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Swimming champs crowned

• St. C.'s Garbash, Ferry's Chesonis lead local contingent

By JEFF POTTS Times Leader Sports Writer

All week long, St. Clairsville head coach Sarah Steele thought her Lady Red Devil swimmers had a shot to make some noise and possibly claim their first OVAC swimming title.

The Lady Red Devils, paced by Alison and Jamie Garbash, claimed five individual titles to claim runner-up honors in the small school meet during the OVAC Swimming Championships Saturday afternoon at Steubenville High School.

"I'm very ecstatic because this is the first time St. Clairsville has done that well (at OVAC)," Steele said. "The kids have worked really hard so this was a good day for us.

"I'm not upset at all about finishing second," she continued. "We've got half the number of swimmers as Steubenville Central, so to be that close to them (241-186) with half the amount of swimmers is awesome for us."

Alison Garbash led the way for St. Clairsville winning four gold medals, 100- and 50-yard freestyle individual events

and anchoring the winning 200- and 500yard freestyle relays.

G a r b a s h ' s effort was a surprise to her coach.

"That's amazing," Steele said.
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Garbash said she was confident heading into the 50-yard freestyle, which she won in 25.63.

"The 50 was pretty easy," she said. "I knew where the other swimmers were and I've beaten them before, but I was surprised that I beat them by that much (almost a full second)."

Alison Garbash's second individual title came in the 100-yard freestyle, which she swam in 57.39, against a girl she had never beaten.

"The 100-yard freestyle was difficult because I swam against a girl that had won the OVAC title twice in the 100 and I had never beaten her," she said. "My goal was to beat her and I achieved that

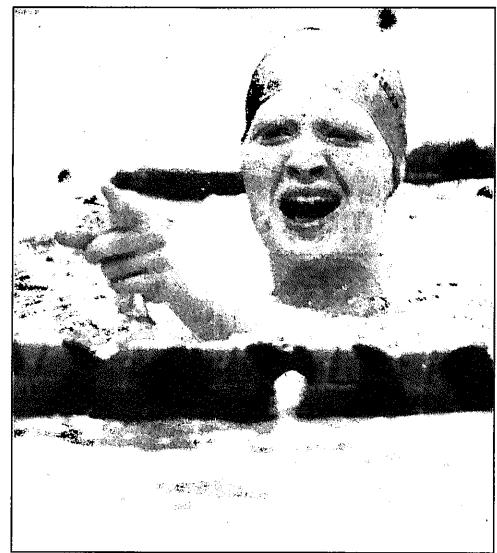
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Not to be outdone, Jamie Garbash followed her sister's performance with three gold medals (100-yard butterfly and the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relay) and one silver (500-yard freestyle).

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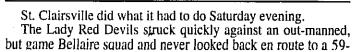
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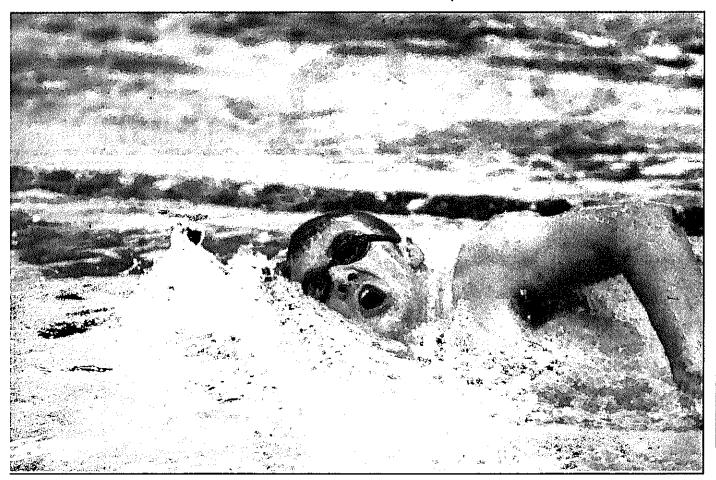
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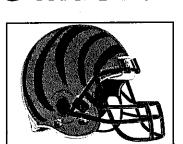
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Individual Results:

200-yard Medley Relay: 1. Wheeling Park (Tyler Jones, Evan Laird, Justin Kissinger, Robert Jones)1:49.59; 2. Steubenville Central 1:55; 3. Steubenville 1:57.15.

