

1942 Season review...

ROSS MERMEN FLASH POWER

Cop Four Firsts In Exhibition Against Findlay Y Swimmers

The Ross high swimming team made its season debut in an exhibition in Findlay Friday night, matching strokes with the Y. M. C. A. squad of that city, and Coach Bim Stults' boys gave every evidence of being a potential powerhouse again.

No score was kept in the exhibition but the Little Giants walked off with four firsts, three seconds and three thirds in the seven regular events and also swam six special races between the other heats.

Only in the backstroke and the 100-yard free stroke did the Little Giants show any great weakness, and that was to be expected, considering the losses from last June's graduation.

Coach Stults was a bit noncommittal about the meet, stating simply, "We learned a lot and had a good time." And, after all, that's the purpose of high school sports.

Meet Results

Results of the exhibition were as follows:

40-yard free—Won by Walden (F); MacGregor (Y) second; Martin (F) third. Time 21.1 seconds.

100-yard breast—Won by Pence (F); Lehman (F) second; Quail (Y) third. Time 1:14.5.

220-yard free—Won by Bristley (F); Sheldon (F) second; Baine (Y) third. Time 2:49.8.

100-yard back—Won by Hillery (Y); Quail (Y) second; B. Pence (F) third. Time 1:10.5.

100-yard free—Won by J. MacGregor (Y); Thomas (F) second; Hipp (F) third. Time 1:01.1.

Diving—Martin, Fowler, Rakes, all Fremont; Grube and Hillery, Findlay; no points recorded.

120-yard medley—Won by Fremont (Lehman, Wise, Lantz). Time 1:16.2.

160-yard relay—Won by Findlay (Barnes, Jordhal, B. MacGregor, J. MacGregor). Time 1:27.

LOCAL AUTHORS LAUDED AT FORUM

Bim Stults, Ross high swimming coach, and Miss Genevieve Kuntz, school librarian, who collaborated in writing the book, "Learning To Swim," were highly honored at a swimming coaches' meeting held in conjunction with the seventh annual International Aquatic Forum, according to word received from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Their book was called "an outstanding contribution to United States swimming."

Stults, who is attending the forum, was also one of the principal speakers on the National Defense Day program at the forum, addressing some 700 swimmers and coaches on the place of high school athletics in the defense structure.

PURPLE-WHITE MEET FRIDAY

Ross Swimmers Make First 1942 Appearance In Intrasquad Meet

The annual Purple and White intrasquad swimming meet, postponed since early December, will be staged at 8 p. m., Friday. Coach Bim Stults announced Thursday.

All regular events will be staged, plus any more that are necessary to have every member of both teams competing. Bob Walden and Bill Lantz will co-captain the White squad, with Kenny Reed and Bill Thomas acting in the same capacity for the Purples.

On the White team will be Gilberg, Bob Pence, Courtney, Sheldon, Guenther, Waggoner, Wilson, Lease, Gressman, Keating, Love, Lehman, Cottier, Benner, Cook, Beatty and D. Fowler.

Swimming for the Purple will be Jim Martin, Wise, Bristley, Hipp, Fisher, Swaisgood, Mapus, Wolfe, Smith, Larkins, Curtin, Dick Pence, King, Houghtaling, Rosenbush, Andecover, Del Rakes and Stierwalt.

Coach Stults and his assistant, George Gruse, have made every effort to divide the squad into two almost equal teams and the competition should be particularly keen. A good meet is assured and it will be the first appearance, although unofficial, of the team that must defend a state title this year.

ROSS HIGH FISH TO SWIM THURSDAY

Ross high's natators open defense of their state scholastic crown Thursday night when they play host to the Toledo DeVilbiss fish. Coach Bim Stults has announced. The meet is scheduled for 8 p. m.

The coming event will be the first Fremont appearance of the Little Giants this season, although most of them saw action last Tuesday night in the Purple and White, intrasquad, meet.

Coach Stults is experiencing difficulty in arranging a schedule this season due chiefly to the Rossmen's reputation and the fact that a large number of schools are curtailing athletic activities in this field.

MERMEN OPEN SEASON MINUS TWO REGULARS

Martin, Fowler, Vet Divers, On Sick List; Eight Lettermen Back

An as yet untried Ross high tank team will get its initial test of the new season in the Ross pool tonight when it engages Toledo DeVilbiss in the first dual meet of what looms as a rather slack campaign.

In other years the Little Giant natators would be fairly well tested by this time, but inability on the part of Coach Bim Stults to round up other school boys teams willing to engage the defending state titlists makes this their first meet.

With the exception of eight returning lettermen, Coach Stults has a largely inexperienced squad and, with the exception of practice sessions, has seen them in action only in an exhibition against a Findlay Y team, long before the holidays, and in the annual Purple and White meet.

Divers Are Out

Whether or not the dual splash against the Toledoans will be any kind of a test remains to be seen. In recent years Toledo teams have been a bit on the weak side and, as far as is known, this will be DeVilbiss' first start of the year.

