

1939 Season review...

Hayes, Stickel Break Pool Marks in Purple Swim Debut

Times Not Announced in Aquatic Show at Little Giant Pool Wednesday Night; Jim Boyer Cops Two Events; Competition is Spirited

Before a throng of more than 400 aquatic fans, the Fremont Ross swimming team of Coach George Gruse made its first formal splash of the season in an intra-squad exhibition at the high school pool Wednesday night.

No times in the nine racing events were made public, although Coach Gruse revealed that two pool records were shattered. Over the 150-yard route, Harry Stickel, swimming backstroke, and Benny Hayes, using the breast stroke, both lowered pool standards.

The large Purple and White squad was well shuffled for the various events and competition was keen throughout the exhibition. It was quite evident that the Gruse swimmers have reached fine early season form and will be rarin' to go by the time the first meet arrives several weeks hence.

Only Double Winner

Jim Nickloy was the only double winner, copping 50-yard free style events that opened and closed the show. In each of the two sprints won by Nickloy, Norman Wehrmeister and Bill Lantz finished second and third respectively.

Two races featured veterans from last year's state championship team. These were a 150-yard event in which Hayes, Stickel, Al Tuckerman and George Stokes competed and 100-yard free style race between Don Greetham, Jack Nickloy, Bob Huss and Bob Tolhurst.

In the 150-yard race, Hayes swam breast stroke, and Stickel, Stokes and Tuckerman operated with the back stroke. It developed into a private duel between Hayes and Stickel, with the latter holding a slight lead all the way and coming in by a half-yard margin in a thrilling finish. Tuckerman finished third and Stokes, fourth.

Greetham Shows Form

Greetham, ace sprinter of the 1937-38 Ross natators, indicated he was primed for another fine season as he dominated the 100-yard free style event all the way. He took a three yard lead over Nickloy at the first turn and maintained the front position over the remaining 75 yards. Meanwhile, Huss made a strong bid in the final 50 and overhauled Nickloy in the stretch, edging him out for second place. Tolhurst finished fourth behind Nickloy.

Pierce Bahnsen copped the gruel-

ling 200-yard free style event, turning back the challenge of Greg Schultz, who finished second. Bill Berrill was third, Dick Spayd, fourth, and Charles Fitzgerald fifth.

Only two swimmers raced in the 100-yard breast stroke, with Dale Fitzgerald swimming strong to win over Jim Simpson.

Real Battle

A real battle was staged in the 100-yard back stroke between Jack Boyer and Ken Reed. The two churned down the home stretch matching stroke for stroke and finished in a deadlock. Ivan Koebel was third.

In another two-man race, Bob Mangas finished four yards ahead of Russell Mook to win the 100-yard breast stroke. Although no points were scored, Earl Christy, Greg Schultz and Phil Hodes gave first rate performances in the fancy diving, each executing the four required dives and several optional spring board efforts.

Assistants Named

A 100-yard mixed style race gave the football playing members of the squad, who reported just several days ago, an opportunity to taste competition. Bud Goodwin, swimming free style, finished first by a wide margin. Art Burton, also a free styler, was second, while Jack Pavelle and Johnny Waggoner, swimming breast stroke, were third and fourth respectively.

Coach Gruse and his assistant, Johnny Titsworth, served as finish judges. George Eagon, former Kenyon ace, was starter, and Bob Brown, Ted Fox, Fred Huffman and Giles Knepper were timers.

WANTS GAMES

The strong Simplex Radio independent basketball team of Sandusky, is seeking Class A opponents for the 1938-39 hardwood campaign. Team managers here desirous of scheduling the Simplex quintet are asked to contact Howard McGeachie, 1711 west Monroe street, Sandusky.

21 Ross Mermen

Purple Will Swim Against Kenyon Fish Friday Night

Exhibition May Bring New Medley Relay Mark for Little Giants; Coach Gruse Reveals Meet at Wooster, December 17, is Cancelled

A squad of 21 Fremont Ross high mermen will travel to Gambier Friday for an exhibition meet with Kenyon College, it was announced Thursday by Coach George Gruse. The Purple and White delegation will leave early Friday afternoon for the meet, slated to begin at 8 p. m.

vance expectations, Gabel's scoring problem will be somewhat alleviated. With Brunover out of the line-up, only Shaw is left to do the heavy firing. A big, rangy boy, Ruland has the requisites to become a dangerous scorer. Manahan, small but husky, is aggressive and a ball hawk.

Primes Streaks

Berger and Rollins both are tall players, but Vaffis and Stull more than atone for lack of height by their aggressive play. Indications are that Gabel will start the latter two.

Meanwhile, Coach Al Hook was priming his St. Joe's Crimson Streaks for their second game of the season, to be played at Ross auditorium Friday night. Their foe will be the strong Toledo Central Catholic five, which recently edged out Maumee in an opener. Hook spent Tuesday and Wednesday ironing out mistakes made by his cagers in their hectic debut against Tiffin Business university Monday night.

HELENA FIVE COPS BY 27-20

The fast Helena Merchants cage combine staged a last period rally to triumph over Weller-Wonderly's hardwood team, of Fremont, by a 27-20 count at Stamm gymnasium Wednesday night. The Fremonters held an 8-5 margin at the end of

the regular events are scheduled, with possible exception of special performance by Harry Stickel, Benny Hayes and Don Greetham over the 300-yard route in an attempt to break the Kenyon pool medley relay record for that distance.

Squad members who will make the trip include: Bud Goodwin, Art Burton, Russell Mook, Bob Mangas, Jack Pavelle, Bob Huss, Bob Tolhurst, George Stokes, Al Tuckerman, Ken Reed, Jack Nickloy, Bill Berrill, Earl Christy, Greg Schultz, Stickel, Hayes, Greetham, Pierce Bahnsen, Dick Spayd, Jim Nickloy, and Jack Boyer. Also in the party will be Coaches Gruse and Johnny Titsworth and Manager Bill Stierwalt.

Meet Cancelled

Coach Gruse announced that word had been received at Ross from Wooster high officials staging the meet planned between the Purple and Wooster at that city, December 17, would have to be cancelled because of a conflict in dates there. Consequently, first interscholastic competition for the Little Giants will be January 5, when they trek to Toledo to face Scott. The Wooster-Ross dual scheduled here January 7 will be held despite cancellation of the meet at Wooster, Gruse said.

The Ross mentor also revealed that he intended to attend a state conference of high school coaches and swimming clinic in Columbus Saturday. He said that four or five team members will make the trip with him.

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Ross Relay Trio Stars in Meet

BEATS KENYON TEAM IN 300 YARD MEDLEY

Equals Ohio Conference Meet Record of 3:16 at Gambier Friday

Performance of the Fremont Ross medley relay team, which equalled an Ohio conference mark, featured the Little Giant men's invasion of Gambier for an exhibition meet with Kenyon college Friday night.

Harry Stickle, backstroke; Ben Hayes, breaststroke, and Don Greetham, freestyle, outclassed a strong Kenyon medley trio to win in three minutes, 16 seconds, tying the Ohio conference meet standard at the Gambier college.

No tabulation of points was made for the meet, a triangular affair, including the Purple and White squad of 21, the Kenyon varsity and the host school's frosh. While Kenyon won firsts in six of the eight events, it was not a true comparison of the two teams since Coach George Gruse did not have his strongest entries in most of the races.

Strong Foes

Fremont's three ace swimmers, Stickle, Hayes and Greetham competed only in the medley event. But in that event, they handed Kenyon's best three performers a setback.

Stickle and Bill Griffin, ninth ranking college backstroker in the country, staged a nifty feud in the first leg of the race. Stickle was more than holding his own against the collegian but lost several yards missing a turn.

Henschel, highly-touted Kenyon freshman, who last season was Illinois prep champion and listed fourth among the nation's scholastic breaststrokers, got away to a four-yard start on Hayes, Fremont star. However, Hayes overtook the Kenyonite without much effort and then handed Greetham a three-yard lead. Greetham kept Rowe, Kenyon's anchor man, behind all the way and touched the finish line in medley record time.

Nicklcy is Second

Jack Nicklcy of Ross, placed second behind Winnidge of Kenyon in the 100-yard free style. Bill Berrell of Ross was third, followed by Badger of Kenyon, in fourth. Fremont took third and fourth in the 200-yard free style, won by Winnidge. Second spot was taken by McNary of Kenyon, with Bob Huss, third, and Bob Tolhurst, fourth.

The Ross team of Pierce Bahnsen, Jack Boyer, Dick Spayd and Jim Nicklcy, was fourth in a 200-yard free style relay race, in which five Kenyon teams swam. Kenyon's Griffin won the 100-yard backstroke event, but the next three places were won by Rossmen with Al Tuckerman, second, and Ken Reed and George Stokes, tied for third.

Wilkinson of Kenyon, won the 50-yard free style and Badger of Kenyon, was second. But Goodwin and Art Burton, both of Ross, were third and fourth, respectively. The 100-yard breaststroke was copped by Tanner of Kenyon, with Bob Mangas of Ross, second. Brouse of Kenyon, was third, Russ Mook of Ross, fourth, and Jack Pavelle of Ross, fifth.

Divers Exhibit

Earl Christy and Greg Schultz of Ross, joined in a diving exhibition with four Kenyon divers, the spring board event not being judged.

