

1936 Season review...

Ross Natators Will Be Strong, Coaches Think

Ross high school's first swimming exhibition of the year will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., at the high school pool, officials announced Tuesday. The initial exhibition will be followed by the annual Purple and White meet next week.

A squad of 30 varsity swimmers has been working out with Head Coach Bim Stults and Assistant George Gruse for the past four weeks. Ross high promises to place a brilliant squad of natators into a heavy season of competition. Schedule planned this year is the most vigorous attempted since the start of swimming here four years ago.

Many Meets

Meets are being scheduled with Toledo high schools, Sandusky, Canton McKinley, Akron East, University school of Cleveland, and possibly other outstanding scholastic swim teams. The district meet will be held here late in February and the state meet is scheduled for Columbus the first week of March.

Divers on the squad are Orland Hasselbach, Bud Kaufman, Bob Serwinski and Bob Schultz. Back stroke specialists are Bob Booth, Tug Perkins, Bob Waggoner and George Stokes. The breast strokers on the squad are Bill Sherlow, Hazen Suttkus, Charles Norton, Jack Nickloy, Tom Howell and

Bud Goodwin.

Large Squad

Lawrence Behnken, Les Carter, Ted Fuchs, Cam Merrifield, Gerald Sherlow, Marlin Suttkus, Dwight Vanatta, Al Mathern, Henry Hughes, Bob Brown, Bill Cooper, Don Greetham, Bob Russell, George Sowders, Bob Tolhurst, Don Zucker and Garver Oxley are free style swimmers on the team. Hank Dorr is manager.

The program for Wednesday night will include:

Diving — Hasselbach, Serwinski, Kaufman and Schultz.

Freshman 50-yard free style—Goodwin, Greetham, Tolhurst and Sowders.

Free style, half-mile—Merrifield.

Breast stroke, 100 yards—Henry Hughes, D. Vanatta and Tom Howell.

Free style, 200 yards—Fuchs, Oxley, Zucker and Perkins.

Back stroke, 200 yards—Geraldine Rice.

Free style relay, 200 yards—Mathern, Behnken, Oxley, Carter.

Handicap breast stroke—Norton, Nickloy, H. Suttkus, Sherlow.

Free style, 440 yards—Cooper and Marlin Suttkus.

Free style, 200 yards—Van Fulton.

Back stroke, 150 yards—Booth and Waggoner.

Just about the most impressive exhibition of the evening was put on by Bill Sherlow, the ace breast stroke artist. He appeared in a 220-yard handicap event against Bob Norton, Jack Nickloy and Hazen Sutkus. The three boys racing against Bill leaped into the water in that order, with about five seconds between them.

When Sherlow finally hopped in, Norton had already made the turn at the north end of the pool. Yet Bill, apparently without undue effort, beat them all to the tape. Sherlow may get that coveted state championship yet. He lost it last year, you remember, through a technicality.

We told you something Thursday about the swimming team which is being groomed at Ross high school natatorium, and thought after reading that you might be interested in the local pool records.

So the following list was prepared for the Messenger by Coaches Bim Stults and George Gruse. These are the marks at which the purple swimmers will shoot this winter:

200-yard relay, 1:55.2 (held by C. Albert, I. Schatt, R. Carter and G. Eagon).

100-yard back stroke, 1:11.2 (held by Robert Booth).

50-yard free style, 27.2 seconds (held by Robert Booth).

100-yard breast stroke, 1:12.6 (held by William Sherlow).

100-yard free style, 1:03.6 (held by Garver Oxley).

220-yard free style, 2:39.8 (held by Cam Merrifield).

Diving record score held by Orland Hasselbach.

150-medley relay, 1:30.5 (held by Booth, Sherlow and Ted Fuchs).

You can put down in your memorandum and throw it back at us if we miss, but this 1935-36 team is going to knock that list of marks into a cocked hat.

PURPLE, WHITE TEAMS CARDED IN EXHIBITION

Dates for Streak Meets
Set for January 16 and
February 21

Coach Bim Stults' Ross high tank men, perhaps the best swimming team developed in Fremont in the short three-year history of the sport, will meet Sandusky's splashers twice during the winter months, it was announced Tuesday.

The Little Giant team will go to Sandusky January 16 to meet the Streaks in the Erie county pool. It will be the first meet of the season for the Streaks.

Sandusky's team will come to Fremont on February 21 for a return engagement. These will not be the only times the two arch rivals will clash during the winter, however. They will get together at the Northern Ohio interscholastic relays in Sandusky on February 1, and on February 29, the two teams will be entered in the district meet at Fremont.

Schedule Planned

In preparation for a fine schedule which Coaches Stults and Assistant George Gruse are preparing, the Ross tankers will hold the annual Purple and White meet at the Ross natatorium Friday night.

Bill Sherlow, breast stroke star has been named captain of the Purple team, and Cam Merrifield, half miler, is to lead the White squad.

The two captains got together Monday and divided the squad into two teams for the contest. The events in which the boys will appear has not been named, but the following youths will be on the two teams:

Teams Selected

Purple team—Sherlow, Fuchs, Cooper, Greetham, Behnken, Goodwin, Sowders, Nickloy, Hughes, Tolhurst, Waggoner, Howell, Hasselbach and Serwinski.

White team—Merrifield, Oxley, M. Suttus, Carter, Al Mather, Zucker, Stokes, Vanatta, Norton, Perkins, Booth, H. Suttus, Kaufman, Schultz and G. Sherlow.

The meet is to start at 7:15 p. m. The schedule will follow the regular event sheet which has been adopted for interscholastic meets this winter. A nominal admission will be charged to help defray the expenses for the year.

ROSS TANKMEN SET FOR MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

Lineups Announced for Annual Exhibition at Ross Pool

Lineups of the two teams, the Purple and White, which will give a swimming exhibition at Ross high school pool, were announced Wednesday by Coach Bim Stults.

The meet will be held at 7:15 p.m. Bill Sherlow is the captain of the Purple team and Cam Merrifield will lead the White tankers.

The meet will give Coach Stults and his assistant, George Gruse, an opportunity to see how the prospective members of the varsity team will do under competition.

Good Prospects

The Ross swimming team has prospects of being the best to represent the local high school. The boys have been in training several weeks, and some of their marks against time indicate they will make credible showings against the major foes being booked for the winter season.

The lineups announced for the meet Friday follow:

50 yd. Free Style

Purple: Oxley, Booth; White: Howell, Behnken.

100 yd. Breast Stroke

Purple: H. Suttkus, Norton; White: Sherlow, Nickoloy.

220 yd. Free Style

Purple: M. Suttkus, Merrifield; White: Fuchs, Tolhurst.

100 yd. Back Stroke

Purple: Booth, Zucker; White: Waggoner, Cooper.

100 yd. Free Style

Purple: Oxley, Merrifield; White: Sowders, Hughes.

Diving

Purple: Kaufman, Schultz; White: Hasselbach, Serwinski.

