

1947 Season review...

George Gruse Posts Little Giant Swim Exhibition Lineup

Ross high tank mentor George Gruse today nominated his probable starting squad for the Purple's meet against Bowling Green university swimmers next Tuesday evening at 7:30. The splashers will vie in the college town's water.

The squad as named by Gruse follows:

50-yard free style: Bruce Ransom, Bob Bodenlos, Don Naftulin, Orval Earhart.

100-yard breast stroke: Jim Pence, Ralph Engle, Harry Strauch, Charles Repp, Louis Apple.

200-yard free style: Bud Nord, John Bowlus, Dick Adams, Fred Lafferty, Phil Slaymaker.

100-yard back stroke: Lee Koenig, Larry Price, Charles Miller, Dick Longanbach, Jack Howard, Dick Frampton.

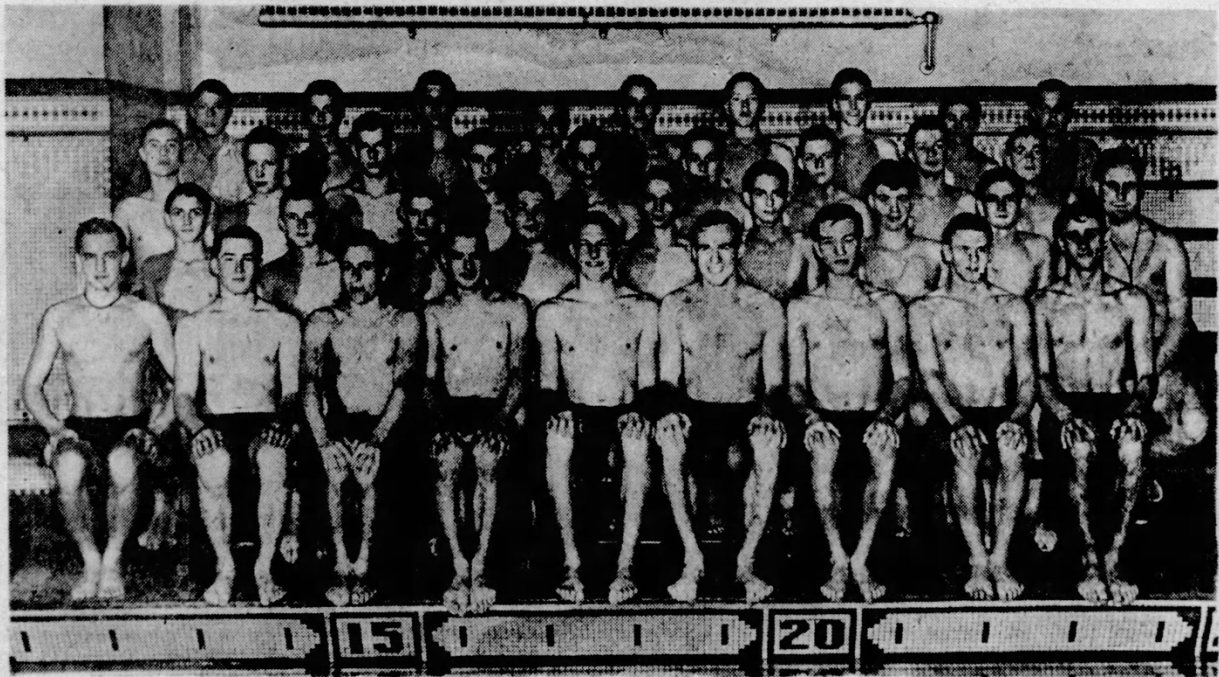
100-yard free style: Ransom, Roger Gerwin, Don Smith, Jerry Hunt, Ronnie Whisler, Jim Conley, Norman Copperman.

150-yard medley relay: Koenig, Pence, Bodenlos, Anderson, Strauch Earhart.

200-yard free style relay: Nord, Bowlus, Hunt, Naftulin, Adams, Lafferty, Gerwin, Smith.

Diving: Don Wensinger, Bob Wolfe.

Little Giant Swimmers Open With Bee Gees



CLYDE POSTS 68-44 VICTORY

Breaking loose with a terrific show of offensive power in the final period which netted 24 points, Clyde's unbeaten Fliers routed a fighting Hopewell-Loudon quintet 68 to 44 Saturday evening.

Clyde raced into a comfortable 37-24 halftime margin only to see Hopewell-Loudon rally to slice the lead to 44-43 at the start of the fi-

Pictured above are the 34 swimmers and managers of Coach George Gruse's Ross high swimming squad which treks to Bowling Green Tuesday evening for an exhibition meet with the state university's Falcon squad, 58-17 victors over Wooster college Saturday.

Left to right (first row): Fred Lafferty; Orval Earhart; Lee Koenig; Don Wensinger; Jim Claar; Bruce Ransom; Bob Bodenlos; Jim Pence and Harry Strauch.

Second row: Larry Price; Dick Adams; Roger Gerwin; Norman Copperman; Jerry Anderson; Don Smith; Dick Longanbach; Jack Howard and Gruse.

Third row: Ralph Engle; Charles Repp; Louis Apple; Harry Comesky; Bud Nord; John Schwartz; Jerry Hunt; Phil Slaymaker and Ronnie Whisler.

Fourth row: Assistant Manager James Sherer; Bill Kirsch; John Bowlus; Jim Conley; Don Naftulin; Dick Frampton; Charles Miller; Bob Wolfe and Manager LeRoy Elder.

IZAAC WALTONS SPONSOR DINNER

The Fremont chapter of the Izaak Walton League are sponsoring a sauerkraut dinner at the Eagles hall, State and Clover streets, Tuesday at 6 p. m.

A movie, "This Amazing America," will highlight a program of entertainment which also includes an accordion duet by two WSPD radio station artists.

HOGAN TOPS AGAIN

Little Giants To Open Swimming Campaign With Bowling Green

Coach George Gruse's Little Giant swimmers of Ross high school inaugurate one of the most rugged schedules in recent years Tuesday when they journey to Bowling Green State university to engage the Falcon mermen in an exhibition meet.

Six lettermen, Bruce Ransom, Bob Bodenlos, Don Wensinger, Jim Pence, Harry Strauch and Lee Koenig, form the nucleus of the 34-man squad which will compete in a schedule that includes eight dual, one invitational, one regional, one district and the state meet.

Meanwhile, Gruse announced a change in the program as Toledo DeVilbiss signed contracts for a home-and-home series, replacing the previously scheduled single meet slated for the Ross natatorium. DeVilbiss will entertain the Purple anuary 8 and then journey here February 11. The originally booked meet was for January 21 and has been dropped.

Paced By Fremonters

Opposing the Little Giant mermen will be an experienced squad built around three former Fremont aces, Dean Hess, Ken Reed and Phil Hodes, which swam to a 58-17 victory over Wooster college Saturday.

Hess anchored the 400-yard free style relay team to a new pool record of 3:48.5, smashing the old mark set in 1944 by one and a tenth seconds, and then copped the 220-yard free style event while Hodes finished second in the diving event and Reed was second in the 150-yard back stroke.

The Little Giants will host the Falcons in a return exhibition here Wednesday, December 18, prior to starting their scholastic schedule against the Tigers of Massillon Washington January 11. The Bee Gees are tutored by Sam Cooper, former Bellevue high school mentor.

ROSS MERMEN SHOW TALENT IN EXHIBITION

Two Unofficial Pool Records Set In Bee Gee Meet

Two unofficial pool records were smashed at Ross high school's natatorium Wednesday evening during an exhibition meet between the Little Giants and Bowling Green university as Coach George Gruse demonstrated a talent-packed squad which bids fair to annex sectional honors—if not a state title or two.

