

1943 Season review...

## MARTIN COPS ONLY FIRST IN INAUGURAL

### Collegiate Distances Bother Rossmen In Season's First Start

A combination of collegiate swimmers and collegiate distances threw the Little Giant swimmers for a 58 to 16 loss Tuesday afternoon as they opened the new season with an exhibition meet with Bowling Green university in the latter's pool.

The Falcons have perhaps their best tank team in history, an outfit that had already blanked the Wooster college natators, and packed too much all-around power for the Purple forces under Coach John Titworth.

The unfamiliar distances, several too long for scholastic strokers, also worked against the Fremonters and they copped but one first, two seconds and five thirds. No points were given for second place in the relay.

Jim Martin, state scholastic diving champion, flashed his old form to account for the only first place, easily besting a former teammate. Phil Hodes, Martin scored 88.2 points with Hodes getting 56.9 and Del Rakes, diminutive Rossmen, finishing a close third with 54.8 points.

#### Free Stylers Weak

Coach Titworth said after the meet that the team here was decidedly weak insofar as free stylers were concerned with only Jack Sheldon flashing real form. Entered in the 400-yard event, Sheldon did not win, but showed enough power and form to brand him as a distinct threat in the shorter 220-yard distance.

In the 300-yard medley relay, Bill Wise stroked a back-stroke lap in 1:11.2, his best time thus far, while Dick Pence turned in a creditable 1:11 in his breast stroke lap. Wise was also second in the 150-yard back stroke.

The Ross mentor said that he was satisfied with his team except where the free stylers were concerned, adding that they would have to improve plenty if the team was to retain its state championship.

The next meet will be the annual Purple and White affair, featuring all members of the squad, in the Ross pool on December 18.

#### Meet Results

150-yard medley, won by Bowling Green (Podorski, Racze and Booth). Time, 3:08.6.

220-yard free style, won by Kost (BG); Mauerer (BG) 2; Eagon (F) 3. Time, 2:21.9.

300-yard free style, won by Booth (BG); Gorby (BG) 2; Courtney (F) 3. Time, 24.7 seconds.

Diving, won by Martin (F); Hodes (BG) 2; Rakes (F) 3. Points, 88.2.

100-yard free style, won by Booth (BG); Hill (BG) 2; Hipp (F) 3. Time, 58 seconds.

100-yard back stroke, won by Racze (BG); Wise (F) 2; Stark (BG) 3. Time, 1:46.7.

100-yard breast stroke, won by Podorski (BG); Huffer (BG) 2; Hess (F) 3. Time, 1:08.

200-yard free style relay, won by Bowling Green (Gorby, Miller, Hill, Booth). Time, 1:42.

400-yard free style, won by Stubios (BG); Sheldon (F) 2; Merriam (BG) 3. Time, 5:14.6.

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# INTER-SQUAD MEET FRIDAY

## Ross Mermen Perform In Annual Purple And White Exhibition Swim

A somewhat uncertain swimming season, due to transportation difficulties and the fact that many schools have discontinued interscholastic competition in the sport, will get underway here at 7:30 p. m. Friday.

First event for the Little Giants will be the annual Purple and White, inter-squad meet, in which 24 members of Coach John Titsworth's squad will compete. Jim Martin, state diving champion, and Bob Pence will captain the Purple forces and Bill Wise and Floyd Waggoner the white team.

Coach Titsworth has announced the opposing line-ups as follows:

50-yard free style—Fisher and Bristley (P); Courtney and Hipp (W).

100-yard breast—Lehman (P); D. Pence and King (W).

220-yard free style—Sheldon and Egon (P); Waggoner and J. Fisher (W).

100-yard back—B. Pence and Rosenbush (P); Wise and Beatty (W).

100-yard free style—C. Fisher and Bristley (P); Hipp and Wender (W).

Diving—Martin (P); Rakes (W).

The relay teams have not yet been decided and as an added attraction the progress of the Fre-



with the Indians as coach in 1943.

