

2002 Sectional Meet...

Sectional Swimming

Hogan places first for Ross

Girls teams,
O'Connor 2nd

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Twenty-four Fremont Ross swimmers qualified to swim at districts, 23 of those in individual events, following the Division I sectionals Saturday at St. Francis High School.

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All six relays also qualified for the district, which begins Friday at Bowling Green State University.

In the team standings, the Ross boys and girls finished third. Toledo St. Francis and Sylvania Northview finished 1-2 on the boys side, and Notre Dame Academy and Sylvania Northview were 1-2 on the girls.

"St. Francis is by far the toughest sectional competition of the five sections in the Northwest District," Ross head coach Phil Moran said. "Getting that many swimmers through to districts says a lot about the hard work and training these kids put in all season. Forty-four kids swam personal-best times."

Teams left the meet on Saturday only knowing how they placed in their sectional competition. All sections report times on Saturday evening, and district qualifiers then are determined. Coaches are notified on Sunday morning of the top 32 overall finishes that qualify for district in each event.

One Ross swimmer who didn't need a phone call was junior Elliot Hogan. He automatically qualified with a first-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke and a second in the 50 freestyle.

"I just did what the coaches told me to do," Hogan said about his breaststroke win. "They told me to take the first 50 yards out as hard as I do when I swim the 50 breaststroke in the medley relay. That's hard. Then just hold on for the last 50 and trust my training to carry me. It worked."

Swimmers punch their tickets for BG District

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Hogan swam a time of 29.18 seconds in the first 50 and finished the race at one minute, 4.02 seconds, 2.5 seconds faster than his time going into districts last year.

Greg Vandyne and Nate Schrickel also qualified for district in the event.

"Six out of the eight swimmers had 23-point-something seconds for qualifying times going into the 50-yard free, so it was anybody's race," Hogan said. "Coach always says both of those have to be perfect if you expect to finish at the top."

Freshman Jake Ickes also didn't need a call from his coach, having turned in a personal-best time of 1:50.46 for second place and an automatic seat in the 200 freestyle.

Rob Hoelzle and David Albrechta made it through in the 200 freestyle as well, each with personal-best times. Hoelzle also swam a personal-best in the 100 backstroke to qualify, as did Brandon Spicer. Spicer double-qualified, having dropped more than four seconds in his 100 backstroke, and more than three seconds in his 100 butterfly.

Freshman Aaron Gray made the 100 butterfly cut as well. The coaches knew Ickes' personal best of 5:24.50 for fourth place would carry him through in the grueling 500 freestyle. Alan Gamble at 5:33.32 and Noah Grayson at 5:35.48 also made the 500 freestyle cut.

Grayson dropped more than six seconds off his personal-best time in the 500 and three seconds on the individual medley to join the list of double qualifiers.

Brian Whitright and Zac Ramey finished sixth and eighth, respectively, in boys diving and will be competing at districts on Thursday evening.

Hoelzle, Hogan, Schrickel and Ickes took a fourth in the 200 medley relay; Vandyne, Hogan, Schrickel and Ickes a fourth in the 200 free relay; and Grayson, Vandyne, Paul Nalley and Albrechta a fifth in the 400 free relay. Each team advanced.

Eleven Ross girls advance

Second-place finishes in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays have assured the Ross girls of final-heat placement at districts and a good shot at making states.

None of the four girls — Brittany and Morgan O'Connor, Sarah Berger and Jaymelee Glaspy — swam on a taper on Saturday.

"Swimmers generally drop considerable time once they taper off long workouts," Moran said, "so I expect them to go a lot faster at districts. A lot."

The girls 200 medley relay of Michele Fahrback, Wendy Farrell, Jenny Fate and Sam Glaspy also advanced with a fifth-place finish.

Senior co-captain Morgan O'Connor led the way for the Fremont girls in individual events with a team-high second in the 100 freestyle and a fourth in the 200 freestyle.

Junior Brittany O'Connor advanced in two individual events as well with third-place finishes in the 50 freestyle and the 100 backstroke.

Sarah Berger swam a personal-best 5:45.43 for fourth place in the 500 freestyle and will lead a pack of Little Giants swimmers in the 200 individual medley on Friday. Jenny Fate and Kristen Vandyne each dropped six seconds off their seed times to make the cut in the 200 individual medley, and Wendy Farrell dropped nearly three.

"Some of the swimmers are tapered for sectionals, so they swim their fastest and make the cut to districts," Moran said. "It all depends on their times going in. Others don't taper until this week, so they drop time at districts and hopefully make it on to states."

Freshman Emily Grayson is a perfect example. She tapered last week, dropped over four-and-a-half seconds in her 100 breaststroke and made the cut. She's number 32 out of 32, but for a freshman that's something.

Junior Wendy Farrell, who swam the breaststroke at districts last year, dropped two seconds to finish eighth in the event this year, and easily made the cut.

Sisters Sam and Jaymelee Glaspy each made double events. Jaymelee in the sprints with a sixth in the 50 and ninth in the 100 freestyle, and Sam with eighths in the longer distance 200 and 500 freestyles.

And talk about being on fire, freshman Amy Jo Sweeney dropped eight seconds, and classmate Chelsea Earhart dropped a whopping 25 seconds in the 500 free times. They missed the cut, but proved to themselves and everyone else just how effective a good taper can be.

Swimming High School Boys

Division I Sectional

at Toledo St. Francis

200 Medley Relay

1-Toledo St. Francis (Pat Carroll, Jake Breymaier, Jeremy Palmer, Ryan McHugh) 1:44.98, 4-Ross (Rob Hoelzle, Elliot Hogan, Nate Schrickel, Jake Ickes) 1:49.92.