150 yd. Medley Relay

Purple: Vanata (breast), Stokes (back), G. Sherlow (free); White: Waggoner (breast), Sherlow (back), Goodwin (free).

200 yd. Free Style Relay

Purple: M. Suttkus, Carter, Mathern, Perkins; White: Greetham, Behnken, Fuchs, Cooper.

White Defeats Purple In Swimming Matches

Protecting a lead which they assumed with the first event of the evening, Cam Merrifield's White swimmers defeated Bill Sherlow's Purple splashers in an exhibition at Ross natatorium Friday night by the margin of five points.

Merrifield's tankers scored 41½ points to 36½ for Sherlow's swimmers. No times were announced for any of the events, but Coach Bim Stults said after the meet that several of the marks were very good.

The meet was held under the sequence of events as they will be listed in interscholastic engagements this winter. Robert Fangboner acted as official starter, and was assisted by Capt. A. Otto Baumann.

Evenly Matched

The squad of 300 swimmers had been divided by Coach Stults into two teams, as evenly matched as

possible, and the meet held fairly close to form.

A slight upset was registered when Kaufman edged out Hasselbach for first honors in the fancy diving event, scoring 57.65 points to 55.45 for Hasselbach.

The nearest to a major upset came when Waggoner beat Booth to the finish mark in the 100-yard back stroke event, the fourth event of the entertainment. Neither Waggoner nor Booth were up to their usual marks and were pushed fairly close by Cooper, who took third place, and Zuker.

Assumed Lead

The White team took the lead with the first event the 50-yard free style when Oxley finished ahead of his teammate, Booth, without trouble. Behnken and Howell finished in third and fourth places for the Purple. The Whites scored eight points in this event.

The White swimmers also took first and second places in the 100-yard free style when Oxley and Merrifield finished in that order, with Sowders and Hughes getting third and fourth for the Purple.

Sherlow finished in excellent time in his favorite event, the 100-yard breast stroke, while one of the most exciting races was the 220-yard free style. Merrifield had no trouble winning this event, but Fuchs and M. Suttkus staged a pretty battle for second honors, Fuchs just edging out his rival. That Merrifield did the event in very good time is indicated by the fact that he finished a full 25 feet ahead of the second place swimmer.

Crowd On Hand

A fair-sized crowd was on hand for the annual event, which formally opened the swimming season here. The first inter-scholastic meet will be with Sandusky, about the middle of January.

Summary:

50-yard free style—Oxley (W) won; Booth (W) 2nd; Behnken (P) 3rd; Howell (P) 4th.

100-yard breast stroke—Sherlow (P) won; H. Suttkus (W) 2nd; Nickloly (P) 3rd; Norton (W) 4th.

220-yard free style—Merrifield (W) won; Fuchs (P) 2nd; M. Suttkus (W) 3rd; Tolhurst (P) 4th.

100-yard back stroke—Waggoner (P) won; Booth (W) 2nd; Cooper (P) 3rd; Zuker (W) 4th.

100-yard free style—Oxley (W) won; Merrifield (W) 2nd; Sowders (P) 3rd; Hughes (P) 4th.

Diving—Kaufman (57.65) won; Hasselbach (55.45) 2nd; Serwinski (54.07) 3rd; Schultz (35.25) 4th.

150-yard medley relay—Won by Purple (Waggoner, Sherlow, Goodwin); second White (Stokes, Vannatta, G. Sherlow).

200-yard relay—Won by Purple (Greetham, Behnken, Fuchs, Cooper); second White (M. Suttkus, Carter, Mather, Perkins).

CLYDE CAGERS GIVEN DEFEAT

Lose in Final Seconds to Thompson Friday on Home Court

CLYDE, Dec. 21.—A field goal in the final seconds gave Thompson High cagers a 31 to 29 victory over Clyde High school here Friday night.

Clyde was on the short end of a 6-4 score at the close of the first period, but rallied to lead at the half, 16 to 13. Thompson climbed back into the lead at the start of the third period, but Clyde was unable to rally quickly enough in the final quarter.

Behrenson, Clyde center, scored eight points, while Snazly, Thompson left forward, scored 10 points. The Clyde Girls team won a preliminary game from Thompson girls, 42 to 21.

Lineups and summary:

	fg	ft	tp
Robbins, rf	2	3	7
Cleveland, lf	3	0	6
Behrenson, c	3	2	8
Arbogast, rg	0	0	0
Dragg, lg	1	0	2
Drown, lg	2	2	6
Totals	11	7	29
Thompson 31	fg	ft	tp
Snazly, lf	3	4	10
Thomas, rf	3	0	6
Setzler, c	4	0	8
Eilzer, c	0	1	1
Buck, rg	1	0	2
Boyer, rg	0	1	1
Good, rg	1	0	2
Zeiber, lg	0	1	1
Totals	12	7	31

ROSS NATATORS TO MAKE DEBUT

Purple Swimmers to Open Season Tuesday in Scott Meet

Coach N. B. Stults will introduce his 1936 Ross high school swimming team to the public for the first time Tuesday at 7:15 p. m. when the purple splashers meet Toledo Scott at the Ross pool.

The meet marks the opening of a busy season for the Little Giant swimmers. Besides the match with Scott, Coach Stults' team will also meet Sandusky at Sandusky Wednesday night and will travel to Cleveland Saturday for a meet with University school.

Judging from the times which the members of the local squad have recorded in exhibitions and trials this winter, the new Ross team is the strongest ever to represent Ross high. Two of the swimmers, Bill Sherlow, in the breast stroke, and Cam Merrifield, in the free style, are regarded as potential state champions.

Merrifield will get his first real test Tuesday night when he matches prowess in his specialty against Sidney Vinnedge, who is one of the outstanding swimmers in the Toledo district and is the district champion in the 220-yard free style event.

Toledo Scott captured second place in the district meet last year, edging out the Ross nata tors, who took third place.

Coach Stults, assisted by George Gruse, has developed a well balanced team this year, and the Little Giant swimmers are expected to make impressive showings in all their meets this winter.

Because of the Toledo Scott meet Tuesday night, the ladies swimming class which is regularly held at that hour, will be postponed this week, Mr. Stults said.

Purple Splashers Set Three Pool Records In Triumph Over Foes

Turning in three record-breaking performances, the Fremont Ross high school swimming team won its second meet in as many nights Wednesday when it upset the undefeated Sandusky tank squad, 39 to 36, in a meet at Sandusky.

Bill Sherlow, in the 100-yard breast stroke; Cam Merrifield, in the 220-yard relay; and the 180-yard medley relay team, composed of Bob Waggoner, Sherlow and Merrifield, crashed records to the wall as they tamed the powerful Blue Streak natators.

Sherlow lowered by 2.7 seconds the Sandusky pool record in his favorite event as he splashed his way to the finish mark in 1:10.4. The old record of 1:13.1 was held by Pete Samko, star Sandusky swimmer, set in 1933.

