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Little Giant Foos still chasing

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FREMONT -- There is still one burning question for Fremont Ross senior swimmer Dexter Foos: Can he ever catch Sandusky's Gus Everson?

Foos took second once again to Everson in the 50-yard freestyle and 100 free Saturday as the Little Giant boys took fourth at the Northwest Ohio Aquatic Conference Championships held inside the Ross High School Natatorium.

"I'm just speechless when it comes to describing Gus (Everson)," Foos said. "But theoretically it's still like the middle -- to the beginning of the season, so nothing is really new."

Everson swam a new NWOAC record time of 21.58 in the 50 free and a time of 47.36 in the 100. Foos swam a 22.33 and 49.22 respectively.

"You can lose like that all season, but doesn't mean you're going to lose in the end," Ross coach Phil Moran said. "The guys took a beating in districts last year, but we're hoping we'll peak at the right time this time around."

Junior Alex Hoffman also earned a runner-up finish for the Little Giants, taking second (55.30) in the 100 butterfly to Chris Waldock of Sandusky Perkins new meet time of 51.54.

Ross totaled 231 points, beating out rival Sandusky (176) as the second-highest finisher among Greater Buckeye Conference squads, only behind Napoleon's third-place spot with a 370.5. Toledo St. John's Jesuit took the boys team title, beating out Perkins 507-374, and, with 27 points, Oak Harbor was 11th.

"We did a nice job," Moran said. "We had a lot of younger kids that set personal records today."

Foos, Hoffman, Luke Wilhelm and Keith Wasserman also took runner-up honors for Ross in the 200 and 400 free relays. Both times they lost to the Pirates' team of Waldock, Michael Mulvin, Michael Kessler and Kevin Bressler.

Oak Harbor's top swim came from Michael Cervantes (15th) in the 100 breaststroke. The boys' 200 medley relay team was 13th.

On the girls side, the Little Giants also earned fourth as the 200 medley relay and 200 free relay squads topped the results with a pair of third-place finishes.

"The girls swam well," Moran said. "This time of year where the kids get out of the pool and say they feel horrible, which is normal because this is the time of the season where you start resting for districts."

Christy Meggitt, Laura Duncan, Taylor Waggoner and Courtney Gabel made up the 200 medley relay that swam a 1:54.47. Sammi Miller joined Duncan, Waggoner and Gabel on the 200 free team that finished with a time of 1:42.93.

Individually, the Little Giants top finish came from Miller, who was fourth in the 100 freestyle.

Sandusky Perkins took the girls team title, topping Notre Dame Academy 406.5-366.5. Ross with 282 points, finished behind third-place Napoleon with 299. The Rockets were eighth with 158 points.

"All of our kids swam well," Oak Harbor coach Andrea Sorg said. "Coming off a rough week of practice, we didn't expect them to be the fastest, but we still expected them to perform and they did."

Senior Olivia Porter topped Oak Harbor's results, taking sixth in the girls 50 freestyle (26.50).

"Marlee Carpenter had a great meet," Sorg said. "She stepped it up in her relays and 100 butterfly today."

Carpenter finished with a time of 1:04.39 to take seventh-place in the 100 butterfly. The junior and Porter were both part of the Rockets' 200 medley relay (2:02.09) and 200 free relay (1:47.02) squads that were sixth. Carpenter also led-off the 400 free relay team, with Porter, that took seventh (3:55.59).



Devyn Swigart of Ross swims the 100 butterfly at Saturday's NWOAC Championships at Ross. *See more photos from the event at [The News-Messenger.com](http://TheNews-Messenger.com).* (Doug Hise | News-Messenger correspondent)