

1984 Season Review...



MEMBERS OF the Ross High School swim team are, front row, left to right, co-captain Mark Greene and Greg Bauders; row three: Troy Lowther, Coach Art Bucci and co-captain Chris Overmyer, Todd Turner, Brian Mowry, Teresa Black; row two: diving Coach Bob Lozano, Jon LaGrou, Tom McDonald, Andy Scott, Julie Randolph, Lori Smith, Paul Ochs, Nathan

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Duper, who caught scoring passes of 7 and 15 yards, had five catches for 64 yards, allowing him to maintain a pace that would give him a

the announcement, and to have that precede an effort like this would have to make you feel pretty proud."

Ross swimmers open today

By BOB MARKER
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Art Bucci has nine lettermen back for the 1983-84 Fremont Ross swim team but he insists that is no indication of how strong his team is. He claims just the opposite.

"This is the youngest team I have ever had here," he said. "We do have the lettermen back but only four of them are seniors."

"We are strong in some strokes but weak in others and it will take a few meets for the kids to get the experience and know what is expected of them."

The Ross swimmers take their first step toward getting that experience by hosting Margaretta at 6:30 this evening at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

Chris Black and Mark Lowther are two of Bucci's key returnees from a squad that produced a 9-3 dual meet record last season. That season also included a second in the Malabar Relays, fourth in the Upper Arlington Relays and a third place finish in the district meet. Bucci also took six swimmers to the state meet.

Black qualified in the 200 individual medley, 100 freestyle and anchored the freestyle relay in the state meet. Lowther qualified for the state show in

the medley relay and the backstroke. Black had the top finishes with a seventh in the IM and 13th in the 100 free sprint.

"Those two are the most versatile swimmers I have ever had," Bucci said. "They can swim any stroke I ask them and they will do well at all of them."

Diver Troy Overmyer is another person who Bucci feels can qualify for the state meet. "He is probably the best diver I have had with the exception of possibly Scott Heschel," the Ross coach pointed out.

Other letter winners back for Ross are Overmyer and Lori Smith, both seniors, and junior Dean Beck, Mike Robinett, Kelly Sabiers, Tracy Turner and Heather Winning.

Smith and Winning are the top two girls for the Little Giants. Both are capable of reaching the state meet said Bucci. If either makes it this season, it will be the first time Ross has qualified a girl for the state meet.

"The first couple of meets could be rough," admitted Bucci, "but as the season goes along, and they get experience, we should be okay."

Ross will be at Columbus Academy for a dual meet Friday and participate in the Upper Arlington Relays on Saturday.

Aqua Giants win

By BOB MARKER

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Chris Black's pool record in the 200-individual medley highlighted a clean sweep as Ross won every event in a 64-19 win over Margaretta in the opening high school swim meet for the Aqua Giants.

Black shattered his own Fremont Junior High School natatorium record in the IM, clicking off a 2:04.8, a half second lower than his previous mark of 2:05.37 set in 1982.

The Ross senior also won the 500 freestyle in 5:00.71 to join Mark Lowther as Ross's double winners. Lowther won the butterfly in 57.6 and took the backstroke in 1:07.1. Both Black and Lowther swam on the Aqua Giants' winning medley relay.

"It was a good meet in that we were able to give everyone a chance at swimming," Ross Coach Art Bucci said. "We had a lot of 'best' swims from some of the younger kids."

Bucci pointed out the efforts of Andy Scott, a sophomore, who won the 100 free in a personal best of 55.09 seconds. He was also pleased with the showing of Bill Taylor, another sophomore, who placed second in the 200 and 500 frees.

Sophomore Brian Mowry won the 50 free sprint in 25.5 and swam the anchor on the medley and free relays for Ross.

Troy Overmyer easily won the diving event for Ross, piling up 180 points to finish ahead of sophomore teammate Jon LaGrou.

Other winners for Ross included Tracy Turner and Dean Beck.

Aqua Giants lose dual, finish 4th in UA Relays

COLUMBUS—Ross lost to Columbus Academy on Friday and finished fifth in the Upper Arlington Relays Saturday.

In the Friday meet, Chris Black won the 200 individual medley and the 500 freestyle and Mark Lowther was first in the backstroke and the butterfly to pace Ross. Diver Troy Overmyer picked up the other Aqua Giants first, winning his specialty.

Black posted a 2:03.18 in the IM and splashed to a 5:00.71 clocking in the freestyle race. Lowther took the backstroke in 1:02.1 and finished the fly in 56.3. Overmyer had 164.25 points for his second diving win of the young season.

"There were a number of very close races that could have gone our way," Ross Coach Art Bucci said, "but let's call this meet one for experience. My

young swimmers are finding out you just don't put on a suit and swim meets."

