

1948 Season review...

## ROSS MERMEN IN EXHIBITION TIFF AT BGSU

### Little Giant Swimmers Boast Six Veterans From 1946-47

Bulwarked with six returning lettermen from the 1946-47 district champion aggregation, George Gruse's Little Giant mermen from Fremont Ross unofficially open the current swimming campaign tonight at Bowling Green State university when they collide with the Falcon freshmen in an exhibition duel.

Heading the BGSU roster is Lee Koenig, a member of last year's Ross crew, who will compete in the 100-yard back stroke against Larry Price and Dick Frampton.

The Falcon contingent, tutored by Bellevue's Sam Cooper, is composed mainly of outstanding scholastic aces who competed against the Little Giants in dual, invitational or district meets.

The roster of the Falcon varsity, incidentally, contains three former Rossmen. These are Dick and Bob Pence and Bob Walden. The former is eligible for the exhibition tonight but did not enter because he would be pitted against another brother, Jim Pence, in the breast stroke.

The exhibition will be repeated here Tuesday when the Little Giants host the Falcon frosh at 7 p. m. in the Ross natatorium after which Gruse's squad is idle until January 8 when it opens a gruelling dual-meet schedule against Toledo DeVilbiss.

The lineup tonight features:

50-yard free style: Don Smith, Don Naftulin (Ross) against Charles Woodill and Fred Hefner.

100-yard breast stroke: Jim Pence and Louis Appell (Ross) against Ed Lihan and Harry Fox.

200-yard free style: Bill Kirsch, Jim Conley, Jerry Hunt (Ross) against Hefner, Bob Green.

100-yard back stroke: Price and Frampton (Ross) versus Koenig and Park Vaughn.

100-yard free style: Bud Nord and Johnny Bowlus (Ross) against John Fox and Bob Frary.

Diving: Don Wensinger and John Schwartz (Ross) versus Sam Logan and Dell Ewing.

150-yard medley relay: Price, Pence and Nord (Ross) against Koenig, Lihan and Harry Fox.

200-yard relay: Darrell Smith, Naftulin, Phil Slaymaker and Conley (Ross) against J. Fox, Frary, Woodfill and Dave Miller.

## ROSS SWIMMERS HOST DEVILBISS

George Gruse's Ross high swimmers go in quest of a repeat performance of their 1946-47 efforts Thursday night when they host Toledo DeVilbiss at the Croghan street natatorium at 7:30 p. m.

Competing against the Toledoans, who were runnersup to Ross in the district meet last year, will be: Bud Nord and Don Smith (50-yard free style); Jim Pence and Ralph Engle (100-yard breast stroke); Bill Kirsch and Jerry Hunt (100-yard free style); Larry Price and Dick Frampton (100-yard backstroke); Nord and John Bowlus (100-yard free style); Don Wensinger and John Schwartz (diving); Price, Pence and Don Smith (150-yard medley relay), and Jim Sherer, Don Naftulin, Kirsch and Bowlus (200-yard free style relay).

# Little Giant Swimmers Open '48' Campaign With Easy Win

Paced by Bud Nord, who copped two ends of the three free style events, Ross high's swimming team opened the 1948 grind Thursday night by routing Toledo DeVilbiss, 43-21, at the Croghan street natatorium.

The Little Giants, 1947 northwestern district titlists, again served warning on the balance of the field by soundly trouncing last year's runners-up. The Tigers managed to salvage only two firsts as a capacity crowd witnessed the meet.

A rousing rally by Don Naftulin, Bill Kirsch and Johnny Bowlus on the last three legs of the 200-yard relay, last event on the program, overcame all but two feet of a long lead that the Tigers had gained on the opening lap for the most thrilling finish of the program.

Nord copped both the 50 and 100-yard free style events while Don Wensinger opened his quest for the state diving title with an easy decision. Jim Pence captured the 100-yard breast stroke and Larry Price finished on top in the 100-yard back stroke to complete the Giants' individual victories.

Dick Frampton, Ralph Engle and Ronnie Whisler copped the medley relay although the Little Giants' No. 1 crew of Price, Pence and Don Smith, swimming against time, finished six seconds ahead of the "official" winners.

The summaries:

50-yard free style: Won by Bud Nord (F); 2. Dressell (T); 3. Smith (F); 4. Panches (T). Time—26.4.

