

Serwin only Ross qualifier

MANSFIELD — Ross qualified only one person for the state swim meet next Friday and Saturday at Columbus from the district meet at Malabar High School. Diver Rob Serwin won his specialty for the single honor of representing Ross in the state meet.

Serwin won his title on Friday but the story of Saturday swimming finals was all Toledo St. Francis. The Knights won their eighth straight Northwestern Ohio District swim title by rolling up 310 points, easily outdistancing second place Sandusky Perkins by 178 points.

Mike Wohl won the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly while Marc Schlatter set a new record in the 100-yard breaststroke. Schlatter paddled his way to a 1:02.36 to break the 1:03.5 mark held by Jeff Horvath of Mansfield Malabar. That old mark was set in 1970.

Perkins' John Walker was the meet's only other double winner, taking the 100 and 200-yard freestyle springs.

For Ross and Margaretta there wasn't much to talk about. Serwin was the only qualifier from the two schools while Port Clinton's Ed Burdorf made the state meet by finishing second in the 50-yard freestyle.

"There just isn't too much I can say about the district," Ross coach Jay Olsen lamented after the meet.

"The team had an average showing. The only thing really pleasing was that we finished ahead of Sandusky in the final standings."

Ross had 77 team points for 7th in the meet while Sandusky was right behind with 74. Margaretta had 10 points while Port Clinton finished with 31.

Serwin's title was another pleasing aspect of the meet for Olsen. The Ross diver moved up from fourth place finish last year to defeat the defending district champ, Kurt Seibenick of St. Francis by more than nine points.

Scott Heschel of Ross was 17th overall in the diving after getting no points on one dive when he hit the board. He was not hurt in the accident.

The Little Giant swimmers did have two personal bests for the season in the meet despite the choppy water conditions in the Malabar pool. Brett McKittrick paddled to a 24.5 in the 50-yard freestyle while Mary Mason turned in 53.9 in the 100-yard freestyle.

TEAM STANDINGS (Team scoring points only): Toledo St. Francis 310; Sandusky Perkins 132; Lima Shawnee 121; Mansfield Malabar 109; Findlay 109; Lima Senior 90; Fremont Ross 77; Sandusky 74; Napoleon 51; Port Clinton 31; Colonel Crawford 25; Ashland 21; Ontario 19; Marion Harding 18; Lexington 11; Margaretta 10; Coldwater 0.

200 medley relay — St. Francis (Bertolina, R. Wohl, Schlatter, Restivo), 1:44.64; 2 - Findlay, 3 - Lima Shawnee.

200 freestyle — won by Walker (Sandusky Perkins), 1:50.46; 2 - Wagner, (Sandusky), 3 - Day (Malabar).

200 individual medley — won by Comer (Findlay), 2:10.06; 2 - Smenner (St. Francis), 3 - Lee (Napoleon).

50-yard freestyle — M. Wohl (St. Francis), 22.90; 2 - Burdorf (Port Clinton), 3 - Spencer (Start).

100 butterfly — M. Wohl (St. Francis), 54.41; 2 - Smenner (St. Francis), 3 - Worthington (Findlay).

100 freestyle — Walker (Sandusky Perkins), 50.12; 2 - Spencer (Start), 3 - Coolahan (Shawnee).

500 freestyle — Stevens (St. Francis), record (new distance), 4:59.90; 2 - MacDonald (St. Francis), 3 - Day (Malabar).

100 backstroke — Bertolina (St. Francis), 57.08; 2 - Hollar (Oregon Clay), 3 - Powell (St. Francis).

100 breaststroke — Schlatter (St. Francis), 1:02.36, record — old record 1:03.5 by Jeff Horvath, Malabar, 1970; 2 - McGur (Lima Senior), 3 - Hensien (St. Francis).

400 freestyle relay — 1 - Sandusky (Leake, Roesch, Wagner, Hippert), 3:27.32; 2 - Lima Shawnee, 3 - St. Francis.

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