

District diving

The Northwest Ohio High School Swimming and Diving Meet begins Thursday at the Cooper Pool on the Bowling Green State University campus.

Ross will have divers Matt McCabe, John Popoca, Brian Thatcher, Leslie Hasselbach and Jenny Newman while Oak Harbor will be represented by sectional champion Callie Bodnar.

Other area divers in the meet include Ed Zilles and Mike Chrapkiewicz of Port Clinton.^N

The girls dive at 10:15 a.m. and the boys at 3:15 p.m., both on Thursday.

Swimming begins at noon Friday and Saturday.

Ross diver waits

Hasselbach hopes for state berth

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BOWLING GREEN — Fremont Ross diver Leslie Hasselbach is playing the waiting game — again.

The Ross sophomore placed fourth in the Northwest District Diving Meet Thursday — the same spot she held a year ago.

With the top two finishers, Courtney Skapik of Sylvania Southview and Corey Peterman of Toledo St. Ursula, guaranteed spots in the Feb. 14-15 state meet in Canton, Hasselbach must wait until Sunday to see if she will qualify for the state meet as an at-large entrant — something she did not do a year ago.

The state field will be comprised of 13 automatic qualifiers and 11 at-large qualifiers from six districts.

Hasselbach was first after nine dives at the John Cooper Pool in the Bowling Green State University Student Recreation Center but did not fare well on her final two dives.

"My coach told me to relax on my last two dives," Hasselbach said, "but the adrenalin ... I tried to relax and could not."

Hasselbach said she scored more points on her 11 dives, 359.25, this year than last. "I dove really well today," she said. "I did about as well as I could do."

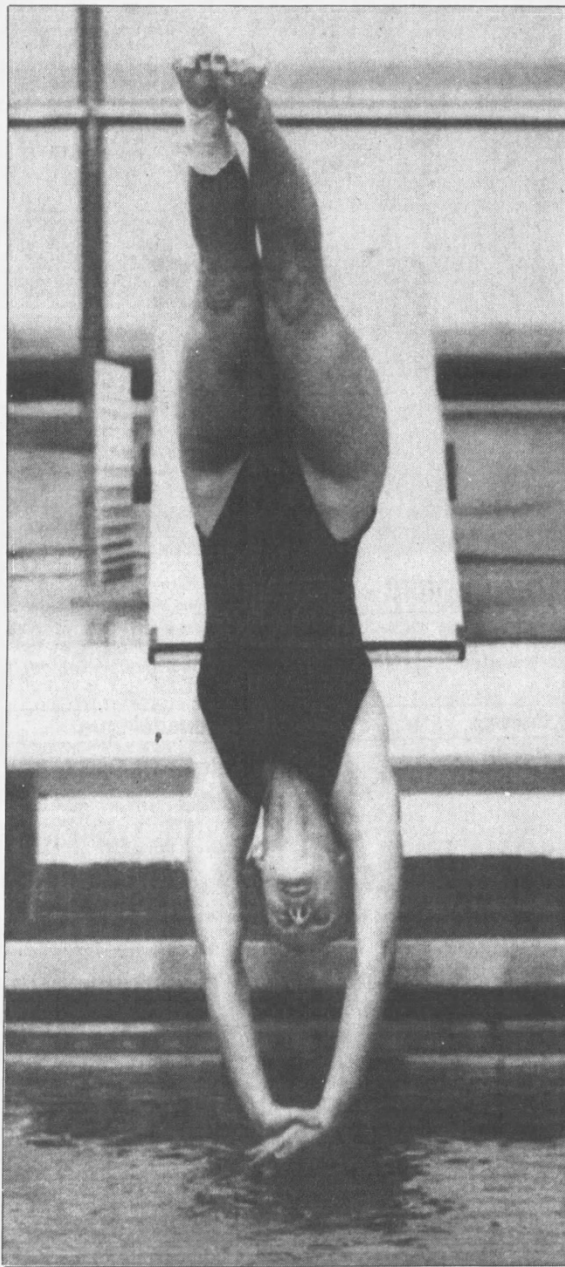
"Her first eight dives were the best I've ever seen her two," said Port Clinton coach Ken Gipe, who was the girls' diving referee. "I was happy for her because I know she didn't have a real good week-end last week."

Hasselbach qualified for the district with 327.8 points.

Oak Harbor's Callie Bodnar, who won the sectional diving championship last weekend, finished fifth Thursday with 352.8 points. Skapik compiled 389.75 points and Peterman 374.4, while Joy Waldman of Mansfield St. Peter's was third with 367.2.

Jenny Newman of Ross placed 21st.

In the boys competition, Port Clinton's Mike Chrapkiewicz placed fifth and John Popoca of



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LESLIE HASSELBACH of Fremont Ross performs an inward dive during preliminaries at the district meet Thursday.

Ross was seventh. Both will also wait for an at-large berth in the state meet.

Sectional champion Chris Pimsner of Sandusky Perkins captured the district title with 373.85 points. Findlay's Dave Anderson was the other auto-

matic qualifier, finishing with 371.95.

Matt McCabe of Ross qualified for the semifinals (12 divers) but finished 14th, and teammate Brian Thatcher was 29th. Ed Zilles of Port Clinton finished 17th.

Schaaf, Baker place at district

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BOWLING GREEN — Chris Schaaf and Tracie Baker of Fremont Ross placed in the Northwest Ohio District Swimming Meet Friday.

Competing at the Cooper Pool in the Student Recreation Center on the Bowling Green State University, Schaaf was seventh in the 50-meter freestyle in 22.78 seconds. Baker was 10th in the 200 free.

Another Aquaa Giant swimmer, Ronelle Mahr, missed the school record in the 100 butterfly by six-hundredths of a second, according to coach Tom Thomson. Mahr finished in an unofficial 1:05.6, but did not place in the top 12.

"The kids are dropping their times," Thomson said, "and we should do better than last year when both teams finished 11th."

The top two finishers in each event are guaranteed spots in the state meet next weekend in Canton while the other finishers could go as at-large entrants.

Swimming begins at noon today.



Ross records set

Chris Schaaf and Tracie Baker of Fremont Ross each set a school swim record at the district meet at Bowling Green State University.

Schaaf's time of 1 minute, 3.72 seconds in the 100-meter breaststroke last weekend broke a 20-year-old record. Pat Aten was the previous record holder in the event with a time of 1:05 in 1972.

Baker broke her own record

in the 500-meter freestyle. Her time of 5:23.83 was nearly four seconds lower than her previous best of 5:27.41.

Free throw winners

Eight Oak Harbor boys and girls have qualified for Saturday's Knights of Columbus district free throw competition.

The local competition was held Jan. 19 at Oak Harbor, with the following individuals garnering top honors in their