100-yard breast stroke: Won by Jim Pence (F); 2. Bruce (T); 3. Engle (F); 4. Baker. Time—1:12.4.

200-yard free style: Won by Bill Nauts (T); 2. Kirsch (F); 3. Hunt (F); 4. Wyman (T). Time—2:22.4.

100-yard back stroke: Won by Larry Price (F); 2. Miller (F); 3. Adams (T); 4. Townsend (T). Time—1:07.3.

100-yard free style: Won by Bud Nord (F); 2. Aubry (T); 3. Bowlus (F); 4. Nollar (T). Time—1:00.5.

Diving: Won by Don Wensinger (F); 2. John Schwartz (F); 3. Buss (T). Points—116.6.

Medley Relay: Won by Fremont Ross (Dick Frampton, Ralph Engle, Ronnie Whisler); 2. DeVilbiss

(Bruce, Adams, Wyman. Time—1:34.3.

200-yard free style relay: Won by Toledo DeVilbiss (Dressell, Punch, Nau's, Aubry); 2. Fremont Ross (Jerry Gerwin, Don Naftulin, Bill Kirsch, John Bowlus). Time—1:50.3.

## Another Bowl Tilt Brews; Newspaper Poses 'Fish Bowl'

PORT CLINTON, O., Jan. 9 —The Ottawa County News, published here, has suggested an annual "fish bowl" football game to be played at True-Lay as a benefit to provide Christmas funds for underprivileged children in the western Vacationland area.

According to local fans the "Fish Bowl" game could be developed, featuring honors for grid players in Ottawa, Erie and Lorain counties all bordering Lake Erie providing a most appropriate name "Fish Bowl."

Following the completion of each season's activities, a poll of coaches and sports writers would determine the all-star gridgers for the event, to compete with an outstanding or undefeated team in the Vacationland area.

### BASKETBALL RESULTS

Buffalo 45; Western Reserve 40.  
Manhattan 58; West Virginia 53.  
Ashland 64; Ohio Northern 37.  
Kenyon 68; Denison 42.

# Little Giant Swimmers Score Easy Victory Over Massillon

Capturing all but one of the top awards, Ross high school's swimming team, defending the northwestern Ohio district championship, registered its second successive dual meet victory of the year Saturday afternoon at Massillon where a weak Tiger squad bowed by a 50-16 count.

Not only did George Gruse's Little Giants knock off seven of the eight firsts, but they also added four seconds for their most one-sided verdict of the infant campaign.

None of the Fremont squad was able to tally twin victories as Gruse swam 11 youths during the meet. Don Smith paced the 50-yard free style opener while Jim Pence took the 100-yard breast stroke which saw teammate Ralph Engle disqualified from the runner-up berth. In the 200-yard free style, Jerry Hunt touched out first and Bud Nord registered in the 100 yard event. Larry Price topped the 100-yard backstrokers but the "automatic" first in the diving which normally goes to Don Wensinger wasn't available due to the lack of a board. So the 60-yard individual medley was substituted—and resulted in the lone Massillon victory as Dick Padden bested Engle.

Price, Pence and Don Smith gave the Rossmen the 150-yard medley relay while Don Naftulin, Bill Kirsch, Johnny Bowlus and Nord accounted for the 200-yard free style relay.

The summary:

50-yard free style: Won by Don Smith (F); 2. Bowlus (F); 3. Kepler (M); 4. Wright (M). Time—:20.9.

100-yard breast stroke: Won by Jim Pence (F); 2. Howe (M); 3. Smith (M); Engle (F) finished second but disqualified. Time—1:15.3.

200-yard free style: Won by Jerry Hunt (F); 2. Frankmann (M); 3. Conley (F); 4. Ulrich (M). Time—2:31.6.

100-yard back stroke: Won by Larry Price (F); 2. Frampton

(F); 3. Tabler (M); 4. Kent (M). Time—1:08.7.

100-yard free style: Won by Bud Nord (F); 2. Kirsch (F); 3. Klingensmith (M); 4. Kepler (M). Time—1:03.5.

60-yard individual medley: Won by Dick Padden (M); 2. Engle (F); 3. Smith (M). Time—:40.8.

