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Buckeye Swim Meet tomorrow Reluctancy pays off

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Rob Serwin is no stranger to the refined art of diving.

No stranger but he was a reluctant beginner.

Serwin, a senior at Ross and the leading candidate for the Buckeye Conference diving crown, stood quietly thinking as tiny rivulets of water cascaded down his brow. It did not take him too long to tell how he got that reluctant introduction to the sometimes perilous sport.

"My dad made me," Serwin smiled.

But from being "made" to do it, Serwin has grown to enjoy the sport so much that he has become one of the foremost high school divers in this part of Ohio.

The man that "made" Serwin dive when he was in the 7th grade, "Dad" Serwin, also is no stranger to diving. The elder Serwin won the Ohio high school state diving title back in 1937 as a junior at Ross. He came in second in '38, and topped off the whole shebang with a second place finish in the national scholastic diving in Philadelphia, also in 1938.

The resulting "like father,

like son" situation could reach the beginning of the tantamount tomorrow at Mansfield.

The Buckeye Conference Swim Meet will take place at Mansfield Malabar High School with the swimming beginning at 1 p.m. The diving, which Serwin is expected to win, will be at the "Friendly House" in Mansfield and will begin with preliminary diving at 10:30.

Winning that Buckeye diving crown is one of two definite goals that Serwin has set for himself. There is another goal, the state championship to go along with the Buckeye and the district title (the second goal Serwin admitted that he set for himself), but Serwin refuses to be pinned down on that one.

"I just want to finish in the top five in the state," Serwin pointed out after practice at the YMCA pool yesterday afternoon. "I got a chance to win it (the state crown) but I am not going to say I am — there are a lot of other guys that have a chance to win it, too."

Serwin, who says the most important item of diving to

him is the board work where you have to have perfect position. ("If you don't have it, you don't make the dive," he says pointedly.) Serwin has immense confidence in his ability.

"You have to think you are the best person at it. You have to have all the confidence in the world that you are the best at that time. If you don't think you can win — know you can win — you're through."

Serwin has been having "feelers" from at least 10 colleges thrown his way. The University of Cincinnati, Bowling Green, Michigan, and Wooster to name a few. He is not decided on which one he wants to attend.

The Ross diver has yet to be beaten in head-to-head competition this year. The only time that anyone did finish ahead of him was at the Bowling Green Relays when it was team score that counted. The individual scoring was kept by his coaches, Jay Olsen, head coach, and Tim Leohr, on the side. He lost by mere hundredths of a point.

The thought of losing is not pleasant for Serwin.

"I can't stand to lose — I'm a poor loser."

That could be the reason that he has not lost this season and a reason that could propel him to the top of his class in his specialty this season. Tomorrow at Mansfield is the first step.

Leohr, a graduate of Canton McKinley High School in 1961, and himself one of the top six butterfliers in the state in his last three years in high school credits the elder Serwin, "Dad," with the development of the young Serwin and sophomore diver Scott Heschel.



ROB SERWIN (inset) will rate as the favorite to capture the Buckeye Conference diving crown tomorrow at Mansfield. The swimming portion of the meet will be at Malabar High School

while the diving is at the Friendly House. Serwin, who has been diving since he was in the seventh grade, has set goals of winning the BC crown and the district title this season.

SBC wrestling tourney tomorrow at Clyde

The Sandusky Bay Conference Wrestling Tournament will be held in Clyde Saturday afternoon. The first session is slated to begin at 1 p.m. The championship and consolation bracket championships will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday evening. Consolation matches in the evening will be on two mats

one second. St. Mary's has two top seeds along with Tiffin Calvert while Margaretta and host Clyde have one top seed apiece.

Tickets for the tournament are on sale at the schools with student prices set at \$7.50 and adults, \$1.50.

Top seeded wrestlers with school and records against A-AA opponents only.

98—Trautman, Perkins, 4-1; Roth,

5-0.

Little Giants win meet in last event

Ross edges Sandusky for swim title

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MANSFIELD — When two bears face each other in a fight, especially if there is a third bear waiting to pounce with the honey. The Ross Little Giants swim team was that third bear Saturday and the "honey" was the Buckeye Conference swimming crown.

The Little Giants sneaked away with that sweet crown while the two "big bears" of the Conference, Sandusky and Findlay, were fighting it out tooth and claw in the head to head individual events.

"It just so happened as if Findlay and Sandusky made up their lineups to beat each other and forgot about us," Ross coach Jay Olsen said after the meet and after the total effect of winning the BC meet in the first year of coaching had settled.

"This makes the whole year worth all the extra work," Olsen said. "I'm not so much interested in the relay as I am in the relay assistant Tim Leohr and the team. After that rocky start we had, coaching-wise, at the beginning of the season, this makes up for it."

Ross did not back into the title. They had to win the last event of the day, the 400-yard freestyle relay. Trailing Sandusky by a 49-47½ margin, the Little Giants took the event by 3½ seconds over the Blue Streaks from Sandusky.

That 12 points for the win gave Ross 59½ points for the meet and 120 for the year. Sandusky finished with 57 and Findlay with 46 was third.

The Little Giants had been picked to finish no better than third in the five team meet.

"Findlay and Sandusky set out to beat each other in the individual events," Olsen recounted. "They had to do this to defeat each other. Actually we went for the relay and did not worry too much about the individual events."

"We felt the individuals would take care of themselves," Olsen added.

The Olsen admitted a bit of luck may have played a part in the Ross win. "Everything seemed to fall in place for

us—we got the breaks when we needed them and then, our team didn't paid off."

