


1975 Season review...



1 — Brett McKinrick prepares to plunge into the race.
2 — Tim Johns performs a dive.
3 — Marty Mason and Coach Tim Loehe discuss an event during the swim meet.

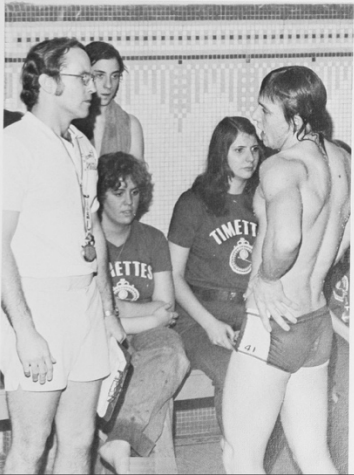


SWIMMING 1974-75			
Purple	34	White	34
Ross	59	Port Clinton	50
Ross	45	Findlay	38
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Ross	98	Margaretta	74
Bowling Green Relays		Sixth	
Ross	34	Sandusky	49
Ross	81	Findlay	91
Ross	67	Sandusky Perkins	105
Ross	52	Marion	31
Ross	67	Sandusky	105
St. Francis Invitational		seventh	
Ross	65	Lorain Catholic	107
Buckeye Conference Sandusky		second	
Ross	52	Margaretta	31
District		seventh	
Upper Arlington Relays		sixth	



Front Row: Coach Art Bucca, Andy Capogrosso — Mgr., Andy Christensen — advisor, Carol Gottron, Kim Stanley, Pat Casey, Dave Stein. (Second Row) Kevin Nitschke, Marty Mason, Kevin Casey, Harry Gottron, Scott Hirschel, Bernie Popoca, Mike Karr. (Third Row) Tom Messina, Mike Keller, Kirk Hess, Tim Johns, Hal Hawk, Jim House, Alan Nitschke.

Little Giant tankers add female participants



The 1974-75 Swim team finished the season with a record of five wins and six losses. Tim Loehe, the new head coach, was assisted by Art Bucca and tri-captains Mike Keller, Marty Mason, and Kirk Hess.

The Little Giant Tankers placed seventh at District and placed second in the Buckeye Conference swim meet. Senior Kirk Hess captured four school records which included 200 yard freestyle, 200 yard individual medley, 100 yard butterfly, 500 yard freestyle and a new pool record in the 200 yard individual medley.

New to the team this year was a female diver, Carol Gottron, and a female swimmer, Pat Casey, who lettered.

The Timettes aided the team by recording and timing for all the meets.

Loehr takes over tankers

"We are not as big in numbers this year but I feel that we have a little more quality this year than in the past," said Tim Loehr, the new head coach of the Ross High School swim team.

Loehr's team will be unveiled Thursday night at 7:30 in the Fremont Junior High School swim pool when the squad splits to stage the annual "Purple-White" meet.

Returning from last year's Buckeye Conference championship team that went 3-3 in dual meets, are the eight lettermen from that team and one senior that lettered as a sophomore but did not swim last season.

"We are counting a lot on the lettermen," Loehr said and then added, "but we do have some promising sophomores that could help this season."

The Little Giant tankers lost the services of Rob Serwin, a diver who went to the state meet, and freestyle sprinter, Dave Jones. Both graduated and have left big holes in the Ross swim lineup.

Loehr and assistant coach Art Buccell have 20 swimmers this year and the small number may make it hard for the Ross coaches to come up with what they may be sorely lacking this season.

"We have to have good performances from our younger swimmers to get the depth we need," Loehr pointed out. "This is especially so now that we have gone back to the old scoring system that differentiates between the four-lane and six-lane pools."

In that scoring, three places are scored in the four-lane pools and five places are scored in the six-lane meets.

Returning for the team this year are Kirk Hess who Loehr labels as "probably our best prospect and a good all around swimmer." Hess figures to be primarily in the 200 freestyle but will get experience in the 100 or 500 freestyles.

Other Lettermen and the event they will start to compete in are Mike Keller, backstroke and freestyle; Jim House, senior, freestyle; Jeff Adams, senior, backstroke; Brett McKittrick, junior, freestyle, butterfly; Scott Heschel, junior, diving; Marty Mason, senior, individual medley and freestyle; and Terry Nitschke, junior, butterfly, breaststroke, and individual medley.

The other letterman, Kevin Nitschke, is back swimming after missing a year. He is currently trying to shake off the effects of a bad shoulder.

Loehr has three sophomores that he expects will help bolster the Little Giants lettermen. Bernie Popoca

will compete in the distance events with Hal Hawk, who Loehr says can swim anything, will be called on to compete in some of the freestyle events, the individual medley, or the butterfly. The other sophomore is Kevin Casey who will specialize in the breaststroke but is another swimmer that can swim in any event according to Loehr.

"I've set the team's goals this year," Loehr admitted. "It would be nice to win the Buckeye Conference but we are looking beyond that... we want to finish at least second in the district meet. If we did that, then I feel that we would have won the conference meet."

"I don't think we can touch St. Francis (Toledo) but the district goal is a definite reality. We just have to stay healthy."

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Sports news

City League slate

The Fremont Recreation Department's City Basketball "B" League will open play tomorrow night at the Fremont Junior High School providing the schools are open on Thursday.

Scheduled to play in the 6:30 p.m. game are Grafice and Croghan Colonial Bank. At 7:30, Union Carbide will take on Crop and Soil while in the 8:30 finale, Financial Computer will play the 818 Club.

Medal winner

Brian Koenig was the only medal winner for the Sandusky County YMCA swimmers in the Greater Toledo Aquatic Club Turkey Invitational. Koenig was third in the 13-14 year-old 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:08.

Mike Mowry, swimming in the 11-12 age group, received ribbons for eighth in both the 100-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly. Mike Wendt, 10 and under, brought home a ribbon by finishing sixth in the 50-yard breaststroke.

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THE ROSS SWIMMING team for the 1974-75 season is shown above. Front row (Left to right): Carol Gottron, Harry Gottron, Bernie Popoca, Mike Karr, Kevin Nitschke, Dave Stein, Kim Stanley; Middle row: Alan Nitschke, Kevin Casey, Marty Mason, Scott

Heschel, Mike Botello, Brett McKittrick, Mike Keller; Back row: coach Tim Loehr, Jim House, Kirk Hess, Hal Hawk, Jeff Adams, Tom Messina, and assistant coach Art Buccell. (N-M photo by Bruce Crippen)

Thompson's 'alley oop' gets 42

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Sports Writer

David Thompson aims to keep North Carolina State at the top — and so far this year, his aim has been pretty good.

North Carolina State's highflying forward, whose specialty is the "alley oop" shot, scored a career-high 42 points Tuesday night to lead the nation's No. 1 team to a 111-68 rout of North Carolina-Asheville.

Thompson is only 6-foot-4, but jumps like he doesn't know he's that height. The Wolfpack's star is virtually impossible to stop, soaring above the basket to take a high lob from teammates for an easy field goal.

His patented play helped North Carolina State win the NCAA basketball championship last year and has got the Wolfpack off to a flying start this year. Thompson scored 33 points last Saturday as North Carolina State opened with a 98-61 victory over East Carolina.

In games involving the nation's other ranked teams, No. 8 Marquette belted St. John's of Minnesota 92-46 and 12th-ranked Purdue blasted Ball State 104-77.

Along with Thompson, North Carolina State had four other players in double figures. Phil Spence scored 18 points, Kenny Carr had 13, Monte Towe

scored 12, mostly on long bombs, and Moe Rivers added 10.

Randy Pallas of UNC-Asheville was the game's top rebounder with 13 while Spence grabbed 11 rebounds for the Wolfpack.

Lloyd Walton and Bo Ellis led a balanced Marquette attack with 18 points each, powering the Warriors past St. John's.

Marquette's three other starters, Earl Tatum, Jerry Homan and Butch Lee, added 12 points apiece in the Warriors' season opener. Terry Booth led St. John's, 0-2, with 14 points, all in the first half.

John Garrett scored 28 points to lead Purdue over outmanned Ball State.

With Garrett triggering the attack, the Boilermakers took the lead two minutes into the game, widened the spread to 10 points in the next two minutes and waltzed the rest of the way.

"The keys were hitting the open people and a much better team defense," said Purdue Coach Fred Schaus, whose team won its second straight game while Ball State lost for the second time this year.

Garrett, Purdue's 6-foot-11 center-forward, was backed by freshman Walter Jordan's 14 points and Bruce Parkinson's 12. Larry Heinbaugh topped the Cardinals with 17 points while Bob Faulkner added 16.

Elsewhere in college basketball, Tulsa rode Ken Smith's 23 points to a 95-82 triumph over Missouri-St. Louis; Bradley smashed Iowa State 93-72 behind Mike Davis' 26 points; New Mexico used Bill Haggins' 19 points and some clutch free throw shooting to top New Mexico State 59-58.

Award nights rescheduled

Ross High School's two awards nights have been rescheduled for next Monday and Tuesday nights, Dec. 9-10. The awards night were originally slated for last Monday and Tuesday but were canceled due to the inclement weather.

On Monday night, girls tennis, girls golf, and boys golf and cross county teams will be honored. On Tuesday night, the football awards will be passed out.

Both programs will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Ross High School. The programs are open to the public.



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TERRY NITSCHKE SPEEDS THROUGH THE WATER
...Nitschke won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:00.7 for the White

Two demoralizing factors

By The Associated Press
"There are two things that totally demoralize an opponent," said Coach Bill Fitch of the Cleveland Cavaliers. "One is the repeated successful fast break and the other is seeing 20-footers drop in from all over the court."