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The incident is the first time in weeks the leg has t lem in the colt's recovery. For months, it was the stricken left hind leg that put Barbaro's recovery in se ardy as he fights for survival.

"They did some procedures on the one he injured." co-owner Roy Jackson told The Associate Saturday night.

"He had a little bit of a bruise, an abscess. I show Bolton fill you in on the procedure.'

Gail Luciani, a spokeswoman for the Uni Pennsylvania's veterinary school, would not confirm dure was performed on Barbaro by chief surg Richardson and had no additional comment.

Jackson's wife and co-owner. Gretchen. Philadelphia Inquirer that Barbaro was again facing to

"He's got a lot of issues, and not any of them is to say goodbye. But put together it's not a go-Barbaro," Jackson said in a story posted on the p.

Roy Jackson said he visited Barbaro after the prothe colt was alert and ate his grass. Jackson also said no additional problems with the left hind and that it

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GEARING UP

OVAC swimming, diving meet set for Saturday

By JEFF POTTS Times Leader Sports Writer

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"I think the kids are ready to go," she said. "They've been working hard all season and are looking forward to a good meet.'

The Lady Red Devils are led by the Garbash sisters (Alison and Jamie).

"Alison is ranked number one in both the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle while Jamie is in the top five in both the 200-yard and 500-yard free," she said.

Alison Garbash has a personal best time of 25.81 in the 50-yard freestyle and 57.17 in the 100-yard freestyle.

Sister Jamie is ranked third in the 100yard butterfly with a time of 1:06.47 and second in the 500-yard freestyle event with a time of 5:55.04.

According to Steele, the Lady Red Devils are the favorites in two relay events.

"We have the second fastest time in the conference in the 200-yard freestyle (1:53.04) behind Wheeling Park and the fastest time in the conference in the 400-yard freestyle (4:11.23)," she said. "If we don't win those, then we should place high."

The Lady Red Devils relay teams are led by Jamie and Alison Garbash, Katie Oszeski and Sukhmani Sandhu.

Steele thinks the girls meet could come down to the final race.

"I think it will definitely be a close meet," she said. "Though at this point, it's still too close to call."

Though she thinks the girls have a shot to win the overall crown, she said the boys might be a year away though one swimmer could make an impact Saturday.

They guys are in a rebuilding year, so it will be tough to crack the top five," she said. "I think Brian Meeks (seeded fourth) has a



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TYLER CHESONIS of Martins Ferry will be one to watch in both the 200 and 500 freestyles at this weekend's OVAC Swim Meet. Chesonis is pictured here winning the 200 freestyle at the St. Clairsville Invitational held last week.

chance to place in the 50-yard freestyle."

Steele said she has one goal for Saturday's

"I would like to have the majority of the kids swim their best time of the year," she said, "Anything beyond that is icing on the

According to Martins Ferry head coach Rhonda Wilson, the Purple Riders could be a surprise team Saturday.

"The kids have been working hard all year Purple Rider boys. and I think they are ready for OVAC's," she

The Purple Rider boys are led by two-time gold medalist Tyler Chesonis and Ryan

Tyler is the defending champion in the 200-yard freestyle, a two time gold medalist in the 500-yard free and is unbeaten in both races this year," Wilson said. "Ryan is the top seed in the 100-yard breaststroke."

Chesonis leads the OVAC with a time of

1:54.29 in the 200-yard freestyle to go along with a 5:04.19 in the 500-yard freestyle.

Wilson said this a rebuilding year for the

We only have four boys swimming this year," she said. "Because of that we don't have the depth we did last year."

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OVAC Swimming Championship on Tap

Big Red, Crusaders look to defend titles

By LISA KENZORA Staff Writer

Three-hundred ninety-seven swimmers from 19 area schools are set to make a splash beginning at 11 a.m., Saturday at the Steubenville High School Natatorium in the 49th OVAC Swimming Championships.

Steubenville will by vying to defend both the Class AAAA boys' hig-school championship

and girls' titles away from defending juniors are phenomenal as well.'' champion Steubenville Catholic Steubenville

"We're going to give them a run for their money..." third-year Steubenville Catholic coach Judith Lucas said of her 30 girls and 17 boys. "They've seen success over the years. They know they're the defending champs and they want to continue it."