The Grusmen will journey to Bellevue Wednesday for an exhibition meet with the recently-formed high school team at that

A Word or Two to Spare

(Following is first of a series of bowling columns, which will appear weekly in the Fremont News-Messenger. They will be written by Sunny Steiger and Jim Tracy, proprietors of the Pastime and Recreation bowling alleys, respectively, whose close contact with Fremont keglers should provide interesting highlights.)

By SUNNY STEIGER

"Butch" Witte was priming himself for quite a while to hit that 699 score last week. . . . He previously had clipped off single games of 289, 251, 247, 240 and a number of 230's. . . . The Golf Ladies, neophites at the game of 10-pins, are showing keen interest in the sport and at the same time enjoying their weekly winter meetings.

The Moose Women and Rotary Anns, also beginning this year, have proven enthusiastic keglers.

Averages in both divisions of the City League have started to climb and when handicaps are figured next week, a number of bowlers will be shy on gift pins. . . . Jimmy Simmons of the Kiwanis club, was left scratching his head when he threw his best hook and was stared in the face by a 4-6-7-9-10 stand.

Mrs. LaMar Christy of the Rotary Anns, and naturally left-handed, learned to bowl with her right hand before discovering there was no ban against southpaws. . . . At that she scored 102 in her first attempt. . . . and is still winging 'em down the right side.

The Brunswick Red Crown sweepstakes entries close this week-end and the postmark deadline is December 17.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By SID FEDER
Associated Press Sports Writer

Steven Owen says what really won his Giants the pro championship over the Packers in that thriller yesterday was all the talk that his boys were so "lucky". . . . "After we beat the Packers two weeks ago and Washington last week," says Steve, "everybody hollered we were the luckiest club ever. . . . so no one gave my kids credit for being as smart as they really are—and they fooled everybody, including Green Bay."

Now that the Giants have Zeke Bonura for first base, what's going to happen to Brooklyn's Buddy Hassett? . . . The thrust has shown that he's definitely big league stuff, so the Dodgers ought to trade him where he'll have a short at first basing. . . . Instead of trying to make an out-fielder out of him . . . the kid deserves the chance.

They're certainly keeping things in the family on that Tulane basketball outfit. . . . Fristone, Forward Paul Pare is a brother of the wave's tennis coach; Guard Joe Anderson is a nephew of track Coach Fritz Oakes; little Monk Simons, Jr., is a son of the boxing coach, and Captain Gene Harmon is a brother of Tom, the sophomore halfback. . . . Down at Mississippi college they shifted Captain Joe Hitt from back to end this year—so all he did was score 80 points.

The reason Paul Derringer won't be a holdout next spring is that the Reds boosted his 1939 contract figures so high—and tossed him a bonus check for

city. The entire Little Giant squad will perform

LOOP BLOW-UP FINE FOR HERD

Coach Expects Marshall Will Be Stronger as Free Lancer

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 12.—**A** dissolution of the five-member Buckeye Athletic conference left a few expressed regrets and considerable speculation over possible new loop affiliations in the debris today.

Coach Cam Henderson of Marshall college, storm-center of the 13-year-old loop, expressed the belief that the West Virginia school's athletic schedules would become stronger than ever as a result of the action, adding:

"Marshall is not adverse to joining a new conference provided the league is strong all along the line."

Talk of organizing a Great Lakes conference was renewed but nothing concrete came out of the immediate flurry of speculation. Last year, Toledo, Akron and other northern Ohio schools had been mentioned as possible members of such a league.

Unexpected Action

The Buckeye, rated the "toughest little conference in the country," fell apart unexpectedly late Saturday as the result of resignations by its three remaining charter members.

Miami University started things by withdrawing because "league affiliations hampered scheduling with outside teams." Ohio Wesleyan viewed the league as unattractive without the Oxford school and followed suit.

Ohio University's faculty representative, Prof. Don Clippinger, moved that the loop disband; Harry Bujan of Dayton University voiced a second, and Henderson chimed in to make the action unanimous.

WEEK-END SPORTS IN A NUTSHELL

(By Associated Press)

Annapolis—Naval academy appoints Capt. Emery (Swede) Larson of Marines head football coach, succeeding Hank Hardwick.

San Francisco—Tony Lazzeri, recently released by Chicago Cubs, accepts terms to play second base for Brooklyn.

Leading college basketball results Saturday:

Cornell 58, Toronto 30.

Brown 51, Connecticut State 31.

Colgate 61, Arnold 31.

Carnegie Tech 52, Washington

and Jefferson 37.

Penn State 45, Susquehanna 22.

West Virginia 43, West Virginia Wesleyan 29.

St. Joseph 54, Wake Forest 49.

Michigan 41, Michigan State 34.

Ohio State 43, George Washington 37.

Minnesota 47, Carleton 22.

Indiana 49, Miami (O.) 23.

Illinois 49, Washington Univ. (St.

Louis.) 31.

Wisconsin 45, Notre Dame 39.

Marquette 43, Chicago 23.

Pittsburgh 48, Northwestern 37.

Oklahoma Aggies 25, Kansas 19.

Nebraska 44, South Dakota 30.

Arkansas 36, Southeastern (Okla.) Teachers 21.

Rice 40, Tulane 18.

Tennessee 29, Clemson 24.

Kentucky 57, Kentucky Wesleyan 18.

HOME LOSES

TIFFIN, O., Dec. 12.—Toledo Libby High School triumphed over Tiffin Junior Home in the opening of the game season here Saturday night, 16 to 9.

Purple Mermen Are Set To Open State Title Defense

Squad of 26 Will be Taken by Coach George Gruse to Meet Bulldogs in Dual Clash; Veterans Included in Little Giant Lineup

Whittled down to good form after drilling more than two months, the Fremont Ross high swimming team will open its regular season in Toledo Thursday afternoon, facing the tankmen of Scott high school.

Although untested, the Purple mermen of new Head Coach George Gruse are favored to defeat the Bulldogs, coached by Carl Meissner.

The Little Giant lineup will be studded with such point-scoring holdovers from the 1937-38 state championship team as Benny Hayes in the backstroke, Harry Stickel in the backstroke, Don Greetham and Jack Nickloy in the free style, and Greg Schultz in the diving.

Gruse announced that a squad of 26 will be taken to Toledo for the dual encounter, slated at 3 p. m.

Succeeds Stults

The Purple natators will be gunning for their 32nd dual triumph in 34 starts during the past four years. George Gruse will make his debut at the Little Giant helm, into which he was moved when Bim Stults took leave of absence from Ross to aid Mike Peppe at Ohio State university. Gruse was junior high swimming coach and right-hand man to Stults before taking over the latter's post. John Titsworth was named to the berth vacated by Gruse.

Although the Purple swimmers had a taste of competition in exhibition meets with Kenyon college and Bellevue high last month, Gruse has not yet learned what his charges can do under fire.

Win Opener

The small, 50-foot pool of the Scottmen may give the Little Giants, accustomed to their own 75-foot natatorium, some trouble, Coach Gruse predicted.

Scott won an opener from an alumni squad by a 37-32 score. While the grads gained an even split in first places in the eight events, Scott placed more men in the second and third spots.

Standouts for the Bulldogs are Russ Wenzlau in the 50 free, Capt. Charlie Swartzbaugh in the 100 free, and Joe Jakcsy in the 100 backstroke.

Lists Squad

Coach Gruse stated that none of his performers would swim in more than one event, although if the Bulldogs showed stiff resistance he would concentrate his strength. He said he was not certain what entries would be made in the various races, but it was quite likely that the state championship medley relay team of Hayes, Stickel and Greetham would see action.

He said the following swimmers would make the trip: Breaststrokers, Bob Mangas, Russ Mook, Jack Pavelle, Dale Fitzgerald and Hayes; backstrokers, George Stokes, Al Tuckerman, Jack Boyer, Ken Reed, Bob Walden and Stickel; free stylers, Jack Nickloy, Bob Huss, Greetham, Bud Goodwin, Art Burton, Jim Nickloy, Norm Wehrmeister, Bob Tolhurst, Pierce Bahnsen, Dick Spayd, Bill Lantz, Bill Berrill and Charles Fitzgerald. Two divers, Greg Schultz and Phil Hodes, will compete.

First home meet of the season will be Saturday afternoon, with the Little Giants playing host to a new foe, Wooster high.

Al Tuckerman, Jack Nickloy Set New Marks In Easy Win

Coach George Gruse Uses 19 Purple Swimmers to Cop at Toledo; State Champions Take Five of Eight Events; Bahnsen, Schultz Win Firsts

With a line-up that was far from representative of squad strength, Fremont Ross high's swimming team opened its season by defeating Scott high's mermen, 38-28, in Toledo Thursday afternoon.

Only a few of the outstanding Little Giant performers competed in their preferred events and Coach George Gruse did not use any Purple natator in more than one race.

But despite the shuffling of Fremont's 19 entries, which included employing Benny Hayes, ace breast stroker, in the 50-yard free style, the Little Giants, state title defenders, won five of the eight events and cracked two Scott pool records.

Al Tuckerman set the first new standard as he negotiated the 100-yard backstroke in 1 minute and 7.3 seconds, dismantling the old mark of 1 minute, 8.4 seconds.

