

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 mermen 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, coping 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 lineup, 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 first quarter and were in front

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 equaled an Ohio conference mark, featured the Little Giant mermen's invasion of Gambier for an exhibition meet with Kenyon college Friday night.

Harry Stickel, 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, Stickel, Hayes and Greetham competed only in the medley event. But in that event, they handed Kenyon's best three performers a setback.

Stickel and Bill Griffin, ninth ranking college backstroke in the country, staged a nifty feud in the first leg of the race. Stickel 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.

Nickloy is second, placed second behind Winnidge of Kenyon, in the 100-yard free style. Bill Berrill 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 Nickloy, 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 copied by Tanner of Kenyon, with Bob Mangas of Ross, second. Brouse of Kenyon, was third, Russ Mook of Ross, fourth, and Jack Pavele 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 Grusemen 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 keggers 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, neophytes at the game of 10-pins, are showing keen interest in the sport and at the same time enjoy their weekly winter meetings. . . The Moose Women and Rotary Anns, also beginning this year, have proven enthusiastic keggers.

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 outfielder out of him . . . the kid deserves the chance.

They're certainly keeping things in the family on that Tulane basketball outfit . . . Frinistance, Forward Paul Pare is a brother of the wave's tennis coach; Guard Joe Anderson is a nephew of track Coach Fritz Onkes; 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.

By JIM TRACY

Esmond Dairy five is setting a fast pace in Recreation loop, but plenty of teams are right on the leader's heels. . . "Dude" Gerding says the pocket seems to be having a zipper on it. . . he's hitting the 1-3 regularly. . . and Jim Frater is moaning about his 7-9 splits. . . Those long lost 200 scores are beginning to turn up, with Valley Dairy's and Tracy's Recreations leading the parade. . .

Veteran Art Hetrick nearly turned in a perfect game the other night. . . He had ten strikes in a row and then let one slip to the left and the No. 6 kept its feet, leaving Art with a 289. . . The Herbrand league will get moving strong again. Reason: The hunting season is just about wrapped up. . . The youngsters in the News-Messenger league are improving, but they still have much to learn. . . One lad asked another what a "spare" was. . . Said the other: "It's something you carry on the back of a car." . . .

The Davidson Enamel plant has been so busy that the company's ladies' league hasn't made a good turnout in several weeks. . . Mrs. R. White came through with a 127-127 a few days ago. . . The Heinz ladies are making better scores than some of the masculine keggers. . . Joe Batal and Johnny Adams are working hard to put the Shipping Department up in the running in the Hyman League. . .

The other evening, Fritz Mosser picked off the 4-6 split, a once-a-season feat. . . R. A. Heitbrink, who always is quite cheerful over his golf scores isn't saying much about his alley progress these days. . . Harry Younker squelched the scoffers with his first 600 recently.

last year to boot—that he rushed right up there and got on the dotted line. Tommy Farr's fight career will be just about washed up in the U. S. A. if he finishes on the short end against Lou Nova Friday. . . the incoming mail contains a vote for Joe Giaccone, Bogalusa (La.) halfback, who only covered 436 yards in six touchdown gallops—from 44 to 91 yards each.

BONURA DEAL SETS BARTERING TEMPO

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Baseball's big bartering crops, all present or accounted for a day ahead of the annual major league meetings, placed Zeke Bonura's name on a "sold" tag today and started shuffling for other deals.

Culminating negotiations in progress for several days, the Washington Senators sent the slugging first sacker to the New York Giants yesterday for an estimated \$20,000 and two minor league players—First Baseman Jim Carlin of Richmond, and Pitcher Tom Baker of Jersey City.

TARTANS DRILL

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12.—Carnegie Tech's football warriors pulled on their battle togs again today for a hard week of practice before heading south to the Sugar Bowl and their date with Texas Christian January 2.

PITTSBURGH—During his active playing career Honus Wagner performed at nine positions on the diamond at some time or other.

LOOP BLOW-UP FINE FOR HERD

Coach Expects Marshall Will Be Stronger as Free Lancer

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 12.—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 schedule-making 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, Jih 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 CINC

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 sharpshooting 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

Purple Medley Team Cracks State Record in 57-9 Win

Trio of Stickel, Hayes and Huss Swims 150-Yard Race in 1:24.6 to Lower Ohio Mark; Greetham and Bahnsen Get New Records in Free Style

By JERRY LISKA
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The Purple mermen of Fremont Ross showed the form that is expected to take them to another state championship as they sent Toledo Waite to the bottom of Ross pool with a gurgling Thursday night, "weighted" down by a 57-9 defeat.

A new state record was hung up as the swimmers of Coach George Gruse splashed to a clean sweep over the hapless Waitemen. It was Ross high's third aquatic triumph in as many starts.

The Ross medley relay team of Harry Stickel, backstroke, Benny Hayes, breaststroke, and Bob Huss, free style, churned over the 150-yard route in 1 minute, 24.6 seconds, lowering by 1.1 seconds the Ohio scholastic mark of 1 minute 25.7 seconds for the distance.

The medley team's brilliant performance also smashed the school and pool record of 1:28.4. There was little doubt that the Little Giants trio was gunning for a new standard. Stickel surged away to a 30 foot lead over his Waite rival. Hayes widened the margin to all but a full pool length and Huss plowed home fully 25 yards ahead of the Toledo free styler.

Also gaining the spotlight were the record-breaking efforts of Don Greetham and Pierce Bahnsen in the 100-yard free style. Greetham won the event in 58.4 seconds, shaving 1.4 seconds from the former school mark of 59.8 seconds set several years ago by Garvey Oxy. Bahnsen, who finished second, eight feet behind Greetham, was clocked in 59.4 seconds, also setting the former record. Greetham took the lead at the outset, leaving Bahnsen to swim it out with Art Harder, Waite's ace. Harder had the best of the argument in the three-quarters of the way, but the powerful Purple sophomore spurred in the last 25 yards to pass the Toledoan.

Waite's most outstanding feat was a second place taken by Holman in the 100-yard breast stroke won hands down by Jack Pavelle. Of Ross, in 1:15.3, Jim Simpson, of Ross, finished third.

Second Place Fight
Jack Nicklsey, Ross high's strong free styler, opened the meet by winning the 50-yard chase in 25.9 seconds, a shade slower than Bill Cooper's school record of 25.8. A thrilling duel was staged between Bob Tolhurst, of Ross, and Harder, of Waite, for second spot ending in a dead heat five feet behind Nicklsey.

The 220-yard free style went to Bill Berrill, of Ross, who pulled away from the field after the first 50 to finish 30 feet ahead of teammate Art Burton in 2:22.4. Burton came in 12 feet ahead of Roeder, of Waite.

George Stokes, of Ross, had little difficulty coping the 100-yard backstroke. He went right into the front and finished 25 feet ahead of Dale Fitzgerald, also of Ross, in 1:09.6, missing by a tenth of a second and equalling the school record of 1:09.5 set by Bob Booth. Fitzgerald edged out Bob Whitman, of Waite, in a close battle for second.

Christy Wins Diving
Earl Christy, of Ross, annexed the diving event by piling up 78.5 points, displaying commendable form to edge out his teammate, Greg Schultz, who took second with 74.9 points. Bill Whitman, of Waite, who was awarded 42.51 points, finished third.

The Ross free style relay team of Norm Wehrmeister, Dick Spayd, Jim Nicklsey and Charley Fitzgerald won the 200-yard race in 1:50.4, leading the Waite quartet to the finish wall by 30 feet. Wehrmeister picked up several yards in the opening leg. Spayd extended the lead to 10 feet, and Nicklsey and Fitzgerald each added 10 more.

Not only did Ross register a new state mark in the medley race, but a second Purple quartet trailed the variety home by a half a pool length to also defeat the Waite team. Included in the second team were Boyer, Mook and Kuntz. A freshman team, comprised of Lantz, D. Fitzgerald, Simpson and Walden, swam for Ross in the 200-yard free style.

Visit Cleveland
Officials were George Eagen, starter and referee, Fred Huffman, Ellsworth Snyder, Sylvester Kohr and Ted Fox, judges and timers.

Next Ross swimming encounter is Saturday, January 21 at Cleveland East Tech.

50-yard free style—Jack Nicklsey (F), first; Tolhurst (F) and Harder (W) tied for second. Time—25.9 sec.

