

1944 Season review...

Won Tank Title

The St. Joe Streaks had an even more mediocre season, first under Jim Marinis, winning but six games while losing 11. They also tried a tournament comeback, but lost an overtime tilt to Huron. Len Mosser was the scoring ace with 199 points.

Both the county and district Class B tournaments were held on the Ross hardwood again and once more the local entries failed to get very far. Townsena township won the county berth by downing Green Springs, 50 to 30, but Webster of Wood county, again snared district honors by beating Sandusky St. Mary's, 48 to 35.

After the cage season was over there was something of a lull as the Ross high mermen couldn't find many opponents, but they did win another state championship with a 12-point margin over Canton McKinley. Jim Martin won the state diving championship for the third year in a row, Dick Pence retained his backstroke title and the medley relay team of Pence, Bill Wise and Dean Hess won that race for the second consecutive year.

Coach Whitey Althoff's track team also "enjoyed" a slim season as a lack of interest in the spring sport and travel difficulties cut down their schedule. The Little Giants finished third in the District meet and took part in the Ohio Wesleyan Relays and state meet. Chuck Robertson won the annual all-events competition at Harmon stadium. Althoff was named to the 1943 cross-country committee of the Ohio Association of Track Coaches and this seems like as good a place as any to stop today. More tomorrow.

STATE CHAMPS WILL PRESENT NEW LINE-UP

**Pence And Bristley
Only Two Hold-Overs
From Last Season**

The Little Giant swimming team, denuded of all but two of the stars that brought it another state championship last year, will make its initial 1944 start Tuesday night, Coach John Titsworth has announced. The opponent will be Toledo Libbey and the meet will get underway at 7:30 p. m. in the Ross pool.

Swimming fans will see a virtually all new team when the Rossmen take to the water. Graduation and the armed services have shorn the Little Giants of all but two members of last year's squad plus two other splashers who saw enough action to win letters.

Titsworth has been attempting to build his squad around Dick Pence, state breast stroke champion, and Cal Bristley, member of the 200-yard free style relay team last season; Jack Sheldon and Jack Courtney, a pair of free-stylers who won their spurs last year.

New Material

Most of the members of the team this year are under-classmen and while many have shown promise in practice sessions, their first big test will come tonight.

What kind of opposition the Little Giants will have in their initial splash is another thing that isn't known. Apparently this will also be Libbey's first start and the Ross mentor has no inkling of how strong the visitors will be.

Titsworth said that his line-up for the first meet would be as follows:

Bill Wendler and Jack Courtney in the 50-yard free style; Dick Pence and Dan Lease in the 100-yard breast stroke; Cal Bristley and either Bob Maule or Bruce Tindall, 200-yard free style; Bob Rosenbush and Warren Smith, 100-yard back stroke; Allen Fisher and Jack Sheldon, 100-yard free style; Rosenbush, Pence and Wendler, 150-yard medley relay; Courtney, Fisher, Bristley and Sheldon, 200-yard free style relay; Don Richards, diving.

Little Giant Swimmers Sink Toledo Libbey

Open Defense Of State Swimming Crown By Winning Six Of Eight Events; All Ross Entries Finish In The Points Last Night

The Little Giant natators opened defense of their state swimming crown with a big splash in the Fremont pool last night, defeating Toledo Libbey, 49 to 16, in a one-sided meet.

Although shorn of all but two members of the team that copped Ohio scholastic honors last year, the Little Giants were never pressed and won six of the eight events as well as counting heavily on seconds and thirds all the way through. In fact, none of the Ross fish were shut out of the points.

Bill Johns, Libbey swimmer who combines stroking with diving, saved his team from a complete rout by winning the 50-yard free style and the diving, accounting for the Toledoans' only firsts.

All Entries Score

Johns' initial victory, in the 50-yard free, put his team out in front as Bill Wendler and Jack Courtney pulled in second and third, but the lead lasted only until the second event, the 100-yard breast stroke. Dick Pence, state champion in this specialty, took the race handily with Dan Lease following him to the wire and the Little Giants were on their way.

The winners finished one-two in the back stroke and the 100-yard free style and one-three in the 200 yard free style as well as copping both relay races.

Except for the relays, there were no duplication of entries as Coach John Titsworth used 11 swimmers in an effort to learn just what he has in the way of material this season. As a result the point scoring was quite evenly divided.

While no exceptional times were chalked up, all were uniformly good for the first meet of the season and the Little Giants showed promise of making a strong defense of their crown if they are able to get some competition during the next few weeks.

Meet Results

Results of the meet were as follows:

50-yard Free style—won by Johns (T); Wendler (F) second; Courtney (F) third. Time, 25.6 seconds.

100-yard breast stroke—won by Pence (F); Lease (F) second; Matusiewley (T) third. Time, 1:09.5.

200-yard free style—won by Bristley (F); Smith (T) second; Maule (F) third. Time, 2:32.2.

