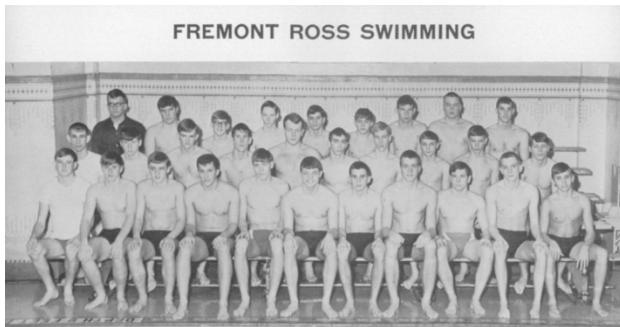


1967 Season review...

FREMONT ROSS SWIMMING



ROW 1, Left to right: Mike Messina, Richie Zilles, Steve Miller, Mike Shilling, Eric Wright, Kirby Taylor, Roger Billman, Jon Zink, Rick Koebel, Rick Kidney, Bob Dray. ROW 2: Greg Kinsey, Jim Fletcher, Bill Slemmer, Jim Brown, Mike Amos, Bill Rakes, Craig Wright, Scott Keller, Tom Thompson, Ken Mathias. ROW 3: Tony Good, Dennis Ferguson, Scott Semer, Steve Daley, Jim Vaffis, Bill Schwartz, Dave Good, Vince Etzwiler, Don Kahr.

The swimmers under Mr. Balsizer had a good year against rough competition. The record of seven wins and six losses in dual meets does not tell the real story. The second meet with Sandusky and several other meets were lost after fierce struggles. New pool records were set by our swimmers throughout the whole season. In the Buckeye Conference our team took second place.

Seniors



SEATED: Mike Shilling, Vince Etzwiler, Jim Vaffis, Bob Dray, Roger Billman. STANDING: Mike Messina, Don Kahr, Rick Kidney, Kirby Taylor, Eric Wright, Ken Mathias.



Coaches: Mr. Balsizer, Mr. Shelt.



Captains: Eric Wright, Kirby Taylor.

The top senior swimmers were Eric Wright, Ken Mathias, Don Kahr, Rick Kidney and Kirby Taylor. Jon Zink, Bill Slemmer, Rick Koebel and Steve Miller were among the top juniors on the squad. All the swimmers contributed their best the whole season to form a good team.

The young men on the Swimming team are to be commended. Their record was the best in years. Various swimmers have broken school records, along with previously held pool records. Swimming is an exhilarating sport that requires excellent physical condition, which the boys acquired either previously in summer workouts, or during daily practices. Hats off to our amphibious friends.

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Purple-White Meet To Launch Swim Season Thursday

Ross high school will launch a new swimming season Thursday night with annual Purple and White meet. This is the annual intrasquad meet run by the team members themselves, which serves as a warmup for the outside competition dual meet and championship season.

Coach Jack Balsizer will closely watch the results of the Purple and White as 36 team members compete. It will allow them to gain experience before a crowd and gives Balsizer and Assistant Gary Shelt a final look at the boys.

Following the Purple and White meet the coaches will select a 20-man varsity team to compete in dual meets.

The swim team elects co-captains for both Purple and White squads. The captains in turn select team members and make out their respective lineups for the meet. Balsizer emphasizes that despite the value

of competition to the coaches, "This is the boys' meet from start to finish."

The new assistant coach, Shelt, is a former Bowling Green University diver. He is working with all levels of divers.

Co-captains for the meet are Kirby Taylor and Jon Zink, Purple; Eric Wright and Rick Koebel, White.

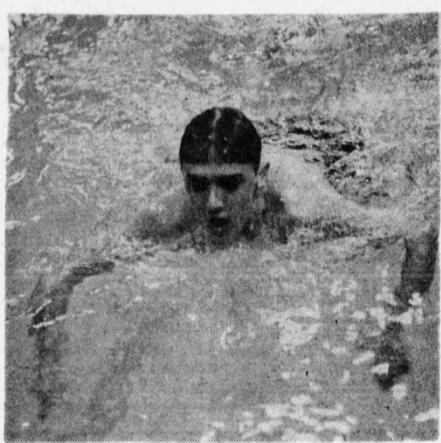
Bob Dray, senior 400-yard freestyle, will be missing from this meet due to a death

in the family. He will be ready for the regular season opener against Mansfield Malabar, December 6.

Swimming for the Purple team will be Vince Etzwiler, Ken Mathias, Mike Messina, John Vaffis, Tony Good, Steve Miller, Tom Swaisgood, Craig Wright, Jim Fletcher, Scott Keller, George Nowels, Dave Parker, Bill Swartz, Jerry Semer, Scott Semer, Rich Zilles, Dan Linder and Steve Daley.

Members of the White team are Roger Billman, Dan Kahr, Rick Kidney, Vida Lindquist, Mike Shilling, Mike Amos, Dave Bailey, Jim Brown, Fred Flower, Dave Good, Greg Kinsey, Bill Rakes, Bill Slemmer, Jim Ansprach, Dennis Charles, Dennis Ferguson, Tom Thompson and Randy Christy.

The Purple and White meet will be contested in the junior high school pool Thursday at 7 p.m.



SCOTT KELLER nears turn in individual medley race during the Purple-White meet Thursday at Junior High pool. Keller was one of the standouts of the meet, finishing second in this event and winning the 400-yard freestyle in a time of 5:20.4. Keller is only a sophomore in his first year of varsity competition. (News-Messenger Photo)

White Wins Intra-Squad Swim Meet

Times did not equal those at the same time a year ago in the Purple and White meet Thursday, but Coach Jack Balsizer was pleased with the pre-season performances. Balsizer, Ross swimming mentor, noted this year's team is aiming to peak during the competition which starts next week and not too early.

There was an overall improvement of times by the individuals swimming as the White, captained by Eric Wright and Rick Koebel, beat the Purple, 56-39. Outcome of the meet was influenced by inability of co-captain Jon Zink of the Purple team to compete. Zink, who was co-captain with Kirby Taylor, is still bothered by a knee injured in football.

The coach made particular mention of versatility shown in the swimmers as some participated in less familiar strokes.

Singled out for outstanding performances were Scott Keller, sophomore, 400-yard freestyle, 5:20.4; Jerry Semer, sophomore, 100 - yard backstroke, 1:10.2; Ken Mathias, senior, 100 freestyle, :54.8; Kirby Taylor, senior, 100 - yard butterfly, 1:03.2; Bill Slemmer, junior, diving.

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200 MEDLEY RELAY — Kidney, Billman, Shilling, Koebel, 1:59.6; Vaffis, Swalsgood

200 MEDLEY RELAY — WHITE (Kidney, Billman, Shilling, Koebel), 1:59.6.

200 FREESTYLE — E. Wright (W), 2:07.8; Rakes (W), 2:24.9; S. Semer (P), 2:30.7; C. Wright (P), 2:32.5.

50 FREESTYLE — Kohr (W), :24.5; Mathias (P), :24.6; Flower (W), :26.6; Swartz (P), :30.9.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — Miller (P), 2:35.8; Keller (P), 2:42.6; Ferguson (W), 2:37.4; Christy (W), 3:08.5.

DIVING — Slemmer (W), 94.5; Linder (P), 61.8; Brown (W), 57.4; Daley (P), 30.3.

100 BUTTERFLY — Taylor (P), :61.8; Koebel (P), 1:06.2; Zilles (P), 1:22.6.

100 FREESTYLE — E. Wright (W), :53.6; Mathias (P), :54.8; Flower (W), 1:01; Parker (P), 1:06.8.

100 BACKSTROKE — Kidney (W), 1:06.1; J. Semer (P), 1:10.2; Vaffis (P), 1:12.9; Bailey (W), 1:17.5.

400 FREESTYLE — Keller (P), 5:20.4; C. Wright (P) 5:36.2; Amos (W), 5:36.8; Anspach (W), 6:47.5

100 BREAST STROKE — Shilling (W), 1:17.1; Miller (P), 1:18; Billman (W), 1:21.4; Nowels (P), 1:24.8.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — White (Kohr, Christy, Slemmer, Rakes), 4:08.7.

Sandusky Bay Schedules

ST. JOSEPH

Tonight — Gibsonburg

December 3 — At Lorain St.

Mary

December 9 — Oak Harbor

December 11 — St. Wendelin

December 16 — at Margaretta

December 18 — at Norwalk St.

Paul

January 6 — at Gibsonburg

(x)

January 8 — Sandusky St.

Mary (x)

January 13 — at Clyde (x)

January 14 — at Genoa

January 20 — at Calvert

January 27 — Margaretta (x)

January 28 — Clyde

February 3 — Lakota (x)

February 5 — Cardinal Stritch

February 12 — Mansfield St.

Peter

January 7 — at Eastwood

January 13 — St. Joseph (x)

January 14 — at Perkins

January 20 — St. Mary (x)

January 27 — Oak Harbor (x)

January 28 — at St. Joseph

February 3 — at Gibsonburg (x)

February 10 — Lakota (x)

February 11 — at Margaretta

February 18 — Tiffin Calvert

MARGARETTA

December 2 — at St. Mary

December 3 — at Monroeville

December 9 — Mansfield St.

Peter

December 10 — at Mohawk

December 16 — St. Joseph

December 22 — at York

December 29 — at Clyde (x)

January 6 — St. Mary (x)

January 13 — Lakeside

January 14 — at Vermilion

January 20 — Lakota (x)

January 21 — at Milan

January 27 — at St. Joseph

(x)

January 28 — at Perkins

February 3 — at Oak Harbor

(x)

February 4 — Huron

February 10 — Gibsonburg

(x)

February 11 — Clyde

GIBSONBURG

December 2 — at St. Joseph

December 3 — Tiffin Calvert

December 9 — at Clyde

December 10 — Woodville

December 16 — Oak Harbor

December 17 — St. Wendelin

December 23 — at Elmore

January 6 — St. Joseph (x)

January 7 — at Woodville

January 13 — Elmore

January 20 — at Oak Harbor

(x)

January 21 — St. Mary (x)

January 27 — Lakota

January 28 — Genoa

February 3 — Clyde (x)

February 4 — at Lakota (x)

February 10 — at Margaretta

(x)

CLYDE

Western Reserve 45, Clyde 37

December 2 — at Oak Harbor

December 9 — Gibsonburg

December 16 — at Lakota

December 23 — at Bellevue

December 29 — Margaretta

(x)

OAK HARBOR

Oak Harbor 74, Lakeside 56

December 2 — Clyde

December 3 — at Lake

December 9 — at St. Joseph

(x)

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Ross Swimmers Make First Dive In Competition Today At Malabar

Ross swimming team opens its season today at Mansfield Malabar. The Malabar team already has one victory on its record in a triangular meet with Mansfield senior and Ashland.

Ross coach Jack Balsizer stated, "Malabar is always tough . . . They beat Ross last year 55-40, placed fifth in the district, 19th in state." The Malabar 400 - yard freestyle relay team placed fourth in the state.

Bill Ordon, a Malabar senior, is one of the leading breast stroke competitors, with a 1:07.1 timing last season.

Although beaten in a dual meet Ross outpointed Malabar in the district. Balsizer notes the Mansfield team always gets off to a fast start.

Jon Zink, still suffering from a football knee injury, may see limited action and Bob Dray will be back in the swim. Both

missed the recent Purple and White meet.

Balsizer expects a tough test with diving and medley relay playing an important part.

Ross' next meet is Saturday at home against Mansfield Senior, 2 p.m.

Selected to swim for Ross in the first meet are:

200 medley relay, Rick Kidney, Mike Shilling, Dan Kohr, Ken Mathias; 200 freestyle, Eric Wright and Jerry Semer; 50 free style, Ken Mathias, Fred Flower.

200 Individual medley, Steve Miller, Kirby Taylor; Dive, Bill Slemmer, Dan Linder; 100 butterfly, Rick Koebel, Kirby Taylor; 100 freestyle, Eric Wright, Ken Mathias. 100 backstroke, Rick Kidney, Jerry Semer.

400 freestyle, Bob Dray, Scott Keller; 100 Breast stroke, Steve Miller, Mike Shilling; 400 free-style relay, Bill Rakes, Fred Flower, Jon Vaffis, Dan Kohr.

NEVER IN LEAD UNTIL END

Ross Nators Open Season, Nip Malabar Foe, 48-47

Final Relay

Event Victory
Is Difference

Ross Little Giant swimmers had to win the last event and they did. The result was a 48-47 victory over Mansfield Malabar in the opening water meet of the season. The event was contested at Mansfield Malabar's team and was the first victory over Malabar by Ross since 1963.