The Ross squad probably won't be at top strength as both Jim Martin, state diving champ, and Ed Fowler, No. 2 water-cutter, are on the ailing list. That leaves only diminutive Del Rakes to compete in this event where all the plums go to the winner and there are no points for the second best.

Probable Starters

Coach Stults plans to use all of his lettermen in one or more events. While his line-up is still a bit in doubt it will probably shape up as follows:

Bill Lantz and Ralph Hipp in the 50-yard free style; Leo Lehman and Dick Pence in the breast stroke; Bob Walden in the 200 yard free and Bob Thomas in the 100 yard free, and Del Rakes in the diving.

All of the above except Lehman are lettermen and Coach Stults didn't state who would get the back-stroke assignment. The relays will be swam by some of the above boys plus Lou Wernig.

The meet gets underway at 8 p. m. and may be the Little Giants only home appearance for some little time. At the present writing, the next meet is January 24 with Western Reserve Academy at Hudson.

WIN ALL BUT ONE EVENT IN EASY FASHION

Visitors Cop Free Style Relay In Best Race; Times Are Bit Slow

Ross high's swimming team found little opposition in the Toledo DeVilbiss squad Thursday night and breezed to a 41 to 16 victory, taking firsts in six of the seven regularly scheduled events.

With but two exceptions, the 200-yard free style relay which they lost, and the 100-yard free style, the races were all more or less swim-aways and the times were slow in comparison to the school and pool records. This was partially due to the fact that Coach Blm Stults ran in a number of his second string splashers. The Toledoans were shut out as far as firsts were concerned, until the final event, the free style relay, and this proved to be the best race of the evening.

Win Close Race

Winn, first DeVilbiss swimmer, got away to a slight lead over Dick Guenther, but Bob Mapus, swimming second for the Rossmen, pulled up even with his man. Dan Lease, stroking third, pulled away from Frazer and had a lead of about a stroke when Jim Swaisgood hit the water for the last two laps. Swaisgood held the lead over Valassis until midway the last lap, when the Toledoan pulled up even and then won by less than a foot. The time was 1:55.8, nearly 13 seconds over the pool record.

The other close race was the 100-yard free style which Winn apparently had sewed up, leading for most of the way. On the last lap, however, Chuck Fisher turned on the steam and nosed him out by less than a stroke in the creditable time of 1:04.

Ralph Hipp and Bill Lantz finished one-two in the 50-yard free without any trouble; Leo Lehman had a half-length lead in the 100-yard breast stroke, with his teammate, Al King, pulling in third; Cal Bristley and Jack Sheldon had little difficulty in placing one-two in the 200-yard free style, and Bill Wise and Stan Gilberg raced themselves in the 100-yard back stroke.

Swim Dead Heat

The Fremont medley relay team of Bob Pence, Lou Wernig and Jim Wolfe easily outdistanced their Toledo opponents, but finished in a dead heat with an extra Ross team of Bob Rosenbush, Dick Pence and Gene Moneghan. The latter trio was ahead until the last lap when Wolfe did a nice bit of spritling to finish even with Moneghan.

Toledo had no divers so Jim Martin and Del Rakes staged an eight-dive exhibition and four other exhibitions were run in to pad out the program.

Bob Houghtaling, swimming breast stroke, and Bob Stierwalt, swimming back stroke, tangled in a 50-yard event; Gressman took a 50-yard free style race among a quartet of freshmen, with Larkins, Love and Curtin trailing him. In that order; Bob Walden won a 100-yard free style race from Bob Thomas and Dean Hess, and Ken Reed swam a 100-yard back stroke all by his lonesome.

It was announced that the Findlay Y. M. C. A. team would be here for an exhibition in the near future.

George Eagon acted as starter at the meet; Bob Fangbner, Harry Stickel and Bill Sherlow as finish judges; Ted Fuchs and Milt Harshe as timers.

Meet Results

Results of the meet:

50-yard free—Won by Hipp (F); Lantz (F) 2; Frazer (T) 3. Time, 27 sec.

100-yard breast—Won by Lehman (F); Solton (T) 2; King (F) 3. Time, 1:15.8.

200-yard free—Won by Bristley (F); Sheldon (F) 2; Valassis (T) 3. Time, 2:36.1.

100-yard back—Won by Wise (F); Gilberg (F) 2; Wallace (T) 3. Time, 1:13.2.

100-yard free—Won by Fisher (F); Winn (T) 2; Courtney (T) 3. Time, 1:04.

200-yard relay—Won by Toledo (Winn, Jeffries, Frazer, Valassis). Time, 1:53.8.

150-yard medley relay—Won by Fremont (B. Pence, Wernig and Wolfe). Time, 1:37.6.

DEFEAT FIRST IN DUAL MEET IN TWO YEARS

Races Fast And Close All The Way; Team In Bowling Green Next

The myth of invincibility that had surrounded the Ross high swimming team for the past two years was exploded in Hudson Saturday afternoon when the Western Reserve Academy squad handed the defending state champs a 34 to 32 defeat in a dual meet.

