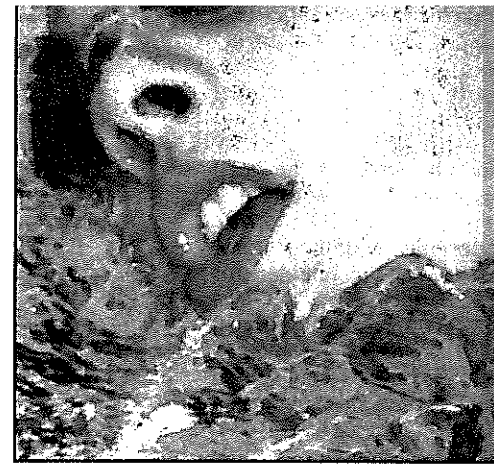


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TOP LEFT: Ryan Longenette, of Martins Ferry, competes in Saturday's OVAC Swimming Championship at Steubenville High School.

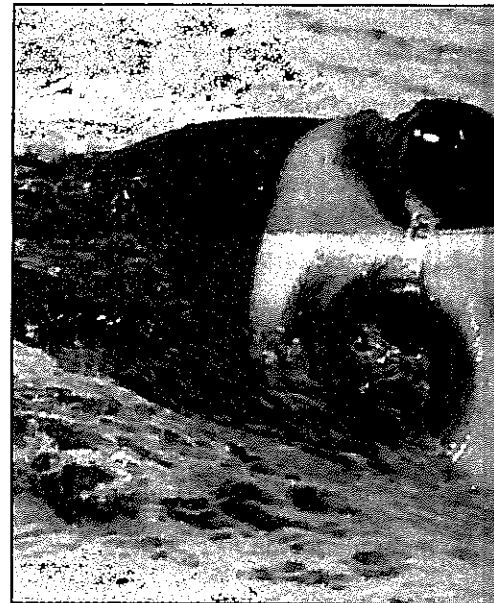


ABOVE: St. Clairsville's Allie Myers competes in the freestyle event.

BOTTOM LEFT: Jim Redinger, of Martins Ferry, swims in the freestyle event at Saturday's OVAC swimming event.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Barnesville's Emily Rockwell helped the Shamrocks to an OVAC championship.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Kris Schuerle, of Barnesville, compete in action Saturday.



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girls," said an elated Johnson after the win. "We have only been in existence for four years and we have been waiting for this moment and we did it."

"We have a nice group of girls who work extremely hard in the pool. This is what they wanted to do when they came up here to Steubenville, and they did it," said Johnson.

Coming away with two titles each for the Lady Shamrocks was the duo of Danielle Holskey and Katie Welch.

Holskey landed golds in the 100 Yard Butterfly (1:04.28) and the 100 Yard Backstroke (1:04.18), while Welch was on the top of the medal stand in 50 Yard Freestyle (26.68) and the 100 Yard Freestyle (58.43).

In the 200 Medley Relay the team of Holskey, Alyssa Wells, Welch and Natalie Johnson swam to a 2:01.28 for the title, while the squad of Kris Schuerle, Johnson, Welch and Holskey took the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay in a time of 1:48.56.

The team of Welch, Kate Schuerle, Kris Schuerle and Rockwell grabbed a runner-up finish in the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay with a time of 4:32.29.

Emily Rockwell came up with second place finish in the 200 Yard Freestyle (2:25.05), while Johnson claimed the silver in both the 50 Yard Freestyle (26.83) and the 100 Yard Freestyle (1:00.12).

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ning an individual title, which is the first time according to head coach Bill Brubaker in his 24 years at the school.

"St. John's has some very good individual swimmers and some good relay teams" said Brubaker. "Our guys came through and came up with some big swims throughout the day. We had some of our third and fourth guys come through along with some of our 'B' teams.

"This is the first time in my 24 years that we haven't had a title individually or in the relays. That shows you that in a meet like this that team depth really comes into play," said Brubaker.

Matt McBrier took second in the 200 Yard Freestyle with a time of 2:00.29, while Tyler Jones took runner-up in the 200 Yard Individual Medley (2:19.86).

Sebastian Aparicio claimed second in the 500 Yard Freestyle (6:04.80), while Jeremy DeGuzman took silver in the 100 Yard Backstroke (1:01.79).

