

1967 District meet...

RECORD LIST SURE TO BE REVISED IN DISTRICT

Ross Among Leaders In Chase After St. Francis Swimmers

The rest of the field battling for second place behind Toledo St. Francis is the expected format for Saturday's district swimming championships at Sandusky high school. The Toledo team, defending district champion, is considered a prime favorite not only for a district but for the state title.

Fourteen teams will compete in what is to be the largest district meet of all time. Ross Coach Jack Balsizer looks upon St. Francis as a 'sure bet to re-

peat this season.' Second place should be a tossup between Fremont, Lima Senior, Sandusky and Findlay.

Last year St. Francis won with 62 points and Ross placed second with 44½.

To qualify for the state meet, March 3-4, a boy or relay must place in the top three times for that event in the district meet.

Six at-large qualifiers will be selected from the next six best times in Ohio, discounting the three place times.

Balsizer's appraisal states, "Toledo is loaded. They have great depth in the 200 and 400 freestyle. They are weak only in diving. We are going to have a difficult time qualifying many many people for state. Although we have some of the fastest boys in our history, Toledo will dominate so many events that we will be hard-pressed to get anyone to Columbus."

Last year Ross qualified five

teams, including one at-large pick.

So far this season, seven of the fastest times in the district have been posted by St. Francis swimmers. Among the top three times in each of 10 swimming events Ross has recorded six. The Ross 200-yard medley relay team has the second best time in the district, 1:48.2, and the 400-yard freestyle time has a third best time for that event, 3:34.7.

Also with the third best time

for their event in the district from Ross are: Ken Mathias, 50-yard freestyle, .23.3; Rick Koebel, 100-yard butterfly, .59.8; Erick Wright, 100-yard freestyle, .51.5; and Rick Kidney, 100-yard backstroke, 1:01.5.

Best times this year in the district with the performance winning the event in last year's district meet at Bowling Green are:

200 MEDLEY RELAY — St.

Francis, 1:47.4 (Perkins, 1:47.6).

100 BUTTERFLY — Marker, St. Francis, .52.2 (Dan Kohr, Ross, .59.7).

100 BACKSTROKE — Edwards, St. Francis, .59.2. (Jim Stacey, Perkins, 1:00.5, district record).

400 FREESTYLE — Hylant, St. Francis, 4:04 (Dan Hylant, St. Francis, 4:13.4, district record).

100 BREASTSTROKE — Orion, Malabar, 1:05.5 (Dave Freyberg, Perkins, 1:06.4, district record).

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — St. Francis, 3:23.1 (St. Francis, 3:28.9, district record).

WRIGHT WINS 100-YARD FREESTYLE

Ross Second In District Swim; St. Francis Wins

SANDUSKY—Toledo St. Francis showed nothing here Saturday that would detract from the estimate it was a power to be considered in the state swimming championships. The powerful St. Francis team dominated the district swimming championships as expected, although the margin may have been even more overwhelming than anticipated.

St. Francis scored 103 points to lead the 14-team field for the second consecutive year. If there was a surprise, it was the determined swimming of Fremont Ross, which nipped Buckeye Conference champion and highly regarded Lima for second place. Ross had 35 points, one-half better than Sandusky, 34½. Lima Senior was fourth with 29 points and Findlay fifth with 26. Rest of the field included Perkins, 25½; Mansfield Malabar, 14; Ashland, 10; Lima Shawnee, 9; Colonel Crawford, 3; Mansfield Senior, 1; Port Clinton, 0; Margaretta, 0; Toledo Whitmer, 0.

St. Francis established six district records in winning six of 11 events. The Toledo team qualified people for state in every event except the diving and 100 - yard breaststroke. The champions completely dominated the 200 and 400-yard freestyle events, taking first three places in the 200 and the first three places in the 400 as well.

It was the third straight year that Ross had placed second in the district meet.

Wright Wins Thriller

Eric Wright won the only event for Ross with a school and Sandusky pool record in the 100-yard freestyle. Wright's victory was the most exciting

race of the day and the biggest upset. He nipped Lima's Dave Pack, defending champion, and Toledo's Bab Zann, both heavy favorites.

