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Ross swimmers to be 'more versatile'

Ross's 1981-82 swim team is not as strong as it was last year . . . Coach Art Buccì admits that.

"We do have more versatility, though," he points out, "and because of that, we will cause teams problems."

The Little Giants tankers have only two seniors on the 20-member roster, one that lettered last season and one that did not swim but is an experienced competitor in the water.

Ross has six lettermen: co-captains Brian Overmyer and Randy Randolph plus Randy Penrod, Ty Heslet, Steve Rodd and Tod Winning. Overmyer and Penrod are the squad's seniors, the rest are juniors.

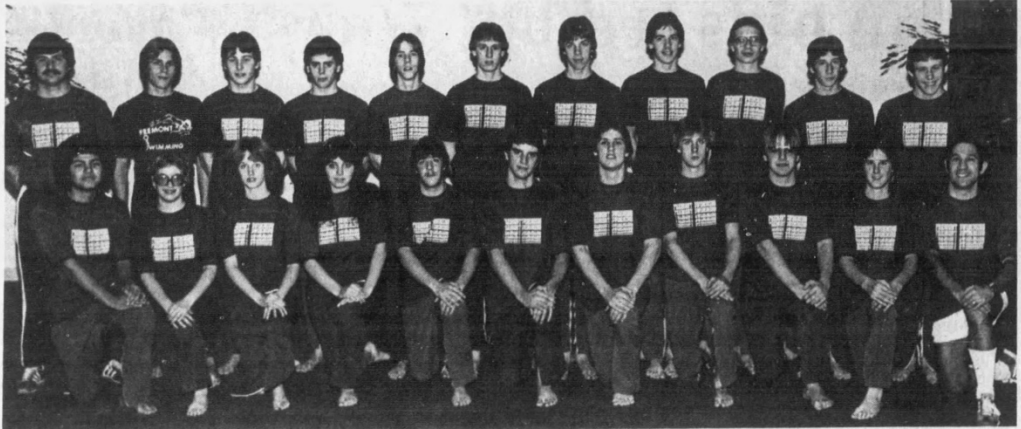
Penrod lettered as a sophomore but did not come out for the team as a junior.

"We had some good state (participant in the state swim meet) people last year," Buccì said. "Mike Mowery, John Isaac, Dave Sanna and Brian Beck — we lost them and they all went to the state two years in a row."

"This year is going to be a rebuilding year but we have some quality kids that I think can get to the state meet," Buccì said.

"We have some good sophomores; some of the most talented that I have had here," the Ross coach pointed out, "and we have the juniors who swam last year."

Buccì said the number of swimmers who can swim the different strokes and the distances will enable him to maneuver his



ROSS SWIM TEAM. Front row, left to right: Larry Rodriguez, Sandy Process, Amy Koenig, Jill Isaac, John Kocis, Randy Penrod, Brian Overmyer, Mark

Lowther, Randy Randolph, Troy Overmyer and Coach Art Buccì; back row: assistant Coach Bob Lanzan, Burke Mitchell, Ty

Heslet, Jim Ferguson, Tad Winning, Dan Ackerman, Brian Wensinger, Dave Hetrick, John Albrecht and Chris Black.

lineup.

The Little Giants open on the road at Upper Arlington for a dual meet Friday evening and the Upper Arlington Invitational on Saturday.

Buccì listed the people who will probably be swimming in the various events during the season.

In the 200 freestyle, sophomore Chris Black along with Jill Isaac and Sandy Process will be used early in the season. The individual medley will have Penrod, sophomore Mark Lowther and Tad Winning.

Overmyer, who Buccì feels can swim in the low 22-second range in the 50 free and in the 48s in the

100 free sprint, will be at the shorter distance along with Rodd and Heslet.

Penrod, Tad Winning and Lowther are the main butterfly tankers with Overmyer, Rodd and Burke Mitchell in the 100 free. Black along with Isaac and Process are the 500 freestylers.

Dave Hetrick, Amy Koenig and Jim Ferguson are the principle backstrokers while Randolph, Heslet and Brian Wensinger will be in the breaststroke.

"And a lot of that lineup can be switched around," Buccì reaffirmed.

In the diving event,

juniors Dan Ackerman and John Albrecht will be joined by sophomore Troy Overmyer.

"These guys are learning," Buccì described his divers, "they are still young, but hopefully will get us some points."

The numbers on the team will not put Ross at a disadvantage in a six-lane

pool. "Some kids will not get to swim in the four-lane pools," Buccì pointed out, "but they will be getting their exposure in the six-lane pools."

"Our goal this year is to finish above .500 in dual meets, to get our personal best swims and, of course, be in the top five in the district."

Browns, Oilers battle for 3rd place

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers and Cleveland Browns are running neck and neck for the second straight year, but this time they're trying to escape the cellar, not break into the penthouse.

that was dealt us," Rutigliano said of the Browns' tailspin of this season. "We're coming off two games we needed to win and didn't, so now we need to redeem ourselves."

find out who will be able to help us next season. We're going to try to win the games, but we're also going to try to use them for experimenting where possible."

