

1948 District meet...

MUMPS SIDELINES ROSS SWIM ACES

Ross high school's hopes of successfully defending its district swimming championship at Bowling Green State university were blasted today as mumps sidelined two of the Little Giants' top point winners.

Coach George Gruse revealed that Bud Nord, free styler, and Ralph Engle, breast stroker, would both "probably be missing" from the lineup when the Rossmen invade BGSU Saturday afternoon for the meet.

District Title Goal Of Ross Swim Combine

Weakened by the loss of Bud Nord, the team's top free style sprinter who is sidelined with mumps, Ross high school's swimming squad treks to Bowling Green State university Saturday where they will defend their 1947 district championship.

Rated to repeat in much the same fashion as last year when they qualified 11 men for the state meet at Columbus the following week-end, the Little Giants will be bulwarked with the presence of two 1947 titlists—Don Wensinger and Jim Pence—and four other point winners.

Wensinger, undefeated in competitive diving this year, is an odds-on favorite to again cop the district championship—and appears to be Coach George Gruse's chief mainstay for points in the state meet. Pence annexed the 100-yard breast stroke in 1947 while Larry Price picked up third place in the 100-yard back stroke; Bill Kirsch was third in the 200-yard free style; Don Smith was sixth in the 100-yard free style, and Johnny Bowlus was a member of the winning medley relay team.

The Ross lineup for the district will include:

Bill Kirsch and Don Naftulin (50-yard free style); Jim Pence and Louis Appell (breast stroke); Jerry Hunt and Phil Slaymaker (200-yard free style); Larry Price and Charles Miller (back stroke); John Bowlus and Roger Gerwin (100-yard free style); Don Wensinger and John Schwartz (diving); Price, Pence and Don Smith (medley relay); Kirsch, Naftulin, Bowlus and Smith (200-yard free style relay).

The preliminaries are scheduled for 1:30 p. m.; diving, 2:30 p. m., and finals, 3:30 p. m.

LITTLE GIANTS TAKE DISTRICT SWIM HONORS

Wensinger, Pence Give
Rossmen Only Top
Awards In Meet

Paced by Don Wensinger and Jim Pence, each of whom knocked off the top award in their respective specialties—diving and the breast stroke—Ross high school's swimming team successfully defended its district meet championship at Bowling Green State University Saturday. *

The final outcome saw: Fremont Ross, 50½; Sandusky, 43; Toledo DeVilbiss, 37½; Toledo Waite, 21.

In winning, the Rossmen, tutored by George Gruse, qualified seven individuals and two relay teams for the state meet. Oddly enough, each of the four competing schools in the district carnival snatched two of the first place awards. The Little Giants' margin of victory was gained through the medium of four runner-up posts, in addition to two thirds, three fourths and two fifths.

None of the meet records, five of which are held by Ross alumni, were endangered during the course of the program.

Pence Hard Pressed

Wensinger scored an easy 20-point victory in the diving competition with teammate Johnny Schwartz being edged out of the place award by a slim one-point margin by Sandusky's Jim Lauber. Pence, on the other hand, had a struggle with Bill Bruce of DeVilbiss before gaining a half-stroke margin in the breast stroke where Louis Appell gave Ross the fifth place points.

Barring misfortune, the Little Giants will be represented at Columbus next week-end by: Jim Pence (100-yard breast stroke); Jerry Hunt and Phil Slaymaker, second and third respectively in the district, (200-yard free style); Larry Price and Charles Miller, second and fourth in the district, (100-yard back stroke); Don Wensinger and John Schwartz (diving); Larry Price, Jim Pence and Don Smith (150-yard medley relay); and Bill Kirsch, Don Naftulin, Jim Sherer and Don Smith (200-yard free style relay).

Each of the relay teams finished in the runner-up slot with the medley trio losing to Sandusky and the free style quartet bowing to DeVilbiss.

The summaries:

Diving: Won by Don Wensinger (F); 2. Lauber (S); 3. Schwartz (F); 4. Drake (S); 5. Sampson (W); 6. Papio (W). Points: 186.2. 50-yard free style: Won by Dellen (W); 2. Dressell (D); 3. Caldwell (S); 4. Sherer (F); 5. tie between Naftulin (F) and Osborne (D). Time: 26.

100-yard breast stroke: Won by Jim Pence (F); 2. Bruce (D); 3. Voigt (S); 4. Thomas (S); 5. Appell (F). Time: 1:11.4.

200-yard free style: Won by Bill Nauts (D); 2. Hunt (F); 3. Slaymaker (F); 4. Wyman (D); 5. Zahnizer (S). Time: 2:23.3.

100-yard back stroke: Won by Bill Smith (S); 2. Price (F); 3. L. Smith (S); 4. Miller (F); 5. Adams (D). Time: 1:05.9.

100-yard free style: Won by Dellen (W); 2. Aubry (D); 3. Pusateri (S); 4. Gerwin (F); 5. Whisler (F). Time: 57.4.

150-yard medley relay: Won by Sandusky (Caldwell, Thomas, Smith); 2. Fremont; 3. DeVilbiss; 4. Waite. Time: 1:27.8.

200-yard free style relay: Won by DeVilbiss (Aubry, Dressell, Osborne, Punched); 2. Fremont; 3. Sandusky; 4. Waite.