It was the first such defeat that the Little Giants had suffered since Canton McKinley turned the trick in 1940, but was not entirely unexpected by Coach Bim Stults. It was the first year that the prep school bosses would give the Ross-men a meet, an indication that they were loaded for bear.

Each team won four firsts in the eight-event meet, but the Academy lads won both the relay events in which no points are given for second place. They also had an edge in second places.

Races Were Close

It was one of the best meets in which the Little Giants had engaged for some time and all of the races were close and very fast. Coach Stults stated that his charges did as well as he expected them to and it was just a case of the Hudson squad packing too much punch.

After the meet members of both teams were guests of the headmaster's wife at an informal party, with other members of the faculty also attending and the Fremont delegation was impressed with the hospitality shown.

The Little Giants' next meet will be with Toledo DeVilbiss, whom they have already defeated, at Bowling Green university Wednesday night. This will be followed by the Northern Ohio Relays in Lakewood on February 7. Results of the Saturday meet were as follows:

Meet Results

100-yard back stroke—won by Reed (F); Halden (WR) second; B. Pence (F) third. Time, 1:06.2.

50-yard free style—won by Schoonover (WR); Walden (F) second; Leavenworth (WR) third. Time, 25.4 sec.

100-yard breast stroke—won by D. Pence (F); Wernig (F) second; Hayden (WR) third. Time, 1:12.2.

100-yard free style—won by Weekes (WR); Walden (F) second; Rawdon (WR) third. Time, 56.8 sec.

220-yard free style—won by Hess (F); Ball (WR) second; Thomas (F) third. Time, 2:29.9.

Diving—won by Martin (F); Allan (WR) second; Rakes (F) third. Points, 77.

150-yard medley relay—won by Western Reserve (Holden, Hayden, Schoonover). Time, 1:26.8.

200-yard relay—won by Western Reserve (Leavenworth, Ball, Rawdon, Weekes). Time, 1:43.

LOSE BUT ONE RACE IN MEET IN B-G POOL

Toledo Relay Team Duplicates Winning Effort Made Here

Swimming against Toledo De-Vilbiss in a dual meet staged at Bowling Green university pool Wednesday night, the Little Giant natators, duplicated their first meet performance but they were a bit more charitable. The score last night was 39 to 18, while in the first splash they were victorious, 41 to 16.

Clearly demonstrating their superiority in every stroke and over every distance, the Rossmen paddled their way to six firsts in seven events with Martin and Rakes forced to be content with merely an exhibition when Toledo failed to enter any divers.

The only race that the charges of Coach Bim Stults dropped was the 200-yard free style, same event the Toledoans won when here.

Perhaps the outstanding thing about the entire meet was the fact that not a single Fremont swimmer, with the exception of the relay team, failed to place in the points. In every one of the individual races the winning Little Giant was supported by a second or third place by his swimming mate.

On a whole, times for all the events were good and Coach Stults used 17 men, none of them swimming in more than one race. Meet results were as follows:

Meet Results

50-yard free style—Won by Hipp (F); Fraser (T) 2; Lantz (F) 3. Time 27.2 seconds.

100-yard breast stroke—Won by Lehman (F); Soltou (T) 2; King (F) 3. Time, 1:19.9.

200-yard free style—Won by Bristley (F); Sheldon (F) 2; Valassis (T) 3. Time, 2:28.8.

100-yard back stroke—Won by Wise (F); Gilberg (F) 2; Wallace (T) 3. Time, 1:15.4.

100-yard free style—Won by Fisher (F); Winn (T) 2; Courtney (T) 3. Time, 1:03.9.

Diving—Martin and Rakes in exhibition.

150-yard medley relay—Won by Fremont (Rosenbush, Warnig, Wolfe). Time, 1:38.5.

200-yard relay—Won by DeVilbiss (Winn, Jeffries, Fraser, Valassis). Time, 1:55.

EIGHT TEAMS ENTER MEET AT LAKEWOOD

Coach Bim Stults Has But 4 Swimmers Who Saw Action Last Year

The Ross high swimming team will put its Northern Ohio Relays crown, won last year, on the block in Lakewood Saturday afternoon and Coach Bim Stults isn't too optimistic over the outcome.

The Little Giant natators won the relay championship last year with an outstanding performance that saw them score 45 out of a possible 48 points and spread-eagle the field. Canton McKinley, winners the previous year, were a poor second. Last year the Fremonters won every event but one and pulled up second in it.

Teams expected to compete this year are McKinley, Lakewood, Cleveland Heights, Cleveland East Tech, Shaker Heights, Akron Garfield and Sandusky and the Ross mentor isn't at all certain from which of these schools will come the most competition. Somehow or other, this session has been an off one for high school fish. There haven't been many meets and thus far Coach Stults has been unable to get much of a line on rival teams.