Real Exhibition

In scoring his triumph, Sherlow put on the best exhibition of his already brilliant career. He finished a full lap ahead of all three other swimmers and his mark is almost two seconds under the existing state scholastic record. His performance was the high spot of the meet, but the 180-yard medley relay team also turned in a great performance.

Merrifield, after his smashing victory over Vinnedge, of Scott high, district champion, Tuesday night, stepped out at Sandusky to cover the 220-yard free style distance in 2:29.9, the old record being 2:31, set last year by Kern, of Cleveland Heights. Bob Brown finished second to Merrifield, in 1935.

Place One-Two

Bill Cooper and Bob Waggoner teamed together to take first and second places in the 100-yard back stroke event, Cooper covering the distance in 1:12.7.

Sandusky's main victories came in the 40-yard free style, where Jack Holzaepfel and Homer Bradt finished one-two, with a time of 20.8. Garver Oxley finished third in this event to score one point for Ross.

The Streaks also scored first and second place wins in diving competition, with Reiter getting first with 99.45 points. Muchfield was second, and Hasselbach, of Fremont, placed third in the event.

Victory in the diving competition allowed Sandusky to cut Fremont's point lead at that time to 29 to 25, but the Ross squad stepped out to win the medley relay event and clinch victory.

Summary Sheet

A summary shows that the Ross team, coached by N. B. Stults, assisted by George Gruse, scored five firsts, three seconds, and three thirds, while Sandusky annexed three firsts, five seconds and three thirds.

Saturday, Coach Stults takes his swimmers to Cleveland where they will meet the University school team. The summary:

40-yard free style: Won by Jack Holzaepfel (S); Bradt (S) second, and Oxley (F) third. Time—20.8 sec.

100-yard breast stroke: Won by Sherlow (F); Reiter (S) second, and H. Sutkus (F) third. Time—1:10.4. (New record, former held by Pearn, Cleveland Heights, 2:31, Jan. 26, 1935.)

220-yard free style: Won by Merrifield (F); Brown (F) second, and Henry (S) third. Time—2:29.9. (New record, former held by Pearn, Cleveland Heights, 2:31, Jan. 26, 1935.)

100-yard back stroke: Won by Cooper (F); Wagner (S), and Duden (S), third. Time—1:12.7.

100-yard free style: Won by Oxley (F); Bradt (S), and J. Holzaepfel (S) third. Time—1:03.

Diving: Won by Reiter (S), 99.45 pts.; Muchfield (S) second, 95.35 pts.; Hasselbach (F) third, 86.2 pts.

180-yard medley relay: Won by Fremont (Wagner, back stroke; Sherlow, breast stroke, and Merrifield, crawl). Sandusky (Curtis, back stroke; Samko, breast stroke; Hogsett, crawl). Time—1:50.1. (New record, former held by Sandusky, 1:53.2. Eakin, back stroke; Samko, breast stroke; J. Holzaepfel, crawl), Jan. 11, 1935.

160-yard free style relay: Won by Sandusky (Drouillard, Howald, Dick Holzaepfel, Pfeiffer). Time—1:24.8.

LITTLE GIANTS HOPE TO KNOCK STREAK RECORD

Large Gathering of Fans to See Classic Battle Here Friday

Fremont Ross High school cagers will return to action Friday night after a week's rest period meeting the Sandusky High Blue Streaks at the Ross High auditorium here.

Coach Bob Oldfather's charges will attempt to hit a winning stride in the Buckeye High school league after abandoning loop activities for two weeks. At the same time the Little Giants of Fremont will attempt to jolt Sandusky from its secure place at the top of the standing.

A record of one victory and one loss is marked up against the Little Giants in two league games. The Fremonters have won from Tiffin Columbian and lost to Findlay. Sandusky stands on top with victories over both teams. Ross High has met thus far.

Impressive Win

Last week the Little Giants turned in one of the most decisive scores chalked up against a foe this season when they turned back Norwalk High school Maple Leaf quintet, 41 to 15. Offensively and defensively the Fremont aggregation is at the peak of condition. Should such a preparation for Friday night's battle not crumble before game time, the visitors will know they have been through a tough siege.

Advance heraldings of the brilliancy of Amato and Bedell, Norwalk forwards, meant little to the Ross players and the two were held to 10 points between them. Amato, usually good 10 to 20 points, was held to one toss from the field and a successful shot at the foul line.

Expect Throng

Meeting of Sandusky and Ross High schools in any sport is bound to attract a large crowd, while a basketball encounter between the two schools under present conditions appears likely to draw a throng. A battle between reserve teams of the two schools will serve as an appetizer for the main attraction. The preliminary game will get under way at 7 o'clock and the varsity battle approximately an hour later.

Ross is expected to line up about the same as in recent games. Brudzinski and Klinck look like starters at the forward posts. McCord will handle the tip-off duties and Hetrick and Bliss will probably get the call at guard. Rice,

We've been telling you right along (with how much effect we don't know) that this purple swimming team which has already won two meets with Toledo Scott and Sandusky, is destined to become known state wide before school lets out.

So big Bill Sherlow, the breast stroke artist, and Cam Merrifield, the free style splasher, came to the front this week to make our prediction look good.

Merrifield started it Tuesday by beating the district champion, Sidney Vinnedge, of Scott, in a thrilling race in Ross pool. Then Sherlow electrified everyone over at Sandusky Wednesday night when he not only beat his nearest competitor by a full lap, but also registered a mark that is two seconds faster than the state scholastic record.

But don't be mislead. Sherlow and Merrifield are not the only swimmers on this team. Every boy on the squad will score his share of points before the season is over.

After reading elsewhere on this page that the medley relay team from Ross high school came within 1.7 seconds last Saturday of equaling the world's record in that event, maybe you'll begin to realize what a swimming team Coach Bim Stults has developed.

Swimming against University School at Cleveland, the 150-yard medley relay trio, composed of Bob Booth, Bill Sherlow and Cam Merrifield covered the distance in 1:27.7. The world's record is 1:26. The old pool record at University school was 1:32.

Then Bill Sherlow continued his assault on all records when he lowered the pool record for Cleveland in the 100-yard breast stroke and paddled through in 1:09, the old record being 1:13. He lowered the old mark by a full four seconds.

These boys show against Toledo DeVilbiss next Thursday at Ross pool, and if Fremonters don't pack all available seats at the natatorium, there's something wrong with sportdom around here.

Thursday night, Fremonters must set aside to take a once over of the Ross high school swimming team, which has been assaulting records everywhere this winter.

Winners already over such teams as Toledo Scott, Sandusky (yes, the swimmers overcame the boogaboo) and Cleveland University school, the Ross tankers are planning to entertain Toledo DeVilbiss Thursday.

Bill Sherlow, the breast stroker; Cam Merrifield, the free styler; Garver Oxley, the free styler; Orland Hasselbach, the diver; and all the rest of Coach Bim Stults' fine splashing team, will give you a well-spent evening.

