

ROSS TO ENTER PITTSBURGH VIE

Fremont Ross high's mermen will be entered in the University of Pittsburgh's 26th annual interscholastic swimming meet on March 23, Coach Bim Stults announced Tuesday.

To defray expenses of the trip to the Smoky City, the Purple natators, who finished second to Canton McKinley in the state meet at Columbus Saturday, will give an exhibition at Ross pool, Stults said. Date for the exhibition has not been set, but probably will be March 12.

If two private cars can make the trek, Stults stated, eight squad members will be taken.

LEAVE FRIDAY MORNING FOR EASTERN CITY

Will Make Trip In Two Cars; Canton McKinley Defends Title

A squad of eight Ross mermen will leave for Pittsburgh Friday morning to compete in Pitt's 26th annual interscholastic swimming meet Saturday, Coach Bim Stults announced.

"If everything goes as planned, we'll leave at 8 a. m., tomorrow in two automobiles," he said. The trip is being made on proceeds taken at the all-star exhibition in Ross pool last Monday night.

The eight named for the jaunt were: Al Baumann, Dick Spayd and Bill Berrill, free stylers; Benny Hayes, breast stroker; Clarence Kuntz and Ken Reed, back stokers; and Earl Christy and Greg Schultz, divers.

Each natator will perform in his specialty in individual competition while Kuntz, Hayes and Spayd will swim in the medley relay race and Berrill, Reed, Christy and Schultz in the free style relay, Coach Stults said.

Trials In Morning

Trials will be held Saturday morning at 10 a. m., and the finals at 3 p. m.

The Rossmen will be renewing their feud of long-standing with Canton McKinley in the Pitt meet. The Bulldogs, who finished first in the recent state meet, will be defending their title at Pittsburgh with a full team.

Fremont was edged by McKinley last year at Pitt, but the Little Giant mermen stole the show as Benny Hayes set a record of 1:04.2 in copping the 100 yard breast stroke, and the Ross medley team of Harry Stickel, Hayes and Jack Nickloy won the 180 yard event in the record shattering time of 1:42.9.

Eight Swimmers Go To Pittsburgh

Coach Bim Stults and eight members of the Ross high school swimming team left Fremont at 9 a. m., Friday in two automobiles for Pittsburgh where the Fremont mermen will participate in Pitt's 26th annual interscholastic meet Saturday.

Stults drove one car and Earl Christy, star diver, the other. Others making the trip were Benny Hayes, Al Baumann, Dick Spayd, Ken Reed, Clarence Kuntz, Greg Schultz and Bill Berrill. The News-Messenger has made arrangements to get results of the meet by telegram late Saturday afternoon.

Hayes Tied But Breaks Mark; Christy Cops Diving Event

Canton McKinley Wins Eastern Event For Second Year In Row; Little Giants 3rd In Relays, Diving; 7 Rossmen Figure In Scoring

Ross high's mermen Monday had officially closed their 1939-40 campaign after a brilliant showing in the 26th annual University of Pittsburgh interscholastic swimming meet at Pittsburgh Saturday afternoon.

With seven performers in the stream-lined Purple squad of eight figuring in the scoring, the natators of Coach Bill Stults compiled 29 points to finish second to Canton McKinley, Ohio scholastic champion. The Bulldogs, making the most of a full squad, registered 37 points to capture the PITT title for the second straight year.

Earl Christy, Ross high's state diving champ, extended his claim to eastern prep laurels as he took first in the springboard event at Pittsburgh. Besides, he swam on the Ross free style relay team that finished third to lead the Stultsmen in scoring.

Schultz Third

Surprise of the meet was the near upset of Benny Hayes, Fremont's national junior A. A. U. breast stroke champion. Hayes finished in a dead heat with Bill Schmitt of York, Pa., in 1:04.6, three-tenths of a second under the old record held by Hayes. It was the first time since 1928 when he was a freshman, that Hayes was hard pressed in scholastic competition.

Ross took three third spots, Greg Schultz in the diving, the trio of Clarence Kuntz, Hayes and Dick Spayd, in the 180-yard medley relay; and the quartet of Christy, Schultz, Bill Berrill and Ken Reed in the 160-yard free style relay.

Reed and Kuntz came through with sterling performances in the 100-yard back stroke taking fourth and fifth respectively. The event I was won by Fred Shiner, McKinley's state champion, in 1:01.8, breaking the former mark of 1:02.2.

All-Ohio Affair

Spayd and Al Bauman failed to place in the 220-yard free style event.

The carnival proved an all-Ohio affair, as Cleveland Heights amassed 22 points to finish third behind Canton McKinley and Ross. York high, Pennsylvania state interscholastic champion, was fourth with 21 taller.

McKinley's margin of victory over the Little Giants was the same as in the state meet which saw the Bulldogs outscore the Rossmen, 42-34, a difference of eight points.

Hayes "Under Weather"

Coach Stults stated that although Schmitt was a husky, powerful swimmer with speed to burn, Hayes would have edged him out "any other day but Saturday."

Since he performed in the exhibition at Ross last Monday, Hayes hadn't been in the water, Stults explained. Tuesday he suffered an attack of stomach flu and didn't enter water again until Saturday, the Ross coach said. "He was still a little weak at Pittsburgh and it's not detracting from the York boy to say Benny was not in top form."

Stults asserted that the third place performances of his two relay teams were somewhat disappointing. The Little Giants were four seconds ahead of Canton McKinley as they made by far the best time in the qualifying trials.

In the finals we had the middle lane in a five-lane race and the diving board proved an obstacle as Hayes had to lean under the board to see when Kuntz touched, losing at least a second.

