

1947 District meet...

# Little Giants Start Road To State Swim Meet Saturday

Ross high school's Little Giant swimming team starts the long road to the state meet Saturday afternoon when they participate in the annual Northwestern District meet at the Bowling Green State university natatorium.

And Coach George Gruse's squad, beaten but once in dual meet competition, are expected to dominate the affair which has drawn complete team entries from Sandusky, Toledo DeVilbiss, Toledo Scott, and Findlay along with individual entries from numerous other sectional schools.

Preliminaries get under way at 1:30 p. m. with the finals to follow two hours later. Sam Cooper, BGSU swimming coach and former Bellevue tutor, will handle the meet. Six men will compete in each

heat with the six fastest times determining the finalists. No prelims will be raced in either the 200-yard free style; 150-yard medley relay; 200-yard free style relay or diving.

The top five in each event of the finals will be eligible for the state meet to be held at Columbus in the Ohio State university pool Feb. 28-Mar. 1. Scoring will be on a 10-8-6-4-2 basis for the relays and 6-4-3-2-1 basis for the individual events. Diving will be run-off at 2:30 p. m. Medals go to the first three places in each event with the meet winner and runner-up being awarded team trophies.

For the Little Giants, it will be the first of a series of "acid tests" with Bruce Ransom and Don Wensinger seeking to preserve their undefeated status in the free style sprints and diving events respectively.

The probable lineup for the Little Giants:

50-yard free style—Ransom, Bud Nord.

100-yard breast stroke—Jim Pence, Harry Strauch.

200-yard free style—Dick Adams, Bill Kirsch.

100-yard back stroke—Larry Price, Jack Howard.

100-yard free style—Ransom, Don Smith.

Diving—Wensinger, John Schwartz.

150-yard medley relay—Lee Koenig, Strauch, John Bowlus.

200-yard free style relay—Nord, Bob Bodenlos, Koenig, Bowlus.

## Sheriff Summoned In Ada Protest Meet; Bluffton Eliminated.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 21.—UP—Ohio's scholastic basketball lads will return to action tonight throughout the state with some of the best squads risking undefeated strings in their attempts to capture the mythical Class A and Class B state championships.

However, the ranks of the undefeated no longer includes Bluffton high school. It was Lima St. Rose that donned the "giant killer" role last night at Ada and bounced the Bluffton Hustlers from the undefeated classification in the protest tournament. Lima won in a tight 50-48 battle—and that was just it.

The Hardin county sheriff, Randal Clark, had to be summoned to aid Ada authorities disperse some 1,000 basketball fans who sought admittance to the overcrowded Taft gym at Ohio Northern university. Approximately 1,500 fans previously gained admittance to the semi-final rounds of the Lima district protest tournament for exempted villages and parochial schools. Clark and three deputies restored order after several windows were broken.

Then, when Lima St. Rose scored the upset and Hicksville

## ROSS MERMEN TAKE DISTRICT SWIM HONORS

### Eleven Little Giants Qualify For State Meet Next Week

Capturing five of the eight firsts, the Little Giant mermen swam to a rousing triumph in the district meet at Bowling Green State University Saturday, placing 11 men in the state classic to be held at Columbus this week-end.

The order of finish:

Fremont, Ross, 53; Toledo DeVilbiss, 43; Sandusky, 34; Toledo Scott, 17; Findlay, 6; Toledo Waite, 0.

Bruce Ransom and Don Wensinger continued their undefeated season with the former coping both the 50 and 100-yard free styles while Wensinger, despite a badly jammed toe sustained on his first practice effort, knocked off the diving.

Also qualifying for the state meet were Jim Pence and Harry Strauch in the breast stroke; Bill Kirsch in the 200-yard free style; Larry Price and Jack Howard in the 100-yard back stroke; Lee Koenig, Strauch and Johnny Bowlus in the 150-yard medley relay, and Bud Nord, Bob Bodenlos, Koenig and Bowlus in the 200-yard free style relay.

Regardless of the outcome in the state meet, the Little Giants gave indication they will bear watching in the next two years as three freshmen and two sophomores qualified in the BGSU classic.

Ransom had little competition in either of the free style sprints while Pence and Strauch finished 1-2 in the 100-yard breast stroke. Kirsch, a freshman, placed third in the 200-yard grind, while Price and Howard, both second-year men, finished third and fifth respectively in the back stroke. Nord, another freshman, slipped at the start of the 50-yard free style preliminary and failed to qualify but swam the leadoff leg of the 200-yard free style relay in which George Gruse's outfit finished second to Toledo DeVilbiss. Bowlus, another freshman, swam the anchor leg of both the medley and free style relays.

Chief competition in the state meet is expected to be provided by the powerful Scarabs of Cleveland East Tech who have won all individual meets, the city championship, BGSU Invitational relays, Northern Ohio relays and the northeastern district title. East Tech placed seven men and two relay teams among the state meet qualifiers while Lakewood and Canton McKinley are expected to make the OSU affair a four-team affair.

The summaries:

50-yard free style: Won by Ransom (Fremont); 2. Dresel (Toledo DeVilbiss); 3. Osborne (DeVilbiss); 4. Buder (Sandusky); 5. Snyder (Toledo Scott); 6. Hudson (Scott). Time—

—100-yard breast stroke: Won by Pence (Fremont); 2. Strauch (Fremont); 3. Bruce (DeVilbiss); 4. Voigt (Sandusky); 5. Thomas (Sandusky); 6. Cole (Findlay). Time—1:12.6.

200-yard free style: Won by Nauts (DeVilbiss); 2. Bohanon (Sandusky); 3. Kirsch (Fremont); 4. Anderson (DeVilbiss); 5. Quall (Findlay). Time—2:24.9.

100-yard back stroke: Won by Smith (Sandusky); 2. Valassis (DeVilbiss); 3. Price (Fremont); 4. DeBusscher (Sandusky); 5. Howard (Fremont); 6. Sing (Scott). Time—1:06.6.

100-yard free style: Won by Ranson (Fremont); 2. Einhart (Scott); 3. Anderson (DeVilbiss); 4. Bodenlos (Sandusky); 5. Pusateri (Sandusky); 6. Smith (Fremont). Time—56.8.

Diving: Won by Wensinger (Fremont); 2. Miller (Findlay); 3. Laubach (Sandusky); 4. Guyton (Scott); 5. Drake (Sandusky).

150-yard medley\*relay: Won by Fremont (Koenig, Strauch, Bowlus); 2. DeVilbiss; 3. Sandusky; 4. Scott. Time—1:51.1.

200-yard free style relay: Won by DeVilbiss; 2. Fremont (Nord, Bodenlos, Koenig, Bowlus); 3. Scott; 4. Sandusky; 5. Findlay. Time—1:48.5.