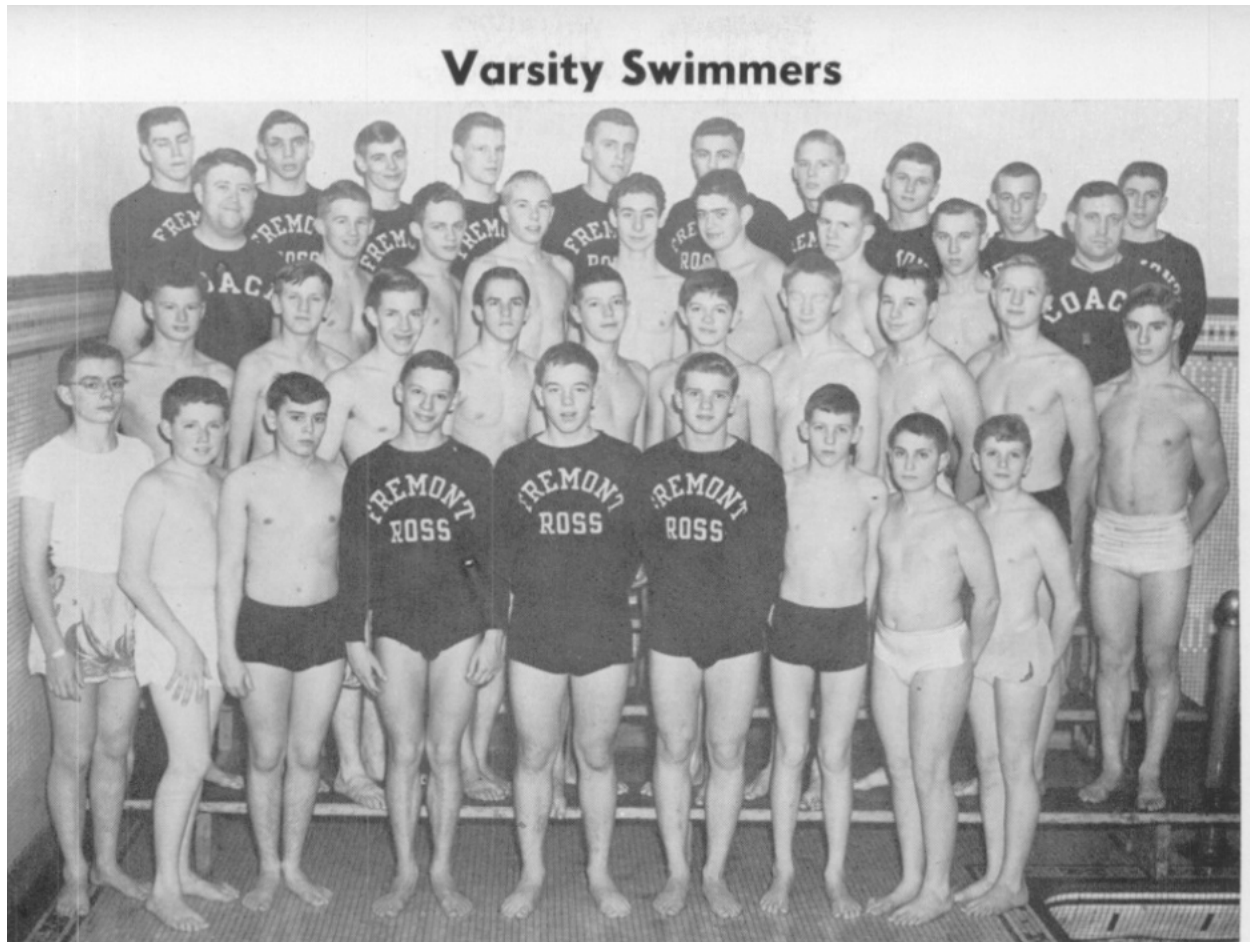
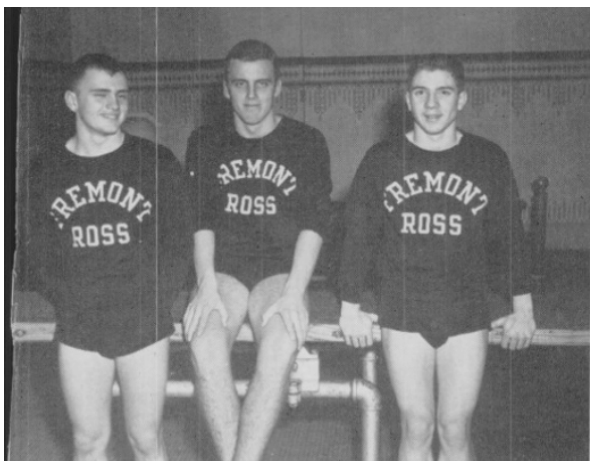


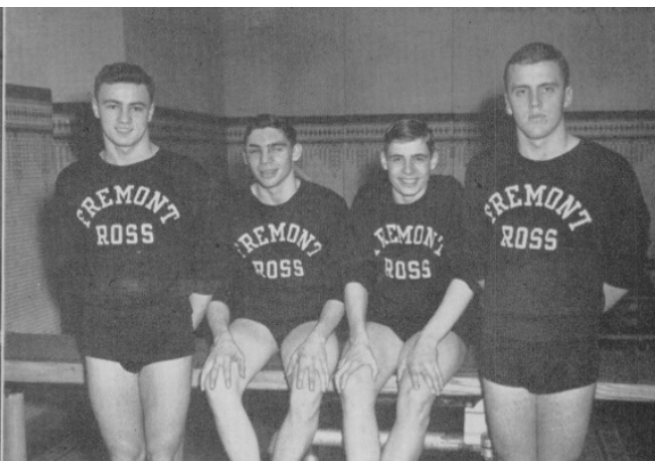
1954 Season review...