Baker will replace Oscar Melillo to team with youthful Lou Boudreau, the Indians' manager, in salvaging the Indians' draft-ridden hopes for next season.

The Detroit Tigers released Baker November 28 when they replaced him with Steve O'Neill, former Cleveland coach and manager. Scarcely was the news public that Baker was a free agent, than Roger Peckinpaugh began dickering for his services.

The Indians' general manager said that negotiations with Baker "had been hanging fire until today when he called me from his home in San Antonio, Tex., to say he had accepted the job."

"We in Cleveland always have regarded Baker as a smart baseball man," Peckinpaugh said. "We are sure he will be able to impart his knowledge to the young players."

### HAD LONG RUN

DETROIT—Therman Gibson and Wayne Spaulding won the Michigan state match doubles bowling championship from Joe Norris and Cass Grygier. The latter pair held it for 11 years.

mont-Tiffin Columbian basketball game will be announced from time to time during the meet, Coach Titsworth said.

## WHITES WIN ANNUAL MEET

### Nose Out Purple Squad, 34 To 32, In Friday Exhibition

Taking firsts in five of the eight events, the White squad captained by Dick Pence and Bill Wise, copped a 34 to 32 victory in the annual intersquad swimming meet at Ross high Friday night.

Piling up the firsts that brought the margin of victory were Ralph Hipp in the 50-yard and 100-yard free styles; Pence in the 100-yard breast stroke; Wise in the 100-yard back stroke, and the relay team of Wise, Pence and Wendler in the 150-yard medley.

Jim Martin, co-captain of the Purple squad, along with Chuck Fisher, won the diving event, while Bill Sheldon took the 220-yard free style and the 200-yard relay team of Martin, Lehman, Fisher and Lou Wernig accounted for the losers' other first.

#### Meet Results

Results of the meet were as follows:

50-yard free—Won by Hipp (W); Courtney (W) 2; C. Fisher (P) 3. Time, 27.4 sec.

100-yard breast—Won by D. Pence (W); Lehman (P) 2; King (W) 3. Time, 1:12.2.

220-yard free—Won by Sheldon (P); Eagon (P) 2; A. Fisher (W) 3. Time, 2:29.7.

100-yard back—Won by Wise (W); B. Pence (P) 2; Rosenbush (P) 3. Time, 1:12.4.

100-yard free—Won by Hipp (W); C. Fisher (P) 2; Bristley (P) 3. Time, 1:02.5.

Diving—Won by Martin (W); Rakes (P) 2.

150-yard medley relay—Won by White (Wise, D. Pence, Wendler). Time, 1:37.2.

200-yard free style relay—Won by Purple (Martin, Lehman, C. Fisher, L. Wernig). No time.

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## Three All-Americans

There was plenty doing in bowling circles with 10 Fremont teams rolling in what has since proved to be the last ABC for the duration, while the Elks league was represented in both the state and national Elks tourneys. The city also had teams in every one of the usual big tournaments.

Elmwood Sanitarium won the team event in the city tournament here with D. Smith pacing the quintet with a 575. Steve Dosen-czuk and Ott Fleck won the doubles event with 1310 and Jack Redding, now in the Coast Guard, pulling down top money in the singles with a 702 series.

When the national ratings of schoolboy swimmers were announced, four from Ross high had made the All-America. They were Ken Reed, 100-yard back stroke; Jim Martin, diving; Reed, Dick Pence and Bob Walden for the medley relay. Benny Hayes, phenomenal breast stroker, was at Ohio State and was picked on the team that represented, and won, the A. A. U. swim at New London, Conn. for the Buckeyes.

# ROSS MERMEN VIE SATURDAY IN HOME POOL

## Western Reserve Academy To Show Classy Swimmers

Fremont Ross Little Giant swimmers will be seen Saturday at 2:30 p. m. in their first dual meet of the current season at the Ross high school pool, Western Reserve Academy, of Hudson, O., furnishing the opposition.

The Cleveland natators were the only aggregation last year to defeat the Little Giant mermen. Coach John Titsworth hopes to be able to even the count in the home pool inaugural for Ross swimmers.

