

1936 District Meet...

# PURPLE SCORES 49 POINTS FOR EASY TRIUMPH

Sandusky is Second With  
28, While Scott is  
Third

Ross High school swimmers climaxed a phenomenal growth in the natatorial sport over a period of less than three years when they captured the Northwestern Ohio district scholastic championship Saturday afternoon at the Ross High pool, scoring 49 points.

The Fremont splashers won all but two out of eight first places and qualified 13 athletes for the state finals in Columbus Saturday. Fremont's two relay teams will compete in the state finals, with the medley trio highly favored to take the state crown.

Developed under the careful eye of Coach Elm Stults and his assistant, George Gruse, the Little Giants natators have risen to the top of the sport in this section of the state. Last year, the Fremonters were nosed out for the district title by Sandusky, but 15 dual meets have been won without a break since the Sanduskians won the opening 1934-35 season.

**Streaks Second**

Sandusky High nosed out Toledo Scott for second place Saturday afternoon as the former's 200-yard relay team finished ahead of Fremont and Scott in that order. Scoring summary of the meet was: Fremont 49, Sandusky 28, Scott 25, Toledo Waite 2, and Toledo De Vilbiss 2. Ross' crack medley team was not extended to win its event. Mansfield was unable to score a point. No pool or district records were shattered.

New honors were gained by Ross divers as Bud Kaufman and Orland Hasselbach finished first and second in the fancy diving feature. The former piled up 67.4 points and the latter 62. Muehlfield, Sandusky's star diver, was in third place with 60.7 points.

**Oxley 1st in 50-Yard**

Swimming two swimmers, Oxley, Ross speed for point-getter of the He took the 50-yard free in 26.7 seconds and 60.3 seconds. place winners for the were Bill Sherlow in the breast stroke finals and the back stroke. 100-yard All Fremont speedsters were in their earlier trials. Carter, in time trials in the 50-yard 6 style event, became eligible competition in the state meet, but was unable to score points for the Ross team in the finals. Only swimmers with the four fastest times were eligible for competition in the finals.

**Loss Long Swim**

Most disappointing feature of the district meet was the failure of Cam Merrifield to win place in the finals of the 220-yard free style swim, taken by Vinedge, of Toledo. Scott, Merrifield trailed the Toledoan by a scant margin from the start of the long grind and finished a split half-second behind his rival.

Cam started his last stretch of the pool a few strokes behind the leader and could not overcome the advantage. Whether Vinedge had too much in reserve for the Ross swimmer or Merrifield did not open his final sprint quickly enough is a matter of conjecture.

**Summary:**

50-yard free style: Won by Oxley (F); Bradt (S) second; Pfeiffer (S) third; Tallman (TS) fourth, Time, 26.7.

100-yard breast stroke: Won by Sherlow (F); Samko (S) second; Fairhurst (TS) third; Suttkus (F) fourth, Time 1:10.6.

220-yard free style: Won by Vinedge (T S); Merrifield (F) second; Swartzbaugh (S) third; Himmler (S) fourth, Time, 2:31.

100-yard back stroke: Won by Booth (F); Ligibel (TS) second; Cooper (F) third; Dowds (S) fourth, Time, 1:19.2.

100-yard free style: Won by Oxley (F); Henry (S) second; Holzappel (S) third; Suttkus (F) fourth, Time, 60.8 seconds.

Diving: Won by Kaufman (F); Hasselbach (F) second; Muehlfield (S) third; Benschoter (TS) fourth, Points, 67.4.

100-yard medley relay: Won by Fremont (Booth, Sherlow, Merrifield) second, Toledo Scott (Ligibel, Fairhurst, Vinedge); third Sandusky (Seeley, Samko, Bradt); fourth, Toledo Waite (Oshlimes, Niggemeyer, Salter), Time 1:31.

200-yard relay: Won by Sandusky (Holzapfel, Muehlfield, Pfeiffer, Henry); second Fremont (Carter, Suttkus, Mathers, Cooper); third Toledo Scott (Locken, Tallman, Dowds, Gustafson); fourth, Toledo De Vilbiss (Crowthers, Schouse, Donovan, Bowers) Time, 1:48.