Earning third place finishes was Matthew Ritz in the 500 Yard Freestyle (6:35.01) and Robbie Jones in the 100 Yard Backstroke (1:13.66). The team of Jones, Felipe Aparicio, Theiroff and



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OVAC Swimming Team Re

FEMALE TEAM SCORES LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION DIVISION

Place	School	Points
1	Brooke High School	27150
2	Steubenville High School	244
3	Wheeling Park High School	224
4	John Marshall High School	194
5	Beaver Local High School	131
6	Weir High School	120
7	Edison High School	60

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For Holskey and the rest of the Barnesville seniors, this was just the icing on the cake after four years of waiting to get their shot at the title.

"We have waiting a long four years for this," smiled Holskey. "We have only been a team for four years, so this was definitely the way we wanted to go out and end our career. We wanted to go out with a bang."

Ali Myers had a golden day for St. Clairsville coming away with two individual titles.

The St. Clairsville sophomore won the 200 Yard Freestyle (2:08.55) and the 500 Yard Freestyle (5:47.25).

The team of Emily Lewis, Sarah Heydle, Myers and Charity Scott teamed up to take silver in the 200 Yard Medley Relay (2:09.54), while Kelly Kubic, Stacy Synowiec, Scott and Myers took runner-up in the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay.

Heydle also came away with a third place finish in the 100 Yard Breaststroke (1:24.14).

Bellaire had one titleist on the afternoon as senior Jocelyn LaRoche grabbed the win in the 100 Yard Breaststroke with a time of 1:21.12. LaRoche also landed a third place finish in the 100 Yard Freestyle (1:02.34).

Katie Antonik was handed a bronze medal in the 200 Yard Individual Medley in 2:38.21.

Mount DeChantal's Rachel Moynihan grabbed a gold in the 200 yard Individual Medley with a time of 2:29.56, while also claiming second in the 100 Yard Backstroke (1:06.22).

IN THE BOYS' SMALL SCHOOL, Linsly came away with yet another title adding to the long line of Cadet wins at the OVAC championships.

The Wheeling-based school held off a tough St. John Central team down the stretch outscoring the Irish swimmers, 314-233.

Landing in fourth was Bellaire with a total of 125, while Martins Ferry and St. Clairsville rounded out the top five with scores of 109 and 43, respectively.

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Kevin Rico added two individual championships to his mantle Saturday for St. John Central in both the 200 Yard Individual Medley (2:12.70) and the 100 Yard Backstroke (1:00.99).

Eric Rico won a gold in the 100 Yard Breaststroke in a time of 1:09.90.

The team of Kevin Rico, Eric Rico, Michael Totterdale and Jake Palmer won the 200 Yard Medley Relay in 1:51.29, while the same four out swam everyone in the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay (1:38.73).

Palmer chipped in with two more third place finishes for the Irish in both the 50 Yard Freestyle (24.76) and the 100 Yard Freestyle (55.90).

Bellaire's Antonio Dalto won the 50 Yard Freestyle in a time of 23.92, while placing second in the 100 Yard Freestyle (54.59). Brice Antonik was victorious in the 100 Yard Butterfly with a time of 1:01.36.

Martins Ferry was led by Andrew Chesonis in the 100 Yard Breaststroke in 1:12.57, while the team of Brandon Garcia, Matt Cooper, Ryan Longette and Chesonis earned third in the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay in a time of 4:17.85.

St. Clairsville's Joey DePalma won a title in the 500 Yard Freestyle (5:55.14), while also landing third in the 100 Yard Backstroke (1:06.69).

IN THE GIRLS' LARGE SCHOOL, Brooke High claimed the hardware scoring 271.5 to outdistance Steubenville High School. In third was Wheeling Park, while John Marshall and Beaver Local rounded out the top five.

On the men's side, the Bruins joined their female counterparts landing the gold with 303 points as Steubenville finished in second with 282.

Wheeling Park finished in third, while John Marshall and Edison grabbed fourth and fifth place, respectively.