Four Vets Back

Only four swimmers who were in the relay meet last year are back in Purple and White trunks and there isn't any doubt but what the team is weaker than it was when it won the Lakewood crown for the third time last year. The four vets are Ken Reed, Bob Walden, Lou Wernig and Dick Pence.

Six events, all team races except the individual medley, are on the program and from the meager information available, it appears that the chief competition will come from Canton McKinley, the old rival; Cleveland Heights and Sandusky.

Coach Stults announced his tentative entry list as follows:

200-yard back stroke—Ken Reed, Bob Pence, Stan Gilberg and Bill Wise, with Bob Rosenbush as an alternate.

200-yard breast stroke—Dick Pence, Leo Lehman, Lou Wernig and Jack Sheldon, with Dan Lease as an alternate.

75-yard individual medley—Jack Sheldon, Dick Pence and Bob Walden.

200-yard free style—Bob Walden, Bill Lantz, Ralph Hipp, and Dean Hess with Cal Bristley as an alternate.

400-yard free style—Bob Thomas, Ralph Hipp, Dean Hess and Cal Bristley with Chuck Fisher as an alternate.

150-yard medley—Ken Reed, Dick Pence, and Bob Thomas or Bill Lantz.

Win Three Events, Set One New Mark In Lakewood Pool

Fremont Swimmers Score 35 Points To Edge
Canton McKinley By Five; Three Records
Fall, With Bob Walden Setting New Time

A well-balanced Ross high swimming team, meeting its first stiff competition of the current season, met the challenge of 10 other Ohio school squads Saturday and successfully defended its Northern Ohio Relays title in the Lakewood pool.

The Little Giant mermen scored 35 points, 10 less than last year, and finished five points ahead of Canton McKinley, closest rival.

Trailing the winner and runner-up were Lakewood, 17; Shaw, 11; East Tech and Sandusky, 6, each; Akron Buchtel, 3; Cleveland Heights, 2, and Akron Garfield, 1. Shaker Heights and Toledo DeVilbiss failed to score.

The charges of Coach Bim Stults scored in all of the six events, accounting for three firsts, two seconds and a fourth, and set one of the new records that were established.

Walden Sets Record

Canton also won three firsts and set two new records, but fell down in the supporting places.

Bob Walden set the new mark for the Rossmen, taking the 75-yard individual medley in 45.3 seconds, 2.5 seconds under the mark established by Wenzlau of Toledo DeVilbiss, when the relays were held here. Kline of Akron Buchtel, who trailed Walden to the finish, also bettered the old time by one-tenth of a second.

Other firsts for Fremont were scored by the 200-yard backstroke team of Gilberg, Wise, Pence and Reed, and the 400-yard free style relay team of Hipp, Hess, Thomas and Walden.

Break Fremont Marks

Canton McKinley won the first two events on the program, walking off with the 200-yard free style relay in the new time of 1:44.5, bettering the mark set by Fremont in 1939 by one-tenth of a second, and the 200-yard breast stroke relay in 2:08.7, again lowering a record set by Fremont. The previous best time was 2:09.6 made by the Little Giant team in 1939.

The Fremont 200-yard free style relay team pulled up fourth; the 200 yard breast stroke team, second; and the 150-yard medley relay team, second, to account for the other points tallied by the Rossmen.

Sandusky Next

As a result of the meet, Coach Bim Stults was even more firmly convinced than ever that the chief competition in the state meet will come from McKinley's Bulldogs and he looks for an exceedingly close affair when the two teams clash in a dual meet next week.

Next appearance of the Little Giant swimmers will be Thursday night when they swim against Sandusky in the pool here.

Walden and Ken Reed were the individual stars for the Little Giants. The former not only set a new record, but won the 400-yard relay with a great closing spurt, while Reed put on a great finish drive to bring victory in the 200-yard back stroke event.

Meet Results

Results of the meet were as follows:

200-Yard Free-Style Relay—Canton McKinley (Bowser, Duffie, Kristoff, Van Almen), won; Lakewood, 2; East Tech, 3; Fremont, (Hipp, Hess, Thomas, Lantz), 4. Time—1m 44.5s (new record; old record, 1m 44.6s, set by Fremont in 1939).

200-Yard Breaststroke Relay—Canton McKinley (Steve, Brown, Johnston, Rothenbaugh), won; Fremont, (Wernig, Lehman, Sheldon, Pence), 2; Shaw, 3; Lakewood, 4. Time—2m 8.7s (new record; old record 2m 9.6s set by Fremont in 1939).

200-Yard Backstroke Relay—Fremont (Gilberg, Wise, Pence, Reed), won; Canton McKinley, 2; Shaw and Lakewood, tied for 3. Time—2m 5.1s.

75-Yard Individual Medley—Walden (Fremont), won; Kline (Akron Buchtel), 2; Bohanan (Sandusky), 3; Bright (Akron Garfield), 4. Time—45.3s (new record; old record, 47.8s set by Wenzlau of Toledo DeVilbiss in 1939).