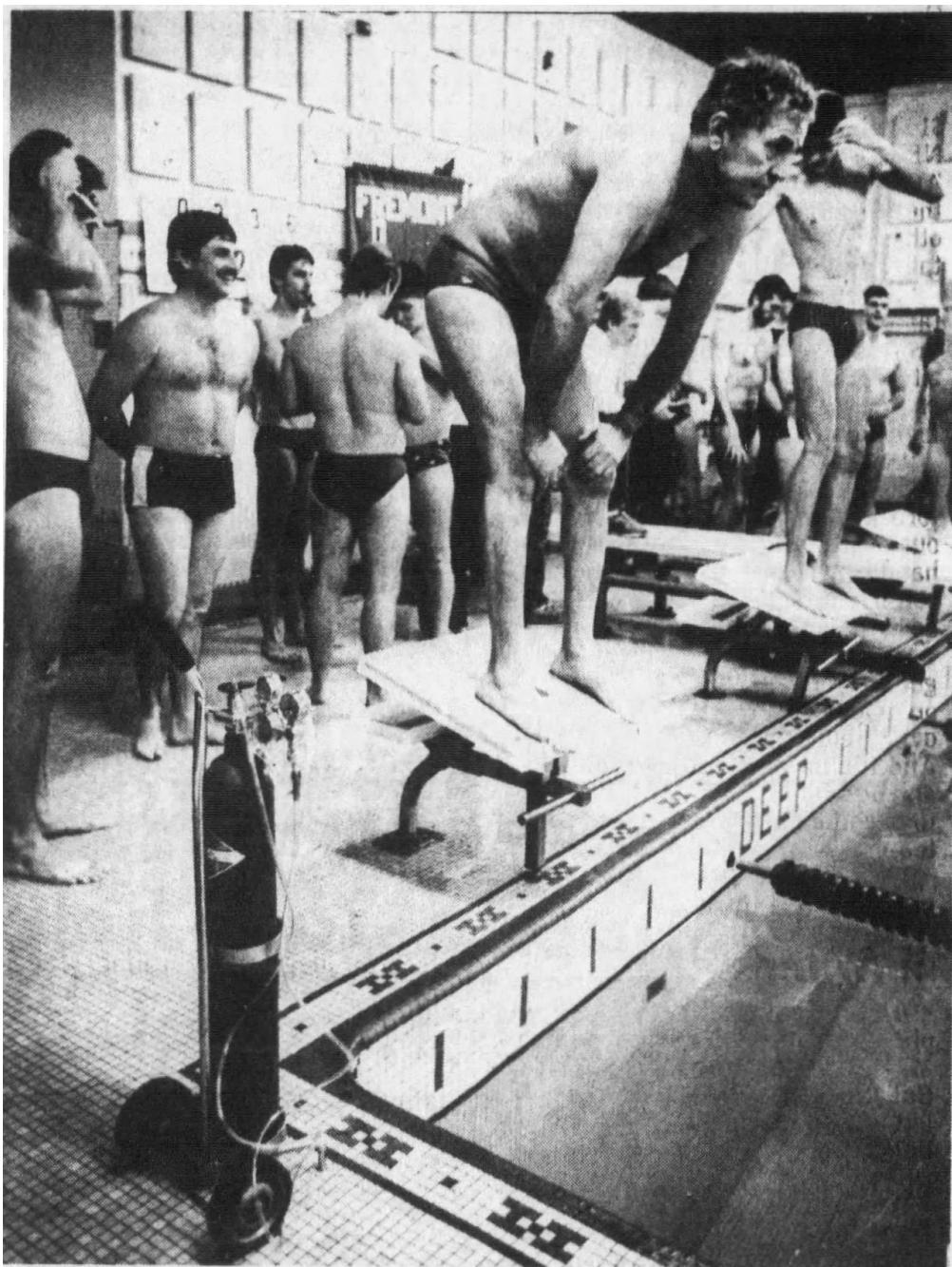
Saturday, in the Relays, Ross was hit by the "D.Q. Plague" according to Bucci.

"We are young and depth is a problem," he stressed, "and it was weekend away from home and we have to learn how to cope."

The best finish in the Relays was turned in by the diving tandem of Overmyer and Jon LaGrou, placing fourth. Overmyer had his personal best, piling up 210.85 points.

The 200-yard freestyle relay also finished fourth. Lowther, Andy Scott, Brian Mowry and Black made up that team.

The next meet for the Aqua Giants is Tuesday at Wauseon.



(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

Back in the swim

Dan Lease, a 1944 graduate of Fremont High School, gets ready on the starting blocks prior to the start of the 200-yard freestyle relay in the Alumni Swim Meet at the Fremont Junior High School Natatorium Friday evening. Lease was among several swimmers taking part in the meet staged by the current Ross High School swim team. A few other grads

included Bob Lozano, 1964, Tom Thompson and Scott Semer, 1969, and several other more recent graduates participated. The meet had originally been slated for last Wednesday, but had to be postponed because of the inclement weather. The oxygen tank beside Lease did not have to be used by any of the competitors.

Sandusky's depth sinks Aqua Giants

SANDUSKY — Ross won half of the events but still came out on the short end of a 98-73 count to Sandusky in high school swimming action here Tuesday.

"Sandusky has a lot more kids than us," said Ross Coach Art Bucci, "and it showed. They two, three and foured us to death."

Mark Lowther led the Aqua Giants with a pair of individual victories, one in the 100-yard butterfly in 57.50 seconds and the other in the 100-yard back-stroke in 1:04.90.

Two other individual winners for Ross were Chris Black in the 200-yard individual medley (2:04.02) and Troy Overmyer in diving (214.30 points).

The Aqua Giants also captured first place in the 200-yard medley relay with the team of Black, Lowther, Brian Mowry and Todd Turner. Their time was 1:52.51.

Bucci expressed pleasure with those winning performances but also said he was happy with the showing of some of his younger swimmers.

"We had some super swims by our younger people," he said, citing junior Tracy Turner and sophomores Mowry, Bill Taylor, Tom McDonald and Jim Boggs. "These kids are learning and gaining valuable experience. And we need that."

Ross's next meet will be Saturday at 1 p.m., at Napoleon.

Swimming

Sandusky 98

Ross 73

Events

200 medley relay — 1st, Ross (Chris Black, Mark Lowther, Brian Mowry and Todd Turner) 1:52.51; 2nd, Sandusky, 1:53.95.

200 free — 1st, Craig Ward (S) 1:57.60; 2nd, Stace Drumm (S) 2:01.13.

200 IM — 1st, Chris Black (R) 2:04.02; 2nd, Rick Waldock (S) 2:19.36.

50 free — 1st, George Buzas (S) 24.15; 2nd, Mike Frost (S) 24.20.

