

EIGHT ROSS SWIMMERS QUALIFY FOR THE STATE MEET

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BOWLING GREEN – Fremont Ross will be well-represented in the biggest swim meet of the season next weekend.

A half dozen swimmers from the Lady Giants swim team, and two more from the boys' advanced, from Saturday's Division I district meet to next weekend's state meet in Canton.

Olivia DeRodes, Alexis Prenzlin, MaKennah Fitzgerald, AnneMarie Moses, Faith Zimmerman, and Mara Brown will make the trip to the state meet, having either finished first or second in their events Saturday or earning an at-large seed based on their times state-wide.

The Lady Giants finished second as a team, narrowly missing a district title. Ross totaled 243 points, just nine behind champion Rocky River Magnificent's 252.

"Districts is always full of ups and downs. We had some great swims, and we had some disappointments, that's kind of how it goes," girls coach Tina Moses said.

"But we're excited to be runners-up. If we had won that last relay, we could have been district champions but runners-up, totally unexpected.

"And it's a great place to be when you think about we have no seniors," Moses added. "The whole district team will be back next year, along with, hopefully, a few eighth graders who will come in as freshmen and step it up."

DeRodes took home district championships in both the 50 and 500 freestyles. She also, along with Fitzgerald, Prenzlin and Moses, helped win first place in the 200 medley relay.

Also coming home a district championship was Prenzlin in the 100 breaststroke. The 200- and 400-meter freestyle relays finished second to punch their tickets to Canton. The 400 consisted of DeRodes, AnneMarie Moses, Brown, and Fitzgerald, while the 200 featured Prenzlin, Brown, Zimmerman, and Moses.

Prenzlin (200 IM), Moses (100 butterfly), and Fitzgerald (100 freestyle) each placed third in their respective events, with Fitzgerald also taking sixth in the 100 backstroke; however, none of their times qualified them to swim in those events at the state meet.

"It kind of depends on the kids and the event," Tina Moses said of her swimmers' levels of disappointment not cutting. "Lexi was not happy with her time in the IM. That was definitely a little disappointment. We were hoping she could go a little bit faster than that. AnneMarie in the 100 fly was a phenomenal time for her, so even before she knew (she didn't qualify) she was good."

As for the boys, Andrew Evans earned an automatic bid, finishing second in the 100 breaststroke. Dylan Weisenauer also qualified with his time in the 100-meter butterfly, where he finished fourth in the district. As a team, the Little Giants placed fourth.

Boys coach Phil Moran said the times in the state's other three districts saw many fast swims, which bumped a handful of Little Giants out of the meet, whereas in most years, they'd have qualified.

"We had some kids that were on the podium that didn't even have a chance to get out, the state was that fast," Moran said. "There were just high-speed relay swims all across the state. We swam well, we cut a lot of time, especially with the medley, but we didn't get out.

"You did what you could do, you just can't control the state," he added. "You do the best you can, and the kids did, they had a great season, they had swims, they did everything they could. It was just an incredibly fast state meet."

Evans' second-place finish in the breaststroke came in a time of 56.39, breaking his own school record. But Moran said both he and Evans believe he can swim faster next week.

"The goal all season was to make it back into the championship finals, and he'll be sitting pretty in a good position to do that," Moran said. "It's funny, he was disappointed in his time, but he broke the school record."

GIRLS SWIMMING

Girls Swimming

Division I district meet:

Team results

1. Rocky River Magnificat, 252.0; 2. Fremont Ross, 243.0; 3. Strongsville, 235.5,
4. Rocky River, 192.5; 5. Brunswick, 140.0.

200 medley relay:

1 – Fremont Ross A (MaKennah Fitzgerald, Alexis Prenzlin, AnneMarie Moses, Olivia DeRodes), 1:46.17

200 freestyle:

15 – Rachel Haitonic, 2:03.45

20 – McKela Elder, 2:05.16

200 IM:

3 – Alexis Prenzlin, 2:09.44

29 – Lauren Zimmerman, 2:27.46

50 freestyle:

1 – Olivia DeRodes, 23.77

16 – Faith Zimmerman, 25.75

18 – Mara Brown, 25.79

24 – Rilee Overmyer, 26.08

1 meter diving:

23 – Sarah Watson, 120.70

100 butterfly:

3 – AnneMarie Moses, : 57.90 (first 57.45; second 57.61)

16 – Shelby Level, 1:04.34

100 freestyle:

3 – MaKennah Fitzgerald, 52.99

19 – Mara Brown, 56.51

23 – Rilee Overmyer, 57.10

500 freestyle:

1 – Olivia DeRodes, 5:06.36 (won by .32 over NDA's Cassidy Wilson)

14 – Rachel Haitonic, 5:29.02

20 – Ellie Stover, 5:39.25

200 freestyle relay:

2 – Fremont Ross A (Alexis Prenzlin, Mara Brown, Faith Zimmerman, AnneMarie Moses), 1:39.35

100 backstroke:

6 – MaKennah Fitzgerald, 58.46

23 – Faith Zimmerman, 1:04.11

25 – Ellie Stover, 1:04.31

100 breaststroke:

1 – Alexis Prenzlin, 1:03.74

10 – Lauren Zimmerman, 1:08.65

22 – Hayley Wilson, 1:13.23

28 – Shelby Level, 1:14.30

400 freestyle relay:

2 – Fremont Ross A (Olivia DeRodes, AnneMarie Moses, Mara Brown, MaKennah Fitzgerald), 3:36.04

Boys Swimming

Team results

1. Toledo St. Francis de Sales, 485; 2. Cleveland St. Ignatius, 291; 3. Sylvania Southview, 221; 4. Fremont Ross, 175.5; 5. Amherst Steele, 149.0.