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8	Cambridge High School	CAMB	53
9	Zanesville High School	ZHS	11
			Total 1,308.50

**FEMALE TEAM SCORES
SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION DIVISION**

Place	School		Points
1	Barnesville High School	BARN	291
2	Steubenville Catholic Central	STCC	214
3	St. Clairsville High School	STC	127
4	Bellaire High School	BHS-OH	84.50
5	Mount de Chantal	MOUNT	72
6	The Linsly School	TLS	52
7	Shadyside High School	SHADY	16
8	Martins Ferry High Swim Team	MFER	5
			Total 86

**MALE TEAM SCORES
LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION DIVISION**

Place	School		Points
1	Brooke High School	BRK-WV	303
2	Steubenville High School	SHS	282
3	Wheeling Park High School	WPHS	184
4	John Marshall High School	JMHS	117
5	Edison High School	EHS-OH	72
6	Zanesville High School	ZHS	61
7	Weir High School	WEIR	51
8	Cambridge High School	CAMB	11
			Total 1,0

**MALE TEAM SCORES
SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION DIVISION**

Place	School		Points
1	The Linsly School	TLS	314
2	Bellaire St. Johns	BSJC-US	233
3	Steubenville Catholic Central	STCC	189
4	Bellaire High School	BHS-OH	125
5	Martins Ferry High Swim Team	MFER	109
6	St. Clairsville High School	STC	43
7	Barnesville High School	BARN	33
8	Wellsville High School	WELLS	28
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Bruins Take Big School Pool Titles

Linsly, Barnesville don small school crowns



The Brooke High boys and girls swept both big-school titles Saturday as the annual OVAC Swimming championships concluded at Steubenville High School.

Host Big Red, which had taken both championships a year ago, settled for runnerup honors this season with Wheeling Park and John Marshall finishing third and fourth, respectively, in both meets.

On the small-school side, Linsly was able to defend its boys' championship but the Steubenville Central girls surrendered their crown to Barnesville.

There were plenty of individual highlights, as well.

One of the top individual performances was provided by Wheeling Park sophomore Sarah Hooff.

Her winning time of 1:10.86 in the 100 breaststroke shattered the pool, OVAC open and OVAC meet record of 1:11.2 set by Linsly's Brielle Adamovich at the 1999 meet.

Brooke and Steubenville battled to the wire in both the boys' and girls' meets.

In the end, it was the Bruins' depth that put them in the winners circle as neither the boys nor the girls won a single event.

Strength in the relay events and the ability to pick up points

in nearly every event was key for both teams.

The Brooke girls finished second in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays and the 200 medley relay.

Brittany Zumpetta and Kelly Dunlevy had the Bruins' top individual finishes. Zumpetta was third in the 100 butterfly while Dunlevy took third in the 100 breaststroke.

Both girls swam legs on all three of the relay teams, as well.

It was a similar story on the boys' side where second-place finishes in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays boosted the Bruins.

Pat Donley led the Brooke boys with runnerup finishes in both the 50 and 100 free. He also swam legs on the two relay squads.

For the small school girls, senior standout Danielle Holskey led the Lady Shamrocks to the winners circle.

Holskey won both the 100 butterfly and the 100 backstroke for the second straight year and swam legs on Barnesville's victorious 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay squads.

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OVAC MEET RESULTS

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200 freestyle

David Calabria (SCC) 1:59.72; McBrier (Lin) 2:00.29; Antonik (Bel) 2:03.24; Misenholder (WP) 2:07.85; Smogonovich (Steub) 2:10.26; Totterdale (BSJ) 2:12.34.

200 medley

Kevin Rico (BSJ) 2:12.7; Troeger (WP) 2:18.54; Jones (Lin) 2:19.88; Hupp (2:20.52; Flage (Wells) 2:21.11; DeGuzman (Lin) 2:22.2.

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500 freestyle

Corey Dailey (JM) 23.61; Donley (Brk) 23.84; Dalto (Bel) 23.92; George (Steub) 24.05; McGowan (Brk) 24.23; Neeper (SCC) 24.36.

100 butterfly

Brice Antonik (Bel) 1:01.36; Calabria (SCC) 1:01.64; Totterdale (BSJ) 1:02.95; McBrier (Lin) 1:03.39; Flage (Wells) 1:04.06; Rico (BSJ) 1:06.01.

100 freestyle

Alec Troeger (WP) 52.96; Donley (Brk) 53.34; Neeper (SCC) 54.57; Dalto (Bel) 54.59; Haught (55.2; George (Steub) 55.42.

500 freestyle

Logan Hupp (Steub) 5:42.11; DePalma (St.C) 5:55.14; Kuruc (Edi) 6:03.19; Aparicio (Lin) 6:04.8; Riccelli (Brk) 6:22.14; Blanton (Steub) 6:29.49.