Diving — 1st, Troy Overmyer (R) 214.30; 2nd, Craig Ryan (S) 177.20.

100 fly — 1st, Mark Lowther (R) 57.50; 2nd, Brian Mowry (R) 1:03.44.

500 free — 1st, Craig Ward (S) 5:14.80; 2nd, Stace Drumm (S) 5:37.64.

100 back — 1st, Mark Lowther (R) 1:04.90; 2nd, Chris Kaufman (S) 1:08.50.

100 breast — 1st, Rick Waldock (S) 1:07.07; 2nd, Mike Thom (S) 1:10.45.

400 free relay — 1st, Sandusky, 3:44.00; 2nd, Ross (Andy Scott, Bill Taylor, Todd Turner and Tracy Turner), 3:59.39.

Aqua Giants defeated

NAPOLEON — Chris Black set a pool record and Ross diver Jon Lagrou qualified for the district meet but Napoleon knocked off the Aqua Giants 96-75 in a high school swim meet Saturday.

Black splashed to a 2:03.63 winning time to set a Napoleon pool individual medley record. The Ross senior chopped nearly three seconds off the old mark of 2:06.3 which was held by Mark Bertz of Napoleon.

Black also won the 100 freestyle in 49.61 seconds.

Lagrou, the Aqua Giants' number two diver, piled up 161 points to qualify for the district meet. Troy Overmyer took first for Ross, collected 227.90 points, eight away from the Ross school record.

"We had a super day for time improvements," Ross Coach Art Bucci said while listing a group of Ross swimmers.

In the group were Bill Taylor, Tom McDonald, Tracy Turner, Paul Ochs, Jim Goggs, Mike Robinette, Teresa Gloer and Julie Randolph.

Mark Lowther picked up a pair of firsts for Ross, taking the butterfly in 57.62 seconds and coming back to post a 1:09.05 in the breaststroke.

The Aqua Giants will entertain Findlay Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

Swimming

High school

Napoleon 96, Ross 75

EVENTS

Medley relay: 1-Napoleon (Delrenthal, Dempster, Holzer, Schlucter) 1:48.36, 2-Ross (Chris Black, Dean Beck, Mark Lowther, Brian Mowry) 1:49.77, 3-Napoleon 1:56.89.

200 freestyle: 1-Dickmann (N) 1:51.21, 2-Brown (N) 1:58.9, 3-Andy Scott (R) 2:08.16.

200 individual medley: 1-Black (R) 2:03.63 (Napoleon pool record. Old record of 2:06.3 held by Mark Bertz of Napoleon), 2-Elling (N) 2:12.74, 3-Vasn Brackel (N) 2:16.39.

50 freestyle: 1-Dempster (N) 23.77, 2-Mowry (R) 24.84, 3-DenVernos (N) 24.84.

Diving: 1-Troy Overmyer (R) 227.90, 2-Jon LaGrou (R) 161.00, 3-Todd Osborn (N) 142.40.

Butterfly: 1-Lowther (R) 57.62, 2-Schlucter (N) 59.53, 3-Nye (N) 1:02.35.

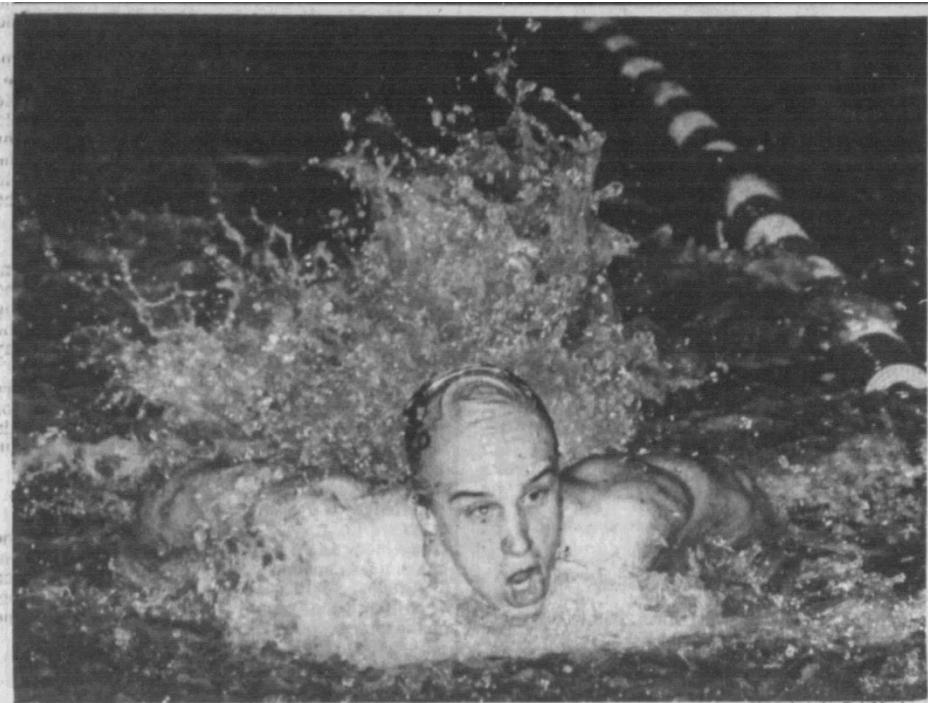
100 freestyle: 1-Black (R) 49.61, 2-Dickmann (N) 49.87, 3-Scott (R) 55.26.

500 freestyle: 1-Dempster (N) 5:02.23, 2-Bill Taylor (R) 5:52.69, 3-Clark (N) 6:02.28.

Backstroke: 1-Holzer (N) 59.7, 2-Schlucter (N) 1:03.55, 3-Kruse (N) 1:05.31.