400-Yard Free-Style Relay—Fremont (Hipp, Hess, Thomas, Walden), won; Lakewood, 2; Sandusky, 3; East Tech, 4. Time—3m 59.3s.

150-Yard Medley Relay—Canton McKinley (Rothenbaugh, Duffie, Van Almen), won; Fremont, (Reed, Pierce, Walden), 2; Shaw, 3; Cleveland Heights, 4. Time—1m 27.5s.

TODAY'S Sport Parade

By Harry Ferguson

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—U.P.—The daring young man on the flying trapeze was quite a remarkable fellow and my admiration of Garibaldi, the human cannonball, always has been intense. But today I'm putting the two of them behind me.

At long last, I've seen Cornelius Warmerdam.

Warmerdam doesn't swing from a trapeze and he isn't shot from a gun, but he floats through the air with a skill and an ease that makes everyone who has gone before him look like a gold-plated sucker. Technically, he is a pole vaulter. Actually, he is part bird, part pursuit ship, part high diver—and wholly a creature of another world.

I saw Warmerdam for the first time at the Millrose games. He was stamping his heel prints on the ceiling and catapulting his string bean body to a new world indoor record of 15 feet, three eighths of an inch.

The experts say vaulting is a pastime requiring complete precision, synchronization and concentration. Yet, this man Warmerdam teed off in Madison Square Garden with a strange set of poles while guns banged, runners hammered around the track and every camera fiend in greater New York popped flash bulbs. Warmerdam never even blinked.

He cleared 13 feet, then 14 feet. The bar was lifted to a new indoor record of 14 feet, eight inches. He stepped the distance, hustled down the runway and went over the top like a Joe DiMaggio home run. Then the standard was raised to a fraction over 15 feet, a mark no other man had reached before. Corn made it on the first try.

Warmerdam has been working toward his goal for 15 years, or since he was 11. He could only vault eight feet then, but before he left Piedmont, Calif., high he had done 12 feet and by the time he was graduated from Fresno State college he had reached 14 feet, seven and five-eighths inches.

His best mark is 15 feet, five and three-fourths inches, and it was the fulfillment of a lifetime dream. Corny for years swung the shot to develop his arm, competed in dashes to increase his speed and hurdled to acquire the knack of conquering obstacles.

He weighs 168 pounds, he stands six feet high, he eats no special food and follows no special training diet, yet he will tell you flatly that he hasn't approached his peak and will go on trying.

—BUY DEFENSE STAMPS— OLD FORT QUINTET WINS COUNTY TITLE

POSTORIA, Feb. 9.—Jackson high lost the championship of the Seneca county basketball league to Old Fort Friday night at Old Fort, in a red-hot game, 33-29.

A fight from start to finish, the top 12-11 at whistle-time. The Jackson lads slumped in the third frame and were outscored 11-7, but managed to pick up one point in the final frame.

NATATORS AND CAGERS BUSY

Sandusky Tankers Here Thursday; Cage Teams Play Friday

A swimming meet and two basketball games, one of the latter on the road, make up the scholastic sports menu in Fremont this week, breaking a lull preceding the stretch drive of high school athletes.

Coach Bim Stults' Ross high swimmers, winners of the Northern Ohio Relays last Saturday and defending state champions, swing into action first meeting the Sandusky high natators in a dual meet here Thursday night. It will be but the third meet of the season for the Purple strokers and a close affair is predicted.

LITTLE GIANT MENTOR LOOKS FOR CLOSE GO

Ailing Squad Makes Next To Last Home Appearance Of Season

The Little Giant swimmers will make their next-to-last home appearance of the season Thursday night when they engage the Sandusky high fish in a dual meet in the Ross pool.

With the exception of an exhibition swim against the Findlay Y. M. C. A., tentatively set for February 25, and two out-of-town appearances, it will also bring to a close one of the shortest campaigns in many years for the Purple nators. Of course, the district and state meets are still ahead.

Coach Bim Stults expects his squad to meet plenty of opposition from the Streak water babies. They flashed enough strength in the Lakewood relays last Saturday to prove that without pointing to the fact that Canton McKinley barely nosed them out in an earlier dual meet, copping the final event to turn the trick.

Good Free Stylers

The Sandusky team appears to be the strongest in the free style events, including the 200-yard relay which totes with it seven big points. In Lakewood, the Fremont teams finished ahead of the coming foe in both relay races, however, and may be able to do it here again.

Most of the Little Giants are in the height of fashion at present—nursing colds—and for that reason Mentor Stults is still undecided as to whom his starters will be. He intends to juggle his regulars so that he can get the strongest possible entries in all events.

Start at 7:30

The Rossmen really haven't been tested in dual competition as yet, as both swims against Toledo DeVilbiss were one-sided affairs and the exhibition against the Findlay Y. wasn't a fair test although they took most of the events.

The meet will get under way at 7:30 p. m., and aquatic fans can rest assured that they will see all the regulars in action unless some are on the shelf because of the current fad of sniffles.