You'll have a chance to see the 150-yard medley relay team that came within 1.7 seconds of equaling the world's record last Saturday at Cleveland.

ROSS TANKERS WILL PERFORM IN LOCAL POOL

Snowy Highways Force
Out Delphos Attraction;
Girls to Play

Although the St. Joe-Delphos St. John's basketball game was cancelled early Friday morning, the rest of the Friday night sport card in Fremont remained intact despite the sub-zero weather, it was announced.

With snow drifts blocking many of the highways, and with little prospect of much higher temperatures, Coach Beans Hoffman, at St. Joe announced the Delphos game was definitely out for tonight.

May Play Later

Efforts may be made to schedule the game at a later date, the Crimson Streak mentor said. The trip here from Delphos is more than sixty miles, and it was considered too risky to try to make the journey under prevailing weather conditions. The game was to have been played at Recreational Hall here.

The Streaks have already played one game this week, having lost the decision to Maumee Tuesday before wintry weather settled down in earnest. The Streaks next game will be February 1 at Huron, a return game.

The rest of the scheduled sport card will go ahead as scheduled. They involve much shorter trips which can be made with comparative safety.

Swimmers Perform

The big attraction in Fremont will be the swimming meet at 8 p.m. at Ross pool between the Purple swimmers and Toledo DeVilbiss high. The Ross team will be out to set several new pool records, while the 150 yard medley relay team, composed of Bob Booth, Bill Sherlow and Cam Merrifield, will try to equal the world's record for the event. DeVilbiss, defeated by Sandusky, who in turn was defeated by Fremont, should not prove too tough Friday night.

The swimming match will be preceded at 7 p.m. by a girls' basketball game between Coach Eleanor Tennerstedt's Ross high team and Medina's lassies. Medina is reported to have the outstanding girl's team in that section of the state. The Ross girl cagers won their initial start of the season last Friday night when they upset Willard.

Play Fostoria

Coach Bob Oldfather will take his cohorts to Fostoria for a game with their old Redskin rivals and former Buckeye Conference foes. It will be the first appearance for the Little Giants in Fostoria's revamped gymnasium. Reports are that the Fostoria floor has been greatly improved in recent months by the elimination of an overhead balcony which used to eliminate all corner shots.

Fostoria has its best team in several seasons, and holds a victory over the powerful Bowling Green high Bobcat outfit. Coach Ray Miller will be "shooting the works" against the Ross quintet.

Coach Oldfather said his Little Giants are all in condition for the melee, which means that Dwight Fox and Clarence Klinch will start the forward positions, with McCord at center, and Del Hetrich and Glenn Eliss at guards. Especially pleasing the past ten days has been the improvement in the play of the veteran Eliss.

No sport attractions have been booked for Saturday night.

WAITE TANKERS ARE NO MATCH FOR PURPLE MEN

Oxley Sets New Record
as Fremont Splashers
Get 52 to 23 Win

Ross High school swimmers captured their eleventh straight dual meet in the past two seasons Friday night at the Little Giants' natatorium as Toledo Waite High natators were defeated 52 to 23.

Not since dropping the first two meets of last season have Coach Jim Stults' splashers finished on the short end of dual competition. A loss in the eighth game came at the close of the 1952 season in the district meet.

Despite weak opposition from the visitors, one pool record was that of the visitors, equalized. The record-breaking event, the 100-yard free style, stood alone as the only close race of the evening's program—and this race was a noisy.

Oxley Is Star
Gordon Oxley bettered his own mark to a new record in his race with Ferdinand of the visitors. The Fremont speedster stepped out on the last lap to win, after a lead of a few inches, shifting back and forth between the two swimmers. Cam Merrifield started the program by equaling the pool record for the 50-yard free style race, covering the distance in 26.00 seconds.

Oxley reduced his mark from 59.6 seconds to 59 flat. Merrifield's mark for the short race was equalled that night and held by Ed Moran, former Waite speedster. Lack of opposition slowed down times in other events and provided an opportunity for several second and third stringers to show their wares.

Dives Sparkle
Aside from the record-breaking performances, brilliant exhibitions in the diving events by Oldie Hasselbach and Bob Serwinski of the Ross squad took the night. Hasselbach took the event handily, scoring 74.05 points or nearly a new mark for the species. Serwinski also did well, taking a pool record for his work on the optional dives. Serwinski also was able to turn in a showing for the above the average safety dives. Both swimmers drew heavy applause from the crowd for their skill, coolness and agility.

Not until the final event did Waite capture a first place. After a second team medley relay team had finished first, understudies were sent in to swim the 200-yard medley. The Fremont splasher made a good race of it, with Perkins and Goodwin more than holding their own against the opposition.

Relay Is Loser
"Smoky" Sherlow, Bill's younger brother, was called upon to swim the first leg. Both he and Zuker were unable to gain a lead and the Toledoans were in front from the start. Eight of Waite's 23 points came by copying the event.

Little Giant splashers finished first and second in four events, while the visitors were able to gain points for second and third places in two. Only the work of Ferdinand, star of Waite's squad, approached the performances of Fremont.

The visitors were especially weak in diving in the sprints. In the 220-yard free style, Merrill, Gauthier and Gagnon of the opposition and Don Greetham had an easy time taking second place.

Crowd Is Large
Despite many of the big sports followers who came to Tiffin to watch Coach Bob Oldfather's cagers in action, a large crowd witnessed the meet. All available space around the house was jammed. The Fremont squad will travel to Toledo today for an afternoon meet with Scott High.

An announcement was made that Canton McKinley and possibly Akron East would swim here next Saturday night in what should be the high spot of the current season.

The summary:
100-yard free style—Won by Merrifield (F); Ferdinand (W) 2nd; Minich (W) 3rd; time 1m 26 seconds (Equal pool record held by Ed Moran, Waite).

100-yard breast stroke—Won by Sherlow (F); Norton (F) 2nd; Niggmyer (W) 3rd; time 1m 15.8s. 220-yard medley relay—Won by Hull (F); Greenman (F) 2nd; Kuebler (W) 3rd; time 2m 47.4s. 100-yard back stroke—Won by Bob Gagnon (F); Gauthier (O); Gauthier (W) 2nd; time 1m 10.4s.

100-yard free style—Won by Oxley (F); Ferdinand (W) 2nd; Rathlesberger (F) 3rd; time 1m 26.0s. (New pool record for Oxley).

Fancy diving—Won by Hasselbach (F), 74.05 points; Serwinski (F) 12.55 points; Minich (W) 10.65 points.

150-yard medley relay: Won by Fremont (Waggoner, Norton, Carter).

200-yard relay—Won by Waite (Salter, Bunn, Dudley, Rathlesberger). Swimming for Fremont: Salter, Bunn, Dudley, Norton, Perkins, Goodwin; time 1m 59s.

Officials: Referee, John Tittsworth; judges, A. O. Baumann, Ed Gagnon, Sydlin, Minich, Ellsworth; Foster: starter, Don Overmyer.