Rachel Williams, of Steubenville Catholic, will be returning to defend her individual 100M butterfly first-

place title.

The Crusaders have been dealing title. The small schools, including all Class AAA, AA and A high schools, will be competing to take the boys' with the loss of nine key boys to graduation, but Lucas believes the others have stepped up, saying, "the team is the most important con
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Steubenville Big



DiMarzio has been the head coach for three years and is hoping to carry on the history of success. Big Red

has taken home eight girls' titles and won six boys' championships since

cept. The kids understand that philosophy and we have a lot of success.
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alistic but one individual can't win the banner. You will the champi-

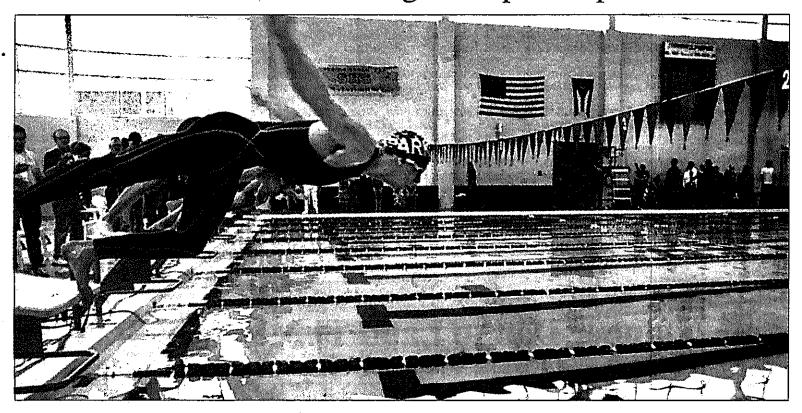
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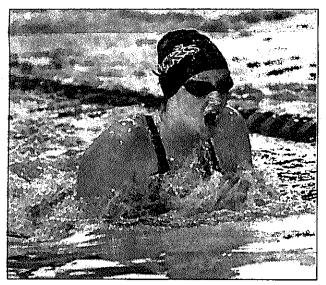
Bill Brubaker, OVAC swim meet director and Linsly's coach, noted another aspect of team unity becomes apparent in configuring

"Different swimmers like different Even though swimming is per- strokes and you have to work at ceived as a primarily individual times to get the kids to see what's in sport, Dimarzio said, "at our school, the team's best interest (when mak-

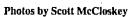
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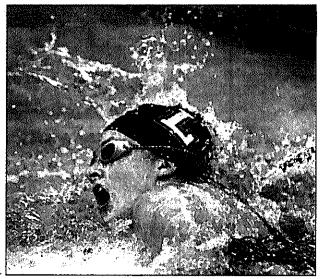
OVAC Swimming Championships





The OVAC Swimming Championships were held Saturday at Steubenville High School. Top: Wheeling Park's Brandon McKinley dives into the pool on the final heat of the boys 100-yard freestyle: Left: yard freestyle; Left: Barnesville's Alyssa Wells swims in the girls 100-yard breast-stroke. Right: Linsly's Kaitlyn Pytlak takes a lap in the girls 500 freestyle.





Something Old, Something New

Park Boys win first title, while Steubenville girls nab ninth crown in 10 seasons

Staff Report

After years of domination in the pool,

Steubenville finally met its match.

The Wheeling Park boys swim team captured its first OVAC Swimming Championship on Saturday, edging Big Red 331.5-254 for the Big School title at the OVAC Swimming Championships at Steubenville High School.

Wheeling Park and first place finishes from its

Wheeling Park got first place finishes from its 200 Medley Relay team of Tyler Jones, Evan Laird, Justin Kissinger, and Robert Jones, and the 400 free relay team of Tyler Jones, Robert Jones, Kissinger, and Brandon McKinley.

Tyler Jones captured individual honors in the 200 Individual Medley and 100 backstroke, and Robert Jones won first place in the 100.

Steubenville Catholic won its second straight title among the small schools, defeating second-place Barnesville, 266-182.5.

Big Red might not have been able to win on the boys' side, but the girls walked away champions.