Mainstays of the Ross team will be Dick Pence, 100-yard breast-stroke state champion, and Jim Martin, state high school diving champ, together with Bob Pence and Bill Wise, backstroke, and Dean Hess, freestyler, all seniors.

Two entrants in the 50-yard free-style event will be picked from Jack Courtney, Cal Bristley and Ralph Hipp. Dick Pence and Leo Lehman will compete in the breaststroke and Jim Martin and Del Rakes will be the diving entries.

Bill Wise and Bob Pence will get the call in the 100-yard back-stroke event and two for the 200-yard freestyle race will be picked from Hess, Charles Fisher and Floyd Wagner, while two for the 100-yard freestyle will be named from Hipp, Bristley and Courtney.

The 150-yard medley relay team will be composed of Wise, Hess and Dick Pence. Four for the 200-yard freestyle relay team will be chosen from Bristley, Fisher, Courtney, Lehman, Hipp, Allen Fisher and Bill Wendler.

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## MEDLEY RELAY TEAM DECIDES CLOSE MEET

### Rossmen Capture Five Events In First Start Under Coach Titsworth

Back in 1942, the Western Reserve Academy natators broke all the rules of hospitality and defeated the Ross high normen, 34 to 32, snapping a winning streak that had reached 35 straight.

This was last year and when the prep school boys from Hudson visited Fremont Saturday afternoon the Little Giants didn't turn the other cheek. They just turned the tables on the visitors, annually one of the better tank outfits in the state, and sent them home on the short end of a 36 to 30 score. Continuing the parallel, it was the Academy's first setback in 29 starts.

The meet was the first real test of the Little Giants this year, their first season. Coach John Titsworth, and they came through with an admirable effort although the times chalked up didn't seriously threaten any pool or school records.

#### Medley Team Wins

Competition was close all the way and the meet wasn't definitely decided until the Fremont 150-yard medley relay team of Bill Wise, Dick Pence and Dean Hess copped that event, next to last on the program. That sealed up the meet.

The Hudson boys won three firsts, including the free style relay with 100 points, while the Little Giants copped five events. In two of them they finished one two and then added two thirds for good measure.

Perhaps the outstanding performance was that of Jim Martin, present state scholastic diving champion. Although it was virtually his first real competition since last year, Jim put on a nice show. There may be better schoolboy divers than Martin, but no one in this section has ever seen them in action.

#### Weak In Free Style

Several of the races were close. Ralph Hipp lost the 100 yard free style to Hidey of the Academy on the last turn after holding a slim lead for three lengths of the pool. The medley relay team won its event by about 10 feet after a nice three-man duel.

Apparent in the results was the fact that if the defending state champs are weak in any department it is in the free style events with the possible exception of the 200 yard. Dick Hess took this in good shape but the best Jack Courtney could do in the 50 was third while Hipp pulled up second in the 100.

Dick Pence, Bill Wise and Hess took the individual scoring honors each of them winning an individual race and swimming on the victorious medley team. Times marked up were anywhere from five to 15 seconds under the pool records here.

#### Meet Results

Results of the meet were as follows:

50-yard free style—won by Carter (WR); Mossman (WR) second; Courtney ((F) third. Time, 26.8 seconds.

100-yard breast stroke—won by D. Pence (F); Lehman (F) second; Ketcham (WR) third. Time, 1:10.6.

200-yard free style—won by Hess (F); Williams (WR) second; Wells (WR) third. Time, 2:15.

100-yard back stroke—won by Wise (F); B. Pence (F) second; Carter (WR) third. Time, 1:09.6.

100-yard free style—won by Hidey (WR); Hipp (F) second; Hansen (WR) third. Time, 1:01.8.

Diving team—won by Martin (F) 81.4 pts.; Read (WR) second, 55.1; Rakes (F) third, 46.8.

150-yard medley relay—won by Fremont (Wise, D. Pence, Hess). Time, 1:30.