The Cavaliers had both of those things going for them Thursday night — as they outclassed the Kansas City-Omaha Kings 124-91 in the National Basketball Association.

Because of several easy layups triggered by the fast break and outstanding shooting from the outside, the Cavaliers spent very little time at the foul line. In fact, they didn't go to the foul line for the first 33 minutes, yet still built a comfortable lead.

"I can't really complain about that," said Fitch. "When you're shooting better than 60 per cent from the floor and most of those shots are from the perimeter, there isn't much chance to get fouled driving the basket."

In the night's only other NBA game, the Phoenix Suns stopped the Golden State Warriors 108-106 in double overtime. In the only American Basketball Association contest, the Denver Nuggets trimmed the Utah Stars 89-85.

Dwight Davis and Bobby Smith

combined for 43 points, leading the Cavaliers' victory. Austin Carr's driving layup at 8:47 of the first period gave the Cavaliers an 8-6 lead and they were never headed.

Davis recorded 23 points and Smith 20. Jim Chones and Jim Cleamons added 16 each, and Steve Patterson hit for 14.

SUNS 108, WARRIORS 106

Dennis Awtrey's 18-foot shot with 1:29 to go in the second overtime gave Phoenix its victory over Golden State. After Awtrey's shot, both teams jockeyed with the clock and Rick Barry of the Warriors let loose a 25-footer with one second to go that bounced off the rim.

Barry, the leading scorer in the NBA with a 33-point average, had 30 points to lead the Warriors, including four in the first overtime. He now has scored 30 or more points in 18 out of the last 23 games.

Top scorer for Phoenix was Charlie Scott with 24 points. Scott fouled out at 1:35 of the first overtime.

NUGGETS 89, STARS 85

Mike Green scored 18 points in the second half and Mack Calvin hit four free throws in the last 30 seconds to pace Denver. Green ended with 25 points, a game high, and Calvin had 19 as the Nuggets beat the Stars for the fourth time in four games this year.

First meet ends in tie

The annual "Purple-White" swim meet ended in what all intrasquad meets probably should end in... a tie. The swim meet that annually kicks off the swim season for Ross was a 34-all deadlock.

New coach Tim Leohr was satisfied with the meet and pointed out that "I did not want the team to get fired up as much for this meet as they have in the past. It's only an intrasquad meet and getting up for it is not that important."

Leohr continued, "I was happy with the performances of the swimmers, especially the younger ones. Some of the times weren't that good but others were for this early in the year."

Adams gets Bellevue job

BELLEVUE — Terry Adams, first assistant to football coach Lowell Shaffer, who retired after Bellevue High School's recent season, was named head football coach by the Board of Education Thursday night.

Adams will begin his second year at Bellevue as head football coach. This past spring he was head track coach.

He had served as an assistant football coach for four years at Willard High School and in the same capacity for two years at Crestview High School. At Bellevue, he teaches psychology and driver's education.

If there was any individual stars in the meet, the light had to shine on Ross senior Kirk Hess and juniors Terry Nitschke and Bret McKittrick. Hess won the 200-yard individual medley in 2:11.7 and the 100-yard freestyle in 52.4. Both times were personal bests for Hess. He swam for the Purple.

Nitschke turned in wins in the 100-yard butterfly (1:00.7) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:10.2) and also was on the winning medley relay team for the White. McKittrick won the 200-yard freestyle in 2:06.5 and the 50-yard freestyle in 24.8.

Nitschke's time in the butterfly would have been better had he not hit the lane marker 10 yards from the finish.

Hal Hawk recorded a personal best time in the "fly" despite finishing second to Nitschke with a 1:02.6. Hawk was on the Purple squad.

Jeff Adams of the White turned in a new standard for himself by winning the 100-yard backstroke in 1:08.6.

Marty Mason glided to a 53.5 in the 100-yard freestyle while finishing second for the White. The time was the best that he has turned in while swimming for Ross.

The next meet for Ross will be on Dec. 11 when they travel to Port Clinton to swim against the Redskins.

Purple 34, White 34
200-yard medley relay: White (Jeff Adams, Kevin Casey, Terry Nitschke, Bernie Popoca) 1:58.2
200-yard freestyle: Brett McKittrick (W) 2:06.5; Jim House (P) 2:20.6; Alan Nitschke (P) 2:26.7; Adams (W) 2:34.2

100-yard individual medley: Kirk Hess (P) 2:11.7; Marty Mason (W) 2:23.9; Kevin Nitschke (P) 2:29.6; Casey (W) 2:30.0

50-yard freestyle: McKittrick (W) 24.8; Hal Hawk (P) 25.2; Mike Keller (P) 26.1; Popoca (W) 27.9

Diving: (Exhibition) Mike Botello (P) 42.00; Carol Gottron (W) 41.60

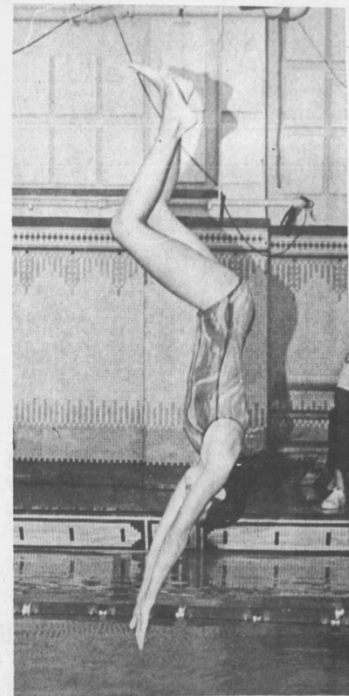
100-yard butterfly: T. Nitschke (W) 1:00.7; Hawk (P) 1:02.6; Dave Stein (P) 1:30.1; Tom Messina (W) Dis.

100-yard freestyle: Hess (P) 52.4; Mason (W) 53.5; Keller (P) 1:00.6; Harry Gottron (W) 1:10.4

500-yard freestyle: House (P) 6:09.0; Popoca (W) 6:35.6; Mike Kerr (P) 8:14.6; Messina (W) 10:50.4

100-yard backstroke: Adams (W) 1:08.6; K. Nitschke (P) 1:09.1; Stein (P) 1:18.8; Kim Stanley (W) Dis.

100-yard breaststroke: T. Nitschke (W) 1:10.2; Casey (W) 1:14.5; A. Nitschke (P) 1:18.5; Kerr (P) 1:52.8



CAROL GOTTRON of the White squad starts to straighten out her dive in the annual "Purple-White" swim meet at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium Thursday night. Miss Gottron finished second to Mike Botello of the Purple in the exhibition diving event.

Swimming schedules

FREMONT ROSS	
Dec. 11	at Port Clinton
14	at Upper Arlington
	Invitational
20	Findlay
28	Col. Crawford
Jan. 4	BGSU Relays at Bowling Green
11	at Margareta
14	Sandusky
18	at Findlay
21	at Perkins
25	Marion
28	at Sandusky
Feb. 1	St. Francis
	Invitational at Toledo St. Francis
8	at Lorain Catholic
15	Backeye Conference
22	at Sandusky
	Margareta



Little Giant tankers win

PORT CLINTON — Ross swim coach Tim Loehr had many good reason to smile after watching his tankers splash to an 89-80 win over Port Clinton in the season's first regular season meet.

Loehr had reason to smile not only because of two record setting performances by Kirk Hess and impressive shows by Bret McKitrick and Terry Nitschke, but because his team came through in an area that he feared most: team depth.

"Casey (Kevin) and Stein (Dave) really came through for us," Loehr beamed. "They got the points in the races where we needed them.

"They were just two of the guys that finished well enough in the point places to help us win this meet but Casey and Stein were the best surprises of the meet."

Stein was fourth in the 100-yard butterfly in 1:23.7 while Casey turned in a 1:12.4 in the breaststroke to finish second. It was Casey's best recorded time in that event to date.

As far as Hess was concerned, the water offered little resistance. The Ross senior clipped three-tenths of a second off his own record in the 200-yard freestyle sprint with a 1:55.4. He came back later to swim to a 5:15.9 clocking in the 500-yard freestyle endurance race for another Ross school record. It was also a pool record. The old mark was held by Hess last season and was nearly five seconds slower than the new standard.

Hess topped off his day by swimming the third leg on the winning 400-yard freestyle relay to give him three firsts for the afternoon.

McKitrick had two firsts and a second.

The Ross tanker turned in his best time with a 53.6 in winning the century freestyle. He was second by only a tenth of a second in the 50-yard freestyle with a 24.6 and he was on the winning freestyle relay team.

Terry Nitschke, like Hess hauled down three firsts with victories in the breaststroke, butterfly, and swimming a leg on Ross' winning medley relay.

Jeff Adams continued to lower his best time in the backstroke. Adams paddled to a 1:07.6 in winning the event for his best time of the season and of his Ross swimming career.

Ross 89, Port Clinton 80

200-yard medley relay: Ross (Jeff Adams, Kevin Casey, Terry Nitschke, Mike Keller) 1:56.1; Port Clinton, 1:58.4; Port Clinton 2:05.2

200-yard freestyle: Kirk Hess (R) 1:55.4 (New Ross school record. Old record, 1:55.7 held by Hess and set last season); Mike Burdorf (PC) 2:06.3; Dave Fisher (PC) 2:06.8; Hal Hawk (R) 2:07.5; Chet Tokar (PC) 2:10.4.

