

1985 Season Review...

## On The Mark/Bob Marker

### Ross Aqua Giants need a brand new swimming facility



Art Buccini may be able to walk on water this year.

No, he won't be a receiver of a heavenly edict, he will be a victim of the masses in what I fondly call the "smallest puddle under a roof in northwest Ohio."

The Ross swim coach will have approximately 100 kids in grades 7-12 taking part in his program and to drop that many kids in the hole that barely passes as a swim pool at the Fremont Junior High School, Buccini will be able to prance across the water on bodies.

He's won't try that, though, it's just a way of saying, brother, it will be crowded in the tank at the junior high.

"The trouble is," Art said while seated in the cubby hole that passes as his office in the swimming pool locker room, "is people feel I am thinking only of the competitive part of the swim program when I say we need a new pool."

"Sure, that is part of it, but this community needs a pool; the school needs a pool. It would open up programs for the community...senior citizens, handicapped work, etc.," he pleaded.

Buccini explained how he will work around the various team practices. He has swimmers in grades 9-12 divided into two groups — the Purple and the White plus the seventh and eighth grade teams.

The early season practice schedule has the eighth grade from 3-4:10 p.m. and the seventh at 4:15-5 p.m. with those times alternating. The Purple will lift weights from 6-7 a.m. and swim 5-7 p.m. The White will swim from 5:30 to 7 a.m. the days the Purple team members lift weights in the morning. The schedule reverses when the White team is in the weight room.

Buccini's normal day during swim season begins around 4:15 a.m. and ends around 9 p.m.

"I can accept that because I am the coach," he said, "but it still is too crowded in the pool."

The junior high pool is four lanes, 25 yards long. It ranges from three feet to nine feet in depth. The recommended depth for diving is 12 to 15 feet.

"We are getting letters now from school saying they will not dive here," Art disclosed, "and you cannot blame them."

Above the diving board at the Fremont facility, is a metal plate — there used to be a grease spot — where divers can spring up and touch the ceiling with their hands and if the diver is not careful, get his head reshaped.

Two years ago, a diver from a visiting school hit his head on the bottom of the pool and it required stitches to close the wound.

Buccini's swim team needs more space because it is possible that if you put two teams in the pool area, there would be no room for spectators, not to mention inadequate locker room space.

To complicate matters, Ross will have a girls team. There are more than seven girls out for the sport and Title IX, the instrument that mandated equal opportunities for girls in high school and college sports, and the Ohio High School Athletic Association say you must have a team for them. The right situation

is to have boys and girls meets combined and that would double the problem of the locker rooms.

Buccini's basic point is that a new pool, built in a combined effort of the board of education and the City of Fremont, could be used all year by the schools and the public. The school would use it during the day up until approximately 5 p.m. with the public having it after that. The public's use would be lengthed when the swim season is over and during the summer.

Art feels that renovating the Rodger Young Park pool and using it only three months of the year is not feasible. He also feels that pool is poorly located, saying that a facility at Ross High School would be ideal.

Personally, I can see the need for a pool facility both for educational purposes and naturally, competitive swimming. I don't like the fact that at present, Ross is facing the possibility of a swim schedule that will be entirely on the road.

But I also can see that it will take a great deal of cooperation between the factions and the willingness of the Fremont citizens to get a pool built. It's needed but not visible in the near future.

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Last week, I was 8-5. For the season, the record is 82-47 (.635), but this week, I will go for broke and call it my upset pickings. I'll either beat the heck out of Rob Boukissen or I'll go down weeping.

**St. Francis 23, Findlay 15:** The Knights' passing game will be the Trojans' downfall.

**North Canton Hoover 20, Admiral King 12:** The Admirals will still be reeling from the effects of their first loss to Findlay in the 10th game of the season.

**Benedictine 17, Westlake 12:** Augie's boys may have trouble but the Bennies have enough power to get by in this one.

**LSU 27, Alabama 17:** The Tigers will make the Crimson Tide's long season a bit longer.

**Florida 21, Georgia 14:** The Bulldogs bite will be quieted.

**South Carolina 31, Florida State 21:** The surprising season continues for the guys from the sunny south.

**Michigan State 21, Iowa 20:** Step one in help for the Buckeyes but if Chuck Long plays, the Hawkeyes will turn it around. This is upset No. 1.

**Oklahoma State 30, Missouri 19:** The Cowboys have too many guns; the Tigers not enough claws.

**Wisconsin 17, Purdue 14:** Step two and upset No. 2 in help for Ohio State's Rose Bowl hopes.

**USC 24, Washington 21:** This is top upset of the week with the No. 1 Huskies running with tail between their legs back to the dog house.

**Pittsburgh 28, Cincinnati 20:** The Steelers' QB Mark Malone will outduel aging Ken Anderson.

**Dallas 31, St. Louis 28:** A shootout with the Cowboys defense choking off a last ditch rally.

**Chicago 23, Los Angeles Rams 17:** The Bears are still on a roll.

**San Diego 24, Denver 23:** Call it my final upset.

**Sports**

# Big turnout nets first girls team, flexibility



**THE FIRST ROSS** first girls swim team members are, front row, left to right: Beth Goins, Stacy Wensinger (mgr), Lori Nighswander, Jimena Garcia, Lisa Stout (mgr), Denise Dumbroff, Libby Boggs; second row: Tina Streeter, Kathy Sabiers, Dawn Vogel, Jennifer Boggs, Wendy Woessner, Betsy Borer; back row: Julie Randolph, Julie Smith, Heather Winning, Kelly Sabiers, Jamie Brudzinski and Julie Schaaf.

**By BOB MARKER**  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Nine years from now, maybe Art Bucci will have 88 kids on his varsity swim team at Ross High School. At least, if the program follows the same growth patterns as it has in Bucci's nine years.

If that happens, he may face more astringent crowding at the junior high natatorium that serves as the watery home of Bucci's Aqua Giants. That is another story, though.

Nine years ago, Bucci had 11 swimmers on his team; this season, a total of "44 kids" he said. "Sixteen of those are girls," Bucci said, "and that means we will have the first girls team in Ross history."

Last season, there were five girls on the Aqua Giants and because the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) mandates that if there are at least seven girls to make a team, the girls had to swim in boys meets.

"We will run double dual meets — boys and girls alternating events—and that could make it crowded in our pool," the Ross coach pointed out. "We may get 80 swimmers in there from both school and hey, where are we going to put the parents?"

Despite that, Bucci's numbers problem is a pleasant one for him.

"Our numbers give us more flexibility than I have ever had," he said. "We can do a lot more with those numbers. Now it is possible to outguess other coaches on how we are going to swim individuals where the low numbers pretty much took that out of the strategy."

It will also allow some specialization he offered. Bucci has six lettermen back on the boys teams and two on the girls team.

Co-captains Mike Robinette and Tracy Turner, both seniors, anchor the varsity boys team. Turner is a returning letterman while the remainder of the lettermen are juniors Jon Lagrou, Tom McDonald, Brian Mowry, Andy Scott and Bill Taylor.

The girls team will be led by veterans Kelly Sabiers and Heather Winning.

Winning competed in the state meet last season. "Our goal for the girls is to shoot for a .500 season and, like the boys, get as many as we can into the district meet," Bucci said.

Some of the promising newcomers on the girls team include ninth grader Jamie Brudzinski and sophomores Julie Schaaf and Kathy Sabiers.

"We also have some young kids, both boys and girls, who are just realizing that water is wet," Bucci laughed.

The biggest problem facing the girls team this season, Bucci said, is that most of the teams they will swim against have had teams in the past.

