

1993 District meet...

Ross diver Hasselbach leads district contingent

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OAK HARBOR — A record-setting diving performance by Leslie Hasselbach of Fremont Ross and a runner-up team finish for both the Oak Harbor boys and girls highlighted the efforts of area aquatic competitors Saturday at the Northwest Ohio Section III High School Swimming and Diving Championships.

Using a new dive — reverse $1\frac{1}{2}$ somersault in the pike position — for emphasis, Hasselbach finished with 406.35 points at the Oak Harbor High School Natatorium. That was better than her old school record of 359.55 for 11 dives and the old sectional record of 357.2 held by Oak Harbor's Calli Bodnar.

Hasselbach's teammate, Jennifer Newman, and Bodnar also qualified for the district meet at Bowling Green State University. Brian Thatcher of Ross, meanwhile, advanced in the boys competition with a third place finish.

Oak Harbor had 378 points in the boys standings, placing behind Sandusky Perkins' $384\frac{1}{2}$. Perkins also won the girls team title with 415 points and was followed by Oak Harbor with 408.

Ross finished fifth in the boys meet with $282\frac{1}{2}$, while the Aqua Giants placed third in the girls competition with 333.

Ross had two sectional champs, Chris Schaaf in the boys 50 free and Tracie Baker in the girls 500 free. Schaaf finished in 23.01 and Baker in 5:34.36.

Margaretta's Andrea Lindsley, a basketball player for the Polar Bears, won the 50 free in 26.01 seconds.

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Swimming/Diving

Catholic's Jolie Camella, meanwhile, advanced to the district meet in the 100 breaststroke via an at-large bid based on the times of swimmers in all four sectional meets. Camella finished fourth in the event here with a time of 1:16.09.

Oak Harbor set four records en route to their runner-up boys finish, two individual marks and two in relay events.

Ben Wood swam the 500 freestyle in 5 minutes, 10.72 seconds — breaking the old record of 5:11.64 set by Sandusky's Tom Patterson in 1989.

The relay team of Joe Tack, Aaron Hemminger, Brian Pointer and Wood set records in the 200 and 400 freestyle swims. In the 200, they broke a 1-year-old Oak Harbor record by finishing in 1:32.97.

Tack's 22.07 lead-off split was also a school, pool and sectional record.

In the 400 free relay, the quartet finished in 3:23.76 — breaking another 1-year old Oak Harbor sectional record.

Oak Harbor's girls team of Azure Weis, Betsy Verb, Melanie Hamann and Andrea Lange also broke two 1-year-old records held by Oak Harbor swimmers — swimming the 200 medley relay in 1:59.06 and finishing the 200 free relay in 1:46.65.

Verb's 2:24.67 finish in the 200 individual medley is also a new sectional record — lowering the old mark of 2:25.87.

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District meet

The Northwest Ohio District Swimming and Diving Meet begins at 10 a.m. with diving in the Samuel Cooper Pool in the Student Recreation Center on the Bowling Green State University campus.

The girls diving with Leslie Hasselbach and Jenny Newman of Ross and Callie Bodnar of Oak Harbor competing leads off the three-day meet Thursday. The boys diving with Brian Thatcher of Fremont competing, is at 3 p.m., Thursday.

Swimming events begin on Friday with the 200 medley relay, 200 freestyle, 200 individual medley, 50 free and 100 butterfly. The remainder of the swimming events are on Saturday.

Swimming both days begins at noon.

Diving

High School Girls

District Meet

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Diver	Pts
1, Kelly Price, Springfield Local	414.95
2, Corey Peterman, Tol. St. Ursula	396.45
3, Leslie Hasselbach, Fremont Ross	375.35
4, Calli Bodnar, Oak Harbor	368.70
5, Jennifer Newman, Fremont Ross	367.85
6, Courtney Shapik, Syl. Southview	344.70
7, Katt Kozimer, Mansfield Sr.	325.85
8, Kelly Henikman, Ashland	322.90
9, Bridget Berger, Perkins	317.85
10, Lisa Ann Frederick, Maumee	310.45
11, Sarah Esmont, Mansfield Sr.	309.90
12, Bethany Gadfield, Lexington	300.85