Thrilling Race

In the following event, the 100-yard free style, Jack Nickloy threshed home in 59.2 seconds, clipping two-tenths of a second off the former pool record. This was the most thrilling race of the after-

SECOND MEET

The Little Giant mermen make their first home appearance of the season Saturday afternoon, facing the swimming team of Wooster high. The Purple natators will be seeking their second straight win of the campaign opened in Toledo Wednesday with a 38-28 triumph over Scott. Wooster is a new foe on the Ross swim card. The meet is slated for 2 o'clock.

noon as Nickloy and Charles Swartzbaugh, of Scott, staged a rousing duel. Swartzbaugh led to the final turn and then was passed by Nickloy who turned on an amazing burst of speed. Bob Tolhurst, of Ross, finished third behind Swartzbaugh.

Hayes had a good chance to cop in the 50 free, but missed three turns and finished third behind Russ Wenzlau, of Scott, who won in 26 seconds flat, and Kurtz, also of Scott, who placed second. Jim Nickloy, of Ross, was third.

The Little Giants gained two places in the 100-yard breaststroke as Bob Mangas came in second and Russ Mook took third. The event was won by Boehm, of Scott, in 1 minute and 14 seconds.

Bahnsen Cops

Pierce Bahnsen carried the Purple colors to victory in the 220-free style grind, winning in 2 minutes, 31.5 seconds. Bob Huss, of Ross, trailed Bahnsen to the finish line, beating Hyde, of Scott, for the second spot.

George Stokes, of Ross, placed second to Tuckerman in the 100-yard back stroke, with Joe Jacksey, of Scott, finishing third.

Greg Schultz, of Ross, displayed fine form to win the diving event with a total of 68.9 points, well ahead of Archambean, of Scott, who was second with 51.8. Phil Hodes, of Ross, was third with 50.2.

Relay Team Loses

The Purple medley relay team copped first over the 150-yard route with Harry Stickel, star backstroker, the only member of Ross high's state championship trio competing. Jack Pavelle swam the breast stroke leg, usually taken care of by Hayes, while Bill Berrill performed as the free styler in place of Don Greetham. This team gave a first rate performance, splashing over the distance in 1 minute and 30.3 seconds.

The Scott free style relay quartet of Wenzlau, Swartzbaugh, Kurtz and McMillan won the 200-yard event in 1 minute, 46 seconds, defeating a Purple combine of Norm Wehrmeister, Jack Boyer, Art Burton and Greetham.

With no desire to run up a top-heavy score and choosing to give his newcomers and less experienced swimmers a chance to see action under fire, Coach Gruse adhered closely to his pre-meet plans of using a large squad at Toledo. He expressed satisfaction with the showing of the entire team.

MEL HARDER NAMED TRIBE'S NO. 1 MAN

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 6.—**P**—Mel Harder, Cleveland Indians' pitcher, will receive a trophy from the Cleveland chapter of the Baseball Writers' association as the team's most valuable player. Outfielder Jeff Heath and First Baseman Hal Trosky were Harder's only serious rivals in balloting by the association.

HANK AT CINCY

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 6.—**P**—Henry Armstrong, world's lightweight and welterweight boxing champion, will appear here in two exhibition bouts against lightweight foes on January 17.

SPEEDING IT UP

NEW YORK.—When Illinois beat Manhattan 60-41 in Madison Square Garden, the two teams scored 62 points, or an average of three a minute in the first half, for a Garden college mark.

Coach Gruse To Use Strong Ross Line-up In "Breather"

Purple Mermen Favored to Cop Third Straight Dual at Expense of Toledo Squad; Stickel, Greetham, Hayes, Nickloy Slated to Compete

Coach George Gruse will begin leaning on the throttle Thursday night as his Fremont Ross swimming team goes into action against Toledo Waite's aquatic squad in the third Little Giant dual of the season at Ross natatorium.

The opening event is slated for 8 o'clock.

The Purple mentor described the meet as the last "breather" before the season begins in earnest for the state championship Rossmen. Consequently, he planned to test his standout performers against the Waite mermen who have been defeated in two previous starts.

Only In Medley

Don Greetham, ace free styler, was expected to start in the 100-yard event, Jack Nickloy was named to swim in the 50 free style, and Benny Hayes, brilliant breast stroker, and Harry Stickel, No. 1 back stroker, were to compete in the medley relay race.

Coach Gruse said he was uncertain who would be entered in the breast stroke, back stroke, 220 free style and free style relay events.

It was possible the breast stroke entries would be selected from Bob Mangas, Jack Pavelle or Russ Mook, while the two back stroke entries undoubtedly will come from George Stokes, Al Tuckerman or Jack Boyer. Bob Huss and Pierce Bahnsen are the likely entries in the 220 free style.

Lose To Sandusky

Earl Christy and Greg Schultz will compete for Ross in the diving. Free style swimmer in the medley may be Huss, Gruse said.

The Little Giants had little trouble defeating Toledo Scott and Wooster in their two meets to date, while Waite lost its opener to San-

dusky, 50-25, and fell before Toledo DeVilbiss, 43-21.

Waite's leading performers are Harder in the free style events, Holman in the breast stroke, Bob Whitman in the backstroke, and Bill Whitman, diver.

HELENA MERCHANTS STAB WIN BY 48 TO 23

HELENA, Jan. 12.—The sharp-shooting Helena Merchants bested the Rising Sun Ex-Hi's, 48 to 23, in a cage battle at the Helena town hall Tuesday night. Schlea and Kerns, with 18 and 14 points, respectively, set the pace for the victors. O. Parson led the Rising Sun team with seven counters. Helena held a 22-11 margin at half-time.

Helena Merchants 48	G. F. P.
Kerns, f	7 0 14
Schlea, f	9 0 18
Gee, c	4 0 8
Havens, g	2 0 4
Homan, g	2 0 4
Hedden, g	0 0 0
Totals	24 0 48

Rising Sun Ex-Hi's 23	G. F. P.
T. Schreffler, f	3 0 6
E. Parson, f	1 0 2
Weiker, c	1 0 2
O. Schreffler, g	1 0 2
O. Parson, g	3 1 7
Crawfort	0 0 0
Gschwint	2 0 4
Keller	0 0 0
Totals	11 1 23

ROSS MERMEN TO MAKE TREK

**Seek Season's 4th Win at
Cleveland East Tech
Saturday**

Coach George Gruse announced a squad of 15 Fremont Ross high swimmers would make the trip to Cleveland Saturday afternoon for the dual meet with East Tech high. The meet is scheduled for 2 p. m.

It will be the fourth swim of the season for the Purple swimmers who paddled to easy wins over Toledo Scott, Wooster and Toledo Waite. Listed on the squad making the trip were: Don Greetham, Bob Tolhurst, Ben Hayes, Bob Mangas, Jack Nickloy, Bob Huss, George Stokes, Al Tuckerman, Bill Berrill, Dick Spayd, Earl Christy, Greg Schultz Harry Stickel, Jack Pavelle, Norm Wehrmeister and Manager Bob Kridler.

Sandusky recently defeated East Tech, 44-22, and consequently the Little Giants do not figure to run into much trouble at Cleveland. However, the East Techers have a trio of good free stylers in Laub, Pelger and Halas and a fair diver in Brastoff.

Little Giant Swim Team Is Upset, 42-24, By East Tech

First Defeat Since 1937 for Purple Fish, who Made Poor Showing in Chilled Pool at Cleveland; Al Tuckerman Sets Backstroke Mark

Fremont Ross high's state championship swimming team was "chilled", literally and figuratively speaking, at Cleveland Saturday afternoon when East Tech's strong tank squad beat the Purple mermen, 42-24.

The meet was the first in

four dual starts this season and the only one since midway in the 1937 season when Sandusky upset the Purple Fish, 31-24. The 1937 meet marked by the third loss suffered by the Little Giant in 27 water contests, did not have to be a surprise.

Purple won only two of the eight events with Don Gresham coppering the 50-yard free style and Al Tuckerman winning the 100-yard backstroke.

Tuckerman's 1 minute, 12.2 seconds performance in the backstroke was one of three new pool records achieved in the surprise dunking of the Purple.

Hayes Believed

Coach George Hayes showed marked disappointment in the showing of his squad, which he asserted was capable of "so much more."

He said that most of the winning times hung up by East Techers were bettered "with ease" by the Little Giants in previous meets this season.

Gruse asserted that the northern Ohio pool at East Tech has been filled just shortly before the meet began and the water temperature was 75 degrees. The water paved in the 75 degree water warmth to which his boys were accustomed.

"In every race, Ross swimmers would go for a lap or two and then suddenly tighten up, undoubtedly because of the chilly water," he commented.

Hayes Out

He was not present in the water tank as cold for the Clevelanders, but declared that they were accustomed to it through previous practice.

Regardless of the water condition, however, the outcome would have been different if Ben Hayes, Ross' backstroke champion, Pierce Bahnsen, suggest distance free Ross, were available to the Ross squad with whom unable to compete because of severe colds.

Capable of better than a 1:07 time in the 100-yard breast stroke, Hayes may have been a certain winner in the race, in 1:18. With Hayes swimming the breast stroke, Ross' medley relay team would have won in the 150-yard race coppered by East Tech.