200 Freestyle

1-Pat Carroll (TSF) 1:50.31, 3-Jake Ickes (Ross) 1:55.46, 7-Rob Hoelzle (Ross) 1:59.18, 11-David Albrechta (Ross) 2:01.07.

200 Individual Medley

1-Jeremy Palmer (TSF) 2:06.53, 12-Noah Grayson (Ross) 2:19.31, 15-Paul Nalley (Ross) 2:25.95, 16-Alan Gamble (Ross) 2:26.70.

50 Freestyle

1-Zach Schneider (Oregon Clay) 23.26, 2-Hogan (Ross) 23.36, 10-Greg Vandyne (Ross) 24.99, 11-Schricketel (Ross) 25.00, 28-Nathan Bowen (Ross) 30.38.

1 Meter Diving

1-Matt Pipoly (Sylvania Northview) 423.70, 6-Brian Whitright (Ross) 303.35, 8-Zachary Ramey (Ross) 259.25.

100 Butterfly

1-Daniel Goldberg (Sylvania Southview) 55.87, 6-Brandon Spicer (Ross) 1:01.24, 10-Aaron Gray (Ross) 1:05.24.

100 Freestyle

1-Andrew Rennels (TSF) 50.21, 12-Paul Nalley (Ross) 57.77, 21-Jacob Rusch (Ross) 1:03.65, 25-Nathan Bowen (Ross) 1:08.10.

500 Freestyle

1-Kris Tester (SYNO) 5:19.38, 4-Jake Ickes (Ross) 5:24.90, 9-Alan Gamble (Ross) 5:33.32, 11-Grayson (Ross) 5:35.48, 13-David Albrechta (Ross) 5:37.05.

200 Freestyle Relay

1-TSF (Andrew Rennels, Pat Carroll, Ryan McHugh, Doug Mosiniak) 1:32.68, 4-Ross (Hogan, Vandyne, Schrickel, Ickes) 1:38.44.

100 Backstroke

1-Pat Carroll (TSF) 56.25, 9-Spicer (Ross) 1:01.45, 11-Hoelzle (Ross) 1:01.69, 17-Rusch (Ross) 1:13.27.

100 Breaststroke

1-Hogan (Ross) 1:04.02, 8-Schricketel (Ross) 1:10.79, 10-Vandyne (Ross) 1:11.24, 23-Gray (Ross) 1:20.36.

400 Freestyle Relay

1-Toi. St. Johns (Dave Fournier, Mike Mickus, Greg Marcus, Dave Barone) 3:38.89, 5-Ross (Grayson, Vandyne, Nalley, Albrechta) 3:50.04.

High School Girls

Division I Sectional

at Toledo St. Francis

200 Medley Relay

1-Notre Dame Academy (Susan Johnson, M.K. Harr, Sara Gombach, Kristen Friderichs) 1:55.56, 5-Ross (Micheline Fahrbach, Wendy Farrell, Jenny Fate, Sam Glaspy) 2:07.02.

200 Freestyle

1-Ellen Johnson (NDA) 1:55.33, 4-Morgan O'Connor (Ross) 2:03.93, 8-Sam Glaspy (Ross) 2:11.04, 13-Fahrbach (Ross) 2:18.86, 19-Erika Parker (Ross) 2:31.64.

200 Individual Medley

1-Katie Carroll (NDA) 2:07.16, 10-Sarah Berger (Ross) 2:29.66, 12-Jenny Fate (Ross) 2:32.91, 14-Wendy Farrell (Ross) 2:34.16, 17-Kristen Vandyne (Ross) 2:37.85.

50 Freestyle

1-Katie Carroll (NDA) 24.21, 3-Brit O'Connor (Ross) 25.47, 9-Jaymelee Glaspy (Ross) 27.27, 20-Tia Gilson (Ross) 29.47.

1 Meter Diving

1-Amy Shunk (Sylvania Northview) 385.15, 9-Alyssa Zimmerman (Ross) 303.20.

100 Butterfly

1-Ellen Johnson (NDA) 58.91, 12-Fate (Ross) 1:11.59, 17-Kristen Vandyne (Ross) 1:13.58, 21-Amber Barnes (Ross) 1:24.96.

100 Freestyle

1-Susan Johnson (NDA) 54.79, 2-Morgan O'Connor (Ross) 56.89, 6-J. Glaspy (Ross) 59.92, 16-Emily Grayson (Ross) 1:02.69, 24-Emily Zamora (Ross) 1:06.93.

500 Freestyle

1-Ashleigh Powell (TCH) 5:21.17, 4-Sarah Berger (Ross) 5:45.43, 8-Sam Glaspy (Ross) 5:51.40, 14-Amy Jo Sweeney (Ross) 6:50.42, 17-Chelsea Eckhart (Ross) 7:33.63.

200 Freestyle Relay

1-NDA (Harr, Caroline, Wadsworth, Jenna Winfield, Carroll) 1:44.13, 2-Ross (B. O'Connor, M. O'Connor, Berger, J. Glaspy) 1:46.76.

100 Backstroke

1-Kitsie Kerner (NDA) 1:00.38, 3-B. O'Connor (Ross) 1:02.48, 11-Fahrbach (Ross) 1:11.44, 21-Barnes (Ross) 1:15.99, 22-Gilson (Ross) 1:17.01.

100 Breaststroke

1-Harr (NDA) 1:11.86, 8-Farrell (Ross) 1:16.88, 15-Grayson (Ros) 1:22.58, 33-Emily Zamora (Ross) 1:36.74, 34-Melissa McDonald (Ross) 1:37.10.

400 Freestyle Relay

1-NDA (Johnson, Friderichs, Lizzie Harr, Carroll) 3:43.48, 2-Ross (B. O'Connor, M. O'Connor, Berger, J. Glaspy) 3:54.04.