Nielsen relieved Stabler to the cheers of the crowd in Sunday's 31-27 loss to Atlanta, and directed the Oilers to two late touchdowns.

Another new face in the

UA sinks Aqua Giants 110-62

UPPER ARLINGTON— Ross won only three events but swim Coach Art Bucci could smile despite absorbing a 110-62 loss in the season opening swim meet for the Aqua Little Giants.

"I'm very pleased," the Ross boss said. "The young kids are coming through; we had some good swims and I am very pleased with the times this early in the year."

Randy Penrod, a senior who lettered as a sophomore but did not participate in the Ross program as a junior, won two events and sophomore Chris Black the other for the Aqua Little Giants. All three winning times for Ross were near the school records.

Penrod won the individual medley

and the butterfly. He missed school records by seven-tenths of a second in both. In the IM, Penrod posted a 2:08.4 and in the butterfly, 56.8.

Black was 1.2 seconds off the Ross record in the 500-yard freestyle, splashing to the finish line in five minutes, two and nine-tenths seconds.

Mark Lowther finished second in the butterfly and Brian Overmyer was second in the 100 freestyle for Ross's other top finishes.

In the 400-yard freestyle relay, Ross was second with the team of Penrod, Steve Rodd, Overmyer and Black. The quartet posted a 3:39.3.

Ross will be in action today in the Upper Arlington Invitational.

Swimming

Upper Arlington 110, Ross 62

EVENTS

Medley Relay: 1-Upper Arlington 1:49.4; 2-Upper Arlington 1:53.5; 3-Ross (Mark Lowther, Randy Randolph, Tad Winning, Ty Heslet) 1:53.9.

200 freestyle: 1-Randy Hyre (UA) 1:50.4; 2-Jeff Moritz (UA) 1:51.9; 3-Chris Black (R) 1:52.1.

200 Individual medley: 1-Randy Penrod 2:08.4; 2-Mike Vanvoorhies (UA) 2:09.0; 3-Dave Rupp (UA) 2:15.4.

50 freestyle: 1-Kevin Anderson (UA) 22.8; 2-Chris Noble (UA) 23.1; 3-Brian Overmyer (R) 24.3.

Diving: 1-Tim Gerber (UA) 202.3; 2-Mark Hamtarian (UA) 193.95; 3-David Rey (UA) 167.75.

100 butterfly: 1-Penrod (R) 56.8; 2-Lowther (R) 1:00.4; 3-Frank Miller (UA) 1:02.0.

100 freestyle: 1-Chris Aschinger (UA) 51.8; 2-Overmyer (R) 53.7; 3-Steve Rodd (R) 55.4.

500 freestyle: 1-Black (R) 5:02.9; 2-Dave Allen (UA) 5:13.4; 3-Rupp (UA) 5:25.9.

100 backstroke: 1-Dave Krouse (UA) 58.7; 2-Peter Sandberg (UA) 1:04.6; 3-Kevin Anderson (UA) 1:07.6.

100 breaststroke: 1-Vanvoorhies (UA) 1:09.1; 2-Chris Noble (UA) 1:10.1; 3-Randolph (R) 1:11.5.

Freestyle relay: 1-Upper Arlington, 3:22.3; 2-Ross (Penrod, Rodd, Overmyer, Black) 3:39.3.

Ross 6th in UA meet

UPPER ARLINGTON — Fremont Ross finished sixth in the 13th Upper Arlington Swimming Relays.

Host Upper Arlington won with 105 points. Taking second was Birmingham (Mich.) Brother Rice with 68 while third went to Kent Roosevelt with 56. Rounding out the field were Worthington and Cleveland st. Ignatius with 22, Ross at 20, Marietta with 18 and Westerville North with 10.

Ross's best finish was a second in the 200 freestyle relay in 1:36.55. The team also had a fourth in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:35.94.

Individually, turned in his best times, according to Coach Art Bucci, in the 100 backstroke and 100 butterfly.

Ross diver Troy Overmyer qualified for the district meet in diving. Other district qualifiers (based on times) from Ross were Randy Penrod, Brian Overmyer, Chris Black, Randy Randolph and Jill Isaac.

Little Giants blank Wauseon

WAUSEON — Ross and swim Coach Art Bucci turned in a shutout Tuesday against a team that reminded the Ross coach of one of his a few years ago.

"It was the first time in coaching that I have had a team win all 11 events," Bucci said. "Wauseon is a young team that reminds me of my 'Dirty Dozen' group."

Bucci, when he took over the Ross program a few years ago, was not blessed with "numbers." He had a team with 12 members, another with 13 and one with 11

which he referred to by the movie title with appropriate added words such as "Dirty Dozen plus/minus one."

Now with nearly two dozen tankers, Bucci watched his team wallop his past reminders, Wauseon, 128-33.

The Little Giants swept the top two spots in five events and swept the top three spots in two others.

Randy Penrod broke a Ross school mark held by Kirk Hess with a 55.9 clocking in the butterfly. The old Ross mark was 56.10.

