-Alan Gamble (R) 5:44.01, 4-Grayson (R) 5:49.37.

200 Free Relay

1-Nap (Hoover, Chad Schwaiger, Saul, Boyd) 1:37.95, 2-Sand (A. Gardner, Cremean, B. Gardner, Bravard) 1:38.91, 3-Nap (Tom Rains, Chris Miller, Adam Dewit, Phillip Etoll) 1:38.92, 4-Ross (Schrickel, David Albrechta, Paul Nalley, Grayson) 1:45.81.

100 Back

1-Saul (N) 1:02.80, 2-Schwaiger (N) 1:03.88, 3-Andy Bulkowski (SW) 1:05.15, 4-Hoelzle (R) 1:05.17.

100 Breast

1-Hogan (R) 1:06.79, 2-Hoover (N) 1:07.12, 3-Brett Charville (Sand) 1:13.14, 4-Schrickel (R) 1:14.63.

400 Free Relay

1-Nap (Boyd, Saul, Schwaiger, Hoover) 3:43.46, 2-Sand (A. Gardner, Cremean, B. Gardner, Bravard) 3:44.14, 3-Ross (Ickes, Grayson, Hoelzle, Hogan) 3:49.19, 4-Ross (Albrechta, Nalley, Gamble, Spicer) 3:55.28.

High School Girls

Napoleon Invitational

Team Results

Napoleon.....	427
Findlay	310
Ross.....	263
Sandusky	217
Fostoria	53
Lakota	41
St. Wendelin.....	24
Hopewell-Loudon	4

200 Medley Relay

1-Nap (Kelley Atkinson, Sarah Mar-
hugh, Judith Etscheit, Katrina Ducis)
1:57.55, 2-Nikki Linhart, Michell Jastal,
Jennifer Speildenner, Amanda Witten-
myer) 2:01.45, 3-Nap (Mariel Demichiel,
Dana Meyer, Audrey Adams, Kelli Fish-
er) 2:08.75, 4-Sand (Sara Drake,
Charissa Hixson, Alexis Kill, Megan Kir-
by) 2:08.75, 5-Ross (Micheline
Fahrbach, Sam Glaspy, Jenny Fate,
Emily Grayson) 2:13.10.

200 Free

1-Sarah Boyd (N) 2:05.75, 2-Katie
Wilke (Sand) 2:07.93, 3-Lesley Miely
(Sand) 2:13.59, 4-Missy Snyder (N)
2:14.18, 5-Sam Glaspy (R) 2:16.80.

200 IM

1-M. O'Connor (R) 2:22.47, 2-Judith
Etscheit (N) 2:24.65, 3-Emily Bulkowski
(SW) 2:25.76, 4-Ducis (N) 2:28.95.

50 Free

1-Lindsay Zirkle (Find) 25.61, 2-
Amanda Wittenmyer (Find) 26.12, 3-
Sarah Blease (N) 26.81, 4-Dana Lyons
(Sand) 27.59, 5-J. Glaspy (R) 28.16.

1 MTR Diving

1-Alyssa Zimmerman (R) 154.80, 2-
Mischell Helberg (N) 150.80, 3-Heather
Arnette (Find) 144.90, 4-Lisa Baker (N)
143.15.

100 Fly

1-Etscheit (N) 1:03.65, 2-B. O'Connor
(R) 1:03.69, 3-Bulkowski (SW) 1:05.41,
4-Michelle Jastal (Find) 1:06.39.

100 Free

1-Atkinson (N) 55.05, 2-Zirkle (Find)
56.32, 3-Wittenmyer (Find) 57.78, 4-M.
O'Connor (R) 58.00.

500 Free

1-Boyd (N) 5:33.10, 2-Speildenner
(Find) 5:41.97, 3-Wilke (Sand) 5:44.03,
4-Snyder (N) 5:58.02, 5-S. Glaspy (R)
6:02.79.

200 Free Relay

1-Find (Zirkle, Comer, Jastal, Meuser)
1:49.35, 2-Sand (Lyons, Kill, Miely,
Wilke) 1:50.67, 3-Nap (Sarah Blease,
Boyd, Ducis, Fisher) 1:51.22, 4-Ross
(M. O'Connor, J. Glaspy, Kristen Van-
dyne, B. O'Connor) 1:51.56.