200-yard individual medley: Marty Mason (R) 2:24.9; Tom Coon (PC) 2:28.4; Skip True (PC) 2:29.8; Kevin Nitschke (R) 2:31.1; Casey (R) 2:31.7

50-yard freestyle: Rich Enderle (PC) 24.5; Brett McKitrick (R) 24.6; Mike Keller (R) 25.4; Matt Tewers (PC) 26.0; Bernie Popoca (R) 26.7

Diving: Bill Van Der Giessen (PC) 191.35; Tom Vangeloff (PC) 145.85; Brian Fahey (PC) 129.00

100-yard butterfly: T. Nitschke (R) 1:00.2; True (PC) 1:09.9; Jeff Coon (PC) 1:16.0; Dave Stein (R) 1:23.7; Scott Harger (PC) 1:22.8

100-yard freestyle: McKitrick (R) 53.6; Mason (R) 53.9; Enderly (PC) 54.5; Tokar (PC) 57.7; Keller (R) 59.3

500-yard freestyle: Hess (R) 5:15.9 (New Ross school record and new Port Clinton Pool record. Ross record of 5:20.4 held by Hess and set last season); Dave Fischer (PC) 5:44.7; Burdorf (PC) 6:05.3; Tewers (PC) 6:09.3; Jim House (R) 6:24.2

100-yard backstroke: Adams (R) 1:07.6; K. Nitschke (R) 1:09.4; Max Lillie (PC) 1:09.2; T. Coon (PC) 1:10.3; Alan Nitschke (R) 1:12.5

100-yard breaststroke: T. Nitschke (R) 1:10.2; Casey (R) 1:12.4; Fred Hansen (PC) 1:13.5; Van Der Giessen (PC) 1:15.5; Harry Gottron (R) 1:20.2

400-yard freestyle relay: Ross (Hawk, McKitrick, Hess, Mason) 3:41.5; Port Clinton, 3:52.9.

Little Giant swimmers finish sixth in Upper Arlington meet

UPPER ARLINGTON — The Upper Arlington Golden Bears won their own Upper Arlington Invitational swimming relays Saturday. The host paddled to 92 points to outdistance the other five teams in the field.

Fremont Ross was sixth in the tourney with another Buckeye Conference rival, Findlay, finishing two points ahead of Ross with 32 points. Second went to Worthington with third being taken by Canton Glenwood. Akron Firestone held down fourth spot.

The rosters of the upper four teams were sprinkled with state qualifiers from last year and swimmers that are given a good shot at making the state meet again this season.

Ross had only one team, the 400-yard butterfly relay, finish in the money. That

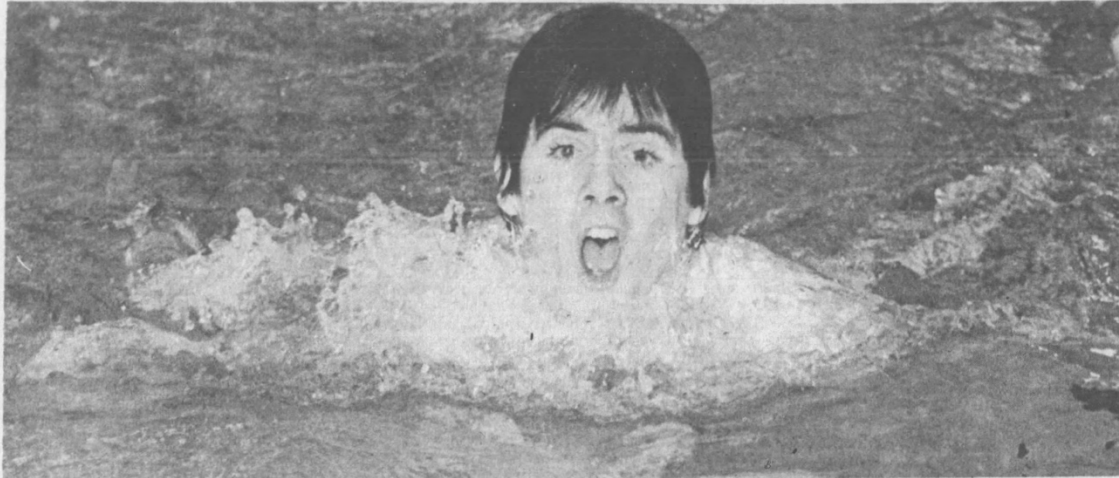
team of Terry Nitschke, Hal Hawk, Bret McKitrick, and Kirk Hess, finished third in that particular race.

Two Ross swimmers, Jeff Adams and Nitschke, set personal best times in the meet. Adams recorded a 1:07.5 in his 100-yard backstroke split while Nitschke broke one minute for the first time in the butterfly with a 59.7 clocking.

Little Giants' coach Tim Loehr called the meet "good experience" for his young squad.

The next meet for Ross will be a home meet with Findlay on Friday night, Dec. 20.

Following are the team standings: Upper Arlington 92, Worthington 70, Canton Glenwood 7, Akron Firestone 46, Findlay 32, Ross 30.



KEVIN CASEY OF ROSS USES BREASTSTROKE IN INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY (Photos by Bruce Crippen)

Findlay tankers sink, 45-38

Kirk Hess set two school records and Marty Mason paddled to three first places as Ross surprised the Findlay Trojans, 45-38, in a dual swim meet Friday night. The Ross duo helped offset a stellar performance by Findlay's Todd Worthington who set a pool record while recording three firsts.

The Ross seniors and a pair of sophomores combined to raise the Little Giant tank record to 2-0 for the young season.

Hess chipped more than three seconds of his own record of 5:15.9 in the 500-yard freestyle. The new mark by Hess is now 5:12.9. The Ross tanker also set a school record in the 200-yard freestyle despite finishing second to Worthington who established a new pool mark in the event.

Worthington lowered the pool mark to 1:52.7 for the race while Hess recorded a 1:53.1, 2.3 seconds faster than his old mark of 1:55.4.

Worthington came back to take the 100-yard

breaststroke in 1:07.5 after swimming on the first place 200-yard medley relay.

Mason lowered his own personal standards in winning both the 50 and 100-yard freestyles. He picked up his third win by swimming the anchor leg on the winning 400-yard freestyle relay.

Mason won the 50 in 23.6 and the 100 in 53.4 to set his own new marks.

Sophomores Kevin Casey and Hal Hawk turned in clutch performances for Ross. Casey recorded his best time in the 200-yard individual medley with a 2:27.2 while finishing second and splashed his way to a 1:11.7, another personal mark, while finishing second in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Hawk was credited by Ross coach Tim Loehr for turning in a second in the 100-yard butterfly in 1:03.7 and for swimming on both relays.

Other firsts for Ross were turned in by Terry Nitschke with a first in the 100-yard

butterfly in 1:00.3 and the freestyle relay team of Brett McKittrick, Hawk, Hess, and Mason. That team turned in a 3:38.0.

Ross 45, Findlay 38

200-yard medley relay — Findlay (Wymer, Layne, Worthington, Parks) 1:53.9; Ross 1:55.2; Ross 2:02.3

200-yard freestyle — Todd Worthington (F) (New pool record) 1:52.7; Kirk Hess (R) 1:53.1 (New Ross School record. Old record of 1:55.4 set by Hess this season); Bernie Popoca (R) 2:17.9

200-yard individual medley — Dave Arneson (F) 2:19.4;

Kevin Casey (R) 2:27.2; Campbell (F) 2:03.6

50-yard freestyle — Marty Mason (R) 23.6; Brett

McKittrick (R) 24.6; Wymer (F) 26.4

Diving — Gary Bender (F) 169.65; Bob Freeman (F)

159.65; Tim Johns (R) 93.65

100-yard butterfly — Terry Nitschke (R) 1:00.3; Hal

Hawk (R) 1:03.7; Gary Orwick (F) 1:07.3

100-yard freestyle — Mason (R) 53.4; McKittrick (F) 53.9;

Parks (F) 57.8

500-yard freestyle — Hess (R) 5:12.2 (New Ross school

record. Old record 5:15.9 set by Hess.); Bair (F) 5:37.4;

Evans (F) 6:06.4

100-yard backstroke — Doug Wymer (F) 1:08.0; Kevin

Nitschke (R) 1:08.0; Jeff Adams (R) 1:09.4

100-yard breaststroke — Worthington (F) 1:07.5; T.