Breaststroke: 1-Lowther (R) 1:09.05, 2-~~k~~ Elling (N) 1:10.99, 3-Beck (R) 1:13.29.

Freestyle relay: 1-Napoleon (Brown, Dickmann, Elling, Nye) 3:47.0, 2-Ross (Scott, Turner, Turner, Ochs) 3:52.37, 3-Ross (Taylor, McDonald, Boggs, Winning) 4:04.58.



N-M photo by Bob Marker

MARK LOWTHER of Ross heads for the wall during the 100-yard butterfly Tuesday evening at the Junior

High natatorium. Lowther finished second in this event to Findlay's Andy Layne.

Freshmen spark Findlay past Aqua Giants 47-36

By BOB MARKER
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Art Bucci got stung and he was smarting from a rule that Findlay uses and Ross could not have elected to do so as yet.

"Those freshmen were the difference in the meet," the Ross swim coach said after his team had been outstroked by the Trojans 47-36.

Bucci is an outspoken supporter of using freshmen on varsity level high school sports. A resolution passed by the high school and junior high school principals of three-year high school systems gave permission to use freshmen as of Dec. 1, 1983 even if they are not under the same roof as the upper three high school grades, in varsity sports.

Findlay immediately put the new rule into effect and Bucci's team was the first Ross team to be stung by the underclassmen.

"Hey," he said, "if you have freshmen who can compete with varsity kids, use them. Findlay's freshmen made the difference in the meet; take them out and we are right in there."

Andy Layne was the more dominant of the Trojan frosh,

taking the butterfly by a fingertip over Ross's Mark Lowther. Layne touched in 56.32 seconds while the Ross senior was home in 56.88.

Layne also won the 50 free and swam on Findlay's second place medley relay.

Another Trojan freshman, Joe Foster was second in the backstroke to Lowther's 1:02.46 with a 1:02.88. Foster also had a third in the individual medley and led off the Trojan medley relay.

In the IM, Chris Black of the Aqua Giants chopped more than three seconds off his Fremont Junior High School natatorium record with a clocking of 2:01.16. He set the previous record of 2:04.83 earlier this season.

Black also was quicker than the pool record in the 100 free but Findlay's Kendale Ritchey was a shade quicker, beating the Ross senior 48.34 to 49.0. Ritchey's time wiped out a 49.5 set by Mike Mowry of Ross in 1981.

The only other first for the Aqua Giants was in diving. Troy Overmyer piled up 208.60 points for the top spot and teammate Jon LaGrou took third.

Bucci shook his head clear of the freshmen issue to point out that the Aqua Giants are now in the beginning stages of building for the district meet in February.

"We are practicing twice daily," he explained. "We have been putting in 9,000 to 12,000 yards (swimming laps) each day and the kids are tired so I have to be happy with the times we had."

"I was especially happy with our sophomores such as Tracy and Todd Turner, Bill Taylor, Tom McDonald, Paul Ochs and LaGrou. Andy Scott," Bucci continued, "could have won the 50 free if he had a better turn."

"Taylor swam a 7:12 in the 500 at the beginning of the season and tonight (Tuesday), he swam a 5:45. That's amazing."

The Ross coach also talked about the record set by Black and the performance of Lowther but he could not stop glowing over the young swimmers.

It was Findlay's "younger than his young swimmers" that miffed Bucci.

"Hey," he said logically, "they swam and we suffered the consequences."

Swimming

Findlay 47

Ross 36

EVENTS

Medley relay: 1-Ross (Chris Black, Dean Beck, Mark Lowther, Brian Mowry) 1:48.44, 2-Findlay (Joe Foster, Andy Rutledge, Andy Layne, Tod Runkle) 1:48.43 (awarded second by official spot), 3-Findlay (Dave Gldehill, John Marohn) 2:00.3.

200 freestyle: 1-Kendale Ritchey (F) 1:48.81, 2-Tim Lauth (F) 2:00.62, 3-Bill Taylor (R) 2:05.82.

Individual medley: 1-Chris Black (R) 2:01.16 (Pool record. Old record of 2:04.83 set by Black in 1983.), 2-Rutledge 2:16.18, 3-Foster (F) 2:25.6.

50 freestyle: 1-Layne (F) 23.8, 2-Runkle (F) 24.46, 3-Mowry (R) 24.63.

Diving: 1-Troy Overmyer (R) 208.60, 2-Troy Litten (F) 195.30, 3-Jon LaGrou (R) 146.45.

Butterfly: 1-Layne (F) 56.32, 2-Lowther (R) 56.88, 3-Gledhill (F) 1:06.6.

100 freestyle: 1-Richey (F) 48.34 (Pool record. Old record of 49.50 set by Mike Mowry, Ross, in 1981.), 2-Black (R) 49.0, 3-Mowry (R) 55.0.

500 freestyle: 1-Lauth (F) 5:20.31, 2-Taylor (R) 5:45.16, 3-Tom McDonald (R) 5:57.36.

Backstroke: 1-Lowther (R) 1:02.46, 2-Foster (F) 1:02.88, 3-Heather Winning (R) 1:09.3.

Breaststroke: 1-Rutledge (F) 1:07.95, 2-Beck (R) 1:10.3, 3-Lori Smith (R) 1:18.3.

Freestyle relay: 1-Findlay (Runkle, Lauth, Glendhill, Ritchey), no time, 2-Ross (Scott, Taylor, Paul Ochs, Tracy Turner), no time, 3-Findlay (Wagner, MarSlak, Smith, Glenhill)

Sports

Fifth-place finish just fine with Ross swimming coach

MASSILLON — A fifth-place finish out of eight teams doesn't seem like anything too thrilling, but for the Ross Aqua Giants it was fantastic, according to Coach Art Bucci.