**First Row:** Willis Bartlett, Staunton Harrison, John Hensley, Tom Hite, Blair Frazier, Tom Wadsworth, Bruce Shilling, Ronald Stine, Bill Myers.  
**Second Row:** Sam Danziger, Bill Gwinup, Gary Leggett, Bill Dougherty, Ed Nickel, John Baxter, Tom Adkins, Ronald Lehman, Doug Hirt, Jim Weaver.  
**Third Row:** Coach Titsworth, Bruce Dingler, Norman Welch, Dick Sabroske, Gene Smith, Dick Level, Jim Sales, Tovio Tagamets, Coach Gruse.  
**Fourth Row:** Walter Deichert, Merlin Eversole, Charles Hull, Bob Agee, Jack Bovard, Ned Frantz, Al Hetrick, Jack Balsizer, Dave Hunt, Bob Corthell.



Medley Relay Team  
TOM WOLF JACK BOVARD  
BOB CORTHELL



200-Yard Freestyle Relay Team  
NED FRANTZ MERLIN EVERSOLE  
CHARLES HULL JACK BOVARD



Coaches: JOHN TITSWORTH and GEORGE GRUSE

## 13 Meets Face Local Natators

This appears to be a rebuilding year for the Ross high school swimming team. Only two lettermen are back from the squad that brought Fremont state championship honors.

**Coach George Gruse has a squad of 37 boys and the only veterans are backstroker Merlin Eversole and Ned Frantz, a free-styler.**

The natators have been practicing for a couple of months and will publicly display their wares December 15 against the Bowling Green freshmen in the local pool. They have one more meet in December, going to Shaker Heights on the 18th, then they are idle from interscholastic competition until January 14.

The Little Giants have 13 meets, including the district and state meets.

### Newcomers In Spotlight

With gaping vacancies in almost every position, inexperienced boys will have to carry the torch. For the 50-yard free-style, Jack Balsizer, a sophomore, appears destined to become a regular, along with Frantz. Balsizer also will be on the free-style relay team.

Jack Bovard, a junior, looks good in the 100-yard free-style and may make the medley relay team. Walt Deichert, a senior, likely will team with Bovard in the 100 and swim a leg of the free-style relay.

Dave Hunt has the inside track for the 200-yard swim and also a position on the medley relay group.

### Hull Rates High

One of the most outstanding prospects is Charles Hull, a junior. Hull will go in the 200 for sure and has also clinched a berth on the relay team. In the opinion of Gruse, Hull has record-breaking potential, and it may blossom this winter.

**A pair of sophomores, John Hensley and Tom Wadsworth, are pressing hard for the starting nod in the breaststroking department. Senior Tom Wolf will be one of the two choices.**

Dick Smith, a senior, is Gruse's most experienced diver.

The schedule:

Dec. 15, B. G. U. frosh, home (7:30); Dec. 18, at Shaker Heights (3:15);

Jan. 14, Sandusky, home (7:30); Jan. 19, Toledo YMCA, home (7:30); Jan. 23, at Western Reserve Academy (2:00); Jan. 28, at Sandusky (7:30);

Feb. 5, Canton McKinley, home (7:00); Feb. 6, B. G. relays; Feb. 11, at Toledo YMCA (7:30); Feb. 13, at Bexley (2:00); Feb. 23, at B. G. U. frosh (7:30); Feb. 27, district meet at B. G.

March 5-6, state meet, Columbus.

### Seniors

Walt Deichert ..... free-style  
Merlin Eversole ..... backstroke  
Ned Frantz ..... free-style  
Bill Gribben ..... diver  
Richard Smith ..... diver  
Tom Wolf ..... breaststroke

### Juniors

Bob Amey ..... free-style  
Jack Bovard ..... free-style  
Bob Corthell ..... backstroke  
Sam Dansiger ..... backstroke  
Bruce Dingler ..... free-style  
Charles Hull ..... free-style  
Dave Hunt ..... Ind. medley  
Dick Sabroske ..... free-style  
Jim Weaver ..... diver  
Norman Welch ..... free-style

### Sophomores

Bob Agee ..... free-style  
Jack Balsizer ..... free-style  
Blair Frazier ..... backstroke  
John Hensley ..... breaststroke  
Douglas Hirt ..... free-style  
Dick Level ..... Ind. medley  
Jim Sale ..... free-style  
Toive Tagamets ..... breaststroke  
Tom Wadsworth ..... breaststroke

### Freshmen

Tom Adkins ..... free-style  
John Baxter ..... free-style

# Swimmers Face Stern Tests; B.G. Freshmen Here Tuesday

## Sports

By AL COXON

**THE FANCY HARLEM** Globetrotters face the Washington (D. C.) Generals in the Toledo Sports Arena Monday at 9:30 . . . . The opening game at 8:30 sends the Toledo Mercurys against the Philadelphia Warriors of the National Basketball Association and the Warriors still have Joe Fulks, holder of the N. B. A. record of 65 points in one game . . . . King Solomon, Chicago, and Pedro Gonzales, Pittsburgh, meet in an effort to attract fans, is charging only \$1 and \$2 for tickets, with only the first five rows reserved . . . . Bob Goul, Norwalk 10-rounder Tuesday at the Toledo Civic Auditorium, and Promoter Sid Goldberg vows he'll give any customer not satisfied his money back . . . Goldberg, in Truck Lines, is leading the Traveling League with an average of 201.5 per game . . . . In case you have forgotten, Warren Zink, of the Howard Zink Corp., once rolled a 299 . . . We not a favorable reaction around town on efforts to increase the seating capacity and improve dressing room facilities at Harmon Field, but the big thing is: will those guys and gals who are in favor be willing to lay their dough on the line when collection time rolls around?

Mal Mackey, Ross football coach, is currently dickering with Chuck Mather of Massil-

A graduation-riddled Ross swimming squad shows off its 1953-54 wares this week, and it looks like rough water ahead for the local boys.

The Little Giants battle the Bowling Green State University freshmen here Tuesday, starting at 7:30. On Friday, they journey to Shaker Heights for a 3:15 expedition against a team that has high hopes of winning the state championship that Fremont brought home last March.

Coach George Gruse is anxiously looking forward to the two meets. It's a well-known fact the Fremont mentor has not let the great graduation losses discourage him and he is on record as predicting that Ross will finish in the top three in the state meet next March.