100 Back

1-Atkinson (N) 1:02.34, 2-B. O'Con-
nor (R) 1:03.30, 3-Sonia Schumaker
(Lak) 1:07.14, 4-Linhart (Find) 1:07.93.

100 Breast

1-Marhugh (N) 1:11.35, 2-Kelli Fish-
er (N) 1:16.97, 3-Ducis (N) 1:17.15, 3-
Hixson (Sand) 1:17.16, 9-Wendy Farrell
(R) 1:21.31.

400 Free Relay

1-Nap (Blease, Etscheit, Boyd, Atkin-
son) 3:55.31, 2-Find (Mackell, Speilden-
ner, Wittenmyer, Zirkle) 4:00.80, 3-Ross
(M. O'Connor, B. O'Connor, J. Glaspy,
Farrell) 4:03.01, 4-Sand (Lyons, Kirby,
Miely, Wilke) 4:08.20.



News-Messenger/Ben French

ALYSSA ZIMMERMAN of Fremont Ross competes in the diving competition Tuesday at Margaretta High School.

Giants swimmers sweep Margaretta

Ross boys, girls dominate Bears

News-Messenger reports

CASTALIA — With eight first-place finishes apiece on Tuesday, the Fremont Ross swimmers brought home another pair of dual wins against Margaretta.

The Ross boys won 109-76, the girls 102-83.

In a number of events, the Little Giants went 1-2.

The girls relay team of Jaymelee Glaspy, Sarah Berger and Morgan and Brittany O'Connor won both the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays.

Morgan O'Connor and Sam Glaspy went 1-2 in the 200 freestyle, and Morgan and Berger were 1-2 in the 100 freestyle.

The Glaspy sisters also took another pair of firsts, Sam in the 500 freestyle with a personal-best time of 5:52.68 and Jaymelee with a

season-best time of 1:08.19 in the 100 backstroke.

Brittany O'Connor and Jaymelee Glaspy were 1-2 in the 50 freestyle, and it was Brittany and Jenny Fate 1-2 in the 100 butterfly.

Second-place finishes were scored by Berger in the 200 individual medley, Wendy Farrell in the 100 breaststroke, Alyssa Zimmerman in diving, and the girls 200 medley relay of Farrell, Fate, Micheline Fahrback and Emily Grayson.

For Margaretta, Liz Bodner took a pair of firsts in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke. She joined teammates Kelli Hendricks, Emily Gray and Nicole Parkhurst to win the 200 medley relay. Kendra Orwig won the girls diving with 205 points.

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Ross strong in sweep of Margaretta; Perkins wins double-dual

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"We have a number of swimmers, boys and girls, under six minutes in the 500 yard freestyle," Ross coach Phil Moran said. "Most of them are underclassmen, and that makes it look good for the next few years. It'll be interesting to see what they go once they're tapered in early February."

Swimmers generally taper off their long workouts, swimming less yardage each day in order to conserve energy going into the sectional and district tournaments.

The Ross boys took firsts in both the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays. Rob Hoelzle, Eliot

Hogan, Nate Schrickel and Greg VanDyne finished the medley in 1:54.79. It was VanDyne, Schrickel, Hogan and Jake Ickes turning in a season-best 1:38:85 in the 200 freestyle relay.

Hogan and Schrickel went 1-2 in the 100 breaststroke and 1-3 in the 100 freestyle. Brandon Spicer, Noah Grayson and Aaron Gray went 1-2-3 in the 100 butterfly; Hoelzle, Spicer came in 1-2 in the 100 backstroke. In the 200 freestyle, Ickes and Hoelzle finished 1-3, and VanDyne took a first in the 50 freestyle.

Brett Collins of Margaretta won the 500 freestyle in 5:21.62, with Ickes and Alan Gamble of Ross second and third, respectively.

Margaretta's Matt Keegan took first in the 200 individual medley. Margaretta divers Josh Rohrbacher and Brian Mohr finished 1-2 with 213 and 185 points, respectively, followed by Fremont's Brian Whitright with 165 and Zach Ramey with 161.

Collins, Niederkohr, Volz and Keegan of Margaretta won the 400 freestyle relay.

Ross swim at home Saturday against Napoleon. Margaretta hosts Tiffin Columbian and Tiffin Calvert on Thursday.