"That was our best showing at a relay meet in the 10 years that I've been here," Bucci said after his team registered its fifth-place finish in the Massillon Perry Relays here Saturday.

Hudson won the meet with 138 points, followed by the host Perry team with 116, Lakewood St. Edward with 102, St. Thomas Aquinas with 90, Ross with 86, Cuyahoga Falls with 68, Westlake with 62 and Canton Timken with 50.

"I was really pleased with our performance," added Bucci. "And the thing about it is...we could've finished runnersup. But we had two disqualifications that cost us about 30 points."

One disqualification came in an event the Aqua Giants won — the 200-meter freestyle relay — but Ross's third swimmer was called for jumping too soon, costing the Aqua Giants 18 points.

The other miscue came in the 200-meter butterfly relay where Ross's first man was called

for two false starts.

"The kids feel bad," said Bucci, "but those things happen."

Among the good things that happened to the Aqua Giants were:

- a first-place finish by the 200-meter medley relay team of Chris Black, Dean Beck, Mark Lowther and Brian Mowry in 2:00;

- a second-place finish by the diving tandem of Troy Overmyer and Jon Lagrou with 170 points;

- a third-place finish by the 1,200-meter crescendo relay team of Jim Boggs, Paul Ochs, Tracy Turner, Todd Turner, Tom McDonald and Bill Taylor in 14:45.31;

- a third-place finish by the 400-meter freestyle relay team of Andy Scott, Tracy Turner, Mowry and Black in 3:31; and

- a third-place finish by the 200-meter backstroke relay team of Lowther, Kelly Sabiers, Heather Winning and McDonald in 2:14.5.

Ross will be in action again Tuesday at Sandusky Perkins beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Briefs

Aqua Giants prevail

SANDUSKY — Mark Lowther and Chris Black each won two individual events and participated in a victorious relay effort to lead the Ross Aqua Giants to a 94-77 victory over Perkins in high school swimming action here Tuesday.

Lowther's individual wins came in the 200-yard individual medley (2:16.07) and the 100-yard butterfly (58.22). He also joined with Dean Beck, Brian Mowry and Tracy Turner to win the 200-yard medley relay in 1:57.90.

Meanwhile, Black's individual victories came in the 200-yard freestyle (1:49.71) and the 500-yard freestyle (5:02.99). He then teamed up with Andy Scott, Paul Ochs and Bill Taylor to take first place in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The only other victory for the Aqua Giants came in the diving competition where Troy Overmyer scored 179.85 points for first place.

Other highlights for Ross came from Mowry, who swam district-qualifying times in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events, and Scott, who did the same in the 50-yard freestyle. Those performances brings the total to nine of Ross swimmers who have qualified for district.

The Aqua Giants, now 3-4 in dual meets, also got personal-best times from Taylor, Tom McDonald, Jim Boggs, Mike Robinette, Nathan Green, Lori Smith and Heather Winning.

Ross's next meet will be Saturday at 1 p.m., at Margaretta.

Swimming

High school

Ross 94

Perkins 77

Events

200 medley relay — 1st, Ross (Mark Lowther, Dean Beck, Brian Mowry and Tracy Turner) 1:55.91; 2nd, Perkins 1:57.90.

200 free — 1st, Chris Black (R) 1:49.71; 2nd, Pete Kozalkowski (P) 1:55.60.

200 IM — 1st, Lowther (R) 2:16.07; 2nd, Stu Moultrie (P) 2:25.38.

50 free — 1st, Greg Goodman (P) 23.78; 2nd, Andy Scott (R) 24.05.

Diving — 1st, Troy Overmyer (R) 179.85; 2nd, Brian Matalouro 164.60.

100 fly — 1st, Lowther (R) 58.22; 2nd, Goodman (P) 59.37.

100 free — 1st, Kozalkowski (P) 52.96; 2nd, Mowry (R) 53.38.

500 free — 1st, Black (R) 5:02.99; 2nd, Matt Feix (P) 5:29.06.

100 back — 1st, Chad Royal (P) 1:06.33; 2nd, Heather Winning (R) 1:08.29.

100 breast — 1st, Ron Nickel (P) 1:10.85; 2nd, Don Fahey (P) 1:11.75.

400 free relay — 1st, Ross (Scott, Paul Ochs, Bill Taylor and Black) 3:41.25; 2nd, Perkins 4:03.29.

Season record: Ross 3-4.

Ross, minus divers, loses to Southview

Sylvania Southview refused to take a dive as Ross suffered a 42-34 setback in high school swimming Thursday at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

There was no scoring in the diving event Ross Coach Art Bucci pointed out. "Because of our facilities here," Bucci said, "they refused to participate in the diving. Our divers dived just to see how many points they could get."

The junior high facility has a low ceiling and several teams whose divers are not used to it, shy away from competing.

"If we could have had diving, it would have helped," the Ross coach said but added, "our kids did not swim well. We had several poor starts and poor turns—mental errors that hurt us."

Bucci said the only time improvements for his team came in splits off the freestyle relay teams. Tom McDonald, Tracy and Todd Turner and Paul Ochs turned in those performances.

Individually, Chris Black won two events for the Little Giants, taking the individual medley in 2:03.09 and the 500 freestyle in 5:02.07. Mark Lowther had the only other individual first for the Aqua Giants, splashing to a 1:03.39 in the backstroke.

Ross won the medley relay with Black, Deah Beck, Lowther and Brian Mowry swimming the legs and finishing in 1:49.33.

Bucci pointed out that his team lost several close races. In the 200 freestyle, there was eight-tenths of a second difference between first and third with Bill Taylor of Ross touching third in 2:04.79.

Mowry was second in the 500 freestyle sprint, losing by two-hundredths of a second to Southview's Mike Roll—23.99 to 24.01 seconds.