Chris Black broke the Wauseon

pool record in the 200 freestyle with a clocking of 1:52.82.

Penrod also won the medley and Black added the 500 freestyle to his first place list.

Ty Heslet captured the 500 free sprint, Brian Overmyer took the 100 free, Jim Ferguson won the backstroke and Randy Randolph won the breaststroke. Both Ross relays won easily and the diving went to Troy Overmyer. All three Ross divers topped previous personal high marks in the event.

The Little Giants' next meet will be Dec. 19 at Lima.

Swimming

Ross 128, Wauseon 33

Events

Medley relay: 1-Ross (Jim Ferguson, Randy Randolph, Tad Winning, Steve Rodd) 1:57.42; 2-Wauseon 1:58.64.

200 freestyle: 1-Chris Black (R) 1:52.82 (New Wauseon pool record); 2-Brian Overmyer (R) 2:01.04.

Individual medley: 1-Randy Penrod (R) 2:09.39; 2-Mike Lowther (R) 2:18.32.

50 freestyle: 1-Ty Heslet (R) 25.03; 2-Rodd (R) 25.04.

Diving: 1-Troy Overmyer (R) 166.35; 2-Dan Ackerman (R) 161.9.

100 butterfly: 1-Penrod (R) 55.92 (new Ross record. Old record of 56.10 set by Kirk Hess); 2-Lowther (R) 59.47.

100 freestyle: 1-Overmyer (R) 53.61; 2-Rodd (R) 55.95.

500 freestyle: 1-Black (R) 5:05.00; 2-Head (W) 5:36.97.

100 backstroke: 1-Ferguson (R) 1:11.44; 2-Zimmerman (W) 1:15.38.

100 breaststroke: 1-Randolph (R) 1:12.17; 2-Davis (W) 1:13.30.

Freestyle relay: 1-Ross (Penrod, Heslet, Black, Overmyer) 3:38.53; 2-Ross 4:01.06.

Giant tankers sweep 2

LIMA — Ross won both ends of a double dual swim meet Saturday, defeating host Lima 63-20 and Middletown 52-24.

"I switched by lineup around," Ross Coach Art Bucci said, "to see how the versatility is and I was surprised."

Chris Black and Tad Winning had personal bests in the individual medley for the Little Giants while Randy Penrod turned his top time in the 500 freestyle.

Diver John Albrechta qualified for the district competition, posting 153.45 points to win that event.

Ross, now 3-1, also had personal best time swims in the 500 freestyle by Sandy Process and Steve Rodd in the 200 freestyle.

Sandusky swimmers defeat Little Giants

SANDUSKY — Ross's tankers didn't give Art Bucci much to brag about during a 99-73 loss to Sandusky.

John Stauffer set two Sandusky High School pool records and the Blue Streaks won eight of 11 events to topple the Little Giants.

"We had some good swims," Bucci, the Ross coach, said while sorting through the results, "but there were some I wouldn't write home about."

Stauffer set new marks in the 200 individual medley and the 500 freestyle. He won the former in 2:04.62 and took the latter event in 4:55.65.

Ross's three victories went to the medley relay quartet of Mark Lowther, Randy Randolph, Randy Penrod and Ty Heslet. Bucci pointed out the split time of Randolph in the event. The co-captain splashed the butterfly leg in 24.9 seconds.

"That is a heck of a swim," Bucci said.

Penrod won the 100 freestyle sprint and Lowther took the backstroke for the Little Giants over first place finishes. Penrod won his event in 51.60 seconds while Lowther took his in 1:04.54.

"I wasn't overjoyed by the loss," Bucci admitted, "but I feel that we will give them a better meet when we get them at home on Feb. 2."

Ross will be back in action at 1 p.m. Saturday when it travels to Napoleon.

Swimming

Sandusky 99, Ross 73

Events

Medley relay: 1 — Ross (Mark Lowther, Randy Randolph, Randy Penrod, Ty Heslet) 1:51.25; 2 — Sandusky 1:53.72; 3 — Ross 2:04.59.

200 free: Cremean (S) 1:49.61; 2 — Chris Black (R) 1:53.33; 3 — Sutter (S) 1:58.01.

Individual medley: 1 — Stauffer (S) 2:04.62; 2 — Penrod (R) 2:11.0; 3 — Macek (S) 2:24.82.

50 free: 1 — Boissoneault (S) 24.49; 2 — Heslet (R) 25.11; 3 — Mack (S) 25.4

Diving: 1 — Ryan (S) 153.60; 2 — Johnson (S) 148.85; 3 — John Albrechta (R) 142.35.

100 Butterfly: 1 — Cremean (S) 54.16; 2 — John Kocsis (R) 1:00.43; 3 — Lowther (R) 1:12.14.

100 free: 1 — Penrod (R) 51.60; 2 — Boissoneault^N (S) 52.81; 3 — Brian Overmyer (R) 52.87.

500 free: 1 — Stauffer (S) 4:55.65; 2 — Black (R) 5:09.63; 3 — Sutter (S) 5:14.69.

