

# Swimmers, divers set for district meet

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**OAK HARBOR** — Sixteen individuals and five relay teams from Fremont Ross qualified for the District Swimming and Diving Meet at the sectional meet on Saturday.

Three swimmers — Matt Houtz and Fathom Houtz of Lakota and Margaretta's Andrea Lindsley, meanwhile, qualified for district competition in their first interscholastic competition of the winter.

Lakota and Margaretta do not offer swimming as a sport, and the individuals from those schools competed independently, but under their school colors.

Oak Harbor, which finished second in the boys' team competition and third in the girls' team standings, advanced 14 individuals and five relay teams to the district meet next Thursday through Saturday at the Bowling Green State University Student Recreation Center.

Port Clinton diver Mike Chrapkiewicz, six swimmers from Port Clinton as well as all six PC relay teams qualified for the district meet.

In Saturday's sectional, the top three finishers in each event automatically qualified for the district. At-large qualifiers were selected Sunday based on the best times from the sectional

tournaments at Defiance Ayersville, Wauseon and Ashland as well as Oak Harbor.

Any relay team that avoided a disqualification and recorded a finishing time in a race became a district qualifier.

Among the qualifiers for Ross were Allyn Spanfellner, who won the boys 500 freestyle swim in 5:20.93; Sarah Moore, who placed first in the girls 200 freestyle in 2:04.36; and Tracie Baker, who won the girls' 500 freestyle in 5:33.74.

Spanfellner also finished second in the 200 freestyle, Moore was an at-large qualifier in the 100 freestyle and Baker was runner-up to Moore in the 200 free.

Other Ross swimmers advancing to the district meet after recording top-three finishes at Oak Harbor were Chris Schaaf (third in the 50 free), Dave Tallman (third in the 100 butterfly); Ronelle Mahr (third in the girls' butterfly); and diver Leslie Haselbach, who placed second behind Oak Harbor's Callie Bodnar.

At-large district qualifiers for the Aqua Giants included Chase Baker (200 and 500 free), Kent Huffman (100 backstroke), Joe Pemberton (100 and 200 free), Schaaf (100 free), Kevin Wagner (110 and 200 free), Ryan Wing (500 free), David Zinkand (back-

stroke), Mahr (100 butterfly), Sheila Poust (500 free), Angie Sprenger (50 free) and Shannon Vaffis (50 free).

Perkins' boys and girls both won team sectional championships.

The Pirates finished with 324.5 and 350 points in the boys and girls meets, respectively.

Oak Harbor's boys compiled 223 points, while the Rocket girls had 166.

Ross finished fourth among the boys and girls in the team chase. The Aqua Giants compiled 184 points in the boys' standings, and the Ross girls picked up 158.

Port Clinton's boys were fifth with 78 points, and the PC girls were sixth with 97.

In the boys standings, Perkins and Oak Harbor were followed by Sandusky (218), Ross, PC, Perrysburg (63), Tiffin Calvert (36), Lakota (Houtz accounted for 30.5 points) and Maumee (12).

Perkins girls were followed by Fostoria (191), Oak Harbor, Ross, Sandusky (151), PC, Calvert (36), Margaretta (Lindsley accounted for 28 points), Huron (23), Maumee (11) and Perrysburg (seven).

Matt Houtz won the 200 individual medley in 2:07.97 and tied for the sectional title with Hans Groskost of Perkins in the 100

breaststroke. Houtz and Groskost each touched in 1:04.96.

Fathom Houtz was the runner-up to Perkins Brianna McGlashan in the 50 and 100 free swims.

Lindsley, a freshman, won the backstroke in 1:09.01 and was a district qualifier in the 50 free with a third-place finish.

Leading the district contingent from Oak Harbor were sectional champions Mark Weber, who won the 50 free in 22.83; Joe Tack, who won the butterfly in 56.10; and Bodnar, who compiled 324.4 points.

Weber and Tack also placed second in the 100 free and the 100 backstroke, respectively.

The Rockets got second-place finishes from Heather Kohli in the butterfly and Betsy Verb in the 500 free as well as third-place finishes from Verb in the 200 free and Melanie Hamman in the 100 free.

Oak Harbor also claimed a sectional title in the girls' 200 free relay, winning in 1:49.08.

Other individual district qualifiers for Oak Harbor are Kevin Witt, Jason Wood, Ben Wood (200 free); Bob Verb and Craig Harder (220 IM); Hamman (50 free); Witt, Bryan Peters and both Woods (500 free); Clark Oakley (backstroke); Kohli and Becky Adams (breaststroke);

and diver Troy Wright.

At-large district qualifiers from Port Clinton are Michelle Hendricks and Dan Greunke (500 free); Steve Gray and Todd Perry (backstroke); and David Jonke and Jim Jadwisiak (breaststroke).