Rockets defeat Sandusky

OAK HARBOR — Janelle Montano had a hand in four victories Tuesday as the Oak Har-

bor girls swam past Sandusky during a double-dual.

The Rockets downed the Blue Streaks 99-84 but fell to Perkins 123-57. Perkins defeated Sandusky 124-59.

In the boys meet, Oak Harbor dropped a 115-49 decision to Sandusky and a 109-48 contest to Perkins. Perkins took out Sandusky 99-68.

During the dual against Sandusky, Montano won the 50-yard freestyle (26.16 seconds) and the 100 freestyle (57.8 seconds). She also swam on two winning relay teams. The 200 freestyle relay team of Branda Rose, Lauren Grover and Michelle Druckenmiller won in 1:48.11; the 400

freestyle relay team of Rose, Grover, Montano and Druckenmiller took first in 4:00.57.

Grover also claimed a victory over Sandusky in the 200 freestyle in 2:13.26. Druckenmiller earned first in the 100 butterfly in 1:10.80. Stacy Laubacher won over Sandusky in the 100 backstroke in 1:09.41.

The only girls first place against Perkins came when Grover won the 500 freestyle in a time of 5:48.62.

Jeremy Laubacher won the 100 breaststroke in a time of 1:10.93 against Perkins.

Oak Harbor hosts St. Mary Central Catholic and Tiffin Columbian on Tuesday.

High School Swimming

Giants gaining ground on foe



News-Messenger/Ben French

ELLIOT HOGAN of Fremont Ross competes in the 200 individual medley during Saturday's dual meet against Napoleon at Fremont Middle School. Hogan finished second in the event.

News-Messenger reports

"Better than last year and looking pretty good for next season."

That's how head coach Phil Moran summed up his team's performance against Napoleon on Saturday at Fremont Middle School.

The Little Giants may have lost — the girls 98-72 and the boys 99-71 boys — but the gap is definitely closing.

"Last year we went down to Napoleon by about 50 points," Moran said. "This year we're into the 20s."

Helping to close that gap for the boys team were a number of swimmers who will be returning next year. Among those are freshman Jake Ickes, who finished first in the 200-yard freestyle and second in the 100 freestyle, and junior Elliot Hogan,

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News-Messenger/Ben French

ERIKA PARKER of Fremont Ross competes in the 200-yard individual medley during Saturday's dual meet against Napoleon.

Swimmers encouraged after challenging 'Cats

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who swam his career-best 200 individual medley for second place. He came in at two minutes, 15.75 seconds, just two hundredths of a second behind Napoleon's Jon Saul.

"Next time," said Hogan, slapping the water after looking up at the results on the timing system.

It was a promise he made good on later in the 100 breaststroke when he beat Saul by just more than four seconds with a 1:06.52. Ross sophomores Nate Schrickel and Greg VanDyne went 3-4 in the same event.

Two-hundredths of a second may seem like a tight finish, but they can get tighter. Try one-hundredth of a second.

That was the difference between Ross's 1:39.11 and Napoleon's 1:39.12 in the boys 200 freestyle relay. Hogan, VanDyne, Schrickel, and Ickes anchored the win for Ross. Hogan, Ickes and Schrickel were also part of the second-place 200 medley relay, along with sophomore Rob Hoelzle.

"A little more experience, attention to technique, more weight training. Next year, we should be there in all the relays," Moran said.

Other top finishes included seconds by Hoelzle in the 200 backstroke, VanDyne in the 50 freestyle, Brandon Spicer in the 100 butterfly and the boys 400 freestyle relay of Paul Nalley, VanDyne, Schrickel and Hoelzle. Sophomores Aaron Gray and

Alan Gamble took thirds, Gray in the 100 butterfly and Gamble in the 500 freestyle.

Despite a touch of the flu, junior Brittany O'Connor turned in two first-place finishes, including a pool-record 5:30.61 in the 500 freestyle, breaking her old record of 5:31.64, which she set on Jan. 5. Her other first came in the 50 freestyle with a 25.78. Sophomore Jaymelee Glaspy took third with a 27.84, just behind Napoleon's Sarah Blease. Glaspy also swam a 1:09.64 for a first in the 100 backstroke, her top finish in that event on the year.