100 back: 1 — Lowther (R) 1:04.54; 2 — Drouillard (S) 1:06.23; 3 — Macek (S) 1:11.20.

100 breast: 1 — Waldock (S) 1:08.96; 2 — Randolph (R) 1:09.94; 3 — Brian Wensinger (R) 1:14.5.

Free relay: 1 — Sandusky (Drouillard, Sutter, Boissoneault, Cremean) 3:37.01; 2 — Ross (Overmyer, Burke Mitchell, Jill Isaac, Black) 3:52.4; 3 — Sandusky 3:54.42.

Ross tankers break jinx

NAPOLEON — Fremont Ross shook off the jinx that had lasted four years with a 103-68 victory over Napoleon in a high school swim meet Saturday. It was the first time that the Little Giants has beaten the Wildcats in that time span.

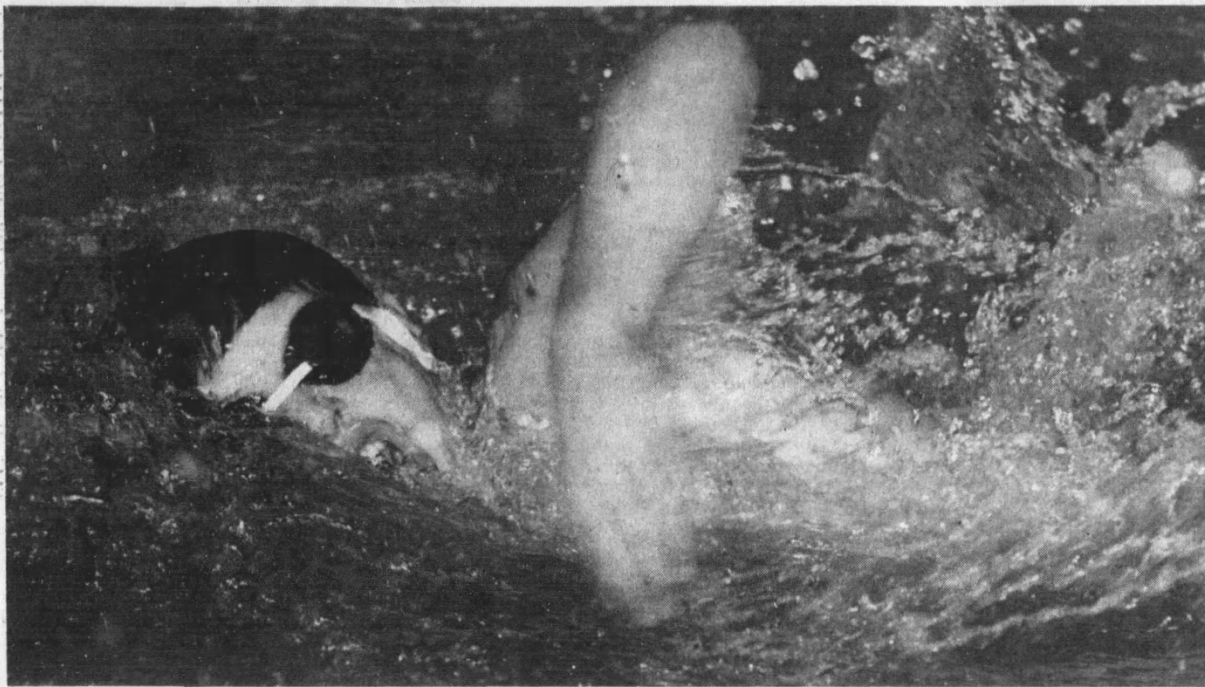
The Little Giants tankers were spurred to the win by Brian Overmyer and the 400-yard relay team of Chris Black, Randy Penrod, Steve Rodd and Overmyer.

Overmyer won the 50 and 100-yard freestyles. He splashed the former distance in 24.3 seconds and took the longer sprint in 53.8 seconds.

The freestyle relay team posted its best time of the season, 3:33.89, in winning that event. The time is the third quickest in the district this season.

Other Ross winners included Black in the individual medley (2:09.98), Penrod in the butterfly (56.00) and Randolph in the breaststroke (1:09.27). The medley relay of Jim Ferguson, Randolph, Mark Lowther and Ty Heslet also won, posting a time of 1:54.4.

Ross will entertain Findlay Thursday in a 4:30 p.m. game at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.



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CHRIS BLACK OF ROSS ANCHORED ROSS'S WINNING FREESTYLE RELAY

Ross pool Findlay's friend

By ROB BOUKISSEN

News-Messenger Sports Writer

Ross swim coach Art Bucci had hoped that since Thursday evening's dual meet with Findlay was his team's first home meet of the season, it would work towards the Little Giants' advantage.

But, as it turned out, the old four-lane pool at Fremont Junior High proved to be Bucci's nemesis as the Giants dropped a 44-39 decision to the Trojans.

The reason the four-lane pool turned out to hurt Ross, according to both Bucci and Findlay Coach Rock Snow, was the fact that it allowed each team to enter only two swimmers per race.