Moss Turn

Ross also won the 160-yard free style relay preliminaries with ease, but in the finals Christy, leading off for the Purple, missed a turn. Likewise in the qualifications, Schultz outdived Winters, but the McKinley natator beat him out for second in the finals.

Christy was in stellar form as he defeated an exceptionally large field of springboard stars. The Ohio champion compiled 96.51 points.

Young Ken Reed made his best time of the year in the preliminaries of the 100 back stroke, being clocked in 1:03.8. Incidentally, both Reed and Kuntz gave McKinley's Coast a stiff battle for third place, barely losing out.

Coach Stults said that better winners for the 1939-40 campaign would be announced within a day or two. The Pittsburgh summaries:

40-yard free style—Won by Florence of Columbus East, Elliott of Portersville, Pa. 2; Jakobowski of Erie East, Laver of York, Pa. 4; Finkbein of Erie East, 5. Time—1:04.6 seconds.

100-yard breast stroke—Hayes of Fremont Ross and Schmitt of York, Pa., tied for first; outscored of Canton McKinley, 5. Time—1:04.6. New record, breaks old record of 1:04.8 set by Hayes in 1938.

100-yard back stroke—Won by Schmitt of Canton McKinley; Hinkle of York, Pa. 2; Galt of Fremont Ross, 3; Reed of Fremont Ross, 4; Kuntz of Fremont Ross, 5. Time—1:01.8. (New record, breaks old record of 1:02.2).

200-yard free style—Won by Duke of Erie (Vanderbilt); Finkbein of Erie East; 2; Smith of Canton McKinley; 3; Berrill of North Hiram, Pa. 4; Biskin of Schenley, Pa. 5. Time—2:05.5.

100-yard free style—Won by McClain of Cleveland Heights, 1; Hinkle of Portersville, Pa. 2; Dwyer of Canton McKinley, 3; Cook of Erie Strong Vincent, 4; Jakobowski of Erie East, 5. Time—1:05.5.

Diving—Won by Christy of Fremont Ross; Winters of Canton McKinley, 2; Schmitt of Fremont Ross, 3; Weir of Cleveland Heights, 4; Cook of Washington, Pa. 5.

150-yard medley relay—Won by York (Canton McKinley, 2; Fremont Ross, 3; Cleveland Heights, 4; Erie Strong Vincent, 5. Time—1:45.4).

100-yard free style relay—Won by Cleveland Heights; Erie Strong Vincent, 2; Fremont Ross, 3; Canton McKinley 4; Langley, Pa. 5. Time—1:19.3.

Louis Is Irked By Press Barbs

By SID FEDER

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y., March 25.—(AP)—It seems that Joe Louis reads the newspapers.

Some weeks ago he read where the boxing experts, after watching him wade through 15 dismal rounds with Arturo Godoy, thought he was something less than terrific. He found out that some of the smart boys even knew how to spell "hi-m" on their typewriters, and that a lot of them believed he was slipping like that cake of soap on the bathroom floor.

So Joe figures he has a bone to pick with the "experts." And he and his handlers tip you off that he's going to pick it clean in Madison Square Garden when he fights Johnny Paychek Friday.

Now Johnny is a nice enough young fellow, so its too bad he has to meet up with the bomber when he wants to bomb. Joe is in the same frame of mind just now, and training just as fiercely, as when he was preparing to tangle with Max Schmeling the second time.

"Yeah," said one of his handlers after he watched Joe raise lumps on a set of sparring partners. "I wouldn't be surprised at all if Mistah Joe knocks Paychek right back in a lot of laps per to show 'em."

The same general idea was conveyed by Jimmy Braddock after looking at Joe's latest workout.

"I've seen Joe work for almost every fight since he beat me three years ago, and I've never seen him more aggressive than he is right now. He figures, if I'm any judge, that he's gonna do a little punching Friday night."

CHICAGO SETS PACE IN A. B. C.

DETROIT, March 25.—(AP)—Judging from scores posted to date in the American Bowling Congress tournament, Chicago appears to be emerging as the nation's bowling stronghold.

Of the 20 top places in the standings, half are held by Chicago teams and individuals. The Chicagoans were in the vanguard of a week-end assault on the maples which created major changes in every division.

The honor of scoring the best individual performance to date, however, fell to Marty Casio of Elmhurst, N. J., who jumped into the lead in both the singles and the all-events Saturday.

In Sunday's firing, Nick De Grazia of Chicago rolled up a 688 total for second place in the singles shortly after a fellow townsman, Charley Bunn, had tallied 686. Joe Schaffek and Anton Novak, Chicago, paced the doubles with 1298 for second place and Vince Fowler rolled 1836 for a fourth-place tie in the all-events.

Individual high scorer of the meet, held Saturday, was Helen Perry of Cleveland. She won the women's 100-yard backstroke, diving and 100-yard free style events to help the Ohio Women's Association of Cleveland now out. Akron for top team honors. Betsy Blake of Cleveland outdistanced opponents in 220-yard free style competition.

SPORTSMEN TO MEET
PORT CLINTON, March 25.—E. J. Flory, deputy game warden for Ottawa county, has announced there will be a meeting of sportsmen in city hall here Friday evening, March 25, in the interest of the conservation and natural resource program.

STARTING GATE
COLUMBUS, O., March 25.—(AP)—Thomas C. Bradley of Lexington, Ky., has been appointed providing steward for the April 20-May 18 spring running meet at Beulah Park track. A new electric starting gate will be installed.

OLDEST SWIM MARK
CHICAGO—Johnny Weissmuller's 31-second record for the hundred yard free-style—the oldest swimming mark in the book—will be 13 years old this June.

JOB FOR SAN ROMAN
DETROIT, March 25.—(AP)—The Detroit Police Department has announced that it is seeking a man named San Roman, who is wanted for a job in the city.