Outclassed in most events by their decidedly more experienced "brethren," the Giants copped six seconds and nine thirds, bettered one school record and approached two others during the informal affair which attracted approximately 100 spectators.

Closest event of the meet was the 100-yard back stroke where Jim Stark of Bowling Green edged Lee Koenig of Ross by one-tenth of a second after trailing for half the distance.

Bruce Ransom knocked off second place in the 50-yard free style in 25.8, only one tenth of a second off the school mark set by Al Baumann five years ago. Charles Joyce of the Falcons won the event in :25 flat, one-fifth of a second better than the official pool record of :25.2 established by Ted Hobert, former Sandusky, and currently one of Mike Peppe's aces at Ohio State.

"Slick" Wins

Ransom again trailed Joyce in the 100-yard free style event while Dean (Slick) Hess, former Ross satellite, knocked off the 200-yard free style for the Bee Gees in 2:12.3, five and a half seconds off his own pool record set in 1943.

The Falcons were composed of four former Little Giant mermen, Hess, Phil Hodes, Bob Pence and Bob Rosenbush.

Participating for Ross were Ransom, Bud Nord, John Bowlus, Bob Bodenlos, Jerry Hunt, Jim Conley, Ronnie Whisler, Norm Copperman, Harry Strauch, Jim Pence, Charles Rapp, Ralph Engle, Phil Slaymaker, Bill Kirsch, Fred Lafferty, Dick Adams, Koenig, Larry Price, Charles Miller, Jerry Anderson, Dick Longanbach, Jack Howard, Harry Comesky, Dick Frampton, Don Smith, Roger Gerwin, Orval Earhart and Don Naftulin.

The Little Giants open their scholastic schedule January 11 against Massillon here.

LITTLE GIANT MERMEN OPEN 1947 SEASON

Massillon Provides Competition For Saturday Meet

Facing a star-studded schedule which includes dual meets with Sandusky, the defending state scholastic champions, and Canton McKinley, runners-up to the Blue Streaks last year, Ross high's mermen open their campaign with a 2 p. m. dual meet against Massillon, Saturday, at the Little Giant natatorium.

Coach George Gruse's squad, rated one of the best prospects in recent years, will be composed chiefly of the youths who provided the most contention to Bowling Green State university's Falcons in two pre-season exhibitions.

Original plans call for swimming each varsity member in only one event—excepting the relays.

Tigers In Loss

Massillon opened its campaign Wednesday against McKinley's veteran crew—among the pre-season favorites for the state crown—and dropped a 47-19 decision, gaining only two of eight firsts.

The Tigers are paced by Esterling in the free-style sprints and Wey in the distance events of the free style.

For Ross, Gruse is expected to start the following lineup:

50-yard free style—Bruce Ransom and Orval Earhart.

100-yard free style—Don Smith and Bob Bodenlos.

200-yard free style—Dick Adams and Fred Lafferty.

100-yard breast stroke—Harry Strauch and Ralph Engle.

100-yard back stroke—Jerry Anderson and Larry Price.

Diving—Don Wensinger and John Schwartz.

Medley relay—Lee Koenig, Jim Pence and Bud Nord (first team); Jack Howard, Louis Apple and Don Naftulin (second team).

200-yard relay—Earhart, Smith, Bodenlos and Wensinger (first team); Phil Slaymaker, Bill Kirsch, Roger Gerwin or Jerry Hunt and Johnny Bowlus (second team).

The Ross mermen have six lettermen—Ransom, Bodenlos, Pence, Strauch, Wensinger and Koenig—for a nucleus.

They face Sandusky in their next meeting Thursday, January 16, at 7:30 p. m. at Ross. The Little Giants administered the lone dual meet defeat suffered by the Blue Streaks last year.

Little Giants Swimmers Rout Weak Massillon Squad, 45-21

Paced by rangy Bruce Ransom who smashed two school and pool records, Coach George Gruse's Ross high swimming team routed a weak Massillon squad at the local natatorium Saturday afternoon by a 45 to 21 score.

It was the second successive dual meet defeat for the Tigers who had earlier dropped a 47 to 19 decision to Canton McKinley, runner-up for the state crown last year to Sandusky's Blue Streaks.

The Little Giants completely dominated the meet, winning six of the eight events and capturing three seconds and four thirds while the Massillon tankers were annexing only two firsts, three places and a like number of thirds.

Thrilling Sprints

Of the entire meet, the free style sprints between Ransom, one of Gruse's six lettermen, and Grant Esterling provided the most even-matched competition. Esterling, who finished second in the 50-yard event of the state meet, pressed Ransom in both the 50 and 100-yard races, losing each by a matter of inches, and pressing the Ross swimmer to new records.

In the sprint, first event of the program, Ransom barely touched out Esterling in 24.9 seconds to better by three-tenths of a second, the eight-year-old pool record established by Sandusky's Ted Hobert, now a member of Mike Peppe's Ohio State varsity. It also bettered by nearly a full second, the 25.7 second previous school mark set by Al Baumann in 1941.

The 100-yard meeting between Ransom and Esterling was a virtual repetition of the sprint as the duo battled head and head throughout the entire four-lap route with the Little Giant again gaining the verdict by a split-second. The time of 56.1 seconds cut four-tenths of a second off Bob Walden's previous school and pool mark of 56.5 set in 1938 in the same meet in which Hobert had established the 50-yard record.

Tiger Wins Grind

Dave Wey gave Massillon the 200-yard free style with a last lap spurt which passed Fremont's Dick Adams, who had set the entire pace.

The Tigers gained a somewhat hollow win in the 150-yard medley relay when they edged the Ross "seconds" although the Fremont varsity, composed of Lee Koenig, Harry Strauch and Bud Nord, actually finished nearly a half-lap ahead of the visitors. However, this trio was swimming as an "exhibition" and their placement did not affect the scoring.

The summaries:

50-yard free style: Won by Ransom (F); 2. Esterling (M); 3. Nord (F). Time—24.9 (new pool record; betters old mark set by Ted Hobert of Sandusky in 1938 of :25.2).

100-yard breast stroke: Won by Strauch (F); 2. Pence (F); 3. Hammersmith (M). Time—1:15.1.

200-yard free style: Won by Wey (M); 2. Adams (F); 3. Lafferty (F). Time—2:32.8.

100-yard back stroke: Won by

Koenig (F); 2. Welsh (M); 3. Anderson (F). Time—1:07.6.

100-yard free style: Won by Ransom (F); 2. Esterling (M); 3. Smith (F). Time—:56.1 (new pool record; betters old mark of :56.5 set by Ted Hobert of Sandusky in 1938).

Diving: Won by Wensinger (F); 2. Schwartz (F); 3. Padden (M). Points—57.6.

150-yard medley relay: Won by Massillon (Welsh, Hammersmith and Cecklar); 2. Fremont (Price, Engle and Bowlus). Time—1:35.2.

200-yard relay: Won by Fremont (Naftulin, Kirsch, Gerwin and Bowlus); 2. Massillon (Gartland, Clunk, Jacoby and Frankman). Time—1:57.

ELMORE LEGION 5 BESTS OAK HARBOR

OAK HARBOR, O., Jan. 13.—A 16-point first-half deficit was too great for the local American Legion quintet to overcome here Sunday as the Elmore Legionnaires romped to a 34 to 29 victory before a large crowd at the Armory.

The Oak Harbor squad was limited to four points in the first two periods and trailed at the intermission, 20-4. Paul Wendt of Elmore paced the individual scorers with seven field goals and six charity tosses for 20 points.