On the boys side, Scott and Mowry are half of the quartet of the medley relay team that finished 13th in the state meet last season.

"We have so much depth this year," Bucci said with a smile crossed his face, "it's almost like having a new pool."

McDonald, Taylor, Turner, Mowry and Scott qualified for the district meet last season and a sixth, diver Jon Lagrou qualified but did not compete because of a head injury.

The season, unofficially kicks off Saturday with the annual Purple-White intrasquad meet. The first swimmers hit the water at 1 p.m.

Following is the remainder of the schedule (boys and girls meets coincide except where noted):

Nov. 7	Wasson	5:00
Nov. 14	at Margardia	5:00
Dec. 4	BHSU Relays	—
Dec. 7	BHSU Relays	5:00
Dec. 18	at Port Clinton	5:00
Dec. 22	at Sandusky	1:00
Jan. 2	Napoleon	4:00
Jan. 8	at Findlay	4:00
Jan. 12	Ferry Relays	—
Jan. 15	at Massillon	—
Jan. 19	Perkins	6:00
Jan. 24	Margaretta	1:00
Jan. 24	at Syl. Southview	6:30
Jan. 30	Sandusky	6:00
Feb. 2	Malabar Relay	—
Feb. 2	at Mansfield	—
Feb. 5	Syl. Northview	5:30
Feb. 5	at Port Clinton Inv.	12:00

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**AQUA GIANTS** boys team members are, front row, left to right: diving Coach Bob Lozano, Tracy Turner, Mike Robinette, head Coach Art Bucci; second row: Alan Franks, Andy Scott, Doug Dorr, Scott Gohring, Brad Shank, Jon Lagrou, Tony Ferch, assistant coach Beth Caster, Ron Davenport, Andy Wadsworth, Todd Williams, Rich Atkins, John Bingle, David Beard; third row: Jason McDonald, Shannon Brummett, David Voggenthaler, Todd Vogel, Brian Mowry, Mike Nighswander, Ryan Nuhfer, Tom McDonald, Steve Schaaf, Paul Bietz, Curt Connors; fourth row: Dan Contreras, Ty Weickert, Bill Taylor, Mike Mulholland, Jim Boggs, Brent Zyski, Mike Tallman and Rhett Dudley.

# ***'Youngsters' propel Aqua Giants to win***

CASTALIA — Fremont Ross, relying on "youngsters," captured the initial swim meet of the season, splashing past Margareta 103-63 Tuesday in the Margareta High School natatorium.

"We left many of our veteran swimmers home," Ross Coach Art Bucci said as he described the meet as sort of a baptism of fire for the younger members of the team.

Ross freshman Steve Schaaf won the individual medley and the butterfly while classmates Paul Bietz and Todd Vogel won the 50 free and breaststroke, respectively.

"For a lot of them," Bucci said, "it was the first big meet and they had to get the jitters out."

The Aqua Giants won nine of the 11 events, losing the 100 free and the freestyle relay.

Ross veteran Bill Taylor won the 200 and 500 freestyle events while another returning letterman, Tom McDonald, took the backstroke.

Ross sophomore Ryan Nuhfer surprised teammate Jon Lagrou by winning the diving event. Lagrou, a returning letterman, was second.

The other Aqua Giants first was turned in by the medley relay team of McDonald, Vogel, Schaff and Mike Robinette.

Ross will host the Wauseon boys and girls team at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4, in its next meet at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.



# Swimming

## Ross 103, Margaretta 63

200 medley relay: 1-Ross (Tom McDonald, Todd Vogel, Steve Schaaf, Mike Robinette) 1:59.0, 2-Margaretta 2:12.0, 3-Ross 2:15.0.

200 freestyle: 1-Bill Taylor (R) 2:06, 2-Green (M) 2:09, 3-Mike Mullholand (R) 2:28, 4-Shannon Brummett (R) 2:30, 5-Dix (M) 2:35.

200 individual medley: 1-Schaaf (R) 2:28, 2-Vogel (R) 2:40, 3-Luma (M) 2:52.

50 freestyle: 1-Paul Bietz (R) 25.0, 2-Sutorius (M) 26.4, 3-Robinette (R) 27.8, 4-Gerald (M) 29.5, 5-Alan Franks (R) 32.1.

Diving: 1-Ryan Nuhfer (R— 165.1, 2-Jon Lagrou (R) 157.8, 3-Damschroder (M) 142.8, 4-Cunningham (M) 116.7, 5-Ty Weikert (R) 106.0

100 butterfly: 1-Schaaf (R) 1:05, 2-Dahnke (M), 3-David Voggenthaler (R).

100 freestyle: 1-Green (M) 58.3, 2-Sutorius (M) 1:01.7, 3-Mullholand (R) 1:01.8, 4-Scott Goehring (R) 1:06, 5-Andy Wadsworth (R) 1:07.0.

500 freestyle: 1-Taylor (R) 6:01, 2-Brummett (R) 7:02, 3-Drossman (M) 7:10, 4-Dix (M) 7:28, 5-Brent Zyski (R) 7:54.

100 backstroke: 1-McDonald (R) 1:04.1, 2-Dahnke (M) 1:11, 3-Orshoski (M) 1:14, 4-Curt Connors (R) 1:20, 5-Wobser (M) 1:25.

100 breaststroke: 1-Vogel (R) 1:17, 2-Booze (M) 1:21, 3-Mike Tallman (R) 1:23, 4-Overmyer (R) 1:25, 5-Gerold (M) 1:26.

Freestyle relay: 1-Margaretta 4:06, 2-Ross 4:17, 3-Ross 4:39.



**BILL TAYLOR** of Ross is on his way to a second-place finish in the 200-meter freestyle during action Tuesday at the Junior High.

## Ross girls win, boys lose by same score

By **BOB MARKER**  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

It was a night of "ifs" for the Ross High School boys swim team but for the girls, it was a night of records.

The Ross girls swim team, the first in the school's history, debuted with a 39-37 victory over Wauseon but the boys were nosed out by the Indians by the same score.

The meets at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium had 10 events — diving was omitted because of the refusal of Wauseon to permit its divers to compete. The Indians are the first of several schools expected not to dive at the Fremont facility because of the low ceiling and the shallowness of the pool.

Dan Lease, referee for the meet, said that he could have ordered competition in the diving event.

"According to the rule book," Lease explained, "if it is not agreed to in writing before the meet, the swim program cannot be altered. If I had wanted to and the Ohio High School Athletic Association will probably tell me that I was wrong not to do it, I could have ordered them to dive."

"But," Lease continued, "I felt that its a gentlemen's sport and I would go along with what the coaches agreed upon but technically and legally, I could have ordered the event to be held."

There was no written agreement Lease pointed out, saying that it was verbal between

Bucci and Wauseon Coach Jay Magee.

"If we had diving in the boys meet," Ross Coach Art Bucci said as he disclosed the primary "if" in the Aqua Giants boys loss, "I figure we would have one-two'd 'em (first and second). That would have been the six points."

The Ross diving duo of Jon Lagrou and Mike Nighswander did dive but it was strictly for show.

A couple other "ifs" that sunk Ross came in close finishes. Brian Mowry was edged by 42 seconds in the individual medley and Andy Scott was touched out in the 50 free by three-tenths of a second.

While the boys record slipped to 1-1, members of Bucci's girls team can claim a some notoriety for this year. Each Ross winner and the highest placer in other events established either pool or school records because it was the first all-girl meet in the antiquated facility.