200 freestyle relay

Bell. St. John (Palmer, K. Rico, Totterdale, E. Rico) 1:38.73; Brooke (Haught, Edwards, Mott, Donley) 1:39.81; Steubenville (West, Baker, George, Hupp) 1:41.54; Steub. Cath. (Albarano, Ashmead, Neeper, Calabria) 1:42.44; Linsly (Jones, Aparicio, Thieroff, Holmes) 1:42.71; John Marshall (Henderson, Rogerson, Steele, Dailey) 1:44.17.

100 backstroke

Corey Dailey (JM) 59.25; Rico (BSJ) 1:00.99; DeGuzman (Lin) 1:01.79; McGowan (Brk) 1:03.16; Schulte (WP) 1:04.24; DePalma (St.C) 1:06.69.

100 breaststroke

1. Dave Mullen (Edi) 1:08.52; Rico (BSJ) 1:09.9; Bennett (Weir) 1:12.09; Chesonis (MF) 1:12.57; Jones (Lin) 1:13.66; Skrabak (St.C) 1:15.08.

400 freestyle relay

Brooke (Haught, Riccelli, McGowan, Donley) 3:41.37; Wheeling Park (O'Brien, Schulte, Misenhelder, Troeger) 3:45.69; Steubenville (George, Brandt, Smogonovich, Hupp) 3:46.89; Linsly (Jones,

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200 medley

Kira Hickman (Bel) 2:27.55; Moynihan (Mt.D) 2:29.56; Colangelo (Weir) 2:29.96; Stanley (JM) 2:30.73; Williams (SCC) 2:32.09; DiBartolomeo (Brk) 2:36.65.

50 freestyle

Katie Welch (Barn) 26.68; Jamiel (Cam) 26.78; Johnson (Barn) 26.83; Lucas (SCC) 27.29; Weppler (Brk) Kaczor (WP) 28.3.

100 butterfly

Danielle Holskey (Barn) 1:04.28; Williams (SCC) 1:08.69; Zumpetta (Brk) 1:09.96; Rollo (Steub) 1:11.12; DiBartolomeo (Brk) 1:11.75; Runco (Steub) 1:12.21.

100 freestyle

Kira Hickman (Bel) 57.64; Welch (Barn) 58.43; Jamiel (Cam) 58.66; Johnson (Barn) 1:00.12; Colangelo (Weir) 1:02.15; LaRoche (Bel) 1:02.34; Weppler (Brk) 1:02.34.

500 freestyle

Alli Myers (St.C) 5:47.25; Runco (Steub) 6:10.23; Lucas (SCC) 6:11.91; Zumpetta (Brk) 6:22.75; Baker (JM) 6:33.76; Schuerle (Barn) 6:34.17.

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100 backstroke

Danielle Holskey (Barn) 1:04.18; Moynihan (Mt.D) 1:06.22; Stanley (JM) 1:09.64; Johnson (Brk) 1:13.13; Teramana (SCC) 1:13.85; McAlpine (Weir) 1:14.38.

100 breaststroke

Sarah Hooff (WP) 1:10.86; LaRoche (Bel) 1:21.12; Dunlevy (Brk) 1:21.72; Artimez (JM) 1:21.73; Sobotka (Weir) 1:21.78; Wells (Barn) 1:21.9.

400 freestyle relay

Wheeling Park (Bougher, Kaczor, Miller, Hooff) 4:14.77; Brooke (Johnson, Pepe, Zumpetta, Weppler) 4:14.98; Steub. Cath. (Teramana, Ravasio, Call, Lucas) 4:19.51; Steubenville (Petrella, Powers, Runco, Bodo) 4:23.48; Weir (Colangelo, Sobotka, Barnabai, McAlpine) 4:30.28; Barnesville (Welch, Ka.Schuerle, Rockwell, Kr.Schuerle) 4:32.49.

*1-meter diving

Michelle Ferrera (SCC) 331.4; Santarelli (SCC) 281.3; Treglia (Steub) 268.65; Val-lone (Steub) 195.45

*non-scoring event

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Coach Bill Brubaker's defending champs didn't pick up any gold but got key contributions across the board from several competitors.

The Cadets took second in the 200 medley relay and were fourth in the 400 free relay.

Matt McBrier claimed the team's highest individual finish with a second-place showing in the 200 free and also notched points with a fourth-place finish in the 100 butterfly.

Tyler Jones was third in the 200 individual medley while Jeremy DeGuzman took third in the 100 backstroke.

All three standouts were members of the Cadets' two high-scoring relay squads.