150-yard medley relay: Won by Fremont (Larry Price, Jim Pence, Don Smith); 2. Massillon (Kent, Wright, Klingensmith). Time—1:09.1.

200-yard relay: Won by Fremont (Don Naftulin, Bill Kirsch, Johnny Bowlus, Bud Nord); 2. Massillon (Padden, Frankensmith, Howe, Ulrich). Time—1:27.



# **LITTLE GIANTS ON TRAIL OF SWIM VICTORY**

## **Rossmen Collide With Sandusky Squad Thursday**

Seeking their third successive dual meet victory, George Gruse's Ross high swimming team treks to Sandusky Thursday for a 7:30 p. m. match.

The Blue Streaks, appearing far more laggard than the Sandusky teams of the past which were annually rated among the best in the state, dropped their opener on the 1948 card to Lakewood by a 47-19 count, taking only one first, that by Bill L. Smith in the backstroke.

Heading the Little Giant invasion will be Don Wensinger, seeking a repetition of his undefeated 1947 efforts in the diving event.

Gruse is expected to utilize a 12-man squad in attempting to continue the winning skein of his crew, with Don Smith and Johnny Bowlus competing in the 40-yard free style; Bud Nord and Don Nafutulin sparking the 100-yard event and Bill Kirsch and Jerry Hunt participating in the 200-yard grind competed over 10 lengths of the short Streak pool.

Jim Pence and Ralph Engle will swim the 100-yard breast stroke; Larry Price and Charles Miller, the 100-yard back stroke; Schwartz will team with Wensinger in the diving, while Price, Pence and Smith will carry the Purple's hopes in the 180-yard medley relay. Nafutulin, Kirsch, Bowlus and Nord will swim the 200-yard free style relay finale.



## BLUE STREAKS CAPTURE ONLY RELAY EVENT

### Victory Is Third In Row For Local Mermen

Featuring all-around team strength which saw a jumbled first string squad capture all but one first place, Ross high's swimming team chalked up their third successive dual meet victory of the campaign Thursday night at Sandusky.

The Blue Streaks, in losing 40-26, annexed only the 120-yard free style relay finale but did reveal enough potency to grab the runner-up award in all events but the 200-yard free style.

No Little Giant swimmer copped two victories—and only the 180-yard medley relay team of Larry Price, Ralph Engle and Don Smith, even competed in two separate events.

Don Smith started the show with an upset of Sandusky's Jim Caldwell in the 100-yard free style—and that established the mode for the balance of the meet. The Ross-men were held out of two scoring places in only the 100-yard breast stroke and 100-yard back stroke. These events were won by Jim Pence and Larry Price respectively.

#### Wensinger Cops Diving

Don Wensinger remained undefeated in diving competition with an easy triumph over Sandusky's Ronnie Lauber and Herb Drake while Bill Kirsch came up with the top points in the 200-yard free style grind. Bud Nord garnered the 100-yard free style and Price, Engle and Don Smith made the 180-yard medley pay off. In the finale, Dick Baker, Richard Pusateri, Ray Zahniser and Bill Woodruff edged Jim Sherer, Darrell Smith, Ronnie Whisler and Phil Slaymaker.

The Little Giants have booked a road trip to Adrian, Mich., for January 22 to fill a date that was vacated when Toledo Scott withdrew from competition.

The summaries:

40-yard free style: Won by Don Smith (F); 2. Caldwell (S); 3. Bowlus (F); 4. Pusateri (S). Time—20.7.

100-yard breast stroke: Won by Jim Pence (F); 2. Thomas (S); 3. Voight (S); 4. Engle (F). Time—1.14.

200-yard free style: Won by Bill Kirsch (F); 2. Hunt (F); 3. Zahnizer (S); 4. Baker (S). Time—2:29.1.

100-yard back stroke: Won by Larry Price (F); 2. B. Smith (S); 3. L. Smith (S); 4. Frampton (F). Time—1:05.6.

100-yard free style: Won by Bud Nord (F); 2. Caldwell (S); 3. Miller (F); 4. Woodruff (S). Time—59.2.

Diving: Won by Don Wensinger (F); 2. Lauber (S); 3. Drake (S); 4. Schwartz (F).

180-yard medley relay: Won by Fremont (Larry Price, Ralph Engle, Don Smith); 2. Sandusky. Time—1:49.9.