Ross Swimmers Capture Meet From Scott Squad

When the 150-yard medley relay team came through for a first place in next to the last event, Fremont Ross high school's swimming team defeated Toledo Scott at Scott pool Saturday afternoon, 39 to 36.

It was the second time this winter that the Purple tankmen have upset the Scott splashers, and marked the 12th consecutive triumph for Ross in dual engagements. It was their six straight win this year.

Swimming in Scott's narrow and only 50-feet long pool, the Purple squad was at a distinct disadvantage, but managed to annex five firsts out of the eight events.

Merrifield Loses

Defeat of Cam Merrifield, star 220-yard free styler of the Little Giant tankers, by Sidney Vinnedge, of Scott, was perhaps the climax of the match. Vinnedge traveled the distance in 2:26.1 to beat Merrifield by a fraction of a second in a dazzling exhibition. Merrifield outdistanced Vinnedge, in straight swimming, but lost by having to make the many turns necessitated by the short pool.

Coaches Bim Stults and George Gruse entered only one man in the diving competition. The Scott pool is only five feet deep, and the two Ross leading divers, Orland Hasselbach and Kaufman, because of the height of their dives, need deeper water. Bob Schultz, freshman, was Fremont's only entry in the event, thus conceding Scott seven points where in a deeper pool, the Purple would easily have scored first and second.

METEORS WIN; PAPERMEN LOSE

While The Fremont Messenger held to first place in the standings, although they lost two out

Sherlow's Record

Bill Sherlow had no trouble winning in the 100-yard breast stroke event, with Fairhurst, of Scott, taking a second, and Bob Norton, of Ross, finishing third. Sherlow was not extended at all, yet set a new pool record of 1:11.3.

The medley relay team assured Ross of its victory by covering the route in 1:32, easily leading the Scott swimmers to the finish line. The team was composed of Waggoner, Sherlow and Merrifield, while Ligebel, Fairhurst and Stoiber swam for Scott.

Garver Oxley scored a first for Fremont in the 50-yard free style, in 26.2 seconds, while Booth and Waggoner took first and second in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:10.4. Oxley also had an easy win in the 100-yard free style, with M. Suttkus finishing third. Scott's firsts came in the 220-free style; diving; and the 200-yard relay.

Summary Sheet

Summary of the meet:

100-yard back stroke: won by Booth (F); Waggoner (F) 2nd; Ligebel (S) 3rd; time 1 m. 10.4 s.

50-yard free style: won by Oxley (F); Tolleman (S) 2nd; Stoiber (S) 3rd; time 26.2 s.

100-yard free style—won by Oxley (F); Gustafson (S) 2nd; M. Suttkus (F) 3rd; time 1 m 0.4 s.

100-yard breast stroke: won by Sherlow (F); Fairhurst (S) 2nd; Norton (F) 3rd; time 1 m 11.3 s (new pool record).

220-yard free style: won by Vinnedge (S); Merrifield (F) 2nd; Schwartzbaugh (S) 3rd; time 2 m 26.1 s.

Diving: won by Benschoter (S); Flowers (S) 2nd; Schultz (F) 3rd.

150-yard medley relay: won by Fremont (Waggoner, Sherlow, Merrifield); Scott second (Ligebel, Fairhurst, Stoiber); time 1 m 32 s.

200-yard relay—won by Scott (Tolleman, Schwartzbaugh, Hotchkiss, Vinnedge); Fremont second (Goodwin, Perkins, Sowders, Carter); time 1 m 52 s.

Final score: Fremont Ross 39; Toledo Scott 36.

NORTHERN OHIO RELAYS BOOKED FOR SANDUSKY

Purple Swimmers Return for Engagement With Canton McKinley

Ross high school will enter teams in each of the five events offered at the Northern Ohio Scholastic relays in Sandusky Saturday afternoon, it was announced Thursday by Coach Bim Stults.

The Ross swimmers will compete with the outstanding tank talent in the state, then will return to Fremont Saturday night to clash with Canton McKinley in the hardest dual competition the purple boys have yet encountered.

Canton McKinley took second place in the state meet at Cincinnati last year, and then entered the Penn relays at Pittsburgh a short time later and captured first place in team competition.

Tickets Are Out

Coach Stults announced Thursday that activities tickets will not admit anyone to the McKinley meet Saturday night. Admissions will have to be charged to defray expenses of bringing the Canton natators here. Seating space for about 450 will be available.

In the relay events Saturday afternoon, the 180 yard medley relay trio will offer strong competition for all the team entered. Coach Stults and his assistant, George Gruse, have picked on Bob Booth, Bill Sherlow and Garver Oxley to swim this event. Booth will use the back stroke, Sherlow the breast stroke and Oxley the free style.

In the 160 yard back stroke event, Bob Booth, Bob Waggoner, Billy Cooper and Cam Merrifield will swim, and in the 160 yard breast stroke event, competition will be furnished by Sherlow, H. Suttkus, Charles Norton and Jack Nickloy.

Freshman Swimmers

Brown, M. Suttkus, L. Behnken and Lester Carter will form the team for the 160 yard free style competition, with Al Mathern as alternate entry.

The Ross coaches have decided to let the freshman swimmers take care of the 400 yard free style event. This team will be composed of George Sowders, Bud Goodwin, Don Greetham and Jack Nickloy.

The Ross coaches have decided feated in dual meets thus far this year, and in all, counting their wins in the latter part of 1934-35, have won 12 consecutive battles.

M'KINLEY TANK TEAM HERE FOR MEET SATURDAY

Canton Boys Took Second Place in State at An- nual Classic

When Canton McKinley's swimming squad comes to Fremont Saturday night for a dual meet with Coach Bim Stults' tankers at Ross pool, the purple splashers will be after their 13th consecutive win in dual performances.

The winning streak started last winter, and has grown steadily, the purple warriors having won six straight this year to add to last year's string.

Canton Is Tough

Canton will prove a very tough opponent for the Little Giant men. The McKinley team won second place in the state meet at Cincinnati last year, and a few days later took team honors in top position in the Penn swimming carnival at Pittsburgh.

Coach Stults will throw the entire strength of his team against the McKinley team. The 150-yard medley relay trio, composed of Bob Booth, Bill Sherlow and Cam Merrifield will try once more to establish a new record, state and national, for that event. The relay team was four-tenths of a second slower than the world's record in a meet here recently.

Lineup Announced

Canton will probably start Wasson and Riley in the 50-yard free style, with Hirsch and Beatty in the breast stroke. In the 220 free style, Mamaux and Allison are probably starters, with Bohnsoch in the 100-yard back stroke. 100-yard free style duties will be left up to Wasson and Riley, with McVehil and Rinehart in the fancy diving competition. No relay team entries for either the 150-medley or the 200-free style have been announced.

The meet will start at 7:30 p. m., with seats available for 450 fans.

