

1983 SEASON REVIEW...



(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

ROSS HIGH School's swim team: front row, left to right, Brian Wensinger, Kelly Sabiers, Chris Black, Amy Koenig, Dean Beck, Jill Isaac, Tad Winning; second row: Mike Robinette, Lori Smith, Troy Overmyer, Coach Art Bucci, John Albrechta, Heather Winning, Jim Ferguson;

third row: Rick Ratliff, Steve Casperson, Dan Ackerman, David Hetrick, Tracy Turner; fourth row: Diving Coach Bob Lozano, Steve Rodd, co-captain Randy Randolph, co-captain Ty Heslet and Mark Lowther.

Aqua Giants have 14 veterans

Fourteen lettermen will bolster the Ross High School swimming team as the season begins Tuesday in the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

"Depth-wise," Coach Art Bucci said, "this is probably the best that we have had."

Bucci is in his eighth year as the Aqua Giants coach. In seven of those years, Ross swimmers have been in the state meet.

Chris Black and Steve Rodd, two of the swimmers who represented Ross in the state meet on the free style relay return. Black is a junior who Bucci says is the most versatile swimmer that he has coached at Ross. Rodd is a senior.

Ross had an 8-3 dual record a season ago to go with fifth place finishes in the Upper Arlington and Perry Relays and a seventh in the district meet.

"We have a lot of versatile kids," Bucci said, "with several kids able to swim anything. We have a lot of kids like that and that's nice."

"We are going to be strong in the freestyle events with Black, Rodd and Ty Heslet," Bucci predicted, "and we will be very decent in the butterfly, breaststroke and diving."

Bucci has senior Tad Winning and junior Mark Lowther, both lettermen, as the main "fly" men while seniors Brian Wensinger and Randy Randolph along with sophomore Dean Beck are the breaststrokers.

In diving, Bucci has three lettermen, seniors Dan Ackerman and John Albrechta and junior Troy Overmyer back.

"We had some super times in the district meet

last year," Bucci said, "and we have a goal to finish in the top three at the district this season."

Bucci will handle the swimmers while Bob Lozano, a volunteer coach, is the diving instructor.

Running down through the remaining lettermen, Bucci clicked off what the veterans would be swimming:

— Jim Ferguson, senior, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle and the individual medley.

— David Hetrick, senior, freestyle distance events.

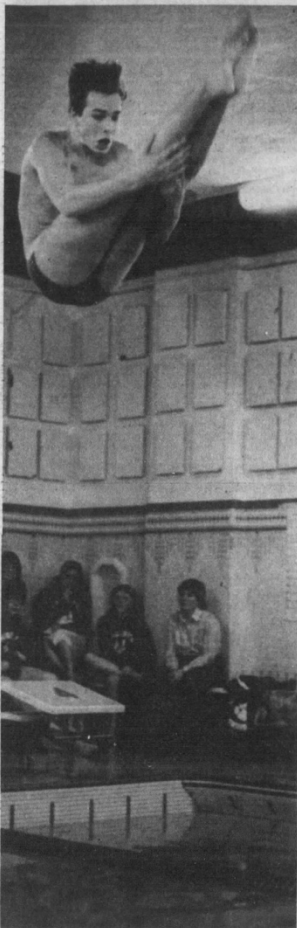
Bucci also has a strong complement of girls in his 23 swimmers.

"Jill Isaac and Amy Koenig are both two-event district qualifiers," he pointed out, "and Heather Winning can swim anything. Plus, we have Lori Smith and Kelly Sabiers who are looking good."

Isaac and Koenig are letter winners from last season while the other three are highly touted sophomores.

Ross will host Margaretta on "parent's Night" Tuesday. On the weekend, the Aqua Giants will travel to Upper Arlington for a Friday night dual meet and the Upper Arlington Invitational on Saturday.

Several home meets have been designated with special name tags: Dec. 18, against Lima is Alumni Day (1 p.m.), Jan. 4, against Sandusky is Swimmer-Friend Meet, Jan. 8, against Napoleon is Faculty-Student Day (1 p.m.), Jan. 18, versus Perkins is Dignitary Night, and Feb. 8, against Sylvania Northview is Senior Night Dinner.



(N-M photos by Bill Kennedy)
ROSS DIVER Dan Ackerman is in mid-flight as he competes in his specialty Tuesday. He won the event.

Aqua Giants sink Margaretta 84-41

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor
Fremont Ross won nine of 11 events, finishing one-two in six of them, to swamp Margaretta 84-41 in a high school swim meet at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

"That's the first time in seven years that we have opened the season with a win," Ross Coach Art Buccell said and then tempered that with, "usually we open up with Upper Arlington."

Upper Arlington is one of the premier high school swim teams in Ohio. Tuesday, Ross simply outmanned Margaretta. The Aqua Giant's veterans got good support from their younger teammates in posting the easy win.

Junior lettermen Mark Lowther and Chris Black won two individual events and swam on winning relay team to pace Buccell's bunch.

Black was nine-tenths of a second off the Ross pool record with a 1:49.38 winning time in the 200-yard free style. He came back to win the 100-yard freestyle sprint in 50.06 seconds.

Lowther splashed to a 2:18.0 clocking for the top spot in the 200-yard individual medley and racked up his second win in the butterfly, clocking in with a 58.57.

Black swam the leadoff leg in Ross's winning freestyle relay while Lowther was on the Aqua Giants' winning medley relay.

Other individual firsts for Ross went to Steve Rodd in the 50 free (23.96), Dan Ackerman in diving (155.15 points), and Brian Wensinger in the breaststroke (1:11.08).

"I got to look at some of the things we will be going with this year," Buccell said about his opening lineup. "Some of our times were very good this early in the season."

The Ross coach was pleasantly surprised with the time turned in by sophomore Heather Winning. She was second in the individual medley in 2:26.9. Kelly Sabier's 1:13.53 in the backstroke was nearly four seconds better than her previous best in that event.

The Aqua Giants' one-two finishes were in the IM, 50 and 100 freestyle sprints, diving, butterfly and breaststroke.

Ty Hesel was second in the 50 with Troy Overmyer taking second in diving. Tad Winning was second in the fly with Steve Rodd taking the runner-up in the 100 free. Randy Randolph was second in the breaststroke.

Margaretta's first were by Tom Leber in the 500-yard freestyle (5:51.0) and Bill Green in the backstroke (1:01.6).

Ross will travel to Upper Arlington Friday to compete in a dual meet and the Upper Arlington Invitational Saturday.

Buckeye victory not exactly what Eldon Miller wanted

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Eldon Miller, Ohio State's basketball coach, admits a 78-58 romp over Cal State-Chico Tuesday night wasn't much of a learning experience.

"We need more games in difficult places," Miller said after the Buckeyes' opener against a Division II opponent. "We will know a lot more when December ends."

"The weakest thing we had tonight, without a question, was our rebounding," said Miller, aware the shorter, slower Wildcats had matched

the Buckeyes on the boards 31-31.