120-yard free style relay: Won by Sandusky (Dick Baker, Richard Pusateri, Ray Zahniser, Bill Woodruff); 2. Fremont (Jim Sherer, Darrell Smith, Ron Sherer, Phil Slaymaker). Time—1:28.2.

## **SWIMMERS ON ROAD**

Ross high school's swimming team—unbeaten thus far in dual meet competition—treks to Adrian, Mich., for a match Thursday. The Michigan school replaces Toledo Scott on the Little Giant schedule.

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# ROSS MERMEN MEET ADRIAN

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George Gruse and a 12-man swimming squad treks to Adrian, Mich., tonight where they carry the Purple and White banner of Fremont Ross into a dual meet with the high school of that city.

Unbeaten thus far—and untested, in reality—the Adrian entry became a newcomer to the usual Ross schedule through the inability of Toledo Scott to interest enough youths in the sport to organize a team this year.

Participating for the Little Giants will be: Don Smith and Don Naftulin, 50-yard free style; Jim Pence and Ralph Engle, 100-yard breast stroke; Bill Kirsch and Jim Conley, 200-yard free style; Larry Price and Charles Miller, 100-yard back stroke; Bud Nord and Johnny Bowlus, 100-yard free style; Don Wensinger and John Schwartz, diving; Price, Pence and Smith, medley relay, and Naftulin, Kirsch, Bowlus and Nord, free style relay.

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## LITTLE GIANTS DROP INITIAL SWIM JOUST

**Adrian, Mich., Squad  
Annexes 52-33  
Decision**

Another of the state's elite schoolboy squads was knocked from the ranks of the unbeaten Thursday night when Ross high's defending district champion swimming aggregation journeyed to Adrian, Mich., where it dropped a 52-33 decision for its first dual meet loss of the campaign.

Exhibiting a strongly balanced team which threatened pool records in the 50 and 100-yard free style events, the host Wolverines copped six of the nine firsts.

After Don Smith and Jim Pence had both finished in the runner-up slot in the 50-yard free style and 100-yard breast stroke, and Bill Kirsch had registered a third in the 200-yard free style grind, the Rossmen posted their initial win when Larry Price and Charles Miller finished 1-2 in the back stroke.

### **Wensinger On Top**

Nord finished third in the 100-yard free style to make the score 29-16 in favor of Adrian but Don Wensinger came through with his fourth successive diving victory and Price, Pence and Smith teamed for the medley relay award to slice the deficit to 36-27.

The summaries:

50-yard free style: Won by Wheeler (A); 2. Don Smith (F); 3. Miller (A); 4. Don Naftulin (F). Time—25.6.

100-yard breast stroke: Won by Ott (A); 2. Jim Pence (F); 3. Disbro (A); 4. Ralph Engle (F). Time—1:16.3.

200-yard free style: Won by Van Sickle (A); 2. Negus (A); 3. Bill Kirsch (F); 4. Jim Conley (F). Time—2:31.

100-yard back stroke: Won by Larry Price (F); 2. Charles Miller (F); 3. Knectul (A); 4. Coulon (A). Time—1:08.5.

100-yard free style: Won by Wheeler (A); 2. Gay (A); 3. Nord (F); 4. John Bowlus (F). Time—58.1.

Diving: Won by Don Wensinger (F); 2. Negus (A); 3. Callahan (A); 4. John Schwartz (F).

150-yard medley relay: Won by Fremont (Larry Price, Jim Pence, Don Smith). 2. Adrian. Time—1:29.8.

200-yard relay: Won by Adrian (Miller, Callahan, Van Sickle, Gay). 2. Fremont (Naftulin, Kirsch, Bowlus, Nord). Time—1:49.2.

75-yard individual medley: Won by Kirchner, (A); 2. Ott (A); 3. Engle (F). Time—51.5.

# **LITTLE GIANTS HOST STREAKS**

The bitter Sandusky-Fremont athletic rivalry gets another airing Thursday night when the Blue Streak swimmers trek to Ross high school's Croghan-street natatorium for a swimming meet.

George Gruse's Little Giants, beaten only once in dual meet competition, will be a somewhat heavy favorite in this, their last test prior to the Bowling Green Relays which are scheduled for Saturday.