The Little Giant nators never led in the meet until the final event was over. The Ross swimmers never gave up and kept coming back. The 400 - yard freestyle relay team of Eric Wright, Rick Kidney, Dan Kahr and Ken Mathias climaxed the uphill struggle with an easy win.

Ross won five of the 11 events and took second in five individual events. Malabar had six firsts but only four individual seconds.

Five Ross swimmers improved their best times of the pre - season workouts in leading the victory. The boys who improved their times were: Kirby Taylor, 200 Individual Medley, 2:28.1, improved six seconds; Rick Koebel, 100 Butterfly, 1:03.5; three seconds better; Eric Wright, 200 Freestyle, 2:03.3, three seconds better; Steve Miller, 100 Breast Stroke, 1:15.2, and Mike Shilling, 100 Breast Stroke 1:16.2, both two seconds improved.

First home meet for the Ross swimmers will be Saturday at 2 p.m. against Mansfield Senior in the junior high pool.

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SUMMARY

200 MEDLEY RELAY — Malabar (Jim Wagner, Bill Orton, Bruce Smith, Jim Selbert), 1:54.9; Ross (Jon Vaffis, Roger Billman, Mike Shilling, Jerry Semer), 2:02.7.

200 FREE STYLE — Craig D'Onoge (M), 2:02.8; Eric Wright (R), 2:03.3; Craig Bierly (M), 2:26.1.

50 FREESTYLE — Dan Kahr (R), .24.6; Tom Barber (M), .25.6; Rick Koebel (R), .26.2.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — Kirby Taylor (R), 2:28.1; Vic Kuhn (M), 2:28.4; Steve Miller (R), 2:34.1.

DIVE—Dan Gagich (M), 84.5; Bill Slemmer (R), 79.2; Reid Black (M), 66.9.

100 BUTTERFLY—Rick Koebel (R), 1:03.2; Mike Lerro (M), 1:08.1; Kirby Taylor (R), 1:08.4.

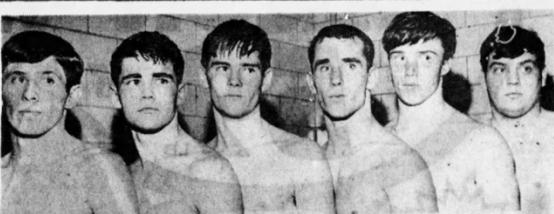
100 FREESTYLE — Craig D'Onoge (M), .54.0; Ken Mathias (R), .55.5; Jim Selbert (M), 1:00.7.

100 BACKSTROKE — Rick Kidney (R), 1:06.1; Jim Wagner (M), 1:08.9; Jerry Semer (R), 1:10.5.

400 FREESTYLE — Bruce Smith, (M), 5:06.8; Bob Dray (R), 5:17.3; Scott Keller (R), 5:20.2.

100 BREAST STROKE — Bill Orton (M), 1:07.7; Steve Miller (R), 1:15.1; Mike Shilling (R), 1:16.2.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY—Ross (Eric Wright, Rick Kidney, Dan Kahr, Ken Mathias); Malabar (Tom Barber, Craig Bierly, Vic Kuhn, Tom Sweet), 4:15.7.



ST. JOSEPH LETTERMEN returning for another year of wrestling are Al O'Neal, Larry and Tom Picciuto. The grapplers of Coach Joe Kuzma open Thursday at Lakota. (News-Grove, Chuck Koch, Steve Beier, Bob O'Brien)

Ross, St. Joseph Open Mat Campaigns

Wrestling season opens Thursday for Ross and St. Joseph high schools. The Crimson Streaks will initiate the season at 7 p.m. at Lakota. Ross will begin action at 2:30 p.m. at home against Bowling Green.

In Lakota the Crimson Streaks will meet one of their strongest tests of the season with lettermen back at all lower weights and heavyweight. The Lakota team is led by district and regional champion Jerry Biddle, 112 - pounder.

As they look ahead to the 1966-67 wrestling seasons Ross and St. Joseph each have six returning lettermen. All six will be in action for St. Joseph unless they fail to make weight at the last minute for Lakota. Five of the six Ross lettermen will compete in the first meet. The sixth one Mike Pfeifer has been unable to make his 120-pound weight to date.

Returning lettermen for Ross are Jose Alejandro, 103; Gary LeMaire, 127; Jim Waggoner, 145; Jim Winters, 154; Cal Kanan, 133, and Pfeifer. Waggoner is a two-time Buckeye Conference champion and sectional and district champion to his credit in the past.

Ross will face a Bowling Green team which also has six lettermen.

Wrestling for Ross in this first meet will be Alejandro, 103; Tom Sachs, 112; Mike Liles or Willie Robles, 120; LeMaire, 127; Kanan, 133; Scott Decker, 138; Waggoner, 145; Winters, 154; Bud Weiser, 165; Dick Bowersox, 175; Brad Lawrence, heavyweight.

St. Joseph has one of the leading wrestlers in the area, Steve Beier, returning. Beier



ROSS WRESTLING lettermen look forward to the first match of the season Thursday at home against Bowling Green. The lettermen returning for Coach Mal Mackey's grapplers include Jim Winters, Gary LeMaire, Cal Kanan and Joes Alejandro. Not pictured is defending Buckeye Conference Champion Jim Waggoner. (News-Messenger Photo)

won the Sandusky Bay Conference second and district semifinalist; Bob O'Brien, Chuck Koch and Larry Grove. Lineup for the first meet for St. Joseph will be: Mike Kingsborough, 103; Bill Reinhart, 112; Koch, 120; O'Neal, 127; Jack Hershey, 133; Bill Beier, 138; O'Brien, 145; Beier, 154; Ed Fiber, 165; Bill Overmyer, 175, and Picciuto, heavyweight.

No Decision On St. Wendelin, Huron Sandusky Bay Entries

As of the moment Sandusky Bay Conference is still a seven-team league, after failure this morning to agree on admission of new teams. Application of Huron and Fostoria St. Wendelin before a special meeting of the conference representatives at Fremont St. Joseph.

Another meeting has been called for next Tuesday at St. Joseph, when the applications will be the main order of business. It is the second effort by Huron to gain admission into the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Supporters within the league St. Wendelin will not vote for Huron unless the Fostoria school's application is approved. The reverse is true of the Huron backers who want a guarantee before agreeing on

Speculation of those at the meeting was that the league would stay at seven or expand to nine, admitting both teams.

Adult Help Needed For Cage Program

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Retired Bret Hanover was named "Harmless Horse of the Year" Tuesday a third straight time. The big 4-year-old stallion owned by Richard Downing of Shaker Heights, Ohio, paced his last race last month. It was one of only six he failed to win in his 68-race career that netted a record \$922,616.

Bret Hanover's pacing records include the fastest mile, 1:53.8-5 in a trial race. He also paced the fastest mile in a race

Leagues in these various age groups have been started Saturday afternoons during the winter months. Boys not playing on any school team is eligible for the leagues.

Several teams need adult help. Arthur J. Crawford, YMCA physical director, and

FIRST HOME MEET SATURDAY:

Ross Swimmers Play Host To Mansfield

Victory number two will be the goal of Fremont Ross swimmers when they play hosts to Mansfield Senior Saturday at 2 p.m. The second match of the season and first at home will be contested in the junior high school pool.

Ross will hit the water fresh from a season-opening victory over Mansfield Malabar. Malabar had beaten Mansfield in triangular meet in its opener.

The Little Giants beat Mansfield Senior last year, 55-40, but Coach Jack Balsizer is looking for a tough meet Saturday. He noted that Mansfield's strengths are in events which are apparent Ross weaknesses. Ross is looking for a way to improve in 400 - yard freestyle and 100 - yard breast stroke events.

Mansfield has more depth and better balance this year, stated Balsizer. Good experience is evident in freestyle and backstroke competition.

Some of the better times posted by Mansfield swimmers have been by Jim Cashell, 50 - yard freestyle, :26, and 100 - yard freestyle, :56; Steve Cashell, 100 - yard freestyle, :55, and 200 - yard freestyle, 2:10; Mark Kearney, 200 - yard individual medley, 2:34; Dave McGinty, 100 - yard backstroke, 1:06; Dean Olson, 400 - yard free-

style, 5:00; Jim Imler, 100-yard backstroke, 1:06.5.

In competition for Ross swimmers will be the following:

200 - yard medley relay, Rick Kidney, Steve Miller, Dan Kohr, Rick Koebel; 200 - yard freestyle, Eric Wright and Bob Dray; 50 - yard freestyle, Ken Mathias and Bill Rakes; 200 - yard individual medley, Kirby Taylor and Scott Keiler.

Dive, Bill Slemmer and Dan Linder; 100 - yard butterfly, Rick Koebel and Mike Shilling; 100 - yard freestyle, Wright and Rakes; 100 - yard backstroke, Kidney and Jerry Semer; 400 - yard freestyle, Dray and Keiler; 100 - yard breast stroke, Miller and Roger Billman; 400 - yard freestyle relay, Mathias, Taylor, Kohr and Slemmer or Zink.

Clyde Wrestlers Capture Nine Bouts In Stopping Margaretta

CLYDE—Clyde high school wrestling team evened its season record by stopping Margaretta, 35-8, in the second match of the year. The Clyde wrestlers lost the first two matches and then won the other nine.

Clyde 112- pounder Randy Keegan was leading 7-1 when he made a mistake and got caught in a pin by Margaretta's Tom Collins.

Mark Meggett, 133; Jim Wettrich, 138, and Keith Dahms, heavyweight, recorded pins.

SUMMARY

103 — Dave Mix (M) de-

cisioned Steve Fultz, 9-3; 0-3.

112—Tom Collins (M) pinned Randy Keegan, 1:08 second period; 0-8.

120—Jim Smith (C) decisioned George Rice, 6-0; 3-8.

127—Jerry Wettrich (C) decisioned Tony Ramon, 12-3; 6-8.

133—Mark Meggett (C) pinned Bob Scott, 1:52 second period; 11-8.

138—Jim Wettrich (C) pinned Jerry Parker, 1:49 second; 16-8.

145 — Gerald Seppamaki (C) won by forfeit; 21-8.

154 — Jim Pump (C) decisioned Scott Niehm, 6-2; 24-8.

165 — Tim Tarris (C) decisioned Ray Smetzer, 3-0; 27-8.

175 — Bob McGrath (C) decisioned Tom Moore, 6-1; 30-0.

Sports On TV

TEN BEST TIMES OF YEAR

Ross Swim Team Sinks Mansfield

Ten individuals and one relay time swam their best times of the year Saturday as Ross swimmers took victory number two, beating Mansfield Senior, 58-37.

Little Giant Nators won all but three first places in the 11-event program.

Reviewing the program Coach Jack Balsizer stated, "The team is improving and we hope to continue to do so for many meets to come. We have good first line swimming, but still need to find boys able to supply the very important seconds and thirds — Depth. We hope to develop some of our sophomore and junior boys to do the job." Mansfield could manage vic-

tories only in the 50-yard freestyle, 100 - yard breast stroke and 400-yard freestyle relay. The latter two victories came after the final outcome of the meet was final doubt.

Notable performances for Ross were by Scott Keller, sophomore, 400 - yard freestyle, 5:07.9, an improvement of 12 seconds; Ken Mathias, 100-yard freestyle, a career low of :54.5; Bill Slemmer, junior diver, "beginning to develop into a steady performer" according to Balsizer; Rick Kidney, 100-yard backstroke, career best of 1:04; Rick Koebel, 100-yard butterfly, 1:03.4, where he proved to be a tough competitor under competition.

Next meet for the Ross swimmers will be Friday at Perkins.

SUMMARY**(X—Best Times This Year.)**

200 MEDLEY RELAY — Ross (Kidney, Miller, Koebel, Kohr), 1:52.3; (x) Mansfield, 1:57.2.

200 FREESTYLE — E. Wright (R), 2:04.7; Olson (M), 2:14.8; B. Dray (R), 2:18.5.

50 FREESTYLE — J. Cashell (M), :24.3; Mathias (R), :24.4 (x); S. Cashell (M), :26.2.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — K. Taylor (R), 2:26.4 (x); McGinty (M), 2:30.9; Kearney (M) 2:35.9.

DIVE — W. Slemmer (R), 108.38; Linder (R), 65.4; Kraft (M), 55.4.