But Ohio State, with four regulars back from last year's 21-10 squad, outshot Cal State-Chico 50-42 percent from the field and forced the Wildcats into 25 turnovers.

"Our defense was very sporadic," Miller said. "We did not do a good job in the transition game."

Tony Campbell's 18 points led a balanced Ohio State attack. Troy Taylor added 16 and Granville Waiters and Larry Huggins had 11 each. All were regulars a year ago.

Jordan's old touch gets NC first win

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Sports Writer
Michael Jordan hasn't lost his touch on those 20-foot turners. It seems

remaining to force the second extra period. Doherty's two free throws with 38 seconds left in the second overtime put North Carolina on top 63-61, but Howard Jenkins' shot beat the buzzer.



STEVE RODD is on his way to a second place finish for Ross in the 100-yard freestyle. Teammate Chris Black was the winner.

Union, owners still at odds over final words

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three days before National Football League players vote on the five-year, \$1.6-billion collective bargaining agreement that ended their 57-day strike, negotiators for the league and the players' union remain at odds over the document's final language.

"Five or six issues still have to be resolved," union spokesman Frank Woschitz said Tuesday night.

Meanwhile, the failure of negotiators to reach a final accord has forced a delay in a vote on the pact by player representatives.

The player reps, who had hoped to vote Tuesday, are now expected to vote late today on whether or not to recommend ratification of the full membership.

That vote is not binding on the full membership, which votes Friday.

Union sources say two major areas of contention in the still-uncompleted agreement are the union's insistence that the league guarantee that players will be paid extra if it expands its regular season and that management drop its demand to extend the college draft in its current form through 1992.

Union officials have accused the league of attempting to write language into the final draft to leave open expansion of the regular season in 1983 and beyond. Management

negotiators say the league has no immediate plans to either add teams or expand the season.

On the latter question, union officials say they fear an antitrust suit by the new United States Football League against the NFL and the players' union citing both parties for restraint of trade in extending the college draft past expiration of the collective bargaining agreement in 1986. While the NFL is capable of waging a long, costly court fight, union officials say the players' association does not have the finances for such a battle.

Jack Donlan, the NFL's chief negotiator, and attorneys Sargent Karch and Steve Curran, met with union officials late Monday night and again Tuesday in hopes of ironing out the dispute. Further talks have been delayed as NFL officials travel to Pittsburgh today to attend the funeral of Kathleen Rooney. Mrs. Rooney, the wife of Pittsburgh Steeler owner Art Rooney, died Sunday.

Last week, union chief Ed Garvey said he expected the players to reject the tentative agreement but to continue to play as negotiations continued.

Donlan has insisted the Nov. 18 agreement is total and complete and that no further changes will be made.



High school

Ross 84

Margaretta 41

200 medley relay: 1 — Ross (Mark Lowther, Randy Randolph, Tad Winning, Ty Heslet) 1:54.26, 2 — Margaretta 2:01.3, 3 — Ross 2:06.3.

200 freestyle: 1 — Chris Black (R) 1:49.38, 2 — Tom Leber (M) 2:10.5, 3 — Jim Ferguson (R) 2:14.3.

200 individual medley: 1 — Lowther (R) 2:18.0, 2 — Heather Winning (R) 2:26.9, 3 — Chuck Walker (M) 2:36.4.

50 freestyle: 1 — Steve Rodd (R) 23.96, 2 — Heslet (R) 25.5, 3 — Brian Gonzales (M) 28.5.

Diving: 1 — Dan Ackerman (R) 155.15, 2 — Troy Overmyer (R) 148.57, 3 — Craig Gerold (M) 124.75.

100 butterfly: 1 — Lowther (R) 58.57, 2 — T. Winning (R) 1:03.65, 3 — Walker (M) 1:17.0.

100 freestyle: 1 — Black (R) 50.08, 2 — Rodd (R) 53.5, 3 — Sartorius (M) 1:04.5.

500 freestyle: 1 — Leber (M) 5:51.0, 2 — Jill Isaac (R) 6:16.8, 3 — Gonzales (M) 6:52.3.

100 backstroke: 1 — Bill Green (M) 1:01.6, 2 — Ferguson (R) 1:09.5, 3 — Kelly Sabiers (R) 1:13.53.

100 breaststroke: 1 — Brian Wensinger (R) 1:11.08, 2 — Randolph (R) 1:12.26, 3 — Gerold (M) 1:21.3.

400 freestyle relay: 1 — Ross (Black, T. Winning, Heslet, Rodd) 3:35.2, 2 — Margaretta 4:08.2, 3 — Ross 4:12.8.

Upper Arlington swimmers top Aqua Giants

UPPER ARLINGTON — Chris Black and Randy Randolph were the only Ross winners during an 84-43 loss to Upper Arlington in a high school swim meet Friday.

Black needed five minutes flat to win the 500-yard freestyle and Randolph led a one-two Ross sweep in the breaststroke. Randolph recorded a 1:11.10 to finish ahead of Brian Wensinger's 1:12.20.

Black also had a third in the 200 free in 1:50.2.

Mark Lowther had seconds in the individual medley and the butterfly. He finished the former in 2:15.5 and the latter in 58.20.

Steve Rodd was second in the 50 free for the Aqua Giants, finishing in 23.6 seconds. He was also third in the 100 free in 53.70.

Heather Winning took third in the backstroke in 1:07.8. Ross teammate Jim Ferguson was fourth in 1:07.9.

In the relays, Ross's medley of Lowther, Randolph, Tad Winning and Ty Heslet had a 1:50.7 to finish third and the free relay of Black, Jill Isaac, Kelly Sabiers and Rodd was second in 3:52.0.

In diving, Dan Ackerman took third with 150.15 points and Troy Overmyer was fourth with 130.18.

Ross will be competing today in the Upper Arlington Invitational.

Ross swimmers finish 6th in Upper Arlington Relays

UPPER ARLINGTON — The Ross swim team, paced by a second-place finish by the 200-yard freestyle relay team, came in sixth place in the prestigious nine-team Upper Arlington Relays here Saturday.

Worthington won the event with 146 points, followed by Upper Arlington (134), Gates Mills Hawken (112), Columbus Academy (92), Birmingham (Mich.) Brother Rice (88), Ross (80), Cincinnati Princeton (40),

Cleveland St. Ignatius (38) and Marietta (24).

"It was a good meet for us," said Ross Coach Art Bucci. "With a few more points, we could have finished third or fourth. That's not too bad against teams like these. But we still have a lot of work to do."

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Steve Rodd, Ty Heslet, Tad Winning and Chris Black swam a 1:35.22 to finish second by just .02 of a second.

Other results for the Aqua Giants were:

—400 breaststroke team of Brian Wensinger, Randy Randolph, Mark Lowther and Winning, 3rd, 4:51.5.

—400 medley team of Lowther, Randolph, Black and Rodd, 4th,

4:04.7.

—400 individual medley team of Amy Koenig, Lori Smith, Kelly Sabiers and Heather Winning, 4th, 4:50.05.