The Rossmen will enter the following against the Sanduskians: Bud Nord, Don Naftulin (50-yard free style); Jim Pence, Ralph Engle (100-yard breast stroke); Jerry Hunt, Ronnie Whisler (200-yard free style); Larry Price, Dick Frampton (100-yard back stroke); John Bowlus (100-yard free style); Don Wensinger, John Schwartz (diving); Larry Price, Louis Appell, Don Smith (150-yard medley relay); Bud Nord, Don Naftulin, John Bowlus, Don Smith (200-yard free style relay).

Gruse, meanwhile, announced the booking of a dual meet with Wooster here February 12.

# Ross Swimmers Sink Sandusky Thursday; Lose Only 2 Firsts

Capturing every first but two—and one of those being a disputed decision in the 100-yard back stroke—Ross high school's swimming team submerged a visiting Sandusky crew here Thursday night, 47-19.

It was the last test for the Rossmen prior to participating in the annual Bowling Green Relays Saturday.

Again it was a diversified attack which sparkled for the proteges of George Gruse. No single individual copped more than one award—other than as a member of relay teams. In addition to knocking off six top awards, the Purple also added five of the six second-place points to their total for their most lop-sided victory of the campaign.

A large crowd thronged into the Ross natatorium for the meet which preceded the exhibition basketball game between the Famous Red Heads and Consolites.

## Off On Top

Bud Nord opened the festivities with a win in the free style sprint and Don Naftulin bagged the runner-up award. In the breast stroke, Jim Pence continued his winning ways with a five-point effort and Jerry Hunt followed suit in the free style grind with Ronnie Whisler bringing home the second-place counters.

A disputed decision of the judges gave Sandusky's Bill L. Smith the 100-yard backstroke over Larry Price. The latter appeared to have touched out a split second ahead of the Blue Streak ace who knocked the fourth place award in the 1947 state meet.

Jim Caldwell came from a two-stroke disadvantage midway through the 100-yard free style to take the top prize with Johnny Bowlus trailing in the runner-up niche.

The Rossmen almost swept the diving with Don Wensinger, still unbeaten this year, grabbing the

top berth and Johnny Schwartz overcoming an early deficit for second place.

Jim Pence, Larry Price and Don Smith teamed for the 150-yard medley relay and Bud Nord, Don Naftulin, John Bowlus and Don Smith duplicated in the 200-yard free style.

## The summary:

50-yard free style: Won by Bud Nord (F); 2. Don Naftulin (F); 3. Caldwell (S); 4. Carnes (S). Time—:25.8.

100-yard breast stroke: Won by Jim Pence (F); 2. Thomas (S); 3. Voigts (S); 4. Engle (F). Time—1:11.6.

200-yard free style: Won by Jerry Hunt (F); 2. Whisler (F); 3. Bennington (S); 4. Zahniser (S). Time—2:30.2.

100-yard back stroke: Won by Bill L. Smith (S); 2. Price (F); 3. L. Smith (S); 4. Frampton (F). Time—1:07.

100-yard free style: Won by Jim Caldwell (S); 2. Bowlus (F); 3. Pusateri (S); 4. Conley (F). Time—1:02.

Diving: Won by Don Wensinger (F); 2. Schwartz (F); 3. Lauber (S); 4. Drake (S). Points—113.6.

150-yard medley relay: Won by Fremont (Jim Pence, Larry Price, Don Smith); 2. Sandusky (B. Smith, Thomas, L. Smith). Time—1:28.7.

200-yard free style: Won by Fremont (Bud Nord, Don Naftulin, John Bowlus, Don Smith); 2. Sandusky (Baker, Pusateri, Lauber, Carnes). Time—1:44.8.

## LOS ANGELES OPENER

LOS ANGELES Northwestern's football team opens against UCLA in Los Angeles next fall.

# LITTLE GIANTS ANNEX DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

## Cleveland East Tech Captures Team Title Again

Showing surprising all-around strength, Ross high school's swimming combine today moved upward a notch in district and state meet speculations following their fourth-place performance in the second annual Bowling Green State university Invitational relays Saturday.

The meet was copped for the second successive year by a powerful Cleveland East Tech squad—also the defending state champions. Runner-up honors went to Canton McKinley, but only after a bitter scrap with Sandusky and Ross.