Senior Morgan O'Connor went 58.79 in the 100 freestyle for first and 2:06.26 in the 200 freestyle for second, followed by Sam Glaspy in third. Sarah Boyd of Napoleon took first in the 200 free with a 2:04.23.

The two O'Connors, Jaymelee Glaspy and senior Sarah Berger won the 200 freestyle relay by fourth-tenths of a second with a 1:47.62. The same Ross relay finished second in the 400 freestyle, with Ross's Kristen VanDyne, Sam Glaspy, Jenny Fate and Tia Gilson grabbing third.

Fate, Berger, Micheline Fahrback and Wendy Farrell were second in the 200 medley relay.

Berger and Farrell went 2-3 in the girls 200 individual medley, and Fate took a third in the 100 butterfly.

The Little Giants face a week of hard training going into the NWOAC Championships, with diving on Friday evening and swimming all day Saturday at Ayersville High School.

Swimming

High School Boys

Napoleon 99, Ross 71

200 Medley Relay

- 1- N (Chad Schwaiger, Logan Hoover, Josh Boyd, Jon Saul) 1:49.20
- 2- R (Rob Hoelzle, Elliot Hogan, Nate Schrickel, Jake Ickes) 1:51.67
- 3- N (Jordan Vocke, Andrew Oehrtman, Jeff Tiedman, Tom Rains) 2:01.71
- 4- R (Brandon Spicer, Noah Grayson, Alan Gamble, Mervin Forbes) 2:05.55

200 Freestyle

- 1- Ickes (R) 1:57.68
- 2- Jake Saul (N) 2:00.96
- 3- Tyler Burgei (N) 2:02.09
- 4- Hoelzle (R) 2:02.94
- 5- David Albrechta (R) 2:07.22

200 Individual Medley

- 1- Saul (N) 2:15.73
- 2- Hogan (R) 2:15.75
- 3- Riedman (N) 2:25.14
- 5- Noah Grayson (R) 2:29.65
- 6- Paul Nalley (R) 2:33.08

50 Freestyle

- 1- Boyd (N) 23.39
- 2- Greg VanDyne (R) 25.17
- 3- Chad Schwaiger (N) 25.35
- 4- Schrickel (R) 25.52
- 5- Forbes (R) 26.09

100 Butterfly

- 1- Boyd (N) 59.96
- 2- Spicer (R) 1:06.60
- 3- Aaron Gray (R) 1:08.17
- 6- Grayson (R) 1:09.89

100 Freestyle

- 1- Logan Hoover (N) 50.99
- 2- Ickes (R) 54.09
- 3- Schwaiger (N) 56.23
- 5- Nalley (R) 1:01.21
- 6- Jacob Rusch (R) 1:06.53

500 Freestyle

- 1- Burgei (N) 5:24.64
- 2- Saul (N) 5:25.60
- 3- Gamble (R) 5:46.54
- 4- Albrechta (R) 5:48.36
- 6- Forbes (R) 6:25.49

200 Freestyle Relay

- 1- R (Hogan, VanDyne, Schrickel, Ickes) 1:39.11
- 2- N (Burgei, Schwaiger, Jon Saul, Jake Saul) 1:39.12
- 3- N (Dewit, Millen, Prigge, Riedman) 1:47.64
- 4- R (Nalley, Gray, Albrechta, Forbes) 1:48.16

100 backstroke

- 1- Hoover (N) 1:02.52
- 2- Hoelzle (R) 1:05.04
- 3- Vocke (N) 1:06.30
- 4- Spicer (R) 1:07.91

100 Breaststroke

- 1- Hogan (R) 1:06.52
- 2- Jon Saul (N) 1:10.99
- 3- Schrickel (R) 1:14.45
- 4- VanDyne (R) 1:16.79

400 Freestyle Relay

- 1- N (Boyd, Burgei, Hoover, Jake Saul) 3:38.29
- 2- R (Nalley, Schrickel, VanDyne, Ickes) 3:58.04
- 3- N (Etoll, Millen, Rains, Vocke) 4:00.72
- 4- R (Albrechta, Gamble, Rusch, Spicer) 4:13.46

