

1999 District Meet...

Ross swim teams tackle district meet

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BOWLING GREEN — Fremont Ross may not have advanced any athletes yet at the Northwest District Swimming and Diving Championships, held at Bowling Green State University's Cooper Natatorium, but the experience has been a positive one for the Little Giants.

"It's a really fast meet," said Ross swimmer Courtney Abbott, who finished the 50 free in 26.13 seconds. "I like it. It's a fun meet."

Lindsay Lange of Oak Harbor took first in 24.06, qualifying for next week's state championships in Canton.

Pryde Yost has the best shot at advancing for Ross, as he broke a school record in the 50 free, finishing fifth in 21.61.

"Before the race, I was going through my regular routine," said Yost. "I felt like I had a good start and by the time I got to the turn I felt great. The coach said I was in the lead. Halfway back I started to see the guy's hand

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next to me and I started getting worried, but I finished well."

While only the top three finishers in each race qualify for state, Ross coach Phil Moran said Yost can still qualify from a field of 24 at large swimmers.

"I hope he qualifies," Moran said. "I would be amazed if (21.61) didn't make it. We'll keep our fingers crossed."

Also placing in the top 10 for the Ross boys was Josh Fate, who took eighth in the 200 IM with a time of 2:03.

Finishing 13th in the boys 200 free was Brett Spicer, who finished in 1:50.73 for the *Little Giants*.

"It felt really good for the most part," Spicer said. "That was my best time by two seconds, so I'm really pleased."

Spicer also said he was a little nervous before the race, because of the atmosphere.

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"I was scared before the race," he said. "The atmosphere is great. With all the parents and all the people screaming it was fun."

Moran said Spicer's swim was encouraging.

"He looked pretty good," Moran said. "He needed the confidence for tomorrow's 500 free."

Also competing in the boys' 200 free was Buck Young, finishing in 1:58.26.

"I guess I'm pretty pleased with (the race)," said Young. "I kind of wanted to go a little faster."

Young said he enjoyed his district experience.

"It's great swimming in an awesome pool like this and having a great swim," he said.

Other Ross girls swimmers included Nicole Farrell and in the 100 fly (1:10.53), Morgan O'Connor and Amy Barnes in the 200 free with times of 2:11.41 and 1:58.26 respectively.

The 200 medley relay team of

Noelle Stroempl, Jenny Schaaf, Meg Nalley and Beth Hoelze finished with a time of 2:06.73.

Josh Tooman (1:03.94), Jon Oliver (1:00.08) and Aron Ozsvald (1:00.95) competed in the 100 fly for the Little Giants.

The boys 200 medley relay team of Buck Young, Dan Schrickel, J.J. Glaspy and Pryde Yost finished in 1:44.41.

Oak Harbor's girls 200-yard medley relay team set a new district record.

The Rockets relay team finished with a time of 1:48.94 to ad-

vance to next week's state championships in Canton.

Senior Marc Heller of Port Clinton finished 12th in the boy's 200 free in 1:49.99.

In the 100 butterfly, the Redskins' Tim Root finished 25th with a time of 1:03.29.

The top three finishers in each event will qualify for the state finals, with 24 at-large bids in each event to be chosen Sunday.

District competition resumes today at noon.

Yost, 200 free relay team advance for Little Giants

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BOWLING GREEN — Several area swimmers advanced from this weekend's Northwest Ohio District Swimming and Diving Championships at Bowling Green State University's Cooper Natatorium.

Fremont Ross, which placed fifth in the boys meet and 13th in the girls, advanced the boys 200 free relay team of Pryde Yost, Brett Spicer, Dan Schrickel and Josh Fate (1:29.45).

Yost also qualified for state in the 50 free with a time of 21.61.

"We're pretty happy," said

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Ross coach Phil Moran. "The kids dropped a substantial amount of time. The state is so fast this year, we weren't sure if we'd get anybody in."

Qualifying for Oak Harbor in the 100 back was Kelly Van Horn (59.17) and Lindsay Lange placed first in the 100-breast with a time of 1:02.50.

"She was just unbelievable," said Oak Harbor coach Bob Van Horn of Lange. "Boy, did she send a message in the breaststroke."

The 400-free relay team of Andrea Lajti, Van Horn, Lange and Amber Noggle

finished third in 3:39.97 for the Rockets, who finished third.

For Ross, Amy Barnes finished seventh in the 200 free (1:58.57) and the 500 free (5:15.71).

In other boys action Saturday, Fate finished eighth in the 200 IM (2:03) and 10th in the 100 back (56.71), while the 200 medley relay team of Buck Young, J.J. Glaspy, Schrickel and Yost finished seventh in 1:44.41 for the Little Giants.

The Margaretta girls finished 22nd.

The state meet is Friday and Saturday at the Branin Natatorium in Canton.