The finish:

Cleveland East Tech .....	35
Canton McKinley .....	23
Sandusky .....	21
Fremont Ross .....	20
Akron Buchtel .....	8
Akron St. Vincent's .....	6
Toledo DeVilbiss .....	2

But, for the Fremonters, their chief hope for a state title—Don Wensinger—did not appear in the scoring. Don, however, participated in the diving exhibition and walked off with a rather easy victory over John Elkanick, of East Tech; Jack Bauer, Sandusky, and temmate Johnny Schwartz of the Little Giants.

### Cops Diving Win

**Wensinger posted 191.6 points in knocking off the honorary title—22.3 points ahead of Elkanick. Bauer trailed the Artisan by another 3.6 points while Schwartz was only one point behind the latter.**

One meet record was shattered and that by Sandusky in the 200-yard backstroke relay where East Tech pushed the Blue Streaks to a 2:01.6 mark—3.3 seconds better than the record established last year by the Clevelanders.

Bud Nord, Don Naftulin, John Bowlus and Don Smith gave Ross a second place in the 200-yard free style opener behind McKinley, and Ralph Engle, Roger Gerwin, Louis Appell and Jim Pence duplicated for the Little Giants in the 200-yard breaststroke where they trailed East Tech.

Ross copped the fifth-place points in both the 200-yard backstroke where Larry Peterson, Harry Comesky, Charles Miller and Larry Price, all under classmen, competed, and the 75-yard individual medley where Gerwin participated in an attempt to retain the crown which Bruce Ransom brought to Ross last year.

Jim Conley, Naftulin, Bowlus and Smith teamed for the third place in the 400-yard free style relay and Price, Pence and Nord finished fourth in the 150-yard medley finale.



# ROSS MERMEN HOST WOOSTER

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A newcomer to the recent Ross high school swimming schedules—Wooster—invades the Croghan street natatorium Thursday at 4 p. m. for a dual meet with the Little Giants.

George Gruse's combine will feature the use of freshmen and sophomores, almost exclusively as all "upper classmen" sit this one out.

The Little Giant lineup for the meet will be: Darrel Smith, Hampden Tener (50-yard free style); Louis Appell, Ralph Engle (100-yard breaststroke); Jim Conley, Phil Slaymaker (200-yard free style); Dick Frampton, Larry Peterson (100-yard backstroke); Roger Gerwin, Jim Sherer (100-yard free style); John Schwartz, Jack Druckenmiller (diving); Frampton, Appell, Slaymaker (medley relay), and Sherer, Tener, Smith and Gerwin (free style relay).

# **LITTLE GIANTS ROUT WOOSTER MERMEN, 55-11**

## **Rossmen Meet Toledo DeVilbiss At "Y" Saturday**

Bulwarked by a predominantly "underclass" lineup which contained only two juniors, George Gruse's Ross high swimmers swamped an inexperienced Wooster crew, 55-11, at the Croghan street natatorium Thursday afternoon.

It was the first meet of the year for the visiting Wooster combine which served as "guinea pigs" for the freshmen and sophomore prospects of the Little Giants.

The Rossmen copped every first place award and all but two seconds as future prospects of the Purple soared tremendously on the wings of the impressive performances of Gruse's proteges.

Darrell Smith knocked off the free style sprint with Hampden Tener getting the 3rd place points. In the 100-yard breast stroke, Louis Appell and Ralph Engel finished 1-2, as did Phil Slaymaker and Dick Longanbach in the 200-yard free style.

Dick Frampton touched out first in the back stroke with teammate Larry Peterson notched in the runner-up spot and Roger Gerwin and Jim Sherer duplicated in the 100-yard free style. Johnny Schwartz won his initial diving first with Jack Druckenmiller in third place. The medley relay team of Harry Comeskey, Ralph Engel, and Louis Appell, and the 200-yard free style relay crew of Hampden Tener, Jim Scherer, Darrell Smith and Roger Gerwin concluded the point making with respective firsts.

The Little Giants trek to Toledo Saturday for a 4 p. m. engagement at the Central YMCA with Toledo DeVilbiss.