—BUY DEFENSE BONDS—

ONE MARK IS SHATTERED AS HEAT GOES ON

Walden Batters 100 Free Style Record; McKinley Is Next

Smashing one school record and closely approaching a second, the Ross high swimmers scored one of their most lopsided victories in years Thursday night, swamping the Sandusky mermen, 56 to 7.

The score was pretty one-sided, but so was the meet, for all that the visitors were said to be strong, at least in the free style events.

Briefly told, the Little Giants won firsts and seconds in all but one event—in that one they were forced to be content with a first and third. And the score might have been worse. The Sandusky diver was ill so that event was crossed out and the meet streamlined to seven.

Walden Sets Mark

Bob Walden set the new record in the 100-yard free style, churning the water to win in 57.2 seconds, bettering Al Baumann's mark of 58 seconds, set last year, by eight-tenths second. Although Walden won by some 10 feet, it was the closest race on the program—Bohannon of Sandusky, cut in for second, nosing out Ralph Hipp.

The 200-yard free style relay team of Hipp, Bob Thomas, Bill Lantz and Ken Reed lacked two-tenths of a second of tying the existing school mark in that event, finishing in 1:45.2, in a close race.

Some of the races were close as the Little Giants turned on the heat for a change—close, that is, between teammates for first and second.

Race Shortened

Take the 50-yard free style. Bob Walden and Ken Reed raced each other to the finish and finished in that order, with Reed some two yards in front of Wagner of Sandusky.

With the 220 free style shortened to 200, in compliance with a state change, "Slicker" Hess finished with yards to spare ahead of teammate Bob Thomas in less than a second slower than the pool record.

Bill Wise won the back stroke easily enough, but Bob Pence had to step up his stroke to nose out Young for second place. In the 100-yard free, Walden trailed Bohannon the first two laps but stepped up his pace on the third to win by nearly four yards.

The other races were easy, with Sandusky completely outclassed.

Roy Uber of Cleveland Heights, was the chief official, starting the races and picking the finishes. Bob Fangboner, Harry Stickel, George Eagon and Bill Griffin, ex-of Kenyon college, were the judges.

Next meet for the Ross varsity will be February 21 at Canton McKinley but the junior high will swim an exhibition with the Sandusky juniors here at 7:30 p. m., next Thursday. Meet results were as follows:

50-yard free style—Won by Walden (F); Reed (F) 2; Wagner (S) 3. Time, 26 seconds.

100-yard breast stroke—Won by D. Pence (F); Lehman (F) 2; Fletcher (S) 3. Time, 1:10.8.

200-yard free style—Won by Hess (F); B. Thomas (F) 2; Stark (S) 3. Time, 2:12.

100-yard back stroke—Won by Wise (F); B. Pence (F) 2; Young (S) 3. Time, 1:14.3.

100-yard free style—Won by Walden (F); Bohannon (S) 2; Hipp (F) 3. Time, 57.2 seconds.

Diving — (Exhibition) — Rakes, Fowler, Myers, Martin.

150-yard medley relay—Won by Fremont (Gilberg, B. Pence, Bristlev), Time, 1:30.9.

200-yard relay—Won by Fremont (Hipp, B. Thomas, Lantz and Reed). Time, 1:45.2.

Cagers Of Both Schools And Ross Swimmers See Action

Little Giants Clash With Bowling Green In Important Game; St. Joe Entertains Marion St. Mary's; Mermen In Canton Saturday

Fremont athletic teams tackle a trio of formidable foes this weekend as the scholastic winter sports program rolls rapidly to a close.

Ross high's Little Giant cagers travel to Bowling Green to play their next-to-last Buckeye League game; the Ross high swimmers trek to Canton to match strokes with the perennially powerful McKinley tankers and St. Joseph's courtiers hold down the home front, playing host to a strong Marion St. Mary's quintet.

Can Win Flag

Probably the cage game in Bowling Green ranks first in importance in the opinion of sports fans. While the Rossmen's league lead will not be at stake, the loop championship can be decided in the tilt. A victory for the home forces would clinch the flag regardless of the outcome of the final game, with Findlay here next Friday.

A loss to Bee Gee, however, could set the stage for a three-way tie. If the Little Giants would drop both tonight's game and the Findlay contest it would give them a record of seven and four. Tiffin Columbian, now with five victories and three defeats, must be given the edge over Findlay in tonight's game and they hold a decided edge over Fostoria, last opponent. Two victories for the Columbians and two losses for the Fremonts would knot them.

Must Speed Up

Similarly, Bowling Green has a chance to snarl the standings. They too, have a five and three rating, with Fremont and Junior Order still to be played.

The game looms as one of the toughest on the entire Little Giant schedule. Earlier in the season the charges of Coach Eddie Gabel had difficulty in eking out a 24 to 21 victory here, as the Bobcats held them to their lowest league score. On the narrower Bowling Green court they may have even more difficulty in finding the hoop.

