

Big Red, Steub. Central Take Swimming Titles

Steubenville swept the big-school titles and Steubenville Central paddled away with the small-school crowns Saturday as the hometown teams dominated the annual OVAC Swimming and Diving Championships at the Steubenville High School Natatorium.



The Big Red boys racked up 440 team points to easily outdistance John Marshall (281) in the boys' big-school scoring while the Big Red girls were even more dominant, piling up 504 ½ points to waltz away from the distaff field. John Marshall's girls were a distant second at 275 ½.

There was little suspense in the small-school division as the Crusader boys rolled up 450 points, leaving Linsly to claim runnerup honors with 249.

The Steubenville Central girls more than doubled their closest pursuer with 354 points. Barnesville was second at 171 ½.

More than 400 swimmers competed in the two-day event with 17 boys teams and 16 girls squads battling for team honors.

This was the first year the OVAC has broken the swimming competition into small-school and big-school divisions.

While the Steubenville city teams dominated on the scoreboard at the end of the day, there were plenty of individual laurels to go around.

There were two multiple winners in the boys' meet and each one broke a pool record in the process.

Martins Ferry's Richardo Gomez won the 100 butterfly and 100 freestyle for the Purple Riders. The senior swifty's time of :55.21 in the butterfly event shaved more than a second off Bobby Tucker's three-year-old standard of :56.37.

The small-school champion Crusaders also had a multiple winner in the versatile Paul Ronevich.

Ronevich won the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke for Steubenville Central.