Entered for Ross are Bud Nord, Don Naftulin, 50-yard free style; Jim Pence, Louis Appell, 100-yard breast stroke; Jerry Hunt, Bill Kirsch, 200-yard free style; Larry Price, Charles Miller, 100-yard back stroke; John Bowlus, Roger Gerwin, 100-yard free style; Don Wensinger, John Schwartz, diving; Larry Price, Jim Pence, Don Smith, medley relay; Bud Nord, Don Naftulin, John Bowlus, Don Smith, 200-yard free style relay.



# Little Giant Swimmers Swamp DeVilbiss Mermen Saturday

Posting two places in every event—and sweeping the second place points—George Gruse's Little Giant swimming team fashioned a 40½ to 24½ victory over Toledo DeVilbiss Saturday.

Swimming at Toledo's Central Y.M.C.A., the Rossmen lost four of the top spots, but shut out the Toledoans otherwise—with the exception of two third places—with a show of well-balanced strength that heralds plenty of points for the Fremonters in their coming defense of the Northwestern Ohio District crown they annexed last year.

Jim Pence knocked off the breast stroke award with teammate Louis Appell in the runner-up slot while Larry Price and Charles Miller finished 1-2 in the back stroke. Don Wensinger continued his unbeaten efforts in the diving where he and Johnny Schwartz were uncontested.

In the 150-yard medley relay, Jim Pence, Larry Price and Don Smith teamed for first place while Bud Nord, Don Naftulin, Johnny Bowlus, and Don Smith were disqualified in the 200-yard free style relay, in which they finished first, for missing a turn.

Other points for the Rossmen went to Nord and Naftulin, who finished second and third respectively in the free style sprint; Jerry Hunt and Bill Kirsch, who duplicated the above feat in the 20-yard free style, and Bowlus and Roger Gerwin, also with a 2-3 respectively, in the 100-yard free style.

The summary:

50-yard free style: Won by Aubry (D); 2. Nord (F); 3. Naftulin (F); 4. Noller (D). Time—26.5.

100-yard breast stroke: Won by Jim Pence (F); 2. Appell (F); 3. Shaw (D); 4. Townsend (D). Time—1:14.7.

200-yard free style: Won by Nauts (D); 2. Hunt (F); 3. Kirsch (F); 4. Baker (D). Time—2:24.

100-yard back stroke: Won by Larry Price (F); 2. Miller (F); 3. Adams (D); 4. Townsend (D). Time—1:08.6.

10-yard free style: Won by Dressel (D); 2. Bowlus (F); tie for third between Gerwin (F) and Noller (D). Time—1:01.8.

Diving: Won by Don Wensinger (F); 2. Schwartz. No entries from DeVilbiss.

150-yard medley relay: Won by Fremont (Larry Price, Jim Pence, Don Smith); 2. DeVilbiss. Time—1:30.

200-yard free style relay: Won by DeVilbiss (Dressel, Lewis, Nauts, Aubry); 2. Fremont (Bud Nord, Don Naftulin, Johnny Bowlus, Don Smith). Time—1:50.5.

## ST. JOE COPS CAGE TROPHY

Another trophy graced the second-floor wall cabinet at St. Joseph's high school today—the reward of an enterprising underclass basketball team which went through three opponents in the annual Clyde junior high school tournament to annex the top award.

The Crimson Streaks, coached by Ed (Brownie) Dorobek, and paced by Ted Bintz who looped 13 points through the cords, blasted a strong Wharton entry, 28-13, in the finals Saturday afternoon.

St. Joe trailed 5-4 at the end of the first chapter but rallied in the next period as Bintz connected for nine points—the entire Streak scoring efforts during the second period—to assume a 13-7 halftime margin.

The Streaks had previously blasted Carey, 24-9, and Lakeside, 29-22.

The lineups:

St. Joseph	G	F	Wharton	G	F
Bintz, f	6	1	J. Baker, f	3	2
Wurzel, f	0	0	C. Baker, f	1	0
Link, f	2	0	Vogel, f	0	0
Freeh, f	1	0	Eatherton, c	1	0
Roden'er, c	3	0	Rickle, g	0	1
Bell, c	0	0	Swisher, g	0	0
Lochotzki, g	1	1	Buess, g	0	0
Lehman, g	0	0	Ward, g	0	0
Courtney, g	0	0			
Totals	13	2	Totals	5	3

Score by quarters:

St. Joseph's	4	9	7	8—28
Wharton	5	2	1	5—13

## MICHIGAN AIDE TO COACH AT HARVARD

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 16.—UP—More grief than greenbacks waited here today for Arthur L. Valpey, newly named head football coach at Harvard university who faced the task of restoring the

# Canton's Tank Team Invades Fremont Pool

Canton McKinley, rated as one of Ohio's finest swimming teams, invade the Ross high school pool Friday at 3:30 p. m. for one of the toughest matches of the season.