There are only two lettermen in the starting lineup for Tuesday, free-styler Ned Frantz and back-stroker Merlin Eversole. Here's the Fremont lineup for Tuesday:

50-Yd. free-style — Ned Frantz, Walter Deichert

100-Yd. breast-stroke — Tom Wolf and Tom Wadsworth or John Hensley

200-Yd. free-style — Charles Hull, Bob Amey

100-Yd. back-stroke — Merlin Eversole, Bob Corthell

100-Yd. free-style — Frantz, Jack Bovard

Diving — Gene Smith, Jim Weaver

150-Yd. individual medley — Dave Hunt, Bob Amey

150-Yd. medley relay — Eversole, Wolf, Deichert.

200-Yd. free-style relay — Boverd, Jack Balsizer, Jim Sale, Hull.

## Giants Outswim B.G.U. Freshmen, Face Confident Foe Friday 3:45

### Butler Upsets Purdue, 67-65

CHICAGO (AP)—Still another Big Ten basketball team dropped from the undefeated ranks Tuesday night, Purdue being edged 67-65 by Butler, a much-abused foe in previous appearance against conference teams.

Butler was trounced four times earlier this season by Big Ten squads but licked the Boilermakers with phenomenal fourth-quarter accuracy.

The Indianapolis team took only eight shots from the field in the last period and hit six of them. Throughout the game, Butler hit on 22 of 53 shots—a solid average.

Only six Big Ten teams now have undefeated records. Northwestern, Iowa and Wisconsin also have been beaten once.

Iowa, which lost to Nebraska last time out, returned to the winning side last night with a handy 72-55 victory over Colorado A&M.

The Hawkeyes played without their star forward, Deacon Davis, who suffered a head injury against Nebraska.

Iowa and Purdue were the only Big Ten teams in action last night. DePaul's 98-68 victory over Illinois Normal featured midwest independent play.

The next conference action takes place Thursday with Michigan State at Marquette. Loyola is at Notre Dame in a top independent game Thursday.

### Ez Fights Wallace On Coast Tonight

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Heavy-weight title contenders Ezzard Charles and Coley Wallace battle it out here tonight in a 10-round fight, the outcome of which carries important implications.

Former champion Charles can strengthen his claims for another crack at the crown he won in 1949 and lost in 1951 to Jersey Joe Walcott. He failed to regain it from Walcott and has been on the challenge-fringe since. If he doesn't win tonight he's "dun-dee," in the parlance of the fight mob. This is a nationally televised encounter, starting at 10 p. m., EST, in Civic Auditorium.

#### Fights Last Night

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—Willie Pep, 129, Hartford, Conn., outpointed Tony Longo, 130, Baltimore, 10.  
CHICAGO—Bob Salterfield, 184, Chicago, knocked out Ray Augustus, 176, Topeka, 8.  
TOLEDO, Ohio—Pedro Gonzalez, 161, Pittsburgh, outpointed King Solomon, 164, Chicago, 10.  
SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Art Aragon, 147, Los Angeles, knocked out Art Soto, 147, Oakland, Calif., 10.

#### RED BIRDS BUY LYONS

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—The Columbus Red Birds today announced the purchase of the contract of Eddie Lyons, second baseman, from the Louisville Colonels. Lyons hit .258 last year and seven home runs.

football coaching job at the University of Minnesota is Chuck Mather, coach of the famed Massillon (O.) high school Tigers. Mather is also reported to be in the running for the Pennsylvania U. coaching job.

Ross high school swimmers demonstrated last night that they have potential but lack experience as they defeated a good Bowling Green State University freshman squad, 39-36, before about 100 fans in the local pool.

Now the Little Giants face a high school team that is confident this far in advance of winning or scoring a near-miss in the 1951 state finals. On Friday, the Fremonters invade the Shaker Heights pool. Starting time is 4:15.

Free-styler Ned Frantz, and Bob Cortell proved to be revelations, and the 150-yard medley relay team, composed of Cortell, Wolf and Jack Bovard, made a sound showing with a victory in the time of 1:27.2.

#### Frantz Wins In 15.2

Frantz rolled home a winner in the 50-yard free-style in the fifty time of 25.2 seconds. He won the 100-yard free-style in 58.8. His time for the 50 was just two-tenths of a second slower than the time which was good enough to win a state championship for Sidney Hall of Grandview last March at Columbus.

Tom Wolf splashed home first in the breast-stroke in 1:12.5, not exceptionally fast but not bad for a dual meet and good considering it was the first meet of the season.

#### Cortell Outstanding

Cortell gackstroked 100 yards to defeat teammate Merlin Eversole, a letterman, in the time of 1:08, which is usually good enough to win the district meet and add points in state competition. Eversole won the district last year on 1:09.

Actually, Cortell was the star of the meet. He won his individual event with an impressive time and got the medley relay trio off to a good start.

Charles Hull, who Coach Gruse believes will be a star in his own right, looked good for half of his 200-yard free-style race but faded on the third lap. However, the youngster was weakened by a cold and Gruse believes he will live up to expectations.

Bowling Green won the 200-yard free-style relay but it wasn't the fault of Eversole. Swimming as a free-styler for the first time in competition, he almost overtook B. G.'s Bob Horzfall on the last leg of the relay after trailing by four yards when he hit the water. Each free-styler swims 50 yards in the relay event.

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#### Summary:

50-Yard free-style: 1 Frantz (F); 2 Rose (BG); 3 Deichert (F). Time 25.2 seconds.  
100-Yard breast-stroke: 1 Wolf (F); 2 Repp (BG); 3 Wadsworth (F). Time 1:12.5.  
200-Yard free-style: 1 Horzfall (BG); 2 O'Connor (BG); 3 Hull (F). Time 2:18.  
100-Yard back-stroke: 1 Cortell (F); 2 Eversole (F); 3 Schumacker (BG). Time 1:08.  
150-Yard free-style: 1 Frantz (F); 2 Seidel (BG); 3 Bovard (F). Time 58.8.  
150-Yard individual medley: 1 Atkinson (BG); 2 Hunt (F); 3 Buntin (BG). Time 1:51.2.  
Diving: 1 Bell (BG); 2 Smith (F); 3 Weaver (F). 116 points.  
150-Yard medley relay: 1 Fremont (Cortell, Wolf, Bovard); 2 B. G. (Schumacker, Repp, O'Connor). Time 1:27.2.  
Free-style relay: 1 B. G. (Rose, Seidel, Atkinson, Horzfall); 2 Fremont (Deichert, Balsizer, Hull, Eversole). Time 1:45.8.