"Now they can tell their kids in future years," Bucci laughed, "that they were record holders for the year."

The girls will not compete again in the Fremont pool until after the first of the year.

Sophomore Julie Schaaf won the 50 and 100 freestyle events and swam a leg of the winning medley relay to pace Ross. She won the 50 in 26.5 seconds and the 100 in 59.88.

Heather Winning captured the butterfly in 1:08.65 and Kelly Sabiers was first in the

backstroke in 1:13.4. Members of the medley relay included Winning, Schaaf, Sabiers and Julie Smith, winning the event in 2:08.9.

"The girls won with depth," Bucci pointed out. "Wauseon had only one swimmer in some events."

The Ross coach, while pleased with the girls opening win, was logical. "Hey...it was a great win — they are 1-0 — if we quit right now, it would be a helluva record."

"There will be teams, though, down the road, that will hand us our lumps."

Joy Neuschwander led the Wauseon girls, winning the 200 and 500 freestyle events. The former in 2:07.0 and the latter in a quick 5:33.71. In the boys meet, Ross stroked to a 1-2 finish in the medley relay. The quartet of Tom McDonald, Todd Vogel, Steve Schaaf and Paul Bietz recorded a 1:54.2 to finish 14 seconds ahead of another Ross squad. The Aqua Giants, however, were to win only two other events including a 1-2 finish in the breaststroke.

McDonald took the backstroke in 1:02.81 and Mowry won the breaststroke in 1:11.53.

The meet was deadlocked at 33-33 heading into the final event, the 400 freestyle relay.

"I swam a few kids out of their normal strokes," Bucci admitted. "I moved them around to see what they could do."

Ross will be competing Friday and Saturday in the Bowling Green State University Invitational Relays.

# Swimming

## Boys

### Wauseon 39, Ross 37

#### EVENTS

200 medley relay: 1-Ross (Tom McDonald, Todd Vogel, Steve Schaaf and Paul Bietz) 1:54.2, 2-Ross (Curt Connors, Mike Tallman, David Voggenthaler and Mike Robinette) 2:08.08, 3-Wauseon 2:16.7.

200 freestyle: 1-Zimmerman (W) 2:01.27, 2-Bill Taylor (R) 2:06.37, 3-Rashley (W) 2:11.6.

200 individual medley: 1-Wagner (W) 2:19.58, 2-Brian Mowry (R) 2:20.0, 3-Laidlaw (W) 2:25.17.

50 freestyle: 1-Pelok (W) 23.59, 2-Andy Scott (R) 23.89, 3-Tracy Turner (R) 24.5.

Diving: None.

100 butterfly: 1-Pelok (W) 1:02.6, 2-Scott (R) 1:03.67, 3-Schaaf (R) 1:05.75.

100 freestyle: 1-Zimmerman (R) 54.6, 2-Rashley (W) 56.35, 3-Turner (R) 56.75.

500 freestyle: 1-Raymond (W) 5:31.28, 2-Taylor (R) 6:02.3, 3-Jim Boggs (R) 6:23.85.

100 backstroke: 1-McDonald (R) 1:02.81, 2-Laidlaw (W) 1:06.33, 3-Mininger (W) 1:17.2.

100 breaststroke: 1-Mowry (R) 1:11.53, 2-Vogel (R) 1:15.32, 3-Tanner (W) 1:25.0.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Wauseon (Pelok, Rashley, Zimmerman and Wagner) 3:37.99, 2-Ross (Scott, Turner, Bietz and Mowry) 3:40.1, 3-Ross 4:01.9.

Season record: Ross 1-1.

## Girls

### Ross 39, Wauseon 37

#### EVENTS

200 medley relay: 1-Ross (Kelly Sabiers, Julie Schaaf, Heather Winning, Julie Smith) 2:08.9, 2-Wauseon (Zimmerman, Fritz, Neuenschwander and Rockey) 2:13.95, 3-Ross 2:21.31.

200 freestyle: 1-Joy Neuenschwander (W) 2:07.0, 2-Missy Pelok (W) 2:23.22, 3-Laurie Nighswander (R) 2:46.46.

200 individual medley: 1-Jill Neuenschwander (W) 2:26.34, 2-Winning (R) 2:28.85, 3-Lee Ann Zimmerman (W) 2:48.0.

50 freestyle: 1-Schaaf (R) 26.5, 2-Jill Fritz (W) 28.2, 3-Beth Goins (R) 30.95.

Diving: None.

100 butterfly: 1-Winning (R) 1:08.65, 2-Fritz (W) 1:11.5, 3-Jamie Brudzinski (R) 1:27.66.

100 freestyle: 1-Schaaf (R) 59.88, 2-Pelok (W) 1:04.15, 3-Betsy Borer (R) 1:14.8.

500 freestyle: 1-Joy Neuenschwander (W) 5:33.71, 2-Smith (R) 6:57.5, 3-Tina Streeter (R) 8:27.47.

100 backstroke: 1-Kelly Sabiers (R) 1:13.4, 2-Zimmerman (W) 1:16.27, 3-Julie Randolph (R) 1:20.75.

100 breaststroke: 1-Jill Neuenschwander (W) 1:15.8, 2-Kathy Sabiers (R) 1:28.78, 3-Caris Rockey (W) 1:31.37.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Wauseon (Rockey, Sabrina Hollister, Joy Neuenschwander and Pelok) 4:38.2, 2-Ross (Goins, Woessner, Nighswander and Sabiers) 5:06.28, 3-Ross 5:40.07.

Season record: Ross 1-0.

# Ross girls fourth at BG swim meet

**BOWLING GREEN** — Fremont Ross set two girls meet records while finishing fourth in the Bee Gee High School Relays at Cooper Pool on the Bowling Green State University campus.

The Lady Aqua Giants scored 90 points to finish behind winner Sylvania Northview's 168, Findlay and Mansfield Malabar tied for second with 154. Fifth went to Sandusky with 88 while St. Ursula was sixth with 78.

In the boys portion of the relays, Ross came in eighth in the nine-team field. Perennial power

Toledo St. Francis won with 220 points while Brother Rice of Detroit was second with 132. Third went to Malabar with 114, fourth was Sylvania Northview with 112 with Findlay and Sandusky tying for fifth at 105.

Rounding out the field were Sylvania Southview with 86, Ross with 78 and Ayersville at 38.

"There are just too many good swims for our kids to name them all," Ross Coach Art Bucci said, "but the meet was great for us because most of our kids got to swim."

The Ross Lady Aqua Giants set meet records in the 200- and 300-yard backstroke relays. Kelly Sabiers, Julie Schaaf, Julie Randolph and Heather Winning were on the 200 team, finishing in 2:09.14, nearly seven seconds quicker than the old mark of 2:16.0 held by Sylvania Northview.

In the 300 back, Sabiers, Schaaf and Winning made up the team that chipped more than 10 seconds off the old mark of 3:42.5 set by a Malabar team. The Lady Aqua Giants trio clicked off the distance in 3:32.12.

The Ross boys had three fourth place finishes. The team of Andy Scott, Bill Taylor, Tracy Turner and Brian Mowery was fourth in the 200 free relay in 1:36.5 while the quartet of Scott, Steve Schaaf, Todd Vogel and Mowry was fourth in the 400 IM in 4:22.93.

The final fourth place finish was in the 400 free relay with the team of Mowry, Taylor, Turner and Scott finishing in 3:40.39.

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# Ross swimmers sweep PC foes

PORT CLINTON — Art Bucci received an early Christmas present Tuesday as both his Ross boys and girls high school swim teams picked up victories.