Young's Grill of Oak Harbor annexed the preliminary by a 42 to 29 margin over the Portage Inn quintet of Elmore. Gordon Priesman tallied 19 points for the Grillers.

OAK HARBOR FAN TO SPONSOR TEAM

OAK HARBOR, Jan. 13.—Chester Young, Oak Harbor businessman and sports enthusiast, said today that he is attempting to organize a basketball team to "provide an athletic outlet" for recent high school graduates who are not attending college.

Nucleus for the proposed team is expected to be Gordon Priesman, Willard Hinderlich and William Cutcher, members of the 1945-46 Salem-Oak Harbor high school squad; Louis Young, former high school star, and Bruno Mallone and Gene Coleman, high school coaches.

An effort will be made to book

ROSS MERMEN TO HOST BLUE STREAK SQUAD

Sanduskians Appear Weak After Rout By Lakewood

That Fremont-Sandusky rivalry crops to the fore again today as Coach George Gruse sends his Little Giant swimmers through final preps prior to colliding with the Blue Streak mermen at the Ross pool Thursday at 7 p. m.

Only injuries and an overconfidence bugaboo appear likely to knock the locals out of possibly their best season in recent years following their 45 to 21 devastation of a weak Massillon squad last Saturday.

During that meet, Bruce Ransom definitely carved a position as one of the state's better scholastic free stylers as he lowered pool and school records in both the 50 and 100-yard events.

The showing of Don Wensinger in the diving, Lee Koenig in the breast stroke and Koenig, Harry Strauch and Bud Nord in the medley relay gives the Croghan-streeters one of the best balanced teams in northern Ohio.

Sandusky Routed

Meanwhile, they will be facing a seemingly impotent Sandusky squad which was bumped by Lakewood, 51 to 15, without capturing a single first place. But those Streaks will be out for revenge against the Fremonters who imposed the lone dual meet defeat sustained by the Sanduskians, state champions, last year.

Dan Thomas in the breast stroke, Alfred Behrendsen in the back stroke and Ron Lauber in the diving events appear to be Coach Walter Caldwell's chief point getters. Each registered a runner-up award against Lakewood.

In addition to Ransom, Gruse will use Nord in the 50-yard free style and Don Smith in the 100-yard event. Jim Pence and Strauch will swim the breast stroke with Dick Adams and Fred Lafferty in the 200-yard free style grind. Koenig and Jerry Anderson will be used in the back stroke while Johnny Schwartz will team with Wensinger in the diving.

"Second-stringers" will be used in both the medley and 200-yard relays with Larry Price, Ralph Engle and John Bowlus swimming the former and Don Naftulin, Bill Kirsch, Roger Gerwin and Bowlus in the latter.

The Giants will travel to Toledo for a dual meet with DeVilbiss Saturday at 4 p. m.

ROSS MERMEN ROUT STREAKS IN DUAL MEET

Ransom Again Lowers 50-Yard Sprint Record

Paced by stocky Bruce Ransom who copped both free style events and smashed his own pool and school record in the 50-yard sprint, the Little Giant mermen pasted a 43-21 defeat onto a weak Sandusky squad at the local natatorium Thursday evening.

It was the second straight dual meet victory for Ross who had downed Massillon last Saturday, and the second successive loss for the defending state champions.

The Fremonters swept all but two firsts but failed to exhibit impressive performances other than those by Ransom. Two poor turns by Lee Koenig in the 100-yard back stroke were responsible for the loss of one top spot as Sandusky's Bill Smith came from a five-yard deficit at the half-way point to win going away.

The other Blue Streak victory was recorded in the 150-yard medley relay where Smith picked up a short lead on the first leg and Jim Caldwell and Joe Buder maintained it throughout.

Strong Start

Ross opened as if to sweep the meet with Ransom swimming the short free-style sprint in 24.7 to slice two-tenths of a second off the previous record he had established against Massillon. The Little Giant was never pressed as Bud Nord came from far back on the last lap to edge out Buder for the place.

The 100-yard breast stroke was a virtual replica with Jim Pence taking the major portion of the awards with a last-lap spurt to touch out teammate Harry Strauch with Wilson Voigt of Sandusky far in the rear.

Dick Adams turned in a rousing finish in the 200-yard free style to beat Don Bohanon of the Streaks who had set the pace through the first seven laps although the time of 2:34.2 was comparatively slow. Fred Lafferty of Ross gained the show.

Don Wensinger scored a repeat victory in the diving although Herbert Drake and Ronnie Lauber of Sandusky swept the remaining two places.

The visitors took a short lead in the first two legs of the 200-yard relay which Don Smith and Johnny Bowlus overcame in the last two legs to take the nod.

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The summaries:

50-yard free style: Won by Ransom (F); 2. Nord (F); 3. Buder (S). Time—24.7 (new pool and school record; betters former record of 24.9 also set by Ransom).

100-yard breast stroke: Won by Pence (F); 2. Strauch (F); 3. Voigt (S). Time—1:13.6.

200-yard free style: Won by Adams (F); 2. Bohanon (S); 3. Lafferty (F). Time—2:34.2.

100-yard back stroke: Won by W. Smith (S); 2. Koenig (F); 3. Behrendsen (S). Time—1:07.5.

100-yard free style: Won by Ransom (F); 2. Caldwell (S); 3. D. Smith (F). Time—56.8.

Diving: Won by Wensinger (F); 2. Drake (S); 3. Lauber (S). Points—53.4.

150-yard medley relay: Won by Sandusky (W. Smith, Caldwell and Buder); 2. Fremont (Anderson, Strauch and Nord). Time—1:30.2.

200-yard relay: Won by Fremont (Earhart, Bodenlos, D. Smith and Bowlus); 2. Sandusky (Bohanon, Woodruff, Morrow and Pusateri). Time—1:51.

LITTLE GIANT SWIMMERS IN THIRD VICTORY

Bruce Ransom Cops Both Free Style Events Again

Following the pattern of their two previous victories, the Little Giant mermen swam to a 47 to 19 victory over DeVilbiss at the Toledo Y. M. C. A. Saturday with Bruce Ransom again pacing the individual scorers with wins in both divisions of the free style.

DeVilbiss picked up only two firsts—the 200-yard free style where Chan Nautz finished on top and the 100-yard back stroke where George Valassis administered the second successive defeat to Ross Lee Koenig.

Ransom's victory in the 50 and 100-yard free styles marked his sixth consecutive first place effort as the Little Giant weaknesses of

Dean (Slick) Hess, former Ross high swimming star, smashed the old Baldwin-Walace 220-yard free style swimming record of 2:41 by 15.8 seconds Friday as his Bowling Green university squad routed their hosts, 65 to 20. The Falcon mermen established new marks in every event, including the diving.

Ken Reed, another former Little Giant, swam the first leg of the 300-yard medley relay and finished second in the 150-yard back stroke.

previous meets, the gruelling eight-lap free style 200-yard event and the backstroke again cropped to the fore.

Don Wensinger joined Ransom among the squad's unbeaten with an easy victory in the diving where Johnny Schwartz finished second.

Take Big Lead

Bud Nord trailed Ransom in the shorter free style which opened the meet and Jim Pence and Harry Strauch finished "one-two" in the 100-yard breast stroke for the second straight time to give the Fremonters a comfortable 16-2 lead.

DeVilbiss picked up eight points in the backstroke where Bill Stansbury finished second to Nautz. Another runner-up berth, this one by Dick Aubry in the 100-yard free style, concluded the Tigers' threat as Wensinger and Schwartz dominated the diving and Koenig, Pence and Nord annexed the 150-yard medley relay while Orval Earhart, Bob Bodenlos, Don Smith and Johnny Bowlus gave the Purple the 200-yard relay.