The Little Giants will have to play a faster brand of ball than they did against Junior Order to come out on top and their rebound work must be better. In Red Maas and Ron Waugh, the Bobcats have a pair of lofty players who specialize in taking the ball off the bankboard, while Ingraham is a sturdy guard who held Snooks Jenkins to nine points in the first encounter.

It has all the earmarks of a tough, hard-fought ball game.

Streaks at Home

On the home front, St. Joe's Crimson Streaks will be closing their home season with the second game in two days and this alone will make their task harder.

Against St. Paul's Wednesday night, the Streaks flashed their most aggressive game thus far and it produced results. In possession of the ball most of the time, the Gfell-men limited the visitors to four points the entire first half and if they can do this again, their chances against a strong Marion quintet will be materially increased.

The St. Joe defense also functioned better than at any time except against Ross high and it must be hitting on all five again, tonight. After this clash the Streaks take to the road twice next week, going to Tiffin Calvert Tuesday and Gibsonburg Friday. A preliminary will open hostilities at 7 p. m.

Tank Coach Worried

The swimming meet with Canton McKinley, booked for 2:15 p. m. Saturday has Coach Bim Stults a bit puzzled. On the basis of performances thus far, they

don't appear to be too strong, but the Ross mentor can't quite believe this.

The Bulldogs barely managed to nose out Sandusky, 32 to 30, winning the final relay event by less than three feet to turn the trick. Then the Little Giants all but drowned the Streaks, 50 to 7, winning every event. Coach Stults is convinced there isn't this much difference in the teams and is expecting a close meet.

Canton is always strong and, with Fremont, ranks as the top scholastic tank crew in the state. At the Lakewood relays they were five points behind the Little Giants.

The Ross mentor said today that he intended to start his strongest lineup against the Bulldogs in the next-to-last dual event of the season for the Purple.

—BUY DEFENSE BONDS—

ELK BOWLERS OPEN TOURNEY

57 Teams Entered In City Bowling Association Event At Pastime

The annual five-man bowling tournament sponsored by the City Bowling association, will get under way Friday night when the first 12 of the 57 teams entered toe the foul line at the Pastime alleys.

The entry list this year is the largest in history with three more teams entered than last year. The doubles and singles will follow next week-end and entries can still be made at either the Pastime or Recreation alleys. These entries will close Sunday night.

The tourney will open with the 12 teams in the Elks league rolling on their regular Friday night shifts. Balance of the schedule, which the keggers are to especially note, will be as follows:

Saturday, 3:15 p. m.—Crescent Mfg. Co., News-Messenger, Pet Milk No. 2, Hyman Cutters, National Carbon Dry Cells.

Saturday, 7:45 p. m.—Howard Zink Corp. Art Department, Longanbach Market, Fremont Foundry (Major league), Fremont Oils (City B league), Roser & Stahl, Herbrand Corporation.

Saturday, 10 p. m.—Schaaf Garage, New Deal Cafe, Pet Milk No. 1, Fremont Tool & Die, Central Outdoor Advertising (Moose league).

Sunday, 1 p. m.—Kroger's, Inks Plasterers, Hyman Pattern Dept., Hyman Shippers, New Deal Cafes, Elmwood.

Sunday, 3:15 p. m.—Buick, P. O. C., Valley Dairy, Haaser Produce, H. & M. Bakery, Ohio Fuel Gas.

Sunday, 5:30 p. m.—Ochs Furniture, Don's Diner, Kiwanis club, Stone's Grill, Fox Insurance, Pfisterer's.

Sunday, 7:45 p. m.—Gotttron Coals, Dr. Wells, Studebakers, Fangbner Seed, O. & M. Seeds, Horn Floral (Moose league).

Sunday, 10 p. m.—Esmond Dairy, Dunn's Cafe, City Loan, Leshner Printers (Moose league), Fremont Foundry (Moose league).

TEAM WINS 6 RACES; WALDEN SETS RECORD

Free Styler Lowers Mark For 100 Yards; Swim Here Wednesday

Winning firsts in six of the eight events and adding three seconds and a pair of thirds, the Ross high swimmers defeated Canton McKinley, generally conceded to be the chief menace to their state scholastic title, 41 to 25, Saturday afternoon.

The meet was held in the Canton pool and saw Bob Walden flash to a new record in the 100-yard free style, churning the distance in 57.6 seconds, two-tenths second faster than the time made by Bohlander of Canton, in 1939.

The Little Giants won all of the individual events except the 50-yard free style, where they were forced to be content with a second, and then split the team races, taking the 150-yard medley relay and losing the 200-yard free style event.

Win Six Races

Also winning firsts were Dick Pence in the 100-yard breast stroke; Dean Hess in the 220-yard free style; Kenny Reed in the 100-yard back stroke; Jim Martin in the diving and the relay team of Reed, Dick Pence and Walden in the medley.

Times were generally fast, considering that the meet was held in a 60-foot pool instead of the regulation 75.