Wins In 263

Bahnsen could have been used in the 220-yard style, permitting either Jim Nickels or Bob Hussey to swim in the 100-yard free style, which event won by East Tech, with Bill Berrill and Dick Spady. Finally, Nickels finished second and Hoss third to Pelger of East Tech in the 220.

Gresham, who consistently has been swimming the 50-yard free style under 26 seconds, won the relay race with Ladd and Kinsley, of East Tech, second and third. Bob Tolhurst, of Ross, came in third.

Two Ross' East Tech, finished second to Draxler in the breast stroke, with Bob Mangas, of Ross, and Jack Pavelle, of Ross, was fourth.

Tillman, of East Tech, edged out George Stokes of Ross, for second in the 100-yard race coppered in record time by Tuckerman.

Hals Active

One of the two new pool records set in the 100-yard race by Bill Hals, who negotiated the 100-yard free style in 58.1 seconds, shattered the old mark of 58.1. The East Tech free style team, of Gary Gresham and Kinsley, Hals and Laub broke a seven-year-old record in the 200-yard relay race, 1:48.2, as compared to the old time of 1:50.6, set in 1932. The Ross free style relay team of Tolhurst, Nickels, Hoss and Gruse was "bested" by Coach Grus.

The Ross medley team of Harry Stuck, Bill Berrill, Bill Tolhurst, finished second to the East Tech team of Tillman, Draxler and Wilbur, but, was won in 1:32.4.

The diving event was won by Brostoff, of East Tech, with Earl Christy and Greg Schultz, of Ross, second and third.

Next meet for the jolted Purple will be against Toledo Waite at the Rossatorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The summary: 30-yard free style—Gresham (P.), 2nd; Draxler (E. T.), 2; Niels (E. T.), 3. Time—26.2s. 100-yard breaststroke—Draxler (E. T.), 2; Mangas (P.), 2; Mangas (P.), 3. Time—1m 13.8s. 220-yard free style—Pelger (E. T.), won; Nickels (P.), 2; Hoss (P.), 3. Time—58.1s. (New pool record; old record of 58.6s set by Hals in 1932).

Dive—Brostoff (E. T.), won; Christy (P.), 2; Schultz (P.), 3. 150-yard medley relay—East Tech (E. T.), Draxler, Wilbur, won. Time—in 33.2s.

200-yard free style relay—East Tech (Guly, Nickels, Hals, Laub), won. Time—in 46.8s. (New pool record; old mark of 1m 50.0s set in 1932).

COMPANY "B" WINS AS ONE MEET BEGINS

Company B of Fremont, squeezed a 34-32 victory over Clyde, O. N. G. in the first round of the sectional Ohio National Guard cage tournament Saturday.

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Will Attempt to Atone for Upset Received From East Tech Saturday; Stickel, Hayes to Swim in Own Events; Meet Slated for 7:30 P. M.

The wrath of a humiliated Fremont Ross swimming team is expected to hit Toledo DeVilbiss' tankers broadside in a dual meet between the two schools at Ross natatorium Tuesday, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

COUNTY TITLE WINNERS WILL VIE AT TOLEDO

Fifteen paddle-swingers, the ace ping-pongers of Sandusky county, will compete in the WPA district-wide table tennis tournament to be held at the WPA Recreation Workshop at 2820-1 31st street, Point Place, Toledo, Saturday, beginning at 9 a. m.

The 15 emerged champions and runners-up in the finals of the county tournaments held in the recreation center at the east side fire station Saturday. Honors were almost evenly divided between Fremont and Gibsonburg competitors.

The various title winners and runners-up who will vie at Toledo, include: boys' singles—Elie Oprie, east side fire station, champion, and John Jackson, of Gibsonburg; girls' singles—Audrey Foley, Gibsonburg, champion, and Catherine Oprie, east side fire station; boys' doubles—Oprie and Edward Myslinski, east side fire station, champions, and Wayne Krotzer and Jackson, Gibsonburg; girls' doubles—Audrey Foley and Mary Hochanadel, Gibsonburg, champions, and Joyce Michaels and Catherine Oprie, east side fire station.

Potts In Charge

Junior mixed doubles—Jackson and Miss Hochanadel, Gibsonburg, champions, and Krotzer and Miss Foley, Gibsonburg; men's singles—F. Vernon, east side fire station, champion, W. Hennessey, east side fire station; women's singles—Mary Greta Shanahan, St. Ann's, champion, and Maeola Baker, Gibsonburg; men's doubles—Hennessey and Vernon, east side fire station, champions, and Sherman and Peterson, St. Ann's; women's doubles—no entries; senior mixed doubles—Miss Baker and Paul Hochanadel, Gibsonburg, champions, and Miss Shanahan and Fred Hague, St. Ann's.

Harry Potts, WPA county director, announced that further details regarding the tournament at Toledo may be obtained from recreational leaders at the various centers here and at Gibsonburg.

Ty Cobb Likes Huron Twirler

Ambushed by a tough Cleveland East Tech squad last Saturday, the Purple mermen lost their first meet in four starts this season, 42-24. It was a stunning defeat for the splashers of Coach George Gruse, who had been favored to win without much difficulty.

First Tests

Gruse intimated he would "shoot the works" against the DeVilbiss fish, calling upon Ben Hayes and Harry Stickel, brilliant breast stroke and back stroke swimmers, to make their first real endeavors of the campaign, and using his strongest relay combines.

The meet should be one-sided unless Gruse softens once it is started and enters his reserves. In

CHANGE TIME

The Ross-Toledo DeVilbiss swimming meet, previously scheduled at 8 p. m., will be started at 7:30 p. m., because of the Ross P.-T. A. meeting also being held Tuesday evening.

its most recent start, DeVilbiss lost to Scott, 42-24, while the Ross swimmers conquered Scott, 38-28, without effort.

Corwin Marked

Both Stickel and Al Tuckerman, probable back stroke entries, are expected to turn on the heat against Bower Corwin of DeVilbiss. In the DeVilbiss-Scott meet, Corwin lowered a mark set several weeks earlier by Tuckerman at the Scott pool. Tuckerman's time was 1:07.8, while Corwin was clocked in 1:07.2.

Only other DeVilbiss threat is expected to be Charles Rouch in the 220-yard free style. He will be opposed by Jack Nickloy and Bob Huss of Ross.

In Both Relays

Gruse stated Monday he intended to use Don Greetham, sprint star, as anchor man on both relay teams. The medley trio of Stickel, Hayes and Greetham, which won state honors last season, will get its first competitive workout, Gruse said. The Ross mentor asserted he would use Bob Tolhurst, Nickloy, Huss and Greetham for the 200-yard free style race.

Tolhurst was the only definite starter named by Gruse in the 50-yard free style, while he said Jack Pavelle would swim with Hayes in the breast stroke. Bill Berrill and Dick Spayd are expected to get the call in the 100 free style. Earl Christy and Greg Schultz will represent Ross in the diving event.

Prior to the upset by East Tech, Ross had defeated Scott, Wooster and Waite.

Canton McKinley, Sandusky File Entries In Star Meet

Fremont Ross May Have Difficulty Defending Title Against Powerful Northeastern Ohio Aquatic Teams in Saturday's Team Competition

Although only three entries had been made Tuesday afternoon, the field in the Northern Ohio Relays swimming meet to be held at the Ross natatorium Saturday afternoon was expected to be one of the strongest in the history of the important aquatic competition.

Coach George Gruse, of the Little Giant mermen, said entries were made thus far only by Canton McKinley, Cleveland Heights and Sandusky. However, Toledo Scott and DeVilbiss, Cleveland East Tech, Shaw and Lakewood were certain to bring teams here, Gruse stated.

With splashes from Ross, defending state champion and holder of the relays' title, Canton McKinley, Sandusky and East Tech matching strokes, Fremonters are certain to see the teams that will be strongest contenders for championship honors in the state meet at Columbus in March.

No Trials

Fremont's surprise upset by East Tech and Sandusky's defeat by Canton McKinley leaves those two northeastern Ohio schools favorites in the six-event meet, slated to begin at 2:30 p. m.

Five of the events are team affairs, while the one individual race is the 75-yard medley competition, in which each performer swims

TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the Northern Ohio Relays swim meet at Ross natatorium Saturday afternoon are being sold at the principal's office in the high school. Student reserve seats are 25 cents, adult general admission 35 cents and adult reserve seats 50 cents.

backstroke, breaststroke and free style in equal distances.

There are no trials in the relays meet, each team racing against time.

The events include: 200-yard free style, 200-yard breaststroke, 200-yard backstroke, 75-yard individual medley, 400-yard free style and 150-yard medley relay.

Win 4 Events

In last season's meet at Canton, Fremont Ross won the 200 free style, the 200 backstroke, the 400 free style and the 150 medley and finished second in the 200 breaststroke and individual medley, swum by Bill Cooper.

The Little Giant team of Cooper, Jack Nickloy, Don Greetham and Bob Schultz was given first in the 200 free style when Canton and Sandusky, who finished ahead of the Fremonters, were disqualified.

Harry Stickel, Al Tuckerman, George Stokes and Cooper comprised the victorious Ross backstroke quartet. Schultz, Greetham, Bud Goodwin and Bob Huss swam to victory in the 400 free style, while Stickel, Ben Hayes and Greetham won the 150 medley.