Coach George Gruse's outfit now bides time until Thursday when they again trek to Toledo to meet Scott high.

The summaries:

50-yard free style: Won by Ransom (F); 2. Nord (F); 3. Aubry (D). Time—:25.1.

100-yard breast stroke: Won by Pence (F); 2. Strauch (F); 3. Bruce (D). Time—1:15.7.

200-yard free style: Won by Nautz (D); 2. Stansbury (D); 3. Adams (F). Time—2:26.5.

100-yard back stroke: Won by Valassis (D); 2. Koenig (F); 3. Anderson (F). Time—1:06.8.

100-yard free style: Won by Ransom (F); 2. Aubry (D); 3. Smith (F). Time—:57.8.

Diving: Won by Wensinger (F); 2. Schwartz (F); 3. Browning (D). Points—209.

150-yard medley relay: Won by Fremont (Koenig, Pence and Nord); 2. DeVilbiss (Valassis, Driscoll and Osborne). Time—1:30.2.

200-yard relay: Won by Fremont (Earhart, Bodenlos, Smith and Bowlus); 2. DeVilbiss (Stansbury, Marquardt, Noller and Woodfill). Time—1:54.1.

LITTLE GIANTS SEEK FOURTH SWIM VICTORY

Undefeated Rossmen Journey To Toledo Scott Pool

Seeking their fourth successive dual meet victory, George Gruse's undefeated Little Giant swimming team journeys to Toledo Thursday for a 3:30 p. m. meet with Scott's tankers at the Bulldogs' natatorium.

It will be the first test for Scott's squad about which little is known.

Highlighting the Ross attack will be Bruce Ransom and Don Wensinger, each of whom is undefeated during the campaign. Ransom has annexed three wins in each the 50 and 100-yard free style events and established three new school records in so doing while Wensinger has triumphed in all diving events thus far.

In order to better condition his squad, most of whom are sophomores and juniors, Gruse has replaced Ransom in the shorter free style event with Johnny Bowlus. Bud Nord will be the other starter.

Same Lineups

The remaining entries will be the same as in the previous meets with Jim Pence and Harry Strauch in the backstroke; Dick Adams and Bob Bodenlos in the 200-yard free style; Lee Koenig and Jerry Anderson, backstroke; Don Smith and Ransom, 100-yard free style; Wensinger and Johnny Schwartz, diving; Koenig, Strauch and Nord, 150-yard medley relay, and Orval Earhart, Bodenlos, Smith and Bowlus, 200-yard free style relay.

It will be the last outing for the Fremonters until Thursday, January 30, when they entertain Scott at the Ross pool. Two days later the Little Giants will participate in the Northern Ohio Relays at Fenn college, Cleveland, where they are rated along with Lakewood and Cleveland East Tech as favorites.

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The Rossmen swept the first two places of the first four events as Johnny Bowlus won the free style sprint with Bud Nord second; Jim Pence copped the breast stroke followed by Harry Strauch; Dick Adams annexed the 200-yard free style grind trailed by Fred Lafferty, and Lee Koenig finally broke back into winning stride in the back stroke with Jerry Anderson netting the runner-up berth.

Relay Win Voided

Scott broke into the scoring in the 100-yard free style when Jimmy Einhart edged out Don Smith and Bob Bodenlos of Ross. The remaining Toledo points were scored in the 200-yard free style relay when Johnny Bowlus "jumped" the start of his anchor leg of a race that was "head-and-head" throughout. The Ross swimmer finished on top by a mere fraction.

Don Wensinger continued his undefeated ways in the diving where he had his closest competition of the year from Al Guyton whom he outscored 73.2 to 68.7. Johnny Schwartz gave the Little Giants third place.

In the 150-yard medley relay, Larry Price, Ralph Engle and Don Naftulin swam their first meet and checked in with a win.

Ransom opened his exhibition with no competition—swimming only against three stop-watches. He covered the 50-yard sprint in 24.6 bettering his own Ross record for the third time this season. In four dual meets, the lanky senior has sliced 1.1 seconds off the previous mark established by Al Bauman five years ago.

In the 100-yard event, again swimming only against time, Ransom churned the distance in :55.8 to lower this mark for the second time during the campaign.

Ransom's feats were even more remarkable considering the conditions of the Scott pool which is only 50 feet in length necessitating one extra turn in the sprint and two in the 100-yard event.

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200-yard free style: Won by Adams (F); 2. Lafferty (F); 3. Snyder (T). Time—2:33.8.

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Diving: Won by Wensinger (F); 2. Guyton (T); 3. Schwartz (F). Points—73.2.

150-yard medley relay: Won by Fremont (Price, Engle and Naftulin); 2. Scott (Sing, Badgely and Gilbert). Time—1:35.7.

200-yard relay: Won by Toledo Scott (Mozar, Snyder, Olszewski and Einhart); 2. Fremont (Einhart, Bodenlos, Smith and Bowlus). Time—1:54.7. (Fremont won but was disqualified.)

'1949 Swim Champs' Meet Toledo Scott Thursday At Ross

Local swimming fans will be accorded a preview of what Coach George Gruse terms the "1949 state high school champions" Thursday evening when the Little Giant mermen seek their fifth successive dual meet victory of the season against Toledo Scott at the Ross natatorium. The meet is scheduled to start at 7:30 p. m.

In only the diving and 200-yard free style relay, final event on the program, will Gruse use his first stringers. Johnny Bowlus, Bob Bodenlos, Bud Nord and Bruce Ransom will participate in the latter event in an attempt to lower the present school record of 1:45 set nine years ago by the Carter-Cooper-Schultz-Greetham combine against Mansfield.

The Little Giants routed Scott's tankers by a 47-19 count last Thursday with a lineup composed of nearly 75 per cent freshmen and reserves.

It was in this meet that Ransom, chief Ross threat for state and national laurels, covered the 50-yard free style in 24.6 seconds swimming only against time in an exhibition and then repeated with another record-shattering performance in the 100-yard event which he completed in :55.8 seconds. Both marks represent school as well as Scott pool records.

The probable lineup for the Scott meet:

50-yard free style—Don Naftulin, Roger Gerwin.

100-yard breast stroke—Louis Apple, Ralph Engle.

200-yard free style—Bill Kirsch, Phil Slaymaker.

100-yard back stroke—C. J. Miller, Jack Howard.

100-yard free style—Jerry Hunt, Fred Lafferty.

Diving—Don Wensinger, John Schwartz.

150-yard medley relay—Dick Frampton, Ralph Engle, Don Naftulin, Lee Koenig, Harry Strauch, and Bud Nord will swim an exhibition in this event while Hunt, Jim Conley, Gerwin and Ronnie Whisler will participate similarly in the 200-yard free style relay.

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200-yard free style: Won by Adams (F); 2. Lafferty (F); 3. Snyder (T). Time—2:33.8.

100-yard free style: Won by Einhart (T); 2. Smith (F); 3. Bodenlos (F). Time—1:00.8.

Diving: Won by Wensinger (F); 2. Guyton (T); 3. Schwartz (F). Points—73.2.

150-yard medley relay: Won by Fremont (Price, Engle and Naftulin); 2. Scott (Sing, Badgely and Gilbert). Time—1:35.7.

200-yard relay: Won by Toledo Scott (Mozar, Snyder, Olszewski and Einhart); 2. Fremont (Einhart, Bodenlos, Smith and Bowlus). Time—1:54.7. (Fremont won but was disqualified.)

'1949 Swim Champs' Meet Toledo Scott Thursday At Ross

Local swimming fans will be accorded a preview of what Coach George Gruse terms the "1949 state high school champions" Thursday evening when the Little Giant mermen seek their fifth successive dual meet victory of the season against Toledo Scott at the Ross natatorium. The meet is scheduled to start at 7:30 p. m.