—Diving, Troy Overmyer and Dan Ackerman, 4th, 297.60 points.

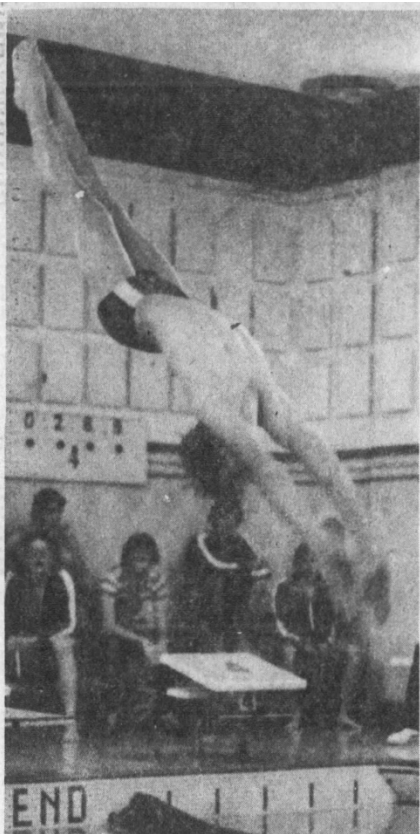
—500 crescendo team of Jim Ferguson, Heslet, Joe Isaac and David Hetrick, 6th, 5:18.8.

—400 backstroke team of Koenig, Sabiers, Smith and H. Winning, 6th, 4:48.9.

—400 freestyle team of Steve Casperson, Dean Beck, Mike Robinette and Tracy Turner, 7th, 4:25.5.

Ross hosts Wauseon Tuesday beginning at 6:30 p.m.





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TROY OVERMYER, diver on the Ross swim team, straightens out while completing a back dive.

Black's record paces swimmers

Chris Black's pool record in the individual medley anchored the Ross High School swim team to a 74-46 win over Wauseon Tuesday at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

Black, a junior, carved over a second from the two minutes, six and one-half seconds prior record set by Jim Burns of Sylvania Southview last season. The Aqua Giant covered the 200 yards in 2:05.37.

The new record is .27 of a second off the school mark held by Randy Penrod.

The Aqua Giants racked up eight first places. There were seven different individual winners to go along with a first in the medley relay.

Black, Randy Randolph, Mark Lowther and Tad Winning posted a 1:49.6 to take the relay. Lowther won the butterfly and Randolph captured the breaststroke.

Steve Rodd won the 200 freestyle with Tad Winning and Ty Heslet taking the 50 and 100 yard sprints, respectively. Dan Ackerman was the diving winner for Ross.

Ross had "1-2" finishes in the 100 free, breaststroke and diving.

Heather Winning, a sophomore, took second in the 500 free with a clocking of 5:38.6.

"That was her best time in that event," Ross Coach Art Bucci said.

Troy Overmyer was second in diving with other Ross runnerup finishes going to Jim Ferguson in the 100 free, Brian Wensinger in the breaststroke and the freestyle relay team of Jill Isaac, Tracey Turner, and Black and Ferguson.

Swimming

Ross 74

Wauseon 46

200 Medley relay: 1 — Ross (Chris Black, Randy Randolph, Mark Lowther, Tad Winning) 1:49.6, 2 — Wauseon 2:06.1, 3 — Ross 2:06.55.

200 freestyle: 1 — Steve Rodd (R) 1:57.5, 2 — Mike Head (W) 2:04.95, 3 — Tracy Turner (R) 2:22.88.

200 individual medley: 1 — Chris Black (R) 2:05.37 (New pool record. Old record of 2:06.5 set by Jim Burns, Sylvania Southview in 1982.) 2 — Greg Zimmerman (W) 2:29.3, 3 — Lori Smith (R) 2:39.03.

50 freestyle: 1 — Winning (R) 24.4, 2 — Brett Pelok (W) 24.93, 3 — Mike Robinette (R) 30.8.

Diving: 1 — Dan Ackerman (R), 2 — Troy Overmeyer (R), 3 — Scott Wymer (W).

100 butterfly: 1 — Lowther (R) 58.7, 2 — Steve Nowicki (W) 1:02.35.

100 freestyle: 1 — Ty Heslet (R) 54.9, 2 — Jim Ferguson (R) 57.04, 3 — Head (W) 57.39.

500 freestyle: 1 — Pelok (W) 5:35.63, 2 — Heather Winning (R) 5:38.6, 3 — Dave Hetrick (R) 6:18.39.

100 backstroke: 1 — Zimmerman (W) 1:08.9, 2 — Kelly Sabiers (R) 1:12.51, 3 — Amy Koenig (R) 1:13.8.

100 breaststroke: 1 — Randolph (R) 1:11.6, 2 — Brian Wensinger (R) 1:12.66, 3 — Andy Davis (W) 1:20.8.

400 freestyle relay: 1 — Wauseon (Head, Nowicki, Zimmerman and Pelok) 3:49.8, 2 — Ross 3:51.0.

Swimmers sink Lima 91-31

Ross celebrated its first "Alumni Day" Saturday by winning all 11 events while swamping outmanned Lima Senior 91-31 in a high school swim meet at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

The special day, which drew approximately 30 former Ross Swimmers, was no contest as the Aqua Giants swept the top two spots in seven events.

Chris Black won two events and the Aqua Giants swept to one-two finishes in both the medley and freestyle relays. Black took the 200-yard individual medley by lapping his two competitors. The Ross junior finished in 2:06.4, a full 40 seconds ahead of runnerup teammate Amy Koening.

Black came back to take the top spot in the butterfly with a 57.85 seconds clocking.

Troy Overmeyer was a convincing winner in the diving portion of the meet for Ross, piling up 172.6 points to finish ahead of teammate Jon Albrechta.

Heather Winning was a clear winner in the 500-yard freestyle for Ross, clocking off a 5:42.86 winning time.

Ross's next outing will be Tuesday at Port Clinton.

Scoreboard

Swimming

Ross 91, Lima Senior 31

EVENTS

Medley relay: 1 — Ross (Jim Ferguson, Tad Winning, Mike Lowther, Ty Heslet) 1:53.78, 2 — Ross 2:07.2, 3 — Lima 2:08.3.

200 freestyle: 1 — Steve Rodd (R) 1:58.89, 2 — Tracy Turner (R) 2:18.0, 3 — Watkins (L) 2:28.57.

Individual medley: 1 — Chris Black (R) 2:06.14, 2 — Amy Koenig (R) 2:46.4, 3 — Warner (L) 2:46.73.

50 freestyle: 1 — Ferguson (R) 25.1, 2 — Corsaro (L) 26.18, 3 — Miller (L) 28.14.

Diving: 1 — Troy Overmyer (R) 172.60, 2 — Jon Albrechta (R) 137.85, 3 — Herring (L) 119.76.

Butterfly: 1 — Black (R) 57.85, 2 — Heringhows (L) 1:02.22, 3 — T. Winning (R) 1:04.3.

