

2018 SEASON REVIEW

A LARGE, EXPERIENCED TEAM CREATES HIGH GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR GIRLS' SWIM TEAM

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FREMONT – If one were to drain the pool at the Hawk-Bucci Natatorium, it could easily be filled to overflowing simply by the hopes and expectations of the Ross girls' swim team this year.

The Lady Giants return nearly their entire roster from last season, including all four of their swimmers who qualified for the state meet. Add in a handful of district-qualifiers plus a large, talented crop of freshmen, and you get a team primed to break records and win championships.

"I'd love to see them win another league championship. I think that is well within reach," said coach Tina Moses. "A district title is going to be tough, given the schools from the northeast, there are some tough schools we compete with, but I wouldn't say that's out of the question, but that is always the goal, of course. And making the state meet and doing better than the previous year is always the goal for us."

Looking to make a return trip to Canton for the state meet are juniors Olivia DeRodes, MaKenna Fitzgerald, and AnneMarie Moses, and sophomore Alexis

Prenzlin. They combined to finish 10th in the 200 medley relay and 11th in the 200 freestyle relay.

Individually, Fitzgerald qualified for the 100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke, and Prenzlin qualified for the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke.

With another year of experience under their belts, Tina Moses believes her big four are primed for an even better season, particularly in the relays.

“If I can keep them healthy, I think they’ll be district champs again this year, like they were last year,” Moses said. “I think the district record is in reach. And they should podium at state. I don’t want to jinx myself, but I think they can be on the podium. I don’t want to say a place. I have a place in mind, where I think they’ll land, but I don’t want to say. They’re juniors and a sophomore. They have an amazing opportunity.”

The biggest hurdle for them, as it was a year ago, is staying healthy enough to compete. Key members of the girls’ team took turns getting sick, often at the most inopportune times.

Fitzgerald missed much of the early season last year. AnneMarie Moses was under the weather for the TRAC and district meets. DeRodes was ill for sectionals and distance swimmer Ellie Stover’s performance at the district meet was also hampered.

“I talked to the girls a lot about diet, drinking water, washing their hands, like every year,” Tina Moses said. “I think a lot of it had to do with the warm winter we had last year. I think when it gets really cold, it kills a lot of stuff that goes around, but that just didn’t happen last year.”

In addition to the returning state qualifiers, the Lady Giants also bring back Stover, sprinter Rilee Overmeyer, butterflyer Shelby Level, Sarah Watson and Victoria Miller – all of whom qualified for the district meet and were major contributors to Ross’ second-place finish in the TRAC.

Ross lost only two seniors from a year ago: district qualifier Kaity Kelly and Taylor Weickert. In their place are about a dozen freshmen who Moses believes will be scoring points for the Lady Giants sooner rather than later.

Among them is sprinter Mara Brown.

“Mara Brown is in a unique situation; she is a sprinter, and she is already going 26s in practice. She is definitely going to make an impact,” Moses said. “And she is also a very talented diver and will contribute immensely, especially in the TRAC. Her diving points will help out a lot with that.”

Other freshmen who have Moses excited are distance swimmer Rachel Haitonic and twins Faith and Lauren Zimmerman.

“The girls are working very hard. Many of the freshmen that I have, I’m training right alongside the upperclassmen, right alongside Fitzgerald and Prenzlin and Shelby Level,” Moses said. “They’re definitely stepping it up. They’re not quite at the level of training the older girls are, but they’re definitely working their butts off to get there.”

With so many returning swimmers and incoming freshmen, the Lady Giants’ biggest challenge this season may be finding something for everyone to do. Ross’ roster lists 38 swimmers. In Moses’ previous six years as coach, her largest squad had been 26.

“It’s a massive team, but there is minimal space. We’re being very creative, figuring out how to use our space to the best of our ability. We essentially have five training lanes and 38 girls. If you do the math, there are nearly eight girls in some lanes. We’ve been trying to divide them up and get as creative as we can with the training and the time we have.”

The Lady Giants begin their season Tuesday at home, hosting a dual meet against Sandusky at 5 p.m.

**Fremont Ross 140, Sandusky 43
(girls)**

Ross 137, Sandusky 40 (boys)

Olivia DeRodes won the 100 and 200 freestyles for Ross' girls. AnneMarie Moses won the 50 freestyle, Mara Brown the diving competition and Ellie Stover the 500 freestyle.