Snow, who picked up his 100th career coaching victory with the win, elaborated, "In a six-lane pool (which Findlay has), I imagine Ross could have beaten us because they have more depth than we do."

Bucci agreed, but he didn't want to use it as an excuse. He said, "The kids gotta get hungrier. They have to make it happen. Swimming is a sport where hard work really does pay off."

As for last night's effort, Bucci said he was feeling "half and half. We got some good times."

The bubbly Ross coach cited four specific events where he was pleased with the results. They were:

- the 200-yard individual medley which was won by senior Randy Penrod in a personal best time of 2:08.0, which was .5 off the school record set by Kirk Hess.

- the 200-yard freestyle which saw sophomore Chris Black win it with his best time (1:50.9) this year and junior Steve Rodd come in third in a best-ever time of 2:01.0.

- the 100-yard freestyle where Rodd came in third with another personal best of 54.2.

- and the meet's final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay which featured Ross' Brian Overmyer turning a five-yard deficit for his team into a five-yard lead on the third leg to spur the win in a time that Bucci said "will probably put us in the top 18 in the state."

Ross won a total of five events out of the 11. The Little Giants' other winners were Penrod in the 100-yard butterfly and Black in the 500-yard freestyle.

"Our younger kids gotta come through for us," Bucci said. "We are six weeks away from districts."

The Giants, now 4-3, will be in Massillon Saturday for the Perry Relays.

Findlay is now 6-4.

Swimming

Findlay 44, Ross 39

200-yd. Medley Relay - 1st, Findlay (Scott Chisholm, Andy Rutledge, Brent Runkle and Dave Garlock) 1:50.22; 2nd, Ross (Jim Ferguson, Randy Randolph, Tad Winning and Ty Heslet); 3rd, Ross (Amy Koenig, Brian Wensinger, John Kocsis).

200-yd. Freestyle - 1st, Chris Black (R) 1:50.9; 2nd, Bill Rooney (F); 3rd, Steve Rodd (R).

200-yd. Individual Medley - 1st, Randy Penrod (R) 2:08.0; 2nd, Andy Rutledge (F); 3rd, Mark Lowther (R).

50-yd. Freestyle - 1st, Jim McGuire (F) 22.7; 2nd, Scott Chisholm (F); 3rd, Brian Overmyer (R).

Diving - 1st, Troy Litton (F) 174.60 points; 2nd, Troy Overmyer (R); 3rd, Mark Stockard (F).

100-yard Butterfly - 1st, Randy Penrod (R) 56.3; 2nd, Brent Runkle (F); 3rd, Tim Fenbert (F).

100-yard Freestyle - 1st, Jim McGuire (F) 51.4; 2nd, Brian Overmyer (R); 3rd, Steve Rodd (R).

500-yard Freestyle - 1st, Chris Black (R) 5:09.0; 2nd, Bill Rooney (F); 3rd, Ron Kerr (F).

100-yard Backstroke - 1st, Scott Chisholm (F) 1:02.7; 2nd, Mark Lowther (R); 3rd, Jim Ferguson (R).

100-yard Breaststroke - 1st, Tim Fenbert (F) 1:06.6; 2nd, Andy Rutledge (F); 3rd, Randy Randolph (R).

400-yard Freestyle Relay - 1st, Ross (Randy Penrod, Steve Rodd, Brian Overmyer and Chris Black) 3:29.8; 2nd, Findlay (Jim McGuire, Bill Rooney, Tim Fenbert and Dave Runta); 3rd, Ross (Ty Heslet, Burke Mitchell, Tad Winning and Mark Lowther).

Ross tankers finish 5th

The Ross High School swim team finished fifth out of 11 teams in the Massillon Perry Relays Saturday.

The top performance for the local tankers came from the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Randy Penrod, Chris Black, Steve Rodd and Brian Overmyer. That group placed second in a time of 1:46.11.

Other top performances for the Little Giants were:

—in the 400-yard individual medley relay where the team of Black, Mark Lowther, Tad Winning and Penrod finished third in 4:39.2.

—in the 200-yard butterfly relay where the team of Black, Lowther, Winning and Penrod finished fourth in 1:59.4.

—in the diving competition where Ross finished fifth behind the performances of Troy Overmyer and Dan Ackerman.

—in the 400-yard freestyle relay where Brian Overmyer, Rodd, Ty Heslet and Burke Mitchell led Ross to a fifth-place finish.

—in the 200-yard medley relay where the team of Jim Ferguson, Randy Randolph, Brian Overmyer and Rodd came in sixth in the time of 2:03.2.

Ross travels to Sandusky Perkins Tuesday for a dual meet with the Pirates, a team the Little Giants hasn't beaten in six years.

Ross swims past Perkins

SANDUSKY — Ross jumped into Perkins' pool and crawled out with an 87-85 high school swim meet victory Tuesday.

"It was a barn burner," Ross Coach Art Bucci described the watery event. "It's tough to win on the road but our tankers rose to the occasion; a complete team effort was there."