# *Cage, Swim Teams Travel*

All sports activities involving Fremont schools will take place out of town today and tonight.

The Ross swimmers try to win their second straight at Shaker Heights at 3:45 this afternoon. It looms as a rugged test, Shaker being undefeated in three meets and hopeful of a state title.

# Shaker Heights Wins, 50<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-24<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

CLEVELAND—Shaker Heights' state championship fever soared beyond thermometer measurements Friday.

**The Red Raiders, who put all the pressure on themselves with pre-meet buildup, gave defending swimming champion Fremont Ross a sound 50<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-24<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> trouncing in the Shaker pool.**

Fremont was able to win only one event, the 100-yard breast-stroke. The 150-yard medley relay teams finished in a rare dead heat. Fremont went through the 1952-53 season undefeated and although most of the squadmen from last year graduated, the Little Giants' mentor, George Gruse, was hopeful of great things from this year's inexperienced team.

## Gruse Not Downcast

However, Gruse still is not convinced, and he declared his inexperienced squad did "very well." Pointing out that most of yesterday's finishes in the 40-yard pool (standard length is 50 feet) were close, Gruse asserted:

**"I am satisfied that we will still have a good team before the season is over. Shaker has a well balanced team. However, it is not a great team as yet."**

Tom Wolf won the Fremont first. Gaining the deadlock in the medley relay were Bob Corthell, Wolf and Jack Bovard.

So great was the Raiders' combination that not only did they take seven firsts plus a tie, but they also were second in three events.

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## Summary:

40-Yard free-style—1, Perry (SH); 2, Frantz (F); 3, Falsgrag (SH). Time: 19.3.

100-Yard breast-stroke—1, Wolf (F); 2, Kovack (SH); 3, Correll (SH). 1:11.8.

200-Yard free-style—1, Brown (SH); 2, Armington (SH); 3, Hull (F). 2:17.

100-Yard back-stroke—1, Broderick (SH); 2, Eversole (F); 3, Corthell (F). 1:07.7.

100-Yard free-style—1, D. Wilson (SH); 2, T. Wilson (SH); 3, Bovard (F). 58.4.

120-Yard individual medley—1, Brown (SH); 2, Hunt (F); 3, Amey (F). 1:26.

Diving—1, Clawson (SH); 2, Smith (F); 3, Weaver (F). 92.3 points.

180-Yard medley relay—tie (Fremont—Corthell, Wolf, Bovard; Shaker—Broderick, Correll, Armington). 1:48.5.

160-Yard relay—1, Shaker Heights (Kovack, T. Wilson, D. Wilson, Perry). 1:19.3.

# Gruse Makes Lineup Changes

Ross high will present a slightly revamped lineup tonight when it resumes its swimming competition.

**The Little Giants meet Sandusky in the local pool. The match pits last year's Nos. 1 and 2 teams, Ross winning the state title and Sandusky being runner-up. The meet will start at 7:30.**

The Blue Streaks, unbeaten in two matches, will be led by two veterans, Ben Lauber and Jim Lanker. Lauber, a junior, is one of the state's most versatile swimmers and has an excellent chance of making off with first place in the medley swim this year. Lanker is a free-styler.

Coach George Gruse announced today he will start Walt Deichert in the 50-yard free-style instead of Jack Balsizer. Freshman Tom Hite will replace Bob Amey in the 200-yard free-style and Agee takes over Deichert's old spot in the 100-yard free-style.

John Hensley, a sophomore, will swim in the 150-yard individual medley instead of Amey. Gruse is uncertain as to whether to lead off the 200-yard free-style relay team with Deichert or Balsizer.

Under competitive swimming rules, a boy may compete in only two events.

Here's the lineup listed by Gruse:

50-yard free - style — Ned Frantz, Walt Deichert.

100-Yd. breast-stroke — Tom Wolf, Tom Wadsworth.

200-Yd. free-style — Charles Hull, Tom Hite.

100-Yd. back - stroke — Merlin Eversole, Bob Corthell.

100-Yd. free-style — Jack Bovard, Bob Agee.

Diving — Gene Smith, Jim Weaver.

150-Yd. medley — Dave Hunt, John Hensley.

Medley relay — Bob Corthell, Wolf, Bovard.

Free-style relay — Deichert, or Balsizer, Hull, Eversole, Frantz.



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## Sandusky Postpones Swim Meet; Toledo Here Tuesday

Sandusky high called off its swimming meet with Ross high yesterday due to icy road conditions in the lake area. The meet will be held later.

The Little Giants' next meet is Tuesday against the Toledo Y.M.C.A. here.

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# Swimmers Meet Y Tuesday; Wrestlers Open At Fostoria

## Sports

By AL COXON

### A THOUSAND PARDONS—

A year ago at this time, we noted that Rio Grande and its fabulous Bevo Francis were to make an appearance at Ashland College . . . Later we had to apologize because it was Ashland, Kentucky, not nearby Ashland, Ohio . . . So, when we saw the name "Ashland" on this year's schedule, we presumed it was the same Ashland, Ky.

Wrong again. This is 1954, and the Rio Grande quintet, including Bevo, will be in Ashland, OHIO, on February 23. The game will be played in the high school auditorium, which seats 1,450 and has standing room for 200. The tickets, which cost \$1, will go on sale two weeks in advance of the game. All orders for tickets must be addressed to

Two Ross high athletic squads will be in action Tuesday, which is an open date on the local basketball front.

The swimmers will make their first start in a month against the Toledo Y. M. C. A. in the local pool at 7:30 p. m.

The newly organized wrestling team will make its debut at 4 p. m. at Fostoria. The match was originally scheduled for today but was moved back a day at Fostoria's request.

