

1967 State meet...



DIVER AND COACH look ahead to state competition this weekend at Ohio State University, Columbus. Kneeling on the board is Ross junior diver Bill Slemmer who placed second in the district by two points last Saturday, qualifying for state competition. Ross Swim Coach Jack Balsizer has credited assistant coach Gary Shelt, shown with his pupil, for guiding Slemmer's progress in diving. (News-Messenger Photo)



FAST START at the Ohio high school swimming championships is the aim of Eric Wright, shown on the starting block. Coach Jack Balsizer prepares to time a practice lap of the district 100-yard freestyle champion. Wright, who will compete for Ross in the state meet this weekend, set a new school and tied a Sandusky pool record with a :50.6 to win the district last Saturday. (News-Messenger Photo)

Eight Swimmers Compete For Ross In State Meet

Eight Fremont Ross swimmers will be in Columbus this weekend trying to improve a 28th place finish among 60 teams last year in the Ohio State high school swim championships. A year ago, Ross scored eight points with 10th place finishes in the medley relay and 100-yard butterfly.

Dan Kohr, who swam a :58.4 timing in the butterfly for 10th a year ago, will be making a repeat appearance at state, but this time as member of the 400-yard freestyle relay team.

The 400-yard relay team and Eric Wright in the 100-yard freestyle are rated by Coach Jack Balsizer as the Ross top chances. Swimming on the 400-yard team with Kohr are Wright, Kirby Taylor and Ken Mathias. Bill Slemmer is entered in the diving. Also entered from Ross is a medley relay team of Rick

Kidney, Steve Miller, Rick Koebel and Taylor.

Balsizer appraised, "I feel very optimistic about our performances this weekend because these boys have come through well under pressure this past season."

Wright's best time this year has been :50.6, compared to the best in Ohio this season, :49.7, by Lee Eisinger, Akron Firestone.

The freestyle relay best has been 3:31.9, compared to a state best of 3:23.1 by Toledo St. Francis.

The medley relay best for Ross has been 1:48.2, compared to the 1:48.1 good for 10th by Ross last season and a 1:42.3 Ohio best this year by Akron Firestone.

It could be a record-setting year with four best times in Ohio this year better than ex-

isting records. Defending champion Akron Firestone and Toledo St. Francis must be considered co-favorites. Several other teams are strong and should be among the tops in Ohio—Upper Arlington, Cuyahoga Falls, Kent State high, Euclid.

Swimming preliminaries will be Friday, starting at 3:15 p.m. Saturday, diving preliminaries will be at 9:30 a.m. with swimming and diving finals at 2:30 p.m.

Only those boys or relays recording the 12 fastest times Friday will swim Saturday. Places one through six are considered finalists. Places seven through 12 are in the consolation finals. A swimmer can improve himself Saturday but those in the consolation finals can not score better than seventh place. The top 12 places all score points toward the team championship.

Strikes to Spare

HONOR ROLL			
Men's 225 Game			
Larry Scavio, Fremont Motor Sales	253	Koon's Foodland	686 725 794—2215
Jim Provenzale, Behlmer Ramblers	246	Berlekamps Const.	744 832 730—2306
Jim Stiger, Bud and Ronnie's	248	Carolyn Shearn	137 130 162—429
Neil Dagg, Miller High Life	245	Whirl-E-Winds	752 790 643—2145
Tam Franklin, Behlmer Ramblers	243	Ja-Kee's Beauty Shop	778 808 784—2370
Steve Dohanos, Bud and Ronnie's	243	Dot Emery	144 168 177—489
Howard Karle, Diamond View Rest H.	235	Whirl E Gigs	812 767 755—2334
Men's 400 Series		Dick's Cafe	766 808 753—2327
Tam Franklin, Behlmer Ramblers	466	Betty Strausbaugh	158 158 169—485
Jim Stiger, Bud and Ronnie's	451	Rainbow Lanes	
Dick Koble, Houghtaling Golf	438	Whirlpool	755 718 798—2271
Jim Provenzale, Behlmer Ramblers	419	Horse Collar Inn	798 748 745—2291
Lamar Sebert, Gibbs Body Shop	419	Pearle Neely	147 172 180—499
Len Below, Meister Brau Beer	412	Poorman's Peaches	847 770 778—2395
John Klisz, Morticians	404	Double A Rest.	822 764 803—2389
Carl Schuff, Houghtaling Golf	401	Trudy Gillmor	147 166 182—495
Tam Ackerman, Java Jockey	400	Bliss Sohio	864 775 825—2464
Women's 185 Game		Wal-Mar Cleaners	826 780 764—2370
Alvert Brininger, Mac's Cab	241	Mary Ann Keller	168 182 132—482
Alma Vickery, Tucker Cleaners	224	Connors Jewelry	789 810 693—2292
Thelma Aldrich, Circle S Stable	224	Eberts Meats	754 781 791—2366
Marge Brininger, Circle S Stable	211-193	Betty Peake	170 160 128—458
Esther Scranton, Frito-Lay	209	Mary Lee's Beauty S.	677 758 741—2116
Janet Feighner, Bargain Fair	197	Harrison Sohio	735 784 791—2310
Evelyn Burke, Reine Cleaners	196		