High School Girls

Napoleon 98, Ross 72

200 Medley Relay

- 1- N (Mariel Demichici, Sarah Marihugh, Sarah Blease, Lindsay Gilgenbach) 2:05.04
- 2- R (Micheline Fahrback, Wendy Farrell, Jenny Fate, Saah Berger) 2:09.01
- 3- N (Katie Walter, Dana Meyer, Audrey Adams, Kelli Fisher) 2:09.38
- 4- R (Tia Gilson, Sam Glaspy, Kristen VanDyne, Sara Steinle) 2:15.10
- 5- R (Emily Zamora, Emily Grayson, Amber Barnes, Chelsea Earhart) 2:24.54

200 Freestyle

- 1- Sarah Boyd (N) 2:04.23
- 2- Morgan O'Connor (R) 2:06.26
- 3- S. Glaspy (R) 2:14.00
- 7- Gilson (R) 2:29.43

200 Individual Medley

- 1- Kelley Atkinson (N) 2:20.30
- 2- Berger (R) 2:30.69
- 3- Farrell (R) 2:37.73
- 6- VanDyne (R) 2:44.20

50 Freestyle

- 1- Brit O'Connor (R) 25.78
- 2- Blease (N) 27.42
- 3- Jaymelee Glaspy (R) 27.84
- 6- Sara Steinle (R) 29.42

100 Butterfly

- 1- Atkinson (N) 1:01.95
- 2- Judith Etscheit (N) 1:05.71
- 3- Fate (R) 1:10.16
- 6- VanDyne (R) 1:18.12
- 7- Banes (R) 1:24.99

100 Freestyle

- 1- M. O'Connor (R) 58.79
- 2- Lindsay Gilgenbach (N) 1:01.77
- 3- Sarah Marihugh (N) 1:03.15
- 4- Fahrback (R) 1:04.18
- 5- Steinle (R) 1:05.83

500 Freestyle

- 1- B. O'Connor (R) 5:30.61
- 2- Boyd (N) 5:30.99
- 3- Blease (N) 5:53.06
- 4- S. Glaspy (R) 5:54.76
- 7- Amy Jo Sweeney (R) 6:58.55

200 Freestyle Relay

- 1- R (M. O'Connor, J. Glaspy, Berger, B. O'Connor) 1:47.62
- 2- N (Atkinson, Boyd, Ducis, Gilgenbach) 1:48.07
- 3- N (Etschiet, Fisher, Marihugh, Snyder) 1:56.65
- 4- R (Farrell, Fate, Grayson, Steinle) 1:58.24
- 5- R (Parker, Zamora, Sweeney, McAlister) 2:09.15

100 Backstroke

- 1- J. Glaspy (R) 1:09.64
- 2- Demichiei (N) 1:11.80
- 3- Houck (N) 1:12.57
- 5- Fahrback (R) 1:14.61
- 6- Fate (R) 1:17.11

100 Breaststroke

- 1- Marihugh (N) 1:11.84
- 2- Fisher (N) 1:18.71
- 3- Dana Meyer (N) 1:19.38
- 4- Farrell (R) 1:19.42
- 5- GRayson (R) 1:30.47

400 Freestyle Relay

- 1- N (Atkinson, Blease, boyd, Ducis) 3:56.87
- 2- R (M. O'Connor, B. O'Connor, Berger, J. Glaspy) 4:00.39
- 3- R (VanDyne, S. Glaspy, Fate, Gilson) 4:24.41
- 6- R (Parker, Barnes, Earhart, Sweeney) 4:52.86

Ross swimmers sweep Gipe Relays

News-Messenger reports

PORT CLINTON — There were surely some cracks in the ceiling following the finals of the boys 850-yard crescendo relay Saturday at the 34th annual Ken Gipe Relay Invitational.

The Ross boys and girls swept the event by placing first, and the exciting crescendo relay spurred the Little Giants boys to their title.

Jacob Rusch swam the opening 50-yard leg for Fremont Ross, followed by David Albrecht on the 100 and Rob Hoelzle on the 200.

When they turned it over to freshman distance swimmer Jake Ickes for the 500 anchor leg, Fremont was in third place, a good 20 yards behind Colonel Crawford, with Port Clinton in second and Margaretta just behind Fremont.

By the seventh of his 20 laps, Ickes had closed the gap on Colonel Crawford considerably. But so had Margaretta and Port Clinton.

All four swimmers were neck-and-neck going into the ninth lap.



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Girls 400 freestyle team sets meet record

The crowd was on its feet, screaming wildly.