In only the diving and 200-yard free style relay, final event on the program, will Gruse use his first stringers. Johnny Bowlus, Bob Bodenlos, Bud Nord and Bruce Ransom will participate in the latter event in an attempt to lower the present school record of 1:45 set nine years ago by the Carter-Cooper-Schultz-Greetham combine against Mansfield.

The Little Giants routed Scott's tankers by a 47-19 count last Thursday with a lineup composed of nearly 75 per cent freshmen and reserves.

It was in this meet that Ransom, chief Ross threat for state and national laurels, covered the 50-yard free style in 24.6 seconds swimming only against time in an exhibition and then repeated with another record-shattering performance in the 100-yard event which he completed in :55.8 seconds. Both marks represent school as well as Scott pool records.

The probable lineup for the Scott meet:

50-yard free style—Don Naftulin, Roger Gerwin.

100-yard breast stroke—Louis Apple, Ralph Engle.

200-yard free style—Bill Kirsch, Phil Slaymaker.

100-yard back stroke—C. J. Miller, Jack Howard.

100-yard free style—Jerry Hunt, Fred Lafferty.

Diving—Don Wensinger, John Schwartz.

150-yard medley relay—Dick Frampton, Ralph Engle, Don Naftulin, Lee Koenig, Harry Strauch, and Bud Nord will swim an exhibition in this event while Hunt, Jim Conley, Gerwin and Ronnie Whisler will participate similarly in the 200-yard free style relay.

Ross-Scott Swim Meet Postponed Due To Weather

The swimming meet scheduled for the Ross high school pool tonight between Coach George Gruse's undefeated Little Giants and Toledo Scott has been postponed due to the closing of all Toledo public schools.

Hazardous weather which made the city ice-bound forced the closing, Supt. E. L. Bowsher declared.

The next meet for the local tankers will be the annual Northern Ohio Relays at Fenn college, Cleveland, Saturday starting at 11 a. m.

Local Record Breaker!

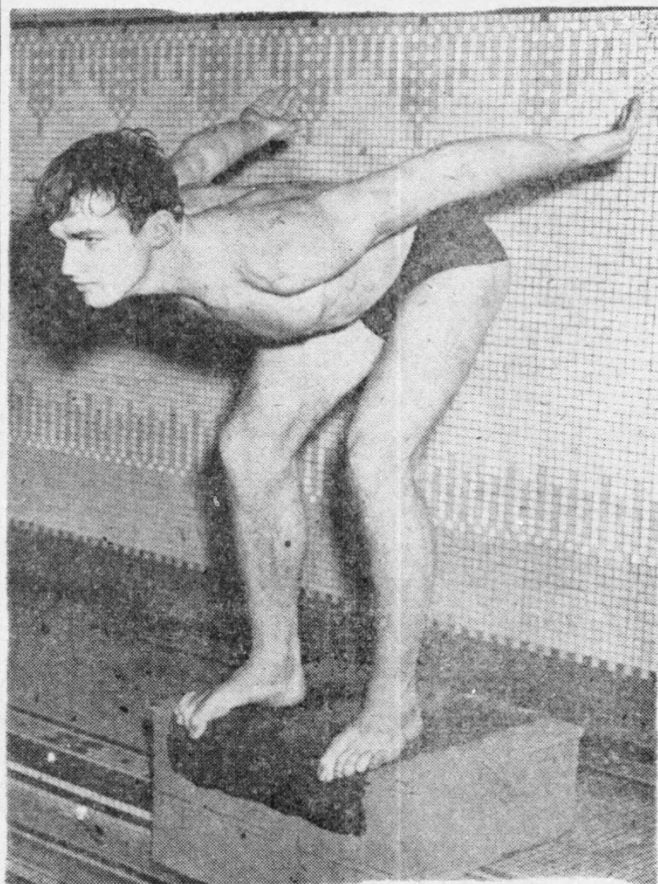


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BRUCE RANSOM

Little Giant Swimmer Seeks Added Laurels In Fenn Meet

Expected to be the prize-maker when Coach George Gruse's Ross high swimming team goes in quest of its first major title of the season Saturday in the Northern Ohio Relays at Fenn college, Cleveland, is rangy Bruce Ransom, unbeaten in scholastic competition thus far this year and a leading candidate for All-American honors.

Ransom, who has posted six successive victories in free-style competition and shattered five school and three Ross pool records, is a 17-year-old senior majoring in a business course.

He finished third in the 50-yard free style of the 1946 state meet and second in the 100-yard event after knocking off the 75-yard individual medley race at the Fenn meet. In this event he set a new record of :46.2 seconds. Ransom is also the defending district 50-yard free style champion.

Thus far, Bruce lowered the Ross pool mark to :25.1 in the "50" against Massillon and the century mark to :56.1. In the following meet against Sandusky, he sliced the former mark to :24.7 and then cut another one-tenth of a second off that performance in an exhibition against Scott high, Toledo. He also completed the 100-yard event a few minutes later in :55.8.

Ransom will swim the individual medley at Fenn, lone individual event on the program, and anchor the 200-yard free style relay team.

First legs of this event will be swam by Johnny Bowlus, Bob Bodenlos and Bud Nord. Gruse will enter Larry Price, Jerry Anderson, Jim Pence and Lee Koenig in the 200-yard backstroke while Ralph Engle, Louis Apple, Harry Strauch and Pence will swim the 200-yard breast stroke.

The Ross medley relay team will be composed of Koenig, Strauch and Nord while Bodenlos, Don Smith, Dick Adams and Bowlus will go in the 400-yard free style.

Incidentally, Fremont swimmers hold the Northern Ohio Relay records in all events excepting the 200 and 400-yard free style.

LITTLE GIANTS FINISH FOURTH IN FENN MEET

Bruce Ransom Knocks Off Individual Medley Race

In a meet featured by five record-smashing efforts in the six events, the Little Giant swimmers finished in fourth place at the annual Northern Ohio Inter-scholastic Relays Saturday at Fenn college, Cleveland.

Cleveland East Tech's undefeated powerhouse romped off with the major laurels following a strong display of team balance, while Canton McKinley, runner-up to Sandusky for the state crown last year, and Lakewood tied for second place.

It marked the first time during the campaign that Coach George Gruse's Little Giants had bowed to scholastic competition.

The lone victory registered by the Fremonters came in the 75-yard medley race where rangy Bruce Ransom, the defending champion, bettered his old mark of :46.2 second by nearly two full seconds, covering the preliminaries in :44.4 and the finals in :44.5.

Canton and East Tech each picked up two victories while Lakewood took the finale.

Strong Opening

McKinley opened the program with a show of power in the 200-yard free style, swimming the preliminary in 1:42.1 and the finals in 1:42.4 to better Sandusky's 1939 mark by two and two-tenths seconds. East Tech finished second, followed by Lakewood and Ross.

An eight-year-old Fremont record went by the boards in the 200-yard breast stroke where the Scarabs completed the grind in 2:02.6, nearly six and one-half seconds better than the previous mark. Lakewood trailed in second place with McKinley third and Ross fourth.

East Tech rocketed into a huge lead in the 200-yard back stroke which they completed in 2:01.7 to better Fremont's 1939 standard by .3 of a second. The Little Giants moved into second place in this event with Sandusky getting its lone points of the meeting with third place and Lakewood fourth.

Ransom Wins Easily

Trailing Ransom by nearly three full seconds in the individual medley was Akron Buchtel's Al Palmer with the rest of the field far to the rear.