200-yard free style relay—won by Western Reserve (Hall, Hansen, Mossman, Williams). Time, 1:49.3.

Officials: Althoff, starter; Cochran and Tooley, timers; Kallman, Pvt. Gruse and Gabel, judges; Kallman and Gruse, diving judges; Hirschberger, announcer.



## PRESS PASSES

Over the Desk From

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### Good News For Mermen

Announcement by Commissioner H. R. Townsend that the state schoolboy swimming meet would be held again this year is good news for Coach John Titsworth's Little Giant natators who, thus far, have been champs without a challenger.

The state meet means that they will see keen competition at least once this school year and won't be doing all their practice just for the exercise. Scholastic sports may be chiefly to build the body beautiful, but what's the use of having a streamlined chassis if no one sees it. If you're in doubt about the answer, just ask any model.

So far this year the Little Giant mermen have been forced to be content to bask in the glory and shine of previous years' achievement. They have competed exactly four times—once in a varsity meet, once in the annual inter-squad affair and twice in exhibitions. And all Coach Titsworth is assured of for the future is a dual performance against Canton McKinley.

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### Better Competition

Just what in the way of competition the state meet will produce is conjectural. It has been said that not more than nine schools in the state are interested in the water sport this year and none of them have done enough—with one exception—to give any inkling of their power. That one is Lakewood, which has been cleaning up the Cleveland district.

But even though only a few schools are interested, the state meet should not want from lack of entries. Commissioner Townsend is urging that coaches send only their outstanding performers. That means that full teams will be entered from at least those nine schools previously mentioned as every mentor will think he has at least one outstanding boy in each event. And who is to say he's wrong until so proven in competition?

District qualifiers are out this year and it's just as well. Take this district for instance. Fremont is about the only school that even pretends to have a team. Elimination of this meet will shear the Little Giants of one of their titles, but will also give them a full team at Columbus. Speaking from a distance, this column feels that the championship affair will be closer contested as a result than ever before.

ow last Tuesday is giving aid and comfort to the enemy so are Bradley's moans about the future of baseball. One other thing we'd like to ask about—when did Bradley start worrying over giving the fans their money's worth with his ball club?

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## Bowling Scores

Nick Baskey scattered the maples for a 612 total in the City A league Thursday night and was high man among the keglers. He had games of 203, 234 and 173. In the Recreation Ladies league H. Andeover was high with 536 on games of 227, 171 and 138.

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# ROSS MERMEN FINISH IN TIE

## Exhibition With Findlay Y Ends 33 To 33; Results Are Withheld

The Ross high mermen and the Findlay Y. M. C. A. team finished in a 33 to 33 deadlock Thursday night in an exhibition match in the latter's pool.

Due to a previous agreement with the Findlay officials results of the exhibition were not released for publication. However, Coach John Titsworth stated that the Little Giant 180-yard free style relay team fractured the pool mark, being clocked in 1:48.2.

Swimming on this team were Bill Wise, Dick Pence and Slick Hess.

The Fremonters copped three other firsts. Lou Wernig took the breast stroke with teammate Leo Lehman second; Hess copped the 200-yard free style with Dick Sheldon third, and Jim Martin took diving honors with Del Rakes second.

Other points were garnered by Bob Pence and Stan Gilberg, who were second and third in the back stroke; Jim Courtney, third in the 50-yard free style and Chuck Fisher, third in the 100-yard free style.

# CANTON TANK TEAM INVADES ON THURSDAY

## Little Giants Get First Real Test As Old Rivals Swim Here

Ross high swimmers are preparing for their 'big' meet of the year, the annual clash with Canton McKinley and their first real test of the current campaign which is the slightest in the history of the sport here.

The Bulldogs will invade Fremont for a meet at 4 p. m. Thursday, a change in the date from Saturday having been necessary for several reasons.

Little is known of the Canton team this year, but it has been a power in schoolboy circles for the past decade. In fact, Fremont and Canton have been taking turns winning the state championship for the past eight years, with the Bulldogs finishing in the runner-up spot for the past two seasons.