100-yard back stroke—won by Rosenbush (F); Smith (F) second; Miley (T) third. Time, 1:12.7.

100-yard free style—won by Fisher (F); Sheldon (F) second; Wines (T) third. Time, 1:03.3.

Diving—won by Johns (T), 62 points; Richards (F) second, 46.3 points.

150-yard medley relay—won by Fremont (Fisher, Courtney, Sheldon, Bristley). Time, 1:30.9.

200-yard free style relay—won by Fremont (Fisher, Courtney, Sheldon, Bristley). Time, 1:50.9.

Starter: Bill McConnell; Timers: Cochran and Sells; Place judges: Schahet, Huffman and Kallman; Diving judge: Kallman.

BETTSVILLE WINS EIGHTH

Green Springs Defeated In Overtime Game By 53-49 Score

GREEN SPRINGS, Jan. 19.—Bettsville high cagers defeated the Green Springs Bobcats, 53 to 49, here last night in a torrid cage contest that went into an overtime period. It was the visitors' eighth victory and preserved their perfect record.

The Bobcats took a 15 to 11 first period lead and were still in front, 29 to 24 at the halftime. Both clubs scored 10 points in the third chapter, but in the fourth Center Marshall hit a hot streak and pulled Bettsville up even with the regulation game ending 47 to 47. The brief halt didn't cool off Marshall a bit and he sank three field goals in the overtime to win the contest and run his tally to 16 points.

Green Springs lost the services of Dick Crum at the start of the third period after he had netted 14 points, and his loss really hurt. The reserve game went to Green Springs, 45 to 18.

Bettsville—53

	G. F. P.
Goodman, f.	5 1 11
Mauk, f.	7 0 14
Marshall, c.	8 0 16
Turner, g.	3 2 3
Mowery, g.	1 1 3
Voorhies, g.	0 1 1
Totals	24 5 53

Green Springs—49

	G. F. P.
Crum, f.	6 2 14
Grote, f.	4 0 5
Bauer, f.	1 0 2
C. McFadden, c.	4 1 9
VanAtta, g.	1 0 2
Eberly, g.	4 1 9
Hoek, g.	2 1 5
Totals	22 5 49

Bettsville .. 11 13 10 13 6—53
Gr. Springs.. 15 14 10 8 2—49

STAR ENTERS MILE

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—UP—Richard N. Hall of Delacatton, da-

VISITORS WIN FINAL EVENT FOR VICTORY

Quartet That Won Relay Title Last Year Decides Meet

The Little Giant swimmers found the waves exceedingly choppy Tuesday night as they met the Findlay Y. M. C. A. strokers in the Ross pool and lost their first meet of the season and the first dual affair in two years, 36 to 29.

Losses which occurred to last year's state championship squad were clearly apparent last night as the Rossmen met the sternest competition as yet, the kind of competition they will meet in Columbus next month when they put their crown on the block.

The meet was close throughout although the Little Giants were able to snare but one first in the individual events and were ahead at only one stage. The score was tied at the end of seven events, 29 to 29, with the result riding on the outcome of the final race, the 200-yard free style relay.

Win Two Races

The Findlay team for this all-important race was the same quartet that entered the state meet last year and walked off with the state title for that distance and they duplicated the feat last night, winning by a scant yard over Jack Sheldon, Jack Courtney, Cal Bristley and Bill Wendler.

The only firsts that the Little Giants chalked up were in the 100-yard breast stroke which Dick Pence took with ease from his teammate, Dan Lease, and in the 150-yard medley relay which Bob Rosenbush, Lease and Chuck Fisher won by a full length of the pool.

After taking a 12 to 6 lead when Pence won his race, second on the program, the Little Giants appeared on their way when Bristley stepped out in front in the 200 yard free style and set the pace for seven laps. In the eighth lap, however, Ken Burns and Van Burns turned on the heat and both passed the tiring Bristley to finish ahead of him.

Meet Results

Times for the various events, while none threatened the school records, were better than in any other meets this season. The results:

50-yard free style—won by MacGregor (Fin); Wendler (F) second; Courtney (F) third. Time, 27.6 seconds.

100-yard breast stroke—won by Pence (F); Lease (F) second; Grube (Fin) third. Time, 1:12.4.

200-yard free style—won by V. Burns (Fin); K. Burns (Fin) second; Bristley (F) third. Time, 2:23.6.

100-yard back stroke—won by Hillery (Fin); Rosenbush (F) second; Smith (F) third. Time, 1:07.5.

100-yard free style—won by Jordahl (Fin); Pence (F) second; Fisher (F) third. Time, 1:05.

Diving—won by Grube (Fin) 51.3 points; Richards (F) second, 40.8 points.

150-yard medley relay—won by Fremont (Rosenbush, Lease, Fisher). Time, 1:35.6.