100 BUTTERFLY — Koebel

(R), 1:03.4 (x); J. Cashell (M), 1:03.7; Shilling (R), 1:11.1.

100 FREESTYLE — K. Mathias (R), :54.5 (x); D. Kohr (R), :56.6; S. Cashell (M), 1:00.8.

100 BACKSTROKE — R. Kidney (R), 1:04.0 (x); Imler (M) 1:06; McGinty (M), 1:06.6.

400 FREESTYLE — E. Wright (R), 4:50.1; Olson (M), 4:59.3; Keller (R), 5:07.9.

100 BREASTSTROKE — Henry (M), 1:12.7; K. Taylor (R), 1:14 (x); Miller (R), 1:14.9 (X).

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — Mansfield (Bookwalter, Kearny, Quick, Hunt), 4:05.8; Ross (Rakes, Dray, S. Semer, C. Wright), 4:05.9.

COMPETE AT PERKINS FRIDAY:

Little Giant Swimmers Seek Third Win

Victory number three will be the aim of Fremont Ross swimmers Friday at Perkins. Coach Jack Balsizer looks for the Sandusky area team to give the Little Giants their most severe tests of the young season.

At the same time Balsizer looks upon the return of Jon Zink to the lineup as an improvement in Ross depth. Zink has been out of action following a football knee injury.

The meet is to be contested in the Perkins pool at 4:15 p.m. Friday.

Among the leading Perkins swimmers are Dave Freyberg, district 100-yard breast stroke champion, and Jim Stacey, district 100-yard backstroke champion. Other key Perkins performers are Randy Hoffman, 1:05 in the 100-yard butterfly, and Jim Walker, 50 and 100-

yard freestyler.

Freyberg, Stacey, Hoffman and Walker combined a year ago to win the district medley relay championship.

Perkins also boasts a fine diver in Mike Walker, a sophomore. The meet will be Perkins' season opener.

Swimming for Ross will be the following:

200 medley relay, Jon Vaffis, Roger Billman, Mike Shilling, Bill Rakes; 200 freestyle, Eric Wright, Rick Kidney; 50 freestyle, Dan Kohr, Jerry Semer; 200 individual medley, Steve

Miller, Scott Keller.

Dive, Bill Slemmer, Dan Linder; 100 butterfly, Rick Koebel Kirby Taylor; 100 freestyle, Ken Mathias, Jon Zink; 100 backstroke, Rick Kidney, Jerry Semer.

400 freestyle, Eric Wright, Bob Dray; 100 breast stroke, Steve Miller, Mike Shilling; 400 freestyle relay, Taylor, Zink, Kohr, Mathias.

The swimmers from Ross have victories over two Mansfield schools, Malabar and Senior, under their belt before traveling to Perkins.

No Major Trades Anticipated

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The interleague baseball trade deadline in the major leagues is at midnight tonight and the deals that sent Roger

outfielder Len Gabrielson to St. Louis sent Walter Williams, who led the Pacific Coast League in batting last season, to the Chicago White Sox along

Ross Swimmers Win Third Meet With Final Event Win

SANDUSKY—Battling a team loaded with district champions Fremont Ross kept coming back, refusing to quit Friday afternoon as it posted a 51-44 swimming win over Perkins. The strong Perkins team was reputed to be the toughest test of the young year for the Little Giants but they made the Sandusky area school victim number three in as many meets.

Coach Jack Balsizer stated after the victory, "Although Ross was not able to swim according to pre-meet plans due to a missed turn in the medley relay the boys came fighting back to pull a tough one out of the fire." The final relay decided the meet for Ross with the meet for Ross with score tied 44-44 until that event.

Balsizer noted that his swimmers missed several turns including the one that lost them the medley relay. Freestyle depth and versatility of several boys was credited by Balsizer for the victory.

Co-Captain Kirby Taylor won the 200-yard individual medley in a come-from-behind effort. He then came back to pick up an important second in the 100-yard back stroke. Balsizer pointed to this as an example of the versatility.

Co-Captain Eric Wright had turn trouble in the 200 and 100-yard freestyle but swam to a victory in the 200 and picked up a second in the 100.

Bill Slemmer posted 174 points to win the diving in a battle with a fine Perkins diver, Mike Walker.

Only double winner in the meet for Ross was Ken Mathias who won the 50 and 100-yard freestyles.

The quartet which combined for that decisive 400-yard freestyle relay victory included Jon Zink, Bill Rakes, Steve Miller and Bob Dray. It was the first time in competition this season for Zink. Miller is normally a breast-stroker and Dray normally swims the 400-yard freestyle.

Balsizer concluded, "The boys do not quit, they want to win and really work for it."

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SUMMARY

200 Medley Relay — Perkins (Dan Garner, Lew Young, Jim

Walker, Randy Hoffman), 1:53.0; Ross, 1:56.2.

200 Freestyle — Eric Wright (R), 2:06.8; Jim Stacey (P), 2:07; Ken Zeiher (P), 2:17.

50 Freestyle — Ken Mathias (R), :24.4; Randy Hoffman (P), :24.9; Jon Randall (P), :25.6.

200 Individual Medley — Kirby Taylor (R), 2:26.1; Dave Freyberg (P), 2:30.5; Bill Parsons (P), 2:38.5.

Dive — Bill Slemmer (R), 174; Mike Walker (P); J. Verble (P).

100 Butterfly — Jim Stacey (P), 1:03.4; Dan Kohr (R), 1:03.7; Rick Koebel (R), 1:06.1.

100 Freestyle — Ken Mathias (R), :55.1; Eric Wright (R), :55.7; Frank Murru (P), :59.2.

100 Backstroke — Rick Kidney (R), 1:05.0; Kirby Taylor (R), 1:06.0; Bill Person (P), 1:07.5.

400 Freestyle — Ken Zeiher (P), 5:03.9; Scott Keller (R), 5:08.7; Ed Hayes (P), 5:09.2.

100 Breaststroke — Dave Freyberg (P), 1:08.8; Lew Young (P), 1:14.9; Mike Shilling (R), 1:14.9.

400 Freestyle Relay — Ross (Jon Zink, Bill Rakes, Steve Miller, Bob Dray), 3:56.8; Perkins, 3:58.4.

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Friday's Results

Chicago 128, Cincinnati 120
Philadelphia 124, St. Louis 113
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Today's Games

Chicago at Baltimore
St. Louis at New York
Detroit vs. Philadelphia at

Syracuse
Boston at San Francisco

Sunday's Games

Boston at Los Angeles
Baltimore at Cincinnati

Monday's Games

Chicago vs. St. Louis at Memphis

Friday's Fights

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NEW YORK—Dick Tiger, 167, Nigeria, outpointed Jose Torres, 175, New York, 15. Tiger became new world light heavyweight champion.

TURIN, Italy—Luigi Patruno, 152, Italy, outpointed James S. Shelton, 156, Bakersfield, Calif., 8.

LABRADOR CITY, Newfoundland

TIMES COMPARE FAVORABLY:

Severe Cleveland School Tests Ahead For All-Winning Ross Swimming Team

Coach Jack Balsizer has minimized times posted in the first three meets for Fremont Ross Swimmers. He has noted improvement but not been overly excited by times. The coach has preferred to praise the versatility and determination of his swimmers.

While the times have not been sensational, comparison with best times posted in Cleveland area show many Ross times are more than merely respectable.

In winning three meets without a loss the Little Giant splashers have taken a total of 18 individual event first places. There has been particular Ross strength in the short and middle distance freestyle events. Only in the 100 - yard breast stroke has Ross failed to take a first and even here the local team has had a two-three finish in two of the three meets.

Cleveland Comparison

If Ross were to be included in the best times recently published for the Cleveland area schools, they would have been in the top 10 in at least four events. These would be the 50, 100 and 200-yard freestyle, as well as 100-yard backstroke. Ross swimmers have won the 100-yard backstroke in all three meets.

Among the better clockings for the Little Giants are the following:

50 Freestyle, Ken Mathias, :24.4 (twce), only four better in Cleveland area.

100 Freestyle, Eric Wright,

:53.6, only three better in Cleveland; Ken Mathias, :54.5, only five better in Cleveland.

200 Freestyle, Eric Wright, 2:03.3, only four better in Cleveland.

100 Backstroke, Rick Kidney, 1:04, only six better in Cleveland; 1:05, only seven better in Cleveland.

Cleveland area includes some of the outstanding swimming schools in Ohio, such as University school, Fairview and Gilmour Academy.

Strong Test Ahead

After the holiday vacation Little Giant strengths will get strong tests against two Cleveland swimming powers, Western Reserve Academy and University school. Particularly in the January 13 meet with University, will the Fremont powers be put to the test.

Where Ross is strong in the short and middle freestyles and backstroke, University has some of the best times in the state. University swimmers have posted the fastest Cleveland area times in the 200-yard medley relay, 200-yard individual medley, 100-yard butterfly, 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke. They have the second fastest times in the 200-yard freestyle, 50 - yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke, 400-yard freestyle and 400-yard freestyle relay.

Western Reserve Academy boasts the fastest 100-yard backstroker in Cleveland, Dan Kobic, :57.3, and third - fastest

Cleveland 400-yard freestyle relay team, 3:39.4.

University School

Best times in Cleveland posted by University School swimmers include:

200 medley relay, Ed Morrison, Jack Dickard, Fred Crossman and Doug Neff, 1:45; 200 individual medley, Jim Gottschalk, 2:03.9; 100-yard butterfly, Doug Neff, :56.6; 100 freestyle, Ed Morrison :50.3; 100 breast stroke, Jack Dickard, 1:06.3.

Second best times in Cleveland by University swimmers are:

1/4?? freestyle, Ed Fouse, 1:53.9; 50 freestyle, Jim Dickard, :23.6; 100 backstroke, Jim Gottschalk, :57.6; 400 freestyle, Ed Fouse, 4:14.3; 400 freestyle relay, Pat Storey, Crossman, Jack Howland and Jim Dickard, 3:37.

Chamberlain, Robertson Named For All-Star Game

NEW YORK (AP) — Wilt Chamberlain and Oscar Robertson lead a list of eight players selected today to play for the Eastern Division in the 17th annual National Basketball Association All-Star game in San Francisco's Cow Palace Jan. 10.

Chamberlain, of Philadelphia, was the unanimous choice at center of the 85 writers and broadcasters who voted for the team. Robertson, of Cincinnati, received 84 votes at guard.

Others named were Willis

TOUGHEST TESTS TO DATE:

Little Giant Swim Team In Two Meets

Most severe tests to date face Ross swimmers as they end a long holiday layoff with a double splash. The Little Giant tank men will be at home Friday afternoon against Western Reserve Academy of Cleveland and on the road to Findlay Saturday.

Western Reserve match will be contested Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the junior high school pool.

Western Reserve, which stopped Fremont 56-39 a year ago, has won its only meet of the season. The Academy swimmers sank Euclid 52-43. Ross to date boasts victories

over Mansfield Senior, Mansfield Malabar and Sandusky Perkins.

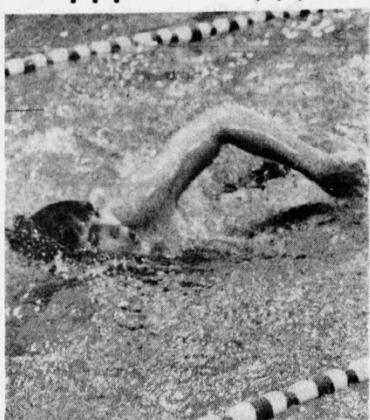
Reserve appears to have several outstanding boys and good depth in most events. Coach Jack Balsizer of Ross notes this meet will find the second and third place finishes extremely important.

Top Academy boys and their best times are: Dan Kobick, 100-yard freestyle, :57.3, and 200 - yard individual medley, 2:12.5; Bob Viall, 100-yard breast stroke, 1:09.3; Steve Amer, 400-yard freestyle, 4:51 Bob Curphey, 400-yard freestyle, 4:53. The WRA 400-yard freestyle relay team has

recorded a top time of 3:39.4.

Findlay beat Ross two times a year ago and then benefitted from a Ross disqualification to win the Buckeye Conference title. They finished third in the district tournament behind Ross.

Leading Findlay swimmers and their best times are: Steve Traucht, 50 - yard freestyle, :24.5, and 100-yard freestyle, :55; Mike O'Brien, 400-yard freestyle, 5:08, and 100-yard freestyle, :54.5; Gary Cramer, 100-yard backstroke, 1:03.5; Mark Mathias, 100-yard butterfly, :59.7; John Hollington, 100-yard breast stroke, 1:12.5.