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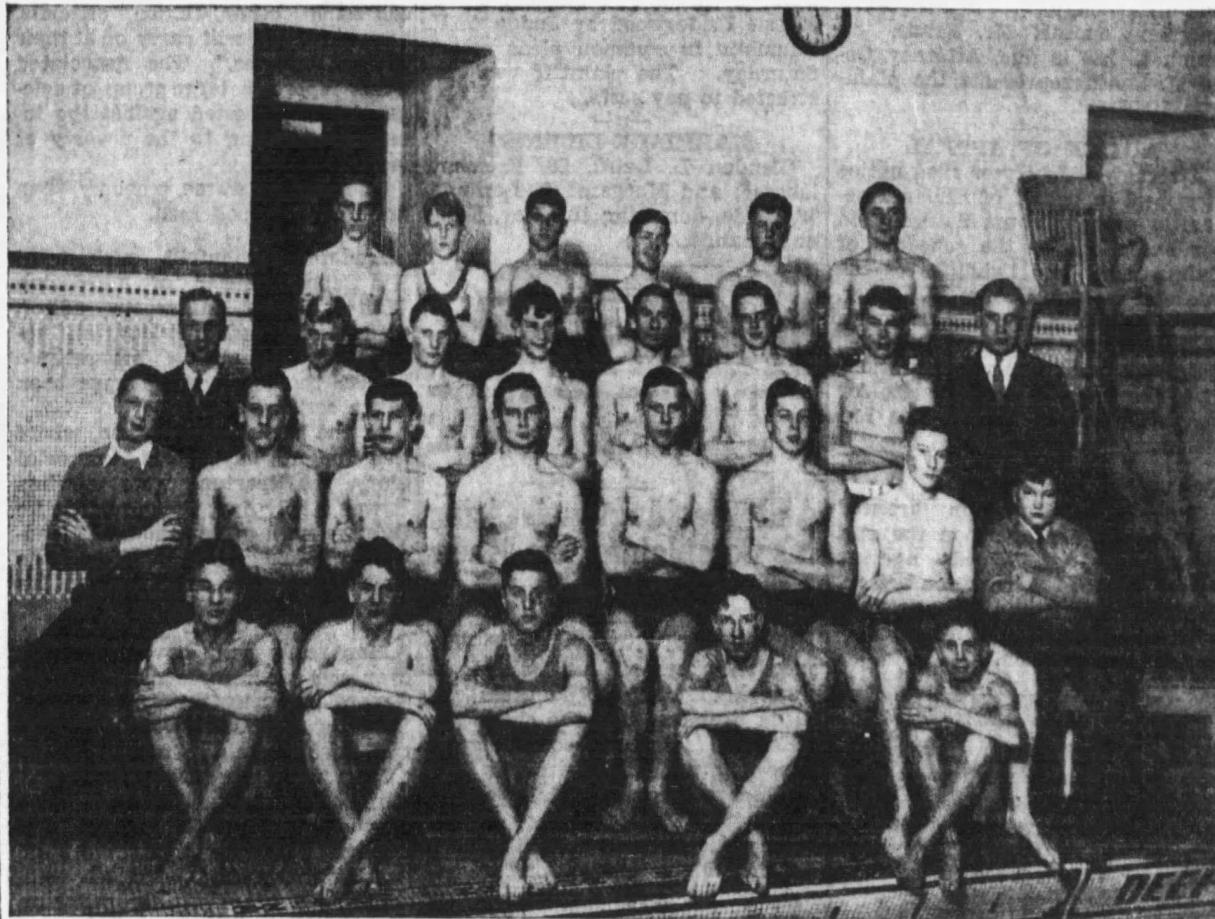
LAKE ERIE POWER & LIGHT LEAGUE

(Recreation Alleys)

Three games in the Lake Erie Power & Light league were won by the Transformers, while the Arresters and Cut-Outs were able to capture two, Thursday night at the Recreation drives. The Trans-

Holders of activities tickets will not get seats for this meet unless they pay admission. The activities tickets are not good for this event.

PURPLE TANK SQUAD SEEKS 13TH VICTORY



Courtesy Croghan Chatter

Fremont Ross high school's swimming team will be after its 13th consecutive victory Saturday night in a meet against Canton McKinley at Ross pool. The team is coached by N. B. (Bim) Stults, with George Gruse as assistant. The team is pictured above and is identified as:
First Row—Norton, Stokes, Zucker, Perkins, G.

Sherlow. Second Row—Dorr, Mgr., Brown, H. Suttkus, Oxley, W. Sherlow, Merrifield, Booth, Russel, Asst. Mgr. Third Row—Stults, coach, Waggoner, Carter, Cooper, Kaufman, Behnken, M. Suttkus, Gruse. Fourth Row—Goodwin, Schultz, Sowder, Serwinsky, Greetham, Hasselbach.

KNOCK AT HALL OF FAME



Fremont Ross high's star medley relay team has been knocking at the door to the "hall of fame" all winter, and has twice come within four-tenths of a second of equaling the world's record. Saturday against Canton McKinley, this trio fell just an eyelash short of the world mark again. The team is composed of Bob Booth, back stroke; Bill Sherlow, breast stroke; and Cam Merrifield, free style.

Fremont Swimmers Get Second in Relay Meet

Setting new records in the 100-yard back stroke relay and in the 100-yard medley relay, Fremont Ross swimmers took second place in the Northern Ohio Scholastic relays at Sandusky Saturday afternoon with a total of 20 points.

Swimming in their own pool, Sandusky's Blue Streaks won high with 25 points. Seven other participating schools finished as follows: Cleveland Heights, 18; Lakewood, 10; Canton McKinley, 12; Akron East, 6; Dayton Steele, 4; Toledo Waite, 2; and Mansfield, 0.

Bob Waggoner, Cam Merrifield, Billy Cooper and Bob Booth finished well in the lead in the 100-yard back stroke event, setting a new pool record of 1:36.3, the old record of 1:37.2. The team from Shaker Heights, Canton McKinley's team finished second in this event, with Cleveland Heights third and Lakewood fourth.

Fremont Wins

Fremont's 100-yard medley relay team had no trouble winning that event in the record time of 1:48.7, just 0.5 seconds off the old mark of 1:53.8 held by Akron East. Fremont's team was composed of Bob Booth, Bill Sherlow and Garver Oxdie.

Akron East finished second in

this event, with Lakewood third, and Sandusky fourth.

Fremont's 100-yard breast stroke team, composed of H. Sutkus, Nickley, Norton and Sherlow finished in fourth place, top honors going to Cleveland Heights, Sandusky second and Dayton Steele third.

Fourth to Finish

The 100-yard free style team, composed of Mather, Behnken, Carter and M. Sutkus, annexed fourth position, with Sandusky gaining first decision. Cleveland Heights second, and Lakewood third.

