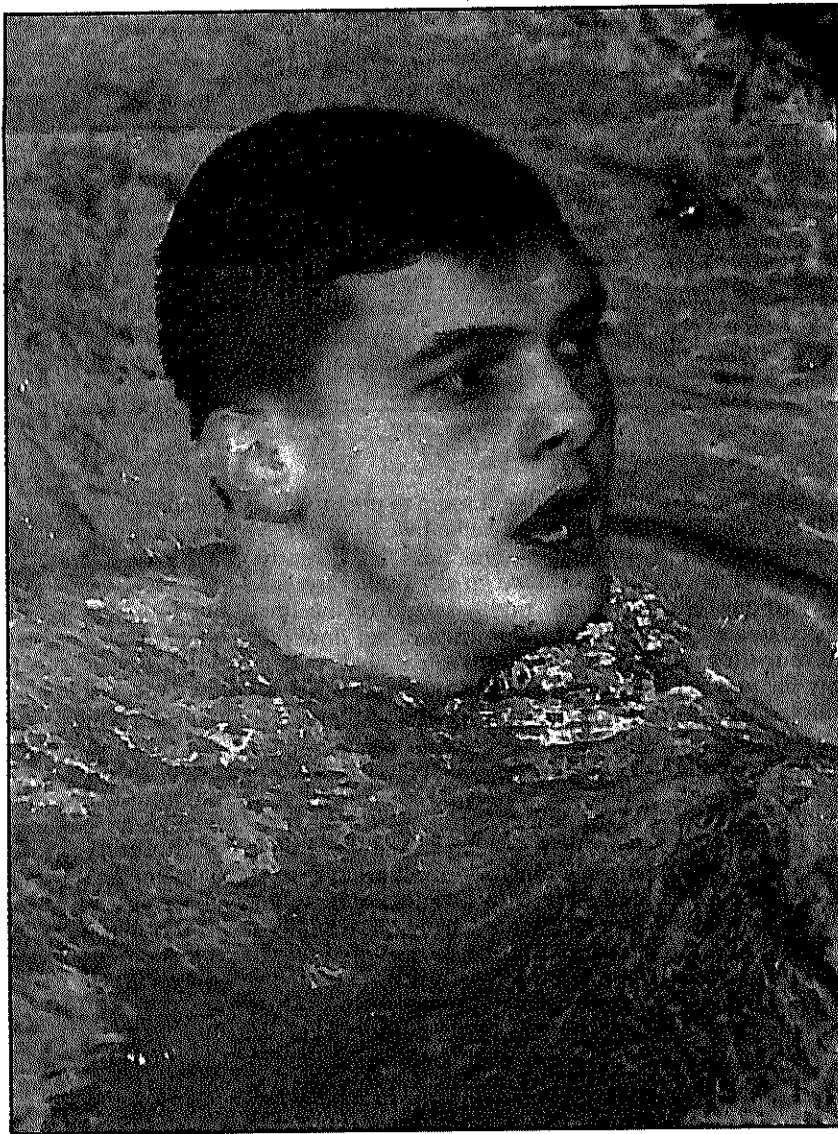


T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Jamie Garbash heads for victory in the 100-yard butterfly at the OVAC Swimming Championships at the Steubenville High School Natatorium.



MARTINS FERRY'S Tyler Chesonis looks for his time after winning the 200-yard freestyle at Saturday's OVAC Swimming Championship. Additional photos may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

Locals shine at OVAC swim championship

• Chesonis, Ebbert, Garbash sisters amongst area winners

By **ASHLEY NEWMAN**
For The Times Leader

STEUBENVILLE – The 2008 OVAC swimming championship at the Crimson Center in Steubenville displayed the areas' best in the going toe-to-toe. One of the brightest stars of the meet was Martins Ferry senior Tyler Chesonis, winning two individual gold medals for the Purple Riders.

Chesonis won the boys 200 yard freestyle with a time of 1:51.40. He came in first place in the 500 yard freestyle, touching the wall at 5:03.86.

Martins Ferry head coach Rhonda Wilson reflected on the stellar career that Chesonis has put together.

