

1996 State Meet...

Swimming & Diving

Ickes, O'Connor make history

News-Messenger reports

CANTON—Mindy Ickes and Molly O'Connor became the first Ross girls swimmers to ever score in the state meet as they finished in the top 16.

Ickes, finished 14th in the 200 IM with a time of 2:12.5. O'Connor finished 14th in the 50 freestyle in 24.81.

"Our goal last year was to make state, our goal this year was to place and we have accomplished that," said Ross coach Phil Moran. "So maybe next year our goal should be to win it all."

The Fremont Ross Girls 200 medley relay team of Amy Mears, Kristyn Warner, Ickes and O'Connor finished 24th in a time of 1:55.97. The clocking was the second fastest time ever swam by a Ross quartet.

High School Boys

State Meet

200-yard Medley Relay: 1, Cin. St. Xavier (Earhart, Fehring, Wales, Holder) 1:34.59; 2, Gates Mills Hawken 1:34.70; 3, Tol. St. Francis 1:36.48; 4, Shaker Heights 1:36.91; 5, Hunting Valley V. University 1:37.39; 6, Cin. Anderson 1:37.60; 7, Cle. St. Ignatius 1:37.84; 8, N. Canton Hoover 1:38.30.

200 Free: 1, Butler (Thom. Worthington) 1:39.51; 2, Drenier (Cin. St. Xavier) 1:39.80; 3, Kemmerling (Cle. St. Ignatius) 1:41.96; 4, J. Harms (Tol. St. Francis) 1:42.33; 5, Richley (Xenia) 1:42.81; 6, Jones (Tol. St. Francis) 1:43.01; 7, Shay (Gates Mills Hawken) 1:43.14; 8, Macaulay (Worthington Kilbourne) 1:44.20.

200 IM: 1, Thornton (St. Paris Graham) 1:49.82; 2, S. Harms (Tol. St. Francis) 1:51.94; 3, Lehman (Miami Valley) 1:54.44; 4, Nelson (Tol. St. Francis) 1:54.66; 5, Seidman (Gates Mills Hawken) 1:54.72; 6 (tie), Kirk (Cin. Anderson) and Holter (Cin. St. Xavier) 1:55.60; 8, Keay (Shaker Hts.) 1:57.83.

50 freestyle: 1, Henkman (Ashland) 20.68; 2, Holder (Cin. St. Xavier) 20.94; 3, Cheney (Lima Shawnee) 21.02; 4, Weis (Tol. St. Francis) 21.17; 5, Zdrilic (Richmond Hts.) 21.25; 6, Gold (Centerville) 21.26; 7, Allinder (Worthington Kilbourne) 21.41; 8, Keay (Shaker Hts.) 21.60.

100 butterfly: 1, Evans (Westerville North) 50.34; 2, Daily (Cin. Seven Hills) 50.61; 3 (tie), McVay (Thom. Worthington) and Klapper (W. Chester Lakota) 50.63; 5 (tie), Bell (Dayton Carroll) and Murray (Lorain Southview) 50.99; 7, Weis (Tol. St. Francis) 51.09; 8, Wales (Cin. St. Xavier) 51.77.

TEAM SCORES

Five events

1, Toledo St. Francis 137; 2, Cin. St. Xavier 106.5; 3, Gates Mills Hawken 74.5; 4, Shaker Hts. 65; 5, Cin. Anderson 48.5; 6, Cleveland St. Ignatius 47; 7, Ashland 38; 8, Hunting Valley University School 37; 9, Thomas Worthington 35.5; 10, N. Canton Hoover 31; 11, Centerville 27; 12, Lima Shawnee 24; 13, Worthington Kilbourne 23; 14, Miami Valley 22; 15 (tie), St. Paris Graham, Westerville North 20; 17, Upper Arlington 18; 18, Richmond Hts. 17.5; 19, Cin. Seven Hills 17; 20, Massillon Washington 16; 21, West Chester Lakota 15.5; 22, Xenia 14; 23 (tie), Lorain Southview, Dayton Carroll 13.5; 25, Cin. Elder 13; 26, Delaware Hayes 10; 27 (tie), Hamilton, Cin. Oak Hills 5; 29 (tie), Stow, Fairfield 4; 31, Solon 3; 32 (tie), Sylvania Northview, Canton GlenOak 2; 34 (tie), Sandusky Perkins, Hudson 1.

Swimming

Oak Harbor freshman 6th; Rockets girls finish 16th

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CANTON — Lindsay Lange, an Oak Harbor freshman, finished sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke Saturday at the 20th Ohio High School Swimming and Diving Meet at Branin Natatorium.

Lange finished in 1 minute, 6.6 seconds. Cathy Sursi of Columbus Waterson won in 1:09.83.

"She was leading at 50 yards," Oak Harbor coach Bob Van Horn said, "but she faded in the second half. Still, for a freshman, she did a terrific job."

The finish helped the Rockets place 16th with 39 points.

Oak Harbor diver Ellyn Vreeland finished 13th with 393 points. She was fourth going into the final round.

Molly O'Connor of Fremont Ross finished 11th in the 100-yard freestyle in 53.8 seconds. O'Connor, who finished 14th in the 50 freestyle Saturday, and Mindy Ickes scored all of the Aqua Giants' 12 points, good for 40th in the state.

It was the first time Ross girls swimmers scored in the state meet.

"It was a good weekend," Ross coach Phil Moran said. "but next year's goal is to get into championship finals."

Only the fast eight after elimination heats qualified for the finals.

"They held their times better than most kids," Moran said. "Very few go faster at state meet. The big guns taper for the state while we have to taper to get out of district because it is so fast."

Also Saturday, Ickes finished 17th in the breaststroke in 1:08.91. The Ross 200 freestyle relay of Annie Mears, Jenny Schaaf, Ickes and O'Connor finished 20th in 1:42.85 after going into the state meet seeded 22nd. Oak Harbor was 19th in the event with the foursome of Andrea Lajti, Lange, Amy Tabbert and Melissa Jenkins posting a 1:42.69 clocking.

On Friday, the same Rockets team finished eighth in the medley in 1:52.01.

In the boys meet, the Rockets had six points to tie Kettering Fairmont for 45th.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Aaron Heminger, Nick Lange, Andy Jenkins and Ron Lajti finished 15th in 1:29.91.

In the races for the team titles, Toledo St. Francis and Gates Mills Hawken put an end to a pair of long championship streaks in the 69th boys and 20th girls meets.

The St. Francis boys toppled six-time defending champion Cincinnati St. Xavier, while the Hawken girls stopped Cincinnati St. Ursula's string of titles at three.

St. Francis, which was led by twin seniors Steve and Jeff Harms, locked up its title with a win in the evening's final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. St. Francis finished with a 253-238 edge over St. Xavier.

The Hawken girls had an easier time of it, winning by a comfortable margin after winning both relays and an individual race Saturday. Hawken totaled 300 points, as Cincinnati Ursuline finished a distant second with 189 points. St. Ursula was sixth with 108 points.