100 freestyle: 1 — Heslet (R) 55.97, 2 — Corsaro (L) 1:00.12, 3 — Turner (R) 1:00.15.

500 freestyle: 1 — Heather Winning (R) 5:42.86, 2 — Hetrick (R) 6:12.5, 3 — Watkins (L) 6:56.11.

Backstroke: 1 — Lowther (R) 1:02.47, 2 — Heringhows (L) 1:05.44, 3 — Kelly Sabiers (R) 1:12.7.

Breaststroke: 1 — Brian Wensinger (R) 1:11.9, 2 — Randy Randolph (R) 1:11.98, 3 — Wanrer (L) 1:17.53.

Freestyle relay: 1 — Ross (Ferguson, Jill Isaac, Turner, Rodd), 3:53.58, 2 — Ross 4:16.9, 3 — Lima 4:17.

Ross lucks out

PORT CLINTON —
“We were lucky to
get out of there with a
victory,” said Ross
swimming coach Art
Bucci.

Bucci was
referring to his
squad's narrow 64-63
dual meet triumph
over the Port Clinton
Redskins here
Tuesday night.

“The kids just
didn't seem mentally
prepared,” said
Bucci. “We should
have won eight
events, instead we
only won four.”
Actually, it was five.

Winners for the
Aqua Giants were
Chris Black, Mark
Lowther, Steve Rodd,
Dan Ackerman and
the 400 freestyle
relay team.

Bucci switched
Black from the 500
freestyle to the 100
freestyle, moving
Rodd from the 100
free to the 500 free in
the process. The
move worked.

Black won the 100
free in the near-
record time of 49.91
seconds. His mark
was .01 of a second off
the PC pool standard.

And Rodd swam a
5:29.18 to finish first
in the 500 free.

Meanwhile,
Lowther won the 100
butterfly in 59.31 and
the 400 free relay
team of Black, Ty
Heslet, Tad Winning
and Rodd won its
event in 3:35.18.

Ross had a 1-2-3
sweep in the diving
competition, led by
Ackerman's 157.15
points. Troy Over-
myer was next with
151.25 points,
followed by John
Albrecht's district-
qualifying 140.05
points.

Other highlights for
the Aqua Giants last
night came from:

— Heather Winning
with a personal-best
of 2:25.97 in the 200
individual medley;

— Tad Winning
with a personal-best
1:02.00 in the 100
butterfly;

— Dave Hetrick
with a personal-best
6:07.70 in the 500
freestyle;

— Jim Ferguson
with a district-
qualifying 24.84 in the
50 freestyle; and

— Lori Smith with
a personal-best
1:11.90 in the 100
backstroke.

Aqua Giants' party sour for Sandusky

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Art Bucci had a surprise party thrown for him and it wasn't his birthday.

Instead, Bucci's Ross High School swim team turned in enough surprise performances to give the coach a 66-61 win over the previously unbeaten Blue Streaks at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium Tuesday.

The Aqua Giants, 5-1 this season, won seven events, two apiece by Chris Black and Steve Rodd, but it was a third place finish in the opening event that started the party for Bucci.

"That third place finish in the medley relay gave us a big boost," Bucci said. "I had not expected to take anything except first in that."

Ross did get the expected first from the quartet of Jim Ferguson, Randy Randolph, Mark Lowther and Ty Heslet with a clocking of 1:52.37 but the team of Lori Smith, Brian Wensinger, Heather Winning and Amy Koenig shocked Sandusky. The latter team touched out the Blue Streaks by an eye lash for third.

The margin of victory was so slight that both teams clocked in at two minutes, three and four-tenths seconds.

"That was nice," the Ross coach smiled, "but Rodd's wins in the 50 and 100 freestyles were big turning points for us."

Rodd took the 50 in 23.75 seconds and came back to complete the sprint double with a 51.68 in the 100.

Those wins followed on the heels of a clash between Ross's top swimmer and Sandusky's. Chris Black of the Little Giants was a shade off the pool record (1:48.5) with a 1:48.91 to easily defeat Jim Stauffer of the Blue Streaks in the 200 freestyle.

Black followed up with a victory in the 500 freestyle and turned in a 48.7 seconds split in anchoring the Ross freestyle relay team.

The freestyle team came in second, losing by a tenth of a second, 3:32.5 to 3:32.6 despite Black's last leg heroics. Black made up nearly a two-length deficit when he took over his leg. Again, Stauffer was Black's opponent on the leg but the Sandusky swimmer had just enough to shade the Ross junior.

The Little Giants began to take away any doubt of the outcome with a one-three finish in the diving competition. Dan Ackerman's 168.35 topped the close competition. Jeff Pean finished second for Sandusky, nearly three points behind Ackerman. Troy Overmyer turned in his top diving performance of the season for Ross, taking third with 161.07.

Mark Lowther won the butterfly in 57.7 for the Aqua Giants over first place. That finish went along with his second in the medley. Randolph had a second in the breaststroke to round out the first and second place finishes for Ross.

"If there ever was a team victory, this was it," Bucci explained. "Sandusky had their swimmers in the events I expected and everyone else for us swam like we planned."

Bucci's plans worked out and a pair of Ross swimmers made the party happier with their quickest times of the season. Lowther had his top time in the butterfly and Randolph's 1:09.63 in the breaststroke was a two-second drop.

Saturday, the Aqua Giants will host Napoleon in the "Student/Faculty Day" meet. Swimming begins at 1 p.m.

Swimming

Ross 66, Sandusky 61

EVENTS

Medley relay: 1-Ross (Jim Ferguson, Randy Randolph, Mark Lowther, Ty Heslet) 1:52.37; 2-Sandusky 1:56.15; 3-Ross 2:03.4.

200 freestyle: 1-Chris Black (R) 1:48.91; 2-John Stauffer (S) 1:51.88; 3-Stace Drumm (S) 2:08.7.

Individual medley: 1-Paul Sutter (S) 2:12.97; 2-Lowther (R) 2:16.49; 3-Rick Waldock (S) 2:17.8.

50 freestyle: 1-Steve Rodd (R) 23.75; 2-Hank Boissoneault (S) 23.92; 3-Tad Winning (R) 24.23.

Diving: 1-Dan Ackerman (R) 168.35; 2-Craig Ryan (S) 157.60; 3-Troy Overmyer (R) 161.07.

Butterfly: 1-Lowther (R) 57.7; 2-Sutter (S) 58.8; 3-Winning (R) 1:03.0.

100 freestyle: 1-Rodd (R) 51.68; 2-Boissoneault (S) 51.89; 3-Heslet (R) 55.76.

500 freestyle: 1-Black (R) 5:05.7; 2-Craig Ward (S) 5:21.48; 3-Drumm (S) 5:41.9.

Backstroke: 1-Stauffer (S) 58.24; 2-Sean Drouillard (S) 1:07.1; 3-Ferguson (R) 1:07.24.

Breaststroke: 1-Waldock (S) 1:08.53; 2-Randolph (R) 1:09.63; 3-Brian Wensinger (R) 1:11.69.