Summary of the relays showed:

100-yard free style relay—Sandusky (Jack Holzapfel, Nuefeld, Pfeiffer and Henry), won; Cleveland Heights (R. Griffin, Walsh, Eberle and Wohl), 2; Lakewood (Cripe, B. Smith, Zapp and Grossman), 3; Fremont Ross (Mather, Behnken, Carter and M. Sutkus), 4. Time—1 m 20.7 s. New record set during preliminaries. 1 m 19.6 s; former, 1 m 20 s. Canton McKinley.

100-yard breast stroke relay—Cleveland Heights (Baskin, Paner, Gibson and Wohl), won; Sandusky (Reiter, Samke, Crawford and Dick Holzapfel), 2; Dayton Steele (Hixon, Hall, Zahra and Ronckies), 3; Fremont (H. Sutkus, Behnken, Norton and Sherlow), 4. Time 1 m 42.8 s. (New record. Former record, 1 m 43.6 s held by Cleveland Heights).

100-yard back stroke relay—Fremont Ross (Guenther, Mether, Cooper and Bush), won; Canton McKinley (Bohnack, Hutchins, Mamaux and C. Hirsch), 2; Cleveland Heights (Letz, Decock, Ots and Walsh), 3; Lakewood (B. Smith, Zapp, Kirwan and Fisher), 4. Time—1 m 36.3 s. (New record. Former record, 1 m 39.9 s, held by Sandusky Heights).

400-yard free style relay—Sandusky (Brad, Henry, Pfeiffer and Jack Holzapfel) won; Canton McKinley (Riley, Stevenson, Bauch and Bassett), 2; Lakewood (Crawford, B. Smith, Samke, Mather and Cripe), 3; Toledo Waite (Merrick, Rothberger, Genther and Ferdig), 4. Time—4 m 58 s.

100-yard medley relay—Fremont Ross (Booth, Sherlow and Oxdie), 1; Akron East (Booth, Ward and Stevenson), 2; Lakewood (Fisher, Northrup and Grossman), 3; Sandusky (Seely, Reiter and Nuefeld), 4. Time—1 m 48.7 s. New record. Former record, 1 m 53.8 s, held by Akron East.

The Crimson Streaks have given

ROSS BATTLES ST. JOE FRIDAY

The scholastic basketball card in Fremont this week is not as heavy as usual, but one of the two games offered brings together Fremont Ross and Fremont St. Joseph's in the second game of the series for which hinges the mythical city title.

The Little Giants won the first encounter between the two schools when they upset the parochials, 33 to 21. The game was played on St. Joe's home floor.

This time the Ross team will act as host, the game being held for Ross gymnasium. Riding the crest of a five game winning streak, which numbers Fostoria, Tiffin Columbian, Bellevue, Findlay and Bellwood, visitors, the Little Giants are favored to win.

The Crimson Streaks have given

PURPLE SQUAD IS NOT PUSHED IN ANY EVENT

Freshmen and Sopho- mores Furnish Competi- tion for Toledoans

With the lineup full of freshmen and sophomore swimmers, the Fremont Ross high tank squad defeated Toledo DeVilbiss natators, 42 to 23, at the Toledo Y. M. C. A. pool Saturday night for their 14th consecutive dual win.

Only in the 100-yard breast stroke event did the purple splashers fail to cop first place. With Bill Sherlow, the breast stroke ace, held on the bench, Norton and Nickloy took second and third places in this event, bowing to Reeves of DeVilbiss.

Fremont's two divers, Orland Hasselbach and Bob Schultz, had no competition in the diving event, and merely entertained the crowd with a diving exhibition. DeVilbiss entered none in this event.

Likewise there were only two entrants in the 100-yard back stroke event, which Zucker won without too much difficulty from Werner of DeVilbiss. Fremont's two regular back strokers, Waggoner and Booth, did not take part.

No records fell as the Ross natators won the uninteresting match.

The summary:

50-yard free style—Won by Mathern (F); Ramey (D) 2nd; Bowers (D) 3rd; time 29.4 s.

100-yard breast stroke—Won by Reeves (D); Norton (F) 2nd; Nickloy (F) 3rd; time 1 m., 25 s.

100-yard free style—Won by Carter (F); Bowers (D) 2nd; Greetham (F) 3rd; time 1 m., 5 s.

220-yard free style—Won by Cooper (F); Brown (F) 2nd; Schouse (D) 3rd; time 2 m., 44.8 s.

100-yard back stroke—Won by Zucker (F); Warner (D) 2nd; no other entries; time 1 m., 19 s.

Diving—Hasselbach and Schultz in exhibition; no DeVilbiss entries.

150-yard medley relay—Won by Fremont (Booth, Sherlow, Oxley); DeVilbiss 2nd (Warner, Reeves, Crowthers); time 1 m., 30.5 s.

200-yard relay—Won by Fremont (Goodwin, Behnken, M. Suttkus, H. Suttkus); DeVilbiss 2nd (Ramey, Reed, Ball and Schouse); time 2 m.

PRESS PASSES

By LEE FARIS

Just for the fun of the thing, let's compare a few figures to see what chance the Sandusky Blue Streak swimmers have against Coach Bim Stults' splashers at Ross high Friday night.

Starting with the breast stroke, 100-yards, Bill Sherlow defeated Hirsch, of Canton McKinley, recently and the Fremont ace cut the water in 1:11.7 seconds, and didn't seem to be exerting himself. Last Saturday, Reiter of Sandusky beat Hirsch, of McKinley in 1:15.3. So Sherlow looks plenty good in that event.

Then take the 220-yard free style, in which Cam Merrifield, of Fremont, is a star. Merrifield does this in 2:30 without trouble, and Rouch, of McKinley, beat the best Sandusky had with a time of 2:43.3 last week.

The 100-yard back stroke finds Fremont with a pair of strong entries, who can travel the distance in around 1:09. In fact, Booth, of Fremont, defeated Bohnsack, of McKinley, in the dual meet here, while Bohnsack and Mamaux, of McKinley, both finished ahead of the Sandusky entries.

In the 100-yard free style, Garver Oxley won against McKinley's best with a time of 60.1 seconds, while Wasson, of McKinley, defeated Brandt, of Sandusky, with the time recorded at 1:03.

Surely, the Fremonters can't go wrong on the 150-yard medley relay event, where Bill Sherlow, Bob Booth and Cam Merrifield are already faster than the state record time, and only four tenths of a second slower than the national record.

From what this column can gather, the diving event may be close, with a pair of impartial judges working the event here. Even Sandusky newspapers thought the Fremont divers had the best of that event in Sandusky a month ago, but never the less, Sandusky was given both first and second places.

We could go on at some length comparing those times, though all meets of the year. And the only conclusion that could be reached would be that Fremont should take the meet easily.

Don't think for a minute that the Little Giant swimmers plan to take this match "in stride". They intend giving the Blue Streaks a few lessons if they can.

Of course, there is a chance that everything might go haywire and Sandusky walk away with the laurels. We hardly think so. They'd have to show a whole lot better than they have so far this year if they upset the predictions.