100-yard breast stroke—Pavelle (F), first; Holman (W), second; Simpson (F), third. Time—1 min. 15.3 sec.

220-yard free style—Berrill (F), first; Burton (F), second; Roeder (W), third. Time—2 min. 22.4 sec.

100-yard back stroke—Stokes (F), first; D. Fitzgerald (F), second; Bob Whitman (W), third. Time—1 min. 9.6 sec.

100-yard free style—Greetham (F), first; Bahnsen (F), second; Harder (W), third. Time—58.4 sec. (Breaks former school record of 59.8 set by G. Oxy.)

Diving—Christy (F), first, 78.5 points; Schultz (F), second, 74.9 points; Bill Whitman (W), third, 42.51 points.

150-yard medley relay—Won by Fremont (Stickel, backstroke; Hayes, breaststroke; Huss, free style). Time—1 min. 24.6 sec. (Breaks state scholastic record of 1:25.7 and school and pool mark of 1:28.4.)

200-yard free style relay—Won by Fremont (Wehrmeister, Spayd, Jim Nicklsey, C. Fitzgerald). Time—1 min. 50.4 sec.

ZINKS SNARE 42-34 VICTORY

A last quarter rally carried the Hodes-Zink cage team of Fremont to a 42-34 triumph over the Castalia Elevator & Supply quintet at Castalia Thursday night. The battle was carried by the home team throughout the first half, with Castalia leading, 25-16 at the intermission. Hodes-Zink shaved the margin to 31-28 at the three quarters mark and then piled up 14 points while Castalia made three in the final period. Russ Becker led the winners with 16 points and Krueger was high point man for the losers with a dozen counters.

Hodes-Zink 42
H. Becker, f 6 0 12
Grube, f 4 0 8
R. Becker, c 7 2 16
Ragen, g 1 0 2
Spriggs, g 2 0 4
Totals 20 2 42
Castalia 34
P. Miller, f 5 0 10
Krueger, f 6 0 12
C. Miller, c 5 1 11
Karbler, g 0 1 1
Payne, g 0 0 0
Totals 16 2 34
Score by quarters:
Hodes-Zink 6 10 12 14-42
Castalia 10 15 6 3-34

CLYDE TO ATTEND "LEAGUE NIGHT"

NORWALK, O., Jan. 13.—More than 1,000 fans are expected to attend the second annual League Night to be held Friday night in St. Paul's gym by the Firelands scholastic basketball circuit. Huron and Clyde High schools meet in the opener, Monroeville and Margartsville battle for the league leadership in the second contest. Norwalk St. Paul's plays Milan in the final.

First Brethren

SAM'S STORE, CLYDE QUINTET ALSO WINNERS

Gap Widens Between 1st and 2nd Divisions In Class B

The gap between the first and second division in the class B section of the WPA Amateur Cage League was widened as the first place First Brethren quintet and Sam's store and Clyde Independents turned in victories at Stamm gymnasium Thursday night.

The unbeaten Brethren routed on the top perch with four straight victories after downing the Clyde Ex-Hi's, 46-15. Sam's Store trimmed Weller-Wonderly, 26-18, to remain knotted for second place with Clyde Independents, who battered A. M. E., 42-15. Both teams have records of three won and one lost.

Start Fast
The Ex-Hi's and Weller-Wonderly each have one victory against three defeats while M. E. has failed to win in four starts. First Brethren started fast against the Ex-Hi's and won going away. Jim Waggoner paced the

CLASS B STANDINGS
W. L. Pct.
First Brethren 4 0 1.000
Sam's Store 3 1 .750
Clyde Independents 3 1 .750
Clyde Ex-Hi's 1 3 .250
Weller-Wonderly 1 3 .250
A. M. E. 0 4 .000

victors with 15 points, while Berie's six points were high for the Clyde outfit.

The Sam's Store-Weller-Wonderly game was well fought, but a weak first half for the latter led to their downfall. Sam's Store outscored its foe, 12-5, in the first two periods. Parker and Austin started for the winners with eight points each. March collected six points for Weller-Wonderly.

A. M. E. was helpless before the onslaught of the Clyde Independents and were held to a lone point in the first half while the victors A. were registering 20 counters. Ritchie bagged seven fielders to lead the winners with 14 points.

The summaries:
Weller-Wonderly (18) FG FT TP
Steiger, f 1 1 2
Baldwin, f 2 2 4
March, f 2 2 4
Freh, c 2 1 5
Wickert, g 0 0 0
Robitaki, g 0 0 0
Totals 7 4 18

Sam's Store (26) FG FT TP
Austin, f 4 0 8
Lawrence, f 3 1 7
Howard, f 0 1 1
Nahm, c 0 0 0
Correll, g 1 0 2
Parker, g 3 2 8
Totals 11 4 26

Score by quarters:
Weller-Wonderly 2 3 5 8-18
Sam's Store 4 6 8-26

First Brethren (46) FG FT TP
R. Tucker, f 3 1 7
W. Waggoner, f 2 0 4
John Waggoner 1 0 0
F. Tucker, c 2 0 4

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 submerged the Purple mermen, 42-24.

The defeat was the first setback in four dual starts this season and the only one since midway in the 1937 season when Sandusky upset the Rossmen in a close meet. It marked only the third loss suffered by the Little Giant fish in 27 water clashes, dating back to 1935.

Fremont won only two of the eight events, with Don Greenham coping 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.

Have Bettered
Coach George Gruse showed marked disappointment in the showing of his squad, which he asserted was capable of doing "so much better."

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 Portland, Outwate pool at East Tech had been filled just shortly before the meet began and the water temperature was around 65 degrees, compared to the 75 degree water warmth to which his boys were accustomed.

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

Hayes Out
He said he realized that the water was 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, brilliant breaststroker, and Pierce Bahnen, rugged distance free styler, were available to the Ross squad. Both were unable to compete because of severe colds.

Capable of better than a 1:07 time in the 100-yard breast stroke, Hayes would have been a certain winner in the event won by Draxler, of East Tech, in 1:18. With Hayes swimming the breast stroke leg, it is highly probable that the Ross medley relay team would have won in the 150-yard race copied by East Tech.

Wins In 26.2
Bahnen could have been used in the 200 free style, permitting either Jack Nickley or Bob Husz to swim in the 100-yard free style, another event won by East Tech, with Bill Berrill and Dick Spayd of Fremont, second and third respectively. Nickley finished second and Husz third to Pelger of East Tech in the 200.

Greenham, who consistently has been swimming the 50-yard free style under 26 seconds, won the event in 26.2 seconds, with Lauby and Knisely, of East Tech, second and third. Bob Tolhurst, of Ross, came in third.

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

Tillman, of East Tech, edged out George Stokes, of Ross, for second in the back stroke race, copied in record time by Tuckerman.

Has Active
One of the two new pool records set by East Tech was made by Bill Hales, who negotiated the 100-yard free style in 58.1 seconds, shattering the old mark of 58.4. The East Tech free style relay team of Gally, Knisely, Hales and Lauby broke a seven-year-old record in the 200-yard chase, swimming it in 1:46.8 compared to the old time of 1:50.6 set in 1932. The Ross free style relay team of Tolhurst, Nickley, Husz and Greenham was described by Coach Gruse as his "best" entry.

The Ross medley trio of Harry Suckel, Russ Mook and Bill Berrill finished second to the East Tech team of Tillman, Draxler and Wilbur, which 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 respectively.

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

The summary:
50-yard free style—Greenham (F.), won; Lauby (E. T.), 2; Nicely (E. T.), 3. Time—26.2.

100-yard breaststroke—Draxler (E. T.), won; Repar (E. T.), 2; Mangas (F.), 3. Time—1m 18.5.

200-yard free style—Pelger (E. T.), won; Nickley (F.), 2; Husz (F.), 3. Time—2m 34.8.

100-yard breaststroke—Tuckerman (F.), won; Tillman (E. T.), 2; Stokes (E. T.), 3. Time—1m 12.2.

(New pool record; old mark of 1m 13s set by Smith, East Tech, 1937.)

100-yard free style—Hales (E. T.), won; Berrill (F.), 2; Spayd (F.), 3. Time—58.1s. (New pool record; old record of 58.4s set by Hales in 1937.)