Several other individuals made their presence felt in a big way.

John Marshall senior Corey Daley and St. Clairsville sophomore Ali Myers joined Holskey as the meet's only multiple winners.

Daley defended both of his championships in the 100 backstroke and 50 freestyle while Myers made a splash with victories in both the 200 and 500 freestyle.

Bellaire St. John's Kevin Rico won the 200 individual medley and was edged by Daley in a thrilling 50 free race.

Rico also swam legs on the Irish's victorious 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay squads.

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OVAC swimming championships set

The 2003-2004 OVAC Swimming and Diving Championships will be held on Friday and Saturday at the Steubenville High School Natatorium.

Girls diving will begin at 5 p.m. Friday with the boys' event following.

On Saturday, swimming competition will begin at 11:10 a.m.

There will be more than 300 swimmers and divers vying for titles this weekend.

Eighteen schools have female athletes entered while 17 schools have male athletes entered.

There will be 204 female and 132 male competitors. There will be 566 splashes for individual events and 133 relays.

There will be several swimmers returning to defend their titles from last year.

Ben Gotschall from Cambridge is the top seed in his events from last year the 200 and 100 freestyles.

Corey Dailey of John Marshall will be defending his 50 freestyle title and 100 backstroke.



Swimmers Set For OVAC Meet

By RICK THORP
Staff Writer

Wheeling Park's Sarah Hooff and John Marshall's Corey Dailey will be among the swimmers looking to repeat as champions this weekend at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Swimming and Diving Championships.

Action begins today at 4:15 p.m. at the Steubenville Natatorium with girls' diving events. Boys' diving will follow.

Swimming events begin Saturday at 11 a.m.

"I was up at Steubenville Wednesday night with my team and it appears we have everything ready to roll," said Bill Brubaker, meet director and coach of Linsly.

Among the top seeds in each event, five are back to defend their titles.

Hooff is the top seed in the 100 breaststroke. The Patriot edged Cambridge's Roxanne Leyshon to win the 2003 event with a time of 1:13.22. This year, she enters the meet with a time of 1:09.24. If that were to hold up, she would shatter the meet record of 1:11.2 set by Brielle Adamovich in 1998.

As for Dailey, he will be looking to repeat in the 50 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. He was also the top seed in both events last year en route to posting times of 23.32 and 1:01.87, respectively.

Other top-seeded returning champions are Barnesville's Danielle Holskey in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke; Steubenville Catholic's Steve Matazano in one-meter diving; and Cambridge's Sarah Jamiel in the 50 freestyle. Jamiel is also the top seed in the 100 freestyle.

Steubenville will be back to defend its Big School crowns on the boys and girls side. Steubenville Central is the reigning Small School girls champ, while Linsly is the defending Small School boys winner.

Linsly's win last year ended

the Crusaders hold on the crown. This year, Brubaker said his team should be in the thick of things again.

"We're seeded fairly well, and Bellaire St. John's is seeded quite well also," Brubaker said.

All told, Bellaire St. John's boys have four top-seeds.

The Irish's Kevin Rico is the top seed in the 200 medley and the 100 back. He also is part of the top-ranked 200 medley relay team along with Eric Rico, Michael Totterdale and Jake Palmer, and the 200 free relay team.

In addition to Matazano, Steubenville Central's other top seed is David Calebria in the 200 free and 100 butterfly.

The rest of the top-seeds: Patrick Donley, Brooke, 100 free; Tyler Jones, Linsly, 500 free; Dave Mullen, Edison, 100 breaststroke; and Steubenville Central, 400 free relay (Calebria, Jonathan Albarano, Greg Ashmead, Justin Neeper).

On the girls side, Barnesville and St. Clairsville will be giving Steubenville Central its toughest challenge in the Small School competition. The Shamrocks have top seeds in five events, while the Red Devils have the top spot in three.

In addition to Holskey's two top individual seeds, the other top seeds for the Shamrocks are the 200 medley team of Holskey, Alyssa Wells, Katie Welch and Natalie Johnson; the 200 free relay team of Welch, Holskey, Johnson and Kris Schuerle; and the 400 free relay quad of Annie Welch, Kate Schuerle, Emily Rockwell and Kris Schuerle.

The Red Devils are represented in the top seed department by sophomore Ali Myers, who has the top ranking in the 200 free and the 500 free.

