

1970 District meet...

# Tankers Headed To State

**BOWLING GREEN** — Ross high school will be represented in four events at the state swimming meet in Columbus this weekend.

The Little Giant 200 yard medley relay team — Cecil Miller, Scott Nahm, Mike Aten and Mike Frye — qualified for the prestigious event.

Also entered in the swimming events are Pat Aten (100 yard breaststroke and 200 yard individual medley) and his brother Mike (100 yard butterfly).

Both Little Giant divers — Andy Christensen and Felix Robles — are entered.

The Ross tankers got their ticket for the state contest by placing high in the district meet at Bowling Green State University Saturday.

The medley relay team placed second behind Mansfield Malabar. Malabar turned in a 1:47.1. Ross finished with a 1:48.5.

Mike Aten took a second in the 100 yard butterfly. He was eight tenths of a second behind Lima Senior's John McCain.

Pat Aten set a school record in the 100 yard breaststroke but still finished third. He qualified behind Malabar's Jeff Harvath and Jeff Pease of Toledo St. Francis. Aten swam the distance in 1:06.7. Harvath's winning time was a sparkling 1:03.5.

Aten placed only fifth in the individual medley. But the state swimming committee gave him an at-large berth in the state meet.

Sandusky's Paul Gilbert won the individual medley in 2:05. Gilbert also won the 100 yard backstroke. In winning both events, he lowered the previous district records.

Christensen and Robles placed third and fifth, respectively, in the diving competition. The event was won by Findlay's Jim Kennedy. Robles

was also picked as an at-large selection.

The top four swimmers in each event qualified for the state meet at Ohio State University's Natatorium. The state committee then made six at-large selections based on times turned in during Saturday's competition.

The district team championship went to Toledo St. Francis. It picked up 79 points in the 11 events. Ross placed fourth. Lima Shawnee was second and Malabar took third.

In two events, St. Francis had the top four qualifiers. A team was only permitted to enter four men in each event.

The state meet will be held Friday and Saturday. Preliminaries in swimming will be held Friday at 3:15 p.m. Diving competition is slated to get underway at Saturday at 9 a.m.

Finals in all events begin Saturday at 2 p.m.

"We swam just about as we thought we would," Ross tutor Jack Balsizer said. "We were disappointed in the way the 400 yard freestyle relay team performed but I think they were just trying too hard."

"The way Pat Aten swam was the highlight for us. Andy Christensen should receive a lot of credit. He qualified for the state and he's only a sophomore. That's quite an achievement when you consider the type of competition he has been going up against. Robles also did a fine job."

Ross' freestyle relay team placed sixth. The Little Giants turned a 3:42.1. They swam a 3:38 in the sectional to qualify for the district.

200 yard medley relay— 1. Mansfield Malabar; 2. Fremont Ross; 3. Margaretta; 4. Lima Shawnee; 5. Marion Harding; 6. Toledo St. Francis; 1:47.1.

200 yard freestyle— 1. Blank, St. Francis; 2. Hallauer, St. Francis; 3. Murtaugh, St. Francis; 4. Johnson, St. Francis; 5. Boals, Mansfield Sr.; 6. Townsend, Lima Shawnee; 1:50.1.

200 yard individual medley — 1. Gilbert, Sandusky; 2. Pease, St. Francis; 3. McCain, Lima Shawnee; 4. Grannis, Lima Shawnee; 5. P. Aten, Fremont Ross; 6. Stocksdale, Lima Shawnee; 2:05.0.

Diving— 1. Kennedy, Findlay; 2. Young, Port Clinton; 3. Christensen, Ross; 4. Hensien, St. Francis; 5. Robles, Ross; 6. Distl, Mansfield Malabar; 361.0.

100 yard butterfly— 1. McCain, Lima Sr.; 2. M. Aten, Fremont Ross; 3. Gayer, Lima Shawnee; 4. Felt, Marion; 5. Green, Marion; 6. Neuser, St. Francis; 58.0.

100 yard freestyle— 1. Blank, St. Francis; 2. McKenna, Lima Sr.; 3. Ryland, Bowling Green; 4. Bookwalter, Mansfield Sr.; 5. Chambers, Whitmer; 6. Stephenson, Fremont Ross; 51.1.