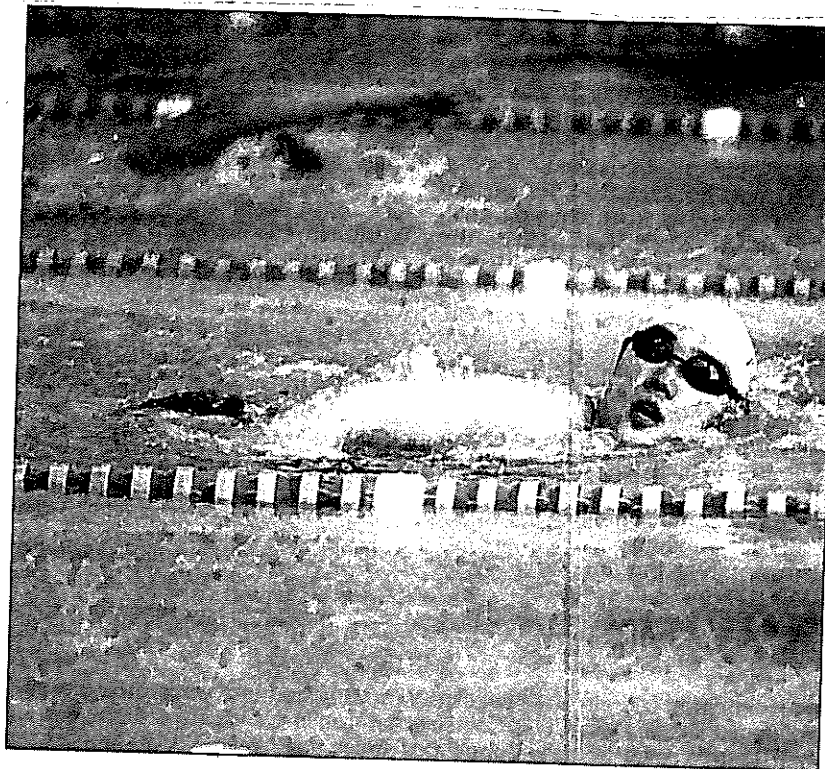


Photo by Alex Kozlowski
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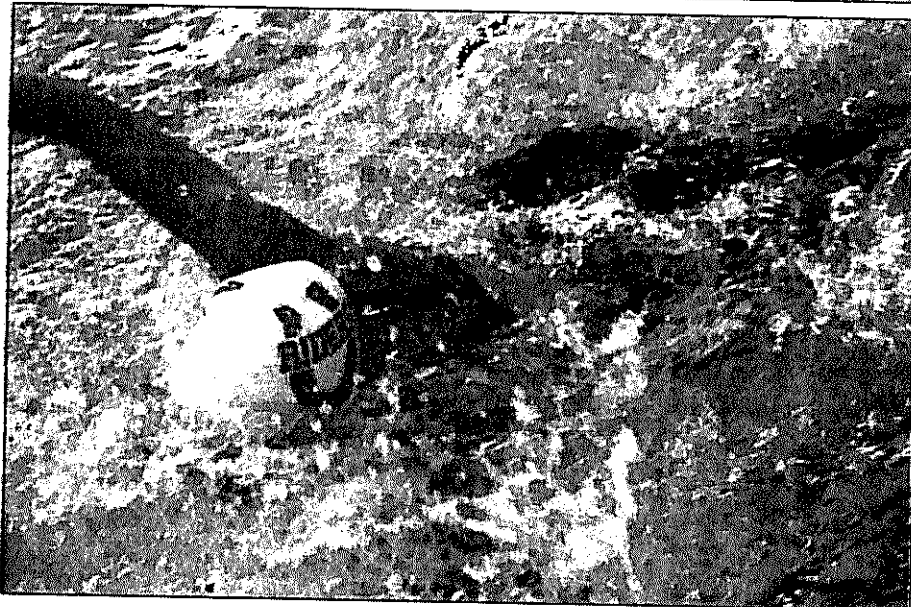
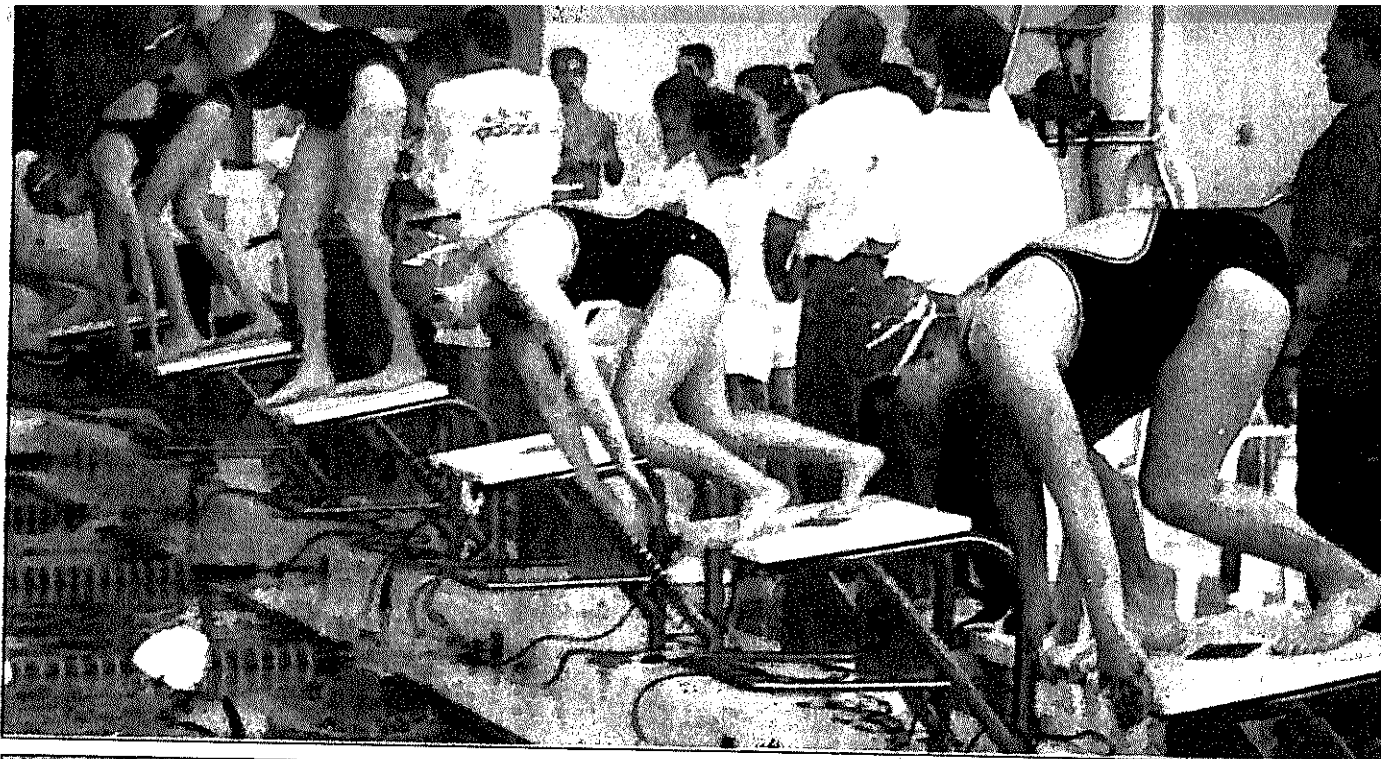
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TOP PHOTO: Four Bellaire High performers prepare to leave the platform during the OVAC Swimming and Diving Championships Saturday at Steubenville High School.