Cooper and Bob Schultz are the only Rossmen missing from the point-winning array of last season.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By EDDIE BRIETZ
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NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—P—The hold-out season officially opens today, but where are they? . . . The crop is scarcer than grade A, B or C opponents for Joe Louis . . . Ever since Lou Gehrig crossed everybody up by holding forth instead of out, the boys have been beating the groundhog to it by scampering back into their holes on the double . . . Joe Stripp and Van Mungo are sticking around, but they've hollered wolf so often nobody bothers to raise the window to see what the noise is about. . . .

Some of the middlewestern schools wish Long Island U's crack basketball team would tour out that way just to see what would happen . . . Tiger Jack Fox is having weight trouble . . . Tulane is trying for a home and home football series with Southern California.

Ouch Dept.: A Big Ten cage coach was having trouble getting a prize prospect past the academic department . . . A research paper on which a great deal would depend was required of the athlete . . . The coach promptly got the kid a finished paper, but instead of copying it in his own handwriting, the youngster handed it in as was . . . The pay-off came when the Prof. a bit doubtful of the handwriting, asked the boy the topic of the paper . . . You guessed it, the boy didn't know and the teacher pressed the button which summoned the bouncer.

Mike Jacobs, who usually can spot a hit or a hitter from around the corner, is kicking himself because he turned down a fourth interest in "Helzapoppin" for \$20,000 . . . The show is only the No. 1 Broadway hit . . . A Los Angeles sports writer who drove Max Baer to his Hollywood hotel, says there are some pretty good looking wrens around the lobby, but Max didn't even look at 'em.

ROCKETS DROP CONTEST, 46-29

By Associated Press

McKinley, Sandusky Threats To Ross In Swim Meet Here

Field of Eight to Compete in Fifth Annual Aquatic
Classic at Ross Pool Saturday Afternoon; East
Tech Fails to Enter; Purple Squad Named

By JERRY LISKA

News-Messenger Sports Editor

The most talented schoolboy mermen in the upper half of the state will churn the emerald water of Ross natatorium into a spray of new records when a compact field of eight high schools battle for the Northern Ohio Relays' swimming title Saturday afternoon.

It will be the fifth annual meeting of the Northern Ohio aquatic classic, started in 1934 at Cleveland Heights and since held at Sandusky, Lakewood and Canton McKinley. Fremont was awarded this year's event in recognition of Ross high's rise to prominence in the Ohio prep realm.

Coach George Gruse of the Ross mermen said Friday night that it was apparent only Ross, defending champion, Wooster, Scott, DeVilbiss, Canton Lehman, Canton McKinley, Cleveland Heights and Sandusky would compete in the important meet, slated to begin at 2:30 p. m.

Records Inevitable

Cleveland East Tech, looming as a strong contender for the state crown currently worn by the Little Giants, failed to enter despite its victory over Ross in a dual meet two weeks ago.

However, with Sandusky, Canton McKinley and Ross included, the small field is probably the fastest ever to splash in Northern Ohio Relay competition.

New records seem inevitable, since only one other Relays meet ever was held in a 75-foot pool, that being the Northern Ohio event conducted at Lakewood in 1937. All other N. O. R. meets were staged in 60-foot tanks, with the various events held over shorter distances.

Besides endangering the meet records, the powerful field may shatter the 200 free style and 150 medley pool marks in the 75-foot Ross natatorium. Sandusky holds the 200 free style record of 1:43.9, established in 1938, while the current Ross medley relay team holds the 150-yard record of 1:24.6, set earlier this season.

Well-Balanced Team

Canton McKinley, conqueror of Sandusky in a recent dual meet, will be chief threat to Fremont's meet supremacy. Coach Ted Branin considers the current Bulldog mermen the best balanced array in McKinley history, not excluding the state championship squad of 1937.

Glen Moore, Don Domer, Bill Smith, Dick Wolfe, Fred Born and Fred Keagy give the Bulldog roster a great array of free stylers. All but Moore are veterans. Moore and Born both have broken a minute for the 100 in exhibitions and the others have come very close to it.

The Canton medley relay team will give the stellar Fremont trio of Harry Stickel, Ben Hayes and Don Greetham a stiff battle. Fred

Shisbey in the backstroke and Emil Mamaliga in the breaststroke are rated among the state's most outstanding performers. Shisbey reportedly has broken 1:07 without extending himself while Mamaliga has bettered 1:09 in the breaststroke. Born is the anchor man on the Bulldog medley team.

Streaks Shine

In the meet with Sandusky, the Canton team cracked the Canton pool medley record with a time of 1:47.2.

Sandusky also may cause the Little Giants much distress. Anders is faster than Mamaliga in the breast stroke, while Hedges already has taken the measure of Shisbey in the backstroke in the brilliant time of 1:06.8.

Whether the Blue Streaks can wrap winning combines around Anders and Hedges in the backstroke and breaststroke events is problematical. However, Sandusky is certain to make its presence felt in the free style races. The Blue Streak quartet of Werner, Layton, Albers and Gangware has beaten Canton's best free stylers over the 160-yard route and looks like an unbeatable unit.

Nickloy In Individual

Coach Gruse announced his probable Ross entries in the six meet events would be:

200-yard free style—Bob Tolhurst, Jack Nickloy, Bob Huss and Don Greetham.

200-yard breaststroke—Russ Mook, Bob Mangas, Jack Pavelle and Ben Hayes.

200-yard backstroke—Jack Boyer, George Stokes, Al Tuckerman and Harry Stickel.

75-yard individual medley—Jack Nickloy.

200-yard free style—Pierce Bahnsen, Bob Tolhurst, Bob Huss and Bill Berrill.

150-yard medley—Harry Stickel, backstroke, Ben Hayes, breaststroke and Don Greetham, free style.

SEEK GAMES

The Dern Decorators class B basketball team of Toledo, O., would like to book games with teams in Fremont. For games write J. McPartland, 445 Navarre Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

BLUE STREAKS TO TEST ROSS IN DUAL MEET

Powerful Teams to Clash In Sandusky Saturday Afternoon

The state championship Ross high mermen have little time to gloat over their new national medley mark and a 56-10 victory over Toledo Scott acquired the other day because they run smack into a Tartar Saturday afternoon when they journey to Sandusky to swim against the powerful Blue Streaks.

In Anders, Albers and Layton, free stylers, Elmlinger, breast-stroker, and Hedges, backstroker, the Sandusky aquatic squad has a quintet almost on a par with the best five swimmers the Little Giants can offer.

The dual, slated for 2:30 p. m., will be the second meeting this season of the teams, but their first rivalry was in the Northern Ohio Interscholastic Relays here last week in which squad balance was the vital factor. The Little Giants topped both Sandusky and Canton McKinley in the Relays.

However, in dual competition the Streaks and Little Giants are more likely to be on an even plane. Moreover, the high-spirited, traditional feud between the two schools usually kicks over the dope bucket in any type of sport.

"It was only our marked team strength in the backstroke and breast-stroke events that kept Sandusky and Canton behind in the Northern Ohio Relays," Coach George Gruse, of the Little Giants said Friday. "In a dual meet, this advantage is gone, since the competition narrows down to rivalry of top-notch performers."

Coach Gruse said his tentative entrants will be as follows:

40-yard free style—Bob Tolhurst and Bill Berrill.

100-yard breast-stroke — Ben Hayes and Bob Mangas.

220-yard free style—Bob Huss and Jack Nickloy.

100-yard backstroke — Harry Stickel and Al Tuckerman.

100-yard free style — Pierce Bahnsen and Dick Spayd or Berrill.

Divers—Earl Christy and Greg Schultz.

180-yard medley relay—Stickel, Hayes and Don Greetham.

160-yard free style—Tolhurst, Huss, Nickloy and Greetham.

Little Giants Defeat Blue Streaks, 34-32, Saturday

Ben Hayes, Harry Stickel Shine in Dual Swim as Seven Records Fall; Purple Comes From Behind to Cop Meet; Canton McKinley Next for Ross

Ross high's record-ruining swimming team Monday began preparing for its final dual meet of the season against Canton McKinley here this weekend following a thrilling 34-32 Little Giant triumph over Sandusky Saturday afternoon.

The Little Giants blasted two state and four pool records as they edged the Sandusky mermen in the Blue Streak natatorium.

McKinley Ross need will be a fitting one to conclude this season for the Fremont aquatic team. McKinley Saturday crushed Cleveland East Tech, 34-12, for the Bulldogs' first victory in the 1937 meet. Thus, the Rossmen had an opportunity to make amends for their only loss of the season—a 42-24 smash by East Tech in an ice-cold pool at Cleveland.

New state records were hung up at Sandusky by the powerful, flashing strokes of Ben Hayes and Harry Stickel, a pair of the greatest performers in Ross high's natatorium history.

Large Margins

Hayes won the 100-yard breast stroke in 1:05, clipping seven-tenths of a second from the state record of 1:05.7, established by Rosenberg, of Cleveland. Shaw, last year, was the first to 10 feet above Elmhurst of Sandusky. Hayes also shattered the pool mark of 1:07.3, set by Tom Anders, Sandusky, earlier this year. Bob Mangas, of Canton, was third.