100 yard backstroke— 1. Gilbert, Sandusky; 2. Jones, Marion; 3. Kolbeck, St. Francis; 4. Stocksdale, Lima Shawnee; 5. Eddy, St. Francis; 6. Noble, Lima Shawnee; 56.2.

400 yard freestyle— 1. Murtaugh, St. Francis; 2. Hallauer, St. Francis; 3. Johnson, St. Francis; 4. Ullman, St. Francis; 5. Townsend, Lima Shawnee; 6. Roesch, Sandusky; 4:19.0.

50 yard freestyle— 1. McKenna, Lima Senior; 2. Mathias, Findlay; 3. Strathman, Findlay; 4. Rosenberg, DeVilbiss; 5. Bookwalter, Mansfield Sr.; 6. Johnson, St. Francis; 23.3.

100 yard breaststroke— 1. Harvath, Mansfield Malabar; 2. Pease, St. Francis; 3. P. Aten, Fremont Ross; 4. Buehler, Lima Shawnee; 5. Coyle, Sandusky; 6. Wittenmeyer, Findlay; 1:03.

400 yard freestyle relay— 1. Lima Shawnee; 2. St. Francis; 3. Mansfield Malabar; 4. Findlay; 5. Whitmer; 6. Fremont Ross; 3:29.3.

Team Score: St. Francis (79), Lima Shawnee (37½), Mansfield Malabar (30), Fremont Ross (28), Lima Senior (23), Findlay (23), Sandusky (17), Marion Harding (14½), Mansfield Senior (8), Margaretta (8), Whitmer (7), Port Clinton (5), DeVilbiss (3).

## Bobcats Clinch MAC Crown

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An errant Bowling Green pass and a sophomore's clutch foul shooting has Ohio University wearing the Mid-American Conference basketball crown and preparing for an NCAA Tournament shot.

Tom Corde, only sophomore among Ohio U's first seven players, calmly swished two free throws with seven seconds to go, which gave the Bobcats the margin they needed in a 77-76 victory Saturday over the Falcons.

Dan McLemore's cross-court pass sailed out of bounds with 30 seconds left, ending the Falcons' stall for a last shot and setting up Corde's heroics before the largest crowd (14,102) ever to see a Mid-American game.

"That's the sweetest shower I ever had," said Bobcat Coach Jim Snyder after Ohio U. earned its fifth league title since 1960. The Bobcats will face Notre Dame in a first round Mid-East Regional Tournament game Saturday in Dayton.

"On our spread (stall) offense," Bowling Green Coach Bob Conibear said, "we just don't throw the ball cross-court. But I can't blame the kid (McLemore) for it."

Ohio U., climaxed its greatest regular season of 20-4, nearly blew a 10-point lead in the first half and a five-point margin with 5½ minutes left.

The Bobcats, led by Craig Love's 18 points and 13 rebounds, ended 9-1 in the league and sagged Bowling Green to 7-3 conference and 14-9 records.

Ohio State Coach Fred Taylor may prefer the road to Big Ten king Iowa Tuesday night after the Buckeyes absorbed a third straight home loss, 82-80 from Michigan State.

"This is just like winning the NCAA title for us," said Michigan State Coach Gus Ganakas, whose Spartans won on Bob Gale's rebound basket with three seconds left. Gale is averaging two points a game for the season.

Dayton upset Notre Dame 95-79 in an unpleasant test of the Flyers' court for the Irish, who

meet Ohio U. on the same floor next Saturday in NCAA regional play.

The Flyers, who go against Houston in the Midwest Regional tournament at Fort Worth, Tex., led by as much as 16 points in the first half, but the Irish closed to within five in the second stanza.

Wittenberg, shooting for a second straight Ohio Conference crown, nipped Capital 59-54 in the league's Southern Division finale. Capital had finished the regular season on top of the conference standings.

Oberlin downed Wooster 83-74 for the Northern Division title and will meet Wittenberg in the OC championship game at Baldwin-Wallace Tuesday night.

Miami won a tie with Bowling Green for second place in the final MAC standings by beating Toledo 63-52. The Redskins had trailed 33-23 at half-time, but outscored the Rockets by 21 points in the second period.

Tom Lagodich scored 29 points to give him a career total of 1,013, fifth best in Kent State history, as the Golden