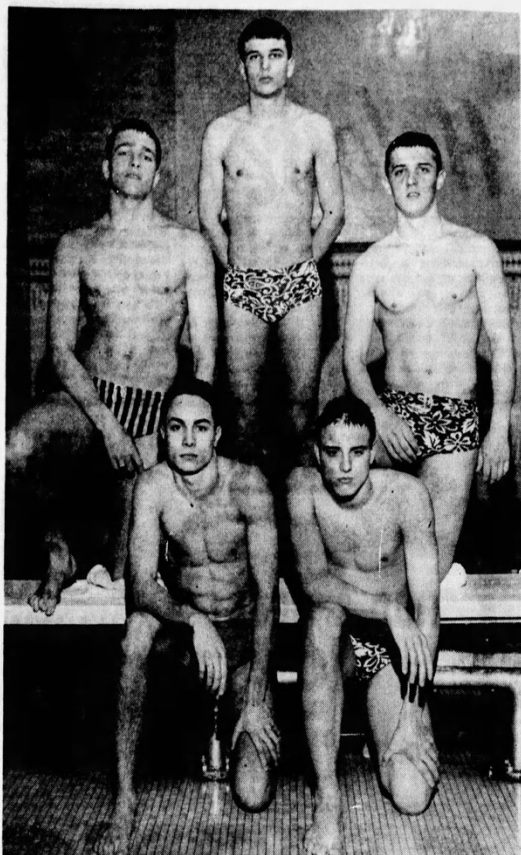


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ROSS STATE REPRESENTATIVES — Competing in the Ohio high school swimming championships this weekend at Columbus will be five boys from Fremont Ross. Representing Ross will be Scott Nahm and Gene Dickert, kneeling; Jon Zink, Dan Linder and Steve Miller. Linder is a diver and the rest swim on the medley relay team. (News-Messenger Photo)

Ross Mark Is Medley Team's Aim

Qualify for the top 12 and the finals Saturday is the aim of the Fremont Ross medley relay team entered this week in the Ohio high school swimming championships. The four swimmers on the relay team and diver Dan Linder qualified from Ross for the state meet.

Coach Jack Balsizer will have Steve Miller, Scott Nahm, Gene Dickert and Jon Zink working on the relay unit. This quartet finished second last week in the Bowling Green district with a time of 1:48.3. This was the best Ross medley relay effort of the season. The time bettered the previous district record of 1:53.9 but was slower than the 1:44.4 of the winning Findlay team.

The medley combination for the Little Giants includes two sophomores and two seniors. The sophomores are Scott Nahm breast stroke, and Gene Dickert, sophomore. Seniors are backstroke Steve Miller and Jon Zink, Freestyle. Linder, the diver, is a junior.

The relay team will have a goal of a Ross school record of 1:47.9.

Friday in swimming preliminaries the teams and individuals will vie for six spots in the championship finals. Saturday, in addition to finals, there will be a six-team consolation race to determine places seven-through-12.

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Linder's Diving Earns Lone Ross Point

COLUMBUS — Diver Dan Linder won the only Ross high school point in the state swimming meet Saturday. Linder dove well in the estimation of Ross Coaches Jack Balsizer and Gary Shelt to place 13th in the state.

Due to the fact Tim Moore, Westerville, diving champion was not eligible for team points, Linder received the one point for 12th place. Moore is a freshman for the Columbus area school.

Balsizer noted, "Dan has been steadily improving and continued by diving well in his first attempt in the big time."

Only the freestyle effort of Jon Zink was encouraging in the work of the Ross medley relay team at state. Although the team was in poor position when he started the anchor leg, Zink swam the best 50 - yard freestyle of his career, :22.6. The Ross team did not make the top 12 teams for Saturday's consolation and championship finals heats.

Toledo St. Francis, holding a slim lead in the final event, won the 400-yard freestyle relay in near-record time to clinch its second straight team title in the state high school swimming and diving championships.

The Toledo team was just

ahead of Upper Arlington by eight points going into the 400 but Tom Blank, Phil Johnson, Dyke Edwards and Bill Murtaught were clocked at 3:22.4, just .4 seconds off the meet

record, to clinch the title for St. Francis.

The winners racked up a total of 152 points followed by Upper Arlington's 136.33. Cuyahoga Falls was third with 93.

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