

1977 Buckeye Conference...

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*Sandusky is team to beat*

## Ross primed for BC Invitational

The first Buckeye Conference Invitational Swim Meet is Saturday at Findlay's YMCA, 300 E. Lincoln St. The meet, featuring the four Buckeye Conference teams has seven teams entered presently but that figure could grow by meet time.

Host Findlay will be joined by Fremont Ross, Sandusky, and Marion Harding of the BC while Lima Senior, Columbus Northland, and Marion-Franklin will definitely make appearances.

The invitational meet was substituted this year when it was ruled by Buckeye Conference officials that the results of the annual meet involving

only conference schools would not count toward the conference all-sports trophy. That decision was reached when Mansfield's swimming program hit the skids, leaving only four conference schools with the aquatic sport.

Sandusky is favored to win Saturday's invitational but Ross Coach Art Bucci figures his squad has a shot at the runnerup spot. Short on numbers, but long on quality swimmers, Bucci is putting his stock for the high finish on his younger swimmers.

"We feel right now," Bucci said as

he talked for himself and assistant Coach Jeff Horvath, that the way our kids have been training the past two weeks and the attitude they have, we can take second.

"It's true that our depth may hurt us but we feel our young swimmers can come through for us."

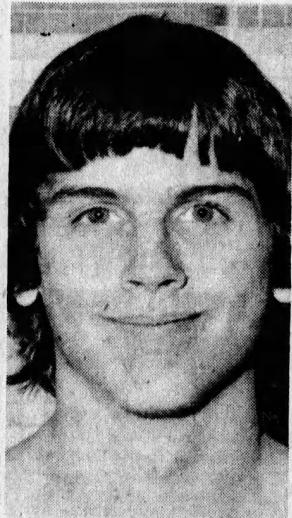
The Little Giants figure to have shots at winning the medley relay, backstroke, butterfly, individual medley, and the breaststroke.

"We are going with Hal Hawk (backstroke), Tom Messina (breaststroke), Brian Koenig (butterfly), and Jim Albright (free-style)

in the medley," Bucci disclosed. "This group has been down to 1:46.2 this year and it is the combination that we will likely use in the district meet."

Hawk, who holds the school record in the backstroke, will be in the running for that event while Koenig is given a shot at winning the fly and the IM. Kevin Casey and Tom Messina are expected to be among the top runners in the breaststroke.

The diving preliminaries Saturday will begin at 9 a.m. with the swimming competition beginning at 1 p.m.



**BRIAN KOENIG**

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## Lucky number!

**VANLUE** — Bettsville likes the number 20 so well, it gave itself a two-point bonus in the final quarter in an 82-62 walkaway win over Vanlue in high school basketball Saturday.

The Bobcats scored 20 points in each of the first three periods and popped in 22 in the final eight

## Little Giants 5th in Buckeye Meet

**FINDLAY** — The Ross High School swimming team finished fifth in the seven-team Buckeye Conference Invitational Swimming Meet held at the YMCA here Saturday.

Favored Sandusky won the meet with 385½ points, easily outdistancing runner-up Findlay, which had 255. They were followed by Delaware with 162, Lima with 146½, Ross with 138, Marion with 99 and Wauseon with 14.

The highest finishes for Ross were seconds in the 200-yard medley relay, 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard backstroke.

Hal Hawk, Tom Messina, Brian Koenig and Jim Albright finished the medley relay at 1:47.2. Koenig swam the individual medley at 2:10.6 and Hawk was clocked at a 1:00.8 in the backstroke.

"Overall the times were not impressive for a conference championship for us," commented Ross Coach Art Bucci.

Donna Hetrick had her best time of the year in the 100-yard backstroke at 1:09.9, beating her previous best at 1:11.0. Jean McKittrick turned in a 1:05.4 in the 100-yard freestyle for her best time and Doug Ackerman in the 500-yard freestyle improved his best time from 5:53.6 to 5:48.8.

Bucci cited Carol Gottron and Lori Mehling for doing a good job in diving by finishing sixth and 12th respectively.

Swimmers of the week for Ross included Hetrick, Gottron, Ackerman, Mark Porczak and Hawk.

### TEAM STANDINGS

Sandusky	385½	Ross	138
Findlay	255	Marion Harding	99
Delaware	162	Wauseon	14
Lima	146½		

### EVENTS

**200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY RELAY** — Sandusky (Jack Waldock, Chip Palazzo, Chuck Bennett and Mike Troike) 1:44.9; Ross (Hal Hawk, Tom Messina, Brian Koenig, Jim Albright) 1:47.2

**200-YARD FREESTYLE** — Bob Meredith (L) 1:54.1; Mark Porczak (R) 2:05.5, seventh; Doug Ackerman (R) 2:08.9, 13th

**200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY** — Palazzo (S) 2:07.1; Koenig (R) 2:10.6; Kevin Casey (R) 2:20.1, seventh

**50-YARD FREESTYLE** — Bob Ivers (D) 23.6; Carol Gottron (R) 29.4, 22nd; Jean McKittrick (R) 30.0 23rd

**DIVING** — Bob Virden (M) 402.5; Carol Gottron (R) 267.95, sixth; Lori Mehling (R) 154.3, 12th

**100-YARD BUTTERFLY** — Waldock (S) 56.0; Koenig (R) 57.1, third; Hawk (R) 1:00.3, fifth

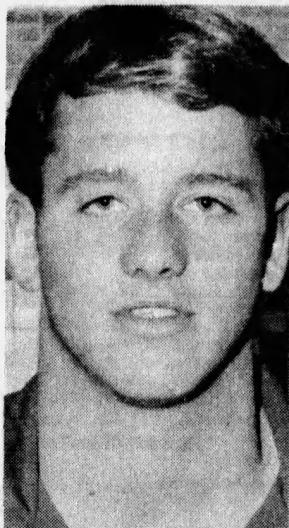
**100-YARD FREESTYLE** — Ivers (D) 52.5; Albright (R) 57.3, 10th; McKittrick (R) 1:05.4, 20th; Gottron (R) 1:05.9, 21st

**500-YARD FREESTYLE** — Chris Shrader (R) 5:06.7; Porczak (R) 5:41.8, sixth; Ackerman (R) 5:48.8, eighth

**100-YARD BACKSTROKE** — Waldock (S) 58.4; Hawk (R) 1:00.8; Hetrick (R) 1:09.9, 11th

**100-YARD BREASTSTROKE** — Palazzo (S) 1:05.8; Kevin Casey (R) 1:10.2, seventh

**400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY** — Sandusky (Troike, Jim Parker, Scott Spayd, Bennett) 3:32.8; Ross, 3:56.4



**HAL HAWK**

... Second in backstroke

## Norwalk stops Clyde

**CLYDE** — Norwalk erupted for 41 points in the second half while holding Clyde to only 18 in charging to a 65-45 basketball win here Saturday.

Clyde had taken a 27-24 lead at the half after outscoring the Truckers 15-12 in the second period but an 18-8 spurt in the third period followed by a 23-10 avalanche in the final period, knocked the wind out of the Fliers.

Jeff Orwick, who in the fall played football so well for Norwalk that he gained All-Ohio honors, proved he was also at home on the hardwood by scoring 20 points, high for the game. Teammates Jeff Wyatt and Jeff Sparks helped