

Ross dominant at swim sectional

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FREMONT -- The Fremont Ross girls swim team won nine events Saturday at the Division III sectional swim meet at the Ross Natatorium.

Of those nine firsts, Taylor Waggoner was involved in four. The junior won the 100-yard butterfly (1:00.52), the 100 backstroke (1:03.67) and was part of both winning 200 relays.

"I think we're all going to do well at districts next week," she said. "I was happy with my swims and our tapers should kick in this week and make us even better."

It was a fast pool as 15 sectional records fell, but the Little Giants held their own. Most boys and girls squads should move on to the district meet Saturday at Bowling Green State University.

"I thought the kids did a really good job," Ross coach Phil Moran said. "Most of my boys and the girls weren't tapered for the meet, but the ones that did had tremendous drops."

"We'll have a couple boys on the bubble for the Division I meet, same with girls, but we're going to get a lot of kids out."

The Ross girls added firsts from Laura Duncan in the 200 medley (2:23.51) and Courtney Gabel in the 50 free (25.47). Danielle Minier took top honors in the 500 free (5:41.55) and Jordan Gallagher won the one meter diving (329.08).

On the boys side, Eric Yuhas took first-place in the 200 free with a time of 1:58.38 and Alex Hoffman was tops in the 100 butterfly with a mark of 56.01. Brett Foss was the 1 meter diving champion with 236.95 points.

Both Ross squads finished with the top combined team scores.

St. Joseph Central Catholic saw some big swims in Division II and three school marks fall by the

wayside. Juniors Leah Walters and Robert Reineck set records, swimming a 6:29.59 in the 500 free and

a 23.77 in the 50 free. Meanwhile, sophomore Emily Ronski set a school record of 1:13.44 for 10th-place in the 100 butterfly.

"The swimmers tapered for this meet and all the hard work and preparation paid off," SJCC coach Kevin Casey said. "Pretty much everybody had their personal best."

Another Division II squad, Oak Harbor, was led in the meet by top-five finishes from seniors Brielle Hanthorn and Olivia Porter. Hanthorn finished fifth (2:23.76) in the 200 medley and fourth (1:06.74) in the 100 butterfly. Porter was third (25.54) in the 50 free, adding a fourth (57.47) in the 100 free.

"Olivia (Porter) and Brielle (Hanthorn) both had nice times today," Oak Harbor coach Andrea Sorg said. "I also thought Danielle Franck was solid in the 100 free and breaststroke races."

Franck finished sixth in the 100 free (58.77) and took fifth in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.65). In front of Hanthorn in the 100 butterfly was junior Marlee Carpenter, who took third (1:05.38). She added another top-three finishing swimming the third-leg of the 200 medley relay squad with Bethany McNutt, Franck and Jenna Diekman.

Carpenter, Diekman, Hanthorn and Porter also tallied a second and third-place swims in the 200 and 400 free relays.

Pacing the Oak Harbor boys with two top five finishes were senior Aaron Riechman and sophomore Michael Cervantes. Riechman swam a 23.66 to finish second in the 50 free, adding third in the 100 free. Cervantes placed fifth in the 200 medley and fourth in the 100 breaststroke.

All three of the Rockets boys relays were in the top four.

Margaretta also competed in the Division II meet, getting its top finish from junior Sydney Craig, who swam a 25.30 to win the girls 50 free. The Polar Bears had a total of 13 top 10 finishes in the girls meet, while the boys had 17. Sophomore Tyler Beekman was second in the one meter diving to top the boys with a score of 313.05.



Carly Young, of Fremont Ross, swims in the 100-yard breaststroke at Saturday's sectional meet. (Doug Hise | News-Messenger correspondent)