Diving—Brostoff (E. T.), won; Christy (F.), 2; Schultz (F.), 3.

150-yard medley relay—East Tech (Tillman, Draxler, Wilbur), won. Time—1m 33.2s.

200-yard free style relay—East Tech (Gally, Nicely, Hales, Lauby), won. Time—1m 46.8s. (New pool record; old mark of 1m 50.6s set in 1932.)

COMPANY "B" WINS AS ONG MEET BEGINS

Company B, of Fremont, squeaked a 34-32 victory over Clyde, O. N. G., in the first round of the sectional Ohio National Guard race tournament at the armory here Saturday. The Fremont win came after Clyde had vanquished Paulding, O. N. G., 49-20.

The tournament will be continued to February 11, with games to be played at three cities, Fremont, Bowling Green and St. Mary's. Nineteen teams are entered, including Headquarters, First, Second and Third Battalions, Howitzer Company, Medical Detachment, Service Company, and Companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L and M.

Winners and runners up at the three cities will play in the regional finals, to be held at Bowling Green, February 11. First Lieut. Joel M. Waring, chaplain of the 148th Infantry, is in charge of the tournament.

First round results:

Clyde O. N. G. (40) FG FT TP
Ritchie, f 9 2 20
Koch, f 7 1 15
Sherer, c 3 0 6
Ledman, c 0 0 0
Killingen, g 0 1 1
Burkett, g 2 0 4
Kiefer, g 1 0 2
Totals 22 4 49

Paulding O. N. G. (29) FG FT TP
Ewing, f 4 2 10
Putman, f 4 1 9
Major, c 0 0 0
Muir, g 3 0 6
Swans, g 2 0 4
Smiley, g 0 0 0
Totals 13 3 29

Score by quarters:
Clyde 18 11 8 12-49
Paulding 8 6 7-29

Clyde O. N. G. (32) FG FT TP
Ritchie, f 7 2 19
Koch, f 4 2 10
Whitcomb, c 1 0 2
Killingen, g 0 1 1
Sherer, g 0 0 0
Kiefer, g 0 0 0
Totals 12 8 32

Fremont O. N. G. (31) FG FT TP
Reineck, f 5 3 11
Lahey, f 2 0 4
Grachev, c 2 5 9
Stall, g 2 0 4
Krusc, g 1 1 3
Witter, g 1 0 2
Maler, g 0 1 1
Totals 12 10 34

Score by quarters:
Clyde 6 10 8 32
Fremont 10 9 6 7-34

CLYDE QUINTS DIVIDE PAIR

CLYDE, Jan. 23.—Clyde high school's freshman cagers defeated the Green Springs frosh, 29-12, for the second time this season as the two teams met at Green Springs Saturday morning. The Clyde 7th and 8th grade quintet did not fare so well as it went down to a 40-27 defeat at the hands of the Green Springs 7th and 8th graders.

Snyder with 12 points and Menard with 11 led the Clyde yearlings to victory. Beatty and Malformones at guard positions for the winners. Weiling paced the losers with eight points.

A second half scoring spree featured the Clyde 7th and 8th graders' attack. Jennings, of Clyde, was the game's high scorer with 15 points. Cleveland counted eight points to lead the victors.

Any school wishing to play the Clyde junior high teams at Clyde Saturday morning, January 28, facing either the freshmen or 7th and 8th graders, should communicate with A. W. Hendricks at Clyde high school.

The summaries:
Clyde Freshmen (29) FG FT TP
Snyder 8 0 12
Frauks 1 1 3
Menard 5 1 11
Jennings 0 1 1
Beatty 1 0 2
Brugger 0 0 0
Malformones 0 0 0
Totals 12 3 29

Green Springs (12) FG FT TP
Cleveland 1 0 2
McConnell 0 2 2
Walling 3 2 8
Wheatley 0 0 0
Craig 0 0 0
Craig 0 0 0
Totals 4 4 12

7th and 8th Grades
Clyde (27) FG FT TP
Sawyer 3 0 6
Pursell 1 1 3
Raffins 0 0 0
Dick 0 0 0
Hilly 0 1 1
Brugger 1 0 2
Jennings 7 1 15
Totals 12 3 27

Green Springs (40) FG FT TP
Smith 1 0 4
Bauer 3 0 6
Hoke 1 1 3
Crum 1 1 3
Lee 5 0 10
Wheatley 5 0 10
Cleveland 4 0 8
Young 1 0 2
Kimball 0 0 0
Totals 19 2 40

SWARTHMORE SLACK
SWARTHMORE, Pa. — Swarth-

Ired Purple Fish To Bear Down In Dual Meet At Ross

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 Opre, east side fire station, champion, and John Jackson, of Gibsonburg; girls' singles—Audrey Foley, Gibsonburg, champion, and Catherine Opre, east side fire station; boys' doubles—Opre and Edward Myslinski, east side fire station, champions, and Wayne Krotzer and Jackson, Gibsonburg; girls' doubles—Audrey Foley and Mary Hachanadel, Gibsonburg, champions, and Joyce Michaels and Catherine Opre, east side fire station.

Potts In Charge

Junior mixed doubles—Jackson and Miss Hachanadel, 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 Hachanadel, 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.

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.

**Ty Cobb Likes
Huron Twirler**

Two Records Fall In Ross 56-10 Romp Over Toledoans

Grusemen Show Determination After Upset by East Tech; Ben Hayes Negotiates Breaststroke in 1:05.8, Harry Stickel Gets 1:06.7

Fremont Ross high's Little Giant mermen Tuesday night served notice to other Ohio scholastic aquatic powers that their state crown still will be difficult to yank off as they engulfed Toledo DeVilbiss, 56-10, in a dual meet at Ross natatorium.

Upset by Cleveland East Tech last Saturday, the natators of Coach George Gruse cracked down with a vengeance upon the Toledo visitors, scoring a clean sweep of the eight events.

Still convinced that their 42-24 setback by East Tech was due to poor swimming conditions at the latter's pool, the Purple splashes refused to "pull any strokes" against DeVilbiss and hung up two new school and pool marks.

Benny Hayes, swimming his first competitive 100-yard breast stroke event of the season, flashed home in one minute, 58 seconds, just one-tenth of a second slower than the state prep mark of 1:05.7 and 1.8 seconds under his last year's school and pool record of 1:07.6.

Thrilling Race

Harry Stickel, ace back stroker, likewise established a new pool and school standard as he performed over the 100-yard distance for the first time this winter. In the most thrilling race of the evening, Stickel defeated Bower Corwin, DeVilbiss star, by a full stroke to win in one minute, 4.7 seconds. He shattered the pool record of 1:07.6 set by Woodling of Akron East, in 1935, and the school mark of 1:09.5 hung up in 1936 by Bob Booth.

Although Stickel held the lead all the way, it was a three-man race, with Al Tuckerman of Ross, furnishing as much fireworks as Corwin. Tuckerman kept even with Corwin until the final pool length when he missed a turn badly. Corwin surged down the home stretch with a rush, but was unable to overhaul the powerful-pulling Stickel.

Against Stop-Watch

It was Hayes against the stop-watch throughout the breast stroke event. After churning the first 75 yards in approximately 45 seconds, Hayes tired a little and took a fat 19 for the final 25 yards. His performance would indicate he will do some serious butchering on the swim tank.

SWIM TANK

Fremont Ross junior high swimming team and the tankmen of Sandusky junior high will engage in a return meet at Sandusky Wednesday, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Ross outdistanced the Sandusky team completely in a dual here several weeks ago. No score was kept of the meet, however. The Ross juniors are coached by John Tilworth and the Sandusky juniors by Ed Hartnett and Walter J. Caldwell.

State record before the season is finished. Although he was outdistanced by half a pool length by Hayes, Russ Mook of Ross, made the DeVilbiss entries look bad as he finished better than 20 feet ahead of Hunter, who placed third. Fremont finished one-two in four individual events and took firsts and thirds in the diving and backstroke. Two relay races were taken by the Purple in a breeze. Bob Tolhurst won the 50-yard free style by about eight feet over Charley Fitzgerald. Bennett of DeVilbiss, was third. Tolhurst edged ahead of Fitzgerald after the first 25 and gradually widened his lead. The winning time was 27.2 seconds. Jack Nickley and Bob Huss of Ross, ran away with the 220-yard free style. Nickley took an early lead, but Huss pulled even at the end of five lengths. Then, with three-quarters of the pool to go, Nickley moved ahead strong to win by eight feet in 2:29.9. Rauch of DeVilbiss, was third.