MaKennah Fitzgerald won the 100 backstroke, Lauren Zimmerman the 100 breaststroke and McKela Elder the 50 freestyle. Azlynn Rich won the 100 freestyle.

Fitzgerald, Alexis Prenzlin, Moses and Faith Zimmerman won the 200 medley relay and Brown, DeRodes, Rilee Overmyer and Moses won the 200 freestyle relay. Prenzlin, Faith Zimmerman, Fitzgerald and DeRodes won the 400 freestyle relay.

Tate Williams won the 50 and 100 freestyles, Ethan Taylor the 200 freestyle and Andrew Evans the 200 IM for the Little Giants' boys. Dylan Weisenauer won the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke, Mitchell Mullholand the 500 freestyle and Austin Kramer the 100 breaststroke.

Braedyn Price won the 50 and 100 freestyles and Dane Michael the diving competition. Weisenauer, Evans, Williams and William Taylor won the 200 medley relay and Weisenauer, William Taylor, Williams and Evans won the 200 freestyle relay.

Mullholand, Ethan Taylor, Noah Detrich and Kramer won the 400 freestyle relay.

Swimming

NWOAC Relays

Olivia DeRodes won the 500 freestyle as Fremont Ross' girls were first.

Shelby Level, Mara Brown and Anne-Marie Moses won the 300 medley and MaKennah Fitzgerald, Lauren Zimmerman, Moses and Rilee Overmyer won the 400 medley for the Little Giants. Overmyer, Hannah Widman, Level and Moses won the 300 butterfly and Ellie Stover, Brown, Faith Zimmerman and Fitzgerald won the 300 backstroke.

Hayley Wilson, Level, Lauren Zimmerman and Alexis Prenzlin won the 300 breaststroke and Fitzgerald, Faith Zimmerman, Rachel Haitonic and DeRodes won the 400 freestyle.

Erin Druyor, Emily Haar, Gabby Sharkey and Elayna Krupp were third in the 200 freestyle as Oak Harbor's girls were seventh.

Andrew Evans, Tate Williams and Ethan Taylor won the 300 medley and Drew Edmonds, Austin Kramer, Williams and Evans won the 300 breaststroke as Ross' boys were also first.

Caleb Heintz, Thomas Chovanec and Troy Metcalf were third in the 300 medley and Blaine Wagner, Kobe Fletcher, Metcalf and Chovanec were third in the 300 butterfly as Oak Harbor's boys were fifth.

Bryanna Barr was sixth in the 500 freestyle as Port Clinton's girls were sixth. The boys were eighth.

Swimming

Fremont Ross 154, Perkins 64 (girls)

Ross 117, Perkins 98 (boys)

MaKannah Fitzgerald won the 200 freestyle, Olivia DeRodes the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke and Alexis Prenzlin the 100 butterfly and 100 breaststroke for Ross' girls. Rilee Overmyer won the 100 freestyle,

Fitzgerald, Lauren Zimmerman, AnneMarie Moses and Mara Brown won the 200 medley relay and Brown, Overmyer, Zimmerman and Fitzgerald won the 200 freestyle relay. Faith Zimmerman, Shelby Level, Overmyer and DeRodes won the 400 freestyle relay.

Tate Williams won the 50 freestyle, Zachery Farrier the diving competition and Andrew Evans the 100 freestyle for the Little Giants' boys. .

Dylan Weisenauer, Evans, Williams and William Taylor won the 200 medley relay and Weisenauer, Taylor, Williams and Evans the 200 freestyle relay. Williams, Mitchell Mullholand, Taylor and Evans won the 400 freestyle relay.



Dylan Weisenauer of Fremont Ross won the 100 butterfly in 52.47 Saturday. PHOTOS BY MOLLY CORFMAN/THE NEWS-MESSENGER

Ross boys finish third at Northwest Classic

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Swimming

Northwest Ohio Classic

Dylan Weisenauer won the 100 butterfly at 52.47 seconds and was second in the 100 backstroke as Fremont Ross's boys finished third at Bowling Green State University.

Andrew Evans won the 200 IM at 1:59.97. Weisenauer, Evans, Tate Williams and William Taylor were second in the 200 medley relay and third in the 200 freestyle relay.

MaKennah Fitzgerald, AnneMarie Moses, Faith Zimmerman and Olivia DeRodes were fourth in the 400 freestyle relay as Ross's girls finished fourth.

Oak Harbor's boys were 20th and the girls 26th.

Margaretta's girls were 22nd.