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High School Boys

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Diver	Pts
1, Jeff Allen, Bowling Green	378.215
2, Matt Bobo, Toledo St. John's	374.65
3, Kevin Allen, Ontario	368.75
4, Mike Chrapkiewicz, Port Clinton	367.00
5, Ryan Stecovich, North Central	363.30
6, Brian Thatcher, Fremont Ross	353.90
7, Steve Raphael, Mansfield Sr.	327.80
8, Kip Sorgen, Port Clinton	309.95
9, Jake Hardesty, Ashland	296.70
10, Toby Hertenstein, St. Marys	295.50
11, Andrew Robinson, Mansfield	291.75
12, Todd Moore, Defiance	275.70

Divers must wait for state berth

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

BOWLING GREEN — A pair of Fremont Ross girls and one from Oak Harbor finished in the top five at the Northwest Ohio District Diving Championships Thursday at Samuel Cooper Pool on the Bowling Green State University campus.

Leslie Hasselbach and Jennifer Newman of Ross were third and fifth, respectively, and Calli Bodnar of Oak Harbor finished fourth in the 32-diver field.

Now the waiting begins for the trio. The top two finishers — Kelly Price of Springfield Local and Corey Peterman of Toledo St. Ursula — earned spots in the state diving championships next week in Canton.

For the others, a state berth must come via an at-large berth.

"It went good," Ross diving coach Gil Root said, "I wish we could have had an automatic qualifier for the state, but our goal was to have both in the top six."

Last year, Hasselbach was fourth in the district and earned a spot in the state competition, finishing 19th. Bodnar was fifth and did not make the state tourney, and Newman was 19th in the district a year ago.

Price finished with 414.95 points and Peterman 396.45. Hasselbach, who did not move into third until her final dive, finished with 375.35.

Lakota's Zimmerman out

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BOWLING GREEN — Emily Zimmerman represented Lakota High School in the Northwestern Ohio District Diving Championships Thursday at Samuel Cooper Pool on the Bowling Green State University campus.

Lakota does not have a swimming or diving team, but high schools may enter individuals in events with a paid entry form.

Zimmerman, a sophomore, competed for the first time intercollegiastically in the sectional meet at Oak Harbor a week ago, finishing eighth with 225.25 points. The finish was good enough for an at-large berth in the district meet.

Zimmerman, however, did not make the cut when the 32-diver field was pared to the top 16 after the first five dives in the 11-dive format.

Hasselbach missed an inward 1½ tuck on her third dive. "It got away from her, and she came back from it," Root said. "She had to come back from that all day."

"I could have dove more consistently," Hasselbach said. "I had more height from the board today and my entries were off; I was over-rotating."

Bodnar, who alternated with Newman in third spot throughout the 11-dive format, edged the Ross diver 368.70 to 367.85, also getting the advantage on the final dive.

Newman turned in her best 11-dive score.

"Everything was there," she said. "Everything went into the water pretty well and I was comfortable with my dives."

"Jennifer had an excellent day," Root said. "She pumped everything strong. Her total award was anywhere from a point to two points higher accumulative for each dive all day long."

Bodnar had her eyes set on at least a fourth-place finish.

"Every dive, I hit pretty well," Bodnar said. "I didn't do any bombers or mess up. I was nervous on the last dive because my coach (Bob Van Horn) told me if I was to finish in the top, I had to do it then."

Van Horn said, "We will keep our fingers crossed until Sunday and find out what happens."

Sunday is the day the at-large entries for both divers and swimmers will be announced.

Ross sophomore continues improvement

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BOWLING GREEN — Brian Thatcher isn't likely to qualify for the state diving competition, but he could be a good bet to do so next year if his improvement continues.

The Fremont Ross sophomore improved his standing among district divers from 23rd to sixth Thursday at the Northwest Ohio District Diving Championships

at Bowling Green State University's Samuel Cooper Pool.

Thatcher's 353.90 points trailed the state qualifiers — district champ Jeff Allen of Bowling Green (378.25) and district runner-up Matt Bobo of Toledo St. John's (374.65) by less than 25 points.