Nitschke (R) 1:11.9; Casey (R) 1:12.2

400-yard freestyle relay — Ross (McKittrick, Hawk, Hess,

Mason) 3:38.0; Findlay 3:45.5; Ross 3:59.2

Area scores

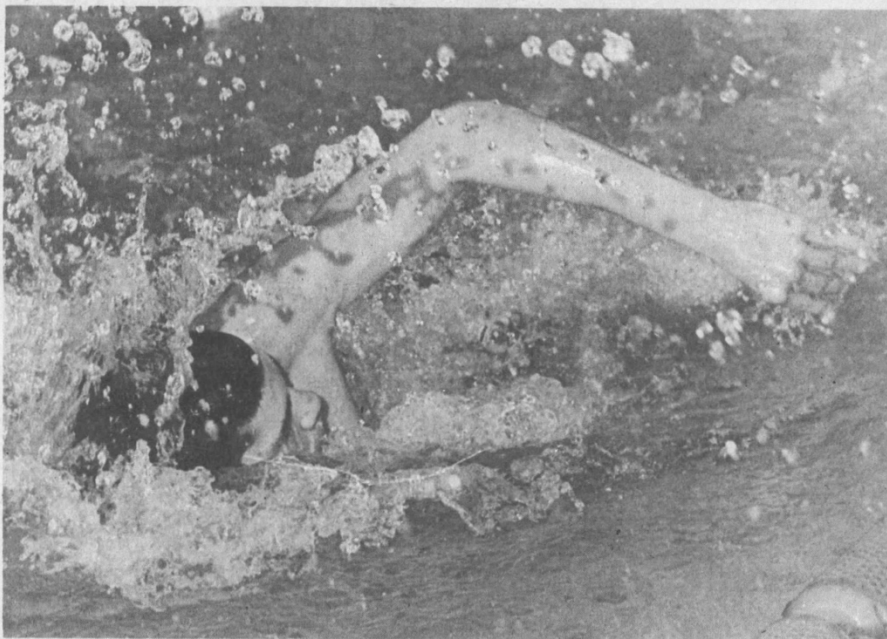
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Ross 64, Sandusky 38
Mansfield 59, Lorain Senior 56
Admiral King 64, Findlay 60
SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE
Margaretta 76, Clyde 71
St. Mary's 64, Calvert 62
Huron 57, Perkins 50
SUBURBAN LAKES LEAGUE
Woodmore 86, Gibsonburg 80
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Elmwood 66, Genoa 57
Lakota 73, Otsego 61
NORTHERN OHIO LEAGUE
Willard 71, Bellevue 48
Columbian 83, Bucyrus 60
Galion 53, Upper Sandusky 43
Shelby 63, Norwalk 53
GREAT LAKES LEAGUE
Port Clinton 69, Fostoria 51
Bowling Green 65, Bedford 53
Clay 61, Sylvania 45
SENECA COUNTY LEAGUE
Seneca East 68, Bettsville 66
Old Fort 70, Cory Rawson 58
New Riegel 88, Hopewell-
Loudon 69

No. 6 for Old Fort

RAWSON — Old Fort's Stockaders broke a close game wide open in the third quarter to best host Cory-Rawson 70-58 Friday night.

Steve Williman sparked Steve Smith's Stockaders with 23 points, and eight rebounds as the winners



KIRK HESS OF ROSS IS ON HIS WAY TO A RECORD
... Hess set school records in 200 and 500 yard freestyle races

Colonel Crawford downs Ross

Colonel Crawford did not take the battle of "first places" but made up for it by taking more than its share of second and thirds to hand Ross its first dual swim meet loss, 43-40, Saturday afternoon at the Little Giants' pool. Ross paddled home to seven firsts in the 11 race meet but Colonel Crawford had enough depth to grab the win.

"Despite this loss, I was pleased with the performances of several of the swimmers," Ross coach Tim Loehr said.

Ross' standbys, Kirk

Hess and Marty Mason, picked up six first places between them but Loehr beamed over the performance of Kevin Nitschke, a senior, who is still recovering from a shoulder injury suffered last season.

Leading by a 31-28 count going into the backstroke, Nitschke backed his way to the top spot with a respectable 1:07.9 clocking to give the Little Giants a temporary lift. Nitschke came back two events later to swim a leg on the second place freestyle relay team.

Bret McKittrick paddled to a 2:00.7 in the 200 yard freestyle in an event that Loehr termed a "must win" if the Little Giants were to stay with the visitors in the early going.

Turning in what probably could be termed as an "iron man" performance for Ross was

sophomore Hal Hawk. Hawk was on the medley team that took first place and came back in the next event, the 200 free before finishing third in the butterfly.

Hess won the individual medley and the 500 free while Mason took both sprints, the 100 and 50 freestyle, and both swam on the first place medley relay team for their first places.

But it was Colonel Crawford's depth that prevailed. Craig Furcron won the diving for the first top spot award of the day for the visitors. Doug Rank took the butterfly; Mike Semon won the breaststroke; and Colonel Crawford romped home first in the freestyle relay.

Ross will participate in the Bowling Green Relays next Saturday in its next outing.

Colonel Crawford 43, Ross 40

200-yard medley relay — Ross (Hal Hawk, Kevin Casey, Kirk Hess, Marty Mason) 1:15.4; Colonel Crawford 1:54.2; Colonel Crawford 2:02.5; Ross 2:03.6

200-yard freestyle — Bret McKittrick (R) 2:00.7; Jim Davis (CC) 2:05.2; Ed Perry (CC) 2:22.1; Hawk 2:13.3

200-yard individual medley — Hess (R) 2:11.9; Ken Furcron (CC) 2:22.1; Doug Rank (CC) 2:22.1; Casey (R) 2:30.3

50-yard freestyle: Mason (R) 24.1; Mark Radebaugh (CC) 25.5; Mike Semon (CC) 25.6; Mike Keller (R) 25.9

DIVING — Craig Furcron (CC) 134.15; Tim Johns (R) 115.50; Mike Nauman (CC) 110.85; Carol Gotttron (R) 83.15

100-yard butterfly — Rank (CC) 1:02.5; Dana Frost (CC) 1:04.5; Hawk (R) 1:05.0; Dave Stein (R) 1:18.8

100-yard freestyle — Mason (R) 53.4; McKittrick (R) 54.0; Radebaugh (CC) 57.0; Mike Dennison (CC) 57.2

500-yard freestyle — Hess (R) 5:16.4; Davis (CC) 5:45.2; Perry (CC) 6:02.3

100-yard backstroke — Kevin Nitschke (R) 1:07.9; Bret Volkmer (CC) 1:11.0; Dave Lowmiller (CC) 1:16.5; Pat Casey (R) 1:20.2

100-yard breaststroke — Semon (CC) 1:10.0; K. Casey (R) 1:13.0; Steve Seif (CC) 1:15.2; Harry Gotttron (R) 1:20.7

400-yard freestyle relay — Colonel Crawford (Furcron, Dennison, Radebaugh, Davis) 3:47.5; Ross 3:53.3; Colonel Crawford 4:05.1; Ross 4:40.6

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Ross 6th in BG Relays

BOWLING GREEN — Toledo St. Francis sent out a warning Saturday afternoon to the rest of the high school swim teams in the state. That warning was to watch them closely when it comes state swim meet time.

St. Francis issued that warning by winning seven of the eight events in the 29th Annual Bowling Green Swim Relays. The only event that the Stallions did not win, they finished second in and that was by only three-tenths of a second.

The Stallions rolled up 101 points to easily win the meet. Second went to Mansfield Malabar with 55. Third was taken by Sandusky. Fremont Ross was sixth in the nine team all relay meet.

Ross coach Tim Leohr said he was "quite happy" with Ross' performance in placing third in three of the races while picking up 24 points. "The flu bug hurt us," Leohr said, "but we got good performances from our young swimmers again."

Ross took third in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a 3:37.3 clocking. That team was made up of Brett McKittrick, Hal Hawk, Kirk Hess, and Marty Mason.

The 400-yard individual medley relay of Hess, McKittrick, Kevin Casey, and Mason also had a third with a 4:13.0 The

800 yard freestyle relay raced to its third in 8:12.4. That team included Hawk, McKittrick, Mason, and Hess.

Ross will take to the watery ways again Saturday when they travel to Margaretta.

TEAM STANDINGS — St. Francis 101, Malabar 55, Sandusky 40, Shawnee 31, Perkins 30, Ross 24, Napoleon 20, Findlay 15, Lima Senior 14.

Events

400-yard freestyle relay: Malabar (Day, Lerro, Secrest, Loesch) 3:29.7; Francis 3:30; Ross 3:37.3; Shawnee 3:39.3; Findlay 3:45.3; Sandusky 3:48.2.

200-yard back relay: St. Francis (Johns, Powell, Conrad, Bertolina) 1:46.2 (New record. Old Record, 1:47.0 set by Canton McKinley in 1965); Malabar 1:53.0; Perkins 1:54.1; Sandusky 1:56.2; Napoleon 2:00.0; Findlay 2:00.8.

200-yard breaststroke relay: St. Francis (Hensien, Heck, Heizelman, Schlatter) 2:01.6; Lima 2:07.7; Sandusky 2:10.2; Malabar 2:11.2; Shawnee 2:13.2; Perkins 2:14.8.

400-yard individual medley relay: St. Francis (Smenner, Conrad, Daudelin, Wohl) 4:03.0; Malabar 4:11.8; Ross 4:13.0; Sandusky 4:16.1; Shawnee 4:16.0; Perkins 4:16.2.

Diving: St. Francis (Grohnke and Goodman) 449.10; Findlay 371.05; Sandusky 361.10; Malabar 325.85; Perkins 302.05; Shawnee 259.55.

200-yard butterfly relay: St. Francis (Smenner, Johns, Wurth, Wohl) 1:44.5; Napoleon 1:50.5; Sandusky 1:51.9; Perkins 1:55.7; Findlay 1:59.0; Malabar 2:03.0.

800-yard freestyle relay: St. Francis (MacDonald, Lishewski, Sullivan, Ward) 7:50.0; Shawnee 8:11.6; Ross 8:12.4; Sandusky 8:15.5; Napoleon 8:26.6; Perkins 8:31.1.

400-yard medley relay: St. Francis (Bertolina, Schlatter, Smenner, Wohl) 3:50.4 (New record. Old record 3:51.5 set by St. Francis in 1974); Malabar 4:04.1; Perkins 4:07.1; Shawnee 4:10.9; Lima 4:14.2; Napoleon 4:17.2.

Ross swimmers down Bears

CASTALIA — Kirk Hess and Marty Mason set new Margaretta pool records and Hess added a school record as the Ross tankers tripped Margaretta, 98-74.

Turning in what coach Tim Leohr called "the first solid team performance of the year," Little Giant swimmers won nine of the 11 events. Only

Margaretta's Randy Nemitz (diving) and Tim Claes (backstroke) spoiled a complete Ross sweep.

Hess lowered the Margaretta pool record from 1:55.5 in the 200-yard freestyle to 1:54.7. He also knocked more than three seconds off his own Ross school mark in the 500-yard freestyle with a 5:09.4. Hess' old mark in that event is 5:12.6.