Seems a little unusual to be writing about a Fremont team in any sport that is the "favorite" over Sandusky. But that's how the big carnival at Ross pool lines up this week.

ROSS TANKERS SPLASH FRIDAY

Purple Swimmers Enter- tain Sandusky Blue Streaks Here

Ross high's purple tank team will strive for its fifteenth consecutive dual meet victory Friday night at Ross natatorium when Coach Bim Stults' team entertains Sandusky's Blue Streaks.

Winners by a 39 to 36 decision over Sandusky in a meet at Sandusky's pool earlier in the year, the Little Giant splashers will be favored to cop the Friday encounter.

The Fremont squad has been hit hard by illness, however, mostly in the nature of severe head colds but most of the lads who are counted on to annex first place honors will be ready for duty.

Ross Favored

Most recent comparison of scores is available through dual meets which both the Sandusky squad and the Little Giant tankers have held with the Canton McKinley. The Ross natators had no trouble defeating the eastern Ohio champs here two weeks ago, while last Saturday, Sandusky was handed a neat reversal by the McKinley youths.

Considerable attention Friday night will center on the performance of the Ross high 150-yard medley relay team, composed of Bill Sherlow, Cam Merrifield and Bob Booth. This team has on three different occasions covered the distance in quicker time than the state record, and twice has been only four tenths of a second under the national record.

Large Attendance

Preparations have been made to take care of the largest crowd that has ever seen the Fremont tankers in action in a local carnival. Seats for about 500 fans will be available, and those who plan to attend are warned to report early. The meet is scheduled for 7:30 p. m.

This will be the last dual meet of the season for the Rossmen, who will be hosts here next Saturday to the Northwest Ohio district meet.

ROSS TANKERS LOSE ONLY ONE EVENT FRIDAY

Purple Splashes Capture Firsts in Every Race But 200-Relay

Sweeping every first place but one, Ross high school's swimming team decisively defeated the Blue Streaks from Sandusky Friday night at Fremont, 103 to 62, to win their 10th consecutive dual meet and finish the regular season with a 10-0 record.

Only in the last event, the 200-yard free style relay, was Sandusky able to grab a first, and even in that race the difference was a second and separated the two finishers.

In fact, the officials had to go into a huddle to determine the winner, as the times were so close that none in the record crowd of fans knew who had won until it was announced over the loud speaking system.

One Record Set

Only one pool record was set, but Sherlow, the breast strokeker, slicing through the water in 1:09.4 to better his own pool mark of 1:11.1, was the first to break the seconds. It was the best performance that Sherlow has yet turned in, and is almost three full seconds faster than the previous record of 1:12.2 held by Huckle, of Cincinnati Western Hills, and set last year at the state meet.

Garve Oxley, free style artist for the Fremont tankers, came very close to breaking his own in the 50-yard free style and in the 100-yard free style. His time in the 50-yard event was 26.4 seconds, which was just four-hundredths of a second slower than the record of 26 flat which is held by Cam Merrifield. In the 100-yard free style he neared the distance in 60 seconds, while his own record is 59 seconds.

Kauffman Stars

One of the few losers in the meet was the performance of But Kauffman, fancy diver on the Fremont team, who scored 70.5 points to best out Muehlfeld, who dove for the Blue Streaks, who totaled 65.85 points. In fact, Orville Hasselbach, the second best diver, had second place in this event clinched up to Muehlfeld's final dive. But the Sandusky diver, who had a most perfect dive on his last attempt, and was given a seven rating by the judges and thus put him ahead of Hasselbach, who scored 63.9 points.

Another high spot in the meet was the performance of Bob Cooper, who started in the 100-yard back stroke, taking the place of the ace back strokeker, Bob Booth, who was entries in the free style events. Cooper covered the distance in 1:13.5, to beat Bob Waggoner, his team mate, by 1.2 seconds, while Seedy and Dudden, the Sandusky entries finished in a tie several strokes behind.

Last in Thriller

The most thrilling event on the program was saved until last. After 200 relay, which was first in all the other events, the Little Giant tankers were very anxious to capture the first place in a close, sweat. How close they came to realizing their ambition will be known only to those who were seated at the front and center.

Coach Jim Stults relied on Behnken, Merrifield, Booth and Cooper to do the job. And each Otto Behnken shot everything he had with Bradt, Howard, Dietz and Henry. Behnken swam the turn over the first lap and finished about 20 feet behind Bradt, but Merrifield gained half of this back on the second lap, thus erased all of the deficit on the third lap.

When final lap started, Henry at the front, and Behnken of Fremont hit the water at virtually the same time. They reached the first turn in a perfect tie, and the last back to the line, strokes for stroke. By not more than six inches did Henry's hand reach out to touch the wall, good to get the decision over Cooper.

Close Decision

Judges were hard-pressed to declare afterwords that the finish was so close that "our conscience wouldn't have hurt at all if we had decided Fremont."

The largest crowd to ever pack into Ross natatorium saw the meet, and the 103-62 record was not equaled in dual meets in the history of the pool.

The record and summary:

50-yard free style—won by Oxley (F); Muehlfeld (S) 2nd; Pfeiffer, (S) 3rd; time 26.4 s.

100-yard back stroke—won by Sherlow (F); Ritter (S) 2nd; H. Suttkus (F) 3rd; time 1 m 9.4 s.

100-yard free style—won by Oxley (F); Muehlfeld (S) 2nd; Bradt (S) 3rd; time 60 s.

200-yard free style—won by Oxley (F); M. Suttkus (F) 2nd; Henry (S) 3rd; time 2 m 27.2 s.

Fancy Diving—won by Kauffman (F) 30 points; Muehlfeld (S) 2nd, 26 points; Hasselbach (F) 3rd, 63.9 points.

100-yard medley relay—won by Fremont (Waggoner, Sherlow, Al Mather); Sandusky second; Dudden, Ritter, Lehr; time 1 m 31.6 s.

200-yard relay—won by Sandusky (Bradt, Dudden, D. Mather); Fremont second (Behnken, Merrifield, Booth, Cooper); time 1 m 49.6 s.

Officials: starter and referee Bob Fangboner; judges, M. O. Baumens, Ed Hilton, Don H. Schaefer; timers, Worth Foster and Elsworth Snyder.

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What would you give for Fremont's chances to win the Northwest Ohio swimming meet here next Saturday?

Coach Bim Stults will be entering a team that is undefeated in 15 straight meets the past two years, and a squad that holds victories over every other school which will be entered in the event.

The Purple swimmers have an enviable reputation in the pool this winter and undoubtedly several of them will qualify for the state championships. We hope, and its fairly certain, that Bill Sherlow will be one of the qualifiers.

Bill really won the championship last year, but a technical decision on a turn disqualifed him. He has been doing the 100-yard breast stroke almost three seconds under the present state record all year, and should lower the mark quite a bit in the state meet.

Anyhow, there's no doubt the Little Giants are the favorites in the coming district carnival, any way you choose to look at it.

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