The Little Giants won eight of 11 events including two apiece from Chris Black and Randy Penrod but it was the 400-yard freestyle relay that pulled it out for Ross.

The freestyle quartet of Penrod, Steve Rodd, Brian Overmyer and Black splashed to a 3:30.98, nearly three seconds quicker than Perkins' crew in the meet finale.

The meet had been deadlocked 79-79 before the final event of the day.

Black won the 200 and 500 yard freestyle while Penrod took the individual medley and the butterfly. Black took his events in 1:53.63 and

5:07.25. Penrod took the IM in 2:10.74 and the fly in 56.26 seconds.

Overmyer won the 100-yard freestyle in 52.86 seconds and Randy Randolph took the breaststroke in 1:10.20.

Ross's medley relay of Jim Ferguson, Randolph, Mark Lowther and Ty Heslet opened the Ross day with a victory in 1:53.94.

Bucci clicked off a couple of improvements from his team. "Troy Overmyer made a 20-point improvement in diving," he said, "and you can't overlook a 15-second drop in time by Dave Hetrick in the 500 free.

"Heslet," Bucci added, "was consistent in all of his swims."

Overmyer was second in diving with 177.60 points while Hetrick finished fifth in the 500 in 6:19.15. Heslet swam on the medley relay finished third in the 50 freestyle and fifth in the 100 free sprint.

Ross is now 5-3 in dual meets.

Ross sinks Margareta

CASTALIA — Art Bucci did not go to sleep but he had to stifle a few yawns in Ross's ho-hum 106-65 victory over Margareta Saturday in a high school dual swim meet in the Polar Bear pool.

"The times were nothing to talk about," the Ross coach said, "but we did have some great performances by our younger swimmers."

He pointed out the eight seconds drop in the 500-yard freestyle by Dave Hetrick and the seven seconds drop by Jill Isaac in the same event.

Bucci was also happy with a pair of pool records that his chargers set. Chris Black backed his way to a 1:00.4 in the backstroke and Randy Penrod cracked the Margareta pool mark in the 100-yard butterfly with a 57.8.

Ross won eight of the 11 events.

The next meet for the Little Giants is Saturday when Sylvania Southview visits. The meet will begin at 2 p.m. in the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

Ross tankers ease past Southview 44-39

Ross defeated Sylvania Southview Saturday in a high school swim meet that Ross Coach Art Bucci termed the best this season under the circumstances.

The circumstances in the Little Giants' 44-39 victory deal with the team's preparation for the district meets which are approximately four weeks away.

"It's the best swim meet we have had considering we are tired," Bucci said. "We have been swimming 45,000 yards a week and four and one-half hours a day because we are getting ready for the districts."

"For being a very, very tired team, it was really a good meet."

One pool and one Ross school record was set in the meet at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

Jim Burns of Sylvania Southview eclipsed the pool mark in the 200-yard individual medley. Burns finished the race in two minutes, six and five-tenths seconds, three-tenths of a second quicker than the mark posted by Chip Palazzo of Sandusky in 1977.

Taking second in that event was Randy Penrod of Ross with a 2:06.7 which broke the Ross school mark. Kirk Hess had held the old mark of 2:07.5 set in 1975.

Penrod came back later in the meet to win the butterfly in 55.9 seconds which equaled his school record in the event.

In the final event of the night, Ross's freestyle relay team of Penrod, Steve Rodd, Brian Overmyer and Chris Black won in 3:28.8, missing the school record by three-tenths of a second.

The Little Giants tankers won the first event of the day, the medley relay in 1:54.4. Jim Ferguson, Randy Randolph, Tad Winning and Ty Heslet made up the team.

Black followed with a second in the 200 freestyle, losing to Doug Roll of Sylvania. Roll posted a 1:52.2 and Black 1:53.0.

Overmyer gave Ross its second first place of the meet, winning the 50 freestyle in 24.5. That time was quick enough to qualify Overmyer for the district meet.

Mike Abrahamson of Southview took the diving with 166.90 points with Doug Ackerman of Ross Second with 146.85. Penrod took the butterfly next and Ross was off a three-event sweep.

Rodd won the 100 in 53.3, the first time that he has won that particular event. Black took the 500 in 5:03.5, shading Roll by a half second in the long distance race.

Southview's Dave Steele won the backstroke in 1:04.9 with Ferguson second in 1:08.6, a two-second drop off his season best going into the meet.

The Little Giants polished off the meet with the freestyle relay win.

Ross's next meet will be against Sandusky Tuesday at the junior high pool. The first event hits the water at 6:30 p.m.

Swimming

SANDUSKY 51, ROSS 32

Events

Medley relay: 1 — Sandusky (Drouillard, Waldock, Macek, Mack) 1:53.5; 2 — Ross 1:54.1.

200 Freestyle: 1 — Steve Cremeau (S) 1:49.3; 2 — Randy Penrod (R) 1:54.6.

200 IM: 1 — John Stauffer (S) 2:04.5 (New pool record. Old record of 2:06.5 set by Jim Burn, Sylvania Southview); 2 — Chris Black, (R) 2:09.2.