The boys splashed past Port Clinton 97-74 and the girls withstood a 1-2 Port Clinton finish in the final event of the meet for an 86-80 win. The Ross boys team is now 2-2 while the Lady Giants are 2-1.

Port Clinton was six of the 11 boys events but Ross's depth, paced by a 1-2-3 finish in the diving event, was the Redskins' undoing.

Sophomore diver Ryan Nuhfer piled up 165.55 points to give Ross the diving win. Mike Nighswander came in second with 152.40 but that point total qualified him for the Northwest Ohio District Meet. Ty Weikert's 132.60 total, a season high, took third for the Little Giants.

Andy Scott got Ross's initial first with a 2:01.06 clocking in the 200 freestyle. Brian Mowry took the 200 individual medley in 2:20.41 as Ross finish 1-2 in the event. Freshman Steve Schaaf was second, just .05 points behind Mowry.

In the 100 backstroke, Tom McDonald was a winner by four seconds with time of 1:03.37.

## 2 changes made in Ross schedule

Two home meets have been switched to away meets on the Ross High School swim schedule this season.

The Jan. 5th meet against Napoleon and the Feb. 5th meet against Sylvania Northview, each originally scheduled to be at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium, will now be at Napoleon and Sylvania Northview, respectively, according to Athletic Director Dick Sherman.

The rest of the schedule remains the same.

The quartet of Scott, Tracy Turner, Bill Taylor and Mowry turned in a 3:43.16 to win the freestyle relay. Turner had his best time of the season while swimming his leg of the race according to Bucci.

In addition to Nighswander, Mowry's 53.24 while finishing second in the 100 freestyle qualified him for that race in the district meet.

Bucci also pointed out season

best times for David Voggenthaier (1:13.67) in the butterfly and Jim Boggs (6:07.5) in the 500 freestyle.

In the girls meet, Heather Winning won the 200 free (2:09.85) and the 100 butterfly (1:07.83) and also swam on the winning medley relay team with Kelly Sabiers, Dawn Vogel and Beth Goins to highlight the Lady Aqua Giants win.

Julie Schaaf also picked up a pair of individual firsts, capturing the 50 freestyle in 26.69 and the 100 freestyle in 59.95.

Sabiers grabbed another Ross first in the 100 backstroke, clocking in a 1:13.67. Vogel captured Ross's final first place, winning the 100 breaststroke in 1:25.75.

Ross had an 84-68 lead going into the final event, the freestyle relay, but Port Clinton placed 1-2 while Ross was 3-4 to close the final gap.

"Winning had her best times of the season in the 200 free and the fly," Bucci said.

Also, Bucci said, Tina Streeter in the 200 and 500 freestyles, Julie Smith in the 200 IM and the 500 free and Vogel in the IM and the breaststroke and Julie Randolph in the 50 free had season lows in those events.

# Swimming

## Ross boys 97, P. Clinton 74

200 medley relay: 1-Port Clinton (Amato, Colston, Schroeder, Ochs) 1:51.05, 2-Ross (Tom McDonald, Todd Vogel, Steve Schaaf, Paul Bietz) 1:54.39, 3-Ross (Curt Connors, Mike Tallman, David Voggenthaler, Mike Robinette) 2:06.08, 4-Ross 2:21.64.

200 freestyle: 1-Andy Scott (R) 2:01.06, 2-Scott Williams (PC) 2:03.75, 3-McDonald (R) 2:04.51, 4-Partin (PC) 2:10.8.

200 individual medley: 1-Brian Mowry (R) 2:20.41, 2-Schaaf (R) 2:20.46, 3-Colston (PC) 2:23.55, 4-Vogel (R) 2:36.16.

50 freestyle: 1-Schroeder (PC) 23.73, 2-Tracy Turner (R) 24.41, 3-Bill Taylor (R) 24.64, 4-Ochs (PC) 25.13.

Diving: 1-Ryan Nuhfer (R) 165.55, 2-Mike Nighswander (R) 152.40, 3-Ty Weickert (R) 132.60, 4-Fahey (PC).

100 butterfly: 1-Colston (PC) 1:03.21, 2-Schaaf (R) 1:04.3, 3-Scott (R) 1:05.46, 4-Amato (PC) 1:06.45.

100 freestyle: 1-Schroeder (PC) 52.21, 2-Mowry (R) 53.24, 3-Turner (R) 55.02, 4-Ochs (PC) 57.02.

500 freestyle: 1-Williams (PC) 5:46.44, 2-Taylor (R) 5:58.74, 3-Jim Boggs (R) 6:07.5, 4-Schnitzler (PC) 6:23.03.

100 backstroke: 1-McDonald (R) 1:03.37, 2-Amato (PC) 1:07.6, 3-Salyers (PC) 1:11.36, 4-Connors (R) 1:18.23.

100 breaststroke: 1-Partin (PC) 1:13.38, 2-Vogel (R) 1:16.07, 3-Szabo (PC) 1:16.21, 4-Tallman (R) 1:17.53.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Ross (Scott, Turner, Taylor, Mowry) 3:43.16, 2-Port Clinton (Williams, Schnitzler, Szabo, Partin) 3:57.98, 3-

Ross (Bietz, Robinette, McDonald, Mulholland) 3:59.14, 4-Ross 4:20.89.

## Ross girls 86, P. Clinton 80

200 medley relay: 1-Ross (Kelly Sabiers, Dawn Vogel, Heather Winning, Beth Goins) 2:11.74, 2-Ross (Julie Randolph, Kathy Sabiersa, Julie Smith, Julie Schaaf) 2:17.49, 3-Port Clinton (Woodhams, Wagner, Schaefer, Carter) 2:22.52, 4-Port Clinton 3:22.65.

200 freestyle: 1-Winning (R) 2:09.85, 2-Nitz (PC) 2:29.2, 3-Delpercio (PC) 2:30.58, 4-Tina Streeter (R) 2:46.87.

200 individual medley: 1-Smith (R) 2:53.62, 2-Wagner (PC) 2:54.65, 3-Vogel (R) 2:54.82, 4-Schaefer (PC) 3:03.15.

50 freestyle: 1-Schaaf (R) 26.69, 2-Bodie (PC), 3-Randolph (R) 29.1, 4-Goins (R) 29.3.

Diving: 1-Schweitzer (PC), 2-McLavry (PC), 3-Carter (PC).

100 butterfly: 1-Winning (R) 1:07.83, 2-Schaefer (PC) 1:27.01, 3-Baver (PC) 1:35.27, 4-Lori Nighswander (R) 1:36.58.

100 freestyle: 1-Schaaf (R) 59.95, 2-Kelly Sabiers (R) 1:04.98, 3-Bodie (PC) 1:07.27, 4-Goins (R) 1:10.18.

500 freestyle: 1-Delpercio (PC) 6:43.55, 2-Smith (R) 6:54.41, 3-Mooney (PC) 7:24.63, 4-Hodge (PC) 7:24.7.

100 backstroke: 1-Kelly Sabiers (R) 1:13.67, 2-Randolph (R) 1:19.83, 3-Nitz (PC) 1:21.02, 4-Woodhams (PC) 1:25.96.

100 breaststroke: 1-Vogel (R) 1:25.75, 2-Wagner (PC) 1:26.8, 3-Kathy Sabiers (R) 1:28.42, 4-Schnitzler (PC) 1:46.51.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Port Clinton (Bodie, Carter, Delpercio, Nitz) 4:33.25, 2-Port Clinton (Woodhams, Bauer, Mooney, Hodge) 5:01.54, 3-Ross (Betsy Borer, Libby Boggs, Jamie Brudzinski, Streeter) 5:02.18, 4-Ross 5:24.8.