Christy Gets 63.2

Bill Berrell of Ross, won the 100 free style in 1:01.3, shading Dick Spaid, also of Ross, by five feet with a last length spurt. Spaid hung on close until Berrell's sprint. Spaid finished 15 feet ahead of Butler of DeVilbiss, who was third. Earl Christy of Ross, exhibited smooth form in entry to annex first in the diving with 63.3 points. Tate of DeVilbiss, was second with 57.04 points, and Greg Schultz of Ross, third with 54.79.

The Ross medley team of George Stokes, Bob Mangus, and Don Greetham, topped the 150-yard race by 35 feet in 1:22.3. Stokes gave Corwin a battle in the backstroke leg, trailing the DeVilbiss star in by only a yard. Mangus picked up 15 feet swimming breaststroke and Greetham added 20 anchoring in free style.

Makeshift Fee

There was no competition in the 200-yard free style relay as a makeshift team was entered by the squelched Toledoans. The Ross quartet of Tolhurst, Nickley, Huss and Greetham, won by a pool length in 1:45.7.

It was the fourth win of the season for the Purple, who also have defeated Toledo Scott, Woster and Toledo Walte. Ross has no meet scheduled until Saturday, February 4 when the Fremont school plays host to the Northern Ohio Relay. Officials for the meet were George Eagon, starter; Frank Giebel, Bud Kaufman and Bob Serwinski, diving judges, and Cal Kellogg, Sylvester Kehr, Fred Huffman, Ellsworth Snyder and Harold Althoff, judges and timers.

The summary:

50-yard free style—Tolhurst (R) 1; C. Fitzgerald (R) 2; Bennett (D) 3. Time—27.2.
100-yard breast stroke—Hayes (R) 1; Mook (R) 2; Hunter (D) 3. Time—1:05.8 (breaks former pool and school record of 1:07.6 by Hayes, 1937).
220-yard free style—Nickley (R)

ZINKS WIDEN LEAD IN WPA CAGE LEAGUE

Conquer Herbrand Club, 53-42; Wurlitzer's Cop Overtime Tilt

Hodes-Zink's hoop-sniping quint apparently is pulling away from the field in the Class A race of the WPA Amateur Cage League. The Zinks grabbed their fifth triumph in six starts at Stamm Tuesday night, trouncing Herbrand club, 53-42.

The defeat shoved the Herbrands into a second place tie with Ham's Wurlitzers, who copied a sparkling 34-32 overtime victory from Tony's Bakery. Herbrand and Wurlitzer each has three wins against three setbacks. As result of the reversal, the Bakers were mixed deeper in the collar with only one victory in six tilts.

The Wurlitzer-Bakers' thriller was climaxed by Big Driftmeyer's two-point shortly after the extra

CLASS A STANDINGS

	W. L. Pct.
Hodes-Zink	5 1 .833
Herbrand	3 3 .500
Wurlitzer	3 3 .500
Bakers	1 5 .166

session opened. The score at the end of regulation time was 32-32, due mainly to a 12-point rush by the Bakers in the final quarter. Wurlitzers forged ahead to a 16-12 lead in the first half and were ahead 27-20, at the three-quarter mark. G. Peltier, with 10 points, led the winners, while Mervie White's 11 counters were tops for the Bakers.

Zoom to Lead

Hitting with amazing accuracy from almost any spot on the floor, Hodes-Zink zoomed afay to a 27-13 lead in the first half of the tangle with Herbrand. Sixteen points in the third quarter by the H-Z completed the damage. The Herbrands made a valiant attempt to catch their sharp-shooting rivals in the final chapter, but their 20-point assault fell far short. Russ Becker and Herb Miele led the Zinks with 15 and 13 points, respectively. Big Bill Miller was high scorer for the losers with 14 points. The usually dangerous Waddy Grubbs, Herbrand forward, was held to five points.

The summary:

Tony's Bakers 31	G. F. F.
F. Koehy, f	1 4 4
Reineck, f	3 1 7
Eiseman, c	3 0 6
Schell, g	1 0 2
Spangler, g	0 0 0
White, g	5 1 11
Totals	13 4 32

Ham's Wurlitzers 31	G. F. F.
G. Peltier, f	5 0 15
F. Peltier, f	2 0 4
J. Miller, c	0 1 1
Holz, c	2 5 8
Driftmeyer, g	2 5 9
Reinhold, g	1 0 2
Totals	13 8 34

Score by quarters:
Tony's Bakers 9 9 8 12 0-32
Wurlitzers 7 9 11 5 2-34

Hodes-Zink 53	G. F. F.
B. Becker, f	4 0 8
Reineck, f	3 1 7
Herb Miele, c	5 3 13
Sprague, g	1 1 13
J. Koehy, g	5 0 10
Totals	24 5 37

Herbrand Club 42	G. F. F.
Grubbs, f	2 1 5
Shamp, f	2 3 5
Adams, f	4 1 9
Miller, c	6 2 14
Measley, g	0 0 0
George, g	0 0 0
Bliss, g	3 1 7
Totals	17 8 42

Score by quarters:
Hodes-Zink 14 13 16 10-53
Herbrand 6 7 9 20-42
Referee—G. V. Knipper (Oberlin).

1; Huss (R) 2; Rauch (D) 3. Time—2:20.9.
100-yard back stroke—Stickel (R) 1; Corwin (D) 2; Tuckerman (R) 3. Time—1:06.7 (breaks former pool record of 1:07.6 by Woodling of Akron East, 1935 and former school record of 1:09.5 by Booth, 1936).

100-yard free style—Berrell (R) 1; Spaid (R) 2; Butler (D) 3. Time—1:01.3.
Diving—Won by Christy (R) 63.2; Tate (D) second, 57.04; Schultz (R) third, 54.79.

150-yard medley relay—Won by Ross (Stokes, backstroke, Mangus, breaststroke, Greetham, free style). Time—1:29.5.
200-yard free style relay—Won by Ross (Tolhurst, Nickley, Huss, Greetham). Time—1:45.7.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Fremont 35, Tiffin Junior Orndorff 28.
Fosteria 40, Fosteria St. Wendel 24.
Massillon 44, Canton Lehman 20.
Toledo Woodward 38, Toledo Walte 22.
Toledo Central Catholic 38, Toledo Scott 28.
Toledo Macomber 34, Toledo Liberty 24.
Sandusky 37, Findlay 25.
Bellevue 37, Mansfield 22.

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 splashers 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
Associated Press Sports Writer

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 "Hellzapoppin" 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.

Purple Set 3 New Records In Copping Big Meet Here

Grusemen Cop Three Firsts, Three Seconds to Score
39 Points; McKinley Next With 29, Sandusky
Has 22; Ross Medley Team Shines

By JERRY LISKA
News-Messenger Sports Editor

The streamlined swimmers of Fremont Ross Monday had stowed away the Fifth Northern Ohio Interscholastic Relay title and confidently looked forward to the state championship meet at Columbus next month when they will be called upon to defend their crown.

The Little Giant swimmers of Coach George Gruse last Saturday afternoon retained the Northern Ohio Relay title in the face of strong challenges from Canton McKinley and Sandusky.

Five records were shattered and a sixth given charter resting as the victorious Rossmen grabbed three firsts and three seconds to compile 39 points, 10 points better than Canton McKinley's second place total of 29. The dangerous Sandusky tank squad placed third with 22 points. Fourth place was taken by Toledo Scott with 10 points, fifth was Toledo DeVillous with seven, while Wooster was last in the scoring column with four. Mansfield, Canton, Lehman and Cleveland Heights, who rounded out the nine school field, failed to score.

Close to National

The previous meet records made in a 75-foot pool, established at Lakewood in 1937, were annihilated as the powerful swimmers from Sandusky, McKinley and Ross churned in keen competition.

Three of the new marks were hung up by Ross, most notable being the time of 1 minute, 23.3 seconds in the 150-yard medley relay turned in by the team of Harry Stickle, backstroke, Ben Hayes, breaststroke, and Don Greetham, free style. The new record bettered the old standard of 1:27.4 set by Cleveland Shaw by 4.1 seconds, surpassed the existing state record by 2.4 seconds and came within four-tenths of a second of the national scholastic record of 1:23.8 held by Hibbing, Minnesota.