ERIC WRIGHT STROKES FOR 400 FREESTYLE FINISH
Ross Swimmer Completes Double-Win Show

Relay Failure Brings First Little Giant Swim Setback

Failure to win a relay sent style, 4:53.8; Steve Miller, 100-yard breaststroke, 1:13.2; and Dan Linder, sophomore diver who finished third but is improving every meet.

Mathias and Eric Wright were both double winners. Mathias not only won the 50-yard but also the 100-yard freestyle. Wright hit the wall first in the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle events.

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SUMMARY

200 MEDLEY RELAY — Western Reserve (Kobick, B. McKean, Viall, K. McKean), 4:48.3; Ross (Kidney, Miller, Koebel, Kohn), 1:50.3.

200 FREESTYLE — Eric Wright (R), 2:03.9; Curphey (WR), 2:09.3; Jon Zink (R), 2:11.

50 FREESTYLE — Ken Mathias (R), :23.8; R. Wells (WR), :24.8; Ream (WR), :26.6.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — B. McKean (WR), 2:25.1; Kirby Taylor (R), 2:25.2; E. Wells (WR), 2:34.6.

DIVE — Bill Slemmer (R), 93.2; Dan Fortin (WR), 66.9; Dan Linder (R), 66.9.

100 BUTTERFLY — Rick Koebel (R), 1:02.8; Dan Kohn (R), 1:04.3; Kryder (WR), 1:07.3.

100 FREESTYLE — Mathias (R), :54.9; Smith (WR), :55.8; Taylor (R), :56.8.

100 BACKSTROKE — Dan Kobick (WR), :58.7; Rick Kidney (R), 1:04.3; McCann (WR), 1:05.9.

400 FREESTYLE — Wright (R), 4:46; Curphey (WR), 4:47.

100 BREASTSTROKE — Bob Dray (R), 4:53.8.

100 BREASTSTROKE — Bob Viall (WR), 1:08.7; Bryce (WR), 1:10.1; Steve Miller (R), 1:13.2.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — Western Reserve (Smith, Weeks, K. McKean, R. Wells), 3:42.6; Ross (Zink, Scott Keller, Craig Wright, Bill Rakes), 4:02.

Best Time Loses
In the medley relay Ross had its best time of the year and what's likely one of the top 10 in the state, but couldn't match the Western Reserve record pace. Rick Kidney, Steve Miller, Rick Koebel and Dan Kohn had a medley relay time for the 200 yards of 1:50.3.

Coach Jack Balsizer noted, "Our times improved in many events to the point we can now break into the top times in the state." The coach noted this was encouraging but pointed to what is still a weakness in the breaststroke.

"We fought hard to win, but Western Reserve had too many freestylers to save for the last event. Also their two breaststrokers and Kobick hurt us", summarized Balsizer.

Going into the final 400-yard freestyle relay event the two teams were tied 44-44. Ross had led 43-36 with only breast stroke and the final relay remaining.

The medley relay and Ken Mathias in the 50-yard freestyle led the improving Ross swimmers. Mathias with a :23.8 clocking was three-tenths of a second off the school record and is now in the top dozen times in the state.

Six other swimmers had their best times of the season for Ross. Jon Zink in the 200-yard freestyle was timed in 2:11; Kirby Taylor, 200-yard individual medley, 2:25.2; Eric Wright, 400-yard freestyle, 4:46; Bob Dray, 400-yard free

York Balance Tops Woodville One-Man Show

CLYDE — Woodville's one-man show was not enough Friday night to keep with York's balance. The home team Panthers had four players in double figures as they tipped the Warriors in a 62-52 basketball contest.

Scott Hicks of Woodville was the game high man with 23 points. Hicks was the only War-

FINAL RELAY DECIDES MEET

Ross Swimmers Sink Findlay, 51-44

FINDLAY — Fremont Ross swimmers used a different script Saturday, winning the final relay to break a tie and defeat Findlay, 51-44. The day before a loss in the final relay had cost them a meet to Western Reserve Academy.

The victory was the first since 1965 for a Ross swim team over Findlay. It was the fourth win against the single loss for the Little Giants of Coach Jack Balsizer.

Balsizer noted, "We had to switch some of the boys around

into strange events, but it paid off. Another example of the value of being versatile."

Ross was paced by several good time improvements. "Our times of the last two meets have now begun to drop and show that we have the capability to go faster," noted Balsizer. He added the times now "rank among the best in Ohio in some events."

The score was tied 44-44 with the 400 - yard freestyle relay the only event remaining. The Ross quartet of Eric Wright,

Jon Zink, Rick Koebel and Dan Mathias were nearly nine seconds ahead of Findlay at the finish. The quartet covered the distance in 3:42.1.

Wright and Koebel also posted individual event wins to go along with the relay success. Wright was only three - tenths of a second off the school record with a :52.3 in the 100-yard freestyle. Koebel had his best time ever in swimming the 100-yard backstroke in 1:03.8.

Other improved times included: Steve Miller, 200-yard

individual medley, 2:26, an improvement of seven seconds; Rick Kidney, 1:03.8, 100-yard backstroke, his best time; Bob Dray, 4:52, 400- yard freestyle, his best time; and Dan Kohr, :23.8, 50 - yard freestyle. The Kohr timed tied him with Ken Mathias for Ross' best and should put him in the top 12 in the state. Kohr also had his best time of :54.7 in the 100-yard freestyle.

Next test for the Ross swimmers is Thursday at Sandusky.

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SUMMARY

200 MEDLEY RELAY — Findlay (Cramer, Hollington, Mathias, Traucht), 1:51.

200 FREESTYLE — Stevens (Fi.), 2:07.8; Kidney (R) 2:09.7; Zink (R), 2:10.7.

50 FREESTYLE — Kohr (R), :23.8; Traucht (Fi.), :23.8; Mathias (R), :24.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY Miller (R), 2:26; Taylor (R), 2:28.2; Bish (Fi.), 2:28.3.

DIVE — Bender (Fi.), 153; Slemmer (R), 135; Million (Fi.) 119.

100 BUTTERFLY — Koebel (R), 1:02.1; Mathias (Fi.), 1:02.8; Taylor (R), 1:06.6.

100 FREESTYLE — Wright (R), :52.3; Stevens (Fi.), :53.9; Kohr (R), :54.7.

100 BACKSTROKE — Kidney (R), 1:03.7; Cramer (Fi.), 1:05; Loyd (Fi.), 1:06.9.

400 FREESTYLE — Dray (R), 4:52; Roberts (Fi.), 4:56.6; Whalen (Fi.), 5:02.3.

100 BREASTSTROKE — Rowe (Fi.), 1:11.9; Brandman (Fi.), 1:13.0; Miller (R), 1:13.1.

100 FREESTYLE RELAY — Ross (Wright, Zink, Koebel, Mathias), 3:42.1; Findlay, 3:51.8.

AREA INDEPENDENT ACTION:

Oak Harbor's Dewitz Scores Record 44

The 44 - point performance of Oak Harbor's Harry Dewitz, an overtime victory for Lakeside and relatively close games were the features of Saturday night area basketball action.

Four of seven independent games involving area teams outside Fremont were decided by eight or less points. One of the exceptions was the Oak Harbor 86-52 victory over Elmore in which Dewitz shined.

Lakeside tied Otsego with a final second shot by Kent Krynoch and then won the game, 60-58 in overtime.

Results of other area action were:

Fostoria 46, Lakota 41; Eastwood 69, Clyde 50; Ottawa Hills 84, Northwood 50; Gibsonburg 57, Woodville 53; York 80, Monroeville 72.

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OAK HARBOR 86, ELMORE 52
OAK HARBOR —Harry Dewitz set a new Oak Harbor school record of 44 points and

34 at the line. Otsego scored on 23 of 76 field shots and 12 of 23 free throws.

In reserves Lakeside took a 42-35 win.

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LAKESIDE—Dress 5-6-16, Gdovicak 9-7-25, Porter 4-8-8, Duschisen 6-3-3, Krynoch 2-0-4, Sauvey 0-4-4. **TOTAL** 20-20-50.

OTSEGO—Bobby 4-1-9, Leboschafski 1-3-5, Tracy 1-0-2, Bowen 1-0-2, Hartman 3-0-6, Roe 4-3-11, B. Peinert 4-1-9, Genson 2-0-4, Goodman 3-2-8, R. Peinert 0-2-2. **TOTAL** 23-12-58.

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LAKESIDE 11 10 13 20 4 58

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GIBSONBURG 57, WOODVILLE 53

WOODVILLE — Gibsonburg rebounded from its first loss of the season Friday against Fremont St. Joseph to defeat Woodville, 57-53, Saturday.

With Dave Fahle scoring 20 points the Golden Bears won their eighth game against the single loss. Woodville now has a 4-6 record.

Gibsonburg reserves beat Woodville 50-32 in their game.

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WOODVILLE—Mohrman 4-4-12, Hinkle 6-0-12, Magsig 6-3-15, Hicks 3-3-9, Shaw 2-1-5. **TOTAL** 21-11-53.

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NORTHWOOD—Watterson 6-9-21, Henkle 2-0-4, Skivers 4-0-8, Knisely 2-3-7.

of 53 shots. Lakota had only 11 field goals in 50 shots.

The Raiders had 38 rebounds to 34 for Fostoria.

In the reserve action Fostoria took a 64-43 victory.

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LAKOTA — Wise 2-1-5, Gruber 5-2-12, Greenlee 0-2-2, Bowe 1-3-5, Ritter 0-5-5, Chaney 2-0-6, Combs 1-0-2. **TOTAL** 11-19-41.

FOSTORIA — Reinhard 6-10-22, Hay 1-2-4, Filligot 3-6-12, Miller 1-2-4, Peltier 2-0-4. **TOTAL** 13-20-46.

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OTTAWA HILLS 84, NORTHWOOD 50

OTTAWA HILLS — Ottawa Hills broke fast for a 25-11 first quarter lead and then toyed with Northwood Saturday night. The winners had 11 different players score.

Ottawa shot 31 of 75 from the field, to 17 of 45 for Northwood. Ottawa Hills controlled the boards, 66 rebounds to 24.

Ottawa Hills reserves won their game, 43-16.

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NORTHWOOD—Watterson 6-9-21, Henkle 2-0-4, Skivers 4-0-8, Knisely 2-3-7.

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL RATED BEST IN STATE:

Ross Swimming Team To Challenge Two Strong Foes, Thursday, Friday

Fremont Ross swimmers find the schedule gets no easier this week, meeting arch rival Sandusky and the top scholastic-level swim team in the state, University School. The Little Giants swimmers will be in the splash at Sandusky Thursday, 7 p.m.

Home fans then will get a look at the challenge with University school, Friday at 7 p.m.

Last year Ross and Sandusky divided dual meets. The Little Giants won at home, 49-46, and lost a Sandusky, 52-43.

Sandusky is reported to have good depth in 50, 200 and 400-yard freestyle, as well as diving. Coach Jack Balsizer of Ross stated, "Not only will Ross need to improve many of its top boys' times, but our second and thirds will need to be faster if we hope to win this one." Balsizer figures it will be a good meet with several close races.

Outstanding Sandusky swimmer is Paul Gilbert, whose :59.1 in the 100 - yard butterfly ranks eighth in the state this year.

Last year, University school had its strongest team of all time and beat Ross 72-21. Balsizer still rates the Cleveland preppers the best in Ohio. Some of the best swimmers in the midwest will be on display when the team visits the local Junior High School pool.

Their medley relay team, Ed Morrison in the 100 - yard Free-style and Jim Gottschalk in the 200 - yard individual medley have posted the best times in the state. Gottschalk's 2:03.9 in

the medley is rated by Balsizer as "fantastic".

In this meet the coach says Ross will be out to better its times and put more boys in the top 10 or 12 times in Ohio. He says the Little Giants will push out in the 400-yard free-style relay in an all-out bid.

Comparative best times of Ross and its two foes this week are as follows:

200 MEDLEY RELAY—Ross, 1:50.3; Sandusky, 1:51.9; University School, 1:45 (best in

Ohio).

200 FREESTYLE — Ross, Eric Wright, 2:03.2; Sandusky, Bill Glass, 2:01.7; University School, Ed Fouse, 1:53.9 (third best in Ohio).

50 FREESTYLE — Ross, Ken Mathias and Dan Kohr, :23.8; Sandusky, Hower, :24.6; University, Jim Dickard, :23.4 (fourth best in Ohio).