## Findlay's swimmers beat Ross

FINDLAY — The two Ross swim teams took different paths but ended up in the same place...in the loss column to their Findlay counterparts here Tuesday.

The Ross boys gave the Trojans a battle before falling 93-79 while the Ross girls never had a chance in dropping a 117-50 decision to the Lady Trojans.

"The boys really did well," said Ross Coach Art Bucci. "We really didn't anticipate it being that close. The Findlay boys were third in the district last year; they have a good team. I was pleased with the performance of our kids."

Jon Lagrou and Tom McDonald were the lone winners for Ross. Lagrou won the diving competition with 184.40 points while McDonald won the 100-meter backstroke in 1:00.9.

Second-place finishes were turned in by McDonald in the 200 freestyle (1:59.97), Brian Mowry in the 200 individual medley (2:20.47) and the 100 freestyle (52.76), and Tracy Turner in the 50 freestyle (24.62).

Personal-best times were registered by Mike Mulholland, Jim Boggs, David Voggenthaler, Mike Robinette and Shawn Overmyer.

Ty Weikert also made his district cuts in diving with 155.20 points. Ross now had four divers who have qualified for district competition.

In the girls meet, Julie Schaaf and Heather Winning were the top two performers for Ross. Schaaf won the 500 freestyle in 6:05.8, Winning finished second in the 100 backstroke in 1:06.16, and both girls, along with Kelly Sabiers and Beth Goins, were members of the victorious 400 freestyle relay team, which won in 4:14.90.

Also for the girls team, Betsy Borer and Lori Nighswander turned in top individual performances.

"Overall I was pleased," said Bucci. "It's tough on the kids to be on the road so much, plus we have exams going on right now."

The Aqua Giants were slated to be in the Perry Relays this weekend, but that meet has been cancelled. Their next scheduled meet is Tuesday, Jan. 15 when Perkins invades the Fremont Junior High natatorium.

# Perkins swim teams defeat Aqua Giants

Perkins cruised smoothly into Fremont Tuesday and cruised just as smoothly past Fremont Ross in high school swim meets in the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

The Perkins boys team sunk the Aqua Giants 44-32 and the Pirate girls team defeated the Lady Aqua Giants 54-22.

"They have a good girls program," Ross Coach Art Bucci pointed out after his squad had run into the Perkins meat grinder.

Heather Winning had the Lady Aqua Giants' only first place, taking the 100 backstroke in 1:07.95. Winning also took a second in the butterfly.

Other Ross seconds in the girls meet went to Julie Schaaf in the 50 free and Dawn Vogel in the breaststroke. Both the medley and freestyle relays were second for Ross.

Bucci said the boys meet was fairly close.

"It was not a bad meet for the guys," he began, "but they one-two'd us in the 200 free and that hurt."

Bucci also pointed out narrow losses in the medley relay and the 50 free by .4 and .2 seconds, respectively.

The Aqua Giants started the meet on the right foot, winning the medley relay with the quartet of Tom McDonald, Steve Schaaf, Brian Mowry and Tracy Turner in 1:49.9. Perkins, however, followed with the top two sweep in the 200 free and Ross never recovered from the blow.

Ross picked up only two more firsts: Mowry in the 200 individual medley and McDonald in the backstroke.

Seconds for the Ross boys went to Andy Scott in the 50 and 100 freestyles, Mowry in the butterfly, Bill Taylor in the 500 free, Schaaf in the breaststroke and the freestyle relay team of Scott, Paul Beitz, Mike Mullholand and Taylor.



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JULIE SMITH of Ross looks for her time seconds after finishing the 200-yard individual medley Tuesday in the Fremont Junior High School natatorium. She was third in the event.



# Swimming

## Perkins boys 44, Ross 32

### EVENTS

200 medley relay: Ross (McDonald, Schaaf, Mowry, Turner) 1:49.99, 2-Perkins 1:58.72, 3-Perkins 2:02.4.

200 freestyle: 1-Pete Koszalkowski (P) 1:55.93, 2-Matt Kenne (P) 1:59.8, 3-Bill Taylor (R) 2:01.23.

200 individual medley: 1-Brian Mowry (R) 2:17.1, 2-Dale Timple (P) 2:20.38, 3-Steve Schaaf (R) 2:25.52.

50 freestyle: 1-Greg Goodman (P) 23.37, 2-Andy Scott (R) 24.01, 3-Tracy Turner (R) 24.02.

Diving: None.

100 butterfly: 1-Goodman (P) 59.0, 2-Mowry (R) 1:01.35, 3-Mike Dresser (P) 1:08.7.

100 freestyle: 1-Koszalkowski (P) 52.63, 2-Scott (R) 53.58, 3-Turner (R) 55.19.

500 freestyle: 1-Kenne (P) 5:22.32, 2-Bill Taylor (R) 5:46.06, 3-Marty Smith (P) 5:48.1.

100 backstroke: 1-Tom McDonald (R) 1:02.49, 2-Chris Montelpuco (P) 1:05.9, 3-Robert Kessler (P) 1:08.4.

100 breaststroke: 1-Timple (P) 1:12.58, 2-Schaaf (R) 1:13.19, 3-Todd Vogel (R) 1:15.39.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Perkins (Koszalkowski, Goodman, Kenne, Royal) 3:37.16, 2-Ross (Scott, Beltz, Mullholand, Taylor) 3:44.65, 3-Perkins 3:56.3.

## Perkins girls 54, Ross 22

### EVENTS

200 medley relay: 1-Perkins (Guidi, Anderson, Petropoulos, Goodman) 2:02.42, 2-Ross (Ke. Sabiers, Winning, Schaaf, Goins) 2:11.3, 3-Perkins 2:13.7.

200 freestyle: 1-Heather Petropoulos (P) 2:12.6, 2-Patricia Ramos (P) 2:17.2, 3-Jamie Brudzinski (R) 2:29.6.

200 individual medley: 1-Andrea Guidi (P) 2:21.73, 2-Wendy Petropoulos (P) 2:32.6, 3-Julie Smith (R) 2:54.25.

50 freestyle: 1-Jenny Goodman (P) 25.23, 2-Julie Schaaf (R) 26.5, 3-Stephanie Harlan (P) 28.6.

Diving: None.

100 butterfly: 1-Laila Anderson (P) 1:04.2, 2-Heather Winning (R) 1:07.95, 3-Kelly Sabiers (R) 1:13.22.

100 freestyle: 1-Guidi (P) 55.39, 2-Goodman (P) 58.7, 3-Schaaf (R) 59.98.

500 freestyle: 1-Anderson (P) 5:24.13, 2-Patricia Ramos (P) 6:12.2, 3-Smith (R) 6:42.8.

100 backstroke: 1-Winning (R) 1:07.95, 2-H. Petropoulos, 3-Ke. Sabiers (R) 1:13.22.

100 breaststroke: 1-Christie Strange (P) 1:24.72, 2-Dawn Vogel (R) 1:25.49, 3-Kathy Sabiers (R) 1:25.53.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Perkins (Petropoulos, Ramos, Stiler, Harlan) 4:15.4, 2-Ross (Goins, Smith, Brudzinski, Randolph) 4:30.2, 3-Perkins 4:33.5.



# Ross swimmers drop 2

SYLVANIA — Southview had just enough power to outswim rested Fremont Ross in boys and girls high school swim meets Thursday.