"We trailed by only a point after the backstroke," Bucci pointed out, "but they finished one-two in the breaststroke and that stopped us."

Ross will return to action Tuesday, hosting Sandusky at 6:30 p.m.

Swimming

Southview 42

Ross 34

EVENTS

Medley relay: 1-Ross (Chris Black, Dean Beck, Mark Lowther, Brian Mowry) 1:49.33; 2-Southview 1:59.3, 3-Southview 2:00.6.

200 freestyle: 1-Gilmore (S) 2:04.0, 2-Mellott (S) 2:04.75, 3-Bill Taylor (R) 2:04.79.

200 individual medley: 1-Black (R) 2:03.09, 2-Smith (S) 2:18.04, 3-Heather Winning (R) 2:27.5.

50 freestyle: 1-Mike Roll (S) 23.99, 2-Mowry (R) 24.01, 3-Andy Scott (R) 24.16.

Diving: (No Southview divers, exhibition only) Troy Overmyer (R) 199.00, Jon LaGrou (R) 161.00.

Butterfly: 1-Smith (S) 57.2, 2-Lowther (R) 57.6, 3-Green (S) 1:04.68.

100 freestyle: 1-Roll (S) 52.1, 2-Mowry (R) 53.8, 3-Scott (R) 54.5.

500 freestyle: 1-Black (R) 5:02.07, 2-Melott (S) 5:39.6, 3-Gilmore (S) 5:41.4.

Backstroke: 1-Lowther (R) 1:03.39, 2-Power (S) 1:03., 3-Winning (R) 1:08.66.

Breaststroke: 1-Treach (S) 1:10.8, 2-Schweikert 1:10.85, 3-Beck (R) 1:12.85.

Freestyle relay: 1-Southview (Power, Smith, Gilmore, Rol) 3:43.6, 2-Ross (Tracy Turner, Todd Turner, Paul Ochs, Scott) 3:44.7, 3-Ross (Tom McDonald, Mike Robinett, Heather Winning, Taylor) 3:59.47.

Sandusky paddles past Ross

By BOB MARKER

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Art Bucci was smiling about a couple of times but grimacing over not being able to pick up a point here or a point there.

The missed opportunities resulted in a 43-40 Ross high school swim loss to Sandusky in a meet that went down to the final event at the Fremont Junior High School natatorium.

Bucci pointed out, that despite a 1-3 finish by Sandusky's freestyle relay teams in the final event, the meet had been decided earlier. The Aqua Giants had a slim 37-36 lead going into the last relay.

"They 'one-twoed' us in the breaststroke and that hurt," the Ross coach said, "plus they had one-two finishes in the 200 free and the 500 free. We needed to pick up a couple of more points somewhere in there."

Instead, the Aqua Giants had to settle for thirds in both races and another third in the breaststroke, the 10th event in the 11-event meet. Going into the 10th event, Ross held a 36-30 lead as Mark Lowther's second win of the meet in the backstroke and a third by Heather Winning gave Ross the six-point edge.

The Ross lead was cut to one when Sandusky's Rick Waldock splashed out a 1:06.79 in the breaststroke to finish ahead of teammate Mark Thom. Thom was third in the event, just being hand held watches but the Ross swimmers were touched out by Thom with a 1:10.7 clocking to the awarded first and second by judges.

Ross swimmer's 1:10.84.

In the freestyle relay, the Sandusky team of Mike Thom, Mike Frost, Graig Ward and George Buzas points to Sandusky's Graig Ryan's 194.55. Jon foursome of Tracy Turner, Brian Mowry, Paul Ochs and Andy Scott, despite turning in a season

best of 3:42.37, finished second. The six first place points gave the Blue Streaks enough to take the meet.

While Bucci smarted over the narrow loss, he pointed out Ross's victorious medley relay team of Chris Black, Mowry, Lowther and Scott. "That 1:46.4 time puts them 12th in the state and first in the district," he said.

"Heather Winning's 1:06.6 in the backstroke," the Ross coach added, "is the third fastest for girls in the district."

Black and Lowther won two individual events for Ross. Black was six-tenths of a second off his pool record with a 2:01.78 in the individual medley. His 2:01.16 pool record set this season, ranks fifth in the state according to Bucci. Black also won the 100 freestyle in 50.1.

Lowther, despite being disappointed with his time in the backstroke of 1:03.54, won that event and took the butterfly in 57.29. The Ross senior co-captain pointed out that he was upset at not getting closer to 10th breaking a minute in the backstroke, pointing out that he broke that mark in the district meet last season.

Other firsts for Ross included a one-two finish in the 50 freestyle sprint with Mowry touching just ahead of teammate Scott 24.35 to 24.5. Third place finisher Buzas of Sandusky was clocked faster by Dean Beck was third in the event, just being hand held watches but the Ross swimmers were touched out by Thom with a 1:10.7 clocking to the awarded first and second by judges.

In diving, Troy Overmyer of the Aqua Giants finished first in 3:36.21 while the Aqua Giants' LaGrou of Ross was third with 163.15. The next meet for Ross will be the Mansfield Malabar Relays Saturday.

Swimming

Sandusky 43

Ross 40

Events

Medley relay: 1-Ross (Chris Black, Brian Mowry, Mark Lowther and Andy Scott) 1:46.44, 2-Sandusky (Chris Kaufman, Dave Rosser, Rick Waldock, Mike Thom) 1:52.46, 3-Sandusky (Brad Kasper, Mark Thom, Jay Whinnery, Mike Frost) 1:5.46.

200 freestyle: 1-Craig Ward (S) 1:53.77, 2-Stace Drumm (S) 2:02.09, 3-Bill Taylor (R) 2:06.43.

