

1936 District Meet...

## PURPLE SCORES 49 POINTS FOR EASY TRIUMPH

Sandusky is Second With 28, While Scott is Third

Ross High school swimmers claimed 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 splashes won all but two out of eight first places and qualified eight swimmers 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.

Divers were under the careful eye of Coach Bill Stuhs 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 had won the district title by Sandusky, but 15 dual meets have been won without a break since the Sanduskians won the opening 1934-35 season.

**Stuhs 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 summaries of the meet: Fremont: Ross 49, Sandusky 28, Scott 25, Toledo Waite 2, and Toledo DeVilbiss 2. Ross' crack medley team was not extended to win its event, but was still able to score a point. No pool or district records were shattered.

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

**Oxley Wins**

**Swimming two sw. Hammett**

Swimmer Oxley, Ross speedster, major point-getter of the meet. He took the 50-yard free in 26.7 seconds; 100-yard free in 50.6 seconds. **UN** place winners for the **100** were Bill Sherlow in the **100** breast stroke finals and **Li** of **Si**, the back stroke, 100-yard speedster. All four relay swimmers were **Li** in their earlier trials. Cam Merrifield, in time trials in the 50-yard **100** style event, became eligible for competition in the state meet, but was not able to score points for the **100** team in the finals. Only swimmers with the four fastest times were eligible for competition in the finals.

**Long Long Swim**

Most dramatic feature of the dual meet was the failure of Cam Merrifield to win place in the finals of the 220-yard free style swim, taken by Vinnedge of Toledo Scott. Merrifield trailed the Toledo swim 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 race 10 yards behind the leader and could not overcome the advantage. Whether Vinnedge had too much in reserve for the Ross swimmer or Merrifield did not open his sprint quickly enough is a matter of conjecture.

**Summary:**  
50-yard free style: Won by Oxley (F); Bradt (S) second; Muehlfeld (S) third; Tallman (TS) fourth, Tolson (T) fifth.  
100-yard breast stroke: Won by Sherlow (F); Samko (S) second; Fairhurst (TS) third; Sutkus (F) fourth. Time 1:10.6.

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

100-yard back stroke: Won by Booth (F); Lighel (TS) second; Cooper (F) third; Dowds (S) fourth. Time, 1:10.2.

100-yard free style: Won by Oxley (F); Henry (S) second; Holzapfel (S) third; Sutkus (F) fourth. Time, 50.8 seconds.

100-yard medley relay: Won by Fremont (Booth, Sherlow, Merrifield) second; Toledo Scott (Ljibbel, Fairhurst, Vinnedge); third Sandusky (Seeler, Samko, Bradt); fourth, Toledo Waite (Ostheimer, Niggeneyer, Schubert); fifth.

200-yard relay: Won by Sandusky (Holzapfel, Muehlfeld, Muehlfeld, Henry); second, Fremont (Carter, Sutkus, Mather, Cooper); third Toledo Waite (Locken, Tolson, Donohue, Gustafson); fourth Toledo DeVilbiss (Crowther, Schouse, Donovan, Bowers). Time, 1:48.