"We had some super swims but that is what I expected after all the rest we had," Ross Coach Art Bucci said. "But, then, we always seem to swim well at Southview."

Ross had missed a couple of days of practice because of the inclement weather that closed area schools.

The Ross boys lost 90-81 while the girls lost 78-71 after not having any participants in the diving and butterfly events.

The Aqua Giants boys team had only a pair of firsts — Jon Lagrou in diving and the freestyle relay team — while relying on a number of second and third places to rack up their points.

Lagrou had 187.10 points to lead a 1-2-3 sweep in the diving. Second went to Ryan Nuhfer with 176.85 and Ty Weikert took third for Ross with 142.65 points.

The freestyle relay quartet of Andy Scott, Brad Mullholand, Paul Beitz and Bill Taylor posted a 4:10.73 in the metered pool for the second Ross first.

In the girls meet, Heather Winning won the 200 freestyle and the backstroke to go with a first in the 500 free by Jamie Brudzinski. Winning also anchored Ross's winning free relay.

Winning posted a 2:31.19 in the 200 free and won the backstroke in 1:14.49. Brudzinski took the 500 in 5:45.71. The free relay team of Julie Schaaf, Kelly Sabiers, Julie Randolph and Winning won in 4:47.62.

## Lakota matmen win 6th straight

KANSAS — Lakota captured a pair of high school wrestling matches to run its winning streak to six during a triangular at Lakota High School Thursday.

The Raiders bulldozed over

# Swimming

## Boys

### Southview 90, Ross 81

#### EVENTS (metered pool)

200 medley relay: 1-Southview 1:58.15, 2-Ross (Tom McDonald, Brian Mowry, Steve Schaaf, Tracy Turner) 2:02.61, 3-Ross (Todd Williamson, David Voggenthaler, Overmyer, Paul Bietz) 2:18.85.

200 free: 1-Forschner (S) 2:12.99, 2-Bill Taylor (R) 2:13.49, 3-McDonald (R) 2:15.75, 4-Trench (S) 2:17.72.

200 individual medley: 1-Mellot (S) 2:30.43, 2-Mowry (R) 2:33.15, 3-Schaaf (R) 2:41.76, 4-Cramer (S) 2:44.86.

50 free: 1-Smith (S) 26.18, 2-Andy Scott (R) 27.34, 3-Turner (R) 27.27, 4-Bietz (R) 27.57.

Diving: 1-Jon LaGrou (R) 187.10, 2-Ryan Nuhfer (R) 176.85, 3-Ty Weikert (R) 142.65, 4-Steele (S) 109.40.

100 butterfly: 1-Green (S) 1:07.21, 2-Mowry (R) 1:09.54, 3-Schweikert (S) 1:18.19, 4-Voggenthaler (R) 1:20.6.

100 free: 1-Smith (S) 57.23, 2-Scott (R) 1:01.05, 3-Gilmore (S), 4-Turner (R) 1:01.43.

500 free: 1-Forschner (S) 4:46.44, 2-Taylor (R) 4:59, 3-Green (S) 4:59.26, 4-Boggs (R) 5:06.56.

100 backstroke: 1-Mellot (S) 1:07.42, 2-McDonald (R) 1:08.45, 3-Paul (S) 1:15.77, 4-Schweikert (S) 1:23.1.

100 breaststroke: 1-Grotke (S) 1:09.98, 2-Treatch (S) 1:19.16, 3-Schaaf (R) 1:20.3, 4-Kapelski (S) 1:26.38.

400 free relay: 1-Ross (Scott, Mark Mullholand, Bietz, Taylor) 4:10.73, 2-Southview (Forschner, Cramer, Gilmore, Treatch) 4:12.96, 3-Ross 4:23.76, 4-Southview 4:30.65.

## Girls

### Southview 78, Ross 71

#### EVENTS (metered pool)

200 medley relay: 1-Southview (BVacon, Scheikert, Cirincione, Sailstad) 2:20.67, 2-Ross (Julie Randolph, Jamie Brudzinski, Kathy Sabiers, Beth Goins) 2:34.94, 3-Ross (Lori Nighswander, Julie Smith, Dawn Vogel, Borer) 2:38.56.

200 free: 1-Heather Winn ing (R) 2:31.19, 2-Pollack (S) 2:43.98, 3-Bacon (S) 2:44.32, 4-Cramer (S) 2:51.4.

200 individual medley: 1-Cirincione (S) 3:03.31, 2-Vogel (R) 3:17.44.

50 free: 1-Sailstad (S) 29.14, 2-Julie Schaaf (R) 29.82, 3-Randolph (R) 33.28, 4-Goins (R) 33.45.

Diving: 1-Briggs (S) 157.35.

100 butterfly: 1-Cirincione (S) 1:20.91, 2-Fry (S) 1:57.37.

100 free: 1-Sailstad (S) 1:04.21, 2-Schaaf (R) 1:07.12, 3-Kelly Sabiers (R) 1:12.77, 4-Schweikert

# Aqua Giant squads split with Sandusky

By **BOB MARKER**  
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Ross and Sandusky took turns beating each other in a high school swim meet Tuesday at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

The Ross girls defeated the Lady Blue Streaks 40-36 while the Sandusky boys defeated Ross's boys team by the same score.

"The girls are doing a fine job," Ross Coach Art Bucci said. "Sandusky beat them when we went up there."

Bucci disclosed that he had his slide rule out before the meet.

"I figured that it would be 41-35 for the girls and either the boys would win 40-36 or tie the meet," the Ross coach said while acknowledging the one miscalculation.

Bucci also pointed out he was pleased with the times registered by swimmers in some events. The most notable was the boys winning medley time of 1:47.9.

"That's great," Bucci insisted, "and when you consider that we are practicing twice a day, that time is very good."

Tom McDonald, Steve Schaaf, Brian Mowry and Tracy Turner made up the medley team. Mowry came back to win the 100 free in 52.5 and the 100 breaststroke in 1:09.9.

Ross's only other first in the boys meet was by Tom

McDonald in the 100 backstroke.

In the girls portion of the meet, Ross got a pair of firsts from Heather Winning and Julie Schaaf.

Winning took the 200 medley in 2:26.8 and the butterfly in 1:28. Schaaf won the 50 and 100 freestyle sprints in 26.5 and 59.2, respectively.

Kelly Sabiers had the other Ross first, winning the backstroke in 1:13.0.

Heading into the final event — the 400 freestyle relay — Ross held a slim 34-32 lead, but the Lady Aqua Giants relay team of Schaaf, Julie Randolph, Kelly Sabiers and Winning solidified the Ross victory with a two-second win.

There was a cloud of uncertainty hovering over the meet because it could possibly be the final varsity swim competition at the facility.

Because the pool and diving areas do not meet state requirements, Ross officials had notified schools on the Aqua Giants' schedule of the deficiencies, giving them the option of rescheduling the meet to their facilities.

Sandusky was the final school to agree to come to Fremont for head-to-head competition. Next season the Ross team could face a schedule in which there will be no home meets.

# Swimming

## Sandusky boys 40, Ross 36

### EVENTS

200 medley relay: 1-Ross (Tom McDonald, Steve Schaaf, Brian Mowry, Tracy Turner) 1:47.9, 2-Sandusky (Chris Kaufman, Jim Debois, Mark Thom, Kevin Gast) 1:55.32, 3-Ross (David Voggenthaler, Paul Bietz, Todd Vogel, Mike Mulholand) 1:59.7.