Stickel was clocked in 1:04.9 in the 100-yard back stroke, shaving one-tenth of a second from the state mark of 1:05, held by Ulrich, of Canton Lehman. Last year, Stickel's time took a large chunk out of the former pool mark of 1:07.3, set by Al Hedges, Canton McKinley, in 1936. Tom Anders, Sandusky, this year, Hedges finished second, about eight feet behind the flying Rossmen. Al Tuckerman, of Ross, was third.

Medley Wins Again

The brilliant Ross medley team of Stuckel, Hayes and Don Greenham which last week set a new national record in the 300-yard relay was away again, this time in the 180-yard chase, finishing in 1:43.4, three seconds faster than the record of 1:46.4 hung up by Sandusky earlier this season. The national mark for that distance is 1:41.4. Sam Hedges also finished a pool length behind the Ross team.

The fourth record-breaking performance turned in by Ross was Bob Huss' 2:26 effort in the 220-yard free style, hacking 3.9 seconds from the pool mark of 2:29.9 hung up at Massillon, Ohio, in 1936. Huss swam a heady race to win by six feet over Layton, of Sandusky. Jack Nicklow, of Ross, was third.

A fifth new pool mark was credited to Anders of Sandusky as he splashed over the 100-yard free style route in 55.6, bettering the 55.9 set by Ted Hobert, Sandusky, in 1937. Peter Bahnsen, of Canton, Ross, came in second, 15 feet behind Anders, and Bill Berdill, also of Ross, was third.

World's Fair

The meet was a torrid affair. At the end of three events, the 40 free style, the breast stroke and the 220 free style, Sandusky was ahead, 14-13. The next three events, back stroke, Stuckel coppered first, and Tuckerman third, to push Ross in front, 19-17. Bahnsen's second and Ross' third in the 100 free style kept Ross ahead, 25-22, although the event was won by Anders, of Sandusky.

East Christie took first and Greg Schulte third in the diving to give Ross a 29-25 lead to Westerhold. Sandusky's only entrant, placed second in the spring board event, got Ross to 9-19. The final Westerhold, 75.5 and Schulte 65.9.

The Little Giants clinched the meet and their medley relay team won easily for five more points and a 34-point total. The final event, the 160-yard free style relay went to Sandusky's quartet of Werner, Layton, Albers and Anders, defeating the Ross team by 14 points.

Large Crowd

The 40-yard free style sprint was won by Werner, of Sandusky, with Albers, of Sandusky, second and Tolhurst, of Ross, third. Werner's time was 1.0 seconds.

Bob Tolhurst, Height, high swim coach, was starter and referee. The largest crowd to jam the Sandusky natatorium in two years was on hand to witness the most interesting dual affair ever staged at the Blue Streak school.

The Ross-McKinley meet is scheduled at Ross natatorium next Saturday, however, McKinley officials have requested Ross to change the date to Thursday night. Coach George Green of McKinley has announced this would be possible but said there would be no switch until confirmation is received from Canton.

The summary:

40-yard free style—Werner (S), won; Albers (S) 2; Tolhurst (F) 3.

3. 100-yard back stroke—Hedges (F) won; Elmhurst (S) 2; Mangas (F) 3. Time—1:43.4. (New record.)

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By EDDIE BRUETZ
Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—**Gangway!** Old Ty Cobb is sharpening up those splices again. The 1936 Georgia peach is good and burned up at a certain coast scribe who wrote that Ty begged Stanford for his baseball glove and was turned down. . . . Imagine a guy with two million yams in the bank begging for any kind of a job. . . .

Judge W. G. Bramham, the millionaire Clevelander who ran a vacation cruise line, Arthur Mann, who almost stopped the New York baseball writers show with his song, "I've got a pool full of schwartz," took Larry Marshall to town and back again. . . . Hellzapoppin' with the same song. . . . Old Ty Cobb, the 1936 Georgia peach hit hard and Mann had signed him as soon as they could get up the aisles. . . . Tuff Luck Dept.: Canton Ray, Lawyer of the Council Bluffs (Ia.) Highs, got back home after watching his team drop two games to Sioux City, he found his name had been drawn in a \$400 raffle. Luck night, shorty. Give him a couple of good ouases, boys.

Got our first peek at Billy the other night . . . He can beat Melita Bettina right now. That's what he's on to take John Henry Lewis (F). Bill Terry still wonders why the Pirates sent Catcher Al Told to the minors. . . . The new coach made the Bucs a much better offer for Todd earlier in the winter. . . . Here's your star for 1938: Johnny Mize of the Cardinals. Stolen exactly three sacks in three years, but Ernie Lombardi still leads the league (awkwardly) with five in eight years.

old mark 1m 7.3s. (State record 1:05.7 by Rosenberg, Cleveland Shaw, 1936.)

220-yard free style—Huss (F) won; Layton (S) 2; Nicklow (F) 3. Time—2m 26.7s. (New record. Former mark set by Merrifield, Fremont, 1936.)

100-yard back stroke—Stuckel (F) won; Hedges (S) 2; Tuckerman (F) 3. Time 1m 4.9s. (New record. Former mark of 1m 7.8 set by Al Hedges, Canton, May 1938 and Ted Hobert, Sandusky 1939. (State record, 1m by Ulrich, Canton Lehman, 1938.)

100-yard free style—Hedges (S) won; Bahnsen (F) 2; Berdill (F) 3. Time—55.6s. (New record; former record held by Ted Hobert, Sandusky, 1937, 55.9s.)

100-yard medley relay—Westerhold (S) 2; Schultz (F) 3. (Sandusky had only one entrant in this event.)

100-yard medley relay—Fremont (Stickel, back; Hayes, breast; Greenham, free style) won. Time—1m 43.4s. (New record; former mark of 1m 46.4 set by Sandusky—Hedges, Elmhurst, breast; Anders, free style—1939.)

160-yard free style relay—Sandusky (Werner, Layton, Albers, Anders) won. Time—1m 18.7s.

FORM "MINOR" OAR COLLEGE CIRCUIT

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Massachusetts college was among 10 schools banded together today in the Dad Vail Intercollegiate Rowing Association, composed of "minor" rowing colleges in the Northeast and Middle West. The group includes Manhattan, Rutgers, Boston University, Williams, Dartmouth, American International, Richmond, Washington and Lee and Rollins.

SANDUSKY SAINTS

TOP ST. PAUL, 21-17

NORWALK, O., Feb. 13.—Starting off a rally in the closing minutes of play, St. Mary's of Sandusky defeated St. Paul, 21 to 17, in the 100th football game here Sunday afternoon before 600 fans.

It was the twelfth triumph in thirteen games for St. Mary's.

A genuine EVINRUDE
FOR \$47.50

Ross Swim Mark Bid Recognized

Ross high's application for official recognition of the new national record established by the Ross medley relay team for 300 yards has been placed on file by the National Intercollegiate Swimming Association and "may be accepted" at the close of the season, Coach George Gruse reported Wednesday.

Gruse stated he received a letter from Philip S. Harburger, chairman of the swimming records committee at New York City, reading as follows:

"Your recognition application has been received and will be filed pending the end of the season, at which time the record may be accepted providing that it is not superseded by an subsequent performances. We also acknowledge receipt of measurement certificate which is satisfactory."

Gruse forwarded the application last week after the Little Giant medley team of Harry Stickel, back stroke, Ben Hayes, breast stroke, and Don Greetham, free style, covered the 300 yard route in 3:08.5, breaking the former mark of 3:10 held jointly by Providence Central and Trenton, N. J. high schools.

UNBEATEN FOE TO MEET ROSS IN LAST DUAL

Final Swim of Year Here
Pits Strongest State
Title Claimants

Fremont Ross high's state championship swimming team makes its final home appearance of the season Saturday afternoon, facing the aquatic squad of Canton McKinley in a dual meet that will put the Little Giants' bid for the 1939 title to an acid test.

The high-powered McKinley Bulldogs have won 10 consecutive duals, last week defeating Cleveland East Tech, 54-12. East Tech last month handed a 42-24 trimming to the Little Giants, their only dual setback in two seasons.

The meet is slated for 2:30 p. m. at Ross natatorium. It will close dual competition this season for the Purple mermen of Coach George Gruse, with only the district meet at Toledo and the state meet at Columbus remaining on the Little Giant card.

Times Better

Last Saturday, Ross edged Sandusky, 34-32, for the Purple's most impressive dual victory of the season. Earlier in the season, McKinley defeated the Blue Streaks by a top-heavy score at Canton.

McKinley placed second to Ross in the recent Northern Ohio Relays, scoring 29 points against 39 collected by the Little Giants. However, dual competition is expected to place the two teams on a par.

Although times recorded in the Fremont-Sandusky meet exceeded those in the McKinley-East Tech affair, Coach Gruse discounts any apparent superiority, pointing out that the Bulldogs swam "just fast enough to win."

Well-Balanced Squad

Coach Ted Branin has a remarkably well balanced squad, with Keagy, Domer, G. Moore, Smith and Born outstanding free stylers, Mamliga, a fine breast stroke performer, and Shisbey, a stellar backstroker.

The Little Giants may be favored in the breast stroke and backstroke in which events Ben Hayes and Harry Stickel have bettered state records and in the 150-yard medley relay race, in which the trio of Stickel, Hayes and Don Greetham holds the state record.

But the three free-style individual races and the 200-yard medley relay event should be wide open affairs. Ross might be conceded an edge in the diving, if Earl Christy and Greg Schultz perform up to standard.