George Gruse, swimming coach, said he will start the same lineup he announced for the Sandusky meet, which was postponed by the Blue Streaks because of icy highway conditions.

The Y. M. C. A. setto will be the first of two meetings this week, the tankers going to Western Reserve Academy Saturday afternoon.

Mal Mackey's 20-man wrestling squad has been practicing for more than a month, most of the sessions being held at the Y. M. C. A.

## Seventh Grader Visitors' Star

George Gruse is feeling chipper again after his Ross high school swimming team's 49-26 victory over the Toledo Y. M. C. A. in the local pool last night.

The last two events were enough to cause any coach to smile. The relay teams, for which Fremont is becoming famous in Ohio scholastic circles, turned in solid performances.

The 150-yard medley group won easily in the time of 1 minute, 27.5 seconds. The 200-yard free-style quartet splashed to another lopsided verdict in 1:42.7. The times compare favorably with last year's state finals. The Ross free-stylers, after setting a state meet mark with 1:40 in the prelims, won the state championship the next day in 1:41.3, while Sandusky's crack trio won the medley relay in 1:25.3.

### Jastremski Pushes

Ned Frantz, Charles Hull, Bob Corthell and Jack Bovard won individual races for Fremont, while a seventh grader swimming for the Toledo Y distinguished himself by capturing first place in the individual medley and running second in the 200-yard free-style. The youngster Chet Jastremski, pushed Hill to the excellent time of 2:13.6 in the 200.

Fremont won top honors in fancy diving, Jim Weaver and Dick Smith finishing 1-2.

In the loss to Shaker Heights before Christmas, the 200-yard free-style was won by Shaker's Brown in 2:17. The time of 2:06.3 took state honors for Graham Vanderveer of Lakewood last year.

### Frantz Shows Speed

Frantz sped to victory in the 50 in 25.5, just five-tenths of a second off the time that won the state meet in 1953 for Sidney Hall of Grandview.

Corthell, a junior who is Gruse's newest discovery in competitive swimming, splashed to victory in the backstroke after overtaking teammate Merlin Eversole in 1:08.8, four and one-tenth seconds above the state championship time of '53.

Bovard won so easily that his time was slower than it would have been had he been exerted. He swam his 100-yard free-style in 1:01.

The medley relayers won by exactly a pool length, anchor man Bovard touching home just as Middling of the Y. M. C. A. made the turn for his final 25

# Frantz, Lauber Set Record Pace

Sandusky high school's swimming team, runner-up to Ross for the 1953 state championship, won its third straight victory before a large crowd in the local pool last night, 43-32.

The Little Giants could have pulled it out of the fire in their "bread and butter" event, the 200-yard free-style relay, but Sandusky got off to a big lead and Fremont's Ned Frantz missed by a foot in closing the gap. Frantz was the hero in a similar situation Saturday at Western Reserve Academy.

Frantz was far behind when he hit the water and he gained plenty on Jim Lanker, crack Sandusky free-styler. Frantz won the 50-yard free-style over Lanker in the first event of the night.

Frantz equalled a school record with his time of 24.5 seconds in the 50, tying the time of Bruce Ransom of the 1947 team.

Ben Lauber, one of Sandusky's many veterans, broke a mark set last year by Jack Rose when he swam the 150-yard individual medley in 1:44.3.

Ross won the first four events, Frantz in the 50, Tom Wolf in the 100-yard breast-stroke, Charles Hull in the 200-yard free-style and Bob Corthell in the back stroke. Then the roof caved in and Sandusky won five consecutive events.

Ross gets another crack at Sandusky on Friday in the Sandusky pool.

Pittman	.....	1	2-5	0	4
Ball	.....	0	0-6	1	0
Fadeley	.....	1	0-2	3	2
Bergman	.....	5	1-3	3	11
Johnson	.....	0	0-0	1	0

Totals	.....	15	14-36	18	44
Score by quarters:					
Ross	.....	22	40	52	74
Port Clinton	.....	10	20	31	44
Officials:					
Adams and Ziemke.					

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RESERVE GAME

## SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST *By hal sharp*

### CROW SHOOTING AIDS



IT ISN'T HUMANE. SECONDLY, THEIR DISTRESS CRIES WARN OTHER CROWS IN THE AREA, TO LURE THEM AWAY FROM YOUR BLIND.



USING STRING, TIE TOGETHER PAIRS OF SMASHED TIN CANS OR BROKEN GLASS BOTTLES. TOSS THESE INTO TREE TOPS ON THE FAR SIDE OF A REGULAR FLYWAY AREA, OPPOSITE YOUR BLIND. CROWS WILL SHY AWAY FROM THESE BRIGHT OBJECTS AND SWING TOWARD YOU. THUS, LESS CALLING IS NECESSARY.

dusky on Friday in the Sandusky pool.

#### Summary:

50-Yd. free-style—1, Frantz (F); 2, Lanker (S); 3, Murschel (S). Time: 24.5 seconds.

100-Yd. breast-stroke—1, Wolf (F); 2, Ortman (S); 3, Wadsworth (F). 1:11.2.

200-Yd. free-style—1, Hull (F); 2, Dewey (S); 3, Scott (S). 2:16.9.

100-Yd. back-stroke—1, Corthell (F); 2, Eversole (F); 3, Hotchkiss (S). 1:09.5.

100-Yd. free-style—1, Stein (S); 2, Murschell (S); 3, Bovard (F). 1:00.1.

Diving—1, Routh (S); 2, Weaver (F); 3, Smith (F).

150-Yd. individual medley—1, Lauber (S); 2, Ortman (S); 3, Hunt (F). 1:44.3.

150-Yd. medley relay—1, Sandusky (Hotchkiss, Rehfuß, Stein).

200-Yd. free-style relay—1, Sandusky (Dewey, Scott, Lauber, Lanker). 1:42.1.

## Both Teams Set Pool Record In Final Event

SANDUSKY — Fremont Ross swimmers edged Sandusky 38-37 in a sensational finish here last night, avenging Tuesday night's defeat in Fremont.