200 freestyle: 1-Craig Ward (S) 1:56.9, 2-Bill Taylor (R) 2:01.6, 3-Dave Fernandez (S) 2:03.1.

200 individual medley: 1-Kaufman (S) 2:18.64, 2-Schaaf (R) 2:20.8, 3-Thom (S) 2:28.3.

50 freestyle: 1-George Buzas (S) 24.01, 2-Turner (R) 24.22, 3-Mike Frost (S) 24.23.

Diving: None.

100 butterfly: 1-Buzas (S) 59.36, 2-Schaaf (R) 1:04.8, 3-DuBois (S) 1:07.11.

100 freestyle: 1-Mowry (R) 52.5, 2-Frost (S) 52.6, 3-Scott (R) 53.6.

500 freestyle: 1-Ward (S) 5:13.3, 2-Taylor (R) 5:34.4, 3-Jim Boggs (R) 5:57.7.

100 backstroke: 1-McDonald (R) 1:00.4, 2-Kaufman (S) 1:01.7, 3-Brad Kasper (S) 1:06.6.

100 breaststroke: 1-Mowry (R) 1:09.7, 2-Thom (S) 1:10.2, 3-Vogel (R) 1:14.6.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Sandusky (Frost, Ward, Mark Capucini, Buzas) 3:33.1, 2-Ross (Turner, Taylor, Bietz, McDonald) 3:38.4, 3-Ross 3:46.9.

## Ross girls 40, Sandusky 36

### EVENTS

200 medley relay: 1-Ross (Kelly Sabiers, Kathy Sabiers, Lori Nighswander, Beth Goins) 2:14.0, 2-Sandusky (DuBois, McKenna, Lenhart, Kietter) 2:15.4, 3-Ross (Julie Randolph, Julie Smith, Dawn Vogel, Betsy Borer) 2:18.34.

200 freestyle: 1-Dawn Drouillard (S) 2:19.65, 2-Kathy Sabiers (R) 2:27.3, 3-Jamie Brudzinski (R) 2:28.6.

200 individual medley: 1-Heather Winning (R) 2:26.8, 2-Kelly Majoy (S) 2:44.24, 3-Christy Lenhart (S) 2:51.95.

50 freestyle: 1-Julie Schaaf (R) 26.5, 2-Jane Beachy (S) 27.5, 3-Michelle Drouillard (S) 29.0.

Diving: None.

100 butterfly: 1-Winning (R) 1:08.3, 2-Majoy (S) 1:17.59, 3-Lenhart (S) 1:22.53.

100 freestyle: 1-Schaaf (R) 59.2, 2-59.2, 2-Beachy (S) 1:02.39, 3-M. Drouillard (S) 1:05.4.

500 freestyle: 1-D. Drouillard (S) 6:13.6, 2-Jen Huffman (S) 6:38.85, 3-Brudzinski (R) 6:40.3.

100 backstroke: 1-Kelly Sabiers (R) 1:13.0, 2-Mariene Dubois (S) 1:17.06, 3-Randolph (R) 1:1.0.

100 breaststroke: 1-Amy McKenna (S) 1:20.0, 2-Kathy Sabiers (R) 1:25.76, 3-Flo Murray (S) 1:25.73.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Ross (Schaaf, Randolph, Kelly Sabiers, Winning) 4:11.2, 2-Sandusky (Beachy, Majoy, D. and M. Drouillard) 4:13.24, 3-Sandusky 3:31.82.

## Ross teams finish third in Malabar Relays

MANSFIELD — The girls backstroke relay team set a meet record as both the Ross High School boys and girls teams finished third in the Malabar Swim Relays Saturday.

The Ross girls had 42 points to tie Ashland and trail champion Malabar's 78 and Wooster's 54. Finishing fifth behind Ross and Ashland were Colonel Crawford with 35, Ayersville with 24, Port Clinton with 22 and Galion with eight.

The Lady Aqua Giants' backstroke team of Heather Winning, Julie Schaaf, Julie Randolph and Kelly Sabiers

recorded a 2:06.557 to finish first in a meet record time. The girls also had a pair of runnerup finishes in the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 200-yard medley relay.

In the freestyle relay, the quartet of Schaaf, Beth Goins, Kelly Sabiers and Winning had a 4:10.607 while the medley team of Randolph, Dawn Vogel, Lori Nighswander and Kathy Sabiers had a 2:17.111.

The Ross girls also finished fourth in butterfly-breaststroke with the team of Kathy Sabiers, Jamie Brudzinski, Julie Smith and Nighswander with a 2:28.953.

Ross's other points in the girls meet were scored on a sixth in the individual medley relay.

The Ross boys also had 42 points while finishing behind Wooster's 80 and Malabar's 72. In fourth was Port Clinton with 28 while fifth belonged to Ashland with 25 while Ayersville was sixth with Colonel Crawford and Galion tying for seventh.

The Aqua Giants had a second in the diving relay with the team of Ryan Nuher and Jon Lagrou scoring 351.65 points. Ross took a pair of thirds in the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 200-yard medley relay. The team of Andy

Scott, Tracy Turner, Bill Taylor and Brian Mowry posted a 3:35.469 in the free relay and the quartet of Tom McDonald, Todd Vogel, Steve Schaaf and Turner recorded a 1:50.831 in the medley.

Ross also had two fourths. Mowry, Scott, Schaaf and David Voggenthaler had a 1:59.494 in the butterfly-breaststroke relay and the team of McDonald, Taylor, Voggenthaler and Todd Williams had a 1:59.841 in the backstroke relay.

Ross's other points came with a fifth in the 850-yard crescendo relay.

## Ross swim teams fall to Northview

SYLVANIA — The Ross swim teams each suffered losses to Sylvania Northview in their final dual meets of the season here Wednesday.

The Ross boys fell 96-76 while the girls lost 97-63.

"We're a tired team," said Ross Coach Art Bucci. "But even though we're tired, we swam good. The kids did a beautiful job."

Tom McDonald and Brian Mowry led the Ross boys' effort. McDonald won the 100-meter backstroke in 1:06.51, Mowry won the 100 freestyle in 58.22, and both swimmers joined Steve Schaaf and Tracy Turner in capturing the 200 medley relay in 2:01.60.

Ross's other male winner was Ryan Nuhfer, who took the diving competition with 185.35 points. Nuhfer's victory capped the second straight year Ross divers have won their competition in dual-meet action.

In the girls meet, Julie Schaaf won two individual races and also was on a winning relay team. Schaaf took the 50 freestyle in 29.26 and the 100 freestyle in 1:06.88, and she anchored the victorious 400 free relay team, which also included Kelly Sabiers, Heather Winning and Beth Goins. Their time was 4:47.03.

The only other first-place finish for the Ross girls was turned in by Winning, who won the 200 individual medley in 2:42.82.

Ross's final regular-season competition will be in the Port Clinton Relays this Saturday. Diving starts at 10 a.m., and preliminaries begin at 1.



# Ross boys finish third, girls fourth in PC swim relays

**News-Messenger Reports**

PORT CLINTON — Ross finished third in the boys and tied for fourth in the girls competition at the Port Clinton Swim Relays Saturday.

The Ross 200 medley relay team of Tom McDonald, Brian Mowry, Steve Schaaf and Tracy Turner finished first in that event to lead the boys while the quartet of Kelly Sabiers, Julie Randolph, Julie Schaaf and Heather Winning made up the record breaking backstroke team which paced the Lady Aqua Giants effort.