Mason splashed his way to a 52.6 mark in the 100-yard freestyle sprint. The effort was eight-tenths of a second better than the previous best in the Margaretta pool.

"I think we are finally getting into a position," Leohr said as he thought ahead, "where we will be able to defend our Buckeye Conference title. Our divers are starting to come around . . . this was the first meet that we scored well in the diving."

One of the key reasons for the improvement in the diving was the return of Scott Heschel, a junior who lettered last season. Heschel missed the first two months of the season because of a broken hand, injured when he hit the

bottom of the pool during a practice dive.

Leohr also could smile a little easier because no less than six of his swimmers turned in the top individual efforts of the season to date. Mason's record was his best in the 100 while Hess, naturally, turned in his best time in the 500 free.

Brett McKittrick won the 50-yard free in his best time of 24.2 while sophomore Kevin Casey won the breaststroke in his best time of 1:12.0. Allan Nitschke finished second in the backstroke while splashing to a 1:11.2 and Dave Stein turned in a 1:17.1, his best, for fourth in the breaststroke.

Ross will host Sandusky Tuesday night in a meet against one of the prime challengers for the Conference title. The meet will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Ross 98, Margaretta 74

200-yard medley relay — Ross (Kevin Nitschke, Kevin Casey, Kirk Hess, Mike Keller) 1:55.1; Margaretta 1:59.0; Ross 2:08.0

200-yard freestyle—Hess (R) 1:54.7 (New Margaretta pool record. Old record was 1:55.5); Ed Schirg (M) 2:01.3 (New Margaretta school record); Jim House (R) 2:13.0; Bernie Popoca (R) 2:17.2; Marc Shupp (M) 2:20.0

200-yard individual medley — Marty Mason (R) 2:22; Steve

Sanders (M) 2:22.6; Casey (R) 2:28.5; Tim Claes (M) 2:34.4; K. Nitschke (R) 2:44.0

50-yard freestyle — Brett McKittrick (R) 24.2; Lenny Kuns (M) 25.3; Keller (R) 25.7; Allan Reckenbaugh (M) 26.6; Alan Nitschke (R) 27.2

Diving — Randy Nemitz (M); Scott Heschel (R) (No scoring available)

100-yard butterfly — McKittrick (R) 1:04.7; Schirg (M) 1:06.6; Shupp (M) 1:14.6; Tom Miller (M) 1:15.7; Dave Stein (R) 1:18.3

100-yard freestyle — Mason (R) 52.6 (New Margaretta pool record. Old record was 53.4); Sanders (M) 56.7; Kuns (M) 57.0; Keller (R) 59.4; House (R) 1:00.2

500-yard freestyle — Hess (R) 5:09.4 (New Ross school record. Old record of 5:12.6 set by Hess earlier this season); Popoca (R) 6:30.6; Rickenbaugh (M) 6:32.3; Miller (M) 6:35.0; Dave Maloney (M) 7:11.9

100-yard backstroke — Claes (M) 1:06.8; A. Nitschke (R) 1:11.2; Pat Casey (R) 1:17.9; Robin Salmon (M) 1:20.7; Bob Claes (M) 1:27.9

100-yard breaststroke — K. Casey (R) 1:12.0; Brad Eisenhauer (M) 1:13.3; Laird Salmon (M) 1:14.3; Stein (R) 1:17.1; Tom Messina (R) 1:19.2

400-yard freestyle relay — Ross (House, Mason, Popoca, McKittrick) 3:48.4; Margaretta 3:49.4; Margaretta 4:14.7

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for 61 per cent. Greg Stull with 11 and Steve Poe with 12 were the other Bobcat players in double figures.

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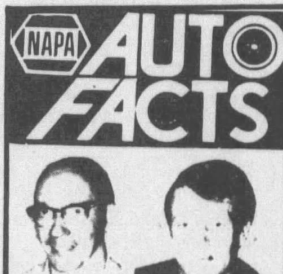
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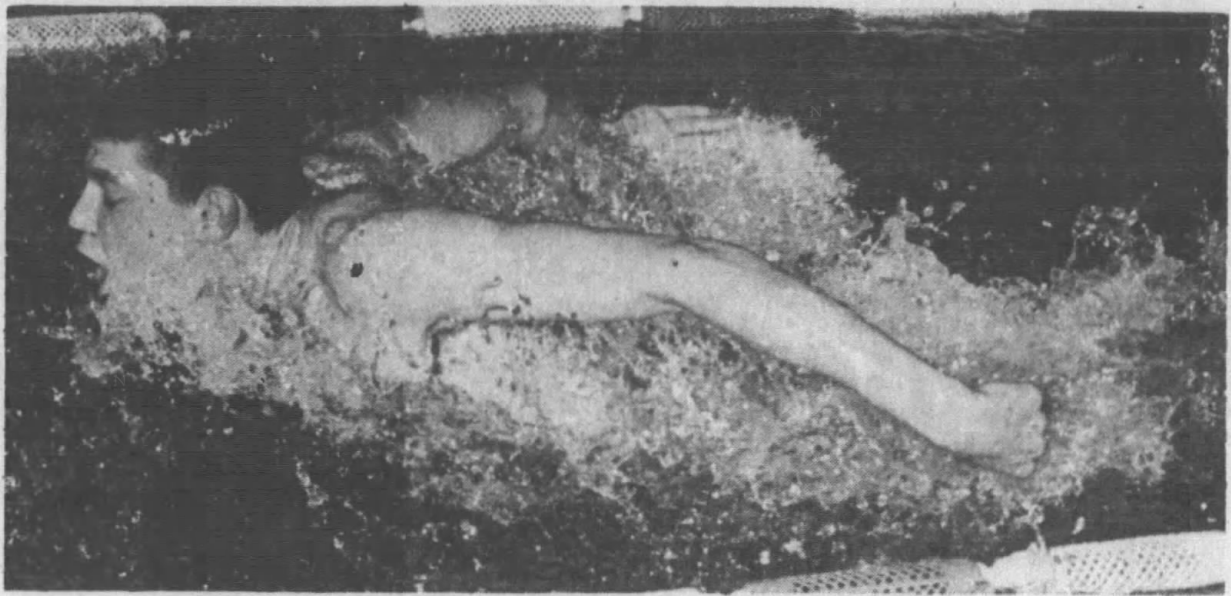
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BETTSVILLE — Ward 15-3-33, Stull 4-3-11, West 9-4-22, McGee 2-5-9, Steffanni 2-0-4, Poe 5-2-12, Brammel 4-0-8; TOTALS 41-17-99

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KIRK HESS STROKES TO SCHOOL RECORD
...for Ross in the 100 yard butterfly.

Kirk Hess shines in lost cause for Ross

The Ross High tankers, troubled by injuries and illness, lost a dual meet Tuesday but got a fine individual performance from senior Kirk Hess,

who set two new school records and one pool record.

Hess swam to a 2:07.9 time in the 200 yard Individual Medley and a

0:57.3 time in the 100 yard butterfly. It was his first start in the 'fly and was good for a school record. The IM time sets new school and pool records in the Little Giants 49-34 loss to Buckeye Conference threat Sandusky.

"There's no question that Sandusky is our strongest competitor in the conference," said coach Tim Loehr during the meet. "They blew Findlay out of the pool and we didn't." Ross beat Findlay

at home 45-38 and will swim at Findlay Saturday at 2 p.m. Ross will defend its BC championship Feb. 15 at Sandusky.

By the end of the diving competition it was apparent to Loehr and the Little Giant tankers that they could not overtake Sandusky. The absence of swimmers Hal Hawk and Kevin Nitschke was a probable reason for the large point spread, Loehr felt.

"But our times were down all around so, overall, I was pleased," he said. He cited the performance of Jim House in the 400 yard freestyle relay as an outstanding effort for the subbing tanker. Ross won that event along with five others.

First places were won by Brett McKittrick, 200 free; Marty Mason, 50 and 100 free; along with Hess' wins.

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200 Med. Relay: Sandusky, 1:51.07; 2-Sandusky, 1:58.1; 3-Ross (M. Keller, D. Stein, A. Nitschke, B. Popoca) 2:04.0

200 Free: Brett McKittrick (R), 2:02.8; 2-C. Bennett (S), 2:05.2; 3-Chip Palazzo (S), 2:18.3

500 Free: Marty Mason (R), 0:23.6; 2-M. Troike (S), 0:25.0; 3-M. Kling (S), 0:24.7

Diving: B. Knoll (S), 202.90; 2-Scott Heschel; (R) 177.85; 3-B. Kurtz (S), 161.40

100 Fly: Kirk Hess (R), 0:57.3 (pool record); 2-P. Williams (S), 1:04.1; 3-P. McAllister (S), 1:06.5

100 Free: Marty Mason (R), 0:52.6; 2-Brett McKittrick (R), 0:54.8; 3-B. Smith (S), 0:56.2

500 Free: C. Bennett (S), 5:38.0; 2-J. Parker (S), 6:47.0; 3-Harry Gottron (R), 7:20.2

100 Back: B. Boissonault (S), 1:06.3; 2-T. White (S), 1:08.6; 3-Alan Nitschke (R), 1:13.4

100 Breaststroke: C. Palazzo (S), 1:09.2; 2-M. Troike (S), 1:10.5; 3-Kevin Casey (R), 1:11.4

400 Free Relay: Ross (J. House, M. Mason, B. McKittrick, K. Hess), 3:37.5, Sandusky, 4:06.3

Trojans paddle past Ross

FINDLAY — Findlay won six of 11 events but had to rely on the last event to down Ross' tankers, 91-81. The Trojans won the last event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, to preserve the win over the defending Buckeye Conference champions.