At this point, East Tech had 22 points; Ross, 15; Lakewood, 12, and McKinley, 12.

Canton raced into contention in the 400-yard free style with another record-breaking effort as their time of 3:33 bettered the previous mark, also set by McKinley, by five and four-tenths seconds. East Tech gained the runner-up with Lakewood third and Akron Buchtel fourth. This was the only event in which the Little Giants were shut out.

The 150-yard medley finale was the lone non-record event of the meet as Lakewood knocked off first place with the Scarabs second, McKinley third and Ross fourth.

The complete scoring was:
Cleveland East Tech, 36; Canton McKinley, 24; Lakewood, 24; Fremont Ross, 17; Akron Buchtel, 9; Sandusky, 4, and Cleveland Shaw, 1. Cleveland Shaker Heights, Massillon, Washington, Cuyahoga Falls and Cleveland Heights failed to score.

Streaks Are Next

Next stop for the Rossmen is Sandusky where they meet the Blue Streaks in a return dual meet Thursday evening. The Little Giants will invade Bowling Green university for the annual BGSI Invitational Saturday.

The summaries:
200-yard free style relay: Won by Canton McKinley (Kirk, Austin, Whiteleather, Shearer); 2, Cleveland East Tech; 3, Lakewood; 4, Fremont Ross. Time—1:42.4 (new record, old record of 1:41.6 set by Sandusky in 1939).

200-yard breast stroke relay: Won by Cleveland East Tech (Kosmetos, Student, Mumma, Much); 2, Lakewood; 3, Canton McKinley; 4, Fremont Ross. Time—2:02.6 (new record, old record 2:09 set by Fremont Ross in 1939).

200-yard back stroke relay: Won by Cleveland East Tech (Foley, Peters, Molny, Stevens); 2, Fremont Ross; 3, Sandusky; 4, Lakewood. Time—2:01.7 (new record, old record 2:02 set by Fremont Ross in 1939).

75-yard individual medley: Won by Ransom (Fremont Ross); 2, Palmer (Akron Buchtel); 3, Taylor (Akron Buchtel); 4, Smith (Cleveland Shaw). Time—:44.5 (new record, old record :46.2 set by Ransom, Fremont Ross, 1946).

400-yard free style relay: Won by Canton McKinley (Oby, Austin, Whiteleather, Shearer); 2, Cleveland East Tech; 3, Lakewood; 4, Akron Buchtel. Time—3:33 (new record, old record 3:38.4 set by Canton McKinley in 1939).

150-yard medley relay: Won by Lakewood (Dreihorst, Fletcher, Clark); 2, Cleveland East Tech; 3, Canton McKinley; 4, Fremont Ross. Time—1:25.4.

Ross Tankers Trek To Sandusky For Fifth Dual Meet

Seeking their fifth successive dual meet victory, Coach George Gruse's Little Giant swimming team travel to Sandusky Thursday evening for a return engagement prior to competing in the first annual Bowling Green State university Invitational Saturday.

The Ross lineup is expected to be composed chiefly of freshmen and sophomores with lanky, record-breaking Bruce Ransom swimming only exhibitions against time in the free style events.

Meanwhile, the Blue Streaks, defending state champions, will be out to avenge a 45-21 defeat which the Rossmen administered at the Croghan street pool January 16. In this meet, Sandusky captured only two firsts as Ransom turned in new records in the 50-yard free style.

The Bowling Green Invitational presages to be a rehash of the Ohio Northern Relays at Fenn college last week in which Ransom again copped the 75-yard individual medley and smashed his own previous mark.

Entries in the Invitational include Cleveland East Tech, winner of the Fenn meet; Canton McKinley, who finished deadlocked for the runner-up berth; Akron Buchtel, Cleveland University school and Sandusky, in addition to the Little Giants.

Sam Cooper, Falcon coach and a former mentor at Bellevue, is managing the meet which includes the 200 and 400-yard free style; 200-yard breast stroke; 200-yard backstroke, and 150-yard medley.

Ransom Paces Ross Tankers To Victory Over Blue Streaks

Registering six firsts and clean sweeps in two events, Coach George Gruse's Little Giant swimmers copped their fifth successive dual meet victory at Sandusky Thursday evening by a 46 to 20 score.

As in the past, the Rossmen were paced by Bruce Ransom, who took the top award in both the 40 and 100-yard free style events while Don Wensinger remained undefeated in diving competition, edging Ronnie Lauber 53.2 to 48.2 for his closest victory.

Jim Pench knocked off the 100-yard breast stroke while Pence teamed with Lee Koenig and Harry Strauch for first place in the 150-yard medley relay and Bud Nord, Johnny Bowlus, Bob Bodenlos and Don Smith notched the 200-yard free style.

The Blue Streaks were successful in only the 200-yard free style where Don Bohanon finished on top and the 100-yard back stroke which Bill Smith annexed.

Almost Identical

Final outcome was only one point off the previous tally registered by the two teams January 16 at the Ross pool which the Fremonters won by a 45-21 count.

The Little Giants are scheduled to participate in the first annual Bowling Green university invitational Saturday afternoon along with Cleveland East Tech, Canton McKinley, Sandusky, Akron Buchtel, Toledo Scott and Cleveland University school.

The summaries:

40-yard free style—Won by Ransom (F); 2, Bowlus (F); 3, Pusateri (S). Time—1:19.5.

100-yard breast stroke—Won by Pence (F); 2, Strauch (F); 3, Thomas (S). Time—1:12.8.

200-yard free style—Won by Bohanon (S); 2, Kirsch (F); 3, Adams (F). Time—2:30.5.

100-yard back stroke—Won by L. Smith (S); 2, Koenig (F); 3, Behrendsen (S). Time—1:05.7.

100-yard free style—Won by Ransom (F); 2, Caldwell (S); 3, Nord (F). Time—57.7.

Diving—Won by Wensinger (F); 2, Lauber (S); 3, Drake (S).

150-yard medley relay—Won by Fremont (Pence, Strauch, Koenig); 2, Sandusky. Time—1:50.6.

200-yard free style relay—Won by Fremont (Nord, Bodenlos, D. Smith, Bowlus); 2, Sandusky. Time—1:24.3.

'BREAKS' COST ROSS TANKERS INVITATIONAL

East Tech Triumphs
In First Annual
BGSU Meet

Overshadowed by the balanced power of Cleveland East Tech, the Little Giants of Fremont Ross were stalled in their bid to register the biggest upset of the swimming season Saturday when a pair of decisions by starter Jack Bunn cost them the first annual Bowling Green State university Invitational meet.

East Tech, one of the most powerful scholastic squads in the state and Cleveland city champions as well as victors in the annual Northern Ohio relays, wound up with the BGSU title by compiling 30 points. Canton McKinley was second with 26 while Ross collected 11.

The balance of the field finished as follows: Sandusky, fourth, 17; Cleveland University school, fifth, 8; Toledo Scott, sixth, 6, and Akron Buchtel, seventh, 3.

The Fremonters garnered two of the six firsts with East Tech and McKinley dividing the remaining.

Another "Break"

Bunn's verdict that Bob Bodenlos had "jumped" on the second leg of the 200-yard free style relay which opened the meet cost the Rossmen second place and six points while another unfavorable decision in the 200-yard backstroke relay placed them third behind Sandusky although, to all appearances, Lee Koenig had "touched" a full stroke in advance of the Blue Streak anchorman.

McKinley walked off with the 200-yard free style while East Tech moved into the runner-up berth following the disqualification of Fremont.

In the 200-yard breast stroke, the two teams reversed the order of finish with Ross a badly beaten third.

