

1948 State meet...

EAST TECH ON TOP; LOCALS IN HUGE SURPRISE

Wensinger Runner-Up In Diving; Others In Scoring Column

Unveiling surprising strength, Ross high's swimming team splashed its way into third place behind highly-touted Cleveland East Tech and Lakewood in the annual state meet at Ohio State university's natatorium Saturday.

The Little Giants, tutored by George Gruse, had entered the classic with little hope of picking up points other than in the diving. However, a little luck would have put the youngsters in second position.

Instead, the Fremonters picked up a fourth place in each of the relay events; a second and third in the diving and a sixth in the backstroke.

The complete order of finish: 1. Cleveland East Tech (31); 2. Lakewood (22); 3. FREMONT ROSS (15); 4. Cincinnati Elder (14); 5. Canton McKinley and Akron Buchtel (12); 7. Cleveland Shaker Heights (8); 8. Columbus North and Akron St. Mary's (6); 10. Sandusky, Cincinnati St. Xavier, Cincinnati Walnut Hills (5); 13. Cincinnati Western Hills, Columbus University, Toledo Waite (3); 16. Columbus West, Columbus Grandview, (2); 18. Columbus St. Charles, Toledo DeVilbiss (1).

Wensinger Second
Don Wensinger, a slight favorite to annex the diving title following an undefeated season in the event, slumped to fourth place in the preliminaries with his poorest performance of the year but then battled back in the finals with a magnificent exhibition for runner-up honors behind John Elkanick of Cleveland East Tech, an individual the Little Giant ace had decided badly in the Bowling Green State university invitational relays. Elkanick was awarded 110.5 points by the judges while Wensinger came in with 105.83. In a surprise performance, John Schwartz, Wensinger's underclass teammate, finished in third place with 99.03 points.

Jim Pence, Larry Price and Don Smith teamed to give the Rossmen fourth in the 150-yard medley relay behind East Tech, Cincinnati Elder and Akron Buchtel. Smith also anchored the 200-yard free style relay, composed of Bill Kirsch, Don Nafulin and Jim Sherer, to a similar placing behind Lakewood, Cleveland Shaker Heights and Columbus North.

Fremont's remaining points were acquired in the 100-yard backstroke where Price finished in sixth place.

The outstanding individual performance was that of East Tech's Ted Stevens who shattered a four-year-old national inter-scholastic record in the 200-yard free style established by Joe Verdur of Philadelphia's Northwest Catholic high school in 1944. Stevens' mark of 2:02.7 clipped four-tenths of a second off the previous standard.

The summaries:
50-yard free style: Won by Tom Whiteleather, (Canton McKinley); 2. Hill, (Cincinnati Walnut Hills); 3. T. Smith (Lakewood); 4. Gross (Akron St. Mary's); 5. Mucha (Cleveland East Tech); 6. Farrell (Canton McKinley). Time: 24.6.
100-yard breast stroke: Won by James Trifeger (Cincinnati Elder); 2. Clark (Lakewood); 3. Kaufman (Cinti. West. Hills); 4. Student (Cleveland East Tech); 5. Bruce (Toledo DeVilbiss); 6. Starman (Cinti. West. Hills). Time: 1:06.2.

200-yard free style: Won by Ted Stevens (Cleveland East Tech); 2. Stewart (Lakewood); 3. Schoenberger (Cinti. Xavier); 4. Conway (Grandview); 5. Ford (Columbus St. Charles); 6. Nightingale (Cinti. Purcell). Time: 2:02.7 (New national scholastic record. Better by .4 second, former mark held by Joe Verdur, Philadelphia Northeast Catholic, established 1944).

Diving: Won by John Elkanick (Cleveland East Tech); 2. DON WENSINGER (FREMONT ROSS); 3. JOHN SCHWARTZ (FREMONT ROSS); 4. Hyer, (Columbia University); 5. Conrad (Lakewood).

100-yard backstroke: Won by Jack Taylor (Akron Buchtel); 2. Foley (Cleveland East Tech); 3. B. Smith (Sandusky); 4. East (Cinti. St. Xavier); 5. Peters (Cleveland East Tech); 6. LARRY PRICE (FREMONT ROSS). Time: 1:01.9.

100-yard free style: Won by Tom Whiteleather (Canton McKinley); 2. Gross (Akron St. Mary's); 3. Dillon (Toledo Waite); 4. Adams (Columbia University); 5. Hill (Cinti. Walnut Hills); 6. Mucha (Cleveland East Tech). Time: 55.5.

150-yard medley: Won by Cleveland East Tech (Ted Stevens, Bob Foley, Kurt Student); 2. Cincinnati Elder; 3. Akron Buchtel; 4. FREMONT ROSS (JIM PENCE, LARRY PRICE, DON SMITH); 5. Sandusky; 6. Cincinnati St. Xavier. Time: 1:24.8.

200-yard free style relay: Won by Lakewood (Ted Clark, George Stewart, Tom Smith, George Con-

BOOSTER CLUB HONORS YOUTHS

Annual Booster club banquet for St. Joseph high school football and basketball teams will be held next Sunday evening at the Moose temple.

Tickets are in hands of Booster club members.

The complete program will be announced later in the week.

GRAHAM WILL LEAD BROWNS

Ross high auditorium should be filled to the rafters Tuesday evening when the Cleveland Browns basketball team, paced by the double all-American Otto Graham invades this city to do battle with the Consolate team, champions of the City League.

Graham was an all-American cager at Northwestern university and could be a star in pro circles now except for the fact that the Brown football management doesn't want it that way.

With the great quarterback will be Dante Lavelli, Marion Motley, Lou Rymkus, Mac Speedie, Cliff Lewis, and possibly Lou Groza. The latter is not included in the Browns' roster booked here, but since he played several games with the Clevelanders last week he may come here.

The card opens at 7:30 when St. Joseph-Holy Name and Milton's Jewelers meet.

Training Camp Briefs

BRADENTON, Fla., March 8.—UP—Minor ailments wracked the Boston Braves' camp today. Outfielder Jeff Heath had a cold in his back; Pitcher Bob Hogue had blisters on his feet. But on the other side of the ledger, Infielder Sibby Sisti has recovered from a nose injury he suffered last week.

PASADENA, Cal., March 8.—UP—Veteran Catcher George Dickey, who batted .223 last year in 83 games, today headed for Hollywood of the Pacific coast league. He was given his outright release by the Chicago White Sox yesterday.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 8.—UP—The Cleveland Indians generated a five-run rally in the 10th inning to defeat the New York Giants, 13 to 8, yesterday. Lou Boudreau's pinch-hit single started the parade for the Tribe, squaring the Giant-Indian series at one-game-all. Steve Gromek held the Giants hitless in the 9th and 10th.

SAN BERNARDINO, March 8.—UP—The St. Louis Browns, boasting some new faces but the same old pitching troubles, were given added hurling instruction by Manager Zach Taylor today after losing to Pittsburgh, 12-11, yesterday. The Pirates combed four Brownie hurlers for 17 hits, including two triples by Johnny Hopp. Catcher Les Moss' home run with the bases full was the outstanding blow for the Browns.

FOUR TEAMS IN DISTRICT 'B'

Next action in the district class B tournament, being conducted at Ross high school, will come Thursday evening when two jousts are booked, the first at 7:30 and the second at 9.

Finals will be contested at 8:30 Friday night.

Jackson and Walbridge will tangle in the 7:30 semi-final, while Troy-Luckey and Milan will meet at 9.

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