The Fremont quartet of Russ Mook, Bob Mangas, Jack Pavelle and Hayes was clocked in 2:07.4 in the 200-yard breaststroke, lowering Sandusky's old mark of 2:13.2 by 5.8 seconds. The Ross back stroke team of Jack Boyer, Al Tuckerman, George Stokes and Stickle, won the 200-yard event in 2:02.2, shattering 2.4 seconds off Lakewood's record of 2:04.6.

15.4 Seconds Faster

The great McKinley free style combine of Smith, Damer, Born and Moore slashed 15.6 seconds from the former 400-yard record of 4:08.4, held by Sandusky. In this race, Ross took second in 3:57.2, bettering the old mark by 11.1 seconds. Sandusky, finishing third, also bettered the record in 4:02.2.

In winning the terrific 200-yard free style race opening the meet, Sandusky was clocked in 1:44.6, beating its own record of 1:47 by 2.4 seconds. Fremont Ross shaded McKinley for second place, but the time of both was the same, 1:44.7.

Corwin, of Toledo DeVillous, won the 75-yard individual medley in 47.8 seconds, which automatically became a record since that distance had not been swum before in the relay.

Nickley Overhauls

The strong performance of Albers and Anders provided Sandusky with first in the 200-yard free style. Bob Tolhurst, swimming the first leg for Ross, fell three yards behind Werner, of Sandusky. Jack Nickley, next off for the Purple, overhauled Sandusky's Werner and gave Bob Ross a one yard lead on the third lap. However, Albers, of the Blue Streaks, picked up the yard, and when the final lap turned up, Greetham of Ross, Anders, of Sandusky, and Moore, of Canton, all were bunched. They threshed down the final 25-yard stretch, matching stroke for stroke. But Anders touched off Greetham by a foot, while the Ross swimmer was a "palm" ahead of the Canton swimmer.

Ross met stubborn resistance in the 200 breast stroke from McKinley's Bulldogs, but with Hayes swimming anchor won by five yards. Mook stayed abreast with Moore of Canton. Then Mangas picked up a foot on Olmstead and Pavelle swished the gap to four feet. Hayes steadily pulled away from Johnson in the final leg to win decisively.

The 200-yard backstroke was another McKinley-Ross feud with the Little Giants again leaving the Bulldogs in their wake. Boyer, leading off for Ross, found Quist of McKinley too fast for him and when he touched off Tuckerman, the Purple were four yards behind Canton. However, Tuckerman swam a splendid race, whittling down McKinley's lead and moving three yards in front himself. Stokes, swimming third for Ross, had no trouble adding a few feet to the margin and Stickle doing anchor honors plowed home fully 17 feet ahead of Canton's ace, Shesby. Sandusky would have been third on time, but the Streaks were disqualified when one swimmer missed a turn. Scott was given third and Wooster fourth.

Corwin Wins

Corwin, of DeVillous, a stellar all around swimmer, and exceptionally good in the backstroke got the jump at the gun on Nickley of Ross, in the individual medley. Swimming breaststroke, he increased his lead over Nickley to four yards. In the free style, Nickley's forte, the Fremont swimmer came up fast, but not fast enough to head Corwin who won by two feet. Sweetbaugh, of Scott, was second and C. Mammiga, of McKinley.

When Ross high 400 free style team of Pierce, Bahnsen, Tolhurst, Bob Ross and Bill Berrill, finished the first heat of that race in record breaking time of 3:57.3, defeat-

ing Sandusky by 25 feet, it seemed certain the Purple had another first. But McKinley had yet to be heard from. The Bulldog quartet sped over the grueling route with amazing power in the second heat to outdistance the field by a pool length in 3:52.8, shoving Fremont into second place and Sandusky to third. Wooster was fourth.

Award Plaques

The 150-yard medley race, exacting each school's best performer in backstroke, in breaststroke and in free style, was the most thrilling event of the meet. Stickle forged slightly to the fore as he swam against Hedges of Sandusky and Shesby of McKinley and handed Hayes a two foot margin over Hedges, who barely touched out Shesby. Hayes showed brilliant form in his breaststroke leg to increase the Ross lead to 10 feet. Greetham wound up with a stinging free style sprint, finishing 15 feet ahead of Sandusky's Anders. Canton was third and DeVillous fourth. Ross with 1:23.3, Sandusky with 1:28.3 and McKinley with 1:25.5 all were under the former meet mark of 1:27.4.

All of the races were conducted in two or more heats, with best time winning. However, the heats were so arranged that Ross, Sandusky and McKinley were actual competitors in three of the six races. George Eagon, former Kenyon aquatic star, was referee and starter.

Plaques were awarded the winning teams and a gold medal to each member of a team scoring first place.

The summary:

220-yard free style—won by Sandusky (Werner, Layton, Albers, Anders); Fremont (Tolhurst, Nick-
looy, Hus, Greetham) 2; Canton McKinley (Keagy, Smith, Born, Moore) 3; Scott (Kurta, McMillen, Swartzbaugh, Wendau) 4. Time, 1:44.6, new record. Old time, 1:47 (Sandusky).

200-yard breast stroke—won by Fremont (Mook, Mangas, Pavelle, Hayes); Canton McKinley (Moore, Olmstead, Mammiga, Johnson) 2; Sandusky (Miller, Shelley, Mac-
Craeg, Elmlinger) 3; Scott (Hag-
gerty, Jackson, Heyman, Bollin) 4. Time, 2:07.4, new record. Old time, 2:13.2 (Sandusky).

200-yard back stroke—won by Fremont (Bayer, Tuckerman, Stokes, Stickle); Canton McKinley (Quist, Wolfe, Damer, Shesby) 2; Scott (Palacarcou, Dodd, Williams-
son, Bollin) 3; Wooster (Chittenden, Gair, Connor, Holder) 4. Time, 2:02.2, new record. Old time, 2:04.6 (Lakewood).

75-yard individual medley—won by Corwin (DeVillous) Nickley (F) 2; Sweetbaugh (Scott) 3; Mammiga (Canton) 4. Time, 47.8 sec.

400-yard free style—won by Canton McKinley (Smith) Damer, Born, Moore); Fremont (Bahnsen, Tolhurst, Hus, Berrill) 2; Sandusky (Werner, Gundlach, Layton, Albers) 3; Wooster (Robinson, Wert-
emberger, Taylor, Mook) 4. Time, 3:52.8, new record. Old time, 4:08.4 (Sandusky).

150-yard medley—won by Fremont (Stickle, Hayes, Greetham); Sandusky (Hedges, Elmlinger, Anders) 2; Canton (Shesby, Mammiga, Keagy) 3; DeVillous (Corwin, Hunter, Gray) 4. Time 1:23.3, new record. Old time 1:27.4 (Cleveland Shaw).

Bowling

Al Harshe, of Herbrand No. 3 in the Herbrand League bowling at Recreation alleys, hit a 209 in his final game to post the high single score in regular league competition past weekend and win a pair of duets to the Paramount Theater in the News-Messenger Bowling contest. "Kentucky" is the picture currently showing at the Paramount.