Kirk Hess won two events and was on the winning medley relay team for the Little Giants. Hess captured the 200-yard individual medley in 2:12.1, more than six seconds faster than the second place Findlay swimmer.

Hess broke a minute in winning the butterfly with a 59.1 clocking.

Marty Mason won the 50-yard freestyle in 24.6 but lost the 100-yard freestyle sprint to Findlay's Todd Worthington. The Trojan tanker was timed in 51.2, three and one-half seconds ahead of Mason.

Kevin Casey won the breaststroke for Ross. The sophomore paddled his way to a 1:12.1 effort in winning by more than two seconds.

Ross will be at Perkins Tuesday in a 4 p.m. meet.

200-yard medley relay — Ross

(Hawk, Casey, Hess, Mason) 1:54.3; Findlay 1:58.2; Ross 2:12.4

200-yard freestyle — Worthington (F) 1:54.1; Brett McKittrick (R) 2:05.7; Campbell (F) 2:12.3; Jim House (R) 2:13.8; Orwick (F) 2:15.5

200-yard individual medley — Kirk Hess (R) 2:12.1; Orneson (F) 2:18.7; Evans (F) 2:28.2; Kevin Casey (R) 2:29.3; Layne (F) 2:37.4

50-yard freestyle — Marty Mason (R) 24.6; Bair (F) 25.4; Hal Hawk (R) 25.7; Wymer (F) 25.8; Bernie Popoca (R) 28.4

Diving — Bender (F); Heschell (R); Freman (F); Hall (F); Johns (R)

100-yard butterfly — Hess (R) 59.1; Arneson (F) 1:00.0; Hawk (R) 1:03.9; Orwick 1:06.0; Madsen (F) 1:24.5

100-yard freestyle — Worthington (F) 51.2; Mason (R) 54.6; Evans (F) 56.9; Mike Keller (R) 58.1; Harry Gottron (R) 1:07.4

500-yard freestyle — Bair (F) 5:45; McKittrick (R) 5:47.5; Orwick (F) 5:55.5; House (R) 6:01.7; Popoca (R) 6:34.5

100-yard backstroke — Wymer (F) 1:14.6; Kevin Nitschke (R) 1:08.0; Orwick (F) 1:09.6; Moudry (F) 1:12.9; Keller (R) 1:15.9

100-yard breaststroke — Casey (R) 1:12.1; Layne (F) 1:14.6; Dave Stein (R) 1:16.4; Campbell (F) 1:17.2; Messina (R) 1:17.3

400-yard freestyle relay — Findlay Evans, Bair, Arneson, Worthington) 3:41.1; Ross 4:08.1

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Perkins stuns Ross tankers

SANDUSKY — Fremont Ross was caught off guard by a young Perkins swim team Tuesday afternoon and it cost the Little Giants. The Pirates, using mainly freshmen and sophomores dominated Ross, 105-67.

"The squad wasn't mentally prepared for the individual events," Ross coach Tim Loehr said. "There wasn't too much to be proud of in the meet.

"There were too many missed turns in both the relays and the individual events and too many slow starts," he said.

Loehr added, "I can't take anything away from Perkins. They just outclassed us."

While the Pirates had things pretty much their own way, the Ross squad did get some outstanding performances from three of its swimmers.

Kirk Hess chalked up another record with a 5:06.311 clocking in the 500-yard freestyle endurance swim. The time broke the Perkins pool record of 5:09 and eclipsed Hess' own Ross school record. The old Ross mark was 5:09.4

Sophomore Kevin Casey recorded his best time of the season in the individual medley and the breaststroke. He paddled his way to a 2:26.153 for third in the IM and was third in the breaststroke in 1:11.488.

Hal Hawk returned from a collision in practice to turn in a strong performance.

Ross will host Marion Harding Saturday in its next meet. The first event will begin at 2 p.m.

Results

Medley relay — Perkins (Kim Schaffter, Scott Schaffter, Steve Zeiher, Rex Cole) 1:50.53; Ross 1:52.69; Perkins 1:55.72

200-yard freestyle — Jeff Clemow (P) 2:00.27; Brett McKittrick (R) 2:00.35; Carpenter (P) 2:03.87; Redinger (R) 2:04.33; House (R) 2:19.54

Individual medley — Zeiher (P) 2:15.25; Hoffman (P) 2:24.10; Kevin Casey (R) 2:26.15; Carpenter (P) 2:26.44; Pat Casey (R) 2:52.22

50-yard freestyle — Marty Mason (R) 24.26; Cole (P) 25.01; Printy (P) 25.61; Mike Keller (R) 25.55; K. Schaffter (P) 25.73

Diving — Scott Heschel (R); Wedeman (P); Miller (P); Tim Johns (R); Grunden (P) (No scores reported)

100-yard butterfly — Zeiher (P) 1:01.59; Hal Hawk (R) 1:02.49; Reimann (P) 1:02.91; M. Carpenter (P) 1:10.59; Dave Stein (R) 1:15.92

100-yard freestyle — McKittrick (R) 54.03; Cole (P) 55.14; Redinger (P) 56.10; Printy (P) 58.62; Keller (R) 58.82

500-yard freestyle — Kirk Hess (R) 5:06.31 (New Perkins pool record and Ross school record. Old pool record: 5:09; old Ross record was 5:09.4 set earlier this season by Hess.); Clemow (P) 5:32.00; D. Carpenter (P) 5:33.08; Hesse (P) 5:49.22; House (R) 6:08.43

Backstroke — Cole (P) 1:00.02; Miller (P) 1:03.59; Kevin Nitschke (R) 1:08.20; K. Schaffter (P) 1:09.89; P. Casey (R) 1:20.33

Breaststroke — S. Schaffter (P) 1:09.73; K. Casey (R) 1:11.46; Koch (P) 1:13.85; Rice (P) 1:15.78; Stein (R) 1:15.99

Freestyle relay — Ross (McKittrick, Hawk, Mason, Hess) 3:37.42; Perkins 3:58.50; Ross 4:08.05; Perkins 4:25.49

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CASTALIA — As two school records fell, the Margaretta Polar Bears swam to an 88-44 victory over the visiting tankers from Ashland Tuesday.

In the 500-yard freestyle Ed Schirg set a new school record with his 5:34.1 time which was good for a second place.

The other Polar Bear record setter was Randy Nemitz in the diving competition. He racked up 180 points for second place.

The Polar Bears' Lenny Kuns was good for a first

White team wins, 53-42

The Fremont White team defeated Tiffin East, 53-42. Tim Price led the Fremont freshmen with 22 points but got a big assist from Randy Hammer who scored 15 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

The White led 24-22 at the half but stretched that lead to 41-30 at the end of three quarters.

Tankers knock off Marion

Ross won nine of 11 events while coasting to a 52-31 win over the Marion Harding swim team. But the large amount of firsts and the easy win did not rest easy with Ross coach Tim Loehr.

"We're in a rut," the first year swim coach said. "The times aren't dropping as we expected and our swimmers are still making basic mistakes that are costing us points in meets."

Loehr said that most of the trouble seems to be coming at the finish when the swimmers are easing up instead of swimming through to the finish.

But Ross did not lose too many points to the Prexies. With Kirk Hess and Marty Mason coming up with two wins apiece and a quartet of other tankers turning in good performances, the Little Giants cruised to the win.

Hess captured the 200 freestyle and the butterfly while Mason won his specialties, the 50 and 100 freestyles. Sophomore Kevin Casey lowered his individual medley time from 2:26 to 2:24.9 in finishing second to go along with a first in the breaststroke.

Scott Heschel won his first diving event of the year. "He's showing steady improvement," Loehr said.

Other swimmers that Loehr praised were Jim House, a senior, who had his season bests in the 200 and 500 yard freestyles; and sophomore Dave Stein who turned in a strong performance in the IM in finishing a strong third.

Other firsts for Ross went to Brett McKittrick in the 500 freestyle and Kevin Nitschke in the backstroke. Ross' freestyle relay team took the other first place.

Ross will be at Sandusky Tuesday. The meet will start at 6:30.

RESULTS

Medley relay — Marion (Toni Felt, Doug Virden, Dave Baggs, and LaMarche) 1:55.8; Ross 1:55.7; Marion 2:06.2

200-yard freestyle — Kirk Hess (R) 1:53.3; Fred Somestat (M) 2:03.0; Jim House (R) 2:09.4; Tom Masli (M) 2:17.5

Individual medley — Jeff Day (M) 2:20.0; Kevin Casey (R) 2:24.9; Dave Stein (R) 2:33.5; Jim Gooding (M) 2:40.1

50-yard freestyle — Marty Mason (R) 24.1; LaMarche (M) 24.6; Mike Keller (R) 25.2; Rick Knotts (M) 27.1

Diving — Scott Heschel (R) 167.8; Rex Ballinger (M) 165.40; Virden (M) 141.75; Tim Johns (R) 120.4

Butterfly — Hess (R) 58.6; Day (M) 1:00.9; Hal Hawk (R) 1:04.2; Baggs (M) 1:12.9

100-yard freestyle — Mason (R) 53.2; Somestat (M) 54.1; Keller (R) 58.6; Dan Chaney (M) 1:04.3