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High School Boys

District Championships

BOWLING GREEN — Boys team standings and Port Clinton and Oak Harbor results from the Northwest Ohio District Swimming and Diving Championships at Bowling Green State University's Cooper Natatorium.

Team standings

1-Tol. St. Francis 568, 2-Napoleon 234, 3-Sandusky Perkins 172, 4-Lexington 148, 5-Fremont Ross 129, 21-Port Clinton 23,

Area individual results

50-free: 5-Pryde Yost (FR) 21.61

100-free: 25-Aron Ozsvald (FR) 52.45

200-free: 12-Marc Heller (PC) 1:49.99, 13-Brett Spicer (FR) 1:50.73, 27-Buck Young (FR) 1:58.26

500-free: 13-Spicer (FR) 4:59.98

100-back: 10-Josh Fate (FR) 56.71, 16-Young (FR) 58.46, 21-Zach Gloer (OH) 1:01.11, 32-Chris Baillie (Marg) 1:08.97

100-breast: 10-Heller (PC) 1:03.10, 13-Dan Schrickel (FR) 1:03.84, 29-Justin Lange (OH) 1:09.29

100-fly: 19-Jon Oliver (FR) 1:00.08, 23-Ozsvald (FR) 1:00.95, 25-Tim Root (PC) 1:03.29, 27-Josh Tooman (FR) 1:03.94

200-IM: 8-Fate (FR) 2:03.00, 29-Root (PC) 2:22.64

200-free relay: 4-Ross (Yost, Spicer, Schrickel, Fate) 1:29.45

400-free relay: 4-Ross 3:20.44, 20-Port Clinton (Heller, Achenbach, Conte, Zajac) 3:44.45, 21-Margaretta (Rickenbaugh, Yetter, Niederkohr, Leber) 3:46.40, 27-Oak Harbor (Gloer, Laubacher, Dammeyer, Lange) 4:04.53

200-medley relay: 7-Ross (Young, Glaspy, Schrickel, Yost) 1:44.41, 17-Port Clinton (Heller, Root, Achenbach, Zajac) 1:54.03, 18-Margaretta (Baillie, Leber, Yetter, Rickenbaugh) 1:54.29, 29-Oak Harbor (Gloer, Dammeyer, Lange, Laubacher) 2:03.88

High School Girls

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Team standings

1-Napoleon 335, 2-Notre Dame 267, 3-Oak Harbor 170, 4-Northview 159, 5-Defiance 136, 13-Fremont Ross 63, 22-Margaretta 20, 23-Port Clinton 19.5.

Area individual results

50-free: 1-Lindsay Lange (OH) 24.06, 18-Courtney Abbott (FR) 26.13, 24-Beth Geiger (PC), 28-Janelle Montano (OH) 26.77

100-free: 15-Jessica Drusbacky (PC) 56.81, 23-Janet Miller (Marg) 58.00, 29-Sonia Schumaker (Lakota) 59.33, 32-Beth Geiger (PC) 1:02.32

200-free: 7-Amy Barnes (FR) 1:58.57, 27-Francine Darr (OH) 2:09.32, 31-Morgan O'Connor (FR) 2:11.41

500-free: 7-Barnes (FR) 5:15.71, 21-Darr (OH) 5:42.98, 32-O'Connor (FR) 6:02.64

100-back: 3-Kelly Van Horn (OH) 59.17, 6-Andrea Lajti (OH) 1:01.32, 25-Laura Obenauf (PC) 1:08.34

100-breast: 1-Lange (OH) 1:02.50

100-fly: 8-Van Horn (OH) 1:00.87, 9-Lajti (OH) 1:01.45, 11-Drusbacky (PC) 1:02.74, 20-Schumaker (Lakota) 1:05.64, 32-Nicole Farrell (FR) 1:10.53

200-IM: 32-Farrell (FR) 2:30.72

200-free relay: 9-Ross (Abbott, O'Connor, Jenny Schaaf, Barnes) 1:43.81, 14-Port Clinton (Obenauf, Geiger, Nicole Wood, Drusbacky) 1:46.64, 16-Oak Harbor (Noggle, Montano, Baumgartner, Ernsthause) 1:47.65, 26-Margaretta (J. Miller, Malott, S. Miller, Westcott) 1:50.05

400-free relay: 3-Oak Harbor (Lajti, Noggle, Van Horn, Lange) 3:39.97, 12-Ross (Barnes, O'Connor, Schaaf, Abbott) 3:54.92, 14-Port Clinton (Geiger, Obenauf, Wood, Drusbacky) 3:56.97, 23-Margaretta (S. Miller, Westcott, Malott, J. Miller) 4:08.05

200-medley relay: 1-Oak Harbor (Lajti, Van Horn, Lange, Noggle) 1:48.94, 23-Ross (Noelle Stroempl, Meg Nalley, Schaaf, Beth Hoelzle) 2:06.73, 32-Port Clinton (Obenauf, Hurrell, Vanlerberghe, Wood) 2:11.41