LEFT PHOTO: Martins Ferry's Melissa Howard takes part in her event during Saturday's OVAC Championships held at Steubenville High School.

Big Red, SCC claim crowns

By **JEREMY MIDEI**
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The 2002 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Swimming and Diving Championships unveiled a new format Saturday, featuring large and small school divisions, but still, the results were familiar — the Steubenville Big Red and Steubenville Catholic Central Crusaders atop both the medal stand and the team standings.

The Steubenville ladies captured their fifth consecutive OVAC title, amassing over 500 points in the two-day event to outdistance the John Marshal Lady Monarchs in the large school competition. Meanwhile, the Big Red men did likewise, racking up 440 points to take the men's contest.

"I had an outstanding group of swimmer this year," a soaking wet Steubenville coach Sandy Grimm said after taking a celebratory lap in the Steubenville Natatorium pool. "We have a lot of seniors and it's going to be tough without them next year, but I'm glad they've had the season they did this year. I'm really proud of them."

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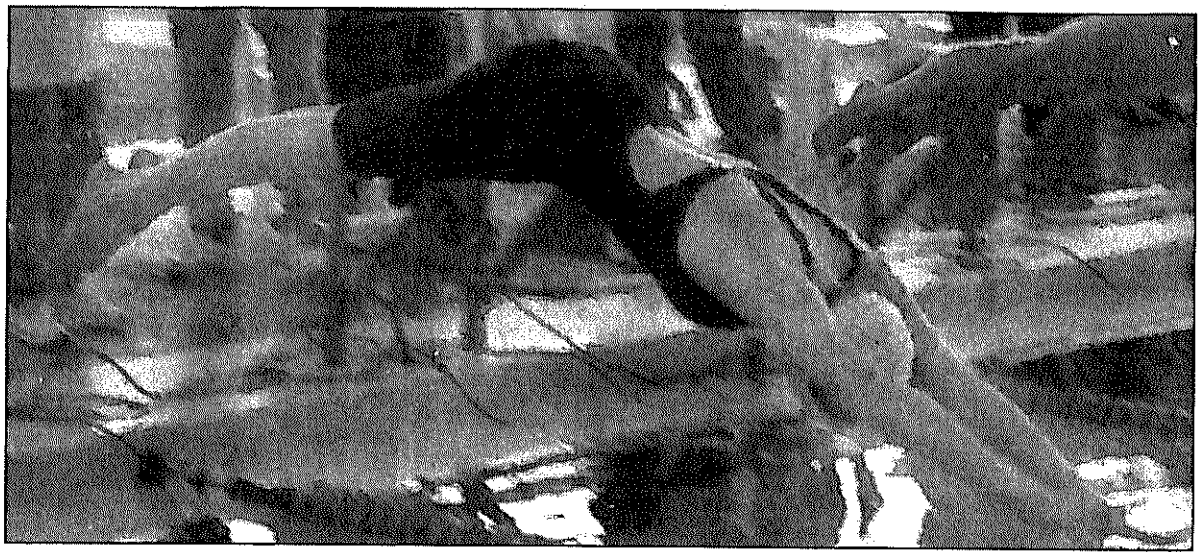
Nicci Arkley and Ali Hallock each picked up individual titles for Steubenville, in the 500-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke, respectively. The two also teamed with Andrea Amaya and Courtney Budash to capture the 200-yard Medley Relay.