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY— Ross, Kirby Taylor, 2:25.2; Sandusky, Barry Vermeeren, 2:23.3; University, Jim Gott-

schalk, 2:03.9 (Best in Ohio). (Second best in Ohio).

100 BUTTERFLY — Ross, Rick Koebel, 1:02.1; Sandusky, Paul Gilbert, :50.1; University, Doug Neff, :56.5 (second in Ohio).

100 FREESTYLE — Ross, Eric Wright, :52.3; Sandusky, Dick Sidner, :52.8; University, Ed Morrison, :50.3 (Best in Ohio).

100 BACKSTROKE — Ross, Rick Kidney, 1:03.8; Sandusky, Barry Vermeeren, 1:04.8; University, Jim Gottschalk, :57.6 (Ohio).

400 FREESTYLE — Ross, Steve Miller, 1:13; Sandusky, Gundlach, 1:13.5; University, Jim Dickard, 1:06.4 (Seventh in Ohio).

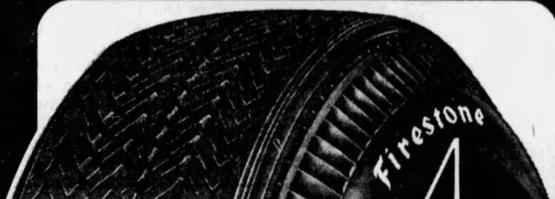
100 BREASTSTROKE — Ross, 400 FREESTYLE RELAY— Ross, 3:42.1; Sandusky, 3:42.9; University, 3:37.0 (Fifth best in

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6.50-15, 6.70-15 (7.75-15), 7.10-15 (8.15-15)

Ross Swimmers Swamped In Sandusky Tank, 60-35

SANDUSKY — Ross swimming team endured its most disappointing night of the season Thursday at Sandusky, falling to the Buckeye Conference rival 60-35. Tone of the evening was set in the opening 200 - yard medley relay when one swimmer missed a turn. It was only Ross' second loss.

Coach Jack Balsizer commented, "A missed freestyle turn on the anchor leg of the medley relay not only cost us a very important win in that event, but forced us out of our pre-meet plan in an effort to salvage a win in the meet by picking up the lost points. We swam very poorly after the first event and turned in only four time improvements in the meet."

Fremont captured only three first places in the 11 events. Even with the missed turn the Little Giants were only seven-tenths of a second off the winning time in the opening relay.

Three-tenths of a second divided Ross' Steve Miller from victory in the 100 - yard breast stroke. Bill Siemmer was bested by a mere 4.1 points in the diving event.

Miller posted his best time of the year with the 1:11.9 in the breast stroke. Coach Balsizer noted that Miller's improvement now "seems to cover a serious weakness in this event."

Eric Wright was the lone double winner in the 50 and 100 - yard freestyles. Other first place was the 100 - yard backstroke by Rick Kidney. In addition to his first place Kidney had done a strong job in leading off the ill - fated medley relay. Kidney turned in his best 100 - yard backstroke with a 1:02.9 timing.

Wright's :23.8 in the 50 - yard freestyle was a time improvement as was the 2:10.5 by Jon Zink good for second in the 200-yard freestyle.

In summing up the losing performance the coach stated, "Overall a disappointing performance for an experienced team such as these boys should be."

This afternoon the Ross swimmers meet the leading prep school team in Ohio from Cleveland's University School.

SUMMARY

200 MEDLEY RELAY — Sandusky (Leech, Gunlach, Wagner, Sidner), 1:50; Ross (Kidney, Miller, Koebel, Kohr), 1:50.7.

200 FREESTYLE — Glass (S), 2:02.7; Zink (R), 2:10.5; Feick (S), 2:10.5.

50 FREESTYLE — Wright (R), :23.8; Ma'has (R), :24; House (S), :25.3.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — Vermeer (S), 2:20.9; Taylor (R), 2:26.8; McGrain (S), 2:34.5.

DIVE — Cassidy (S), 172.7; Siemmer (R), 168.6; Appell (S), 145.05.

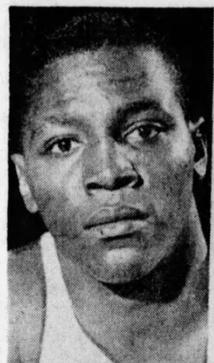
100 BUTTERFLY — Gilbert (S), :58.8; Koebel (R), 1:03.3; Skirball (S), 1:10.6.

100 FREESTYLE — Wright

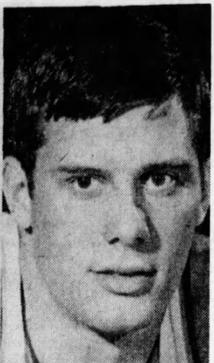
(R), :52.5; Zeuk (S), :55.5; House (S), :55.7.

100 BACKSTROKE — Kidney (R), 1:02.9; Leech (S), 1:04.2; Taylor (R), 1:06.6.

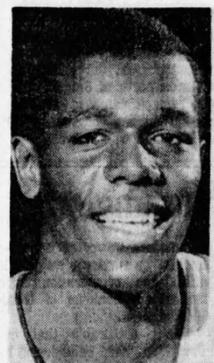
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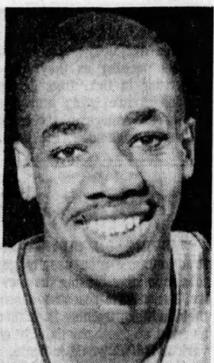
JOHN BRISKER



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BOB MILLER



JOHN RUDLEY

MIX MASTERS — University of Toledo has built a winning basketball team this year largely on the work of these four sophomores. Still unbeaten, the Rockets lead the Mid-American Conference. Steve Mix, 6-6, is the leading scorer, with John Brisker, 6-4, second. Rudley, 5-9, makes the fast break click. Miller is the "sixth man" who comes off the bench. (AP Wirephoto)

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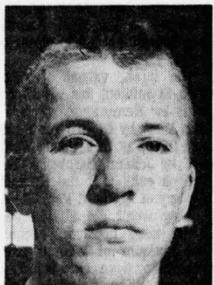
Nichols Credits Offense For Toledo 9-0 Record

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — "I don't know what the future holds but right now I'm very happy," says Toledo basketball coach Bobby Nichols.

The Rocket coach has ample reason to feel elated. Toledo, lightly regarded in the Mid-American Conference scramble, is atop the seven-team league with a 3-0 record and hasn't been beaten in nine starts.

"I don't know if we're as good as our 9-0 record. There's plenty of room for improvement," admits the 36-year-old pilot.

"Offensively, our club has



FRIDAY SWIMMING MEET

Pool, School Records Fall As University Beats Ross

Five junior high pool records and two Ross high school records fell Friday afternoon as Ross swimmers fell to the strongest swim team in the state. University School of Cleveland, 56-39. The Ross team in the wake of a disappointing

performance the night before at an event, the 400-yard freestyle at Sandusky, were in contention against University until the next to last event.

A one - two sweep in the 100-yard breaststroke and victory in the 400 - yard freestyle relay sank the Ross hopes. In the fi-

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The final relay was one of pool records set by University school. The team of Jim Dickard, Doug Neff, Ed Morrison and Jim Gottschalk swam the distance in 3:30.3. Ross quartet of Eric Wright, Jon Zink, Dan Kahr and Ken Mathias were timed in 3:34.7. This bettered a previous school record of 3:34.8, recorded by Larry Salom, Tom Lloyd, Charles Fangboner and Jim Foreman. The time should place Ross sixth of seventh in the list of top times this year in Ohio.

Wright Ties Record

Eric Wright, who led off the record - setting relay, also tied a school record of :52 in the 100-yard freestyle. He matched the mark of Tom Lloyd.

Other new pool records set by University School were 200-yard freestyle, Ed Fouse, 1:56.6; 100-yard butterfly, Gottschalk, :55.4; 100-yard breaststroke, Jack Dickard, 1:07.2, and 200-yard individual medley, Jack Dickard, 2:14.6.

Jim Dickard is actually University School's second best man in the medley event. Gottschalk has recorded a 2:03.9 in that event but was used in other events.

Ross Coach Jack Balsizer noted the University School coach did not swim his strongest line-up. "He used his good boys in events other than their regular . . . he wanted a good meet."

Ross Challenges

Good meet it was with Ross leading, 31-30, as late as the seventh event on the 11-event schedule. With only two events to be contested Ross trailed only 41-38.

In addition to the records, Ross had two other major improvements. Ken Mathias had a :22.7 time for second in the 50-yard freestyle, his best to date. Bob Dray recorded his best time in the 400-yard freestyle, 4:48.7, but finished second.

Ross won three events, the opening 200-yard medley relay, the dive and Wright's 100-yard freestyle. Bill Slemmer won the diving with a 22-point margin over his nearest rival.

The Little Giants now have a record of four wins, three losses in dual competition.

SUMMARY

200 MEDLEY RELAY — Ross (Rick Kidney, Steve Miller, Rick Koebel, Dan Kahr), 1:50; University School (Anderson, Saunders, Sovil, Jones), 1:58.9.

200 FREESTYLE — Fouse (US), 1:56.6 (new pool record); Jon Zink (R), 2:10.2; Jerry Seamer (R), 2:23.4.

50 FREESTYLE — Neff (US), 23.3; Ken Mathias (R), 23.7; Storer (US), 25.2.

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — Jack Dickard (US), 2:14.6 (pool record); Kirby Taylor (R), 2:25.6; Hollenberg (US), 2:30.4.

DIVE — Bill Slemmer (R), 101.3; Platz (US), 79.3; Nave (US), 76.7.

100 BUTTERFLY — Jim Gottschalk (US), :55.4 (pool record); Rick Koebel (R), 1:02.8; Shilling (R), 1:09.8.

100 FREESTYLE — Eric Wright (R), :52 (ties school record); Jim Dickard (US), :53.01; Howland (US), :55.3.

100 BACKSTROKE — Morrison (US), :39.2; Rick Kidney (R), 1:03.8; Reddrop (US), 04.9.

400 FREESTYLE — Fouse (US), 4:17.3; Bob Dray (R), 4:48.7; Kirby Taylor (R), 5:06.2.

100 BREASTSTROKE — Jack Dickard (US), 1:07.2 (pool record); Mavec (US), 1:09.3; Miller (R), 1:13.8.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — University School (Jim Dickard, Neff, Morrison, Gottschalk), 3:30.3 (pool record); Ross (Eric Wright, Jon Zink, Dan Kahr, Ken Mathias), 3:34.7 (school record).

SENECA STANDINGS

	W	L
Bloomville	9	1
Attica	8	2
Old Fort	6	4
Ross	2	7



ROSS' BILL SLEMMER IN DIVE LAYOUT
One Of Three Little Giant First Places

SENECA COUNTY LEAGUE:

Bloomville Hits 100 Again; Bettsville Upsets Old Fort

Bloomville and Attica remained in a dog fight at the top of the heap, but Old Fort and Republic slipped one notch further down the ladder in Seneca county league action Friday night.

While Bloomville was bombing Republic, 110-74, and Attica was blasting New Riegel, 80-55, Bettsville upset Old Fort 66-64 to jar the Stockaders dimming hopes for a championship. The action left Old Fort and Republic three games off the top of the league leading. Bloomville squared. In the fourth game Hopewell-Louden ripped Thompson, 56-68.

An alert Jerry Hade pumped in 30 points and the Bettsville Bobcats to their two - point victory over Old Fort. Hade, who stole the ball and scored on layups five times in the first half, finished the night with 11 field goals and six free throws for 28 points. He got 14 in each half.

The Bobcats built a 33-23 halftime margin, but Old Fort scored the first ten points in the second half and knotted the score at 33 all. The Stockaders fell behind again, however, before rallying in the last two minutes to narrow the gap to two points.

Rau Gets Hot

Ronnie Rau scored 22 points, 20 in the second half, for the Old Fort period. In that big second period, Rau scored ten, Jan Austermiller had seven and Doug Pence had six. Rau, at 5'9", is the tallest of the three. Austermiller and Pence each had 14 points for the night. Ron Reid scored 19 points and grabbed 16 rebounds for the team.

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"SCRATCHES"

To

POOL, SCHOOL RECORDS FALL

Ross Swimmers Post Fifth Victory

With it quickly apparent that Akron Buchtel was not going to be a serious challenge, it was a relaxed team of Ross swimmers which competed in the local junior high pool Friday. The result was some of the outstanding performances of the year and a 65-30 victory over the visiting Buchtel.

