

1936 National meet...

WILL SEND FOUR TO SWIM MEET

Fremont will send at least four swimmers and possible some others to the National Interscholastics at Philadelphia Saturday, Principal A. C. Stokes announced definitely at noon Tuesday.

Advance ticket sale for the Ross High-Oberlin college exhibition Tuesday night had brought in \$107.25 Tuesday, and none of the swimmers had yet reported on the number of tickets they have sold. Money taken in at the exhibition will be used to meet expenses of the trip.

The state championship medley relay team, composed of Bill Sherlow, Cam Merrifield and Bob Booth, will be in the meet, and Sherlow will also swim the breast stroke event. Garver Oxley will also be entered in the free style events.

Mr. Stokes said if \$150 is available, another automobile will be secured, and possibly three more members of the state championship team will make the trip.

Boys Who Advertised Fremont Returned Mon- day Morning

Took Share of National Honors at Philadelphia Contest

Bill Sherlow was crowned North American champion breast stroker, and the Fremont Ross high medley relay team won third place in the nation Saturday as four members of the Ross state championship swimming team competed in the Penn. A. C. swimming championships at Philadelphia.

The Ross tankers, with only four boys entered, took third place in team standings, with nine points, Trenton, N. J., defendant champs, having retained their laurels with 22 points. Erasmus Hall of Brooklyn, N. Y., won second place with 11 points.

Return Home

The Fremont swimmers, accompanied by their coach, N. B. Stults, and his assistant, George M. Gruse, arrived back in Fremont at 8:30 a. m., Monday, via bus. They left Philadelphia Sunday at 12:30 p. m., and traveled all night.

The boys were honored at Ross high Monday morning in a "radio assembly" in which congratulations were of-



ferred by Mayor Coach Stults, Ed J. Franks, Supt. H. H. Church and Principal A. C. Stokes. Each of the boys was also interviewed briefly on the school radio and told his experiences at the North American water carnival.

Sherlow, splashing through the waters of the Penn. A. C. pool in a record time of 1:08.8, became the new North American champion of the 100-yard breast stroke event. He brought home a gold medal as an emblem of his new title.

Lowens Record

Sherlow lowered by 1.1 seconds the old North American record for his event. The title was formerly

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Looks like we'll have to write about champions today.

First Bill Sherlow steps out and becomes national champion of interscholastic breast stroke for 1936 by splashing to a new pool record at Philadelphia Saturday with a mark of 1:08.8.

Then Sandusky St. Mary's wins the state scholastic Class B basketball title at Columbus with a three-point victory over Leesburg. Fully aware it may bring charges of being a traitor, we can't help but be glad that the Sandusky Parochials won out.

The Ross high 150-yard medley relay team won some national recognition, too, by taking third place in the Philadelphia water carnival.

In Sherlow's case, it's simply a case of finally obtaining a cherished goal. Last year, we all knew Bill was the fastest breast stroker in the Buckeye state, although he was disqualified and denied the state championship in 1935 through a technical decision.

So everyone "chipped in" and sent the Ross high aquatic star to Philadelphia 12 months ago. He made an excellent showing in finishing fifth. But neither Coach Bim Stults nor young Sherlow were satisfied. They both felt he was capable of doing better.

As soon as they came back to Fremont, they started working for 1936. Each day, Bill worked hard, to cut a few seconds off his time. And finally, Bim and Sherlow were confident the goal had been reached.

All this winter, Sherlow swam the breast stroke with the Ross high tankers, and never was he defeated. In fact none came close to defeating him. Then came the district championships and the state meet, and Bill ranked ahead of them all.

Then off to Philadelphia Bill went, and in the same pool where he finished fifth a year ago, young Sherlow this time beat the best in the nation to the finish mark and he is now the national champion.

The relay team did almost as well, everything taken into consideration. Some were disappointed because they didn't register as fast a time as they set at the state meet, but after all, what's three-tenths of a second. Ever try to imagine it?

To rank third in the United States from the standpoint of ability is an achievement that not many of us can attain. We don't know enough of the particulars of the big national water classic to discuss it as fully as we might, but suffice it to say that we're perfectly satisfied with the showing those three youths made.

It was the first time this season that the trio of Bob Booth, Bill Sherlow and Cam Merrifield had had to watch anyone finish ahead. Until the national event, the medley team was undefeated. They're still state champions with a mark that is likely to stand for some time.

SWIM VICTORS ARE WELCOMED

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held by Jack Sommers of Norristown, Pa., and was set last year. The old mark was 1:09.9.

Pettet, of Erasmus Hall, won second place in this event, his time being 1:10. Third place went to Hoette of Onley, Pa., in 1:10.7, and fourth was won by Ousley of North Canton, 1:10.9.

Sherlow swam in the first of the four heats which were necessary to run off the breast stroke event. Hoette and Ousley were also in this same event.

Close in Relay

Just six-tenths of a second separated the winning Erasmus Hall 150-yard medley relay team from the Fremont Ross third place winners. The finish between Erasmus Hall, Trenton and Fremont Ross was so close that the eye could not detect the difference.

The Ross team, composed of Bob Booth in the back stroke, Bill Sherlow in the breast stroke and Cam Merrifield in the crawl, finished in 1:26.6, while the winning Erasmus Hall team equaled the world's record for high school with a time of 1:26.

The Trenton team finished in 1:26.4, just two-tenths of a second faster than the Fremonts. Trenton and Fremont swam in the same heat, but Erasmus Hall was in the third division.

By winning the breast stroke, Sherlow contributed five points to the team's score, while the relay team, finishing third, added four more points. The boys were entered in individual events, and while all recorded exceptionally good time, no other points were scored.

Stiff Competition

As an example of the stiff competition entered, Cam Merrifield won his heat in the 220-yard free style event, in the time of 2:30.5, but five other swimmers bettered this mark in other heats. The title in this event went to Gilbert of Trenton, N. J., who covered the distance in 2:23.3. Second place went to Conger of Akron (O.) West high, who had a time of 2:25.4.

Garver Oxley appeared in both the 50-yard and the 100-yard free styles, finishing seventh in the former and eighth in the century swim. Exceptionally fast times were set in these events. Oxley covered the 50-yard crawl in 26.2 seconds, but the event was won by Bartosh of St. Louis, who set a record of 25 seconds.

In the 100-yard event, Oxley covered the distance in 58 seconds, to finish fourth in his heat, but the championship went to Auerbacher, of South Orange, N. J., in 55.3 seconds.

Coach Pleased

Booth entered in the back stroke event, finished in fifth place in his heat in 1:08, but first place laurels went to Lynch of St. Francis, Brooklyn, N. Y., who covered the distance in 1:06 flat. Booth swam in the fastest heat in the back stroke event.

Coach Stults said Monday he was "highly pleased and gratified with the showing the boys made." He said that the times set by the winning individuals were "just too fast for us. We tried but were not quite good enough except in the breast stroke."

Besides Sherlow's first place medal, the relay team also brought home an award, a bronze medal for third place.

Considering the fact that only four boys were entered from Fremont, the final third place standing was exceptionally good. The winning Trenton team has 150 boys on its varsity squad and had so many entered in the Penn North American event that it was able to qualify four in the final diving standings.

The Fremont boys stole the show from all other entries in the meet, despite the fact that Trenton copped the decision for the second consecutive year.

The feat of the Fremont boys in flying to the national event after being blocked because of high waters in Pennsylvania, brought much favorable publicity and pictures of the four boys with Coach Stults appeared in every Philadelphia newspaper, clippings from which were brought home by the Fremont boys.