Winning for the ninth time in 10 seasons, Steubenville won the title despite having no one finish in first place.

Not to be outdone by the boys, the Steubenville Catholic girls also won, making it three in a row for the Crusaders.

The story of the tournament might belong to Alison and Jamie Garbash, the sister duo from

St. Clairsville.

The Red Devils, paced by the Garbash sisters, claimed five individual titles to claim runnerup honors in the small school meet, finishing 55 points behind the Crusaders.

Alison Garbash led the way for St. Clairsville winning four gold medals, 100- and 50-yard freestyle individual events and anchoring the winning 200- and 500-yard freestyle relays.

"That's amazing," St. Clairsville coach Sarah Steele said. "She has worked hard so hard, has come on so strong and been so dominate this year and to see her be rewarded for all her hard work is great.

Garbash could barely contain her excitement. "This feels really great and I'm excited," Alison Garbash said. "This is the first time I've won individual titles.'

Garbash said she was confident heading into the 50-yard freestyle, which she won in 25.63.

"The 50 was pretty easy," she said. "I knew where the other swimmers were and I've believe them before but I was sweetened that be been them before, but I was surprised that I beat them by that much (almost a full second).'

Alison Garbash's second individual title came in the 100-yard freestyle, which she swam in 57.39, against a girl she had never beaten.

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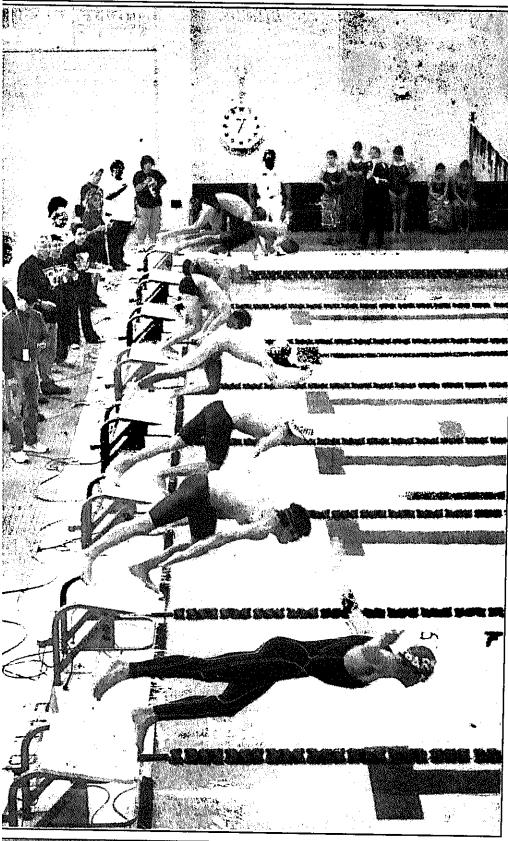
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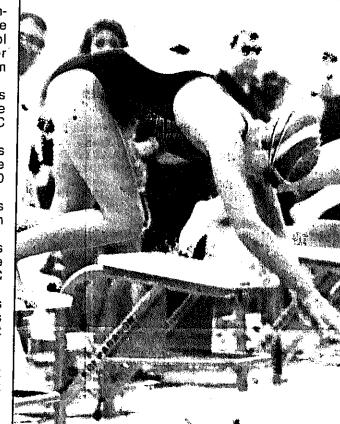
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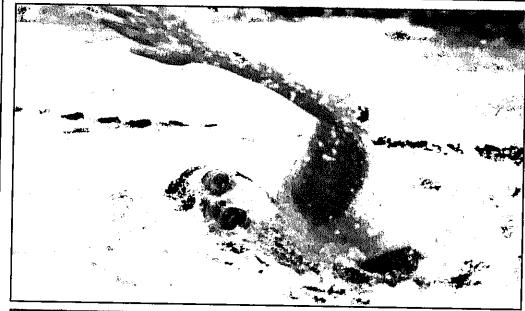
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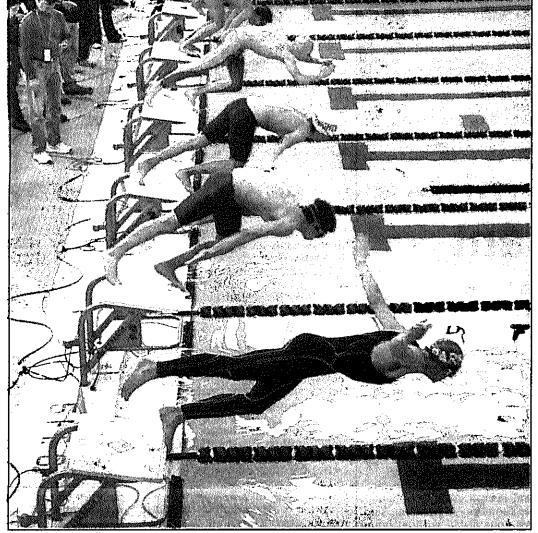
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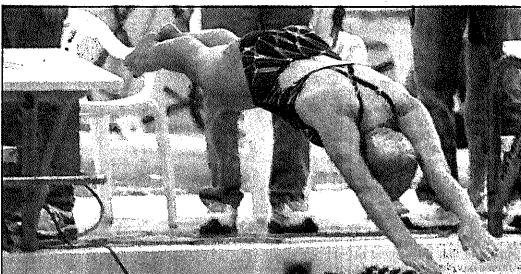