Tourney Trail

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Wednesday's District Results

CLASS AA
At Eastlake

Ashtabula 64, Cleveland St. Joseph 63

At Berea
Cleveland East Tech 55, Bedford 42

At Lorain
Lorain Adm. King 92, Lakewood St. Edward 69

At Canton
Canton McKinley 65, Triway 42



ROSS STATE SWIM MEET ENTRIES pose around the local junior high school pool with their coaches, Jack Balsizer and Gary Shelt, in the background. Little Giant swimmers in Columbus today to vie for state titles are Rick Koebel,

Dan Kohr, Steve Miller, Kriby Taylor, Eric Wright, Rick Kidney and Ken Mathias. **Not** pictured is diver Bill Slemmer. Ross swimmers are competing in 400-yard freestyle and 200-yard medley relays, 100-yard freestyle (Wright) and diving (Slemmer). (News-Messenger Photo)

Ross Swimmers In Spot To Better State Showing

Fremont Ross swimmers stand a good chance today of bettering their eight points scored a year ago in the Ohio State High School Swimming championship. The Little Giants Friday in swimming preliminaries qualified one individual and one relay team for the consolation finals of the tourney today.

A year ago Ross had Dan Kohr 10th in the butterfly and the 200-yard medley relay team also 10th.

At the present time Ross has a 400-yard freestyle relay team in seventh place and Eric Wright, 100-yard freestyler in ninth position. In addition diver Bill Slemmer is competing today in the diving, which is all run the second day of the championship meet.

Places are through six in the preliminaries qualify for the championship finals. Places seven though 12 qualify for the consolations. Today the swimmers have a chance to improve their positions, but those in the consolation can not advance beyond seventh.

The 400-yard freestyle team of Eric Wright, Kirby Taylor, Dan Kohr and Ken Mathias missed the championship heat by three-tenths of a second. They covered the distance in 3:30.7, compared to the 3:30.4 time good for sixth place. This was a new Ross school record.

There was a state record set in the event as St. Francis' team of Greg Zann, Bob Zann, Dyke Edwards and Richard Ryley was timed in 3:22.

As part of the Ross relay performance Taylor swam by two seconds the best lap of his life, :52.

Ross' medley relay team failed to qualify, swimming 15th with a 1:48.7, better than the 1:49 in district which qualified them for state.

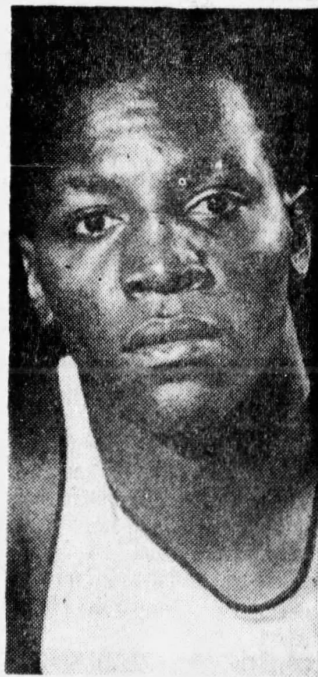
Wright swam the 100-yard freestyle in :51.4.

Defending champion Akron Firestone and St. Francis figured to battle it out today for the championship. Firestone qualified two teams, and 11 individuals for the finals. St. Francis, winner of the Sandusky district, qualified two teams and 12 individuals.

Three state records fell in the preliminaries. In addition to the St. Francis relay records were set by Fairview's Tim Fretthold, 400-yard freestyle, 4:02.3; and Brian Job, Kent State high, 100-yard breaststroke, 1:01.6.