Ross swimmers set two school records and won eight of 11 events. Ross now has a 5-3 dual meet record.

Buchtel did have one outstanding swimmer, freestyler Mark Jenkins, who set new Junior high pool records in the 100 and 200 - yard freestyle events. The new marks were :50.9 in the 100 and 1:54.8 in the 200 event.

So good was Jenkins' performance that Eric Wright of Ross set a new school record in the 100 - yard freestyle and still finished second. Wright swam the distance in :51.9, breaking the :52 mark he held with Tom Loyd.

Ken Mathias was clocked in 23.3 for the 50 - yard freestyle to break another Loyd record of :23.5. It also cut a full fourtenths of a second off Mathias' best time for the distance.

Coach Jack Balsizer remarked, "We swam many of our best times this season, because we were relaxed. Buchtel just didn't have the boys to do the job with the exception of Mark Jenkins they have very

little. Jenkins is a real fine freestyler."

Best times, in addition to the record times by Mathias and Wright, were: 200 - yard medley relay, 1:48.7; Kirby Taylor, 200 - yard individual medley, 2:23.6; Steve Miller, 100 -yard breaststroke, 1:00.7.

The top medley relay speed was set by a quartet which had never before combined for the event — Rick Kidney, Steve Miller, Dan Kohr and Eric Wright. Miller's improvement was noted by Balsizer as a bright spot since this event has been a Ross weakness.

Ross swimmers are in Columbus today to meet Columbus Academy.

SUMMARY

200 MEDLEY RELAY—Ross (Kidney, Miller, Kohr, Wright), 1:48.7; Buchtel 2:09.6.

200 FREESTYLE — Mark Jenkins (B), 1:54.8 (new pool record); Jon Zink (R), 2:08.5; Lipker (B), 2:09.4.

50 FREESTYLE — Ken Mathias (R), :23.3 (new school record); Watson (B) :25.6; Rick Koebel (R) :26.1.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY— Kirby Taylor (R), 2:23.6; Schlemmer (B), 2:31.5; Ferguson (R), 2:40.0.

DIVE — Bill Slemmer (R), 110.2; Brown (R), Dietz (B), 60.7.

100 BUTTERFLY — Rick Koebel (R), 1:02.7; Dan Leonard (B), 1:14.4; Ferguson (R), 1:14.5.

100 FREESTYLE — Dan Jenkins (B), :50.9 (new pool record); Eric Wright (R), :51.9 (new school record); Bill Rakes (R), :59.9.

100 BACKSTROKE — Rick Kidney (R), 1:04.4; Jerry Seamer (R), 1:10.8; Heston (B), 1:22.3.

400 FREESTYLE — Lipker (B), 4:47.0; Bob Dray (R), 4:48.4; Scott Keller (R), 5:00.9.

100 BREASTSTROKE — Steve Miller (R) 1:10.7; Dave Ulrich (B), 1:16; Billman (R), 1:18.7.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — Ross (Taylor, Zink, Kohr, Mathias), 3:36.2; Buchtel, 3:57.4.

SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE:

St. Mary Keeps Winning, Margaretta Wins At Gun

Sandusky St. Mary's kept rolling while Margaretta and Oak Harbor posted narrow victories in Sandusky Bay Conference basketball Friday night.

Paced by Dick Weisler and Dennis Faber, the Panthers of St. Mary's had little trouble downing the host Clyde Fliers. St. Mary's moved out to a 17 point halftime margin and

scorer, Harry Dewitz, the Oak Harbor Rockets downed Gibsonburg 64-60 at Oak Harbor Friday night.

Dewitz, a 6'5" senior center, canned 12 field goals and one free throw to lead all scorers with 25 points. Steve Taulker paced Gibsonburg with 21 points.



HIGH SCHOOL

Fostoria 70, Bowling Green 62
Huron 73, Vermilion 65
Lorain St. Mary 57, Parma Bysantine 32
Mapleton 57, Monroeville 51
Lakeside 45, Norwalk St. Paul 44
Toledo Woodward 69, Toledo Bowsher 48
Toledo Macomber 61, Toledo Stritch 45
Sylvania 61, Toledo Whitmer

Ross Swimmers Edge Columbus In Final Event

COLUMBUS—Fremont's down to the final lap charge gave it a 49-46 victory over Columbus Academy in a Saturday swimming meet in the Academy pool. Ross needed victories in the final two events to regain the lead at the conclusion.

Victory in the 400 - yard free-style relay, final event of the meet, Ross's first and second in the 100 - yard freestyle and Steve Miller's first in the 100 - yard breast stroke were key in-

gredients of the victory. Eric Wright and Jon Zink gave Ross that one-two finish in the 100 - yard freestyle.

It took an outstanding effort by anchor man Ken Mathias to win the last relay for Ross. Mathias trailed when he entered the water and wasn't able to take the lead until the last half of the final lap. "Once he took the lead he was too much free-styler for Academy's boy to overtake," noted Ross Coach Jack Balsizer. The coach added, "This was Ken's finest 100-yard freestyle of the year and a typical clutch performance by a very determined competitor."

The meet victory was Ross' first win in the Academy pool in the last three trips to Columbus. Balsizer said times were not up to par but reminded, "This has always been a difficult pool for us to swim in."

The win brings Ross swimming record to 6-3 with one winning season. The Little Giants will be back in the splash Saturday at 2 p.m. They will meet Findlay for a second time this season in the Fremont Junior High school pool. Ross previously beat Findlay January 7.

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SMMARY

200 MEDLEY RELAY—Ross (Kidney, Miller, Koebel, Kohr), 1:50.6; Columbus Academy.

200 FREESTYLE — J. Lape (A), 2:01.9; Eric Wright (R), 2:02.6; Maddox (A), 2:04.1.

50 FREESTYLE — Ken Mathias (R), :23.9; Kirk (A), :25.9; Dawes (A), :26.6.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY—H. Lape (A), 2:15.5; Kirby Taylor (R), 2:27; McCormick (A), 2:35.

DIVE — Skilken (A); Siemmer (R); Leckie (A).

100 BUTTERFLY — Lazarus (A), 1:00.4; Koebel (R), 1:01.6; Kohr (R), 1:03.9.

100 Freestyle — Eric Wright (R), :53.3; Jon Zink (R), :55.1; Henney (A), :56.4.

100 BACKSTROKE — H. Lape (A), 1:02.5; Rick Kidney (R), 1:04; Shuff (A), 1:08.1.

400 FREESTYLE — Maddox (A), 4:37.1; McCormick (A), 4:49.2; Scott Keller (R), 5:07.5.

100 Breast STROKE — Steve Miller (R), 1:11.1; Missidine (A), 1:12; Bradford (A), 1:16.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — Ross (Taylor, Zink, Bill Rakes, Mathias) 3:41.1; Academy, 3:42.7.

Figure Skating National Champs Are Crowned

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Gary Visconti of Detroit and Peggy Fleming of Colorado Springs, Colo., figure to lead American hopes in the 1968 Olympic figure skating competition.

They were crowned men's and women's national champions here Sunday. Visconti, 21, dethroned Allen Scott, 17, of Smoke Rise, N.J. for the men's crown while Miss Fleming won her fourth women's title.

An 18-member national team, plus two alternates, was named after the competition for the world meet at Vienna Feb. 28-March 5 by the U.S. Figure Skating Association. The team will also compete in the North American championships in Montreal, Feb. 10-12.

Miss Fleming, clad in gossamer gold with a matching band around her jet-black hair, won mainly on the brilliance of her style after dominating the compulsory figures.

In the senior pairs, champions Cynthia, 18, and Ronald, 20, Kauffman of Seattle, Wash., dominated an eight-team field as they displayed one thrilling maneuver after another in their five-minute program. The Kaufmans got one vote of 5.9 for their style and four scores of 5.8 for technical merit. A perfect score was six.

UCLA Tops Century Mark In Two Games

By DICK COUCH
Associated Press Sports Writer

If UCLA's prodigious Bruins have trouble getting excited about their trip to Chicago this week, Coach John Wooden prob-

Ross Swimmers In Quest For Second Over Findlay

Fremont Ross swimmers will be out to beat Findlay for a second time this season Saturday at 2 p.m. in the junior high pool. The meet is a big one for the Little Giants since a victory would assure a winning season for the local natators.

Fremont swim team currently has a record of six wins, three losses. Ross beat Findlay January 7, 51-44, in the Findlay pool. The meet was close and not decided until the last event, 400-yard freestyle relay.

Coach Jack Balsizer of Ross warns, "Saturday's meet figures to be every bit as close and exciting as the first. Findlay has shown fine improvement since the first meet and in some events has gained an edge on us." Findlay's 200-meter medley relay team ranks among the 12 fastest times in Ohio.

Some of the better Findlay swimmers and their times are: Steve Traucht, 50 - yard freestyle, :23.5; Jerry Stevens, 100-yard freestyle, :53.7; Gary Cramer, 100 - yard backstroke, 1:02.7; Mark Mathias, 100-yard butterfly, 1:02.5; Bill Hollington, 100-yard breaststroke, 1:11.4.

Last year Findlay beat Ross twice and won the Buckeye Conference championship after Ross, the apparent winner, had a relay team disqualified.

Next week Ross swims against the potential state championship team from Toledo St. Francis. This meet will be Friday at 4 p.m. in the junior high pool. Saturday, February 4, Ross competes against top teams from Ohio and Michigan in the Bowling Green relays.

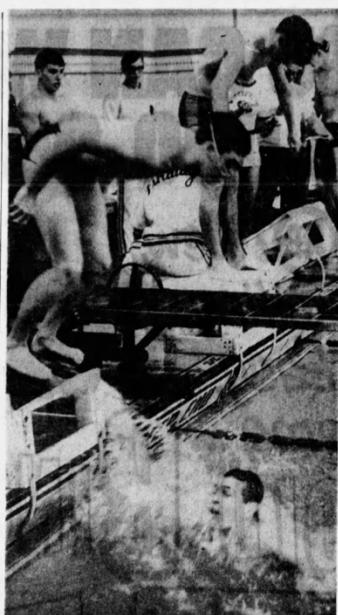
Interleague Play Studied

BOSTON (AP) — Baseball Commissioner William D. Eckert says he is studying the possibility of interleague play and has appointed a committee of major league club owners to make a study of the idea.

"The committee of owners is looking into matters concerning the possibility of interleague play, the All-Star Game schedule, the World Series and regular season scheduling," he said.

"We are studying the possibility of starting the World Series on a weekend and possibly playing night games during the week," the former Air Force General told the 28th annual Boston baseball writers' dinner Thursday night.

"The committee is also looking into the scheduling of games during the regular season as



DAN KOHR LEAVES MARK IN FINAL RELAY
Jon Zink Touches At End of Second Lap
(News-Messenger Photo)

SPORTS BRIEFS:

Palmer Wins
Los Angeles
Open Tourney

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arnold Palmer got three birdies on the final five holes for a final round, three under par 68 and a 72-hole total of 269 to throw back the challenge of Gay Brewer and win the Los Angeles Open for the second straight year, by five strokes.

NEAD TOP SENIOR
PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Sam Nead turned in a six under par 66 on the final round and won the PGA Senior's Teachers Trophy Tournament for the third time in four years by an unprecedented nine strokes with a 72-hole total of 279.

BEAMAN HEADS CUPPERS
NEW YORK (AP) — Deane Beaman, twice U.S. amateur champion, headed the 16-man group named to represent the United States in the Walker Cup matches team against Britain at Sandwich, England, May 19-30.

SALDIVAR KEEPS TITLE
MEXICO CITY (AP) — World featherweight champion Vicente Saldivar of Mexico retained his title when he scored a seven-round technical knockout of challenger Mitsumori Seki of Japan, in a scheduled 15-round championship bout.

RICKY, WARNER ADDED
NEW YORK (AP) — Branch Rickey, the late, longtime baseball executive, and Lloyd (Little Poision) Waner were named to baseball's Hall of Fame by the veterans' committee in a unanimous vote.

DAVENPORT EQUALS MARK
BOSTON (AP) — Willie Davenport, the AAU indoor and outdoor hurdles champ, equalled the indoor record for the 45-yard high hurdles at 5.4 seconds and Kerry O'Brien of Australia won the two-mile event in 8:38.4, setting a meet record, in the Boston A.A. Indoor Games.

SEAGREN LEAPS RECORDS
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Bob Seagren broke his own indoor pole vault record with a leap of 17 feet, 2 inches, and Theron Lewis shattered another indoor mark when he won the 440-yard dash in 47.1 seconds at the Albuquerque Invitational.

