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## Ross's Stout qualifies for state

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BOWLING GREEN -- Fremont Ross diver Brittany Stout has qualified for the OHSSA Division I State Swimming and Diving Championships on Wednesday at Bowling Green State University.

Stout, who finished third with a score of 316 points, is the first female diver from Fremont Ross to advance to the state meet since Jennifer Newman in 1995.

"At the time, I did not know it had been that long since a female from Fremont had gone to state in diving," Stout said. "I was excited. I was jumping up and down, yelling and screaming when I realized that I had made state. It has definitely been my best diving this whole season."

Stout credited attending diving camp last summer with helping her make the state meet.

"They showed me how to keep my chin down and other stuff that I was taught when I was younger," said Stout, a senior. "It hadn't all clicked with me until now. It has been perfect timing."

Little Giants' diver Jordyn Gallagher scored 310.45 points to finish fourth at the district meet. She missed state-level competition by 5.55 points. The top three divers at district advance to the state meet in Canton.

"Jordyn is a real strong diver, and it has helped both of us to compete against each other during practice," Stout said. "It's been great working with her because she did a good job of critiquing my diving and she is also a great friend."

In Division I boys diving, Ross's Michel Bringerberg ended up 12th (251.70) and Tyler Kincaid came in 14th (249.50) on Wednesday.

On Thursday, several area divers competed in the Division II district meet.

In the girls competition, Port Clinton's Brenna Peterson was 27th (93.75) and Chelsea Skinner finished 30th (83.30). The top six divers advance to the Division II state meet.

In the boys competition, Margaretta's Dan Gearheart ended up ninth (295.10), while teammate Tyler Beekman was 14th (272.40). Oak Harbor's Tyler Meek finished 17th (195.60), while teammate Adam Andryc placed 18th (181).

The district meet continues today with Division I swimming events and Saturday with Division II swimming competition at Bowling Green State University.

A list of district qualifiers for all area schools can be found in the Scoreboard on Page B2.



Fremont Ross athlete Brittany Stout competes during the diving event in meet earlier this season. (News-Messenger file photo)