Slowly, Fremont, Port Clinton and Margaretta pulled ahead. Hearing the growing thunder, athletes from all 10 teams who'd been waiting back in the gym for their events poured onto the already crowded deck and into the stands to cheer their teammates on.

By the 19th-gun lap, it was Ickes in Lane 2 and Brett Collins of Margaretta out in lane 5, still head to head, although it looked like Ickes was about a half a body length behind.

The crowd, now hysterical, knew it would come down to who got the last good turn and where the swimmers would be on their stroke when they came into the final wall. Ickes made up the half body length coming out of the turn, and it was Ickes on a downstroke, touching out Collins at the wall and clocking a personal best-time of five minutes, 19 seconds. Ickes swam the 500 seven seconds faster than his previous best.

Fremont 8:48.35, Margaretta 8:48.60.

And to think this was only the

second event of the finals. With 12 events to go, the crowd was pretty much wiped out.

"This is what it sounds like at state finals in all the relays, only with about a thousand more spectators and swimmers added to it," Ross coach Phil Moran shouted. "This is good psychological preparation for our swimmers going into sectionals next Saturday."

So how do the girls beat that? With a record-setting girls 400 freestyle relay time of 3:50.94 by Ross swimmers Brittany and Morgan O'Connor, Sarah Berger and Sara Steinle. The Little Giants shaved two seconds off the previous Oak Harbor record of 3:52.11, set back in 1995. This one was a little easier on the crowd; the girls finishing fifteen seconds ahead of Oak Harbor, with Margaretta in third.

The Ross boys then came up with another come-from-behind photo finish on their side of the same 400 freestyle relay. The crowd gave it all they had left. Greg VanDyne, David Albrecht and Mervin Forbes turned it over to anchor Paul Nalley with about a one-second lead. Nalley held on

to win it, touching at 3:46.43, again just ahead of Margaretta, which finished at 3:47.76.

Fremont Ross qualified 13 out of its 14 relay teams through to the finals, missing only in the girls 200 yard freestyle, the last girls event of the day.

That, however, constituted yet another close call. Going into the event the girls were only ahead of Huron by four points, 50-46. Without a relay in the event, the girls had no hope of adding to their total. Fortunately, Huron didn't qualify into the event either, so Fremont held onto its tenuous lead. Margaretta finished third on the girls side with 44 points, followed by Port Clinton with 42 and Sandusky with 38. Oak Harbor finished seventh overall.

The O'Connors, Kristen VanDyne and Sam Glaspy finished first in the girls 850 crescendo with an 8:59:15, 25 seconds ahead of Huron with Margaretta in third. Michi Fahrbach, VanDyne, Emily Zamora and Jaymelee Glaspy took a second for Ross in the girls 200 backstroke relay with Sandusky in first and Huron third.

Ross boys finished the day a much more comfortable 30 points ahead of all the rest. It was Fremont boys 86, Margaretta 56 and Huron 40. Port Clinton finished seventh and Oak Harbor ninth.

Besides their firsts in the boys crescendo and 400 free, the Little Giants took a first in the 200 medley with Rob Hoelzle, Nate Schrickel, Brandon Spicer and Greg VanDyne clocking a 1:54:35, four seconds ahead of Huron at 1:58:13. Aaron Gray, Elliot Hogan, Schrickel and Spicer finished second for Ross in the 200 butterfly-breaststroke relay with Huron in first. The Ross backstroke relay of Rusch, Alan Gamble, Nathan Bowen and Mervin Forbes also took a second, as did Hogan, Ickes and Noah Grayson in the 300 individual medley relay.

"A relay meet like this requires a lot of good swimmers. Depth is everything, since each swimmer can only swim two events," Moran said. "First, you need enough swimmers to fill all the events. Then you need them to place high enough in at least half those events to win it. We're good-to-go on both counts."

Ross hopes to sustain this momentum going into the sectionals this Saturday at Toledo St. Francis High School.

Swimming

High School Boys

Ken Gipe Relays

Team Scores	
Ross	86
Margaretta	56
Huron	40
Sandusky	30
Mansfield	28
Col. Crawford	25
Ontario	24
Port Clinton	24
Oak Harbor	15
Fostoria	12

Local Results	
1 Meter Diving	
1- Margaretta (Josh Rohrbacher, Bryan Mohr) 294.60.	
3- Ross (Zach Ramey, Brian Whitright) 280.55.	
5- Oak Harbor (Brett Laub, Jimmie Kuli) 209.35.	