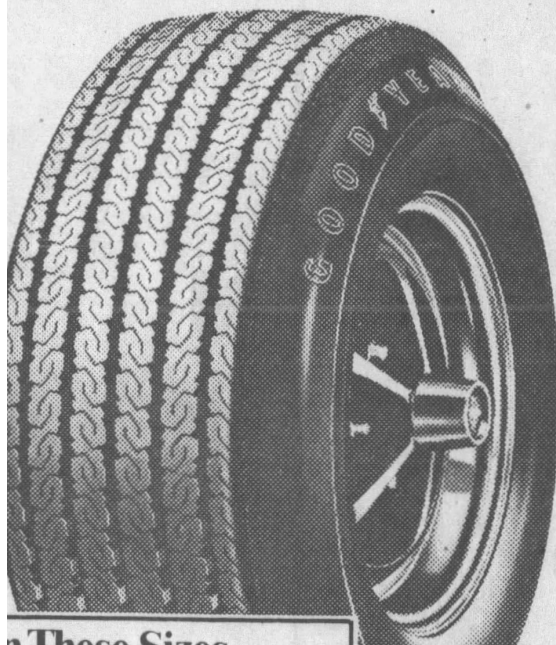
500-yard freestyle — Brett McKittrick (R) 5:48.5; House (R) 5:54.6; Tom Mash (M) 6:03.5

Backstroke — Kevin Nitschke (R) 1:08.5; Felt (M) 1:10.4; Pat Casey (R) 1:17.2; John McDavid (M) 1:16.6

Breaststroke — Casey (R) 1:11.5; Virden (M) 1:14.8; Gooding (M) 1:16.3; Stein (R) 1:16.3

Freestyle relay — Ross (McKittrick, Hawk, Hess, Mason) 3:37.9; Marion 3:48.4; Ross 4:04.5; Marion 4:31.5

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Sandusky swimmers drown Ross, 104-68

SANDUSKY — Ross dropped a 104-68 swim meet to Sandusky Tuesday night but Ross coach Tim Loehr could see a light at the end of the tunnel despite the lopsided loss.

"We had some good performances," Loehr claimed. "I really feel that we may be getting out of that rut that has been dogging us the past few meets."

Kirk Hess turned in another top notch job by winning two events and setting a record in one of them but Loehr was just as happy with the time turned in by Brett McKittrick in the 200-yard freestyle.

McKittrick broke the two-minute barrier for the first time with a 1:58.8. The McKittrick time, according to Loehr was the highlight of the meet.

Hess, however, continued to lead the tankers. The Ross senior lowered his own butterfly record to 56.8, shattering his previous school record of 57.3. Hess also won the 200-freestyle in 1:53.9 to lead Ross to the only one-two sweep of the night.

Hal Hawk turned in a 2:23.9 in swimming the individual medley for the first time. He finished second.

Mike Keller continued to show improvement in the 100-yard freestyle, Loehr said. Keller was fourth in 58.9 to go with a fourth in the 50-yard freestyle.

Marty Mason picked up the win in the century freestyle with a 53.3 clocking and Kevin Casey won the breaststroke in 1:12.0, edging Sandusky's Jim Fitzhum by one-half of a second for the other Ross first place.

Sandusky diver Bob Knoll set a new pool record with 221.40 accumulated points. That broke the old mark by nearly three points. Scott Heschel of Ross was second with 208.15.

RESULTS

Medley Relay — Sandusky (Jack Waldock, Chris Palazzo, Dave Williams, Bill Smith) 1:51.1; Ross 1:54.0; Sandusky 1:57.6

200-yard freestyle — Kirk Hess (R) 1:53.9; Brett McKittrick (R) 1:58.8; Mike Troike (S) 2:00.8; Jim Parker (S) 2:03.7; Ted White (S) 2:09.0

Individual medley — Palazzo (S) 2:14.5; Hal Hawk (R) 2:23.9; Kevin Casey (R) 2:28.5; Fred Sutter (S) 2:30.4; Kevin Nitschke (R) 2:32.3

50-yard freestyle — Mark Kling (R) 24.6; Marty Mason (R) 24.7; Smith (S) 25.4; Mike Keller (R) 25.4; Ron Schoewe (S) 26.4

Diving — Bob Knoll (S) 221.40 (New Sandusky pool record. Old record set by Goodman of Toledo St. Francis of 218.7); Scott Heschel (R) 208.15; Butch Kurtz (S) 170.90; Marty Brasch (S) 165.60; Tim Johns (R) 133.40

Butterfly — Hess (R) 56.8 (New Ross school record. Old record of 57.3 set by Hess earlier this season); Williams (S) 1:04.2; Chuck Bennett (S) 1:05.3; Paul McAllister (S) 1:04.8; Dave Stein (R) 1:20.0

100-yard freestyle — Mason (R) 53.3; Kling (S) 54.1; Scott Spayd (S) 58.3; Keller (R) 58.9; Randy Dorland (S) 59.2

500-yard freestyle — Waldock (S) 5:11.9; Jim Parker (S) 5:36.1; McKittrick (R) 5:46.6; Sutter (S) 5:53.5; Harry Gottron (R) 7:17

Backstroke — Brain Boisonault (S) 1:04.9; White (S) 1:08.6; Nitschke (R) 1:08.7; Pat Casey (R) 1:15.6; Leech (S) 1:25.0

Breaststroke — K. Casey (R) 1:12.0; Jim Fitzhum (S) 1:12.5; Chris Murschel (S) 1:15.7; Bob Kraus (S) 1:16.9; Stein (R) 1:17.0

Freestyle relay — Sandusky (Troike, Waldock, Palazzo, Kling) 3:32.5; Ross 3:50.7; Sandusky 3:53.0

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Ross is seventh

TOLEDO — Fremont Ross went up against the best Saturday afternoon in the Toledo St. Francis Invitational Swim Meet. The meet, which was labeled a "trial state meet" because of the presence of three top state contenders, was won by perennial state king, Cincinnati St. Xavier.

St. Xavier rolled up 375 points, 21 better than host St. Francis. These two schools are rated as the two schools that will fight it out for the state title in March. St. "X" has won the state crown the last four years while St. Francis has been runnerup the past two seasons.

A third state contender, Cincinnati Sycamore, was third with 239 points. Ross was seventh in the nine-team meet with 34 points. Another Buckeye Conference member, Findlay, finished fifth with 55½ points.

Ross coach Tim Loehr called the meet a good experience for Ross "because of the exposure to the tough competition."

Kirk Hess was the bright spot for Ross. The Ross senior finished in the top eight of all his individual events and set a new school record in one of them.

Hess lowered his own 200-yard freestyle record to 1:52.6, six-tenths of a second better than the record he set earlier this season. The new record got him a sixth place.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Hess was eight in 24.2. It was the first time that he had swam the distance this season. Hess was seventh in the 500-yard freestyle, clocking a 5:09.3.

Ross sophomore Hal Hawk had his best time of the season in the individual medley with a 2:22.2 while the medley relay team of Hawk, Kevin Casey, Hess,

and Marty Mason finished in the top 12.

Scott Heschel, Ross' junior diver, was eighth in the meet that featured some of the best divers in the state.

Three pool records were set in the meet with St. Xavier's Bob Kehnbrink picking up two of the new standards. Kehnbrink padded his way to a record 53.4 in the butterfly and a 1:01.2 in the breaststroke to lead the state champs to the meet win.

St. Xavier's medley relay team of Marc Schlatter, Mike Whol, Ian Bertolina, and Nick Daudelin established a new record of 1:41.9 for the third new mark.

Saturday, Ross will travel to Lorain Catholic that will feature a matchup between Hess and Tim Krumwiede of Lorain Catholic. Both swimmers are expected to clash in the 200 and 500 yard freestyles with both Hess and Krumweide ranked in the state in each event.

TEAM STANDINGS —
Cincinnati St. Xavier 375, Toledo St. Francis 354, Cincinnati Sycamore 239, Lorain Catholic 60, Findlay 55½, Cincinnati Taylor 39, Ross 34, Cincinnati Finneytown 29, Napoleon 27½

MEN

AGES 17 to 35

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Veterans Welcome

Lorain Catholic swimmers defeat Ross, 107-65

LORAIN — Ross, plagued by the flu bug that struck several members, lost to the Lorain Catholic swim team, 107-65, Saturday afternoon. The Little Giant swimmers picked up only three first places during the meet.

Ross stalwart, Kirk Hess, claimed the individual medley and the 500-freestyle while junior Scott Heschel won the diving portion of the meet.

Sickness and injuries helped upend Ross. The flu bug plagued Ross swimmers Bernie Popoca and Kevin Casey while injuries took away the services of Jim House and Kevin Nitschke. Various other Ross swimmers

missed workouts during the week because of the flu.

Hess was timed in 2:11.4 in the IM and took the 500 freestyle in 5:09.2. Heschel recorded 185.40 points in the diving, nearly 41 points better than runnerup Andrea Vanche of Lorain.

Ross' next outing will be at Sandusky this Saturday when they attempt to defend their Buckeye Conference Swim Meet title. The Little Giants are expected to be at full strength for the meet.

Results

Medley relay — Lorain Catholic (Kraly, Janasko, Stawicki, Laffin) 1:57.4; Ross 2:04.2; Lorain Catholic 2:10.7

200-yard freestyle — Tim Krumweide (LC) 1:52.2; Brett

McKittrick (R) 2:02.7; John Briches (LS) 2:11.5; Jack Gluvna (LC) 2:23.2; Mike Karr (R) 2:42.6

Individual medley — Kirk Hess (R) 2:11.4; Pat Laffin (LC) 2:19.1; Hal Hawk (R) 2:19.7; Tim Dombrowski (LC) 2:25.2; Joe Gnizak (LC) 2:30.3.