AnneMarie Moses of Fremont Ross competes in the 100 butterfly Saturday.

Mason Salas and Carson Steyer had 10 points apiece for the Stockaders.

Girls Basketball

St. Joseph Central Catholic 68, St. Mary Central Catholic 63 (overtime)

Miranda Wammes and Adrienne

Norwalk 63, Clyde 36

Heidi Marshall scored 14 points in Clyde's SBC Lake Division setback.

Delta 59, Genoa 40

Caitlin Cruickshank had 13 points and Tess Neumann 12 in Genoa's non-league setback.

Maddie Mattimore had 30 points for Delta.

DERODES' COMEBACK SWIM HIGHLIGHTS ROSS' SWIM WINS OVER PERRYSBURG

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FREMONT – Olivia DeRodes isn't exactly used to swimming from behind. In her individual events she gets out to a lead early and leaves the competition in her wake while swimming the last leg in relay, she usually inherits a lead and sees it through to the end.

Not Thursday night, however.

Swimming the final leg of the 400 freestyle relay in a dual meet with Perrysburg, DeRodes dove into the pool trailing Perrysburg's Julia Beer by two seconds.

"I didn't know if I could catch her. I jumped in and she was going fast, so I just put my head down and went," DeRodes said.

DeRodes trimmed the deficit so she and Beer were neck-and-neck in the final moments as they reached for the wall. DeRodes, MaKannah Fitzgerald, Mara Brown and Maddie Gallagher combined to win the event with a time of 3:48.67, just 0.15 seconds ahead of Beer and Perrysburg.

"Today was the first time [this season] I had to go catch somebody," DeRodes said. "The girls were tired, Maddie Gallagher just got out of the 100 breaststroke, she was dying. I was like, 'Do your best. I got you. We'll be all right.' Then I got in and I was like, 'I don't know... It was fun.'"

Though no other event held the same level of drama as DeRodes' come-from-behind relay win, there were plenty of quality swims as the Ross swim teams swept the dual meet with Perrysburg, the girls winning 121-79 and the boys taking a 119-92 win.

"The older swimmers who went down to [Ohio State's] Ned Reeb [invitation], you never know how they're going to respond after a big meet like that, sometimes there's a let-down," coach Phil Moran said. "We didn't have our tech suits on and we did a lot of jinxing [in practice]. I kind of beat them up this week, so I wasn't sure what we'd get but we swam really well. We had some times that were almost what we did at Ned Reeb."

The Lady Giants won all but one event with DeRodes winning the 50 and 500 freestyles, Alexis Prenzl winning the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke, AnneMarie Moses won the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke and MaKannah Fitzgerald took the 100 freestyle.

Faith Zimmerman (medley) and Gallagher (200 freestyle) swam legs on the first-place relays with Moses and Prenzl with DeRodes (medley) and Fitzgerald (200 freestyle) joining in as well.

The divers had a good night as well, winning both the girls and boys competitions. Sarah Watson totaled a 175.3 score while Dane Michael won the for the boys with 182.9.

"Dane Michael had one of the best dive meets, for six dives, that I've seen. He had a really good dive meet," Moran said. "Sarah Watson may have had her best six-dive meet as well."

The boys team also had a number of multi-event winners. Dylan Weisenauer won a pair of events on his own, the 50 free and the 100 butterfly. He swam up with Connor Colston, Case Stevenson and James Elder in the medley relay and with Ethan Taylor, Logan Kropp and Case Stevenson in the 200 free relay.

Colston won the 200 freestyle and set a new personal-best in winning the 100 backstroke, breaking 100 for the first time with a time of 59.63. Stevenson won the 200 IM and the 100 breaststroke.

Colston, along with James Elder, Logan Kropp and Ethan Taylor, played a role in the first place 400 relay as well.

But quality swims weren't had by only those who finished first.

"Some other kids dropped some decent times," Moran said. "Roman Contreras dropped four seconds on his 100 fly, Allison Taylor 90G in her 100 free, Ivan Stavitskayev dropped two seconds in his 50 free. Trenton Ward dropped 20 seconds in his 500, so that was a good swim. Zach Edmonds dropped three seconds in his breaststroke, which is really good."

"There were some really good swims by the kids."

The Ross swimmers will be back in action this weekend as they take part in the Northwest Ohio Classic Swimming Invitational.