Both schools set pool records in the 160-yard free-style relay, smashing a mark that was established in 1939.

Ned Frantz, Jack Bovard, Charlie Hull and Merlin Eversole sped through the Sandusky water in the time of 1:17.9. Sandusky's Murchell, Tom Scott, Ben Lauber and Jim Lanker turned in the excellent time of 1:18.2 in finishing second. The pool record was 1:18.5.

Fremont got off to a fast start in the meet, leading 23-13 after Frantz, Tom Wolf, Hull and Eversole won individual races. However,

### CANTON AT TOLEDO

The Canton McKinley swimming team, which comes here next Friday, will swim the Toledo Y. M. C. A. in the Y pool tonight at 8:15.

ever, Sandusky grabbed second, and third place in three of those four, with Bob Corthell, of Ross finishing second to Eversole in the backstroke.

Lanker salvaged Sandusky's first individual triumph when he tied a pool mark of 55.6 in the 100-yard free-style. Jim Weaver came through for Fremont in the diving and Gene Smith of Ross was third with Allen Routh of Sandusky second and Ross still led, 30-24.

### Lauber Breaks Record

Sandusky forged ahead, 32-31, when Lauber and Dave Ortman finished 1-2 in the 120-yard individual medley. Lauber broke a pool record with 1:18.9. The Blue Streaks widened their margin to 37-31 in the medley relay, with Farben Hotchkiss, Refuss and Dewey barely getting the verdict over Corthell, Wolf and Balsizer.

But the big relay, worth seven points, turned the tide in the unusual finish which saw both teams breaking the pool record.

Ross faces a strong rival here next Friday — Canton McKinley.

40-Yd. free-style—1, Frantz (F); 2, Stein (S); 3, Murschell (S). 19.4 seconds.

100-Yd. breast-stroke—1, Wolf (F); 2, Ortman (S); 3, Refuss (S). 1:11.2.

200-Yd. free-style—1, Hull (F); 2, Dewey (S); 3, Scott (S). 2:13.9.

100-Yd. back-stroke—1, Eversole (F); 2, Corthell (F); 3, Hotchkiss (S). 1:08.6.

100-Yd. free-style—1, Lanker (S); 2, Stein (S); 3, Bovard (F). 55.6 seconds.

Diving—1, Weaver (F), 64.4 points; 2, Routh (S), 64.2; 3, Smith (F), 37.0.

120-Yd. medley—1, Lauber (S); Ortman (S); 2, Hunt (F), 1:18.9.

180-Yd. medley relay—1, Sandusky (Hotchkiss, Refuss, Dewey). 1:47.8.

160-Yd. free-style relay—1, Fremont (Frantz, Bovard, Hull, Eversole). 1:17.9.

## Ross Swimmers Await Canton Team



Photo by Townsend

THESE VETERAN Ross high swimmers are prepared to meet a strong challenge in the form of the Canton McKinley team at the Ross pool Friday at 7:30 p. m. Facing Coach George Gruse are; front row, Merlin Eversole, Charles Hull; middle row, Gene Smith, Tom Wolf, Bob Corthell, Jim Weaver; back row, Jack Bovard, Ned Frantz, Jack Balsizer.

## Relay Thriller Keeps Bulldogs On Unbeaten List

The late Harry Heilman, the former American League batting star, who became a popular Detroit baseball announcer, used to tell his listeners: "Baseball is a game of inches," meaning that the base hit which skipped into centerfield to score the tying and winning runs often eluded the outstretched arms of an infielder by an eyelash, or the double which cleared the bases barely clipped the chalk mark of the foul line as it skipped into the corner.

Well, last night's swimming meet between Canton McKinley and Fremont Ross was also a matter of inches. Just a few inches at that, but they were enough to keep McKinley undefeated in seven dual meets. Ross has a 4-3 record.

Ted Branin's Bulldogs nipped Ross at the finish of the medley relay when Joe Thatcher touched out Jack Bovard in a thrilling race. That was the margin that Canton needed for its 40-35 victory.

Ross won the final event, the free-style relay, in the excellent time of 1:41.7.

### Not Exactly Convincing

The defeat, while not exactly relished by Coach George Gruse, actually did not put much of a damper on the 'tittle Giants' chances of big things in the state meet. In the first place, the Bulldogs are much better balanced than the Shaker Heights team which trounced Ross earlier in the season and secondly, the Giants are capable of doing better in a couple of individual events than they did last night.

Ned Frantz and Tom Wolf got Fremont off to winning starts, Frantz in the 50-yard free-style and Wolf in the 100-yard breast-stroke. Then Canton took over and ran up a 26-19 lead going into the diving. Fremont's Jim Weaver and Gene Smith came through, finishing in 1-2 order, to square the match at 27-27. However, Joe Van Horn of Canton came roaring back in the 150-yard individual medley to set a new pool record.

Van Horn's time was 1:42.8, beating the pool mark set earlier this season by Sandusky's Ben Lauber. His time was 1:44.03.

Joe Van Horn also won the 200-yard free-style. Other individual winners for Canton were Bud Troxler in the back stroke and Pete Parker in the 100-yard free-style.

Both teams, and five other high school squads, compete today in the annual Bowling Green State University relays. The Giants' next dual meet is at the Toledo Y. M. C. A. Feb. 11.

50-Yd. free-style—1, Frantz (F); 2, Lochr (C); 3, Bovard (F). 25.5 seconds.

100-Yd. breast-stroke—1, Wolf (F); 2, Hocking (C); 3, Riegler (C). 1:10.9.

200-Yd. breast-stroke—1, J. Van Horn (C); 2, Hull (F); 3, Litzemburger (C). 2:13.3.

100-Yd. back-stroke—1, Troxler (C); 2, Corthell (F); 3, Eversole (F). 1:08.

## SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST *By Hal Sharp*

### A DIRT HOLE "SET" FOR PREDATORS



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### CARODINE WITH BROWNS

CLEVELAND (AP)—Tom Carodine, a halfback who played for Nebraska in 1951 and for the Camp Pendleton Marines last season, signed a contract yesterday with the Cleveland Browns. Carodine, 24, was signed as a free agent and expects to be released immediately from service.

