

1969 State meet...

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Four Little Giants In State Swim

Four Fremont Ross swimmers are in Columbus today and Saturday bidding for points in the Ohio high school swimming championships. Representing the local school after qualifying in the district meet last weekend at Bowling Green are: Dan Linder, diver; Mike Aten, 100-yard butterfly; Pat Aten, 100-yard breast stroke, and Scott Keller, 200-yard individual medley.

Mike Aten and Linder earned the trip to Columbus by placing second in the district. Pat Aten and Keller were at-large selections based on their times, despite fifth place finishes by each.

Competition opened this afternoon with preliminaries in all swimming events. Top teams will qualify for Saturday's finals, starting 1:30 p.m. In diving competition the preliminaries will be Saturday, 9:15 a.m., followed by the afternoon finals.

Coach Jack Balsizer of Ross stated: "We feel that we have four real good competitors going and are hoping to make the finals on Saturday."

Balsizer sees Toledo St. Francis, northwest district champion and defending state champion, as having trouble in defending its state crown. Times posted during the regular season and in district tourna-



DAN LINDER
Diver



SCOTT KELLER
Individual Medley



PAT ATEN
Breaststroke



MIKE ATEN
Butterfly

ments would seem to indicate Upper Arlington, Akron Firestone and Lakewood are the state meet contenders.

Upper Arlington completely outclassed the field last weekend in amassing 113 points in the Central District meet. Upper Arlington set a district swim record to cap its undefeated season. Nearest Central District rival had only 34 points. Upper Arlington swimmers won seven

of 11 events and qualified swimmers in all 11 events for the state meet.

The four Fremont entries have weathered strong competition all season. Oddity of the Little Giant entries is Scott Keller. Keller competed only once all season in the individual medley. The Ross co-captain, normally used in the shorter freestyle events, showed his versatility by competing for the first

time in the district meet at the 200-yard individual medley distance. His time of 2:14.1 was the fastest for this event all year by a Ross swimmer. Faster times were posted all season by any swimmer only twice in competition involving Ross. One of those times was the district when B. Murtough, Toledo St. Francis, was clocked in 2:08.8. Even this time is not likely to be good enough for a state

win. Upper Arlington's Jeff Lewis was clocked in 2:05.1 in the Central District meet.

Pat Aten, only a sophomore, reached his peak in the final two meets of the season. During the season he cut nearly two minutes off his time in the 100-yard breast stroke. In the opening meet with Perkins he was timed at 1:09.4. In both the final dual meet with Sandusky and the district meet he

swam 1:07.6. This time exceeded the previous Ross record by four-tenths of a second. In 11 competitions at the 100-yard breast stroke Pat finished first seven times and second three times.

Mike Aten showed an even more radical improvement in the 100-yard butterfly, an event in which he competed eight times, winning five and second three times. His first showing at the distance was a 1:01.9 time. In the final dual meet with Sandusky he swam a :57.7 for a new Ross school record. He came within one-tenth of a second of this time in the district meet. In swimming the record time he cut 2.2 seconds off his previous career low of :59.9.

In diving Linder was beaten only three times in 11 competitions, twice by Sandusky's S. Capucini. Linder also has one win over Capucini. The only other loss was to Steve Walker of Sandusky Perkins. Linder this year has never finished worse than second.

State records in events in which Ross swimmers will be competing are: 100-yard butterfly, Ross Wales, Youngstown, :52.2; 100-yard breast stroke, Brian Job, Kent, 1:01.6; 200-yard individual medley, Ed Bettendorf, Fairview Park, 2:01.4.

Ross Entries Fail To Gain Swim Final

COLUMBUS—Fremont^N Ross' Scott Keller, who placed 15th in the 200-yard individual medley, Mike Aten placed 20th in the 100-yard butterfly and Pat Aten was 22nd in the 100-yard breast stroke. Three swimmers failed to qualify for either the championship or consolation finals Friday in preliminaries of the state high school swimming and diving championship. Diver Dan Linder this morning got his first taste of competition in a bid for a state title.

The top six swimmers in each event gained the championship finals and the next six the consolation finals in the scramble for point-winning top 12 places. Best Fremont showing was by

Always a bridesmaid, Upper Arlington, is making a determined effort to win its first team title in the state championships. Also in the thick of the battle following Friday's preliminary round in Ohio State's Natatorium are Akron Firestone, Cuyahoga Falls, Cincinnati Indian Hill and defending champion Toledo St. Francis.