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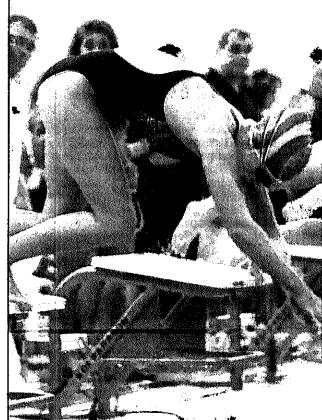
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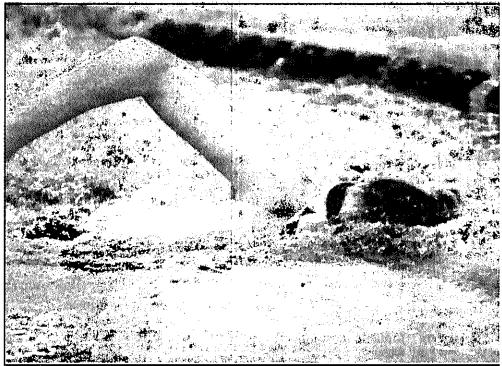
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BARNESVILLE'S Shane Warner swims a stroke of the 500 meter freestyle during Saturday's OVAC Swimming Championship at Steubenville High School.

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Both Jamie and Alison Garbash said this season has been special to them.

"It's really nice, because I can share everything with her," Jamie said, Sometimes we have a little bit of a sibling rivalry but mostly not because she swims the sprints and I swim the distance races.

Alison echoed her sister's sentiments.

"It's great because we can do everything together," Alison said, "It's different because I've never had her as a teammate bet it's a lot of fun.'

Steele thinks the second place finish at OVAC's gives her team a lot of confidence heading into the sectional meet in two weeks.

"This gives us a lot of momentum heading into sectionals," she said, "With

als, I think that bodes well for us going into sectionals."

On the big school girls side, Steubenville Big Red claimed the title 279-209 over Wheeling Park.

Martins Ferry's Elise Maguire finished third in the 50-yard freestyle while the Ferry 200-yard freestyle relay finished

On the boys side, Martins Ferry's Tyler Chesonis crushed the field in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:54.36 and the 500-yard freestyle (third straight title) with a time of 5:01.43.

"This feels pretty good," Chesonis said. "I figured the 500-yard would be pretty bad due to the lead I had but the other guys swam really well."

Ryan Longenette placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard Individual Medley for the Purple Riders.

"I'm very pleased with how the kids did today," Martins Ferry head coach Rhonda Wilson said. "They worked hard and it showed."Wilson said Chesonis continually amazes her.

"He's a one-of-a-kind swimmer," she line.com smiled. "He works harder than any person

two relays placing first going into section- I know for swimming and he's very determined.

"He has a huge heart for swimming and he goes out there and does his best."

Wilson said she was pleased with her

team's fifth place finishes.

"I'm very happy with where we finished," she said. "The girls did a good job today, I had one girl who was sick and didn't swim her individuals and that would've given us more points. But overall the girls worked hard and did a great job.'