Mansfield Malabar won the boys meet with 84 points. Perkins was second with 76 while Ross had 48. In fourth was Ashland with 36 while host Port Clinton finished fifth with 30. Rounding out the field were Ontario 28, Colonel Crawford 22, Margaretta 14 and North Ridgeville with 9.

The boys 200 medley relay team finished in 1:47.24, well ahead of runnerup Ontario's 1:50.75.

"This is the fastest time of the season for them," Ross Coach Art Bucci said. "That is quicker than a lot of the 'big guns' in our

district."

Ross's diving duo of John Lagrou and Ryan Nuhfer chalked up 182.25 points to finish second to Malabar's 207.25 for the Aqua Giants next best finish. Ross had fourths in the 850 crescendo relay, the 200 backstroke relay, the 300 individual medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay.

The girls backstroke team splashed to a 2:05.5 clocking to wipe out a 2:06.11 set by the squad in the preliminaries. The old mark of 2:13.84 was set by Ashland last year.

The Ross and Ashland girls had 42 points apiece to deadlock for fourth. Winning the meet was Perkins with 84 while second went to Malabar with 74. Ashland was third with 48. Ross was followed by Colonel Crawford with 32 and Port Clinton with 24.

The 400 freestyle relay of Schaaf, Sabiers, Beth Goins and Winning took third in 4:08.91 for the Ross girls other top finish. Other finishes included fourths in the 300 individual medley relay and the 200 medley relay and fifth in the crescendo relay and the 200 fly-breast relay.



**BASKETBALL SPECIAL** award winners named at the Ross Winter Sports Award Program Tuesday night were, left to right, front row: Nicole Buehler, Denise Wilkins, Sue Gahn, Michele Blue and Amy Wilkins; back row: Minerva Nevarez, Mark Miesle, Greg Bender, Chris Mosser and Manoh Jones.



**SPECIAL AWARD** recipients for swimming and wrestling at the Ross Winter Sports Award Program Tuesday were, left to right, front row: Lori Nighswander, Heather Winning, Kelly Sabiers; back row: Matt Marinis, Mike Mezinger, Todd Scherer, Mike Mullholand, Matt Smith, Tom McDonald and Brian Mowry.

# Ross hands out winter sports awards

**News-Messenger Reports**

Sue Gahn, Greg Bender, Mike Mezinger, Heather Winning, Tom McDonald and Brian Mowry were named "most valuable" for their respective sports Tuesday evening during the Ross High School Winter Sports Award Program.

Gahn and Bender topped the girls and boys basketball awards, respectively, while Mezinger won in wrestling. Winning was the girls swim team top award winner while McDonald and Mowry shared the boys swim team top honor.

Gahn received her MVP trophy along with trophies for being the best free throw shooter, rebounder and defensive player. She also got a co-captain's trophy along with Michele Blue.

During the past season, Gahn, a senior, was named the Buckeye Conference player of the year while averaging 21 points per game. She was also named the Coaches Association District VI player of the year and will be playing in the McDonald's Classic at Otterbein College April 13. The game matches the top high school girls players in Ohio. Gahn was named to the third team Class AAA All-Ohio by the United Press International (UPI) coaches poll and received special mention in the Associated Press poll.

Denise Wilkins shared the best defensive player honor with Gahn. All three are seniors.

Other awards passed out by Coach Sue Wolf were the most improved varsity player trophy going to Minerva Nevarez. The most valuable reserve player is Nicole Buehler while the most

improved reserve player award went to Amy Wilkins.

In boys basketball, Bender, in addition to his MVP trophy, took home the best free throw shooter and rebounder trophies. He was also presented with a plaque from the Buckeye Conference for being a first team selection and its player of the year. Bender also got a captain's trophy along with co-captain Mark Miesle.

During the season, Bender, a 6-5 senior led Ross to a 15-6 record while averaging 19 points per game. He was named to the second team Class AAA All-Ohio by the UPI and was a special mention on the AP team. Bender will play April 20 in the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Game in Canton.

Coach John Sawyer also passed out the best defender and most improved varsity player trophies to Miesle. The most valuable junior varsity player is Manoh Jones while the most improved JV player was Chris Mosser.

Mezinger led the wrestling honors passed out by Coach Al Voggenthaler. In addition to his MVP trophy, Mezinger also took home the trophy for the most takedowns during the season and the captain's trophy. His 96 takedowns for the season broke the old Ross mark of 72. Mezinger qualified for the state tournament and won one match before being eliminated.

During his Ross career, Mezinger won 75 matches and this past season was 28-4. In the past season, he helped Ross to a 7-0 dual record, opposite of the 0-7 that Ross had registered the previous season.

Other wrestling awards went to senior

Matt Smith for the most pins with 17, junior Todd Scherer as being the most improved and the Coaches' Award went to freshman Matt Marinis, one of three freshmen to qualify for the state tournament in the Class AAA division.

Voggenthaler also announced that John Lozano had been elected captain of the wrestling team for the 185-86 season. Lozano will be a senior.

Winning, a senior who qualified for the state swim meet the past two years, topped the Lady Aqua Giants awards portion of the program. She also received the Coaches' Award and a captain's trophy. Kelly Sabiers was the team's other co-captain and received her trophy.

The most improved girl swimmer is Lori Nighswander. Coach Art Bucci presented the awards.

McDonald and Mowry shared the MVP award for the boys swim team. McDonald added the Coaches' Award to his honor.

The most improved boys swimmer honor went to Mike Mullholand while Mike Robinette and Tracy Turner were presented with captains trophies.

Bucci announced the captains for next season. McDonald and Mowry will be the boys co-captains while Julie Randolph and Dawn Vogel will be the girls co-captains.

Following are the letter winners:

**THIRD YEAR**

Girls basketball: Sue Gahn.  
Boys basketball: Greg Bender, Mark Miesle and Chris Simmons.

Wrestling: Todd Beatty, Mike Mezinger and Dave Middleton.

Girls swimming: Kelly Sabiers and Heather Winning.

Boys swimming: Tracy Turner.

**SECOND YEAR**

Girls basketball: Michele Blue, Shelly Leggett and Denise Wilkins.

Boys basketball: Dave Kovaleski, Shawn McCarthy and Rodney Smith, mgr.

Wrestling: John Lozano, Matt Smith, George Weissinger and Bob Flahiff, trainer.

Girls swimming: Julie Randolph.  
Boys swimming: Jim Boggs, Jon Lagrou, Tom McDonald, Brian Mowry, Mike Robinette, Andy Scott and Bill Taylor.

Cheerleaders: Brenda Brown, Tam Marinis, Lori Mooney and Monna Rodriguez.

**FIRST YEAR**

Girls basketball: Brenda Kline, Aimee LeJeune, Minerva Nevarez, Belinda Walters, Chris Yeager and Lisa Miarer, mgr.

Boys basketball: Karl Bury, John Cahill, Greg Gallagher, Pat Hetrick, John Stierwalt and Halvar Oltersdorf, mgr.

Wrestling: Greg Abdo, Jim Carroll, Matt Marinis, Jerry Falomo, Jerrid Potter, Shawn Ramirez, Jesse Sepeda, Todd Scherer, Beth Yingling, trainer, and Romel Miller, mgr.

Girls swimming: Jamie Brudzinski, Elizabeth Goins, Lori Nighswander, Julie Schaaf, Julia Smith and Dawn Vogel.

Boys swimming: Paul Bietz, Mike Mullholand, Mike Nighswander, Ryan Nuhger, Steve Schaaf and Ty Weickert.

Cheerleaders: Jodi Beatty, Christy Michael, Ann Schroeder and Wendy Woolf.