Arlington, second-place finisher three times, including last year, was led by Junior Jeff Lewis who tied the meet mark of :54.3 in the 100-yard backstroke. He also qualified in the 200-yard individual medley. The Golden Bears also qualified their 200-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay teams.

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State Swimming Championships

Meet Field Strongest Ever

"The overall times were the best I have seen," commented Coach Jack Balsizer Sunday as he reviewed the Ohio high school swimming championships of the past weekend. Four Fremont Ross boys had competed in the meet, but to no avail. There were victims of the stronger competition seen this year in the state meet.

"Our boys were just not able to do their best in the prelims on Friday and didn't qualify for Saturday. Dan Linder dove well, but just couldn't match the efforts of the other boys," reported Balsizer. The other three Ross competitors were Pat Aten, breast stroke; Mike Aten, butterfly, and Scott Keller, individual medley. Balsizer

explained, "We are forced to place special emphasis on our district effort in hopes of qualifying for state, and thus we don't seem to be able to peak our efforts for state . . . As a result we just weren't sharp enough."

The state meet marked the end of a three-year Toledo St. Francis reign as champion. St. Francis had to settle for third with 99 points, topped by championship Akron Firestone, 124, and Upper Arlington, 117. Firestone utilized depth, winning the title without a first place finish. Other tournament leaders were Berea, 84; Canton McKinley, 66; Cuyahoga Falls, 64; Springfield North, 51, and Cincinnati St. Xavier, 47.

Stiffness of the competition was shown in the fact that separation from first place to sixth was only a matter of one second in several events. Examples of this were the 200-yard medley relay where first was 1:43 and sixth place time was 1:43.9. In the 50-yard freestyle the separation between first and sixth was :22.5 to 23.2 Balsizer noted that some of the 12th place times this year would have qualified in the top six last year. He remarked, "Another example of the closeness of the competition was the diving event in which last year's state champ was only able to finish third this year with an improved performance."

State meet first place finishers were:

200-yard medley relay, Upper Arlington, 1:43 200-yard freestyle, Tom Plank, Toledo St. Francis, 1:48.8; 50-yard freestyle, Bill Pritchard, Massillon, :22.5; 200-yard individual medley, Jeff Lewis, Upper Arlington, 2:01.8; Diving, Jim Turney, Berea, 409.40; 100-yard butterfly, Bob Alsfelder, Marimont, :53.9; 100-yard freestyle, Bill Pritchard, Massillon, :49.3; 100-yard backstroke, Jeff Lewis, Upper Arlington, :53.8 (new state record breaks :54.3 set by Ed Bettendorf, Fairview Park, 1966); 400-yard freestyle, Bill Murtaugh, Toledo St. Francis, 3:52.9; 100-yard breast stroke, Dale Korner, Orange, 1:02.9; 400-yard freestyle relay, Canton McKinley, 3:23.5.

Other than Toledo St. Francis the best performances in the Northwest district were by Sandusky's medley relay, third; Paul Gilbert, Sandusky, second in 100-yard backstroke, and Jeff Horvath, Mansfield Malabar, fourth in the 100-yard breast stroke.

Ohio College Scene

Miami Pulls Upset In Tourney Opener

Ohio basketball teams fared well over the weekend with Miami scoring a 63-60 upset over Notre Dame in the first round of the NCAA Mideast Regional Basketball Tournament Saturday.

Of five Ohio teams seeing action, only Dayton University lost — a 52-50 setback from underdog Colorado State University.

Miami's Mike Wren scored 14 of his 18 points in the second half as the Redskins pushed the Irish into continuous mistakes.

Top ranked Ashland, on their home court, beat back Cheyney (Pa.) State 66-56 in the championship game of the NCAA College Division Mideast Regional Basketball Tournament.

The Eagles scored 23 of 30

Ashland competes this week in the College Division national finals at Evansville, Ind., where the Eagles finished fourth last year.

Ohio State, led by Jim Cleamons' 35 points, handed Michigan a 95-86 loss in the season finale for both teams.

The victory gave the Buckeyes at least a share of second place in the Big Ten with a 9-5 record and a 17-7 seasonal mark. Michigan finished 7-7 in the conference and 13-11 overall.

Cleamons, a 6-foot-3 sophomore from Columbus, dropped in his 35 on the heels of a 37 point performance last Tuesday against Indiana.

Dave Sorenson, the Buck's