### \$30,000 FOR ANDY

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Veteran Andy Pafko signed with the Milwaukee Braves Friday for an estimated \$30,000, believed to be a substantial hike over his 1953 paycheck.

100-Yd. free-style—1, Parker (C); 2, W. Van Horn (C); 3, Balsizer (F). 57.9 seconds.

Diving—1, Weaver (F); 2, Smith (F); 3, Bolton (C).

150-Yd. individual medley—1, J. Van Horn (C); 2, Steffen (C); 3, Hunt (F). 1:42.8, (new pool record, beating 1:44.93 by Lauber, Sandusky).

150-Yd. medley relay—Won by Canton (Troxler, Hocking, Thatcher). 1:25.8.

200-Yd. free-style relay—Won by Fremont (Frantz, Hull, Balsizer, Eversole). 1:41.7.

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# Grand Rapids Wins Rugged B.G. Relays

In what Coach George Gruse of Fremont Ross called "some of the greatest swimming ever seen in a high school meet," teams from Ohio and Michigan put on a record-breaking show at Bowling Green in the university's annual relays Saturday.

The event was won by East Grand Rapids, Mich., which compiled 32 points. Shaker Heights was second with 21, Canton McKinley scored 20 for third, followed by Cincinnati Walnut Hills, 17; Fremont Ross, 9; Sandusky, 9, and Monroe, Mich., 8.

The Grand Rapids team won three events, and in the 200-yard free-style relay, Fremont had the best time it ever compiled in the B.G. event, 1:41.5. However, Canton swam it in 1:41.2 for second place as Grand Rapids took first with 1:39.8.

## Three Break Records

In the back-stroke race, Grand Rapids, Canton and Fremont all broke meet records, Grand Rapids with the time of 1:59.6 to 2:00.2 for Canton and 2:00.6 for Fremont.

In the 150-yard medley relay, five teams were unbelievably close. Walnut Hills was first with 1:23.3, followed by Grand Rapids with 1:25.9, Canton with 1:26.5, Shaker with 1:27.4, Ross with 1:27.45 and Sandusky with 1:27.7. Less than three feet separated the five teams at the finish line.

The Grand Rapids school is coached by former B.G.U. swimmer Tom Stubbs.

Fremont's next meet is on Thursday at the Toledo Y.M.C.A.



## *Swimmers, Grapplers In Action Thursday*

Ross high school's swimmers go to Toledo Thursday night to meet the Toledo Y. M. C. A., while the Ross wrestlers will be in action at Croghan school against Lima Central.

Ross won a swimming meet with the Y. M. C. A. here Jan. 19.

The wrestlers' match will be held in Croghan grade school, starting at 7 p.m.

FINAL HOME MEET SATURDAY AT 2

# Swimmers Score 5th Dual Meet Victory

## W-W Retains City Lead; Heller Scores 1st Win

### Standings

Team	Won	Lost
Weller-Wonderly	6	0
Gibsonburg Legion	4	2
Basic Refractories	4	2
Paramount Alleys	3	3
Heller Metals	1	6
Howard Zink Corp.	1	6

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Weller-Wonderly turned back another threat to its lead in the city independent basketball league by defeating Basic Refractories, 66-58, in a well-played game in Stamm school Thursday night.

In the opening game of the night, Heller's Metals won its first victory with a 62-61 decision over Howard Zink Corp.

Weller-Wonderly's ability to work the ball in for close-range shots and a strong defense was too much for Basic. When Basic was within four points in the last minute, Ed Seils worked free to take a beautiful pass from Lenny Brudzinski for the game-clinching lay-up shot.

### Porczak Heller's Hero

Dick Porczak scored the last four points to give Heller Metals its triumph. It was the second straight one-point loss for the Zinks. Porczak flipped in a pair of free throws in the final 10 seconds. Keith Harlan kept up his fast scoring pace with 22 points. Wes Fahrback scored 24 for the Zinks.

Next Monday's games send Gibsonburg American Legion against Heller's Metals at 7:15 and Weller-Wonderly against Paramount Bowling Alleys at 8:30.

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Zink Corp. (61)				Heller Metal (62)			
G	F	T		G	F	T	
Hemlinger	0	0	0	Porczak	5	5	15
Ruland	2	0	4	H. Frey	2	0	4
Fahrback	10	4	24	Michels	3	3	9
Baker	8	0	16	Harlan	10	2	22
Smith	4	5	13	T. Frey	4	4	12
Ray	2	0	4	Frampton	0	0	0

Ross high school's swimmers scored their fifth victory in eight dual meets Thursday night at the Toledo Y. M. C. A.

The Little Giants ran up a 54-21 margin, winning every event. They defeated the Y. M. C. A. here in January, 49-26. However, the Toledoans were without their young star, Chet Jastremski, in last night's meet.

The Ross swimming team makes its final home appearance Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. against Columbus Bexley. At 10 a.m., Ross seventh and eighth graders will swim Ohio State university against eighth and ninth graders, most of them sons of university faculty members.

Only one more dual meet is on the schedule, Ross going to Bowling Green to meet the university freshmen on February 23. The district meet will be held at B. G. U. Feb. 27. The state meet is March 5-6.

Jack Bovard won the 50-yard free-style, Tom Wadsworth the breast-stroke, Charles Hull the 200-yard free-style, Bob Corthell the back stroke, Ned Frantz the 100-yard free style, Dave Hunt the individual medley and Jim Weaver, one of the surprise packages this year, the diving.

Coach George Gruse entered a new medley relay team composed of George Kroh, Toive Tagamets and Ken Sale, and it splashed to victory, as did the free-style relayers — Ned Frantz, Hull, Bovard and Merlin Eversole. Summary:

50-Yd. free-style—1. Bovard (R); 2. Borman (Y); 3. Delchert (F) 26.9 seconds.

100-Yd. breast-stroke—1. Wadsworth (F); 2. Kellogg (Y); 3. Hensley (F), 1:17.5.

200-Yd. free-style—1. Hull (F); 2. Middling (Y); 3. Huffman (Y), 2:16.