Freestyle relay: 1-Sandusky (Boisseneault, Sutter, Drumm, Stauffer) 3:32.5; 2-Ross 3:32.6; 3-Sandusky.

Ross takes 10 firsts in 6th win

Ross swept 10 of 11 events while swamping Napoleon 79-49 Saturday in a high school swim meet at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

The only event that Napoleon captured was the backstroke. Brian Dickman led the visitors to a 1-2 sweep in the event.

"After coming off that great win against Sandusky," Ross Coach Art Bucci said, "the kids swam well for being tired."

Ross handed Sandusky its first loss 66-61 in a Tuesday evening meet.

The Aqua Giants, 6-1, used the easy win to gear up for a clash against unbeaten Findlay Tuesday at the Findlay YMCA. That meet begins at 4:00 p.m.

Chris Black, Mark Lowther and Steve Rodd recorded two individual wins and swam in a win-

ning Ross relay to pace Bucci's bunch.

Black took the 200 and 500 yard freestyles while Lowther won the individual medley and the butterfly. Rodd captured the 100 and 50 yard freestyle medley.

The Aqua Giants diving duo of Troy Overmyer and Dan Ackerman continued their dominance by sweeping the top two spots. Overmyer piled up his season best of 174.6 points to finish 3.3 points ahead of his teammate.

Bucci pointed out that several of his swimmers had their best times of the season.

"Randy Randolph in the breaststroke (1:09.2, first), Heather Winning in the IM (2:26.3) Kelly Sabiers in the back (1:19.9) and Dean Beck did a 1:02 off a split in the freestyle relay," Bucci said.

Swimming

Ross 74, Napoleon 49

200 medley relay: 1-Ross (Jim Ferguson, Randy Randolph, Mark Lowther, Ty Heslet), 1:52.55; 2-Napoleon, 1:59.00; 3-Ross (Amy Koenig, Brian Wensinger, Heather Winning, Jill Isaac), 2:06.0.

200 freestyle: 1-Chris Black (R), 1:49.55; 2-Dickman (N), 1:51.35; 3-Tad Winning (R), 2:06.1.

200 individual medley: 1-Lowther (R), 2:14.5; 2-Elling (N), 2:17.43; 3-Van Bracken (N), 2:25.15.

50 freestyle, 1-Steve Rodd (R), 24.4; 2-Dempston (N), 24.5; 3-Ty Heslet (R), 25.3.

Diving: 1-Troy Overmyer (R), 174.60; 2-Dan Ackerman (R), 171.30; 3-Leo Clausen (N).

100 butterfly: 1-Lowther (R), 59.2; 2-Eggels (N), 1:10.36. (No third awarded because of disqualification.)

100 freestyle: 1-Rodd (R), 52.50; 2-Dempster (N), 52.98; 3-Heslet (R), 56.4.

500 freestyle: 1-Chris Black (R), 5:18.96; 2-Good (N), 5:33.27; 3-Van Bracken (N), 5:36.1.

100 backstroke: 1-Dickman (N), 1:03.82; 2-Schlueten (N), 1:08.84; 3-H. Winning (R), 1:09.44.

100 breaststroke: 1-Randolph (R), 1:09.4; 2-Elling (N), 1:11.6; 3-Wensinger (R), 1:12.7.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Ross (Rodd, T. Winning, Ferguson, Black), 3:32.5; 2-Napoleon, 3:35.1; 3-Napoleon.

Findlay swimmers sweep past Aqua Giants 78-49

FINDLAY — Findlay took Ross down a few notches with a dominating 78-49 win in a high school swim meet Tuesday at Findlay.

The Trojans swept every event from the Aqua Giants.

"Yeah, they shut us out," Ross Coach Art Bucci said. "That's the first time in my coaching career here (nine years) that has happened to us.

"We did not swim well," Bucci said but added, "and Findlay swam very well but they have a good team and they were ready for us.

"We might have been a little overconfident. Sandusky beat them early in the year and we beat Sandusky," the Ross coach explained, "so we may have figured that all we had to do was go through the motions but it doesn't work that way."

Ross, now 6-2, took second in 10 events with Findlay sweeping the top two slots in the 50-yard freestyle.

Mark Lowther had seconds in the individual medley and butterfly and Chris Black was second in the 200 and 100 freestyle events. Steve Rodd was

second in the 500 free and Randy Randolph took that spot in the breaststroke. Jim Ferguson was runnerup in the backstroke and Dan Ackerman finished second in diving with 164.80 points.

Bucci pointed out that all times were generally a second to nearly three seconds slower than times turned in last week by the Aqua Giants.

Both the medley and freestyle relays accounted for the other runnerup finishes.

"We did have three swimmers have their best times this season," Bucci said as he sorted through the few good points of the meet for Ross. "Bean Beck in the breaststroke, Mike Robinette in a split off the free relay and Lori Smith in the 50 free had their best times.

"That's all she wrote. It's back to the drawing board . . . I can guarantee you that," Bucci finished.

Ross will travel to Massillon Saturday for the Perry Relays. Swimming begins at noon.

Aqua Giants 6th

MASSILLON — Ross finished sixth in the 11-team Perry Swim Relays meet here Saturday.

The Aqua Giants had 136 points to finish behind winner Orange High School's 244. Taking second was Hudson with 206, Hoover was third at 180, Malabar had 172 and St. Ignatious was fifth with 144.

Divers Dan Ackerman and Troy Overmyer led the Ross squad, taking second in their event with 141 points. The duo was judged on a total of six dives between them.

"All of the events were in meters," Ross Coach Art Bucci pointed out. "When you convert the times to what they would have been in yards, we had a lot of swimmers turning in their best times this season."

Ross's other high finish was third in the 200-meter freestyle relay. The quartet of Steve Rodd, Ty Heslet, Tad Winning and Chris Black posted a 1:45.3 for the place.

Tuesday, Ross will host Perkins in a meet at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium. Swimming will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Swimming

Perry Relays

MASSILLON — Following are the Fremont Ross swim team members in the Perry Relays:

Ross finishes

Diving: Dan Ackerman and Troy Overmyer, 2nd, 141.00.

200 free relay: Steve Rodd, Ty Heslet, Tad Winning, Chris Black, 3rd, 1:45.3.

200 medley relay: Black, Randy Randolph, Mark Lowther, Rodd, 6th, 2:01.0.

400 IM relay: Lori Smith, Kelly Sabiers, Amy Koenig, Heather Winning, 8th, 5:23.8.

1200 crescendo relay: Rick Ratliff, Mike Robinette, Dean Beck, Brian Wensinger, Jill Isaac, Dave Hetrick, 7th, 16:44.

