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Swimming: Ross boys finish on top

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Girls beat Rockets, but were defeated by Redskins at swim meet

Alex Hoffman (100 butterfly, 200 IM) and Dexter Foos (100 breaststroke, 100 backstroke) each won two events and swam on two first-place relays as Fremont Ross's boys defeated Port Clinton 120-49 and Oak Harbor 125-58 on Tuesday.

Hoffman, Foos, Keith Wasserman and Luke Wilhelm took the 200 freestyle relay while Foos, Hoffman, Wasserman and Tommy Hohman won the 400 freestyle relay.

"Working hard at practice pays off in meets," Hoffman said. "The team support pushes you in practice. I'm definitely looking forward to the end of the season when we shave and taper. We should have a lot of kids go to districts this year."

Hoffman and Foos make excellent workout partners.

"(We) race at practice to push each other for meets," Hoffman said. "It's friendly competition."

Scott Kosakowski won the 500 freestyle for the Little Giants (4-0 dual meet record).

"We just started and we're already having great times for everybody," Hoffman said. "I'm looking forward to the rest of the season. We have depth."

Taylor Waggoner (50 freestyle) and Sammi Miller (100 butterfly) each won one event and swam on two first-place relays as Ross's girls beat the Rockets 117-58 and were edged by the Redskins 94-91. Despite the setback, Little Giants coach John O'Connor said Tuesday marked the girls best team swim of the season.

"All the sprinters on the team have learned over the last three weeks how to sprint and it really showed (Tuesday)," O'Connor said. "We sprinted well. We had a lot of personal bests."

"I'm glad Port Clinton swam well. We swam better because they swam well."

Laura Duncan, Christy Meggitt, Miller and Waggoner took the 200 freestyle relay while Miller, Waggoner, Danielle Minier and Alesha Overmyer won the 400 freestyle relay for Ross (3-1). Minier captured the 500 freestyle.

"Danielle Minier had a great swim in the 200 IM (second) and 500 freestyle," O'Connor said. "She had PRs in both. It was just a phenomenal day for her."

Jordyn Gallagher won the girls 1-meter diving competition for the Little Giants while AJ Gonzalez took the boys portion. Gonzalez and Gallagher are the only returning divers among 10 on last year's.

"The program is increasing in numbers," Ross diving coach Corey Sorgen said. "For all the first-time divers, I couldn't be happier with how they're doing right now. They're above and beyond what I expected."

Oak Harbor's boys beat Port Clinton 92-62 while the girls lost to the Redskins 119-64.

"We always have some swimmers step up and improve times at this meet," Rockets coach Andrea Sorg said. "Aaron Riechman had a great meet. Brielle Hanthorn had a nice meet.

"Danielle Franck and Lindsay Cochran stepped up with some personal bests in their IMs."

Riechman established personal records in the 100 freestyle at 53 seconds and his split in the 200 freestyle relay at 23.83 seconds.



Fremont Ross' Devyn Swigart competes in the 200 Yard IM on Tuesday. (Jonathon Bird | News-Messenger)