

1989 District Meet...

Area swimmers set for district

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The northwest Ohio district high school swim meet is Friday and Saturday at Cooper Natatorium on the Bowling Green State University campus.

The girls diving competition is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Swimming will begin at 4:15 p.m. Friday.

The 200 medley relay, 200 freestyle, 200 individual medley and the 50 freestyle in both boys and girls divisions are the Friday swim events.

Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the boys diving will take place with the remaining swimming events beginning at 4:15 p.m.

Both the girls and boys diving competition could have a Fremont Ross look.

The girls diving appears to be a wide-open contest with Michelle Velliquette of Ross in the thick of the battle.

Velliquette is the Ross record holder and won the Buckeye Central Conference championship two weeks ago.

Thirteen of the top 15 girl divers from last year have graduated.

B.J. Blair and Chad Root of Ross could give the Little Giants a 1-2 finish in the boys diving.

Blair and Root have finished 1-2 in each contest this season including the BCC. Blair's six-dive total of 315.40 points, a Ross record set against Port Clinton, was the highest recorded in the state this season.

Blair's 11-dive total of 508.00 in the St. Francis Invitational was also a school record. Blair, a junior, and Root, a senior, were first and second in the district meet last year.

Other area swimmers and divers at the district meet will represent Oak Harbor, Lakota and Port Clinton.

Blair, Root dive way to state meet

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BOWLING GREEN — B.J. Blair of Fremont Ross dominated the diving competition and teammate Chad Root finished a strong second at the Northwest District Swimming and Diving Championships this weekend.

Blair racked up 498.30 points to win the competition at Bowling Green State University. Root finished second with 413.40.

Both divers qualified for state competition next weekend at Brainin Natatorium Canton McKinley High School.

The Ross boys finished seventh in the team standings with 55 points. The Ross girls finished 14th with 23 points.

Toledo St. Francis won the boys meet with 354 points and Toledo St. Ursula was the top girls squad with 241½.

Blair, a senior, scored 16 points and Root, a junior, picked up 13 for the Aqua Giants.

Brian Schaaf finished eighth and 11th in the individual medley (2:05.34) and the butterfly (57.23), respectively, for Ross.

Todi Heslet paced the Ross girls with an eighth-place finish in the 200 freestyle (2:04.19) and a 10th-place finish in the backstroke (1:07.54).

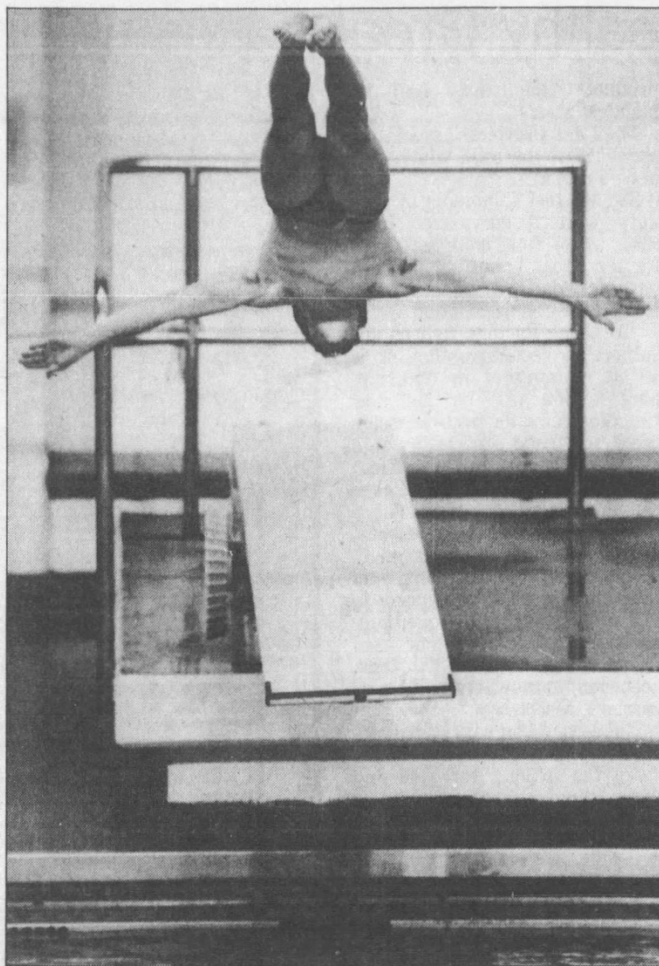
Also scoring points for Ross were Harry Sargeant and Leah Baker, who both finished 12th in the 50 freestyle. Sargeant had a time of 23.29 and Baker a 26.84.

Both Ross freestyle relay teams finished in the top 10, the boys (Sargeant, Schaaf, Allyn Spanfellner and Jason Sprenger) sixth and the girls (Brenda Audorff, Baker, Heslet and Ann Wells) seventh.

For Oak Harbor, David Rounds and Heather Kohli were the only swimmers who scored points.

Rounds finished 12th in the backstroke with a time of 1:01.95 and Kohli was 11th in the breaststroke in 1:14.60.

The Port Clinton boys team finished 15th with 25 points.



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CHAD ROOT of Fremont Ross performs a dive during the Northwest Ohio Swimming and Diving Championships at Bowling Green State University Saturday.

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