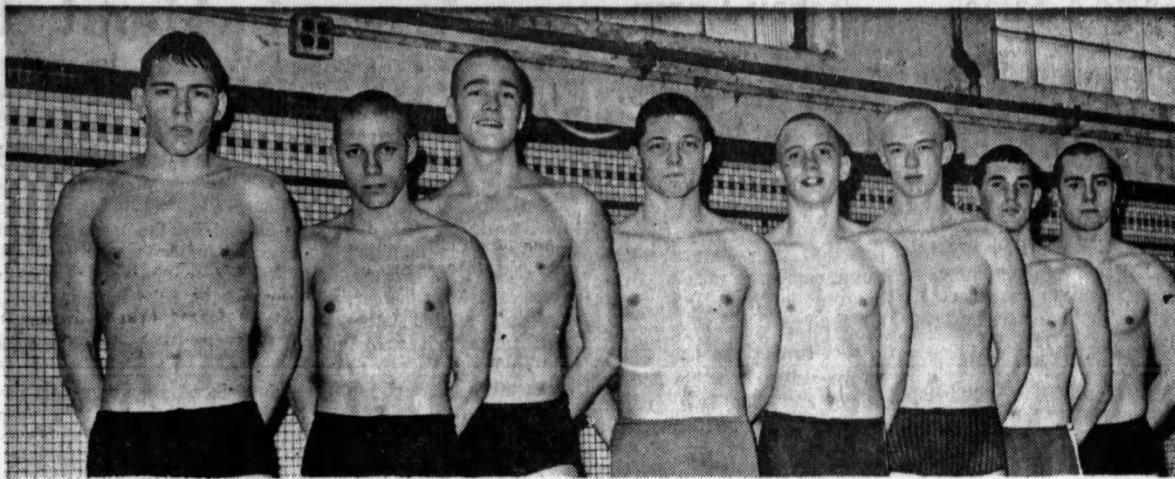


1966 State meet...



STATEBOUND ROSS HIGH SWIMMERS leave today for Columbus. The eight boys who will compete in eight relay and four individual events in the state meet are Eric Wright, Ken Mathias, Jon Zink, Kirby Taylor, Rick Kidney, Glen Zimmerman, Dan Kahr and Brad Christy.

FOUR INDIVIDUALS, TWO RELAY TEAMS

Ross Swimmers Vie In State Meet

Eight Fremont Ross swimmers will be in the splash for state titles this weekend at Ohio State University natatorium. Ross qualified three boys in four individual events and two relay teams.

The aggregation from Fremont will be in the field when the state meet opens with swimming preliminaries Friday at 3:15 p.m. Preliminaries in diving are scheduled for Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Swimming and diving finals will begin Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Competing for Ross will be the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Eric Wright, Ken Mathias, Jon Zink and Kirby Taylor, as well as the 200-yard medley relay quartet of Mathias, Rick Kidney, Glen Zimmerman and Dan Kahr.

Wright will also vie in the 100-yard freestyle event, and Kahr qualified to swim the 100-yard butterfly for Ross at state. Brad

Christy will carry Little Giant colors in two events, 200-yard and 400-yard freestyles.

The 400-yard freestyle relay and the individual swimmers reached state by finishing in the top three in the district meet at Bowling Green. Word was received this week that the medley relay team had also been invited. Six fastest teams in the state who failed to qualify can be invited as at-large entries in the state meet.

The fourth and fifth place teams in the Bowling Green district — Ross and Lima Senior — both received at-large invitations. The Ross medley quartet, which won the Buckeye Conference meet, finished fourth at district in spite of a 1:49.1 time. This was faster than the time of 1:50.3 which had been good for a record in the Buckeye meet.

At district Christy was first in 200-yard freestyle and Kahr was butterfly champion. Christy finished second in the 400-yard freestyle, while the 400-yard relay team and Wright both took third places.

The Ross qualifiers will leave for Columbus Thursday and work out in the O.S.U. varsity pool Thursday evening.

Firestone Favored

Akron Firestone looks like the team to beat in the state with strong competition from Canton McKinley, Berea, Cuyahoga Falls and Euclid. Upper Arling-

ton of the Columbus area is also a strong possibility for state honors. Not to be overlooked is Toledo St. Francis.

Chances are high this year that state meet records will sink in the competition.

As a team Firestone has the best medley and 400-yard freestyle relay times posted this year in Ohio. In addition they have boys who have recorded times among the fastest five in the state this year in no less than six events.

Leading the attack on state records could very well be six boys, who are either All-American swimmers, have better the state meet record to date or are defending champions.

Key Challengers

These key boys to watch are: Steve Job, Warren, All-American, strong in both 200 and 100-yard freestyle; Ed Bettendorf, Cleveland Fairview, All-American and only second high school boy to go better than 2:00 in 200-yard individual medley.

Bill Lamb, Lakewood, posted leading times in state for 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard individual medley; Ken Baird, Kent State, 400-yard freestyle, 4:03.5, better than state record.

Bill Morton, Cuyahoga Falls, 100-yard breast stroke, 1:03.8, better than state record; and Jeff Jackman, Berea Midpark, 50-yard freestyle, defending state champion.