200 individual medley: 1-Black (R) 2:01.78, 2-Waldock (S) 2:15.45, 3-Kaufman (S) 2:20.13.

50 freestyle: 1-Mowry (R) 24.35, 2-Scott (R) 24.5, 3-George Buzas (S) 24.05 (Places awarded by judges, not by times.)

Diving: 1-Troy Overmyer (R) 217.45, 2-Graig Ryan (S) 194.55, 3-Jon LaGrou (R) 163.15.

100 butterfly: 1-Lowther (R) 57.29, 2-Whinnery (S) 1:04.54, 3-Frosser (S) 1:05.18.

100 freestyle: 1-Black (R) 50.1, 2-Buzas (S) 53.7, 3-Frost (S) 53.5.

500 freestyle: 1-Ward (S) 5:12.21, 2-Drumm (S) 5:40.4, 3-Taylor (R) 5:41.11.

100 backstroke: 1-Lowther (R) 1:03.54, 2-Kaufman (S) 1:03.86, 3-Heather Winning (R) 1:06.6.

100 breaststroke: 1-Waldock (S) 1:06.79, 2-Mark Thom (S) 1:10.7, 3-Dean Beck (R) 1:10.84.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Sandusky (Mike Thom, Frost, Ward, Buzas) 3:36.12, 2-Ross (Tracy Turner, Mowry, Paul Ochs, Scott) 3:42.37, 3-Sandusky (Dave Fernandez, Dave Dubois, Kasper, Drumm) 3:50.0.

Swimming

Malabar Relays

Team standings

(Top six) Malabar 48, Wooster 42, Ontario 40, Ross 36, Sandusky Perkins 30, Port Clinton 26.

Events (Ross placings)

Medley: 1st (Chris Black, Brian Mowry, Mark Lowther, Andy Scott) 1:46.97.

300 yard individual medley: 3rd (Mowry, Black, Lowther) 2:59.4.

Diving: 3rd (Troy Overmyer, Jon LaGrou) 279.63.

200 yard breaststroke/butterfly relay: 6th (Heather Winning, Lori Smith, Nathan Greene, Dean Beck) 2:05.8.

200 yard backstroke relay: 5th (Winning, Smith, Kelli Sabiers, Tom McDonald) 2:03.5.

Ross edges Northview 87-86

2 swimmers break national mark

SYLVANIA—Two swimmers broke a national high school record as Fremont Ross nipped Northview 87-86 Tuesday in a high school swim meet.

Cary Vischer of Northview was first and Ross's Chris Black second in the 200-meter individual medley. Vischer was clocked in two minutes, 12.36 seconds and Black in 2:13.19, both lower than the national mark of 2:13.75 set by Curt Benson of Cedar Rapids, Ia., in 1982.

"There were three watches on each of them," Ross Coach Art Bucci said. "It was a heck of a

race."

The Ross coach said that in past races, Black had been beating Vischer by one or two-tenths of a second.

Black made up for his runnerup spot in that race with a first in the 10-meter freestyle and teaming up with Brian Mowry, Mark Lowther and Andy Scott in the winning medley relay.

"We had some dynamite swims," Bucci contended, "especially when you convert (compare them with distances in yards) the times."

He also had a shocking sur-

prise when Jon LaGrou, a sophomore, won his first diving contest, beating previously unbeaten Troy Overmyer 168.50 points to 166.15.

Other firsts for Ross included Lowther in the butterfly as the bulk of the Aqua Giants' points came in the runnerup and third place finishes.

The Aqua Giants will be competing in the Port Clinton Invitational Saturday before sending swimmers to the District 2 meet the following weekend. On Feb. 24-25, the District 1 meet will be conducted.

Swimming

Ross 87, Northview 86

EVENTS (metered pool)

Medley relay: 1-Ross (Chris Black, Brian Mowry, Mark Lowther, Andy Scott) 2:01.6, 2-Northview (McLaughlin, Dudell, Bigelow, Santence) 2:09.57, 3-Ross (Heather Winning, Dean Beck, Nathan Green, Paul Ochs).

200 freestyle: 1-Jim MacKillop (N) 2:11.0, 2-Bill Taylor (R) 2:15.9, 3-Tom McDonald (R) 2:16.1.

Individual medley: 1-Cary Vischer (N) 2:12.36, 2-Black (R) 2:13.19 (Both times break national high school record of 2:13.75 set by Curt Benson of Cedar Rapids, Ia., in 1982), 3-Winning 2:43.3.

50 freestyle: 1-Lauer (N) 26.54, 2-Scott (R) 26.6, 3-Mowry (R) 26.81.

Diving: 1-Jon LaGrou (R) 168.50, 2-Troy Overmyer 166.15, 3-Grubb (N) 152.80.

Butterfly: 1-Lowther (R) 1:04.65, 2-Bigelow (N) 1:07.32, 3-McLaughlin (N) 1:07.75.

100 freestyle: 1-Black (R) 56.4, 2-Lauer (N) 59.1, 3-Mowry (R) 1:00.3.

400 freestyle: 1-McKillop (N) 4:43.2, 2-McDonald (R) 4:52.8, 3-Taylor (R) 4:55.6.

Backstroke: 1-Vischer (N) 1:04.76, 2-Lowther (R) 1:12.6, 3-Winning (R) 1:13.8.

Breaststroke: 1-McLaughlin (N) 1:17.2, 2-Pedel (N) 1:18.6, 3-Beck (R) 1:19.67.

400 freestyle relay: 1-Northview (McKillop, Lauer, Drain, Vischer) 4:05.0, 2-Ross (Tracy Turner, Ochs, Taylor, McDonald) 4:13.7, 3-Northview 4:36.4.

Season record: Ross 5-6.