500 freestyle: 1 — Hank Boissoneault (S) 24.2; 2 — Brian Overmyer (R) 24.28.

Diving: 1 — Troy Overmyer (R) 161.65; 2 — Dan Ackerman (R) 146.50.

100 Butterfly: 1 — Cremeau (S) 53.7 (Break pool record of 55.80 set in 1981 by Cremeau); 2 — Tad Winning 1:03.9.

100 freestyle: 1 — Boisseneault (S) 53.57; 2 — Steve Ross (R) 53.64.

500 freestyle: 1 — Penrod (R) 5:06.6; 2 — Paul Sutter (S) 5:08.9.

100 backstroke: 1 — Stauffer (S) 59.4; 2 — Black (R) 59.6.

100 breaststroke: 1 — Rick Waldock (S) 1:09.3; 2 — Randy Randolph (R) 1:11.3.

Freestyle relay: 1 — Sandusky (Boisseneault, Stauffer, Sutter, Cremeau) 3:24.9 (Breaks pool record of 3:28.5 set by Sandusky Perkins in 1981 (Cole, Shank, Jurs, Davis); 2 — Ross 3:31.7.

Ross swimmers 3rd at Malabar

MANSFIELD — Ross tied for third place in the Malabar Swim Relays Saturday.

Host Malabar won the meet with 46 points while Perkins was second at 40 and Ross and Port Clinton shared third with 38 apiece. There were 11 teams in the field. In the girls portion, Wooster won with 62 followed by Malabar's 54 and Ayersville at 40.

Ross won the 850 cresceno relay in 8:13.96. Brian Overmyer, Steve Rodd, Randy Penrod and Chris Black made up the team. The Little Giants also took the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:27.69. The same quartet of Little Giants racked up that first.

The two first places were the best showing for a Ross team in the Relays.

The freestyle relay time is a new school record, breaking the mark held by John Isaac, Brian Beck, Dave Sanna and Mike Mowry. The old mark was 3:28.5.

The Ross 200 breaststroke relay was sixth in 2:04.5. The team was comprised of John Kocsis, Brian Wensinger, Tad Winning and Randy Randolph. The 200-yard backstroke team of Jim Ferguson, Amy Koenig, Dave Hetrick and Burke Mitchell was also sixth in 2:07.8.

The diving team of Troy Overmyer and Dan Ackerman were also sixth.

The 300-yard individual medley relay of Mitchell, Koenig and Ty Heslet also was sixth as was the 200-yard medley relay of Ferguson, Randolph, Winning and Heslet. The medley was clocked in 1:55.1.

Ross tankers take 10 events in finale

NORTH ROBINSON — Ross defeated Colonel Crawford 57-26 Thursday in the final dual swim meet of the season.

Ross won 10 of the 11 events in easily winning its eighth out of 12 meets.

"It was a good season," Coach Art Bucci said, "I thought we would be .500 with all the young kids we have but we had some good times, broke some records but the ultimate for us is the district championships."

The first stage of the Northwest Ohio District Swim Meets is Saturday, Feb. 20 at Napoleon when the District II Championships are staged. Participants in that meet are swimmers and divers who have not made District I cutoff times.

The District I meet will be Feb. 27 at Bowling Green State University.

Against Colonel Crawford, Randy Penrod broke his school mark in the 100-yard butterfly. Penrod posted a 55.8,

one-tenth of a second under his record he had set earlier this season.

Ty Heslet was the only double winner for Ross, taking the 50 and 100 yard freestyles. He won the shorter race in 24.5 seconds and took the longer sprint in 54.78.

The only event the Little Giants did not win was the 500-yard freestyle. Mike Johns of Colonel Crawford won that in five minutes, 40 and one-half seconds.

Swimming

Ross 57

C. Crawford 26

Events

Medley relay: 1—Ross (Jim Ferguson, Randy Randolph, Brian Overmyer, Randy Penrod) 1:52.8.

200-freestyle: 1—Chris Black (R) 1:50.67

Individual medley: 1—Tad Winning (R) 2:22.45.

50-freestyle: 1—Ty Heslet (R) 24.5.

Diving: 1—Troy Overmyer (R) 148.60.

Butterfly: 1—Penrod (R) 55.80 (New school record. Old record of 55.90 set earlier this season by Penrod).

100-freestyle: 1—Heslet (R) 54.78.

500-freestyle: 1—Mike Johns (CC) 5:40.5.

Backstroke: 1—Ferguson (R) 1:09.8.

Breaststroke: 1—Randolph (R) 1:11.2.

400-freestyle relay: 1—Ross (Penrod, Heslet, B. Overmyer, Black) 3:32.9.

Sports

5 win Ross winter sports MVP awards

Five Ross High School athletes were named "most valuable" in three sports Monday evening during the winter sports awards program.

Sharon Karlovetz and Tina Michael shared the top award in girls basketball. Michael is a sophomore and Karlovetz is a junior.