Olivia DeRodes

Girls results

Fremont Ross 121, Perrysburg 79

Fremont Ross First place finishes:

200 medley relay: Faith Zimmerman, Alexis Prenzl, AnneMarie Moses, Olivia DeRodes, 1:52.65

200 IM: Alexis Prenzl, 2:18.21

50 freestyle: Olivia DeRodes, 24.73

1 meter diving: Sarah Watson, 175.3

100 butterfly: AnneMarie Moses, 1:00.12

100 freestyle: MaKannah Fitzgerald,

500 freestyle: Olivia DeRodes, 5:24.92

200 freestyle relay: MaKannah Fitzgerald, Maddie Gallagher, Alexis Prenzl, AnneMarie Moses, 1:42.76

100 backstroke: AnneMarie Moses, 1:05.45

100 breaststroke: Alexis Prenzl, 1:07.84

400 freestyle relay: MaKannah Fitzgerald, Mara Brown, Maddie Gallagher, Olivia DeRodes, 3:48.67

Boys results

Fremont Ross 119, Perrysburg 92

First place finishes:

200 medley relay: Connor Colston, Case Stevenson, Dylan Weisenauer, James Elder, 1:46.54

200 freestyle: Connor Colston, 1:53.62

200 IM: Case Stevenson, 2:12.74

50 freestyle: Dylan Weisenauer, 22.98

1 meter diving: Dane Michael, 182.9

100 butterfly: Dylan Weisenauer, 54.5

200 freestyle relay: Dylan Weisenauer, Ethan Taylor, Logan Kropp, Case Stevenson, 1:35.93

100 backstroke: Connor Colston, 59.83

100 breaststroke: Case Stevenson, 1:06.83

400 freestyle relay: James Elder, Connor Colston, Logan Kropp, Ethan Taylor, 3:35.13

Swimming

Fremont Ross 135, Oak Harbor 45 (girls)

Ross 133, Oak Harbor 47 (boys)

Olivia DeRodes won the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly, Shelby Level the 200 IM and AnneMarie Moses the 100 freestyle and 100 breaststroke for Fremont Ross's girls.

Alexis Prenzlin, Mara Brown and Ma-Kennah Fitzgerald won the 200 medley relay. Brown won the diving competition. Moses, Faith Zimmerman, Rilee Overmyer and DeRodes won the 200 freestyle relay, Prenzlin the 100 backstroke and Fitzgerald won the 500 freestyle.

Fitzgerald, Prenzlin, Zimmerman and DeRodes won the 400 freestyle relay.

William Taylor won the 200 freestyle, Tate Williams the 200 IM and Andrew Evans the 100 butterfly for the Little Giants' boys. Dylan Weisenauer won the 100 freestyle and Case Stevenson the 500 freestyle.

Connor Colston, Evans, Williams and Ethan Taylor won the 200 medley relay and Evans, Taylor, Noah Detrich and Braedyn Price won the 200 freestyle relay. Evans, Williams, Noah Hotz and De-

Swimming

Ross 152, Clay 20 (girls)

Ross 109, Clay 66 (boys)

Olivia DeRodes won the 200 freestyle, AnneMarie Moses the 200 IM and MaKennah Fitzgerald the 50 freestyle for Ross's girls. Mara Brown won the diving competition and 100 backstroke, Faith Zimmerman the 100 butterfly and Alexis Prenzlin the 100 freestyle.

Ellie Stover won the 500 freestyle, Shelby Level the 100 breaststroke and Zimmerman, Prenzlin, Rilee Overmyer and Lindsay Weickert won the 200 medley relay. Level, Rachel Haitonic, Victoria Miller and Moses won the 200 freestyle relay and Haitonic, Hayley Wilson, Sarah Sweeney and Stover won the 400 freestyle relay.

William Taylor won the 200 IM, Andrew Evans the 50 and 100 freestyles and Dane Michael the diving competition for the Little Giants' boys. Tate Williams won the 100 butterfly and Austin Kramer the 100 breaststroke. Dylan Weisenauer, Drew Edmonds, Ethan Taylor and Braedyn Price won the 200 medley relay and Noah Egbert, Case Stevenson, Logan Kropp and Evans won the 200 freestyle relay.

Swimming

Ross 141, Perrysburg 42 (girls)

Ross 123, Perrysburg 50 (boys)

Rachel Haitonic won the 200 freestyle, Alexis Prenzlin the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke and MaKennah Fitzgerald the 50 and 100 freestyles for Ross' girls. Mara Brown won the diving competition, Olivia DeRodes the 100 butterfly and Ellie Stover the 500 freestyle.

