

1983 STATE MEET...



(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

THESE SIX swimmers will be representing Ross High School at this weekend's state meet in Canton. In the left row from front to back, Chris Black, Mark Lowther and Steve Rodd. In the right row from front to back, Randy Randolph, Ty Heslet and Tad Winning.

## *Aqua Giants sending 6 swimmers to state*

Six Fremont Ross swimmers will be competing in the Ohio High School Boys State Swimming and Diving Meet.

Chris Black qualified in two individual events and Mark Lowther one to go with two relay teams representing Ross in the meet at Branin Natatorium in Canton. The natatorium is located next to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Black has the fourth fastest time in the state meet in the 200-yard individual medley. His 1:57.81 ranks behind the top time of 1:54.7 set by Jerry Frentos of Cincinnati Roger Bacon. The Ross junior will also be in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 48.24, the fifth best in the Buckeye state. The top time is 47.37 held by Matt Topper of Worthington.

Lowther posted a 58.1 to qualify in the 100-yard backstroke. It ranks 23rd in the state. The top time is 53.43 by Robert Bullock of Mariemont.

Ross's medley team of Lowther, Randy Randolph, Tad Winning and Steve Rodd is ranked 19th with a clocking of 1:43.34. Toledo St. Francis has the state's best time this season with a 1:38.63.

In the 400-yard freestyle relay, Ross is 11th with a 3:20.05. That ranks behind St. Francis' 3:12.94 at the best in the state.

The preliminaries in the medley relay, 200-yard freestyle, individual medley and 50-yard freestyle will begin at 10 a.m. Friday with the finals in the events at 7 p.m.

Saturday, prelims in the remaining swimming events begin at 10 a.m. with the finals at 7 p.m.

Ross Coach Art Bucci pointed out that the caliber of competition will result in quicker times.

"The competition will step it up," he said. "I think we can go faster in the relays and Black can go quicker. I think Lowther can drop so that he can place in the top 12."

# Briefs

## *State swimming*

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Three state records were set Friday in the first day of the two-day Ohio High School Swimming and Diving Championships.

Aimee Berzins of Avon Lake clocked 23.42, nipping GlenOakbeth Washut of Astabula St. John last year.

Rod Bowman of Huber Heights Wayne set his state mark in the morning, swimming the 200-yard freestyle in 1:39.42, wiping out the 1:39.63, set by Dan Wiemer of Cincinnati St. Xavier in 1981.

The GlenOak girls 200-yard medley relay team won its event at night with a time of 1:49.54, bettering the 1:50.41 state record turned in Friday morning by Cincinnati Oak Hills.

Cincinnati St. Xavier, which saw its string of 12 straight boys state swim titles snapped by Akron Firestone last year, took a five-point lead over Firestone after Friday's finals.

GlenOak, which tied with Cincinnati Oak Hills for the girls title here last year, piled up a 17-point lead 44 over Oak Hills.

Ross's medley relay team of Mark Lowther, Randy Randolph, Tad Winning and Steve Rodd were entered in the event but no results were available.

Chris Black of the Aqua Giants was entered in the individual medley but his finish was also not available.

# Briefs

## *Black has best finish*

CANTON — Chris Black had the best finish for Ross's delegation to the State Swimming and Diving Championships at Branin Natatorium Saturday.

Black was ninth in the individual medley in 1:58.8. He also finished 13th in the 100-yard freestyle in 48.8.

Mark Lowther was 23rd in the backstroke with a 58.8.

The Aqua Giant's medley relay of Lowther, Randy Randolph, Tad Winning and Steve Rodd was 19th in 1:44.2 and the freestyle relay of Rodd, Black, Heslet and Winning swam a 3:21.1.