Other top girls seeds: Alexis DeVaul, Steubenville, one-meter diving; and Rachael Moynihan, Mount de Chantal, 200 medley.

Barnesville, Linsly claim OVAC crowns

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Although the weather was frigid outside, the weather inside Steubenville's Crimson Aquatic Center was rather humid Saturday as the OVAC passed out its annual swimming and diving titles.

Hoisting trophies after the two-day event in the large school division was Brooke in both the boys and girls, while Linsly and Barnesville grabbed the gold in the small school boys' and girls' divisions, respectively.

In the women's small school division Barnesville claimed the title in just the fourth year of

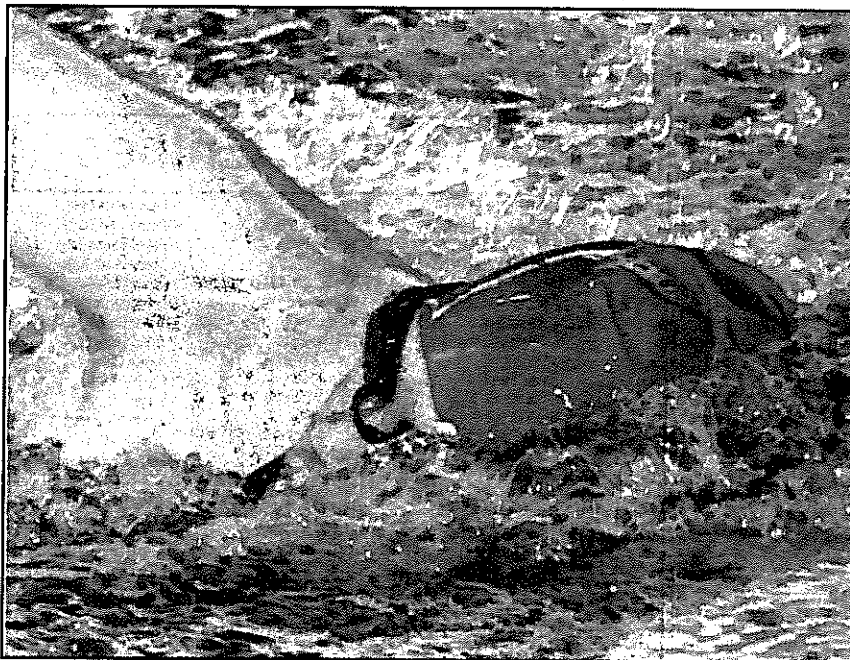
existence of the program for the Lady Shamrocks. The Lady 'Rocks scored a total of 291 points, outdistancing a quality Steubenville Central team which finished with 214 markers.

St. Clairsville finished in third with 127 points, while Bellaire ended in fourth with 84.5. Rounding out the top five was Mount DeChantal with 72.

Barnesville, with only 12 girls splashing into the pool for head coach Bobbi Jo Johnson, was ecstatic after claiming the banner in the small school division.

"I am so excited for these

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BELLAIRE High's Katie Schockey competes in an event at Saturday afternoon's OVAC Swimming Championships at Steubenville High School.

OVAC Swimming Results

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here are the official results from the OVAC Swimming Meet contested last weekend in Steubenville. In last weekend's story, some of the results were incorrect because of inadequate results which were provided.

FEMALE LARGE SCHOOL TEAM SCORES: Brooke, 271.5; Steubenville, 244; Wheeling Park, 224; John Marshall, 194; Beaver Local, 131; Weir High, 120; Edison, 60; Cambridge, 53; Zanesville, 11.

FEMALE SMALL SCHOOL TEAM SCORES: Barnesville, 291; Steubenville Central, 214; St. Clairsville, 127; Bellaire, 84.5; Mt. De Chantal, 72; Linsly, 52; Shadyside, 16; Martins Ferry, 5.

MALE LARGE SCHOOL TEAM SCORES: Brooke, 303; Steubenville, 282; Wheeling Park, 184; John Marshall, 117; Edison, 72; Zanesville, 61; Weir High, 51; Cambridge, 11.

MALE SMALL SCHOOL TEAM SCORES: Linsly, 314; St. John Central, 233; Steubenville Central, 189; Bellaire, 125; Martins Ferry, 109; St. Clairsville, 43; Barnesville, 33; Wellsville, 28; Shadyside, 11.

FEMALE INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

200 Yard Medley Relay -- 1. Barnesville (Holskey, Wells, Welch and Johnson), 2:01.28; 2. Brooke, 2:08.00; 3. John Marshall, 2:09.21.

