

## 1974 Buckeye Conference...

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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, "Dud" 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 butterflies in the state in his last three years in high school credits the elder Serwin, "Dud," 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 \$.75 and adults, \$1.50.

Top seeded wrestlers with school and records against A-AA opponents only.  
46—Trautman, Perkins, 4-1; Roth, St. Mary's 3-0.

# Little Giants win meet in last event

## Ross edges Sandusky for swim title

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**MANSFIELD** — When two bears decide to come face to face both of them can lose in a fight, especially if there is a third bear waiting to walk off 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 plum 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 seemed 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 his 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 glory for myself but for my assistant Tim Leehr 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 49-47 1/2 margin, the Little Giants took the event by 3.6 seconds over the Blue Streaks from Sandusky.

That 12 points for the win gave Ross 59 1/2 points for the meet and the BC crown. 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 relays and did not worry too much about the individual events."

"We felt the individuals would take care of themselves," Olsen added. Then Olsen admitted that 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 depth paid off."

One of the breaks and part of that depth that Olsen referred to came in the diving. Rob Serwin won the event as expected for Ross but the real surprise was turned in by Ross' second diver, Scott Heschel. The



**JEFF ADAMS** of Ross "backs" his way toward the finish in the 100-yard backstroke in the Buckeye

sophomore (hitting every 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 a good move. The 200-yard medley relay of Phil Havens, Gregg Jess, Mark Schiefer, and Dave Jones turned in its

best time of the season, 1:53, to edge Mansfield by six-tenths of a second to set the stage for Ross throughout the meet.

The close finishes marked the Ross effort. Jones won the 50-yard freestyle by a judge's decision and the 400-yard freestyle relay was close until the third leg. To top it off, Havens tied for second in the backstroke.

Needing that freestyle relay win, Casey Collins started off for Ross, but trailed Mike Kling of Sandusky by a length at the end of his 100-yard leg. Brett McKittrick got that length back against Mike Troike of Sandusky and then added a length to the lead as Ross' Marty Mason took over. Mason kept that lead and John Cramer hit the water for the final leg with the lead and the meet resting on his back. The Ross senior responded by adding a bit more to the Ross lead that gave the Little Giants the crown. The relay was timed in less than sensational but good enough to win, 3:43.5.

Terry Nitschke's victory in the 100-yard breaststroke had put the Little Giants into position for the final event. Nitschke splashed his way to a 1:09.4 to defeat Mark Monday by over a second.

Carter Roesch of Sandusky was lauded as the meet's "outstanding swimmer." Roesch won the 200 freestyle and the 100-yard free. In both events, the Sandusky swimmer set new BC marks.

Roesch lowered the 200-yard freestyle to 1:53.0, breaking the previous mark

of 1:53.4 set by Paul Gilbert of Sandusky in 1969. In the 100 freestyle, Roesch glided to a 51.4, chipping three-tenths of a second off the old mark set by John Peick of Sandusky in 1968.

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**Team Standings:** Fremont Ross 59 1/2; Sandusky 57; Findlay 46; Marion Harding 36 1/2; Mansfield Senior 9.

### Events

**200-yard medley relay:** Fremont Ross (Phil Havens, Gregg Jess, Mark Schiefer, Dave Jones) 1:53.5; Marion Harding 1:53.6; Findlay 1:54.1; Sandusky 1:57.5; Mansfield Senior 2:05.9.

**200-yard freestyle:** Carter Roesch (San) 1:53.0; Jon Leake (San) 1:53.4; Todd Worthington (Fin) 1:54.1; Kirk Hess (FR) 1:56.5; Marty Mason (FR) 2:03.8.

**200-yard individual medley:** Doug Comer (Fin) 2:08.5; Doug Wagner (San) 2:12.5; Phil Hipert (San) 2:13.3; K. Davis (Mar) 2:19.0; Terry Nitschke (FR) 2:21.1.

**100-yard freestyle:** Dave Jones (FR) 51.1; J. Day (Mar) 51.2; Nacho Sarmata (Fin) 54.1; Mark Kling (San) 54.5; Brian Gervick (Man) 55.3.

**Diving:** Rob Serwin (FR) 422.60; Gary Bender (Fin) 327.60; Scott Heschel (FR) 310.80; Bob Knoll (San) 293.55; Bob Freeman (Fin) 284.95; J. J. Worthington (Fin) 56.4; Jon Leake (San) 57.3; Phil Lippert (San) 1:00.6; Dave Armon (Fin) 1:01.8; Mark Schiefer (FR) 1:02.4.

**100-yard freestyle:** Carter Roesch (San) 51.4; Nacho Sarmata (Fin) 53.4; F. Sommer (Mar) 55.2; John Cramer (FR) 56.4; Mike Troike (San) 57.4.

**500-yard freestyle:** Doug Wagner (San) 5:10.2; Doug Comer (Fin) 5:14.5; Kirk Hess (FR) 5:20.4; Chris Gross (San) 5:32.3; Jim House (FR) 6:08.4.

**100-yard backstroke:** K. Davis (Mar) 1:05.1; Phil Havens (FR) and J. Gooding (Mar) tie, 1:06.0; J. Walder (Man) 1:06.7; Doug Wymer (Fin) 1:07.9.

**100-yard-breaststroke:** Terry Nitschke (FR) 1:09.4; Mark Monday (Fin) 1:10.8; K. Beveridge (Mar) 1:12.4; Chip Palazzo (San) 1:14.0; J. Gooding (Mar) 1:15.5.

**400-yard freestyle relay:** Fremont Ross (Casey Collins, Brett McKittrick, Marty Mason, John Cramer) 3:43.5; Sandusky 4:47.1; Marion Harding 3:52.8; Mansfield Senior 4:04.1; Findlay 4:04.8.

## Northern Ohio Sugar team wins keglar 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	3067
2. Dayton Marz	Thursday Nite Lads	Plaza	3040
3. Kenless Flowers	Northern Ohio Sugar Co.	Plaza	3038
4. Fremont Motor Sales	Mart's City "B"	Maple	3015
5. Wadling	Whitfoot	Plaza	3011
6. Plaza Lanes	Croghan Colonial Classic	Rainbow	3007
7. Ohio Liquid Disposal	Northern Ohio Sugar Co.	Plaza	3005
8. Clyde Machine	Whitfoot Nite Owls	Plaza	2999
9. Shatter's Builders	Eagles	Plaza	2987
10. Mulders	Whitfoot Nite Owls	Plaza	2987

Low score in the money is 2960. Scores for the winning team of the event were as follows:

Richard Roman	181-181-181-530
Ken Roll	155-155-154-475
John Walton	156-156-157-465
Ron England	155-155-156-460
Karren Bower	155-155-156-461

## Great Deals on



**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, 81-47, Saturday night. The Little

The change made the difference. Reardon scored eight in the second half but it was Paul Fahrbach, Neal Oberholzer, and substitute guard Jim Thomas that picked up the slack. Reardon to show in the 9-2 Fahrbach earned 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 basket and two free throws. Ross had only a bucket by Redman surge. After the score edged ahead to 44-41,