Barnesville's Danny Schwartz took home the gold medal in the 50-yard freestyle while leading the 200-yard freestyle team to a gold medal and a second-place finish in the 400-yard freestyle

Wheeling Park piled up an impressive 331.5 points to claim the Big School boys title while Steubenville Central rang up 266 points to outdistance second place Barnesville.

The sectional meet will be held back at Steubenville High School in two weeks.

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Wilson said she thinks two of her girls can make a splash on Saturday.

"Megan Berry was the first girl from Martins Ferry to make it to the state meet in the 100-yard freestyle," she said. "Freshman Katie Longenette is the top seed in the 200-yard intermediate medley, so I think it's going to be close."

Elise Maguire is ranked third in the big school division with a time of 59.22 in the 100-yard freestyle.

Katie Longenette's top time in the 200-yard intermediate is 2:30.15,

In the small school division, look for the Barnesville boys, led by Danny and Eric Schwartz to make an impact Saturday in the relay and individual events.

With Danny Schwartz ranked fifth in the boys 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.36 and fifth in the 100-yard back stroke with a time of 1:08.68, while Eric Schwartz is ranked first in the boys 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:01.78 and second in the boys 100-yard freestyle with a time of 52.53.

The Barnesville boys are ranked second behind Steubenville Big Red in the the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of

Other local teams looking to surprise some people Saturday include the Bellaire Big Reds' boys and girls teams, along with Edison boys and St. John girls.

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'It's getting them to realize that they can be just as successful doing a stroke they don't like.'

These swimmers are used to sacrifices by the time OVACs roll around. With the exception of Brooke, Wheeling Park, Linsly, and Steubenville, team members have to transit to a neighboring city to practice, unlike other sports where practicing facilities are located within the high school.

Some OVAC participants swim up to 10,000 yards a practice and endure three-anda-half hour sessions.

Barnesville's team, including Eric Schwartz who is back to repeat at both the individual 100M butterfly and 100M freestyle, is said to have recorded more than 1,300 miles commuting to practice and meets for the season.

Other defending champs who understand the discipline of swimming include Martins Ferry's Tyler Chesonis (200 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle) and Mount de Chantal's Rachael Moynihan (200 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke).

All other individual events will be open for a new swimmer to take home the firstplace title.

Brooke, Cambridge, East Liverpool, Edison, John Marshall, Beaver Local, Steubenville, Weir, Wheeling Park and Zanesville will be competing for the OVAC Big School

Competitive small schools consist of Bellaire, Bellaire St. John, Martins Ferry, Mount de Chantal, St. Clairsville, Steubenville Catholic Central, Linsly and Wheeling Central.

The top 16 places will be awarded points and the team with the highest total will earn the 2007 OVAC title.

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"The 100-yard freestyle was difficult because I swam against a girl that had won the OVAC title twice in the 100 and I had never beaten her," she said. "My goal was to beat her and I achieved that goal, though it was a little bit harder."

Not to be outdone, Jamie Garbash followed her sister's performance with three gold medals (100-yard butterfly and the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relay) and one silver (500-yard freestyle).

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Also making a bit of history on the boys side was Martins Ferry's Tyler Chesonis.

Chesonis crushed the field in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:54.36 and the 500yard freestyle - his third straight title - with a time of 5:01.43.

2007 OVAC Swimming Championships
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Team Results
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1. Steubenville Central, 266; 2. Barnesville, 182.50; 3. Linsly, 129; 4. Wheeling Central, 124; 5. Martins Ferry, 110.50; 6. St. Clairsville, 75; 7. Bellaire, 40.

Individual Results

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Girls Team Results

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Girls

Team Results
Big School

1. Steubenville, 279; 2. Wheeling Park, 209; 3. Brooke, 160; 4. Weir, 159; 5. Cambridge, 109; 6. Beaver Local, 95; 7. John Marshall, 75; 8. East Liverpool, 63; 9. Edison, 41; 10. Zanesville, 19.

Small School

1. Steubenville Central, 241; 2. St. Clairsville, 186; 3. Linsly, 154; 4. Barnesville, 198; 5. Martins Fetry, 125; 6. St. John, 40; 7. Mount De Chantal, 37; 8. Belaire, 31; 9. Wheeling Central, 17.

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