A new feature has been added to the state championships this year — a consolation heat in each event featuring places seven through 12. It will be contested just prior to finals for places one through six in the qualifying heats.

Boys qualifying seventh through 12th will swim and can move up in place in this heat. They cannot, regardless of time, place ahead of anyone in the final heat, places one through six. Top 12 places in each event score toward the team championship.

National Basketball Association

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Wednesday's Results

Los Ang'les 119, Cincinnati 116
Phila'phia 123, St. Louis 115
San Fran. 125, Baltimore 115

Today's Games

Boston at Cincinnati
Friday's Games
Detroit at Los Angeles
Baltimore at New York

National Hockey League

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Wednesday's Results

Boston 3, Montreal 1
Toronto 1, Detroit 0
New York 1, Chicago 0

Today's Games

No games scheduled
Friday's Games
No games scheduled

District Tournaments

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(Wednesday)

Class AA

At Berea

Cleveland Adams 83, Maple Heights 66

At Canton

Canton Lincoln 66, Medina 59

AT Youngstown

Warren Harding 62, Youngstown East 43

At Euclid

Ross Swimmers Qualify In Two State Meet Events

COLUMBUS — Fremont Ross swimmers assured themselves of points in qualifying action Friday in the 39th annual Ohio High School Swimming and Diving championships. Swimmers from Ross qualified for the consolation, which determines places seven through 12, in two events.

Danny Kohr, a junior, set a new Ross school record in swimming the 100-yard butterfly in :58.4 to finish 11th in that event. The Medley relay team of Ross, a last minute addition to the state meet with an at-large invitation, also placed 11th. Swimming the medley are Ken Mathias, Rick Kidney, Glen Zimmerman and Dan Kohr.

Under the new pattern of the state meet used for the first time this year, teams qualifying in the first six places swim today for the championship. The second six teams in the qualifying swim in the consolation with a chance to improve their position. No matter what their times the consolation swimmers cannot advance above seventh in the standings.

Eric Wright also missed qualifying for the finals of the 100-yard freestyle by one-tenth of a second. He was only three-tenths off the Ross record in swimming his fastest time of the season, :52.3. The Little Giant 400-yard freestyle relay team of Eric Wright, Ken Mathias, Jon Zink and Kirby Taylor also missed qualifying by one-tenth of a second. They finished 13th in the qualifying heats.

Akron Firestone loomed as the school to beat today in the finals.

Some 288 swimmers and divers from 60 high schools competed in Friday's preliminaries with 12 swimmers gaining spots

in each of today's 11 final events.

Four records were set in preliminary action.

Euclid registered a 1:42.6 in the 200-yard medley relay; Tim Fretthold of Fairview Park swam the 400-yard freestyle in 4:03.8; James Pence of Lakewood covered the 100-yard breast stroke in 1:03.4 and Ed Bettendorf of Fairview Park splashed the 200-yard individual medley in 2:02.2, all new standards.

Toledo St. Francis DeSales qualified five swimmers and Canton McKinley three to boost their hopes of dethroning Cleveland Heights as champion.

Fremont Polo Team In Game Of Season

'Game of the Season' is the label attached by promoters of Blue Lakes Riding and Swim Club to this week's polo match in their Newbury, O., arena. A top-ranked Cleveland polo club faces undefeated Fremont in the Saturday night affair.

Riding for Fremont will be LaMar Christy, Bill Smith and Dick Flowers. Game time of the four - chukker match will be at 8:30 p.m.

Ohio University Leads MAC Swimming Meet

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (AP)—Defending champion Ohio University and Miami each won two events Thursday night and assumed the 1-2 spots going into the second day of the three-day Mid-American Conference swimming championships. Ohio posted 42 points, Miami 34, Bowling Green 28, Western Michigan 22 and Kent State 4 through five events.

ROSS SCORES EIGHT POINTS:

Akron Firestone Captures State Swim Title; National Mark Falls

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Akron Firestone outdistanced runner-up Canton McKinley 134 to 92 Saturday in winning the 39th Ohio High School Swimming and Diving Championship.

Four meet records were established Saturday by the state's best schoolboy swimmers. One of those marks, 54.3 seconds by Fairview Park's Ed Bettendorf in the 100-yard backstroke, was a tenth of a second better than the listed national scholastic record.

Bettendorf and Warren Harding's Steve Job were the meet's only double winners. Bettendorf also won the 200-yard individual medley, setting another meet record. Job captured the 100 and 200-yard freestyle events. His 48.1 in the 100 was a meet record.

Tim Fretthold of Fairview

Park won the 400 - yard free-style in a record 4:02.5.

Akron Firestone had winning teams in the meet's two relay events.

Fremont Ross, given added incentive by the new state meet system of a consolation heat, had its best performances of the year in the preliminaries. Swimming in the consolations scored eight points with the medley relay team taking 10th in the state and Dan Kahr placing 11th in the 100-yard butterfly.

The medley relay team had failed to qualify in the district at Bowling Green. It was invited to state as one of six at-large teams which had posted fast times but lost in district competition. Swimming on the relay team were Rick Kidney, Glen Zimmerman, Dan Kahr and Ken Mathias.