Coach George Gruse declared today that it will be necessary for his boys to give an all-out performance if there is any chance of knocking off the invading Cantonites.

Gruse today named his probable line-up:

50-yard free style: Bud Nord, Don Naftulin.

100-yard breast stroke: Jim Pence, Louis Appel.

200-yard free style: Jerry Hunt, Phil Slaymaker.

100-yard back stroke: Larry Price, Charles Miller.

100-yard free style: Bud Nord, Don Smith.

Diving: Don Wensinger, John Schwartz.

150-yard relay: Larry Price, Jim Pence and Don Smith.

200-yard free style relay: Don Naftulin, John Bowlus, Bill Kirsch, Roger Gerwin.

# **LITTLE GIANTS SUFFER TOUGH SWIM SETBACK**

## **Canton McKinley Crew Sweeps Free Style Contests**

An evident weakness in the free style events, coupled with the prospects of two possible state championship winners in the ranks of a powerful Canton McKinley crew, accounted for the Little Giants 37-29 defeat at the hands of the Bulldogs Friday afternoon at the Croghan street natatorium.

Despite the loss of all but five in the four free style events, George Gruse's Rossmen made a battle of it all the way before finally bowing out in the last race of the program—the 200-yard relay.

Tom Whiteleather, who equalled Bruce Ransom's 1947 record of :24.7 seconds in the 50-yard free style and then added the first place points in the 100-yard event, paced the Bulldogs, periodically one of the chief threats to the state title.

Honors were well split among the host Rossmen with Don Wensinger turning in one of the meet's most sparkling performances in easily garnering the diving award to continue his unbeaten string of successes in this event. Here, Johnny Schwartz placed a surprise second with what was generally his best effort of the year as the last two dives proved fatal to both Canton entrants.

Jim Pence captured an easy verdict in the 100-yard breast stroke and Larry Price duplicated in the backstroke. The duo then swam the Nos. 2 and 1 positions respectively on the 150-yard medley relay team, with Don Smith on the anchor leg, to account for Ross's and Roger Gerwin.

### **Lose Out In Finale**

This latter made the score read: Canton 30; Ross 29, and hinged the outcome on the 200-yard free style relay finale which McKinley won by a comfortable margin with Dwight Kirk, Gene Austin, Pat Farrell and Dick Wilson outlasting Bill Kirsch, Johnny Bowlus, Don Naftulin and Roger Gerwin.

Bud Nord finished second to Whiteleather in the free style sprint for the only other runner-up award gained by the Little Giants. Louis Appell collected a third in the breast stroke as did Jerry Hunt in the 200-yard and Nord in the 100-yard free style.

### **The summary:**

50-yard free style: Won by Tom Whiteleather (C); 2. Nord (F); 3. Kirk (C); 4. D. Smith (F); Time—:24.7 (equals pool record established 1947 by Bruce Ransom (Fremont Ross)).

100-yard breast stroke: Won by Jim Pence (F); 2. Barr (C); Appell (F); 4. Hennacy (C). Time—1:12.7.

200-yard free style: Won by Gene Austin (C); 2. R. Wilson (C); 3. Hunt (F); 4. Slaymaker (F). Time—2:17.6.

100-yard back stroke: Won by Larry Price (F); 2. Kakos (C); 3. Mayle (C); 4. Miller (F). Time—1:07.4.

100-yard free style: Won by Tom Whiteleather (C); 2. Farrell (C); 3. Nord (F); 4. Bowlus (F). Time—58.3.

Diving: Won by Don Wensinger (F); 2. Schwartz (F); 3. Fowler (C); 4. Mariano (C). Points — 147.3.

150-yard medley relay: Won by Larry Price, Jim Pence, Don Smith (F); 2. Canton. Time — 1:28.3.

200-yard free style relay: Won by Canton (Dwight Kirk, Gene Austin, Pat Farrell, Dick Wilson); 2. Fremont. Time—1:43.5.