Baca Leads In Ebonite

EDISON, N.J. (AP) — Sam Baca of Hayward, Calif. scored 9,455 pins for 40 games to lead the semifinalists in the Professional Bowlers' Association \$50,000 Ebonite Open.



MAC CAGE STAR — This is John Brisker, one of Toledo's stellar sophomores, who was picked today as the Mid-

Ross Scores 14 Points In State Swimming Meet

Fremont Ross placed among the point-makers in two events and scored 14 points, six more than a year ago, in the Ohio State high school swimming championships Saturday. The extra points also improved the state meet standing for the Little Giants from 28th in 1966 to 21st this year.

The northwestern district quit

being an also ran in this year's state tournament as Toledo St. Francis defeated defending state champion Akron Firestone for the state crown. St. Francis scored 171 points to 149½ for Akron, the only other team in serious contention.

St. Francis and Ross were two of seven northwestern district teams to score points in

the state meet. This number gave credit to the strength of the district, considering only 36 of the original field of 52 schools scored.

In the consolation finals the Ross 400-yard freestyle team placed eight for 10 team points. They swam a time of 3:31.2 in the finals, slower than the Ross school record of 3:30.7 by the same team in Friday's preliminaries. The Ross relay team included Eric Wright, Kirby Taylor, Dan Kohr and Ken Mathias. The team's Friday time had placed it seventh in the preliminaries, barely missing the sixth spot in the championship finals. Top six teams in the preliminaries raced Saturday in the championship finals and the next six in the consolation in a battle to improve position.

Wright came through Saturday with a time of :51.1, good for ninth in the 100-yard freestyle and four team points. Wright improved his preliminary time by three-tenths of a second but remained in the same ninth position he held after the first day.

In the 400-yard Freestyle Toledo St. Francis broke the state record for the second time in the meet. The St. Francis team raced 3:19.8 in the finals, breaking the 3:22 clocking in the preliminaries.

Ross' Bill Slemmer placed 16th in the diving and the Little Giant Medley relay team with a 1:48.7 in the preliminaries was 15th. Swimming on the medley team were Rick Koebel, Dan Kohr, Steve Miller and Rick Kidney.

Three state records fell in the preliminaries. St. Francis rebroke the 400-yard relay mark in the finals and two others fell in the finals. Records lowered on matched in the finals were the :21.8 by Kim Lintner of Akron Firestone in the 50-yard freestyle, which ties the state mark; and Bill Baird, Kent state, 3:55.3, breaking the old mark of 4:02.3 in the 400-yard freestyle.

The only repeat champion was John Huffstutler of Newark in diving with 380.65 points.

St. Francis individual state champions were Dave Marker, 200-yard freestyle, 1:48.2; Dan Hylant, 200-yard individual Medley, 2:04.5; the 400-yard freestyle team, and sophomore Dyke Edwards, 100-yard backstroke, :57.9.

Northwestern district teams scoring points, in addition to Ross and St. Francis, were: Lima Senior, 29; Sandusky, 11; Mansfield Malabar, 5; Findlay, 4; and Perkins, 1.



NINTH-LAP KICK—Jim Ryun, of Kansas University, spurts forward on the ninth lap to pass Kansas State's Conrad Nightengale, left, and went on to set a new world record for the Mile Run on a 12-lap track in the Big Eight meet at Kansas City Saturday night. Nightengale took the lead from the start and held it until Ryun began his kick. Ryun's time of 3:58.8 was also the fastest time for the Mile anywhere this year. (AP Wirephoto)

Distance Runners Remake Record Book In Weekend Track Contests

By **RON RAPOPORT**
Associated Press Sports Writer

Tracy Smith got a taste of glory before disappearing into the U.S. Army and Jim Ryun showed he can turn on the speed about as he pleases before meeting what may be his biggest test in several years.

Smith, who recently dropped out of Oregon State University and plans to go into the service, surprised everybody at the AAU championships in Oakland—including himself—Saturday when he set an indoor record in the three mile with a time of 13:16.2.

