

Ross Among Favorites In District Swimming Meet At Bowling Green

At least six of the 14 teams competing in the district swimming meet Friday are given a chance to take home the championship. The meet is predicted to be in contrast to last year's event when Lima Senior dominated the championships for an easy title.

Fremont Ross will have its eyes on another title after finishing second last season. Ross has been district champion twice and runnerup once in the last four years.

The District meet will be contested in the Bowling Green State university pool with diving starting at 2:30 p.m. and the swimming events at 6:30 p.m.

District competition not only determines the strongest team in the area, but serves as qualifier for the state meet. Qualifying for the state meet has been changed this year with only the top three places in district going to state, except in diving. Diving will still be determined as the swimming qualifiers were in the past, based on number of teams entered in the district. As a result five divers from the Northwest district at Bowling Green will qualify for state.

Swimming events will be contested by heats with boys grouped in heats according to times during the season. Six fastest times in each event go

toward the team scoring. Relays are scored 14-10-8-6-4-2 and individual events 7-5-4-3-2-1.

Teams competing with Fremont and Lima in the Northwest district are Sandusky, Findlay, Mansfield Senior, Mansfield Malabar, Ontario, Ashland, Perkins, Port Clinton, Margaretta, Lima Shawnee, Toledo St. Francis and Colonel Crawford.

Ross Coach Jack Balsizer appraised, "This year's district looks like the closest in the past five years with any one of several teams capable of winning." Balsizer rates as top contenders Lima Senior, Toledo St. Francis, Mansfield Malabar,

Sandusky, Findlay and Ross.

Balance of Ross, Findlay and Sandusky was evident when the Buckeye Conference meet went down to the final relay before a champion was crowned. Even then Findlay was champion only because the winning Ross relay team was disqualified when a swimmer re-entered the water too soon.

Fastest In State

Going into the district meet the teams involved have posted some of the fastest times in the state this year. These regular season times point to a hotly-contested medley relay. Lima Senior has the ninth fastest time of the year in Ohio for this event. Ross has a medley relay time that is 11th best in the state.

Dean Hylant of St. Francis has a 4:14 timing in the 400-yard freestyle, which is seventh fastest in Ohio. Also in the top 10 are the timings of Bill Orton, Malabar, 100-yard breast stroke, 1:06.2, and Dave Freyberg, Perkins, 1:06.5, in the same event.

The Lima challenge for a repeat district championship will be led by Dave Park, who was third in the state 50-yard freestyle last year. His best time this year has been :22.7.

Balsizer noted, "Ross is placing hope on several of our good boys to score points — Eric Wright, Brad Christy, Kirby Taylor, Dan Kohr, Glen Zimmerman, Ken Mathias, Rich Kidney, Gordon Billman, Don Geyer and Jon Zink.

Prosecution Pictures Braves' Owners As Moving To Pay Off Indebtedness

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The prosecution in Wisconsin's anti-trust suit against baseball has adopted a strategy of painting the owners of the Braves as a group of men forced into moving the club to Atlanta because "they had to make money fast."

Willard Stafford, special counsel for the state and the legal team's chief prosecutor, continued Wednesday to try and link the "compelling financial personal problems" of the Braves' owners with their decision to transfer the franchise.

Stafford said as much in his

which the team's owners contend they lost \$3.5 million.

Volz made some projections on Delforge's figures. They were highly technical. They also were highly objectionable to the defense.

Bowie Kuhn, National League attorney, asked that a standing objection to all questions on the subject be noted by the court.

"The basic issue in the case," said Stafford, "is what caused them to leave. We say borrowing led to the move. We say they left because they had thin equity and had to make money

mands made in the suit by the state, Kuhn contended:

1. Return of the Braves to Milwaukee "would destroy them financially."

2. Such a return has been prohibited by a state court in Georgia and a federal court in Texas.

3. Expansion of the National League "is not only impossible but prohibited" by the Texas order.

4. The state is being used "as a tool of a private group... as a part of a scheme to harass baseball into submission."

Relay Team, 3 Individuals Go To State

BOWLING GREEN — Fremont Ross came up with another strong effort and for the second year in a row finished second in the district swimming meet here Friday. Ross snared the runnerup position with 44½ points.

Toledo St. Francis, competing for the first year in tournament swimming, won the district title with 62½ points.

Enroute to the second place finish Ross qualified three individuals and a relay team for state competition in five events.

Ross had two boys win district championships — Dan Kohr, 100-yard butterfly, and Brad Christy, 200-yard freestyle. Christy qualified in two events. Not only did he finish first in the 200-yard freestyle with a 1:49.1 timing, but his 4:31 in the 400-yard freestyle was good enough for second.

In the 400 he finished behind St. Francis' Dan Hylant, who set a district record by swimming the distance in 4:13.4.

Six Records Fall

There were six records set in the meet, two by St. Francis in the two events won by their individual swimmers. Bob Zann of the Knights won the 100-yard freestyle in a record :48.8.

Eric Wright of Fremont qualified by finishing third in this 100-yard event with a :52.7 timing.

Ross also qualified its 400-yard freestyle team of Wright, Ken Mathias, Jon Zink and Kirby Taylor. The Ross freestylers finished third with a 3:36.6 time. Winning the event was St. Francis with a mark of 3:28.9. This was the third fastest time for this event in Ohio this year.

Swim Fastest Times

Although not qualifying for a trip to the state meet, two Ross swimmers had their fastest performances of the season. Rick Kidney finished fifth in the 100-yard backstroke with his best time of the year and a best for Taylor in the 200-yard individual medley was good for fifth.

Also placing in the meet for Fremont Ross were Glen Zimmerman, 100-yard breast stroke, sixth; Don Geyer, 200-yard individual medley, sixth.

One of the records to fall had been held by a former Fremont swimmer. The new 400-yard freestyle surpassed by 10.6 seconds the 4:24 set in 1964 by Jim Foreman, now a sophomore at Florida State university.

The records surpassed by St. Francis swimmers were previously held by D. Wilt, Lima Senior, 1962, 100-yard freestyle, :51.3; and Foreman in the 400-yard.

Other record performances with the old records in parenthesis were:

Dave Pack, Lima Senior, 50-yard freestyle, :22.7 (Pack, 1965, and S. Lerro, Mansfield, 1963, (23.4); Jim Steen, Mansfield Malabar, 200-yard individual medley, 2:12.4 (D. Beard, Mansfield Malabar, 1964, 2:15.3); Jim Stacey, Perkins, 100-yard backstroke, 1:00.5 (H. Forester, Mansfield Senior, 1964, 1:01.4); Dave Freyburg, Perkins, 100-yard breast stroke, 1:06.4 (Freyburg, 1965).

Team Standings

Final team standings in the district meet were:
St. Francis 62½, Ross 44½, Findlay 37, Lima Senior 34½, Mansfield Malabar 32, Perkins 19, Sandusky 21½, Mansfield senior 8½, Ashland 7½, Lima Shawnee 7, Colonel Crawford 1, Ontario and Port Clinton 0.