Coach John Titsworth's team won't be at its full strength for the battle. Ralph Hipp, who swam the 100 free style and on the relay team, is now in training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station while Leo Lehman, also a free stroker, will be ineligible to compete. On top of that, Jim Martin, the state diving champion, is attempting to enlist and has his mind on things other than swimming.

The Little Giant mermen are also a bit rusty from lack of competition as the Thursday meet will be but their second this year with the exception of several exhibitions.

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## CANTON MEET PREVIEW FOR STATE DUAL

### Tank Battle Here Thursday Brings To- gether Old Rivals

What may well be a preview of a streamlined state meet will be staged in the Ross high natatorium Thursday, starting at 4 p. m., when the Little Giant mermen engage the Canton McKinley fish in a dual meet.

With district meets eliminated and coaches instructed to send only their outstanding performers to the Columbus fixture, the teams from Fremont and Canton are expected to again dominate the championship fight. For the past eight years these two schools have virtually taken turns winning the state crown and the Bulldogs finished as runners-up the past two years.

Coach John Titzworth has been able to learn exactly nothing of the condition of the teeth of the Bulldogs this year and will send his charges into the fray with no special advance instructions.

#### Announces Team

Slightly handicapped by the loss of Ralph Hipp to the navy, and the ineligibility of Leo Lehman, the Ross mentor has merely attempted to line up his strongest entry list and must let it go at that. He announced today that his starting team would be as follows:

Stan Gilberg and Jack Courtney in the 50-yard free style; Dick Pence and Lou Wernig in the 100-yard breast; Slick Haas and Bill Wendler in the 200-yard free; Bill Wise and Bob Pence in the 100-yard back; Chuck Fisher and Cal Bristley in the 100-yard free.

Bill Wise, Dick Pence and Dean Hess in the 150-yard medley relay; Jim Martin, Stan Gilberg, Cal Bristley and Chuck Fisher in the 200-yard free style relay, and Jim Martin and Del Rakes, diving.

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# BEAT IOWANS IN DUAL MEET

## Little Giant Mermen Have Slight Edge In Telegraphic Meet

Although held to a tie by Canton McKinley last Thursday, the Little Giant mermen won a meet, Coach John Titsworth revealed today. It was a telegraphic affair with Clinton, Iowa, high school and the Rossmen had a 36 to 30 edge.

Times chalked up in the meet here were sent to Clinton and compared with times in the meet there. On this basis the Little Giants took four individual events and the medley relay. Results of the meet were as follows:

50-yard free style—won by McCreery (C); Cole (C) second; Gluberg (R) third. Time, 26.6 seconds.

100-yard breast—won by D. Pence (F); Wernig (F) second; Howes (C) third. Time, 1:08.6.

200-yard free style—won by Hess (F); Stanley (C) second; Cady (C) third. Time, 2:09.5.

100-yard back—won by Wise (F); B. Pence (F) second; Bossen (C) third. Time, 1:09.9.

100-yard free style—won by Stanley (C); Fisher (F) second; Bristley (F) third. Time, 58.2 seconds.

Diving—won by Martin (F); Leedham (C) second; Lucas (C) third.

Medley relay—won by Fremont (Wise, Pence, Hess). Time, 1:27.9.

Free style relay—won by Clinton (McCreery, Cady, Cole, Bossen). Time, 1:45.6.

## ONLY 10 MERMEN TO GET LETTERS

Lack of competition for Ross high swimmers the past season was reflected today in the nominations for varsity letters made by John Titsworth, completing his first year at the helm.

Only 10 members of the state championship team will receive awards when, and if, the letters arrive. They are Dean Hess, Jim Martin, Bill Wise, Bob Pence and Lou Wernig, seniors; Dick Pence, Charles Fisher, Del Rakes, Cal Bristley and Leo Lehman, juniors. It is the first year that neither sophomore nor freshmen performers received letters.

Coach Titsworth also announced that the trophy won at the state meet had arrived and that a captain would be elected when the letters were presented at an assembly. The letters have not yet arrived.