Bruce Ransom continued his undefeated ways by registering a fairly easy triumph in the 75-yard individual medley as Frank Bruck, captain of University School's three-man delegation, gained the place award. Sandy Wilson of McKinley was disqualified in this event after finishing fourth for starting with the wrong stroke.

McKinley copped the 400-yard free style with East Tech second as the balance of the field was tapped while the Rossmen gained the nod in the 150-yard medley relay finale due to Lee Koenig's unlooked for performance on the first leg and Ransom's strong finish in the free style.

The Rossmen entertain Toledo DeVilbiss at the Croghan street pool Tuesday in a warm-up for a hectic week which will see them swimming three dual meets in five days prior to seeking district honors at Bowling Green February 22.

Toledo Scott journeys here Thursday in a re-booking of the January 30 meet which was cancelled due to inclement weather while the Little Giants close their dual meet season at Canton Saturday against McKinley's strong Tigers who finished second to Sandusky in the state meet last year.

The summaries:

200-yard free style relay—Won by Canton McKinley (Kirk, Austin, Whiteleather, Shearer); 2. Cleveland East Tech; 3. Toledo Scott; 4. Sandusky. (Fremont Ross finished second but was disqualified). Time—1:42.3.

200-yard breaststroke relay—Won by Cleveland East Tech (Stu- dent, Peters, Mumma, Kyphea); 2. Canton McKinley; 3. Fremont Ross (Engle, Apple, Strauch, Pence); 4. Sandusky; 5. Toledo Scott. Time—2:06.6.

200-yard backstroke relay—Won by Cleveland East Tech (Foley, Stevens, Masarik, Peters); 2. Sandusky; 3. Fremont Ross (Price, Anderson, Pence, Koenig); 4. Akron Buchtel; 5. Canton McKinley. Time—2:04.9.

75-yard individual medley—Won by Bruce Ransom (Fremont Ross); 2. Frank Bruck (Cleveland University School); 3. Neal Palmer (Akron Buchtel); 4. Bill Volght (Sandusky). Sandy Wilson (Canton McKinley) finished fourth but was disqualified.

400-yard free style relay—Won by Canton McKinley (Oby, Austin, Whiteleather, Shearer); 2. Cleveland East Tech; 3. Sandusky; 4. Fremont Ross (Nord, Bodenlos, Smith, Bowlus); 5. Toledo Scott. Time—3:53.2.

150-yard medley relay—Won by Fremont Ross (Koenig, Strauch, Ransom); 2. Cleveland University School; 3. Canton McKinley; 4. Cleveland East Tech; 5. Sandusky.

Little Giant Swim Team Hosts Toledo DeVilbiss Tonight

Seeking their sixth successive dual meet victory of the campaign, George Gruse's Little Giant swimmers host Toledo DeVilbiss at the Croghan street natatorium tonight to open a heavy week of pre-tournament competition.

Slated to start at 7:30 p. m., the Giants will be swimming the varsity in the meet which the Ross-men are odds-on favorites to cop.

Bruce Ransom and Johnny Bowlus will compete in the 50-yard free style; Harry Strauch and Jim Pence in the 100-yard breast

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 11.—UP—The state high school swimming meet will be held in the Ohio State university natatorium February 28 and March 1, it was announced here today. District meets will be held February 22 at Hudson, Bowling Green, Cincinnati and Columbus.

stroke; Dick Adams and Bill Kirsch in the 200-yard free style; Lee Koenig and Jerry Anderson in the 100-yard back stroke; Ransom and Bud Nord in the 100-yard free style; Don Wensinger, unbeaten in five dual meets, and Johnny Schwartz in the diving; Pence, Strauch and Koenig in the 150-yard medley relay, and Nord, Bob Bodenlos, Don Smith and Bowlus in the 200-yard free style relay.

TOLEDO CREW ROUTED 43-23 BY ROSSMEN

Ransom Captures Two Free Style Firhts; Scott Next

Paced by Bruce Ransom once again, the Little Giant swimming team registered their sixth successive dual meet victory of the campaign Tuesday evening at the Croghan street natatorium by routing Toledo DeVilbiss, 43-23.

Ransom, unbeaten in the dual meets as well as two relays, copped the 50 and 100-yard free style events while Don Wensinger also remained in the undefeated class by notching the diving event with an overwhelming 27 point triumph over teammate John Schwartz.

The Toledoans captured only two firsts, one of which was a controversial judges' decision. DeVilbiss annexed the 200-yard free style when Ted Nautz bested Eddie Kirsch and Dick Adams, and then gained a narrow verdict in the 200-yard free style relay finale. In this event, Johnny Bowlus came from far behind on the anchor leg to threaten the visitors but was nosed out.

One-Sided

Jim Pence garnered the top prize in the 100-yard breast stroke while Lee Koenig walked off with the back stroking honors.

The Little Giants host Toledo Scott Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. and journey to Canton McKinley Saturday afternoon to close the dual meet season. McKinley finished second in the 1946 state meet as well as the Northern Ohio Relays and Bowling Green State University Invitational this season.

The summaries:

50-yard free style—Won by Ransom (F); 2. Dressel (D); 3. Nord (F). Time—24.8.

100-yard breast stroke—Won by Pence (F); 2. Strauch (F); 3. Bruce (D). Time—1:13.

200-yard free style—Won by Nautz (D); 2. Kirsch (F); 3. Adams (F). Time—2:34.5.

100-yard back stroke—Won by Koenig (F); 2. Valassis (D); 3. Anderson (F). Time—1:07.4.

100-yard free style—Won by Ransom (F); 2. Aubry (D); 3. Bowlus (F). Time—56.8.

Diving—Won by Wensinger (F); 2. Schwartz (F); 3. Ball (D). Points—64.25.

150-yard medley relay—Won by Fremont (Pence, Strauch, Koenig); 2. DeVilbiss. Time—1:29.

200-yard free style relay—DeVilbiss (Woodfill, Aubry, Osborne, Dressel); 2. Fremont. Time—1:48.

Ross Swimmers To Host Toledo Scott

Seeking their seventh successive dual meet victory, the Ross high swimming team will host a visiting delegation of tankmen from Toledo Scott at 7:30 p. m. Thursday at the Croghan street pool.

The meet was originally scheduled for January 30 but postponed when sleet storms forced the closing of Toledo's schools. The Little Giants gained a handy 47-19 victory in a previous clash with Scott.

Coach George Gruse will vary his lineup for the meet with Bruce Ransom and Don Naftulin in the 50-yard free style; Louis Apple and Ralph Engle, 100-yard breast stroke; Fred Lafferty and Phil Slaymaker, 200-yard free style; Larry Price and Jack Howard, 100-yard back stroke; Ransom and Orval Earhart, 100-yard free style; Don Wensinger and John Schwartz, diving; Harry Comesky, Apple and Naftulin, 150-yard medley - relay, and Bud Nord, Bob Bodenlos, Don Smith and John Bowlus, 200-yard free style relay.

ROSSMEN TO FACE CANTON TIGERS NEXT

Freshmen, Sophomores Pace Locals To 11th Straight Victory

A preview of the 1948-49 Ross high school swimming team was afforded Little Giant followers Thursday evening as the Croghan streeters posted their most lopsided victory of the year in dumping Toledo Scott, 51 1-2 to 14 1-2.

Composed in the main of freshmen and sophomores, the Fremonters annexed all but one first place and all but two seconds. It was their seventh successive dual meet victory of the season and the 11th over a period of two years.

Bruce Ransom paced Coach George Gruse's squad with easy triumphs in both the 50 and 100-yard free styles while Don Wensinger remained undefeated, along with Ransom, by notching the diving.