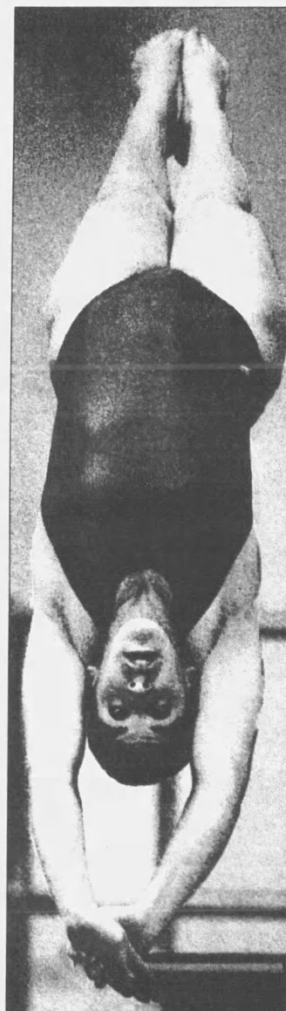
"There were only two dives that he didn't do as well as he did them at the sectional (last week)," Ross diving coach Gil

Root said. "And they were still very good."

At-large qualifiers for the state competition will be determined Sunday.

"He won't make it at-large because he doesn't have enough degree of difficulty," Root said.

Thatcher's degree of difficulty is 12.9, according to Root. Normally, Root said, 13.4 is needed for state.



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FREMONT ROSS sophomore Jennifer Newman prepares to finish off a dive during the district meet at Bowling Green State University Thursday. Newman finished fifth out of 32 girls in the competition.

Oak Harbor's Tack champ in butterfly

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BOWLING GREEN — Joe Tack of Oak Harbor won the 100 butterfly at the Northwest Ohio District Swimming Championships Friday.

Tack earned a berth in the event at next weekend's state meet in Canton.

His 52.06-second clocking in the Samuel Cooper Pool on the Bowling Green State University campus bettered his school record of 52.67, set a week ago in the sectional TACK



meet at Oak Harbor.

The top two finishers in each event are automatic qualifiers in the state meet. Swimming begins at noon today with the second half of the swimming program.

Chris Schaaf of Fremont Ross was fourth in the 50 freestyle in 22.06. In the same race, Brian Pointer of Oak Harbor finished eighth in 22.64.

Tracie Baker of the Aqua Giants was eighth in the girls 200 freestyle, setting a school record 2:01.76. The old mark of 2:02.8 was set in 1991 by Sarah Moore.

Ross also placed eighth in the 200 medley in 1:45.6. The squad was comprised of David Zin-

kand, Schaaf, Francisco Rosito and Tilko Mueller.

Other Ross finishes but not placing in the top eight included Ryan Wing 1:55.79 in the 200; Zinkand 2:22.49 in the 200 individual medley; Angie Sprenger in the 50 freestyle; Rosito 57.2 in the butterfly; and the Ross girls medley relay had a 2:09.23 but did not place.

In the boys medley relay, the Oak Harbor team of James Oakley, Jason Wood, Ron Lajti and Dave Norgard posted a 1:49.88, good for fourth in their heat but not in the top eight.

Oak Harbor's girls medley relay team of Azure Weis, Betsy Verb, Melanie Hamann and Andrea Lange finished eighth in a school-record 1:57.06. The old mark was 1:59.56 set in the sectional meet.

Other Oak Harbor results included Weis, 18th in the 200 free in 2:07.46; Ben Wood, seventh in the 200 free in a school-record 1:50.31, breaking his week-old mark of 1:52.36; Pointer was eighth in the 50 free in 22.64.

Monica Tabbert swam a 2:26.19 and Verb a 2:25.97 in the 200 individual medley but neither placed. Ron Lajti dropped nearly six seconds off his best 200 IM time with 2:13.67 but did not place. Kristy Hamann and Aaron Hemminger, both in the 50 frees, did not place.

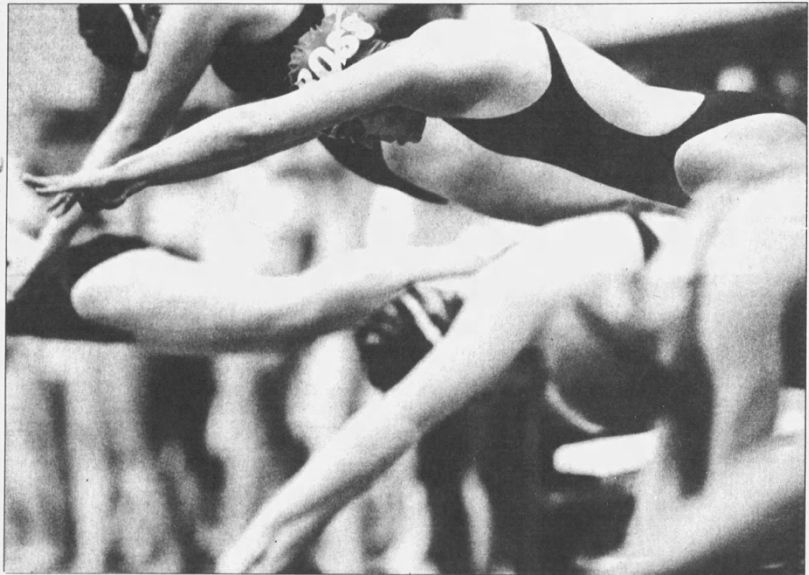
St. Joe, meanwhile, plays its second game in as many days

third quarter before St. Joe threatened.

line.