Ross 3rd in Port Clinton Relays

PORT CLINTON — The Ross Aqua Giants, led by a record-setting performance by their 200-yard backstroke relay team, registered a third-place finish in the Port Clinton Relays here Saturday.

Mansfield Malabar won the team title with 68 points, followed by Perkins with 56, Ross with 54, Ontario with 48, Port Clinton with 46, Ashland with 32, Colonel Crawford with 26 and Margaretta with 14.

The Aqua Giants' record-breakers were Chris Black, Tom McDonald, Heather Winning and Mark Lowther, who combined efforts for a 1:49.67 clocking in the 200-yard backstroke relay, breaking a nine-year-old meet mark of 1:50.35.

Ross had one other first-place finish, that coming in the 200-yard medley relay from the quartet of Black, Brian Mowry, Lowther and Andy Scott in 1:48.1.

Other results for the local tankers were:

•2nd, diving, Troy Overmyer and Jon Lagrou;
•4th, 400-yard freestyle, Mowry, Bill Taylor, McDonald and Scott, 2:39.8;

•5th, 850-yard crescendo, Greg Bauders, Tracy Turner, Todd Turner and Paul Ochs, 9:37.8;

•5th, 200-yard butterfly/breastroke, Winning, Lori Smith, Nathan Greene and Dean Beck, 2:03.5; and

•6th, 300-yard individual medley, Kelly Sabiers, Julie Randolph and Teresa Gloer, 3:49.6.

"We had some dynamite swims," said Ross Coach Art Bucci. "Heather Winning really had a super day and the guys are looking good.

"We're getting ready for districts now. Saturday we'll be at the District Two meet in Napoleon for those who have not qualified for the district meet in Bowling Green the week after that. We've already had 10 swimmers qualify for the BG meet, and we're taking 12 to Napoleon this week."

Bender captures four Ross awards

Greg Bender took home four individual trophies to highlight the Ross Winter Sports Award Program Tuesday in the high school cafeteria.

Bender, a junior and the Ross boys basketball team leader in scoring (20.1), rebounding (nine per game) and free throw shooting (81 percent), also was presented with a captain's trophy. He shared the captain's duties with senior Jim Hufford.

Besides Bender, Katie Marritt, Mike Mezinger and Chris Black won most valuable honors for their respective sports.

Boys basketball Coach John Sawyer, in addition to the awards won by Bender, presented the most valuable junior varsity player award to junior Chuck Mamula. The most improved honor went to sophomore Dave Kovaleski and junior Chris Simmons won the best defensive player honor.

Marritt won the MVP trophy for the girls team. Coach Sue Wolf also presented Marritt, a three-year starter, with the best defensive player and captain trophies. The MVP for the junior varsity went to Chris Yeager, a sophomore.

Tina Michael, senior, took home two girls awards, winning the best foul shooter (70 per cent) and rebounding leader trophies to go along with a captain's trophy. The most improved honor went to sophomore Shelly Leggett.

Chris Black, a state placer in the individual medley (sixth) and the 100-yard freestyle (eighth), was named the most valuable swimmer. Coach Art Bucci also presented Black and Mark Lowther, both seniors, with the Coaches' Award. The same two received trophies for serving as co-captains.

The most improved swimmers were Tom McDonald and Bill Taylor.

Bucci also announced the co-captains for the 1984-85 season, Tracy Turner and Mike Robinette who will be seniors.

Junior Mike Mezinger won the MVP for Coach Al Voggenthaler's wrestling team. He also won the award for the most takedowns and a captain's trophy. Senior Kit Sultz also received a captain's award. Voggenthaler also announced that Sultz had been named to the northwest Ohio academic team by the Coaches Association.

The most improved wrestler award went to junior Todd Beatty while sophomore Matt Smith won the most pins honor. Beatty won 16 matches this season after winning only two as a sophomore.

The Coaches' Award went to sophomore Rick Snyder.

The varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders were also honored at the program.

Following are the letter winners:

BASKETBALL

Girls: first year, Michel Blue, Diane Harms, Leggett and Denise Wilkins; second year, Sue Gahn and Lisa Luman; third year, Marritt and Michael.

Boys: first year, Kovaleski, Shawn McCarthy, Jeff Nossaman and Ryan Smith; second year, Bender, Dan Brudzinski, Hufford, Mark Miesle and Simmons.

WRESTLING

First year: Andy Chambers, Charles Hicks, John Lozano, Mike Palomo, Matt Smith, Rick Snyder, Chris Vaffis, George Weissinger and Bob Flahiff (manager/trainer).

Second year: Beatty, Mezinger, Dave Middleton, Sultz and Chris Hull (statistician).

Third year: Melvin Clark.

SWIMMING

First year: Jim Boggs, Teresa Glore, Nathan Greene, Jon LaGrou, Tom McDonald, Brian Mowry, Paul Ochs, Julie Randolph, Andy Scott, Taylor and Todd Turner.

Second year: Dean Beck, Mike Robinette, Kelly Sabiers, Lori Smith, Tracy Turner and Heather Winning.

Third year: Black, Lowther and Troy Overmyer.

CHEERLEADERS

First year: Brenda Brown, Tammy Marinis, Lori Mooney and Monna Rodriguez.

Second year: Lesley Brooks, Colleen Gibbs, Sharon Schneider and Susan Stotz.



GIRLS SPECIAL award winners were, front row, left to right, Katie Marritt and Tina Michael and back row, Shelly Leggett and Chris Yeager.



SPECIAL AWARD winners for the boys were, front row, left to right, Tom McDonald, Rick Snyder, Mike Mezinger, Bill Taylor, Mark Lowther and Kit Sultz; back

row, from left to right, Chris Black, Todd Beatty, Dave Kovaleski, Greg Bender, Chris Simmons, Chuck Mamula and Matt Smith.