It was noteworthy that Gruse did not start his varsity in any event except the diving and the 200-yard free style relay. And the efforts of the undergraduates pre-saged the possibility of another "powerhouse" squad within the next year or two.

Easy Victory

Ransom opened the meet by taking the 50-yard free style by almost 10 yards with Don Naftulin of Ross in the runner-up slot.

In the 100-yard breast stroke, Al Guyton, Scott's top diver, nosed out Ralph Engle, with Louis Apple in third place. The Rossmen got back in stride in the 200-yard free style when Fred Lafferty and Phil Slaymaker finished 1-2, respectively.

Larry Price and Jack Howard duplicated the performance in the 100-yard back stroke while Orval Earhart trailed in a third-place tie in the 100-yard free style behind Ransom and Bill Einhart of Scott.

Guyton finished second to Wensinger in the diving to conclude the Toledoans' point-making.

Harry Comesky, Apple and Naftulin teamed for the 150-yard medley relay while Bud Nord, Bob Bodenlos, Don Smith and Johnny Bowlus annexed the 200-yard free style relay.

McKinley Next

Next on the books for the Rossmen is a dual meet at Canton Saturday at 2:30 p. m. against McKinley's strong crew, rated contenders for the 1947 state championship. The Tigers were runners-up to Sandusky for the award last year.

Following the McKinley meet, only the district at Bowling Green and the state at Ohio State remain on the Giants' schedule.

The summaries:

50-yard free style: Won by Ransom (F); 2, Naftulin (F); 3, Himebaugh (T). Time—:25.2.

100-yard breast stroke: Won by Guyton (T); 2, Engle (F); 3, Apple (F). Time—1:19.9.

200-yard free style—Won by Lafferty (F); 2, Slaymaker (F); 3, Dancoes (T). Time—2:39.5.

100-yard back stroke: Won by Price (F); 2, Howard (F); 3, Sing (T). Time—1:14.8.

100-yard free style: Won by Ransom (F); 2, Einhart (T); 3, Earhart (F) and Olszewski (T) tied. Time—:56.7.

Diving: Won by Wensinger (F); 2, Guyton (T); 3, Schwartz (F). Points—56.85.

150-yard medley relay: Won by Fremont (Comesky, Apple, Naftulin); 2, Toledo. Time—1:39.

200-yard free style relay: Won by Fremont (Nord, Bodenlos, Smith, Bowlus); 2, Toledo. Time—1:48.4.

Canton McKinley Hands Little Giants First Dual Meet Loss

In one of the most evenly-matched dual swimming meets of the scholastic season, a well-balanced Canton McKinley squad was forced to the final event before gaining a 36-30 decision over Ross high school's previously unbeaten Little Giants, Saturday in the Bulldog pool.

The Fremonters hogged individual honors and posted the lone record-breaking performance of the meet—but the hosts swept second and third places in four events to more than overcome the lead compiled by the Rossmen through their five firsts.

It was the sixth dual meet Victory of the year in seven starts for McKinley, runners-up to Sandusky for the state crown in 1946, and the first loss for George Gruse's squad in eight outings. McKinley meets Lakeside's powerful contingent Wednesday while the Purple are idle until the district meet at Bowling Green Saturday.

Bruce Ransom opened the Bulldog meet by setting a new pool record for the 40-yard free style which he completed in :19.4 seconds, smashing a two-year-old mark by .3 seconds. Tom Whiteleather and Dwight Kirk finished second and third respectively for Canton to make the score 5-4 in favor of Ross.

Score Tied

Harry Fox knocked off the 100-yard breast stroke for the Bulldogs, heading Jim Pence and Harry Strauch as the count was deadlocked at 9-9.

An overwhelming victory in the 200-yard free style where Harry Shearer finished some 20 seconds ahead of Fremont's Eddie Kirsch with Sandy Wilson, also of McKinley, second, really provided the margin of victory as Canton went to the front, 17-10.

Lee Koenig annexed the 100-yard back stroke to place the Rossmen back in the running but Ted Branin's squad picked up the place and show awards with Don Barth and Nick Kakas to make the score 21-15.

Ransom continued his string of undefeated performances by coping the 100-yard free style but the Bulldogs stayed right in the fight with Gene Austin second and Dave Oby, third. It was the same story in the 60-yard individual medley which was substituted for the diving events due to the lack of a board and which was won by Pence only to find Barr and Wilson trailing in for McKinley to give the Canton squad a 29-25 margin.

Ross In Front

Ross went ahead again in the 180-yard medley relay where Koenig, Strauch and Johnny Bowlus outswam Barth, Fox and Oby to make the tally read 30-29. It was the fourth successive first that Ross had registered without being able to follow with either a second or third place.

In the 160-yard free style relay finale, Canton's Kirk, Austin, Whiteleather and Shearer amassed a terrific lead to win easily over Bud Nord, Bob Bodenlos, Orval Earhart and Don Smith.

The summaries:

40-yard free style: Won by Ransom (F); 2. Whiteleather (C); 3. Kirk (C). Time—:19.4 (new pool record, breaks old record of :19.7

set by Perdue of Canton in 1945). 100-yard breast stroke: Won by Fox (C); 2. Pence (F); 3. Strauch (F). Time—1:12.

200-yard free style: Won by Shearer (C); 2. Wilson (C); 3. Kirsch (F). Time—2:14.1.

100-yard back stroke: Won by Koenig (F); 2. Barth (C); 3. Kakas (C). Time—1:08.9.

100-yard free style: Won by Ransom (F); 2. Austin (C); 3. Oby (C). Time—:57.8.

60-yard individual medley: Won by Pence (F); 2. Barr (C); 3. Wilson (C). Time—:39.6.

180-yard medley relay: Won by Fremont (Koenig, Strauch, Bowlus); 2. Canton. Time—1:52.

160-yard free style relay: Won by Canton (Kirk, Austin, Whiteleather, Shearer); 2. Fremont. Time—1:20.7.

Ray (Sugar) Robinson Hears Verdict Today

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—UP—Ray (Sugar) Robinson, world welterweight champion, was scheduled to hear the New York state athletic commission's decision in his bribe-offer inquiry today.

Awaiting this decision could have been a scarcely pleasant interlude for the great Negro fighter if he kept in mind what happened to Rocky Graziano little more than a week ago, after a somewhat similar inquiry.

Robinson's hearing attracted far less attention than Graziano's three-day circus. However, the issue in both inquiries was the same: Had the man on the carpet violated rule 64 of the state boxing code by failing to report a bribe offer to the commission?

Robinson claimed he interpreted a stranger's remarks about \$25,000 as "just a bet" that the stranger was trying to make with George Gainsford, Robinson's manager.

BARONS HOLD LEAD

The battle for first-place in the American Hockey League's western division was tighter than ever today, with the Cleveland Barons on top by a single point after winning one game and losing one during the weekend.

The sun is not as bright as the North Star.

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A successful swimming campaign at Ross high school was capped with the presentation of letters to 11 varsity competitors, seven of whom will be on hand for the 1948 season.

Coach George Gruse made the awards at an assembly program. Recipients included Captain Bruce Ransom, Bob Bodenlos, Jerry Anderson and Lee Koenig, all seniors; Don Wensinger, Jim Pence, Harry Strauch, Larry Price, Don Smith, John Bowlus and Bud Nord. Leroy Elder received a managerial monogram.

The competitive season was concluded by the annual intra-squad meet in which Ransom copped the nod over the six-event route with Koenig second and Pence third. The events included 50 and 100-yard free styles, 100-yard backstroke, and breaststroke, diving and 75-yard individual medley.

Of the 34 youths which comprised the Little Giant swimming team this season, 30 will be back in the fold next year.