Wright's time of :50.6 established a new Ross school record, bettering the old time of :51.5 set by Wright last week. His :50.6 also ties the Sandusky pool record as well as placing him among the best 100-yard freestylers in Ohio.

Ross in finishing second qualified for state competition in four events. This earned a trip to Columbus for eight boys.

Assistant Coach Gary Shelt's number one diver, Bill Slemmer, had the best performance of his career in taking second place. He was beaten by only two points for the diving championship. Ross head coach Jack Balsizer remarked, "With Mr. Shelt as his diving coach Slemmer has been making rapid improvement this year and his performance Saturday certainly proved it."

Relay Third Place

Ross' 400 - yard freestyle relay took third place with a time of 3:31.9, breaking the school record of 3:34.7 set earlier this year. Swimming the relay were Eric Wright, Kirby Taylor, Dan Kahr and Ken Mathias. Due to Jon Zink being unable to compete, Co-captain Kirby Taylor had to step into Zink's position. Balsizer called Taylor's commendable job as a substitute "a tribute to this boy's dedication to the team and his fine versatility."

Also qualifying was the medley relay team of Rick Kidney, Steve Miller, Rick Koebel and Taylor. They placed fourth in the district, but their time of 1:49 was good enough to qualify as an at-large selection.

Top three in each event qual-

ify for state, plus six fastest non-qualifiers in district meets as at-large entries in each event.

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SUMMARY

200 MEDLEY RELAY—Findlay, 1:48.1; St. Francis, 1:48.3; Perkins, 1:48.5; Ross, 1:44.

200 FREESTYLE — Dave Marker, St. Francis, 1:53.9 (new district record); Rich Ryley, St. Francis, 1:53.9; P. Johnson, St. Francis, 1:55.6; Aaurot, Shawnee, 1:56.6.

50 FREESTYLE—Dave Pack, Lima, :22.4; (new district record); Sidner, Sandusky, and Hoffman, Perkins, tie, :23.7; Howard, Lima, :23.8.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY—Hylant, St. Francis, 2:10.6; Murtaugh, St. Francis, 2:17.1; Vermeeran, Sandusky, 2:21.6; Steve Miller, Ross, 2:21.8.

DIVING — Napoli, Ashland; Bill Slemmer, Ross; Walker, Perkins; Walter, Colonel Crawford.

100 BUTTERFLY — Marker, St. Francis, (new district record); Gilbert, Sandusky, :57.5; Schrider, St. Francis, :59.7; Sherow, Lima, :59.8.

100 FREESTYLE — Eric Wright, Ross, :50.6; Dave Pack, Lima, :51.2; Zann, Toledo, :51.7; Stevens, Findlay, :54.4.

100 BACKSTROKE—Edwards, St. Francis, 1:00.3 (new district record); Johnson, St. Francis, 1:01.1; Stacey, Perkins, 1:01.7; Rick Kidney, Ross, 1:01.8.

400 FREESTYLE—Hylant, St. Francis, 4:09.4 (new district record); Man, St. Francis, 4:10.9; Johnson, St. Francis, 4:15.3; Epp, Lima, 4:23.9.

100 BREASTSTROKE—Orton, Malabar, 1:05.3 (new district record); Freyburg, Perkins, 1:06.6; Gunlach, Sandusky, 1:09.5; Malene, St. Francis, 1:10.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY—St. Francis, 3:25 (new district record); Sandusky, 3:30.5; Ross, 3:31.9; Lima, 3:38.

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Jack Balsizer Named District Coach Of Year

Jack Balsizer, swimming coach at Ross high school, has been named coach of the year for the northwestern district of Ohio. Balsizer was honored during last week's state tournament by his fellow coaches from the district.

Balsizer's name was put in nomination by Vern Pinkerton, head coach at Sandusky, the team which edged Ross for the Buckeye Conference title.

Swimming against the top teams in the state, including prep schools University School and Western Reserve Academy, Ross finished the season with a 7-6 record under Balsizer. His teams were second in the Buckeye Conference, surprised with a second in the district, had two boys place in the state meet, finished sixth in the Bowling Green Invitational against the best prep teams in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.

Under Balsizer's tutelage several Ross swimmers posted times among the 10 best in the state for the season.

The honor is voted by the coaches to the man they feel has done the most for swimming and his team for the talent with which he had to work.