SHOT RECORD BROKEN
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Neal Steinbauer broke his own indoor shot put record three times, finishing at 67 feet, 10 inches, and Jim Ryan won the 1,000-yard race in 2:09.9, just four seconds off the indoor record, in the Oregon Invitational.

ASHIE GAINS FINAL
ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — Arthur Ashe advanced to the final of the Australian National Championships by whipping John Newcombe of Australia 12-10, 20-22, 6-3, 6-2.

FRANCHMAN WINS
MOSCOW, France (AP) — Guy Perillat of France broke a streak of eight straight victories by countryman Jean-Claude Killy when he won the special slalom with a total time of 2:01.32.

"Our boys really wanted this and went right out to get it by taking these first two seconds early to put us in a commanding position," stated head Little Giant coach Jack Balsizer.

Last year Findlay beat Ross twice and now the Little Giants have reversed this with two victories in the current season.

The victory guarantees a winning dual meet season as the Ross record stands at 7-3 with three meets remaining.

Stouffer, a Cleveland restaurateur who took over control of the American League team last season, said he favors staying close to the city. "After all, we are the Cleveland Indians," he said.

Stouffer said the project will get a full scale-ahead as soon as talks to Indians' General Manager Gene Paul, who is out of town on a business trip.

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LITTLE GIANT THIRD VICTO
Ross Stops Springfield

Pandemonium broke loose in Ross high school gymnasium Saturday night. The din of an excited crowd obscured an official's whistle. The Little Giants came within four seconds of the game's end thinking they were losing, only to find they were ahead.

Who was leading and cool foul line performance of a sophomore were part of the climax as Ross upended Akron Springfield township, 63-60 here Saturday.

The Little Giants bore the resemblance of a successful

team rather than one with a 3-15 record as they handed Springfield its sixth loss of the year. With coolness they came back from a bad first period to tie at halftime and then remained composed under pressure of a seesaw battle.

Later in the fourth quarter the



ROSS SWIM COACHES JACK BALSIZER, GARY SHELTON
Scoreboard Reflects Little Giant Success In Saturday Meet
(News-Messenger Photo)

WINNING SEASON ASSURED

Swimmers Sink Findlay

Three consecutive first and second places in the first three individual events scored 24 points for Ross Saturday afternoon on the way to a 55-37 swimming victory. Findlay was unable to recover from the early onslaught as Ross went on to win eight of 11 events.

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Last year Findlay beat Ross twice and now the Little Giants have reversed this with two victories in the current season. The victory guarantees a winning dual meet season as the Ross record stands at 7-3 with three meets remaining.

Swimming their best times of the season were:

Rick Kidney, 200 - yard freestyle, 2:08.1; Steve Miller, 200-yard individual medley, 2:20.3,

an improvement of five seconds; Jon Zink, 200 - yard individual medley, 2:24, first time he has been in this event; Rick Koebel, 100 - yard butterfly, 1:02; Scott Keller, 400 - yard freestyle, 4:55.8, an improve-

ment of five seconds; the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Kirby Taylor, Zink, Dan Kohn and Ken Mathias, 3:53.3.

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SUMMARY
200 MEDLEY RELAY — Findlay (Cramer, Hollington, Silverstein, Kresser), 1:52.8; Ross (Vaffis, Billman, Ferguson, Semer), disqualified.

200 FREESTYLE — Wright (R), 2:06.6; Kidney (R), 2:08.1; Stevens (F), 2:09.

50 FREESTYLE — Mathias (R), :23.9; Kohn (R), :24.2; Traucht (F), :24.8.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — Miller (R), 2:20.3; Zink (R), 2:24; Bish (F), 2:30.

DIVE — Bender (F), 48.8; Slemmer (R), 48.5; Miller (F), 38.9.

100 BUTTERFLY — Koebel (R), 1:02; Mathias (F), 1:03.2; Taylor (R), 1:04.1.

100 FREESTYLE — Wright (R), :53.4; Burrell (F), :56.8; Reitsma (F), :58.9.

100 BACKSTROKE — Kidney (R), :53.2; Cramer (F), 1:03.7; Zink (F), 1:04.1.

400 FREESTYLE — Roberts (F), 4:53; Keller (R), 4:55.8; Whalen (F), 4:58.8.

100 BREASTSTROKE — Miller (R), 1:11.2; Row (F), 1:12.3; Hollington (F), 1:13.9.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — Ross (Taylor, Zink, Kohn, Mathias), 3:35.3; Findlay (Stevens, Kresser, Loo, Traucht), 3:55.



TOP STATE CONTENDERS:

St. Francis Swimmers To Test Ross

The best that Ohio high schools have to offer in swimming competition will be the challenge for Fremont Ross Friday afternoon. At 4 p.m. in the local junior high school pool, the Little Giants will be after victory number seven against Toledo St. Francis.

Toledo St. Francis is rated one of the top contenders for the state championship this year. This is only the third year of competition for the Saints, but with all of Toledo to draw from they have built a contender.

Coach Jack Balsizer of Ross noted that most of the St. Francis boys have had the advan-

tage of being in well-organized competition since they were 10 years of age. Despite the three years of St. Francis competition, this makes the swimmers experienced veterans.

Ross will be in the water to improve on its times as this will be the last dual meet before the Buckeye Conference championships, February 11. The Little Giants will swim Saturday in the Bowling Green Relays.

Last year, St. Francis beat Ross 50-45 in a meet where the Little Giants led until the last relay. The Ross meet was the toughest last year for St. Francis. This year the Toledo

team boasts more strength, depth and balance. St. Francis a year ago went on to win the district championship and place fifth in the state meet.

Best times posted by St. Francis swimmers to date exceed the top performance by Ross in all events.

Comparative best times posted this season by the two teams are:

200 MEDLEY RELAY — St. Francis, 1:47.2; Ross, 1:48.7.

200 FREESTYLE — St. Francis, D. Marker, 1:49.4; Ross, Erie Wright, 2:02.

50 FREESTYLE — St. Francis, G. Zann, :23.2; Ross, Ken Mathias, :23.7.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — St. Francis, Hyland, 2:08; Ross, Steve Miller, 2:20.

100 BUTTERFLY — St. Francis, Marker, :56.8; Ross, Rick Koebel, 1:02.

100 FREESTYLE — St. Francis, B. Zann and G. Zann, :51.6; Ross, Eric Wright, :51.9.

100 BACKSTROKE — St. Francis, Edwards, 1:00.8; Ross, Rick Kidney, 1:02.7.

400 FREESTYLE — St. Francis, Hyland, 4:08; Ross, Bob Dray, 4:48.

100 BREASTSTROKE — St. Francis, Murtagh, 1:08.2; Ross, Steve Miller, 1:10.7.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — St. Francis, 3:26; Ross, 3:34.

Toledo U. Shellacks Kent State, Gets Assist As Ohio Tops Broncos

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toledo's league rivals keep knocking each other off, making things even easier for the rollicking Rockets. Wittenberg's league rivals have begun doing the same thing, to the Tigers' benefit.

Now if only the teams ahead of Cincinnati in its conference would do the same thing...

Toledo stretched its Mid-American Conference lead by plastering Kent State 78-62

operation in the rugged Missouri Valley loop. Louisville, 6-1, beat St. Louis while Wichita, 4-2, topped Drake, to stay, with idle Tulsa, 4-1, ahead of the 4-3 'Cats.

Toledo, running its lossless campaign through 14 games, scored 15 straight points for a 15-2 lead and 13 straight in making the count 40-13 before coasting to their second conquest of Kent in a week. Steve Mix scored 18 points and the Rockets shot .508 from the field

ROSS TEAM SINKS 58-37:

Little Giant Swimmers Find No Reason To Dispute St. Francis' Strength Claim

"We put up as much of a fight as we could against a team this strong," stated Coach Jack Balsizer Friday after this Fremont Ross swimmers sank to Toledo St. Francis, 58-37. St. Francis is being touted as a favorite to win the state title this year.

Balsizer confirmed this appraisal when he said, "St. Francis is as deep and strong as I figured. They definitely are a top contender for the state championship."

Strength of St. Francis was shown in the fact three Ross swimmers posted best times of the season and none won an event. In fact one best time was good for second, one for third and one was last of fourth against the Toledo team.

Best Ross Times

Eric Wright had a 2:02, his best in the 200 - yard freestyle, and still finished better than two seconds behind the winner in second place. Dan Kohr swam the 100 - yard butterfly in a season best of 1:01.8, but finished behind both St. Francis foes. John Vaffis in the 100 - yard backstroke failed to place in the top three despite a career best 1:08.7 timing.

Victory in the opening medley relay and domination of diving kept Ross in front through six events. At this point the Little Giants were on top of team totals 24-23, but a one - two St. Francis finish in the butterfly started the Ross slide.

Rick Kidney took a first in the 100 - yard back stroke and Ross trailed by only four, 37-33, through eight events. St. Francis then wrapped it up by winning the final three events.

Two Records Set

Two new junior high pool records were set by St. Francis swimmers. New 200 - yard individual medley standard of 2:14.5 was set by Jim Ryley. Bill Mann was timed in 4:13.4 in the 400 - yard freestyle for another new mark.

Balsizer credited Assistant Coach Gary Shell's divers with a strong showing. "Coach Shell's divers did a good job. They are now starting to do the tougher dives that separate the men from the boys." Number one diver Bill Slemmer was rated 42.9 points higher than the best St. Francis diver. Dan Linder was a 10 - point leader over the best of the oppositions.

Today the Ross natators are competing with nine other teams from Ohio and Michigan in the Bowling Green relays.

Kohr, Ken Mathias), 1:49.8; St. Francis (Johnson, Malone, Murtough, Greg Zann), 1:50.4.

200 FREESTYLE — Mann (SF), 1:59.6; Eric Wright (R), 2:02; Kolbeck (SF), 2:04.7.

50 FREESTYLE — Murtough (SF), :24.1; Kirby Taylor (R), :24.5; Rick Kobel (R), :25.7.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — Ryley (SF), 2:14.5 (new pool record); Johnson (SF), 2:20.2; Jon Zink (R), 2:25.8.

DIVE — Bill Slemmer (R), 99.9; Dan Linder (R), 67.0; Burtscher (SF), 57.0.

100 BUTTERFLY — Greg Zann (SF), 1:01.5; Shrider (SF), 1:01.5; Dan Kohr (R), 1:01.8.

100 FREESTYLE — Bob Zann (SF), :52.0; Eric Wright (R), :52.0; Ken Mathias (R), :54.2.

100 BACKSTROKE — Rick Kidney (R), 1:03.4; Kolbeck (SF), 1:04.1; Szymanski (SF), 1:04.6.

400 FREESTYLE — Mann (SF), 4:13.4 (new pool record); Ryley (SF), 4:29.6; Scott Keller (R), 5:02.8.

100 BREASTSTROKE — Malone (SF), 1:10.1; Steve Miller (R), 1:11.9; Eshra (SF), 1:13.04.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — St. Francis (Bob Zann, E. Edwards, Shrider, Ryley), 3:38.2; Ross (Jon Zink, Rick Koebel, Bill Rakes, Kirby Taylor), 3:46.0.

Cothren First Saint

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Paige Cothren, onetime University of Mississippi star, is the first New Orleans Saint. He was signed Friday by the new National Football League team as a kicking specialist.

Washington Takes Lead

BANFF, Alta. (AP) — The University of Washington took the lead with 100 points Friday after the first event in an international collegiate ski meet.

Bank Merger Approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — The merger of Farmers Bank of Good Hope, Ohio, with Millerville Bank of Jeffersonville, Ohio, has been approved by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. The merger banks will be called the Fayette County Bank, the FDIC said Friday.



Ross Places In 3 Events At BG Meet

BOWLING GREEN — Fremont Ross placed in three events Saturday at Akron Firestone was first and five records fell in the 21st Bowling Green Relays swimming.

Coach Jack Balsizer was far from pleased with the performances of his team, except the 200 - yard backstroke relay team which exceeded his expectations. The backstrokers were fourth behind Trenton, Mich., with a time of 1:55.3. Swimming for Ross on the backstroke relay team were Rick Kidney, John Vaffis, Rick Koebel and Steve Miller.

Highest place by a Fremont relay unit was the 200 - yard freestyle with a time of 1:34.6. The freestylers finished behind second place Akron Firestone, 1:32.6, and winner University School. University School set a Bowling Green Relay record with a time of 1:31.6, breaking the old mark of 1:32.5 held by Trenton. Swimming for Ross in the event were Eric Wright, Kirby Taylor, Dan Kahr, Ken Mathias.