850 Freestyle Relay	
1- Ross (Jacob Rusch, Jake Ickes, David Albrechts, Rob Hostzle) 8:48.35.	
2- Margaretta (Jason Kehres, David Johnson, Matt Keegan, Brett Collins) 8:48.60.	
3- Port Clinton (Nathan Frey, Joe Walker, Jordan Darr, Keith Conte) 8:49.31.	

200 Butterfly Relay	
2- Ross (Aaron Gray, Nate Schrickel, Brandon Spicer, Elliot Hogan) 1:56.45.	
6- Oak Harbor (Don Tabbert, Jeremy Laubacher, Jared Diekmann, Drew Grover) 2:13.22.	

200 Backstroke Relay	
2- Ross (Alan Gamble, Jacob Rusch, Nathan Bowen, Mervin Forbes) 2:10.76	
3- Margaretta (Bruce Kardotzke, Corey Hamilton, Derek Seitz, Reggie Bradley) 2:36.26.	

300 Medley Relay	
2- Ross (Hogan, Grayson, Ickes) 3:14.69.	
3- Port Clinton (Jordan Darr, Alex Darr, Joe Walker) 3:18.50.	
4- Margaretta (Chris Niederkohr, Kevin Weichel, Matt Keegan) 3:20.11.	

400 Freestyle Relay	
1- Ross (Greg VanDyne, Albrechts, Paul Nalley, Forbes) 3:46.43.	
2- Margaretta (Niederkohr, Ryan Voegle, Chase Volz, Brett Collins) 3:47.76.	
3- Port Clinton (Frey, A. Darr, Tom Genzman, Keith Conte) 3:50.21.	
6- Oak Harbor (Nick Burns, Brad Slomsky, Drew Grover, Chris Greggila) 4:34.64.	

200 Medley Relay	
1- Ross (Hostzle, Schrickel, Spicer, VanDyne) 1:54.35.	
3- Margaretta (Brett Nemitz, Weichel, Voegle, Volz) 2:01.07.	
4- Oak Harbor (Laubacher, Tabbert, J. Diekmann, Thomas McRitchie) 2:05.63.	
200 Freestyle Relay	
4- Ross (Gamble, Grayson, Gray, Nalley) 2:02.85.	
6- Oak Harbor (McRitchie, Burns, Slomsky, Greggila) 2:16.44.	

High School Girls

Ken Gipe Relays

Team Scores	
Ross	50
Huron	46
Margaretta	44
Port Clinton	42
Sandusky	38
Mansfield	38
Oak Harbor	36
Ontario	26
Fostoria	20
Col. Crawford	6

Local Results	
1 Meter Diving	
3- Oak Harbor (Charlene Baker, Tiffany Hayes) 222.90.	

850 Freestyle Relay	
1- Ross (Brittany O'Connor, Morgan O'Connor, Kristen VanDyne, Sam Glaspy) 8:59.15.	
3- Margaretta (Jenna Cullen, Nicole Parkhurst, Kim Wahl, Jamie Eckert) 9:50.93.	

200 Butterfly Relay	
1- Port Clinton (Wendy Zajac, Hayley Manly, AJ Jadwisiak, Morgan Drusbacky) 2:06.49.	
5- Ross (Jenny Fate, Tia Gilson, Sarah Berger, Wendy Farrell) 2:16.10.	

200 Backstroke Relay	
2- Ross (Michelle Fahrbach, Kristen VanDyne, Emily Zamora, Jaymelee Glaspy) 2:11.06.	
6- Oak Harbor (Brittany McNutt, Stacy Laubacher, Ashley Guluas, Mandy Young) 2:17.31.	

300 Medley Relay	
1- Port Clinton (Manly, Sandra Wozniak, Morgan Drusbacky) 3:21.84.	
4- Margaretta (Eckert, Gray, Liz Bodner) 3:33.96.	
5- Ross (Gilson, S. Glaspy, Fate) 3:39.13.	
6- Oak Harbor (Laubacher, Jenkins, Branda Rose) 3:46.88.	