HERBRAND LEAGUE

Herbrand No. 3
Al Harshe 144 139-442
B. Grimshaw 128 124 176-428
P. Grimshaw 80 80-160
E. Bender 201 130 166-477
Totals 663 473-2045

Herbrand No. 1
J. Thomas 117 129 176-422
John King 112 177 176-465
V. Niglowander 145 144 166-455
D. Albrecht 149 160 205-514
P. Schmitt 79 212 128-419
Totals 653 617 2045

Herbrand No. 4
J. Adams 138 137 112-487
C. Schmitt 144 144 166-454
B. Rohr 178 113 161-452
R. & J. Boyd 139 166 166-465
Totals 699 693 2045

Herbrand No. 2
D. Shuman 132 134 133-441
H. Hallow 172 114 123-409
U. Hoffman 148 143 171-462
W. Kevan 141 143 145-429
C. Cantlon 144 144 114-402
Totals 697 629 2045

N. C. O. TRAVELING LEAGUE

Madison, Wis., Hamilton
Fremont
Hershe 197 166 415-412
Tilton 180 246 415-412
Witte 180 246 415-412
Hasselbus 201 192 245-632
C. H. S. 202 212 246-662
Totals 861 1013 2045

Worce No. 341, Mansfield
C. Meier 214 184 225-623
J. Lott 211 174 183-568
Lipp 228 184 213-625
W. Tilton 198 183 213-625
A. Tilton 198 183 213-625
Totals 1061 999 2045

NEW-SPRINGFIELD CARRIER

SOX LEAGUE
(Beverly Hills)
Flashers
Lease 151 114-265
D. Moore 153 114-267
Totals 304 228-532
(Continued on Page 16)

Clocked in 3:08.5 For 300 Yards As Purple Win, 56-10

Stickel, Hayes, Greetham Clip 1.5 Seconds From U. S. Interscholastic Record of 3:10 in Dual Meet With Toledo Scott Here Wednesday

A national interscholastic swimming record was shattered at Ross natatorium Wednesday night as Ross high's brilliant medley relay team surged over the 300-yard route in 3 minutes, 8.5 seconds during the Purple's 56-10 dunking of Toledo Scott in their second dual encounter of the season.

The outstanding performance of Harry Stickel, backstroke, Ben Hayes, breaststroke, and Don Greetham, free style, shaved 1.5 seconds from the erstwhile national schoolboy record of 3 minutes, 10 seconds set by Central high, of Providence, R. I., in 1935 and equaled by Trenton, N. J., in 1937.

Coach George Gruse said the record would be filed with Philip S. Harburger, chairman of the rec-

ords committee of the National Intercollegiate Swimming Association, who already has been sent exact measurements of the 75-foot Ross pool.

Scott Co-operates

Signatures of the meet referee and starter, Harold (Whitey) Althoff, and of the other judges and timers will be appended to the standard application blank for intercollegiate or interscholastic record and dispatched to Harburger.

Coach Gruse changed the regular 150-yard medley event to the 300-yard distance, with the co-operation of Coach "Doc" Meisner, of Scott, for the expressed purpose of having his crack mixed trio shoot at the national standard. Last week, in the Northern Ohio Interscholastic Relays, Stickel, Hayes and Greetham missed the national record in the 150-yard event held by Hibbing, Minn., by four-tenths of a second.

Stickel negotiated the backstroke leg in 1:06.8, Hayes was clocked in 1:05 swimming backstroke, while Greetham's time doing the 100 free style was 56.5 seconds. The Ross team finished a pool length and a half ahead of the Scott team of Bob Bollin, John Boehm and Jack Hyde.

5th Dual Win

The Ross medley team flirted with the national mark in the 300-yard race earlier in the season, being clocked in par figures, 3:10, at Kenyon college in an exhibition match, December 9. However, no bid for recognition was made on that endeavor since only two watches were used. Four timepieces caught the record-breaking effort Wednesday night.

The Rossmen took firsts in all but one of the eight events and finished one-two in five individual events. It was the fifth dual triumph of the season for the state championship Ross squad, with only a setback by Cleveland East Tech marring the Purple record.

Bob Huss, tall Ross distance star, broke the pool and school record in the 220-yard free style, pulling across the corks in 2:28.8, to snip six-tenths of a second from the old mark of 2:29.4, established by Bob Schultz, state champ, last season. Jack Nickloy, teammate of Huss, who set the pace early in the long grind, was second, eight feet behind the winner, Blair Haggerty, of Scott, was third.

Close Finish

The 50-yard free style went to Bob Tolhurst, of Ross, in 27.5. Tolhurst touched out Bill Berrill, also of Ross, by a wet eye-lash in a thrilling blanket finish. Chuck Swartzbaugh, of Scott, was third, inches behind Berrill.

Al Tuckerman, of Ross, staved off the challenge of another Little Giant swimmer, George Stokes, to win the 100-yard backstroke in 1:09.6. Tuckerman held a commanding lead for the first 75 yards, but Stokes came up strong in the stretch to finish only three feet behind his teammate, Bollin, of Scott, was third.

Bob Mangus, of Ross, won the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:13.6. The race was featured by the stirring finish of Jack Pavelle, of Ross, who came up from fourth, to edge out Boehm and Bob Heyman, of Scott. Boehm finished third, two feet behind Pavelle.

Wenzlau Wins

Russ Wenzlau, powerful Scott free styler, gave the Toledo team its only first, winning the 100-yard sprint in 57.3 seconds, 12 feet ahead of Pierce Bahansen, of Ross, who was second, Dick Spayd, of the Little Giants, was third.

The diving event was won by Earl Christy, of Ross, whose form gave him 61.5 points, edging out Greg Schultz, also of Ross, who was second with 59.4. Calvin Sing, tiny Scott Chinese diver, was third with 33.3 points.

The Ross 200-yard free style relay team of Tolhurst, Huss, Berrill and Nickloy defeated the Scott quartet of Swartzbaugh, Sandoff, Kurtz and Wenzlau by 12 feet in 1:46.9.

Summary:
50-yard free—Won by Tolhurst (F); Berrill (F) 2; Swartzbaugh (T) 3. Time—27.5 sec.

100-yard breast—Won by Mangus (F); Pavelle (F) 2; Boehm (T) 3. Time—1:09.6.

220 free style—Won by Huss (F); Nickloy (F) 2; Haggerty (T) 3. Time—2:28.8.

100-yard back—Won by Tuckerman (F); Stokes (F) 2; Bollin (T) 3. Time—1:09.6.

100-yard free—Won by Wenzlau (T); Bahansen (F) 2; Spayd (F) 3. Time—57.3 sec.

Diving—Won by Christy (F) 61.5 points; Schultz (F) 2, 59.4 points; Vising (T) 3, 33.3 points.

300-yard medley relay—Won by Ross (F); Hayes, Greetham, Stickel, am) time, 3:08.5, new national mark. (Former record 3:10, held by Providence Central and Trenton, N. J.)

200-yard free style relay—Won by Ross (F); Huss, Berrill, Nickloy, Time—1:46.9.

196 Out of 200



Marjorie Bates

The female of the species is more deadly than the male at University of Oregon where the girls defeated the boys in a recent rifle series. Miss Marjorie Bates, who scored 196 out of a possible 200, was high among the co-eds.

ASKS BALL CLUB PROXY RETURNS

Share-holders in the Fremont Baseball Club, Inc., who do not plan to attend the annual meeting at city hall Wednesday evening were requested by Secretary Homer Crevelius to return signed proxies by mail as soon as possible.

Unless 200 share-holders are represented in person or by proxies the meeting cannot be held, Crevelius said. The gathering is scheduled for 8 p. m., on the third floor of city hall.

EX-HI QUINTET COPS THRILLER

BETTSVILLE, O., Feb. 9.—The Bettsville Ex-Hi quintet outlasted a stubborn Castalia Elevator Company five here Tuesday night to win in an overtime battle. The score was knotted, 30-30, at the close of regulation play.

Harrison led the winners with 12 points while P. Miller was high scorer for the losers with 17. The score was tied, 18-18, at the intermission. Bettsville forged ahead, 26-20, in the third quarter, but a 10-point rally by the visitors in the final period marred the count at 30-30 as the quarter ended.

In a preliminary game, the Bettsville Dolomites led all the way to ship Wayne, 26-16. Jeannette and J. Semer starred for the Dolomites with nine and seven points, respectively. Slinehart collected four points to lead the losers.

Summaries:

Castalia 35	G. F. P.
P. Miller, f.	8 1 17
Jeff, f.	3 0 7
Parker, c.	1 0 2
Crueger, g.	3 1 7
Gardner, g.	0 0 0
J. Miller, g.	0 0 0
Totals	15 2 32

Ex-Hi's 37	G. F. P.
Harrison, f.	6 0 12
Irishall, f.	2 0 4
Emery, c.	2 0 6
Valters, g.	4 1 9
Byers, g.	2 0 4
King, g.	1 0 2
Totals	17 3 37

Score by quarters:
Castalia ... 4 14 2 10 2-32
Ex-Hi's ... 12 6 8 4 7-37

Wayne 16	G. F. P.
Linehart, f.	2 0 4
Armon, f.	1 0 2
Janache, f.	1 0 2
Warner, c.	1 1 3
Watson, c.	0 0 0
Case, g.	0 0 0
Insley, g.	0 0 0
Eq, g.	0 5 3
Totals	5 6 16

Dolomites 26	G. F. P.
Summit, f.	4 1 9

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.

