

1954 District meet...

The Ross swimmers compete in the district meet in the B. G. U. pool Saturday at 2:15 p. m.

The meet offers more than just the district championship—it gives the Fremonters a chance to hold a season edge over Sandusky.

**Ross and Sandusky are the only schools with full entries. They divided two meets during the season, Ross winning in the Sandusky pool and Sandusky winning here.**

The state meet will be held in Columbus next week, March 5-6.

# Gruse Hopeful As Swimmers Eye District

George Gruse, seldom a pessimist, has hopes of surprising a lot of observers who have discounted Ross high's chances of repeating their 1953 state swimming championship.

His hopes meet their first test Saturday at 3 p.m. in the District meet at Bowling Green State University. Boys who finish in the first six places will be eligible to compete the following week at the state meet in Columbus.

Among other things, tomorrow's match may settle whether Fremont or Sandusky has the best team. They divided a pair of season matches and are the only schools with full squads in the District.

Fremont won the state championship last season and Sandusky finished second.

Ross is strong again this season in the 200-yard free-style relay, with Ned Frantz, Charles Hull, Jack Bovard and Merlin Eversole slated to swim the event at B. G. U.

## The Ross lineup:

50 Yd. free style—Ned Frantz, Jack Balsizer, Dick Sabroske, Walter Deichert.

100 Yd. breast stroke—Tom Wolf, Tom Wadsworth, John Hensley, Toivo Tagamets.

200 Yd. free style—Charles Hull, Dave Hunt, Ed Nickel, John Baxter.

100 Yd. back stroke—Bob Corthell, Merlin Eversole, Norman Kroh, Blair Frazier.

100 Yd. free style—Jack Balsizer, Tom Hite, Walter Deichert, Dick Sabroske.

Diving—Jim Weaver, Gene Smith, Bill Dougherty, Gerald Leggett.

150 Yd. individual medley swim—Dave Hunt, Al Hetrick, John Hensley, Norman Welch.

150 Yd. medley relay—Bob Corthell, Tom Wolf, Jack Bovard.

200 Yd. free style relay—Ned Frantz, Charles Hull, Jack Bovard, Merlin Eversole.

**IT WAS JUST** a case of a green squad making mistakes, says George Gruse in discussing the Ross swimmers' performance at Bowling Green in the District meet.

George says about the only thing that didn't happen was a disqualification for jumping the gun. "We just didn't have it," he continued. "Our kids were anxious, too anxious. They tried hard, and that's what caused the mistakes."

The only first place for Ross was Bob Corthell's victory in the 100-yard backstroke. One District record held by Fremont was tied and another broken by Sandusky swimmers. Jim Lanker set a 50-yard free-style record of 24 seconds, bettering Bruce Ransom's mark of 24.6 set in 1948. The Sandusky free-style relayers turned in the time of 1 minute, 41.8 seconds, equalling the time of the 1953 Fremont quartet.

The season is not yet over, the state meet coming up this weekend in Columbus, but the 108-81 loss to Sandusky in the District put a big crimp in hopes for a repeat championship.