AnneMarie Moses won the 100 backstroke. Fitzgerald, Moses, Rilee Overmyer and DeRodes won the 200 medley relay and Faith Zimmerman, Shelby Level, Overmyer and Fitzgerald the 200 freestyle relay. Brown, Lauren Zimmerman, McKela Elder and Prenzlin won the 400 freestyle relay.

Andrew Evans won the 50 and 100 freestyles, Dane Michael the diving competition and Dylan Weisenauer the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke for the Little Giants' boys. Mitchell Mullholand won the 500 freestyle

Austin Kramer won the 100 breaststroke. Weisenauer, Evans, Tate Williams and William Taylor won the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays and Ethan Taylor, Mullholand, Noah Detrich and Kramer won the 400 freestyle relay.

Swimming

Ross 126, Findlay 60 (girls)

Ross 114, Findlay 69 (boys)

Olivia DeRodes won the 200 and 500 freestyles, Alexis Prenzlin the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke and AnneMarie Moses the 100 butterfly for Ross's girls. MaKennah Fitzgerald won the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke

Fitzgerald, Prenzlin, Moses and Mara Brown won the 200 medley relay and DeRodes, Rilee Overmyer, Prenzlin and Moses won the 200 freestyle relay. Fitzgerald, Brown, Faith Zimmerman and DeRodes won the 400 freestyle relay.

Mitchell Mullholand won the 200 and 500 freestyles, Andrew Evans the 50 and 100 freestyles and Dylan Weisenauer the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke for the Little Giants' boys. Tate Williams won the 100 breaststroke.

William Taylor, Williams, Mullholand and Evans won the 200 freestyle relay and Taylor, Mullholand, Ethan Taylor and Weisenauer won the 400 freestyle relay.

Swimming

Ross 131, Notre Dame Academy 54 (girls)

Ross 132, St. John's 48 (boys)

Olivia DeRodes won the 200 freestyle, MaKennah Fitzgerald the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke and Mara Brown the 100 butterfly for Ross' girls. Rachel Haitonic won the 500 freestyle, AnneMarie Moses the 100 breaststroke.

Fitzgerald, Lauren Zimmerman, Moses and Rilee Overmyer won the 200 medley relay and Alexis Prenzlin, Moses, Faith Zimmerman and DeRodes the 200 freestyle relay. Fitzgerald, Brown, Prenzlin and DeRodes won the 400 freestyle relay.

Andrew Evans won the 200 freestyle and 100 breaststroke, William Taylor the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly and Dane Michael the diving competition for the Little Giants' boys. Dylan Weisenauer won the 100 freestyle, Mitchell Mullholand the 500 freestyle and Tate Williams the 100 backstroke.

Weisenauer, Evans, Taylor and Williams won the 200 medley and freestyle relays and Ethan Taylor, Mullholand, Logan Kropp and Case Stevenson won the 400 freestyle relay.

Swimming

Ross 128, Port Clinton 52 (boys)

Ross 125, Port Clinton 61 (girls)

MaKennah Fitzgerald won the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke, Anne-Marie Moses the 200 IM and Olivia DeRodes the 50 and 100 freestyles for Ross's girls. Alexis Prenzlin won the 100 butterfly and Lauren Zimmerman the 100 breaststroke.

Faith Zimmerman, Prenzlin, Moses and Mara Brown won the 200 medley relay and Moses, Prenzlin, Fitzgerald and DeRodes won the 200 freestyle relay. DeRodes, Prenzlin, Moses and Fitzgerald won the 400 freestyle relay.

Dylan Weisenauer won the 200 freestyle, Case Stevenson the 200 IM and Tate Williams the 100 butterfly for

the Little Giants' boys. Ethan Taylor won the 500 freestyle, Andrew Evans the 100 backstroke and Austin Kramer the 100 breaststroke.

Weisenauer, Evans, Williams and William Taylor won the 200 medley and freestyle relays and William Taylor, Ethan Taylor, Stevenson and Evans won the 400 freestyle relay.

Jack Kessler won the 50 and 100 freestyles and Kyle Schultz the diving competition for Port Clinton's boys.

Alaina Schultz won the diving competition and Bryanna Barr the 500 freestyle for the Redskins' girls.

Ross' boys topped Margareta 136-40 and Port Clinton's boys beat the Polar Bears 90-87. Ross's girls beat Margareta 139-47 and the Redskins' girls defeated the Polar Bears 114-72.