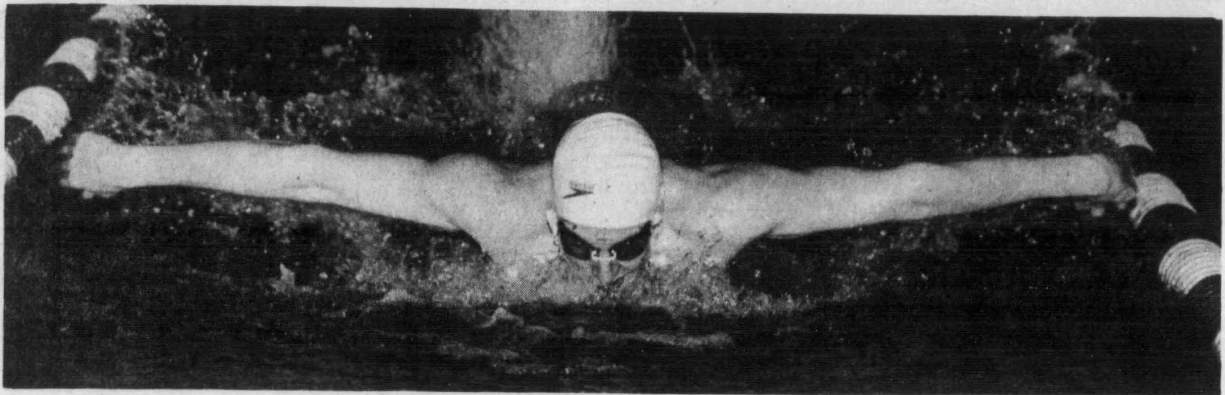
400 medley relay: Sabiers, Randolph, H. Winning, Jim Ferguson, 6th, 4:56.8.

200 butterfly relay: Lowther, Heslet, H. Winning, T. Winning, 6th, 2:03.1.

200 backstroke relay: Ferguson, Koenig, Sabiers, Smith, 7th, 2:20.3.

200 breaststroke relay: Lowther, Wensinger, Heslet, Randolph, 7th, 2:23.5.

400 free relay: Rodd, Ferguson, T. Winning, Black, 5th, 3:57.1.



(N-M photos by Bill Kennedy)

TAD WINNING OF ROSS ON HIS WAY TO A WIN IN THE BUTTERFLY

Perkins trims Aqua Giants

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Ross went to the well Tuesday but came up dry in the Fremont Junior High School swimming pool.

The Aqua Giants, smarting from "one-two-itis" fell to Sandusky Perkins 68-59. It was the third loss in nine meets for Coach Art Bucci's team but it was a meet that he said his team should have and could have won.

"We could have won this meet," a disappointed Bucci said while standing beside the pool that did not yield a thing to his team. "The 50 free was the only event I figured that we would lose.

"All the others," Bucci insisted, "we would have won. I knew what the Perkins lineup would be and I know what my kids are capable of doing."

Bucci was hurt by the absence of freestyler Steve Rodd, out with the flu. Because of that, Bucci was forced to juggle his lineup but he still felt that had many of his swimmers turned in performances he thought they were capable of, the Aqua Giants would still have won.

"By not having Rodd, it cost us 18 points," the Ross coach theorized, "but you cannot depend on one person; some of the other people have to do the job. You have to go to the well sometimes but the well was dry this time."

Ross did capture seven of the 11 events but Perkins offset that with a trio of one-two finishes in the 100 freestyle, diving and free relay to go with five second and third place finishes.

Chris Black, who broke the 50 seconds barrier on the anchor leg of the relay,

won the 200 and 500 freestyle. In the free relay, Black's effort was wasted on a third place finish.

"Tad Winning had a big night," Bucci said as he jumped into the good memories of the meet. "He had a 25.9 on the fly leg of the medley relay, 23.9 in the 50 free and an even minute in the butterfly."

Winning won the butterfly and took second in the short free sprint. He was a member, along with Mark Lowther, Randy Randolph and Ty Heslet in the winning medley relay.

Lowther picked up two firsts: the individual medley and the backstroke. Randolph captured the breaststroke for Ross's other first place.

The next outing for the Little Giants will be Saturday at Margareta.

Swimming

Perkins 68

Ross 59

EVENTS

Medley relay: 1-Ross (Mark Lowther, Randy Randolph, Tad Winning, Ty Heslet) 1:51.08; 2-Perkins 1:53.43; 3-Ross 1:58.65.

200 freestyle: 1-Chris Black (R) 1:49.7; 2-Pete Kozalakowski (P) 1:59.0; 3-Mark Nielson (P) 2:04.0.

200 individual medley: 1-Lowther (R) 2:16.87; 2-Greg Goodman (P) 2:20.6; 3-Chad Royal (P) 2:25.1.

50 freestyle: 1-Tom Kessler (P) 23.61; 2-Winning (R) 23.9; 3-Steve Ramos (P) 24.5.

Diving: 1-Rich Schuster (P) 178.85; 2-Jim Howard (P)

164.25; 3-Dan Ackerman (R) 163.55.

100 butterfly: 1-Winning (R) 1:00.45; 2-Goodman (P) 1:04.21; 3-Brad Zech (P) 1:04.75.

100 freestyle: 1-Tom Kessler (P) 53.3; 2-Kozalakowski (P) 54.65; 3-Jim Ferguson (R) 54.74.

500 freestyle: 1-Black (R) 5:02.9; 2-Matt Feit (P) 5:31.2; 3-Nielson (P) 5:50.8.

100 backstroke: 1-Lowther (R) 1:02.05; 2-Scott Elmer (P) 1:03.9; 3-Steve Ramos (P) 1:05.1.

100 breaststroke: 1-Randy Randolph (R); 2-Ron Nickle (P); 3-Brian Wensinger (R).

Freestyle relay: 1-Perkins (Kessler, Kozalakowski, Zech, Goodman) 3:40.59; 2-Perkins 3:53.0; 3-Ross 3:53.3.

Divers pace Ross past Margaretta swimmers

CASTALIA — Troy Overmyer and Dan Ackerman finished one-two in the diving and Ross swept past Margaretta 83-43 for the Aqua Giants' seventh high school swim meet win Saturday.

The Aqua Giants won 10 of the 11 events as Coach Art Bucci fired a changeup at his team.

"I swam nearly everyone in different strokes," he said, "but the diving was the best show of the day."

Overmyer rolled up 208 points and Ackerman finished with 198. "They hit just about every dive," Bucci described.

In the swimming events, Chris Black, Ty Heslet and Mark Lowther won two events each and Ross swept both relays.

Black won the 100 freestyle and

the individual medley while Heslet captured the 50 freestyle and the breaststroke. In the 50, Heslet had a district qualifying time of 24.6.

"Just about everyone has made district cut times," the Ross coach said.

Lowther won the butterfly and the backstroke.

In the relays, the Ross team of Jim Ferguson, Dean Beck, Heslet and Lowther posted a 1:58.6 to win the medley. Ferguson, Tad Winning, Steve Rodd and Black were on Ross's winning free relay which had a 3:37.3.

Dave Hetrick was the other Ross winner, taking the 200 freestyle.

Thursday, Ross will travel to Sylvania to take on Southview in a 6:30 p.m. meet.

