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Ross Swim Team Set For Columbus

Following a proposal that has been brewing in the northwest district of Ohio for the past several years, Coach George Gruse, Ross high school swimming coach, said that district finals will be held this year in Columbus instead of Bowling Green, where they have been held for many years.

Wednesday at 2 p. m. the Ross team, comprised of 19 swimmers, will be in Columbus shooting for places in the state meet, also at the Ohio State University pool, scheduled for March 2-3.

Gruse said that in the past years, Ross and Sandusky have emerged the powerhouse representatives of the Bowling Green district, thus were able to send a considerable number of entrants for each event at the state finals.

In addition to the quality of the teams, there was also the factor of the dearth of representation from other schools in the northwest area. Many schools do not have swimming teams.

Four boys may be entered in each event at the district meet with the first six swimmers and divers qualifying for the state event.

14 Ross Mermen Gain State Berths

Fourteen members of Ross high's swimming team qualified Wednesday at Ohio State University for the state swimming meet scheduled there on March 2-3. Coach George Gruse said that 13 medals were won in the district finals by Ross swimmers.

Fremont placed second in events with eight schools competing.

Awards went to Ron Shawl, Dave Carl, Tom Hite, Ed Nickel, Jim Streeter, Norman Kroh, Bill Gwin-up, Bob Agee, Bill Myers, Bruce Weaver, Tom Long, Jack Balsizer, Al Hetrick and John Baxter.

District finals were held this year in Columbus for the first time since the program formerly held at Bowling Green for many years.

Upper Arlington took the district top point total with $78\frac{1}{2}$, followed by Ross with 51.

Others in order of finish included Columbus Academy, $42\frac{1}{2}$; Bexley, 34; Grandview, 28; University school, 8; St. Charles, with 4; and Worthington, 3.