Ross high's probable entrants will be:

50-yard free style—Bob Tolhurst and Bill Berrill.

100-yard breast stroke—Hayes

Jones Still Bow



New-fangled systems may be all right in Southern California varsity rich dividends, but the important thing to Coach Howard Jones is the field and bo

Washington Na Senator Scout

By EDDY GILMORE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—**AP**—Something new in big league baseball developed today—the Washington Senators have a real Senator scouting for them, Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.).

The protege of Senator Wheeler is one Mike Green, 18, an infielder from Ashland, Mont., who hit .481 last year. He's just showed up for work.

"Green," asked Trainer Mike Martin, "your name isn't on my list.

and Bob Mangas.

220-yard free style—Bob Huss and Jack Nickloy.

100-yard back stroke—Stickel and Al Tuckerman.

100-yard free style—Pierce Bahnsen and Berrill.

Diving—Christy and Schultz.

150-yard medley—Stickel, Hayes and Greetham.

200-yard free style relay—Tolhurst, Nickloy, Huss and Greetham.

Purple Triumph, 34-32, In Final Dual Here Saturday

Greg Schultz's Second in Diving Paves Way to Victory in Torrid Meet With McKinley's Bulldogs; Two State, Four Pool Records Shattered

By JERRY LISKA
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Fremont Ross' high state championship aquatic squad labored through practice for the district and state meets within the past two weeks well aware that Canton McKinley will be a dangerous threat to the Little Giants' bid to retain the Ohio schoolboy crown.

In probably the most thrilling

dual ever splashed at Ross' natatorium, the Little Giants' George Gruse conquered McKinley's Bulldogs, 34-32, Saturday afternoon, in a meet fitting climax to the regular season which the Little Giants won the Northern Ohio Interscholastic Relays with seven wins, affairs losing one meet, to Cleveland East Tech. **Swim Win Streak**

In keeping with the record-shattering tenor of the entire Ross season, the team's marks and four pool standards were erased Saturday. Bob Huss won the 220-yard free style in 2:26.8, clipping 22 seconds off his own mark and pool record of 2:28.8. Harry Stickel copped the 100-yard back stroke in 1:06.7, breaking the tenth of a second from the state record of 1:05, and lowering his school and pool mark of 1:06.7 by 21 seconds.

The Ross medley relay team of Stickel, Ben Hause and Jack Nickloy won the over the 1500-yard route in 1:22.1, lowering the pool and school record of 1:22.3. The set earlier in the season, raising the team's own state mark of 1:22.7 hung up at Columbus last March. Canton's free style team, led by Fred Shibley, Don Denner, Bill Ross and Glenn Moore, accounted for a new pool record, winning the 200-yard race in 1:43.3, a minute and a mark of 1:43.9 held by Sandusky.

The Fremont medley team's new record of 2:23 is the tenth of a second slower than the national mark owned by Hibbing, Minn.

The defeat snuffed the dual winning streak of the Bulldogs' victims straight. Among the Bulldogs' victims was East Tech, whose victory over the Little Giants was due to the fact that the Little Giants were unable to perform up to standard in the 60 degree water which nearly gagged little ones in the Cleveland pool.

Ace Falls Out

It was the second consecutive weekend that Ross won by the same margin, having edged Sandusky by 34-32, the previous Saturday at Sandusky.

However, against Canton Coach Gruse played it safe, trusting one not up against Sandusky, in the swimming of Don Greheth in the 50 and century free style races instead of the second runner-up in the 100 and 200 back stroke races. But the trump failed and left Coach Gruse pulling his hair until he saw a new record in his sleeve in the form of Greg Schultz, whose second place in the diving meet had been shattered.

According to form, Ross took the breast stroke, 220-yard free style

Giants Scored in Dual Cage Loop

Hustle, forward, started for the winners with 23 points. Mull, "Wesleyan" guard, annexed six points.

Swimmers

11th and 12th Grades

"Iowa" (11) FG FT TP

Shuler, f 0 2 2

Lauren, c 1 2 4

Hampsher, c 1 2 4

Little, g 1 2 4

Hoffman, f 1 2 4

Kohbe, g 0 0 0

Total 6 15

"Michigan" (12) FG FT TP

Hoffman, f 2 1 5

Smith, f 13 0 26

Robins, f 1 0 1

Engler, g 1 0 2

Mathias, g 23 2 32

Total 25 25 50

Score at half: "Purdue" 25, "Iowa" 23.

"Michigan" (13) FG FT TP

Hoffman, f 7 1 15

Smith, f 13 0 26

Robins, f 1 0 1

Lawrence, g 4 0 8

Paulus, g 7 0 14

Total 24 24 48

Score at half: "Michigan" 24, "Indiana" 23.

9th and 10th Grades

"Dayton" (19) FG FT TP

Wright, f 1 1 2

Potter, f 4 1 9

Price, c 0 0 0

Davis, f 3 0 6

Huddle, g 4 0 8

Total 8 19

Score at half: "Ohio U." 7, "Dayton" 5.

"Ohio" (48) FG FT TP

Stevens, f 4 0 8

Huddle, f 11 1 23

Schert, f 3 0 6

Kirk, g 3 0 6

Hoffman, g 1 0 2

Total 22 45

Score at half: "Miami" 18, "Ohio Wesleyan" 9.

Wesleyan's 9

and pool record.

and back stroke. But anticipated Purple points in the 50 and 100 butterfly were not realized as Canton amassed 14 units in the two events. Thus, with only the diving and the two relays to go, the Little Giants' bid for victory was expected to take a first in the spring-board event and the 200-yard medley relay.

It was the 200-yard medley which proved to be the final nail in the coffin for Fremont's flashy trio of Stickel, Hayes and Nickloy. The Canton swimmers, however, did not let first by its highly favored free style relay to win the meet, 34-32.

The meet came through 35.44 points to the Little Giants to Christy who coped with 66.93. Don Myers, of Canton, whose unheralded dual record of 1:23.7 hung up at the meet, placed third with 49.7 points.

Free Style Battle

The Ross medley team outstroked the Canton trio by 10 feet for the five points but settled the meet with a 200-yard race with its thrills, however. Stickel, leading off for Ross, was apparently tired from his earlier exertions in the 100 yard back stroke, could not keep ahead of Fred Shibley, Canton's star backstroker. And when Hause swam off for the breast stroke leg, he trailed Emil Mamaliga, Bulldog. No. 1 breast pool record, winning the race.

The Ross star overhauled his rival and rode home at least eight feet ahead. Shibley, assisted again from Born, Canton's fast sprinter, turned on the power to not only stave off the Bulldog anchor-man, but also added a few yards to the lead, finishing 10 feet in front.

While not Fremont's best, the team of Pierce, Bahnens, Bob Tolhurst, Bill Berrell and Huss gave Canton's powerful crew of Keagy, Denner, South, Moore and Moore, a race.

Keagy picked up five feet on Bahnens, but Tolhurst spurred to catch up with the Ross team, fourth, swimming third, took off almost simultaneously. Smith gradually closed the gap and, at last, won by about eight feet.

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Ross Mermen to Hold Exhibition

A "gala" swimming exhibition to finance in part their trip to Pittsburgh for the University of Pittsburgh invitational scholastic meet March 25, will be staged by Fremont Ross high's Little Giant mermen at the Purple natatorium Tuesday at 8 p. m.

Coach George Gruse stated Thursday that his entire state co-championship squad will participate in the exhibition, aim of which will be to break as many pool and school records as possible.

Attendance of the general public is requested in order to assure Fremont's representation in the Pitt meet, one of the leading scholastic events east of the Mississippi. Admission price for adults and children alike will be 25 cents. Tickets will be on sale at Tremper's News Store, Falquette's Drug Store and the high school office.

Ben Hayes, state champion and record holder in the 100-yard breast stroke, will attempt to break the Ross pool record over the 200-yard distance, while Harry Stickel, state titlist in the 100-yard back stroke, will gun for a new standard over the 150-yard route.

School records in the 100- and 200-yard free style also will be placed on the block as Mentor Gruse turns loose his sprint and distance stars.

12 EVENTS ON BENEFIT SWIM PROGRAM HERE

Hayes, Stickel, Greetham,
Huss, Nickloy to "Open
Up" Wednesday

A 12-event program, with Fremont Ross high's ace mermen poised to slash at existing school and pool records, will comprise the Little Giant exhibition at Ross natatorium Wednesday night, Coach George Gruse announced.

The last formal appearance of the state co-championship team in Fremont this season is being staged to finance a trip to Pittsburgh for the University of Pittsburgh interscholastic meet next Saturday.

The entire varsity squad, as well as Coach Johnny Titsworth's junior high aquatic crew, will participate in the exhibition, slated to begin at 8 p. m.

To Be Paced

Special attempts will be made in four races to shatter pool or school marks. Ben Hayes, state champion and record-holder in the breast stroke, will swim for a new 200-yard breast stroke mark, being paced by Bob Mangas and Russ Mook. Harry Stickel, state back stroke titlist, will go after a new standard over the 150-yard route, with Al Tuckerman and George Stokes likely to add pressure.

Jack Nickloy and Don Greetham will cut loose in the 100-yard free style, with Dick Spayd and Al Baumann to stroke off pace-making sprints. Another record may fall in the 200-yard free style at the bid of strong-finishing Bob Huss. Also in this event Pierce Bahnsen and Bob Tolhurst.