The other Ross team to place was the 400 - yard freestyle quartet, fifth in that event. The combination of Eric Wright, Jon Zink, Dan Kahr and Ken Mathias was clocked in 3:35.5. Winning time and another meet record was 3:23.3 by University School. This lowered the 3:32.3 standard previously set by Akron Firestone.

As a team Ross was tied for sixth with 18 points. A year ago the Fremont team was seventh with 16 points.

University School won four events, all in record time, but finished second in the meet. Unseating University school after two consecutive championships was Akron Firestone. Akron Firestone, which finished by a single point behind University last season, capitalized on depth. The Firestone swimmers took only one first but had six seconds, one third and placed at least as high as third in all eight events.

Other records set by University school were 400 - yard individual medley relay, 3:51.9, and 200 - yard butterfly, 1:41. These records of 3:57.5 in the medley and 1:42.2 in the butterfly, both also previously held by University School.

Akron Firestone posted its lone victory in record time of 1:58.5 in the 200 - yard breaststroke. This bettered a 2:00.4 set by Berea.

Final team totals were Akron Firestone, 78; University School 65; Trenton, 52; Berea, 35; Monroe, 23; Findlay, 18; Fitzgerald, 18; Fremont, 18; Edsel Ford, 15; Sandusky, 8.

Final Relay Denies Ross Swimmers Sandusky Upset

Before Thursday night's meet with Sandusky, Ross Coach Jack Balsizer assured "Our boys won't roll over and play dead."

Defeat in the final relay denied the Little Giant swimmers victory by one point, 48-47, but the Balsizer prediction was on the nose. Ross displayed its best team effort of the year and gave Sandusky its toughest dual meet of the season. This all came despite the fact one of the leading Ross freestylers, Jon Zink, was out of action due

to illness. Zink is a key man in the 400 - yard freestyle relay, final event of the meet.

In challenging Sandusky Ross swimmers set one new school and one new junior high school pool record. Eric Wright was the pace - setter, winning two events in which he posted his best times. Wright set a new school record of :51.5 in winning the 100 - yard freestyle. The senior matador also was first in the 200 - yard freestyle with a clocking of 1:59.8.

The new pool record came in the opening event when the 200-yard medley relay team won with a time of 1:48.2. Swimming on this record - setting quartet were Rick Kidney, Steve Miller, Dan Kohr and Kirby Taylor. This time will rank among the top ten in the state, as will Wright's time in the 100 - yard freestyle.

Ross won six of the 11 events but Sandusky picked up needed points by failing to finish in the top three in only one race, 100-yard freestyle.

Other Ross swimmers recording their best times of the year were Koebel, 100 - yard butterfly, :59.8; Ken Mathias, 100-yard freestyle, :53.8; Kidney, 100-yard backstroke, 1:01.5; Scott Keller, 400 - yard freestyle, 4:52.1; Christy, 400 - yard freestyle, 5:07; Steve Miller, 100-yard breaststroke, 1:10.4.

SUMMARY

200 MEDLEY RELAY—Ross (Kidney, Miller, Kohr, Taylor), 1:48.2; Sandusky, 1:51.7.

200 FREESTYLE — Eric Wright (R), 1:59.8; Glass (S), 2:02.4; Yost (S), 2:08.6.

50 FREESTYLE — Sidner (S), :23.6; Ken Mathias (R), :24.1; Zeck (S), :24.5.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY—Vermeeran (S), 2:21.5; Taylor (R), 2:29.9; McGrain (S), 2:34.5

DIVE — Bill Slemmer (R), 98; Cassiday (S), 84.9; Capucini (S), 75.2.

100 BUTTERFLY — Gilbert (S), :57.7; Rick Koebel (R) :59.8; Skirball (S), 1:09.7.

100 FREESTYLE — Eric Wright (R), :51.5 (new school record); Mathias (R), :53.8; Sidner (S), :54.

100 BREASTSTROKE—Scott Kidney (R), 1:01.5; Leech (S), 1:05.5; Vermeeran (S), 1:07.

400 FREESTYLE — Yost (S) 4:39.8; Scott Keller (R), 4:52.1; Feick (S), 4:55.4.

Miller (R), 1:10.4; Skirball (S) 1:14.4; Gundlach (S), 1:11.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — Sandusky (Gilbert, Wagner, Glass, Houser), 3:41.9; Ross (Rakes, Koebel, Craig Wright, Semer), 3:55.

L. B. Insurance Holds Top Spot In B Cage Loop

Berlekamp Construction was back on the winning track and Gary Vaughn was again over the 30 - point mark, but Lutheran Brotherhood hung onto its second half lead in the City B. basketball league Thursday.

After losing its only game of the season Berlekamp has returned to victory road, beating Prosurance, 90-69. Vaughn, who has been held below 30 only twice all season in eight games, was the league's high man with 33.

Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance nailed a 67-45 defeat on Burgooon Locals for its third win without a loss in the second half. Larry Miller led an Insurance attack which had four players with 10 points or more.

In the third game Clyde Vets stayed in a second place tie with Berlekamp by beating Riverside Dairy, 73-61. Harry Newsome had 22 points, all on field goals to lead Clyde Vets. Mike Nuhfer had 21 to lead Riverside.

Ron Ritzman with 20 and Ed Miller with 17 led Prosurance in its loss to Berlekamp.

CITY B STANDINGS

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L.B. Insurance	3	0
Berlekamp Construction	2	1
Clyde Vets	2	1
Prosurance	1	2
Riverside Dairy	1	2
Burgooon Locals	0	3

BURGOON LOCALS—Holl 2-4, Meyer 4-0, Miller 5-1, Ritter 3-1, Roush 3-0, Widmer 5-2; Flores 3-1. TOTALS 20-54.

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CLYDE VETS—Messer 7-2-16, Pordham 6-2-14, Wagner 3-0-6, Woff 4-0-8, Wilkerson 3-1-7, Newsome 11-0-22, TOTALS 34-5-33.

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Final Relay Again Margin As Ross Swimmers Lose

LIMA — Illness of freestyler Jon Zink which forces shuffling throughout the lineup was the difference second day in a row for Ross swimmers. The Ross merman dropped their final meet of the season, 51-44, at Lima.

Lack of a fourth freestyler for final relay strength was again the difference. Friday Ross lost the final 400-yard freestyle relay to be shaded by Sandusky, 48-47, and Saturday the score was tied, 44-44, until Lima won the final relay.

Ohioan Wins

Daytona Race

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The newest winner at Daytona International Speedway, Ralph Latham of Cincinnati, hopes to get a chance at the richest stock car race ever held — the \$200,000 Daytona 500 next Sunday.

Latham collected \$5,100 for winning the Automobile Racing Club of America championship Sunday and said he never put his accelerator to the floor, except on the last lap when he whipped his 1965 Plymouth past Iggy Katona's 1965 Dodge and finished a car length in front.

Not everyone escaped trouble. Three caution flags for mishaps held the winning speed to 134.008 m.p.h.

The third caution flag came out with 10 laps left and Dorus Wisecarver of Zanesville, Ohio, nearly half a mile out front in a 1966 Ford. A stalled car on the backstretch brought out the yellow flag, and the field was rebunched behind the pace car for the last seven laps, allowing Latham and Katona to close the gap behind Wisecarver.

Katona took over the lead, but lost it on the final backstretch to Latham.

The fastest qualifier, Les Snow of Bloomington, Ill., blew the engine in his 1967 Dodge Charger on the second lap and didn't drive five miles.

"We swam well Saturday after the rough one against Sandusky Thursday night," stated Ross Coach Jack Balsizer. "I believe that we swam better in Lima's pool this year than any other time in my years here (at Ross)."

Dave Pack paced Lima by winning the 100 - yard freestyle and the 100 - yard breaststroke in Lima pool record time of 1:06.4.

Best Ross times were Eric Wright, 400 - yard freestyle, 4:34.7; Ken Mathias, 100-yard freestyle, :52.4, and Kirby Taylor, 100 - yard backstroke, 1:06.1.

Ross swimmers concluded the season with a 7-6 dual meet record. They now will compete in the district next Saturday at Sandusky.

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SUMMARY

200 MEDLEY RELAY — Ross (Rick Kidney, Steve Shilling, Rick Koebel, Dan Kohr), 1:51.6; Lima, 1:54.5.

200 FREESTYLE — Eric Wright (R), 2:02; Love (L), 2:02.6; Blank (L), 2:13.6.

50 FREESTYLE — Ken Mathias (R), :23.4; Howard (L), :23.9; Frost (L), :25.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — Steve Miller (R), 2:21.2; Epp (L), 2:25.1; Kirby Taylor (R), 2:25.7.

DIVE — Spechler, (L), 227.05; Bill Slemmer (R), 172.55; Farrell (L), 171.85.

100 BUTTERFLY — Sheraw (L), 1:00.2; Koebel (R), 1:00.5; Kohr (R), 1:00.7.

100 FREESTYLE — Pack (L), :51.3; Mathias (R), :52.4; Frost (L), :56.2.

100 BACKSTROKE — Kidney (R), 1:02.9; Scheuffler (L), 1:03; Toitch (L), 1:05.6.

400 FREESTYLE — Epp (L), 4:24.6; Eric Wright (R), 2:34.7; B. Pack (L), 4:35.6.

100 BREAST STROKE — D. Pack (L), 1:06.4; Steve Miller (R), 1:11.1; Romey (L), 1:13.4.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — Lima (Howard, Love, Witham, Sheraw), 3:42.6; Ross (Bill Rakes, Christy, Craig Wright, Jerry Semer).

Future Hopes Seen In Young Ross Athletes

One hundred and six young people, including 10 managers and 10 cheerleaders, were honored Tuesday when Ross Boosters and Ross athletic department combined to stage the annual winter sport banquet.

The emphasis of the proceedings was spread out, but one characteristic predominated — Youth. Not only evident was the overall sports accomplishment by youth, but the relative youth of athletic team members. It all pointed to a brighter future for Ross winter sports.

Lettermen Return

Of the 32 boys seated with the wrestling team there were 14 lettermen. Eight of these are juniors who will return for another season. Of the six graduating seniors one was a manager. All the returnees were wrestlers.

For the basketball team there also were 32 boys listed on the program. Twelve of these lettered with the varsity and eight of the lettermen graduate. Despite the cold fact of numbers, there is great promise in the returnees. Three juniors and a sophomore lettered and this quartet supplied four of the five starters through much of the latter half of the season. Two other sophomores, each of whom started on occasion for the varsity late in the season, just missed letters and are counted upon heavily for next year.

Norman Challenges

Coach Richard Norman addressed his young players when he said at the banquet, "We want to come back in the Buckeye Conference as a basketball team. If you want to work we have the personnel to do it."

For the swimmers, also 32 strong, counting managers on the banquet program, losses will be heavy at graduation time, but key swimmers and a strong junior varsity team are returning. Of 13 lettermen, only four are returning juniors, but three of the four returnees swam this year in the state championships. The fourth would have joined them if not sidelined by illness.

Athletic Assembly

The banquet came the same week as the athletic assembly at the high school, where athletic awards were presented. During this assembly letters were presented. In addition the Dave Brockseker foul shooting award was presented to Steve Parker. The award is annually presented in the name of Dave Brockseker, killed in action during World War II, to the boy with the highest foul-shooting average.

Wrestling award winners at the assembly were: juniors Jose Alejandro, Tom Sachs, Randy Sachs, Cal Kanan, Scott Decker, Bill Weiser, Dick Bowersox and Brad Lawrence; seniors Gary Swartzlander, Ron Stokes, Manager Dave Smith and Co-captains Gary LeMaire and Jim Winters.

Basketball awards went to the following: Seniors Gary Gavitt, Bob Grayson, Steve Raines, Bill Fable, Dick Ritzman, Kris Perry, Manager Lee March and Captain Gary Driftmyer; Juniors Steve Parker, Steve Fausey and Wes Fahrbach, Sophomore Phil Garry.

Swimming award winners were: Seniors Roger Billman, Dan Kohr, Rick Kidney, Ken Mathias, Mike Shilling, John Vaffis, Manager Mike Messina and Co-Captains Kirby Taylor and Eric Wright; Juniors Rick Koebel, Steve Miller, Bill Stember and Jon Zink.

At the banquet special honors as most valuable went to Jose Alejandro, wrestling; Kirby Taylor, swimming, and Dick Ritzman, basketball.