The McKinley-Ross meet will be a fitting climax to another fine season for the Fremont aquatic team. McKinley Saturday crushed Cleveland East Tech, 54-12, for the Bulldogs' 10th consecutive dual meet victory. Thus, the Rossmen have an opportunity to make amends for their only loss of the season—a 42-24 setback by East Tech in an ice-cold pool at Cleveland.

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

Large Margins

Hayes swam 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. As he finished 10 feet ahead of Elminger, of Sandusky, Hayes also shattered the pool mark of 1:07.3, set by Tom Anders, Sandusky, earlier this year. Bob Mangas, of Ross, 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, since last year. Stickel's time took a large chunk out of the former pool mark of 1:07.3, set by Al Hirsch, Canton McKinley, in 1938, and Tom Hedges, Sandusky, this year. Hedges finished second, about eight feet behind the flying Rossman. Al Tucker, of Ross, came in third.

Medley Wins Again

The brilliant Ross medley team of Stickel, Hayes and Don Greetham which last week set a new national record in the 300-yard race, swam away with the 180-yard chase, finishing in 1:43.4, three seconds faster than the pool record of 1:46.4 hung up by Sandusky earlier this season. The national mark for this distance is 1:41.4. Sandusky's trio finished a pool length behind the Ross team.

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

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

Terrid Affair

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. In the next event the back stroke, Stickel copped first and Tucker, of Ross, pushed Ross in front, 19-17. Bahnsen's second and Berrill's third in the 100 free style kept Ross ahead, 23-22, although the event was won by Anders, of Sandusky.

Earl Christy took first and Greg Schultz third in the diving to give Ross a 25-25 lead as Westerhold, Sandusky's only entrant, placed second in the spring board event. Christy scored 83.9 points, Westerhold 72.5 and Schultz 65.6.

The Little Giants clinched the meet as 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 by six feet the Ross team of Bob Tolhurst, Nickloy, Hus and Greetham.

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 20.4 seconds.

Roy Ober, Cleveland Heights high swim coach, was starter and referee. The largest crowd to jam the Sandusky natatorium in two years witnessed what proved to be 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 Gruse, of the Little Giants, 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. Time—20.4s.
100-yard breast stroke—Hayes (F) won; Elminger (S) 2; Mangas (F) 3. Time—1m 5s. (New record,

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By EDDIE BRIETZ
Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—P—Gangway! Old Ty Cobb is sharpening up those spikes again . . . the little hordes say the Georgia peach is good and burned up at a certain coast scribe who wrote that Ty begged Stanford for the job of assistant baseball coach 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 minor league czar, is off on a vacation cruise . . . Arthur Mann, who almost stopped the New York baseball writers' show with his song, "I've got a pocket full of schemes," which took Larry MacPhail to town and back, goes into "Hollan' poppin'" with the same song . . . Olsen and Johnson of the Broadway hit heard Mann and signed him as soon as they could get up the aisles . . . Tuff Luck Dept.: When Coach Ray Larnen 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 "bank night" show . . . Give him a couple of good ouches, boys.

Got our first peek at Billy Conn the other night . . . He can lick Melio Bettina right now and then probably go on to take John Henry Lewis . . . Bill Terry still wonders why the Pirates sent Catcher Al Todd to Boston . . . Terry thinks he made the Blues a much better offer for Todd earlier in the winter . . . here's speed for you: Johnny Mize of the Cardinals has stolen exactly three sacks in three years, but Ernie Lombardi still leads the league (backwards) with five in eight years.

old mark 1m 7.3s). (State record, 1:05.7 by Rosenberg, Cleveland Shaw, 1938).

220-yard free style—Hus (F) won; Layton (S) 2; Nickloy (F) 3. Time—2m 26.7s. (New record. Former mark set by Merrifield, Fremont, 1936, 2m 29.2s).

100-yard back stroke—Stickel (F) won; Hedges (S) 2; Tucker (F) 3. Time 1m 4.9s. (New record; former mark of 1m 7.3s set by Al Hirsch, Canton McKinley, 1938 and Tom Hedges, Sandusky, 1939). (State record, 1:08 by Ulrich, Canton Lehman, 1938).

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

Diving—Christy (F) won; Westerhold (S) 2; Schultz (F) 3. (Sandusky had only one entrant in this event).

180-yard medley relay—Fremont (Stickel, back; Hayes, breast; Greetham, free style) won. Time—1m 43.4s. (New record; former mark of 1m 46.4s held by Sandusky—Hedges, back; Elminger, 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.—P—Marquette college was among 10 schools banded together today in the "Dad Vail Intercollegiate Rowing Association," composed of "minor" rowing colleges in the east, south 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.—Staving off a rally in the closing minutes of play, St. Mary's of Sandusky defeated St. Paul's, 21 to 17, in their basketball game here Sunday afternoon before 600 fans.

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

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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 excelled 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, but the old-fashioned system of a coach is still an important thing to Coach Howard Jones. He is still in the field and bow.

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 protegee 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's state championship aquatic squad labored Monday in practice for the district and state meets within the next 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 Purple mermen of Coach George Gruse conquered McKinley's Bulldogs, 34-32, Saturday afternoon. The triumph was a fitting climax to the regular season in which the Little Giants won the Northern Ohio Interscholastic Relays, and seven dual affairs, while losing one meet, to Cleveland East Tech.

Snap Win Struck

In keeping with the record-shattering tenor of the entire Ross campaign, two state marks and four pool standards were cracked Saturday. Bob Huss won the 220-yard free style in 2:26.6, clipping 22 seconds from his own school and pool record of 2:48.8. Harry Sticklel topped the 100-yard back stroke in 1:34.6, shaving four-tenths of a second from the state record of 1:35, and lowering his school and pool mark of 1:36.7 by 2.1 seconds.

The Ross medley relay team of Sticklel, Ben Hayes and Jack Nicklsey triumphed over the 150-yard relay in 1:23, lowering the pool and school record of 1:23.3 it set earlier in the season, and raising its own state mark of 1:23.7 hung up at Columbus last March. Canton's free style relay team of Fred Keagy, Don Demer, Bill Smith and Glenn Moore, accounted for a new pool record, winning the 200-yard race in 1:43.1, smashing the old mark of 1:43.9 held by Sandusky.

The Fremont medley team's new record of 1:23 is only one-tenth of a second slower than the national mark owned by Hibbing, Minn. The defeat snapped the dual winning streak of McKinley at 10 straight. Among the Bulldogs' victims was East Tech, whose victory over Ross resulted directly from the fact that the Little Giants were unable to perform up to standard in the 65 degree water which nearly gathered icicles in the Clevelanders' pool.

Age Falls Out

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

However, against Canton Coach Gruse played a hidden trump, one not used against Sandusky, namely the swimming of Don Greetham in the 50 and century free style races instead of his anchoring the relay races. But the trump failed and left Coach Gruse pulling his hair until an ace dropped out of his sleeve in the form of Greg Schultz, whose second place in the diving meant the meet.

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

and back stroke. But anticipated Purple points in the 50 and 100 yard free style races failed to materialize as Canton amassed 14 units in the two events. Thus, with only the diving and the two relays left, Ross trailed 24-27. Earl Christy was expected to take a first in the spring-board event and the medley relay team was earmarked for Fremont's flashy trio of Sticklel, Hayes and Nicklsey. But Canton needed only a second in diving and a first by its highly favored free style relay to win the meet, 34-32. Schultz came through with 35.44 points to place second to Christy who copped with 66.93. Don Myers, of Canton, whose unheralded dual with Schultz was the climax of the meet, placed third with 49.67 points.

Free Style Battle

The Ross medley team outstroked the Canton trio by 10 feet for the five points that settled the debate. The race was not without its thrills, however. Sticklel, leading off for Ross, was apparently tired by his record-cracking performance in the 100 yard back stroke, could not keep ahead of Fred Shibly, Canton's star backstroker. And when Hayes was tagged off for the breast stroke leg, he trailed Emil Mammalla, Bulldog No. 1 breast-stroker, by a full yard. But the Ross star overhauled his rival and rode home at least eight feet ahead. Nicklsey, pitted against Fred Burn, Canton's fastest sprinter, turned on the power to not only stave off the Bulldog anchor-man, but also add two feet to the lead, finishing 10 feet in front.