"We made some quick passes,

Hamann and Verb get it to the open shooter."



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TRACIE BAKER of Fremont Ross leaves the starting blocks in the 200 freestyle swim at the district meet Friday at Bowling Green.

Tack leads Rockets to state swim meet

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BOWLING GREEN — Oak Harbor's Joe Tack won his second district event, qualifying for the state meet in two events over the weekend at the Northwest Ohio District Swimming Championships at Bowling Green State University.

Tack won the 100-yard freestyle on Saturday in a school-record time of 47.73 seconds. Tack won the 100 butterfly championship on Friday.

The senior also helped Oak Harbor's 200 free relay and 400 free relay teams qualify for the state meet as at-large selections.

The state meet begins this Friday at the C.T. Branin Natatorium at McKinley High School in Canton.

Oak Harbor, which has had state competitors three consecutive years, was fifth in the boys' district standings with 142 points. St. Francis was first with 441, while Fremont Ross took eighth with 117 points.

The Little Giants were 17th with 17 points last year.

"That's quite an improvement," Ross coach Ryan Rashong said.

The Rockets took 10th in the girls' standings, with 101 points. Napoleon won with 294.5 points, while the Ross girls finished 12th with 78. The Little Giants took 14th with 31 points a year ago.

Neither Ross team advanced anyone to the state meet, but Rashong was still pleased with the effort.

"We swam really, really well," Rashong said. "Chris Schaaf had a great day. He

broke the school beaststroke record and was within one second of going to state in the 50 freestyle (on Friday). The last person to (qualify) was 22.29 and Chris went 22.39.

"Tracie Baker in the 500 free was five seconds off qualifying," the coach added. "In the longer events, that's a close margin. Everybody really had a good meet. They had a real successful season."

Oak Harbor's boys 200 free relay team of Tack, Brian Pointer, Aaron Hemminger and Ben Wood took third at the Samuel Cooper Pool in 1:28.28. The relay team earned the No. 8 seed at the state meet.

"The two teams that beat us at our district (Ashland and Toledo St. Francis) made All-American status," Oak Harbor coach Bob Van Horn said. "It's nice to be in the same ballpark as that."

Oak Harbor's 400 free relay team of Tack, Pointer, Hemminger and Wood took fourth in 3:19.68 on Saturday and earned the 22nd seed at state.

Oak Harbor girls 200 free relay team of Melanie Hamann, Andrea Lange, Betsy Verb and Azure Weis advanced to the state meet as an at-large selection. The relay team took sixth at districts in 1:42.78 and will be the 21st seed in Canton.

Oak Harbor set 12 school records at the three-day district event.

"Out of 36 swims, we had 30 season-best times," Van Horn said. "We had a tremendous weekend."

Coaches miffed at divers'

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BOWLING GREEN — Fremont Ross diver Leslie Hasselbach and Oak Harbor diver Calli Bodnar both failed to receive at-large bids to compete in this week's state diving meet.

At-large bids were awarded on Sunday, three days after the conclusion of the Northwest Ohio Diving Championships at Bowling Green State University's Samuel Cooper Pool.

Hasselbach, a junior, finished third in Thursday's girls events with 375.35 points. Bodnar, also a junior, was fourth with 368.70 points.

The top two placers at the dis-

trict meet received automatic bids to advance to the state meet at the C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton on Friday. A total of 24 divers in both the boys and girls events qualified.

"I really feel bad for Calli," Oak Harbor coach Bob Van Horn said. "Canton had 10 kids make it out of their district; the diving there isn't that good. It's too bad there has to be the human part of the judging. In swimming, it's pretty cut and dry."

"There are five districts, and for 10 to come out of one area in boys and girls doesn't jive. This has happened two years in a row to Calli, where I thought she