Swimming

Ross 83, Margaretta 43

EVENTS

Medley relay: 1-Ross (Jim Ferguson, Dean Beck, Ty Heslet, Mark Lowther) 1:58.6; 2-Margaretta 2:03.0; 3-Ross 2:15.8.

200 Freestyle: 1-Dave Hetrick (R) 2:13.9; 2-John Biglin (M) 2:17.2; 3-Brian Wensinger (R) 2:24.4;

Individual medley: 1-Chris Black (R) 2:10.4; 2-Randy Randolph (R) 2:28.1; 3-Bob Gerold (M) 2:28.5.

50 freestyle: 1-Ty Heslet (R) 24.6; 2-Ferguson (R) 25.1; 3-Dan Dahnke (M) 26.7.

Diving: 1-Troy Overmyer (R) 208.0; 2-Dan Ackerman (R) 198.00; 3-Gene Delp (M) 112.

Butterfly: 1-Lowther (R) 1:00.0; 2-Bob Walker (M) 1:10.7; 3-DQ.
100 freestyle: 1-Black (R) 52.0; 2-Ken Keller (M) 1:00.2; 3-Lori Smith (R) 1:05.8.

500 freestyle: 1-Brian Leber (M) 5:33.4; 2-Tad Winning (R) 5:52.3; 3-Randolph (R) 5:56.9.

Backstroke: 1-Lowther (R) 1:07.0; 2-Heather Winning (R) 1:08.0; 3-Dahnke (M) 1:13.3.

Breaststroke: 1-Heslet (R) 1:14.4; 2-Wensinger (R) 1:14.6; 3-Gerold (M) 1:19.7.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Ross (Ferguson, T. Winning, Steve Rodd, Black) 3:37.3; 2-Margaretta 4:06.8; 3-Ross 4:16.6.

Season record: 7-3.

Aqua Giants' '1-2' punch KOs Sylvania Southview

SYLVANIA — Fremont Ross pulled off a "one-two" finish in the 400-meter freestyle relay to overtake Southview and win 66-61 in a high school swim meet here Thursday.

The Aqua Giants trailed 59-54 heading into the final event of the meet when Ross Coach Art Bucci's maneuvering of his two relay teams resulted in the sweep of the top two spots.

"I equaled them out," is how Bucci explained it. "My regular free relay would be Chris Black, Steve Rodd, Jim Ferguson and Tad Winning."

Instead, Bucci went with Ferguson, Dave Hetrick, Tracy Turner and Black, the winning foursome, and second place finishers Steve Rodd, Jill Isaac, Lori Smith and Winning. The Black-anchored team turned in a 4:16.67 while the second place group clocked in at 4:18.26.

"This was a total team effort," Bucci said as he echoed a common coaching description, "because everyone had at least one best swim for the season."

The Ross coach pointed out that when converted to yards, the times turned in at the metered pool were very quick. Black's winning time in the 200-meter individual medley would be a 2:01 or 2:02 in yards.

Winning won the 50-meter freestyle sprint in 26.87 as the Aqua Giants won five of the 11 events. Black had the only double, taking the 400-meter freestyle in 4:22.7 plus the IM.

Mark Lowther won the backstroke in 1:11.87. Rodd was second in the 200 and 100 freestyles while Ferguson was second in the backstroke and Lowther was runnerup in the butterfly.

Randy Randolph added a second in the breaststroke for Ross.

Swimming

Ross 66 Southview 61

EVENTS*

Medley relay: 1 — Southview (M. Roll, Grontke, Smith, D. Roll) 2:02.57; 2 — Ross (Mark Lowther, Randy Randolph, Tad Winning, Ty Heslet) 2:03.75; 3 — Ross (Jim Ferguson, Brian Wensinger, Heather Winning, Dave Hetrick) 2:11.14.

200 freestyle: 1 — Doug Roll (S) 2:03.8; 2 — Steve Rodd (R) 2:08.84; 3 — Bob Hillerich (S) 2:24.72.

Individual medley: 1 — Chris Black (R) 2:19.10; 2 — Mike Roll (S) 2:24.9; 3 — Greg Grontke (S) 2:37.83.

50 freestyle: 1 — Winning (R) 26.87; 2 — Steve Smith (S) 27.15; 3 — Heslet (R) 27.47.

Diving: 1 — Mark Chang (S) 206.85; 2 — Paul Morris (S) 177.35; 3 — Troy Overmyer (R) 167.30.

100 butterfly: 1 — Smith (S) 1:04.49; 2 — Lowther (R) 1:07.31; 3 — H. Winning (R) 1:15.34.

100 freestyle: 1 — M. Roll (S) 57.39; 2 — Rodd (R) 57.83; 3 — Heslet (R) 1:00.36.

400 freestyle: 1 — Black (R) 4:22.7; 3 — D. Roll (R) 4:23.7; 3 — Elkatib (S) 5:10.73.

100 backstroke: 1 — Lowther (R) 1:11.87; 2 — Ferguson (R) 1:14.64; 3 — Scott Power (S) 1:15.31.

100 breaststroke: 1 —

Grontke (S) 1:14.83; 2 — Randolph (R) 1:17.83; 3 — Chang (S) 1:17.85.

400 freestyle relay: 1 — Ross (Ferguson, Hetrick, Tracy Turner, Black) 4:16.67; 2 — Ross (Rodd, Jill Isaac, Lori Smith, T. Winning) 4:18.26; 3 — Southview 4:37.3.

* All events are in meters.

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Sandusky blemishes Black's record

SANDUSKY — Ross swimmer Chris Black set a new school record, but his Aqua Giants didn't fare so well, losing a 73-53 decision to Buckeye Conference rival Sandusky here Tuesday.

Black's record was set in the 200-yard individual medley. The Little Giant junior was clocked in 2 minutes, 3.75 seconds to break the old mark of 2:05.10 set last year by Randy Penrod. Black's time was also good enough to break the Sandusky

High pool record.

Despite Black's record effort, the Aqua Giants could not beat the Blue Streaks like they did in early January when they topped Sandusky by five in Fremont.

The Blue Streaks won eight of the 11 events.

The lone winners for Ross besides Black were Troy Overmyer in diving and Mark Lowther in the 100-yard butterfly.

Second-place finishes recorded by Ross came from

Steve Rodd (200 freestyle and 100 freestyle), Ty Heslet (50 free), Dan Ackerman (diving), Tad Winning (100 butterfly), Black (500 free), Lowther (100 backstroke), Randy Randolph (100 breaststroke), the 200 medley relay team and the 400 freestyle relay team.

Ross is now 8-4 in dual meets while Sandusky is 9-3.

The Aqua Giants will be at the Malabar Relays in Mansfield Saturday.

Giants 2nd in Malabar Relays

MANSFIELD — Fremont Ross finished second in the Malabar Swim Relays here Saturday.

Host Malabar piled up 64 points to win the meet while the Aqua Giants had 48. Ontario was third with 32 followed by Ashland with 30 while

Wooster and Perkins tied at 28.

"That is the best team finish we have had since we have been going down there," Ross Coach Art Bucci said. "We had finished third the last two years."