District diving competition is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday. The medley relay events through the 100 butterfly will be contested Friday, beginning at noon, and the 100 free swim through the 400 free relays begin at noon, Saturday.

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# Hasselbach sets Ross diving record

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**BOWLING GREEN** — Fremont Ross freshman Leslie Hasselbach finished fourth in the district diving competition Thursday at Bowling Green State University's Student Recreation Center.

Hasselbach compiled a Ross record of 333.1 point for 11 dives. The old record was 322.25 by Michelle Velliquette in 1988.

"It was her best championship performance to date," Ross coach Tom Thomson said.

Kelly Price of Springfield and Joy Waldman of Mansfield St. Peters with 348.75 and 347.5 points, respectively, finished first and second to advance to the state meet next week.

Gretchen Robinson of Toledo Notre Dame Academy finished third with 344.6 points. Price, Waldman and Robinson are all juniors. Oak Harbor freshman Callie Bodnar placed eighth.

Hasselbach was first through four dives, but Price took the lead for good after nailing a 1½ somersault on her fifth dive.

"(Hasselbach) maintained her poise," Thomson said. "What she lacked was height or strength on the board."

In the boys competition, Oak Harbor's Troy Wright finished 16th and Port Clinton's Mike Chrapkiewicz was 19th.

The district swimming competition begins today and continues Saturday.

# Ross swimmers come up short at district meet

## Lakota's Houtz qualifies for 2nd state meet

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BOWLING GREEN — Several Ross swimmers set school records Saturday at the Northwest District Swimming and Diving Championships at Bowling Green State University, but no Little Giants advanced to this week's state meet in Canton.

Ross finished 11th in both the boys and girls' events. The boys had 51 points while the girls had 44.

Oak Harbor's boys took 10th with 53 points and the girls tied with Defiance for ninth place, each with 46 points.

Fathom Houtz of Lakota will make her second consecutive appearance in the state meet despite her school not having a regular-season team. Houtz placed second in the 100 freestyle (53.84) and was fifth in the 50 free (25.36), good for 23 points and a 15th place finish for Lakota.

Margaretta was 26th with four in the girls' standings and Lakota was 18th in the boys' standings with 12.

For the Ross girls, Sarah Moore broke a school record in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:02.80, and Tracie Baker broke her 500 free record with a time of 5:27.60. Baker finished seventh and Moore was ninth.

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The top 12 relay teams and individuals scored for each team at the district meet, with the top two automatically advancing to the state meet at the C.T. Branin Natatorium at Canton McKinley High School.

The top six individuals and relay teams earned all-district honors.

The Ross girls got a 10th-place finish from the 200 medley relay team of Heather Mears, Baker, Ronall Mahr and Moore (2:03.67). Moore was ninth (2:02.80) in the 200 free and 11th (57:09) in the 100 free, and the 400 free relay team of Moore, Angie Sprenger, Mahr and Baker took seventh in 3:56.48.

For the Ross boys, the 200 medley relay team of Kent Huffman, Lee Huffman, David Tal-

lman and Joe Pemberton was ninth in 1:50.42, and Allyn Spanfellner was 10th in the 200 free (1:50.94) and 10th in the 500 free (5:04.74).

Chase Baker was 12th in the 500 free (5:09.58), and the 200 free relay team of Chris Schaaf, Kevin Wagner, Dave Tallman and Spanfellner set a school record in 1:32.62.

Also for Ross boys, the 400 free relay team of Schaaf, Wagner, Baker and Spanfellner took sixth in 3:24.45.

Lakota's Matt Houtz finished fifth in the boys' 200 medley (2:01.49), while Fathom Houtz was fifth in the women's 50 free (25.36).

Oak Harbor's 200 free relay team received an at-large bid to represent the Rockets at the state meet.

The team of Bob Verb, Joe Tack, Craig Harder and Mark Weber finished fourth in 1:31.76. Their time was one of the top 24

district times in the state, which enabled them to advance.

Oak Harbor's Heather Kohli finished fifth (1:02.50) in the 100 butterfly, the 200 free relay team of Kohli, Melanie Hamann, Verb and Camille Heintz was sixth in 1:46.99 and Mark Weber was fifth (22.38) in the 50 free.

Placing in the top 12 for the Oak Harbor girls were Betsy Verb in the 200 free (10th, 2:03.87) and 500 free (10th, 5:33.08); diver Callie Bodnar (8th, 317.90); Hamann in the 100 free (57.26); and the 400 free relay team of Kohli, Adams, Verb and Hamann (10th, 3:59.42).

For the Oak Harbor boys, Kevin Witt was 11th (1:53.80) in the 200 free and Tack was eighth (55.07) in the 100 butterfly.

Toledo St. Francis finished first in the boys' competition, with 384 points.

Napoleon, with 240 points, edged St. Ursula by 10 points to win the girls' competition.