Division I district meet:

200 medley relay:

7 – Fremont Ross A (Dylan Weisenauer, Andrew Evans, William Taylor, Tate Williams), 1:37.83

200 freestyle:

8 – Mitchell Mullholand, 1:47.47

18 – James Elder, 1:52.65

25 – Logan Kropp, 1:55.28

200 IM:

6 – Andrew Evans, 1:56.76

23 – Case Stevenson, 2:08.54

14 – Ethan Taylor, 2:04.91

50 freestyle:

None qualified

1 meter diving:

17 – Dane Michael, 207.60

100 butterfly:

4 – Dylan Weisenauer, 51.59

11 – William Taylor, 54.79

100 freestyle:

None qualified

500 freestyle:

6 – Mitchell Mullholand, 4:53.51

7 – Ethan Taylor, 4:55.71

18 – James Elder, 5:13.85

21 – Andy Burroughs, 5:14.28

200 freestyle relay:

5 – Fremont Ross A (Dylan Weisenauer, Andrew Evans, Tate Williams, William Taylor), 1:29.24

100 backstroke:

7 – Dylan Weisenauer, 54.48

31 – Noah Detrich, 1:01.63

100 breaststroke:

2 – Andrew Evans, 56.39

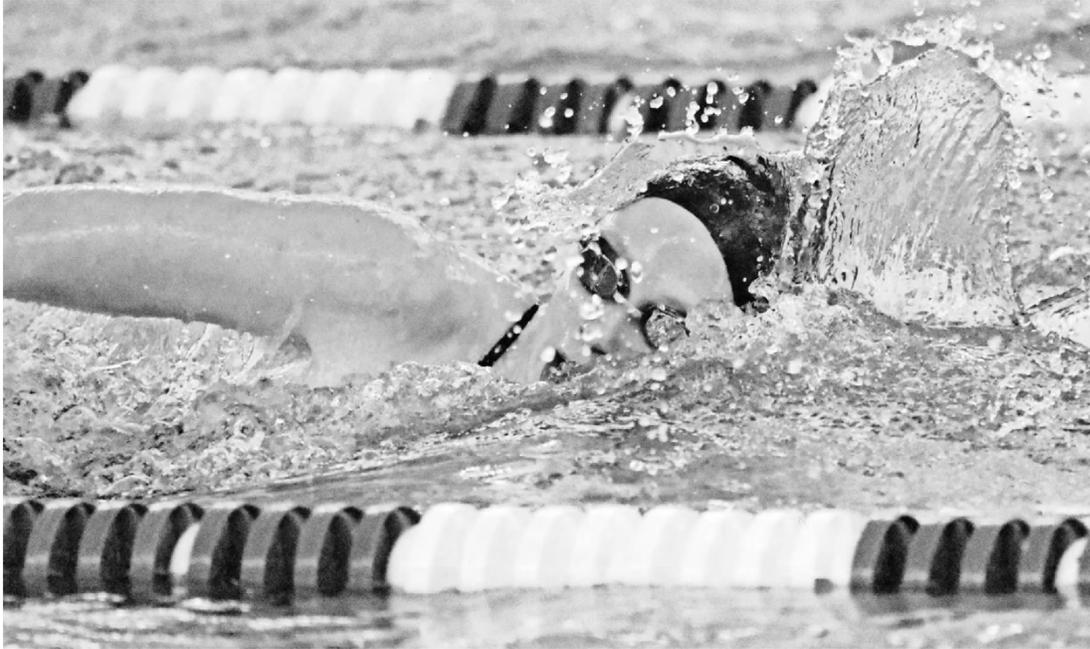
14 – Tate Williams, 1:02.55

19 – Case Stevenson, 1:03.45

20 – Austin Kramer, 1:03.54

400 freestyle relay:

9 – Fremont Ross A (William Taylor, Ethan Taylor, Mitchell Mullholand, Tate Williams), 3:20.85



Olivia DeRodes qualifies for state in two individual events and two relays. PHOTOS BY MOLLY CORFMAN/THE NEWS-MESSENGER

DeRodes heads to state in four events for Ross

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Division I district meet

Olivia DeRodes of Fremont Ross won the 50 freestyle in 23.77 seconds and 500 freestyle (5:06.36) on Saturday at Bowling Green State University to qualify to Friday's state meet in Canton.

The Little Giants' Alexis Prenzlin won the 100 breaststroke (1:03.74) and Ma-Kennah Fitzgerald, Prenzlin, AnneMarie Moses and DeRodes won the 200 medley relay (1:46.17). Prenzlin, Mara Brown, Faith Zimmerman and Moses were second in the 200 freestyle relay (1:39.35) and DeRodes, Moses, Brown and Fitzgerald were second in the 400 freestyle relay (3:36.04) to also earn automatic nods to state.

DeRodes is the ninth-seed for the 50 and 22nd for the 500 and Prenzlin is 11th for the breaststroke. The 200 medley relay is seeded 10th, the 400 freestyle 19th and the 200 freestyle 24th.

Andrew Evans was second in the 100 breaststroke (56.39) to advance as Ross' boys were fourth at districts. Dylan Wei-



AnneMarie Moses of Fremont Ross will compete on two relays at state.

senauer moved on in the 100 butterfly (51.59).

Evans is seeded sixth for state and Weisenauer 19th.

Moses was third in the 100 butterfly, Fitzgerald third in the 100 freestyle and Prenzlin third in the 200 IM as Ross' girls were second at districts.