200 Yard Freestyle -- 1. Ali Myers (STC), 2:08.25; 2. Sarah Hooff (WP), 2:11.27; 3. Emily Rockwell (BARN), 2:25.05.

200 Yard Individual Medley -- 1. Kira Hickman (BEAV), 2:27.55; 2. Rachel Moynihan (Mt.D), 2:29.56; 3. Alexis Colangelo (WEIR), 2:29.69.

50 Yard Freestyle -- 1. Katie Welch (BARN), 26.68; 2. Sarah Jamiel (CAMB), 26.78; 3. Natalie Johnson (BARN), 26.83.

100 Yard Butterfly -- 1. Danielle Holskey (BARN), 1:04.28; 2. Rachel Williams (STCC), 1:08.59; 3. Brittany Zumpetta (BROOKE), 1:09.96.

100 Yard Freestyle -- 1. Hickman (BEAV), 57.64; 2. Welch (BARN), 58.43; 3. Sarah Jamiel (CAMB), 58.66.

500 Yard Freestyle -- 1. Ali Myers (STC), 5:47.25; 2. Jullianne Runco (SHS), 6:10.23; 3. Erin Lucas (STCC), 6:11.91.

200 Yard Freestyle Relay -- 1. Barnesville (Kris Schuerle, Johnson, Welch and Holskey), 1:48.56; 2. Brooke, 1:54.92; 3. John Marshall,

1:55.64.

100 Yard Backstroke -- 1. Daniell Holskey (BARN), 1:04.18; 2. Rachel Moynihan (Mt.D), 1:06.22; 3. Nicole Stanley (JM), 1:09.64.

100 Yard Breaststroke -- 1. Sarah Hooff (WP), 1:10.89; 2. Jocelyn LaRoche (BELL), 1:21.12; 3. Kelly Dunleavy (BROOKE), 1:21.72.

400 Yard Freestyle Relay -- 1. Wheeling Park (Boughner, Kaczor, Miller and Hooff), 4:14.77; 2. Brooke, 4:14.98; 3. Steubenville Central, 4:19.51.

MALE INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

200 Yard Medley Relay -- St. John Central (Kevin Rico, Eric Rico, Totterdale and Palmer), 1:51.29; 2. Linsly, 1:53.24; 3. Wheeling Park, 1:56.90.

200 Yard Freestyle -- David Calabria (STCC), 1:59.72; 2. Matt McBrier (LINSLY), 2:00.29; 3. Brice Antonik (BELL), 2:03.24.

200 Yard Individual Medley -- 1. Kevin Rico (SJC), 2:12.70; 2. Alec Troger (WP), 2:16.54; 3. Tyler Jones (LINSLY), 2:19.68.

50 Yard Freestyle -- 1. Corey Daley (JM), 23.61; 2. Patrick Donley (BROOKE), 23.84; 3. Antonio Dalto (BELL), 23.92.

100 Yard Butterfly -- 1. Brice Antonik (BELL), 1:01.36; 2. David Calabria (STCC), 1:01.64; 3. Michael Totterdale (SJC), 1:02.95.

100 Yard Freestyle -- 1. Alec Troger (WP), 52.96; 2. Patrick Donley (BROOKE), 53.34; 3. Justin Neeper (STCC), 54.57.

500 Yard Freestyle -- 1. Logan Hupp (STEUB), 5:42.11; 2. Joey DePalma (STC), 5:55.14; 3. Jim Kuruc (EDISON), 6:03.19.

200 Yard Freestyle Relay -- 1. St. John Central (Palmer, Kevin Rico, Totterdale and Eric Rico), 1:38.73; 2. Brooke, 1:39.81; 3. Steubenville, 1:41.57.

100 Yard Backstroke -- 1. Corey Daley (JM), 59.25; 2. Kevin Rico (SJC), 1:00.99; 3. Jeremy DeGuzman (LINSLY), 1:01.79.

100 Yard Breaststroke -- 1. Dave Mullen (EDISON), 1:08.52; 2. Eric Rico (SJC), 1:09.90; 3. Jason Bennett (WEIR), 1:12.09.

400 Yard Freestyle Relay -- 1. Brooke (Haight, Riccelli, McGowan and Donley), 3:41.37; 2. Wheeling Park, 3:45.69; 3. Steubenville, 3:46.89.