One of that depth that Olsen referred to came in the 100 yard butterfly. The Ross team won, proving Olsen's theory of going for the relay wins, but the real surprise was turned in by Ross' second diver, Scott Heschel. The

sophomore (biting early dive he took according to Olsen) piled up 310.50 points for third spot in the event.

Both of Ross' relay teams won, proving Olsen's theory of going for the relay wins, but the real surprise was turned in by Ross' second medley relay of Phil Havens, Gregg Jess, Mark Schiefer, and Dave Jones turned in the

best time of the season, 1:53.4 set by Paul Gilbert of Sandusky in 1968. In the 100 freestyle, Rosschel glided to a 51.4, chipping three-tenths of a second off the old mark set by John Feick of Sandusky in 1968.

BUCKEYE CONFERENCE
TEAM STANDINGS: Fremont Ross 59½, Sandusky 57, Findlay 46, Mansfield 23½, Huron 18, Mansfield Senior 9.

Events

200-yard medley relay: Fremont Ross (Phil Havens, Gregg Jess, Mark Schiefer, Dave Jones) 1:53.4; John Harding 1:53.6; Findlay 1:54.1; Sandusky 1:57.5; Mansfield Senior 2:05.9.

200-yard butterfly: Clete Roesschel (Sandusky) 56.6; John Feick 57.1; Todd Worthington (Fin) 1:54.1; Kirk 2:08.8.

200-yard individual medley: Doug Comer (Fin) 2:08.5; Doug Wieder (Man) 2:13.5; Phil Hippert (San) 2:14.6; Mike Trulke (San) 2:15.4; Terry Nitschke (Fin) 2:21.0; Dan Jones (Fin) 2:24.1; Dan Mar 24.2; Nacho Sarmina (Fin) 24.1; Mark Kling 24.1; Mike Trulke (San) 25.3.

100-yard butterfly: Rob Serwin (Fin) 1:42.6; Gary Bender (Fin) 1:47.6; Scott Heschel (Fin) 310.50; Bob Knoll (San) 1:48.2; Mike Trulke (San) 1:49.3.

100-yard backstroke: Todd Mar 1:09.4; Mike Trulke (San) 1:10.2; Dan Jones (Fin) 1:10.2; Doug Comer (Fin) 1:10.2; Jim House (Fin) 1:10.2; Dave Armento (Fin) 1:10.8; Mark Kling (Fin) 1:11.1.

100-yard backstroke: K. Davis (Mar) 1:05.1; Phil Havens (Fin) and J. G. K. Davis (Mar) 1:05.1; J. Wieder (Man) 1:06.1; Doug Wymer (Fin) 1:07.1.

100-yard butterfly: Terry Nitschke (Fin) 1:06.4; Mark Monday (Fin) 1:07.1; Mike Trulke (San) 1:07.1; Chip Palazzo (Fin) 1:14.0; J. Goodwin (Fin) 1:15.8.

100-yard freestyle relay: Fremont Ross (Casey Collins, Brett McKittrick, Ross Serwin, Rob Serwin) 4:01.1; Sandusky 3:47.1; Mansfield Senior 4:04.1; Findlay 4:04.8.



ROSS' ROB SERWIN "GRINS" HIS WAY TO THE DIVING CROWN
... Scott Heschel of Ross was a surprising third in this event

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Ross rips Bellevue

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Ross assured itself of at least a .500 mark in the regular season by putting on its biggest offensive show of the season in dumping visiting Bellevue, 81-67, Saturday night. The Little

The change made the difference. Reardon scored eight in the second half but it was Paul Fahrbach, Neal Kegerreis and Jim Thomas that picked up the slack. Fahrbach canned nine of his 15 points for the game in the

Kegerreis canned the first four points of the quarter for Bellevue with Don Fritz and Dave Garman adding a point each. The first half, Ross had only a bucket by Reardon to show in the 8-2 Redman surge. After the score edged ahead to 44-41,

Great Deals on

Conference Swim Meet at Mansfield Adams finished only 7th but the Ross team won the meet despite being picked to finish no better than third before the action started. (N-M photos by Bruce Crippen)

JEFF ADAMS of Ross "backs" his way toward the finish in the 100-yard backstroke in the Buckeye Conference Swim Meet at Mansfield. Adams finished only 7th but the Ross team won the meet despite being picked to finish no better than third before the action started. (N-M photos by Bruce Crippen)

Northern Ohio Sugar team wins kegler title

The final results are now in for the 1974 Men's City Tournament Team Event. Though not yet official, the top 10 teams to finish were as follows:

TEAM	LEAGUE	PLACE	SCORE
1 Northern Ohio Sugar	Northern Ohio Sugar Co.	Plaza	3047
2 Dayton Marine	Thursday Nite Late	Plaza	3040
3 Keeleen Flowers	Northern Ohio Sugar Co.	Plaza	3038
4 Northern Ohio Sales	Thursday	Plaza	3015
5 Wedding	Whirlpool	Plaza	3011
6 Kegler	Ohio Colonial Classic	Plaza	3007
7 Ohio Liquid Disposal	Northern Ohio Sugar Co.	Plaza	3005
8 Clive Machine	Ohio Colonial Classic	Plaza	2999
9 Keglers	Northern Ohio Owls	Plaza	2997
10 Molders	Whirlpool Nite Owls	Plaza	2987

Low score in the money is 2962.

Scores for the winning team of the event were as follows:

Richard Homan	181-182-183-184
Ken Thomas	181-182-183-184
John Watson	181-182-183-184
Don Fritz	181-182-183-184
Ron England	180-181-182-183
Warren Bower	180-181-182-183

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