200-yard free style relay—won by Findlay (MacGregor, Hillery, K. Burns and Jordahl). Time, 1:47.2.

ROSS MERMEN WIN ANOTHER

**Score 47-19 Victory
Over Brunswick, Me.,
In Telegraphic Meet**

The Ross high swimming team added another victory to its list over the weekend when results of a telegraphic meet with the Brunswick, Me., high school team were compiled. They resulted in a 47 to 19 victory for the Little Giants.

In winning the meet the Ross-men copped first in four of the individual events as well as in both relays, and also scored heavily in the runner-up notches.

Bill Wendler took the 50-yard free style with Jack Courtney second; Dick Pence won the 100-yard breast stroke, followed by Dan Lease; Bob Rosenbush was the winner of the 100-yard back stroke and Warren Smith pulled in third, while Pence also won the individual medley, substituted for the diving, with Smith third in this race as well.

Swimming on the successful medley relay team were Rosenbush, Lease and Fisher, and on the 200-yard free style relay team were Sheldon, Courtney, Bristley and Wendler.

A Brunswick swimmer copped the 200-yard free style with Cal Bristley second and Sheldon third, while the Little Giants also lost the 100-yard free style with Fisher pulling in second.

Little Giant Swimmers Lose To Canton, 35 To 31

Rossmen Cop Sufficient First Places But Lack Power Elsewhere; Bulldogs Rank With Findlay As Threat To Championship Hopes

Ross high's swimming squad, with a state championship to defend in the very near future, read an ominous forecast of things to come Friday night when they tackled the Canton McKinley Bulldogs in the Stark county school's pool.

The Little Giants lost their second dual meet of the season, 35 to 31, and added the Bulldogs to the list of teams that they fear in the state meet. Findlay, expected to enter a team after its Y swimmers beat the Rossmen here, had already headed the list.

In losing one of the few meets they have ever dropped to the Bulldogs, the Little Giants did all right in the matter of firsts, but couldn't garner enough support places to stay out in front. They won four of the six individual races and split the two relays, but collected only one second and three thirds. And that wasn't enough.

Weak In Free Style

Once again it was the free style events which dominate any meet in which the Rossmen showed their most serious weakness. Bill Wendler copped the 100-yard event but the team lost the big seven-point relay, dropped the 200-yard swim and could do no better than third in the 50-yard sprint.

Dick Pence, holder of the state title, won the 100-yard breast stroke in fairly good time and

Warren Smith accounted for the 100-yard back stroke while Richards won the diving which, with Wendler's victory, accounted for the individual firsts. The medley relay team of Smith, Pence and Fisher won that event.

Cal Bristley might have won the 200-yard free style—and with it the meet—on any other night, but Friday Canton's Perdue was distinctly on the up-beat and stroked his way to a new pool record, leaving the Rossmen with but second and third.

McKinley, which finished third behind Fremont and Lakewood in the state meet last year, was not believed to be as strong as they proved last night and the championship road is becoming rockier and rockier for the defending champs.

Meet Results

50-yard free style—won by Jeannero (C); Shearer (C) second; Fisher (F) third. Time, 28.1 seconds.

100-yard breast stroke—won by Pence (F); Hechtl (C) second; Shaver (C) third. Time, 1:09.8.

200-yard free style—won by Perdue (C); Bristley (F) second; Sheldon (F) third. Time, 2:15.8.

100-yard back stroke—won by Smith (F); Watson (C) second; Rosenbush (F) third. Time, 1:16.9.

100-yard free style—won by Wendler (F); Jeannero (C) second; Sparks (C) third. Time, 1:02.5.

Diving—won by Richards (F); Petroff (C) second; Narrazides (C) third.

Medley relay—won by Fremont (Smith, Pence, Fisher). Time, 1:56.4.

Free style relay—won by Canton (Hechtl, Shearer, Sparks, Jeannero). Time, 1:23.5.

ROSS RESERVES WIN CLOSE TILT

The Ross high reserves salvaged something out of the trip to Bowling Green last night by taking a 22 to 19 victory from the Bobkittens, but they almost lost the game in the closing chapters, too.

Off to a 7 to 0 first period lead, with Jim Kridler netting six of the points, the spares saw their margin cut to two points at half-time but rallied in the third to boost it back to nine points, 19 to 10. Then the Bee Gees started to come and came fast, whittling away until the count was 19 to 17. At this point Ted Sims stepped in with a fielder and a foul to ice the tilt.

	G.	F.	P.
Fremont 22			
Sims, f	2	1	5
Kridler, f	4	0	8
Waiters, c	2	1	5
Hoy, g	0	2	2
Motsch, g	1	0	2
Totals	9	4	22

	G.	F.	P.
Bowling Green 19			
Maas, f	3	1	7
Rockwood, f	0	2	2
Marsh, c	1	0	2
Foos, g	3	0	6
Moore, g	1	0	2
Totals	8	3	19