And Ryun, the University of Kansas sophomore who is world

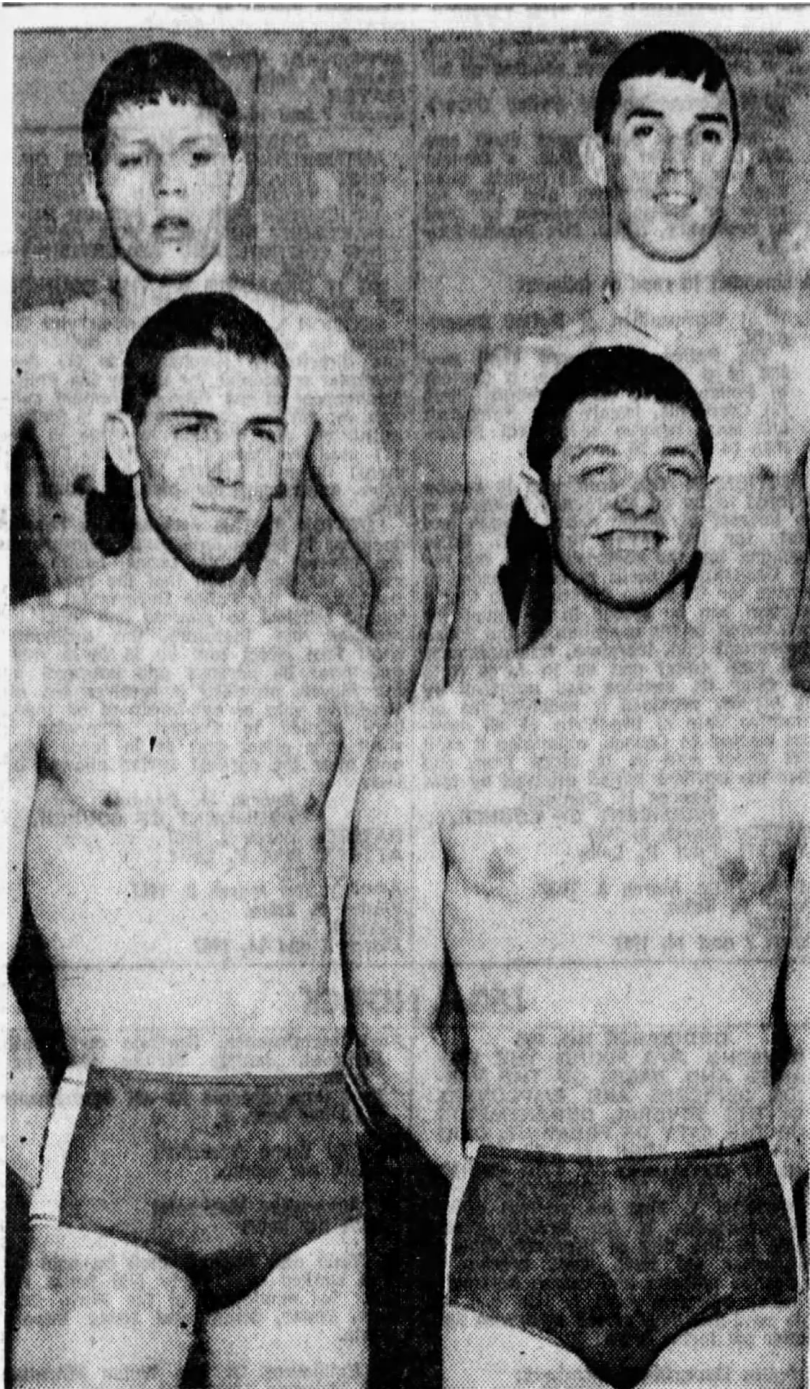
and then I began to see people's eyes popping out alongside the track."

There were no eyes popping at Ryun's performance. Sub-4-minute miles from the 19-year-old whose world record is 3:51.3 are commonplace.

Still, Ryun has passed up most of the big indoor meets this winter to concentrate on collegiate competition and was never really pressed to win until Saturday.

Kansas State's Conrad Nightengale pushed Ryun on to his good time a week before the NCAA championships in Detroit.

Nightingale ran the first half



ROSS RECORD-SETTING 400-yard freestyle relay team placed eighth in Ohio this past weekend in the state high school swimming championships at Ohio State, Columbus. In the state preliminaries the Ross team set a new school record of 3:30.7. Swimming on the record-setting team were Eric Wright and Kirby Taylor, front row; Ken Mathias and Dan Kohr, upper row. Wright also placed ninth in Ohio for the 100-yard freestyle with a time of :51.1. (News-Messenger Photo)