Ross's best finish was a first in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Steve Rodd, Tad Winning, Ty Heslet and Chris Black produced a 3:29.1 for the first spot.

The 850-yard crescendo relay was second in 8:26.5. Heslet, Tad Winning, Rodd and Black comprised that team. Divers Dan Ackerman and Troy Overmyer finished in

the runnerup slot with 282 points.

The medley relay quartet of Heather Winning, Randy Randolph, Mark Lowther and Jim Ferguson was third in 1:53.4.

The Aqua Giants' 200-yard butterfly/breaststroke relay squad of Lowther, Brian Wensinger, Heather Winning and Randolph was fourth in 2:01.7.

Tuesday, Ross will host Sylvania Northview at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium. It will be "Senior Night" for the Aqua Giants.



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Swimming

Northview 68

Ross 58

EVENTS

Medley relay: 1 — Northview (Scott Smith, Cary Vischer, Bruce Baker, Jeff Justen) 1:50.77; 2 — Ross (Mark Lowther, Randy Randolph, Tad Winning, Ty Heslet) 1:50.88; 3 — Northview 1:57.0.

200 freestyle: 1 — Tom Everett (N) 1:56.5; 2 — Erik DeBeukelger (N) 2:00.7; 3 — David Hetrick (R) 2:09.9.

200 individual medley: 1 — Chris Black (R) 2:08.73; 2 — Vischer (N) 2:10.00; 3 — Smith (N) 2:21.43.

Diving: 1 — Dan Ackerman (R) 176.95; 2 — Troy Overmyer (R) 170.8; 3 — Thom Haughey (N) 162.1.

100 butterfly: 1 — Lowther (R) 58.7; 2 — Baker (N) 1:00.65; 2 — T. Winning (R) 1:01.4.

100 freestyle: 1 — Steve Rodd (R) 52.3; 2 — Dave McMurray (N) 52.8; 3 — DeBeukelger (N) 54.8.

500 freestyle: 1 — Black (R) 5:09.5; 2 — Everett (N) 5:11.21; 3 — Vischer (N) 5:22.6.

100 backstroke: 1 — Smith (N) 1:02.3; 2 — Lowther (R) 1:02.73; 3 — Baker (N) 1:06.7.

100 breaststroke: 1 — Jamie Rothwell (N) 1:09.62; 2 — Dave Crainer (N) 1:10.3; 3 — Randolph (R) 1:10.33.

400 freestyle relay: 1 — Ross (Rodd, T. Winning, Heslet, Black) 3:31.45; 2 — Northview (McMurray, Lauer, DeBeukelger, Everett) 3:46.22; 3 — Northview 3:52.3.

50 freestyle: 1 — McMurray (N) 23.8*; 2 — Steve Rodd (R) 23.73; 3 — Justen (N) 24.6.

*Placed by spotting.

Ross awards

Five Fremont athletes were named "most valuable" to their respective sports Monday at the Ross High School Winter Sports Awards Program in the school cafeteria.

Sharon Karlovetz and Sandy Long, both seniors, shared the honor for the girls basketball team. The duo helped Ross to a 13-8 record this past season.

The most valuable reserve player honor went to Jill Clary. The most improved honor went to sophomore Sue Gahn while Katie Marritt won the free throw shooting and the best defensive player awards.

Junior Tina Michael won the team's rebounding trophy and Karlovetz and senior Gwen Minich were presented with captains trophies by Coach Sue Wolf.

Dave Aschenbach took home three awards: the MVP, best free throw shooter (96 of 108) and a captains trophy in boys basketball. This past season, Aschenbach was named to the first team District 6 Coaches team and to the associated Press Northwest Ohio Class AAA All-District second team.

Junior Scott Welty won the most valuable reserve player honor while junior Jim Hufford was named the varsity's most improved player.

Senior William Johnson won the best rebounder and the top defensive player awards.

The awards were presented by Coach John Sawyer who guided the Little Giants to a 13-10 record and a spot in the district semifinals.

Senior Mike Wendt was named the most valuable member of the wrestling team. This past season, Wendt won the sectional title while placing third in the district and second in the Buckeye Conference at 185-pounds. He has placed in every tourney he has wrestled in for Ross.

Mike Mezinger, a sophomore, won the most takedowns and the coaches' award. He had 50 takedowns during the season to go with a sectional title and a third place in the district tournament.

Brett Johnson was presented with team's most improved trophy by Coach Al Voggenthaler and Rick Heidelberg received the award for the most pins in a season.

Mark Schmidt and Craig Trick were presented with captains trophies.

Junior Chris Black was named the most valuable swimmer for Coach Art Bucci's team. Black qualified for the state meet in the 100-yard freestyle and the individual medley as well as being on the 400-yard freestyle relay which also qualified for the state meet.

Tracy Turner won the team's most improved award while Black also took the coaches award. Ty Heslet and Randy Randolph were presented trophies for serving as the team's captains.

Bucci presented six swimmers — Black, Mark Lowther, Randolph, Tad Winning, Steve Rodd and Heslet — with certificates of participation in the state swim meet.

There were seven athletes presented with their third letters. Long in girls basketball, Heidelberg, Schnidt and Wendt in wrestling and Heslet, Randolph and Steve Rodd in swimming.



ROSS SPECIAL award winners. Top, front row, left to right: Ty Heslet, Chris Black, Mark Schmidt, Mike Mezinger; back: Tracy Turner, Jim Hufford, Dave Aschenbach, Mike Wendt, Craig

Trick and Randy Randolph. In the bottom picture are, front row, left to right, Sue Gahn, Katie Marritt, Tina Michael; back row: Sandy Long, Sue Karlovetz, Gwen Minich and Jill Clary.



Letter winners

Following are the Ross letter winners.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

First year: Sue Gahn, Lisa Luman, Gwen Minich and Lori King, manager.

Second year: Sharon Karlovetz, Melissa Mamula, Katie Marritt, Tina Michael, Ronna Paulson, Celenea Simmons.

Third year: Sandy Long.

BOYS BASKETBALL

First year: Greg Bender, Dan Brudzinski, Jim Hufford, Mark Miesle, Tom Polk, Chris Simmons, Jerry Snodgrass.

Second year: Dave Aschenbach and William Johnson.

WRESTLING

First year: Todd Beatty, Brett Johnson, Mike Mezinger, Dave Middleton, Craig Stull, Christopher "Kit" Sultz, John Trimble and Rod Logan, manager.

Second year: Melvin Clark, Kevin Shaffer, Craig Trick, Jeff Weickert and Chris Hull, manager/statistician.

Third year: Rick Heidelberg, Mark Schmidt and Mike Wendt.

SWIMMING

First year: Dean Beck, Mike Robinette, Kelly Sabiers, Lori Smith, Tracy Turner, Heather Winning.

Second year: Dan Ackerman, John Albrecht, Chris Black, Jim Ferguson, Dave Hetrick, Jill Isaac, Amy Koenig, Mark Lowther, Troy Overmyer, Brian Wensinger, Tad Winning.

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