Final home appearances of the Little Giant swimmers will be Wednesday at 8 p. m., when they meet the Findlay Y. M. C. A. team in an exhibition. Next Saturday they swim against the Upper Arlington team in the Ohio State university pool at Columbus, and that will conclude their dual competition for the season.

Results of the Canton McKinley meet were as follows:

50-yard free style—Won by Van Alman (C); Lantz (F) 2; Slusser (C) 3. Time, 20.7 seconds.

100-yard breast stroke—Won by D. Pence (F); Wernig (F) 2; Rockinbaugh (C) 3. Time, 1:10.6.

220-yard free style—Won by Hess (F); Thomas (F) 2; Evans (C) 3. Time, 2:29.8.

100-yard back stroke—Won by Reed (F); Duffey (C) 2; Lauritzen (C) 3. Time, 1:07.6.

100-yard free style—won by Walden (F); Kristoff (C) 2; Bristley (F) 3. Time, 57.6 seconds. New record.

Diving—Won by Martin (F) 83 points; Manos (C), 2, 74.3; Rakes (F) 3, 70.

150-yard medley relay—Won by Fremont (Reed, D. Pence, Walden). Time, 1:47.9.

200-yard relay—Won by Canton (Duffey, Kristoff, Van Alman and Bowser). Time, 1:21.6.

—BUY DEFENSE STAMPS—

MERMEN IN LAST HOME EXHIBITION

The Ross high mermen, defeated but once this year and now prepping for the defense of their state scholastic title, will make their final home appearance of the year at 8 p. m. Wednesday, meeting the Findlay Y. M. C. A. team in an exhibition.

Coach Bim Stults plans to use his regular starting lineup against the Findlay swimmers as a final tune-up before meeting Upper Arlington in a dual meet in the Ohio State university pool Saturday.

The Y team is composed of high school, college and amateur swimmers and in an earlier meet gave the Little Glants a good workout.

Ross Won't Compete . . .

Comes word that the University of Pittsburgh will sponsor its Interscholastic swimming meet again this year and has it booked for March 21. One of the oldest scholastic affairs held anywhere, this will be its 28th year, and each year in the past it has attracted the best high school swimmers and divers within a radius of several hundred miles.

For the past several years Fremont Ross, together with Canton McKinley and York of Pennsylvania, have been the standout teams but it appears that this year the meet will have to worry along without either of the Ohio teams. The rule barring a team traveling more than 75 miles for inter-state competition taking care of that although Coach Bim Stults said he hadn't been advised of it.

Speaking of swimming reminds us that Al Baumann is still going strong at Blair Academy and that the team suffered its first defeat at the hands of Annapolis recently. The score was 36 to 30 with Al getting a first and a close second.

And that, in turn, reminds us that Jack Carroll has been elected captain of the Dartmouth frosh cage team and in a recent game swished the nets for 24 points. Ross high boys are carrying on.

MERMEN NAME CO-CAPTAINS

Bob Walden and Ken Reed have been elected honorary co-captains of the Ross high swimming team for the past season, Coach Bim Stults announced Thursday in a school assembly.

At the same time the Little Giant mentor awarded varsity letters to 19 members of the state championship team and the senior student manager and numerals to the assistant manager.

Those to whom letters were given were Bob Walden, Ken Reed, Bob Thomas and Bill Lantz, seniors; Jim Martin, Lou Wernig, Bob Pence, Dean Hess, Stan Gilberg and Bill Wise, juniors; Cal Bristley, Jack Courtney, Dick Pence, Del Rakes, Ed Fowler, Leo Lehman, Jack Sheldon, Ralph Hipp and Charles Fisher, sophomores, and to Manager Bob Lorenz. Larry Norton received numerals.

STULTS BIDS TEAM GOODBYE

Ross Tank Mentor Is Host At Dinner; Team Presents Trophies

Coach Bim Stults bid at least temporary adieu to his Ross high swimming squad Tuesday night, the amenities being exchanged at a dinner at the Jackson hotel at which the Little Giant mentor was host. Stults reports for navy training Thursday.

Places were set for 40, including Stults and his assistant, George Gruse, and the program was confined to dining and a few brief remarks. There were no speeches.

The swimming team presented both Stults and Gruse with a trophy won at the 1942 northern Ohio relays and each coach also received a gift. Swimmers who were present included:

Art Beatty, Cal Bristley, Paul Cook, Jack Courtney, Jim Curtin, Chuck Fisher, Stan Gilberg, Dick Guenther, John Gressman, Ralph Hipp, Dean Hess, Bob Houghtaling, Tom Keating, Alfred King, Wilfred Lantz, Jim Larkins, Dan Lease, Leo Lehman, Bob Lorenz,

Nell Love, Bob Mapus, Jim Martin, Gene Moneghan, Lawrence Norton, Bob Pence, Dick Pence, Dal Rakes, Ken Reed, Bob Rosenbush, Jack Sheldon, Bob Stierwalt, Jim Swaisgood, Bob Thomas, Bob Walden, Lloyd Waggoner, Bill Wise, Jim Wolfe and Lou Wernig.