Tony Gant won the main award for the boys basketball team and Anthony Gardner hauled down that hardware in wrestling. Randy Penrod was the swim team's "most valuable." All three are seniors.

Girls basketball

Coach Sue Wolf presented Lisa Luman with the "most valuable sophomore" trophy with the team's "most improved" going to Michael. Karlovetz took home the best foul shooter honor and another sophomore, Katie Marritt, was named the team's best defensive player.

Michael capped off the night with her third honor, the top rebounding award. Karlovetz and Sandy Long, a junior, were presented with captain's trophies.

Dan Brudzinski, who spent the latter part of the season as a starter on the varsity team,

won the "most valuable junior varsity" trophy for the boys team. He is a 6-3 sophomore. He also picked up the "most improved" award from Coach John Sawyer.

Craig Daniels, a senior, was named the team's "best defensive" player and junior Dave Aschenbach was the team's best free throw shooter. Gant also won the team's top rebounder trophy.

Gardner, who was a three-year letterman for the wrestling team, also received a captain's trophy from Coach Al Voggenthaler plus the award for having the most pins

during the season.

Mitch Curliss, a senior, won the trophy for the most takedowns. The most improved went to sophomore Reggie Parks with the "coaches' award" going to another junior, Mark Schmidt.

Corey Beard, senior, also received a captain's trophy.

Penrod, a two-year letterman, topped the awards passed out by Coach Art Buccell. He is a two-year letterman.

David Hetrick won the "most improved" honor with captain's trophies going to Brian Overmyer and Randy Randolph. The coaches'

award went to Chris Black and Jill Isaac.

The following are the letter winners:

GIRLS BASKETBALL
First year: Lisa Arndt, Carol Falquette, Sharon Karlovetz, Melissa Mamula, Katie Marritt, Tina Michael, Ronna Paulson and Celeste Simmons.

Second year: Sandy Long and Julie Ritchart.
BOYS BASKETBALL
First year: Dave Aschenbach, Eric Bates, Matt Collins and William Johnson.

Second year: Craig Daniels, Tony Gant and Dave Miller.

WRESTLING
First year: Melvin Clark, Reggie Parks, Kevin Shaffer, Jeff Weickert, Doug Zink and Mike Stull, manager.

Second year: Mitch Curliss, Rick Heidelberg, Blaine Hines, Mark Schmidt, Craig Trick, Michael Wendt and Mike Adams, manager.

Third year: Corey Beard and Anthony Gardner.

SWIMMING
First year: Dan Ackerman, John Albrecht, Chris Black, Jim Ferguson, Dave Hetrick, Jill Isaac, Amy Koenig, Mark Lowther, Burke Mitchell, Troy Overmyer, Larry Rodriguez, Brian Wensinger.

Third year: Ty Heslet, Randy Penrod, Randy Randolph, Steve Rodd and Tad Winning.

Third year: Brian Overmyer.



MOST VALUABLE and most improved athletes for Ross winter sports are, seated, left to right, Sharon Karlovetz, Tina Michael

and Lisa Luman; standing; Reggie Parks, Anthony Gardner, Randy Penrod, Tony Gant, Dan Brudzinski and Dave Hetrick.



SPECIAL AWARD winners for Ross winter sports were, seated, left to right, Mitch Curliss, Jill Isaac, Katie Marritt and Sandy

Long; standing: Chris Black, Randy Randolph, Corey Beard, Dave Aschenbach, Brian Overmyer and Mark Schmidt.

Giomi named 'AAA' player of year

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Newark Coach Gary Walters says the presence of Mike Giomi, The Associated Press' Class AAA Ohio Player of the Year, is a prime reason for the Wildcats' success in boys basketball games.

"We've won 63 and lost 12 over the last three years with Giomi," Walters said Monday. "He's a great leader."

The 6-foot-9 senior center, headed for Indiana

University, broke seven Newark school records and ranks as the Wildcats' all-time scoring leader with 1,316 points. He shot 61 percent from the field in the last three seasons, earning first-team All-Ohio honors in the last two years.

Art Signore of Columbus Northland, the state's No. 1 ranked power during the season, was named as the AP's Class AAA State Coach of the Year in the boys sport. Signore led the Vikings to a 17-1 regular-season record.

Giomi was the lone player to earn first-team berths on the all-state squad for two years in a row. He edged another big man, 6-9 Keith Wesson of Niles McKinley, for the No. 1 player's award. Wesson, a senior, averaged 20.6 points.

Darrell Dulaney, a 5-11 senior guard from Columbus East, moved up from last year's third all-state squad to the first unit with Giomi and Wesson. They lead an eight-player first team.

Other first-team players were 6-5 Clinton Smith of Cleveland John Adams, 6-1 Rob Barkett of Mansfield Malabar, 6-1 Pepper Bego of Springfield South, 6-4 Steve Cluxton of Wilmington and 6-2 Demetrius Henderson of Cleveland St. Joseph.

All are high-scoring seniors, topped by Cluxton's 27.6 average and a 27.3 mark by Bego.

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