Will Take Ten

Coach Gruse stated Tuesday that a squad of approximately 10 Little Giants would make the trip to Pittsburgh and that efforts in the exhibition would be considered in selection of several to make the jaunt.

The exhibition program and entries:

100-yard free style (junior high)—Frank Wernig, George Eagon, George Held and Kent Rahm.

200-yard free style—Bob Huss, Bob Tolhurst and Pierce Bahnsen.

50-yard breast stroke (junior high)—John Stockberger, Bob Pence and Dick Pence.

200-yard breast stroke—Ben Hayes, paced by Bob Mangas and Russ Mook.

50-yard free style novelty race (junior high)—Ralph Higg, Bill Oxley and Courtney.

100-yard free style—Jack Nickloy and Don Greetham, paced by Dick Spayd and Al Baumann.

150-yard back stroke—Harry Stickel, Al Tuckerman and George Stokes.

100-yard breast stroke—Jack Pavelle, Jim Nickloy and Lou Wernig.

Diving exhibition—Earl Christy, Greg Schultz, Jim Martin and Del Rakes.

50-yard novelty race (junior high)—Dick Russell, Bob Rosenbush, Beattie, Snyder and Sheldon.

100-yard back stroke—Jack Boyer, Ken Reed, Norm Wehrmeister and Judson Kinsey.

50-yard free style (junior high)—Paul Delp, Jim Swaisgood, Bill Wilson and George Boyer.

Purple Mermen Write Finis to Another Successful Season

HERE'S THE ROSS SWIMMING TEAM THAT AGAIN PROVED OHIO'S BEST

Another chapter Monday had been brilliantly written into the brief but remarkable history of swimming at Fremont Ross high school.

For the second consecutive year, the Little Giant mermen finished on top Ohio's scholastic aquatic forces, although they were forced to share the 1939 state title with Canton McKinley.

Three new sprinters broke upwards of 30 records, one of them a national mark and two of them state standards, as they won seven duals, the Northern Ohio Relays and the Northwestern Ohio District meet, tied with McKinley in the 1000, and also finished second in the University of Pittsburgh Invitational Interscholastic Championships.

Success Stults

Ross made its title bid this season under a new head coach, George Gruse, former assistant to Bim Stults, who took leave of absence to attend State University and serve as an aide to Mike Pepe, Buckeye swimming coach. While Stults was the coach, the Little Giants won the state championship twice, in 1936 and 1938, and finished second in the 1937 state meet.

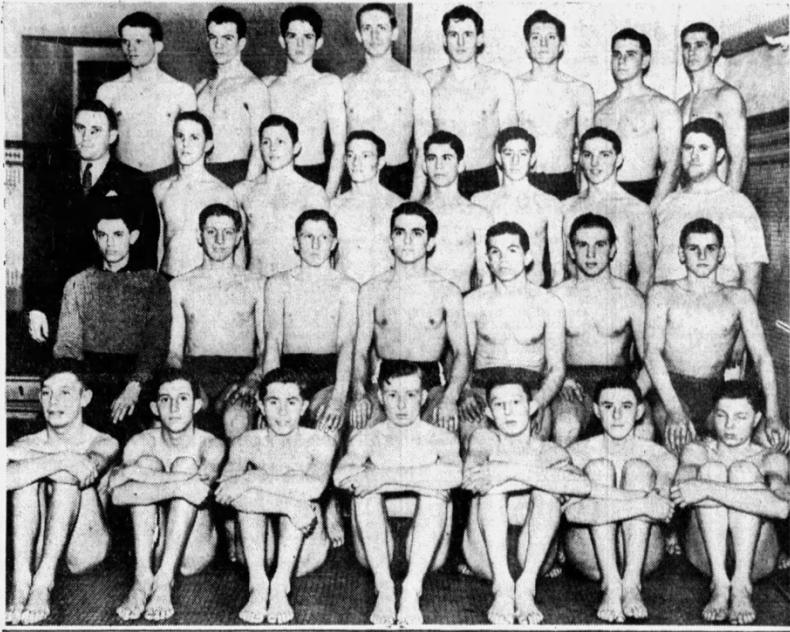
The Fremont school's meteoric rise in Ohio prep swimming circles began in 1936 with surprising triumphs over Akron East and Sandusky. In 1936, the Little Giants went through the season undefeated and the following year ran their dual string to 22 straight before being edged by McKinley. Again in 1938, the Rossmen swam through the campaign undefeated. This year, they extended another dual winning streak to 10 in a row before losing to Cleveland East Tech in a defeat that was ice-freeing to their pride.

Since Ross splashed into state line-light four seasons ago, Little Giant swimmers have been defeated only twice in 37 dual meets. While having to be content with the state laurels this year with Canton McKinley, the Grusemen had the satisfaction of defeating the Bulldog squad both in a dual meet and in the Northern Ohio Relays.

Gruse was assisted during the past campaign by John Tittsworth, former Findlay college star, named last fall to the first mateship as well as to the junior high coaching post.

National Mark

The standout feat during the regular season was the performance of the medley relay team of Benny Hayes, Harry Stuckel and Don Greetham in the dual meet against Scott. The trio negotiated the 300-



First row, left to right—Russell Mook, James Nickloy, Philip Hodes, James Simpson, Kenneth Reed, Wilfred Lantz, Robert Walder.

Second row, left to right—William Sierwalt, manager, Clarence Kuntz, Jr., Gregory Schultz, Earl Christy, Charles Fitzgerald, Norman Wehrmeister, and Albert Baumann.

yard distance in 3:08.5, clipping 1.5 seconds from the former national interscholastic record of 3:24.5, held jointly by Providence Central and Trenton, N. J. The mark was filed by Coach Gruse with the National Interscholastic records committee and if no better record is submitted, the Ross standard will be written into the official book.

The Purple's season record: Ross 38, Toledo Scott 28. Ross 46, Webster 28. Ross 46, Toledo Waite 9. Cleveland East Tech 42, Ross 24.

Ross 56, Toledo DeVilbiss 10. Northern Ohio Relays, first with 39 points. Ross 56, Toledo Scott 10.

Third row, left to right—Coach George Gruse, Robert Mangas, Richard Spayd, Robert Tolhurst, Jack Boyer, William Berrill, Bernard Hayes and Assistant Coach John Tittsworth.

Last row—Harry Stuckel, George Stokes, Jack Pavelle, Pierce Bahnsen, Jack Nickloy, Robert Huss, Donald Greetham and Al Tuckerman.

Ross 34, Sandusky 32. The Purple's season record: Ross 34, McKinley 32. Northwestern Ohio District, first with 62 points. State Meet, tied for first with 39½ points.

University of Pittsburgh Invitational, second with 37 points. Benny Hayes was the individual star of the 1939 squad. The senior

sophomore breast stroke performer hung up new records for the century in district and state, first with 60 points. Hayes, as he finished in 1:04.2, just one and one-tenths seconds slower than the national prep mark. Hayes received wide acclaim last weekend when he placed third in the finals of the 220-yard breast

stroke in the National A. A. U. meet at Columbus, being edged by two of the best collegiate swimmers in the country.

Also Stars

Runner-up to Hayes for individual honors was Harry Stuckel, who also had two cracked records with the same consistency, and took the state championship in his event at Columbus. While Stuckel's time in the state meet was 1:05.2, a trifle slower than the record of 1:04.2 set by Utch of Canton Lehman, the Ross back stroker was clocked in 1:04 flat at Pittsburgh and also at Sandusky, while he hung up a 1:04.6 against McKinley here.

Donald Greetham and Jack Nickloy alternated in swimming the free style leg on Fremont's medley relay team, a new record invariably was registered every time a triad swam the distance. The medley combine's chief accomplishments were the new national record for 300 yards, a new state record of 1:23 over the 150-yard route, and a new Pitt meet record of 1:42 for the 100 yards. In the first two instances, Greetham swam anchor, while in the latter, Nickloy finished up where Stuckel and Hayes left off. The team of Stuckel, Hayes and Nickloy covered the 150 in 1:23 in the dual meet with McKinley.

Dozen Qualify

A dozen Purple mermen qualified for the state meet in the district affairs at Toledo, including Nickloy and Berrill in the 50 free style; Hayes and Tolhurst in the breast stroke; Bob Huss and Pierce Bahnsen in the 220 free style; Stuckel and Al Tuckerman in the back stroke; Bill Berrill in the 100 free style; Earl Christy and Greg Schultz in the diving; and Greetham in both relays. These 12 more or less formed the nucleus of Coach Gruse's squad during the entire campaign, although in the earlier stages of the season, the Ross men used his entire roster of 27 performers.

While Stuckel, Hayes and the medley relay team grabbed the lion's share of the laurels, there were other important cogs in the team. The most notable of these is the spring-board. Nickloy's phenomenal development as a sprinter, Bob Huss' fine work in the distance events and the persistent point-getting of Hayes, Greg Schultz, Tolhurst, Tuckerman, Berrill, George Stokes and Greg Schultz—all played an important part in keeping Ross perched on the state pinnacle.

Seniors on the squad were Greetham, Huss, Mangas, Jack Nickloy, Stuckel, Stokes, Tolhurst and Tuckerman.