400 Freestyle Relay	
1- *MEET RECORD - Ross (Morgan O'Connor, Sara Steinle, Berger, B. O'Connor) 3:50.94.	
2- Oak Harbor (GROVER, Michelle Druckenmiller, Ashlee Jenkins, Janelle Montano) 4:05.45.	
3- Margaretta (Hendricks, Kim Wahl, Megan Wahl, Parkhurst) 4:11.89.	

200 Medley Relay	
1-Port Clinton (Wozniak, Ashley Chapman, Zajac, Frey) 2:02.91.	
3- Margaretta (Hendricks, Bodner, Gray, M. Wahl) 2:04.94.	
5- Ross (Fahrbach, Grayson, Parker, Steinle) 2:14.43.	

200 Freestyle Relay	
1- Oak Harbor (Grover, Montano, Rose, Druckenmiller) 2:04.04	
5-Margaretta (Allison Dixon, Kelly Zang, Karen Westcott, Kayla Sabo) 2:23.26.	

Ross swimmers celebrate season, distribute awards

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Fremont Ross head coach Phil Moran summed up the kind of season his swimmers enjoyed during Tuesday's Swim Awards Ceremony.

"This is by far the most successful swim season we've had at Ross in at least 10 years," Moran said. "Three individual events and two relays (swam) at states, 24 students qualified to swim or dive at districts, 33 swimmers lettered this year. That all speaks volumes about the dedication these kids have to their sport."

Junior Brittany O'Connor received All-Ohio and All-Northwest District honors for her top finishes in the 50-yard freestyle and 100 backstroke.

She was also awarded the trophy for team-high points, with a 458 total, and was recognized for setting an individual

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school record in the 100 backstroke, at 59.36 seconds, along with pool records in the 50 and 500 freestyle and 100 backstroke.

Two other Ross swimmers, senior Morgan O'Connor and junior Elliot Hogan, were also named to the all-district team. Morgan O'Connor made it in the 100 and 200 freestyles, Hogan the 100 breaststroke.

Hogan was boys team point trophy winner with 380.5 points.

The Little Giants' 400 freestyle girls state relay team — which included the O'Connors, Sarah Berger and Jaymelee Glaspy — received special recognition for its school record of 3:43.56 and pool record of 3:53:30.

The girls 200 freestyle relay was seeded 21st at state and finished 17th overall, at 1:42.85, just 19-hundredths of a second short of the consolation round.

"That was the highest girls relay finish at states in Fremont Ross history," Moran said. "Talk about ending the season on a high note."

"As for next year ... the bad news is we graduate eight swimmers on the girls side. That's a

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— Phil Moran, Fremont Ross swim coach, on girls 200 freestyle relay finishing 17th in Canton

whole lot of talent to have to replace. I'm going to expect a lot out of our underclassmen next year," Moran said. "On the flip side, almost the entire boys team is returning, and, with the times they were making at sectionals and districts this year, I have to say I'm excited about the boys' prospects for next year. Real excited."

Some of the underclassmen Moran is counting on for next year include freshmen Emily Zamora and Jake Ickes, each a winner of the Coach's Award for Effort. Sophomores Jaymelee Glaspy and Aaron Gray received the trophies for Most Improved Swimmers.

Among the graduating seniors are four-year lettermen Morgan O'Connor, Kristen VanDyne, Sarah Berger, Tia Gilson, Sam Glaspy and Paul Nalley.

Third-year letterwinners included senior Amber Barnes and

juniors Wendy Farrell, Jenny Fate, Brittany O'Connor, Alyssa Zimmerman, Noah Grayson, Brandon Spicer and Hogan.

Second-year letters went to Jaymelee Glaspy, Alan Gamble, Rob Hoelzle, Nate Schrickel, Greg VanDyne, Brian Whitright and Mervin Forbes. Sara Steinle, Erika Parker, Micheline Fahrbach, Emily Grayson, Jacob Rusch, David Albrechta, Aaron Gray, Jake Ickes, and Zach Ramey all received first-year letters.

Certificate winners, all new swimmers to the program this year, included Chelsea Earhart, Emily Zamora, Amy Jo Sweeney, Laura McAllister, Melissa McDonald, Nate Bowen and Kyle Huffman.

Coach Moran also recognized four exchange students who lettered for the Little Giants. They are Reina Yasuyama, Ariana Forster, Theresa Koch and Gesa Walter.