The men had only one first-place finisher, taking home hardware in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a team of Mike Gasser, Pete Zahirsky, Jeff Weisberger and Chas Runco.

Steubenville Catholic Central swept both classes of the small school division, winning both the men's and women's titles. The Barnesville Lady Shamrocks totaled 171.5 points to finish as the runner-up to the Lady Crusaders 354 points.

The St. Clairsville Lady Red Devils netted 166 points, good for third place in the competition.

The Catholic Central men surpassed the field with a 450-point performance. Linsly finished second with 249 points, while Martins Ferry and St. John Central rounded out the top four.



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BARNESVILLE'S Natalie Johnson hits the water during her event Saturday afternoon during the OVAC Swimming and Diving Championships at Steubenville High School.

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"It was a wonderful meet because there was so much competition between the small schools," Crusader coach Kay Beth Calabria said after the meet. "I think the small schools showed that, while they might not have the depth of larger schools, they can put in the fast times and really compete. I feel that we did that today.

"We're very excited that we are the first school to win the small school division title.

The Crusaders were not the only team making noise, as the Lady Shamrocks foursome of Natalie Johnson, Katie Welch, Danielle Holskey and Lindsay Gallagher placed third in both the 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Individually, Holskey finished as the runner-up in the 200-yard individual medley and third in the 100-meter butterfly. Welch and Johnson placed third and fourth, respectively, in the 50-yard free, while Johnson also garnered a fifth-place showing in the 100-yard backstroke.

On the men's side, Linsly's Josh Norman came away with the diving title, beating Catholic Central's Steve Matanzo by just over six points.

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Barnyak, Joe Cabotaje, Goas and Pappas took third in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Goas also won the OVAC 500-yard free title, as well as finishing second in the 200-yard individual medley. Pappas also came away with an individual title, beating the field by nearly five seconds in the 100-yard breaststroke. The Cadet junior finished third in the 100-yard freestyle as well.

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Individually, Holskey finished as the runner-up in the 200-yard individual medley and third in the 100-meter butterfly. Welch and Johnson placed third and fourth, respectively, in the 50-yard free, while Johnson also garnered a fifth-place showing in the 100-yard backstroke.

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3. Steubenville Catholic -- 1:51.46
4. Linsly -- 1:59.28

Women 200-yard Freestyle
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2. Riley Rose, Steub -- 1:09.04
3. Kyle White, JM -- 1:09.97
4. Paul Visnic, SCC -- 1:11.25

Women 400-yard Freestyle Relay
1. Steubenville Catholic (Magan Neeper, Bridget Allen, Krista Corabi, Stacey Humienny) -- 4:02.97
2. Steubenville A -- 4:03.76
3. Steubenville B -- 4:16.67
4. Brooke -- 4:17.99

Men 400-yard Freestyle Relay
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3. Linsly -- 3:49.08
4. Wheeling Park -- 3:52.50

OVAC Swimming Championships set for Saturday

Local swimmers are set to make a big splash this weekend.

Area swimmers and divers will take part in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference championship meet this weekend at Steubenville High School.

The diving competition will take place on Friday. The girls will make the trek up the ladder at 4:15 and the boys will begin their competition immediately following the female competition.

Saturday's action will get under way at 11 a.m. with action in the pool slated to begin.

Schools slated to take part in the event are: Barnesville, Beaver Local, Bellaire, St. John Central, Brooke, Cambridge, Edison, John Marshall, Linsly, Martins Ferry, Mount De Chantal, St. Clairsville, Shady-side, Steubenville, Steubenville Central, Weirton, Wellsville, Wheeling Park and Zanesville.