100-Yd. back-stroke—1. Corthell (F); 2. Eversole (F); 3. Breay (Y), 1:09.8.

100-Yd. free-style—1. Frantz (F); 2. Schragg (Y); 3. Cockrell (Y), 56.8 seconds.

Diving—1. Weaver (F); 2. Kellogg (Y); 3. Smith (F).

150-Yd. individual medley—1. Hunt (F); 2. Huffman (Y); 3. Hetrick (F), 2:05.3.

150-Yd. medley relay—1. Fremont (Kroh, Tagamets, Sale), 1:41.0.

200-Yd. free-style relay—1. Fremont (Frantz, Hull, Bovard, Eversole), 1:42.5.

# Ross Swimmers Trim Bexley As Relay Team Ties Record

## SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST *By Hal Sharp*

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## Selvy Scores 100 To Smash Records

NEW YORK (P) —Furman's fabulous Frank Selvy isn't through yet. The terror of the Carolinas—and darling of the professional scouts—steps on the court against Wofford on his home grounds tomorrow night and if he scores 17 points, the last of the major records within his grasp will be his.

Right now, Johnny O'Brien, the ex-Seattle sharpshooter, holds the single-season scoring high of 884 points for major colleges. Frank, who poured 100 points through the hoop against Newberry Saturday, now has 868 points.

Ross high school's swimmers made their final home meet a winning one as they won easily over Bexley, 49-26, Saturday afternoon. It was their sixth victory in nine dual meets.

Only one more dual meet is on schedule for George Gruse's tankers, who meet the Bowling Green State University freshmen Feb. 23. The district meet will be held at B. G. U. Feb. 27 and the state meet on March 5-6.

Highlight of Saturday's tussle was the record-tying effort of the 200-yard free-style relay team. The quartet of Ned Frantz, Charles Hull, Jack Bovard and Merlin Eversole turned in the time of 1 minute, 41 seconds, equalling the mark set last year. Frantz was also a member of that group, along with George Hirschberger, Bob Lucas and Jack Rose.

### Connell Bexley's Star

The individual star was Bexley's Bob Connell. The small youngster using a stroke that appeared effortless, won the 50-yard and 100-yard free-style races.

Tom Wadsworth won the breast-stroke, Charles Hull the 200-yard free-style, Bob Corthell the back-stroke, Gene Smith the diving and Tom Wolf the tough individual medley.

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### Summary:

50-Yd. free-style—1, Connell (B); 2, Bovard (F); 3, Moody (B). 24.9 seconds.

100-Yd. breast-stroke—1, Wadsworth (F); 2, Hensley (F); 3, Pollock (B). 1:17.1.

200-Yd. free-style—1, Hull (F); 2, Hunt (F); 3, Cooper (B). 2:16.

100-Yd. back-stroke—1, Corthell (F); 2, Moody (B); 3, Krakoff (B). 1:06.2.

100-Yd. free-style—1, Connell (B); 2, Frantz (F); 2, Balsizer (F). 0:55.

Diving—1, Smith (F); 2, Daugherty (F); 3, Thatcher (B).

150-Yd. individual medley—1, Wolf (F); 2, Thatcher (B); 3, Hunt (F). 1:52.1.

150-Yd. medley relay—1, Bexley (Krakoff, McKenney, Van Bibber) 1:38.9.

200-Yd. free-style relay—1, Fremont (Frantz, Hull, Bovard, Eversole). 1:41, ties school record.

# 9 Swimmers Win Letters

Nine varsity letters were awarded Ross high school swimmers in a student assembly this morning.

In addition, four reserve letters were awarded and 12 freshmen received numerals.

Merlin Eversole, veteran backstroker and relay man, was honored with the captaincy of the 1953-54 team, being elected by teammates.

Senior letter-winners are Eversole, Ned Frantz, Tom Wolf, Gene Smith and Walter Deichert. Juniors who earned letters are Jack Bovard, Bob Corthell, Charles Hull and Jim Weaver.

Reserve letter-winners are Jack Balsizer, Dave Hunt, Tom Wadsworth and Bud Bartlett. Freshmen numerals were awarded the following:

Tom Adkins, John Baxter, Bill Daugherty, Bill Gwinnup, Staunton Harrison, Al Hetrick, Tom Hite, Gerald Leggett, Ronnie Lehman, Ed Nickel, Bruce Shilling and Ronnie Stine.

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# Frantz Proves Most Versatile Ross Swimmer

Ned Frantz, veteran member of the Ross high swimming squad, won the annual "all events" competition among squadmen.

Swimmers are graded in all styles of swimming. Frantz won three events and placed second in another.

Charles Hull was runner - up and Merlin Eversole nosed out Bob Corthell for third place.

Frantz's victory stamps him as the squad's most versatile swimmer. Summary of each event and final individual standings:

50-Yd. free-style—1, Frantz; 2, Hull; 3, Bovard.

100-Yd. breast-stroke—1, Wolf, 2, Hensley; 3, Wadsworth.

200-Yd. free-style—1, Frantz; 2, Hull; 3, Bovard.

100-Yd. back-stroke—1, Corthell; 2, Frantz; 3, Hull.

100-Yd. free-style—1, Frantz; 2, Hull; 3, Corthell.

75-Yd. individual medley—1, Frantz; 2, Hull; 3, Wolf.

Diving—1, Weaver; 2, Smith; 3, Meyers.

Final standings—1 Frantz, 2 Hull, 3 Eversole, 4 Corthell, 5 Wolf, 6 Bovard, 7 Delchert, 8 Hunt, 9 Smith, 10 Balsizer, 11 Hite, 12 Wadsworth, 13 Hetrick, 14 Weaver, 15 Welch, 16 Sabroske, 17 Kroh, 18 Danziger, 19 Hensley, 20 Frazier, 21 Nickel, 22 Dingler, 23 Baxter, 24 Level, 25 Sale, 26 Adkins, 27 Myers, 28 Lehman, 29 Tagamets, 30 Gwinup, 31 Daugherty, 32 Stine, 33 Hirt, 34 Harrison.