50-yard freestyle — Jeff Christopher (LC) 24.2; Marty Mason (R) 24.3; Mike Keller (R) 25.6; Paul Costin (LC) 26.3; Jack Gluvna (LC) 29.7

Diving — Scott Heschel (R) 185.40; Andrea Vanche (LC) 144.90; Tim Johns (R) 143.10; Greg Vanche (LC) 132.55; Carol Gottron (R) 122.75

Butterfly — Tim Dombrowski (LC) 1:02.0; Chris Stawicki (LC) 1:02.4; Brett McKittrick (R) 1:04.3; Joe Gnizak (LC) 1:12.4; Dave Stein (R) 1:16.7

100-yard freestyle — Jeff Christopher (LC) 52.6; Marty Mason (R) 54.5; John Briches (LC) 57.2; Kirk Yepko (LC) 57.5; Mike Keller (R) 58.6

500-yard freestyle — Kirk Hess (R) 5:09.2; Marty Kraly (LC) 5:46.6; Paul Costin (LC) 5:55.2; Helen Bailorucki (LC) 6:33.7; Harry Gottron (R) 7:23.2

Backstroke — Tim Krumweide (LC) 1:01.5; Hal Hawk (R) 1:06.8; Keith Higgins (LC) 1:15.1; Pat Casey (R) 1:16.9; Pam Schroff (LC) 1:20.1

Breaststroke — Pat Laffin (LC) 1:09.7; Jim Jansko (LC) 1:11.0; Kevin Casey (R) 1:12.5; Chris Stawicki (LC) 1:12.6; Dave Stein (R) 1:15.4

Freestyle relay — Lorain Catholic (Krumweide, Costin, Dombrowski, Christopher) 3:39.5; Ross 3:40.8; Lorain Catholic 3:56.1

Marion hands Ross girls third loss

Fremont varsity girls went down to defeat 56 to 43 at the hands of Marion in a home basketball game on

MARION—Kirsh 6-4-16; Croll 5-5-15; West 3-2-8; McDuffie 1-2-4; Martin 2-2-6; Bowers 0-1-1; Pezley 2-2-6; TOTALS 19-18-56.



SPECIAL AWARD winners for the Ross winter sports teams are shown above. Front row (left to right) Karol Svanoe, Lena Mercer, Dave Fahrbach, Neal Oberholtzer, John Kiser, Jim Flower; Back row: Tony

Munoz, Pete Werling, Kirk Hess, Hal Hawk, Marty Mason, Kevin Casey, Eugene Reyes and Jesse Heidelberg. Missing from the picture is Sara Sherick.

Ross winter sports teams honored

Tony Munoz walked off with an armload of trophies to highlight the Ross High School winter sports awards program Tuesday night.

Munoz picked up the "most valuable wrestler," "most takedowns," and "most pins" to dominate the wrestling awards handed out by coach Al Voggenthaler. Munoz, a junior, and fellow classmate Pete Werling, were presented with gold certificates from the Ohio

High School Athletic Association as momentoes for participation in the state tournament. Munoz was second in the state for Ross at 101.

Other wrestling special awards went to sophomore Jesse Heidelberg for the "most improved" wrestler and to Eugene Reyes who received the "coaches award." Werling and Reyes received captain's trophies.

Both Reyes and Munoz have been tabbed as High

School All-American Wrestlers.

Voggenthaler announced that Munoz and Werling would be co-captains of the team in the 1975-76 season.

The "most valuable wrestler" trophy is the Mal Mackey Award sponsored by the Fremont Jaycees.

In all, 17 wrestlers and manager were presented with letter awards with Reyes getting his third year letter award.

Neal Oberholtzer and Sara Sherick picked up

"most valuable player" trophies in boys and girls basketball, respectively.

Oberholtzer, a senior, also was awarded his third letter award, a feat matched by Jim Flower and Bob Ford. Miss Sherick is a junior who paced the varsity team to a 3-8 record.

Junior Dave Fahrbach and John Kiser were jointly awarded the boys basketball "most improved player" award, by head coach Ken Miller. Jim Flower won the Dave Brocksicker Foul Shooting Award while Oberholtzer was the team's top rebounder.

The "most improved player" on coach Jolyn Smith's team was won by Lena Mercer with Karol Svanoe receiving a captain's trophy.

Kirk Hess was tabbed by his teammates as the "most valuable swimmer." Hess was presented the award by coach Tim Loehr.

In his Ross career, Hess has set over 30 records and presently holds four of the individual event records for Ross High School. The senior has the standards in the 200 free and 200 individual medley as well as the 100 and 500 freestyle.

Mike Keller, Marty Mason, and Hess received captain's trophies while Hal Hawk and Kevin Casey were given the "most improved sophomore" trophies.

There were three other special awards.

Miller, calling it the first trophy of its kind at Ross and one that he would like to see continued, presented the "Super Fan" Award to Ross senior Noe Almaguer.

Voggenthaler presented Tom Wolfe with a plaque emblematic of the Ross coach's description of being "the number one wrestling fan in Ohio." Wolfe was also presented a plaque by the wrestling squad for his work with the team during the season.

s AP Class AA team

rs beat out 6-9 John Mullen of Akron who scored at a 24-point clip, for the ayer award.

w led an eight-man first team, filled iors.

Cobb, Olmsted Falls' 6-foot senior with age of more than 34 points, gained his successive spot on the top unit. on the first team were 5-10 Chuck on of Van Wert, 6-foot Rich Babcock t Lafayette Ridgewood, 6-1 Kevin of NelsonvilleYork, 6-5 Fred Poole of us Mohawk and 6-7 Tim Waterman of eld Shawnee.

Yance, a 6-6 scorer and rebounder r Tiltonsville Buckeye South, paced t-man second team. Yance was a third lection last year.

n the second team were 6-2 Dave Siler iltion Badin, 5-9 John Williams of River View, 6-1 Joe Holland of /, 6-foot Sam Dixon of Columbus ion, 6-5 Mitch Kopystynsky of d, 6-3 Ralph Zerick of Brooklyn and 6-3 /an Cobb of Campbell Memorial.

e third squad were 6-4 Mike Hausfield nbus St. Charles, 6-4 Jim Bradley of la Harbor, 6-6 Tommy Thompson of Manchester, 6-9 Steve Shale of eld Shawnee, 6-5 David Porter of New

Paris National Trail, 6-8 Kevin Appel of Sherwood Fairview, 6-3 Larry Ferst of Columbus Franklin Heights and Jack Saxton, Coshocton's 6-4 ace.

The 1974 Associated Press All-Ohio Class AA high school basketball team, selected with the recommendations of a statewide panel of sports writers and broadcasters:

FIRST TEAM

Frankie Sanders, Dayton Stivers, 6 foot 3 Sr., 31.6 points per game; John Mullen, Akron South, 6-9 Sr., 24.0; Greg Cobb, Olmsted Falls, 6 foot Sr., 35.4; Chuck Thompson, Van Wert, 5-10 Sr., 27.8; Rich Babcock, West Lafayette Ridgewood, 6 foot Sr., 31.9; Kevin Canter, Nelsonville York, 6-1 Sr., 23.3; Fred Poole, Columbus Mohawk, 6-5 Sr., 17.3, and Tim Waterman, Springfield Shawnee, 6-7 Sr., 16.0

SECOND TEAM

Dave Siler, Hamilton Badin 6-2 Sr., 14.3; John Williams, Warsaw River View, 5-9 Sr., 18.1; Bruce Yance, Tiltonsville Buckeye South, 6-6 Sr., 27.2; Joe Holland, Waverly, 6-1 Sr., 14.2; Sam Dixon, Columbus Waterson, 6 foot Sr., 24.1; Mitch Kopystynsky, Rossford, 6-5 Sr., 17.7; Ralph Zerick, Brooklyn, 6-4 Sr., 17.0, and Duane Van Cobb, Campbell Memorial, 6-3 Sr., 21.3

THIRD TEAM

Mike Hausfield, Columbus St. Charles, 6-4 Sr., 22.7; Jim Bradley, Ashtabula Harbor, 6-4 Sr., 23.2; Tommy Thompson, Akron Manchester, 6-6 Sr., 21.0; Steve Shale, Springfield Shawnee, 6-9 Sr., 16.0; David Porter, New Paris National Trail, 6-5 Sr., 20.5; Kevin Appel, Sherwood Fairview, 6-8 Sr., 19.7; Larry Ferst, Columbus Franklin Heights, 6-3 Sr., 19.9, and Jack Saxton, Coshocton, 6-4 Sr., 17.4

Player of the year — Frankie Sanders, Dayton Stivers

Coach of the year — John Lawhorn, Circleville

Area honorable mention — Harlan Niehaus, Genoa

players on UPI state teams

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Second team

Robin Vineer, Firelands, 6-6, sr. (22.1); Mitch Kopystynsky, Rossford, 6-5, sr. (18.3); John Mullen, Akron South, 6-9, sr. (27.0); Ricky Lee, Bellaire, 6-3, sr. (29.4); John Williams, River View,

Third team

Gregg Thompson, Beaver Local, 6-5, sr. (18.9); Richard Altman, Holland Springfield, 6-6, sr. (21.2); Kevin Appel, Sherwood Fairview, 6-8, sr. (19.8); Mitch Miracle, River, 6-1, sr. (31.1); Chuck Thompson, Van Wert, 5-10, sr. (27.8)

Special mention

Dudley McPeck, Margaretta, Harlan Niehaus, Genoa.

Area honorable mention

Mike Cantrell, Clyde; Gordon Hahn, Huron; Eric Hansen, Margaretta; Tom Swartz,

Rossford, Ed Artin, Norwalk
Player of the Year — Greg Cobb, Olmsted Falls
Coach of the Year — Walt Harrop, River View

Coaches resign

Two area high school coaches called it quits