While not Fremont's strongest free style quartet, the team of Pierce Bahnsen, Bob Tolhurst, Bill Berrill and Huss gave Canton's powerful crew of Keagy, Demer, Smith and Moore a stiff race. Keagy picked up five feet on Bahnsen, but Tolhurst spurred to catch Demer, and Berrill and Smith, swimming third, took off almost simultaneously. Smith gradually forged ahead and gave Moore a three yard lead. Huss was unable to gain much on Moore and Canton won by about eight feet.

Keagy of Canton snared first in the 50 free style, beating Greetham of Ross, by a half stroke in 25.4 seconds. Bill Keller of Canton was third, three yards behind Greetham. Keagy held a slight lead all the way.

Comes From Behind

Hayes took command of the breast stroke race from the outset, holding a six foot lead over Canton's Mammalla at the 50-yard mark and finishing 15 feet ahead in 1:05.9. Bob Mangas of Ross was third by eight feet over Johnson of Canton.

In the 220-yard free style, Nicklsey held an early lead, with Smith of Canton second and Huss third. Smith went ahead at the halfway point. Huss stayed third until the final 100 yards and then made his bid. He overhauled Nicklsey and set out after Smith. With 50 yards to go, Huss passed Smith and the two began a hectic stretch duel. The Ross swimmer surged across the finish line, two full strokes ahead of Smith. Nicklsey slipped in third, a half yard ahead of Demer of Canton.

Sticklel was in front all the way in the 100 back stroke, although Shibly hung on closely for the first 50 yards. At the finish, the Ross star had a six-foot advantage. Al Tuckerman of Ross was shaded by Clarence Gault of Canton for third.

Place Disputed

The 100-yard free style race was a killer-diller. The entire field of Greetham and Bahnsen of Ross and Burn and Moore of Canton matched strokes for 75 yards. In the closing drive, however, Moore inched ahead to win over Bahnsen. Bahnsen, in turn, edged by a palm over Burn, who touched the finish wall a finger's length over Greetham, although Coach Gruse didn't see it that way. He objected strenuously to the judges' decision, but it stood.

A capacity crowd jammed the pool for the meet, which was handled by George Eagon, former Kenyon college star, who served as referee and starter. The district meet will be held at Toledo next Saturday, and qualifiers in that competition will vie at Columbus in the state meet the following weekend.

Summary

20-yard free—Won by Keagy (C); Greetham (P) second; Keller (C) 3. Time, 26.4.
100 yard breast—Won by Hayes (P); Mammalla (C) 2; Mangas (P) 3. Time, 1:05.9.
220-yard free—Won by Huss (P); Smith (C) 2; Nicklsey (P) 3. Time, 2:26.6. New school and pool record.
100-yard back—Won by Sticklel (P); Shibly (C) 2; Gault (C) 3. Time, 1:34.8. New school and pool record. Also better state record.
100-yard free—Won by Moore (C); Burn (C) 2; Bahnsen (P) 3. Time, 58.8 sec.
Diving—Won by Christy (P) 66.93 pointer; Schultz (P) 35.44 points; Myers (C) 3, 49.67 points.
150-yard medley relay—Won by Fremont (Sticklel, Hayes, Nicklsey); Time, 1:23. New school and pool record. Also better state record.
200-yard free style relay—Won by Canton (Keagy, Demer, Smith, Moore); Time 1:43.1. New school and pool record.

nphs Scored ral Cage Loop

Huddle, forward, starred for the winners with 23 points. Mull, Wesleyan guard, answered six points.

Summary:

11B and 12B Grades
"Iowa" (11) **FG FT TP**
Sulher, f 0 0 0
Laurence, f 0 2 2
Hampsher, c 1 2 4
Liffin, g 1 3 3
Hecklers, g 1 0 2
Korbe, c 0 0 0
Totals 3 5 11
"Purdue" (53) **FG FT TP**
Hoffman, f 1 3 5
Smith, f 13 0 26
Robitaki, c 7 0 14
Engler, g 1 0 2
Mathias, g 2 1 5
Totals 25 2 52
Score at half: "Purdue" 25, "Iowa" 7.

"Michigan" (53) FG FT TP
Hodgkinson, f 7 1 15
Hoffman, f 4 0 8
Robitaki, g 4 0 8
Laurence, g 4 0 8
Paulas, g 7 0 14
Totals 26 1 53

"Indiana" (58) FG FT TP
Pratt, f 6 1 13
Lindsey, f 5 1 11
Hampsher, c 2 0 4
Zilles, g 0 0 0
Tueson, g 3 2 8
Totals 16 4 36
Score at half: "Michigan" 24, "Indiana" 15.

9B and 10B Grades
"Dayton" (19) **FG FT TP**
Wilbert, f 0 0 0
Potter, f 4 1 9
Price, c 0 0 0
Derobek, g 0 2 2
Huddle, g 4 0 8
Totals 8 3 19

"Ohio U" (18) F GFT TP
Perry, f 1 2 4
Arnold, f 2 0 4
Ameling, c 0 0 0
Wilson, g 0 0 0
Bibione, g 0 2 2
Totals 3 4 10
Score at half: "Ohio U" 7, "Dayton" 5.

"Miami" (45) FG FT TP
Stevens, g 0 0 0
Huddle, f 11 1 23
Scherf, c 3 0 6
Kish, g 3 0 6
Hoffman, g 1 0 2
Thomas, g 0 0 0
Totals 22 1 45

"Ohio Wesleyan" (16) FG FT TP
Klawitter, f 0 1 1
Turner, f 0 2 2
Whaler, c 2 0 4
Commings, g 1 1 3
Mull, g 3 0 6
Totals 6 4 16
Score at half: "Miami" 18, "Ohio Wesleyan" 9.

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 Tittsworth'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

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.

The Purple splashers 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 state meet and finished second in the University of Pittsburgh Invitational Interscholastic Championships.

Succeeds Stults

Ross made its title bid this season under a new head coach, George Gruse, former assistant to Elmer Stults, who took leave of absence to attend State University and serve as an aide to Mike Peppie, Buckeye swimming coach. While Stults was at the helm, 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 1935 with surprise 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 Sandusky. Again in 1938, the Rossmen swirled 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-fringed from a frigid pool.

Since Ross splashed into state limelight four seasons ago, Little Giant swimmers have been defeated only twice in 37 dual meets. While having to be content with a tie for 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 Titsworth, 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 Stickle and Don Greetham in the dual meet against Scott. The trio negotiated the 300-

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



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

Second row, left to right—William Stierwalt, 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 3:10, 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, Wooster 26.
Ross 57, Toledo Waite 9.
Cleveland East Tech 47, Ross 24.
Ross 56, Toledo DeVilbiss 10.
Northern Ohio Relays, first with 39 points.
Ross 56, Toledo Scott 16.

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

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

Ross 34, Sandusky 32.
Ross 31, 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 sena-

tional sophomore breast stroke performer hung up new records for the century in the district and state meets, and shattered the Pitt meet mark as he finished in 1:04.2, just one and one-tenth 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 Stickle, powerful back stroke ace, who cracked records with the same consistency, and took the state championship in his event at Columbus. While Stickle's time in the state meet was 1:05.2, a trifle slower than the record of 1:03 made in 1938 by Ulrich 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.

While 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 the trio knifed the waves. 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 1:42.9 for the 180-yard route. In the first two instances, Greetham swam anchor, while in the latter, Nickloy finished up where Stickle and Hayes left off. The team of Stickle, 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 affair at Toledo, including Nickloy and Bob Tolhurst in the 50 free style; Hayes and Bob Mangas in the breast stroke; Bob Huss and Pierce Bahnsen in the 220 free style; Stickle 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 mentor used his entire roster of 27 performers.

While Stickle, Hayes and the medley relay team grabbed the lion's share of the laurels, there were other important cogs in the 1939 Ross water machine. Christy's finesse on the spring-board, Nickloy's phenomenal development as a sprinter, Bob Huss' fine work in the distance events and the persistent point-getting of Mangas, Bahnsen, 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, Stickle, Stokes, Tolhurst and Tuckerman.