"With Tyler's two wins today, he now has nine gold medals in his career at the OVAC championship. He also has one silver medal. That is an incredible run over his four years," Wilson said of her senior leader. "He broke the pool record today in the 200 free.

"We couldn't ask for anymore out of him. He was just spectacular."

Martins Ferry's Katie Longenette also stood out on the tournament. She brought home a silver medal in the 200 yard individual medley with a time of 2:27.93 and a silver medal in the 100 yard butterfly.

"Katie dropped three seconds in the individual medley and two seconds in the butterfly," Wilson noted. "She also dropped two seconds in her individual 50 of the relay on the split.

"It just seems like she keeps dropping her time in all of See, **LOCALS**, Page B2

OVAC

Continued from Page B1

s in the big and small divisions, respectively. While all of the perennial powers are back at another shot at conference title, Zanesville Rosecrans will make the trip to person County for the first time to compete in the meet. However, Mt. DeChantal doesn't have a team this season. All of the local teams taking part this weekend will compete in the small-school division, which includes nine schools. Making it a step further, those nine schools make up 102 girls and 80 boys in the field.

St. Clairsville, Martins Ferry, Barnesville, Bellaire and Steubenville make up the local contingent, which will try to etch their names into conference history.

The following are the capsules on teams, which responded:

THE LADY RED Devils are coming off a second-place finish in last year's event and head coach Sarah Steele has a strong belief in place that could make a push for the school's first-ever title.

"We are looking to improve," Steele said. "I am hoping for a strong performance from our 200 and 400 freestyle relays." Individually, the Lady Red Devils are led by the Sisters. Alison — a senior — is the defending champion at 500 freestyle events, but figures to be challenged by Steubenville freshman Zyaire Pearson. The two have battled throughout the season going back-and-forth.

Chesonis — just a sophomore — owns the top seed in the meet at 500 freestyle as well as the 100 butterfly. Junior Jamie Sandhu is one to keep an eye on in the 200 freestyle as well as the 100 fly. Katie Olszeski and Rachel Blackwell could also contribute for the Lady Devils in the 500 freestyle and the 200 IM.

This team has been working very hard and all of the kids deserved to be recognized for their hard work," Steele continued. St. Clairsville's boys are expecting strong performances from Stewart in the 200 individual medley and the 100 freestyle. He also likes the way freshmen Jacob Rife, Jacob Zink and Nick Pokas have come along during the season.

MARTINS FERRY'S boys entered into this weekend's meet as a swimmer that everyone in the local pools is well aware of in senior Tyler Chesonis.

Chesonis enters this weekend's event seeking his fourth consecutive gold medal in the 500 freestyle. He currently holds the school record at Steubenville in the event and is seeded first in the race by a whopping 23 seconds. He's also seeded second in the 200-yard freestyle.

Chesonis owns three golds in the 200 freestyle and a silver in the 100-yard butterfly.

St. Clairsville head coach Rhonda Wilson also looks for Brazilian range student Caue Zendron to have a good chance at placing in the meet. He comes into his first OVAC meet seeded seventh in the 50 and 100 freestyles. Junior Mike Lewis is another expected to contribute. He's seeded in the top 16 in both the 100 breaststroke and 100 backstroke.

St. Clairsville's two crack relay teams of Zendron, Chesonis, Lewis and Travis Couture could also earn a medal in both the medley and freestyle relays.

"We have a good group of boys' swimmers who are determined to do their best," Wilson explained. "A few of them continue to drop seconds each week, and we look for them to swim their best at OVAC."

On the Lady Riders' side of the equation, junior Megan Linsley leads the way into the pool for the Purple. She is seeded third in the 50 freestyle and fifth in the 100 freestyle. She was an all-OVAC swimmer during her frosh campaign in the 100 freestyle.

Sophomore Katie Longenette is another who is looking to make a big splash this weekend. She's competing in her first OVAC meet as an individual last year after battling an illness, but she's healthy and ready to go this winter. She is seeded second in the 200-yard IM and the 100 fly. Sophomore Katie Lough is another Wilson could see placing in the competition.

Lady Riders also boast a strong 200-freestyle relay team with the aforementioned three swimmers along with Elise Gure, but she's going to miss the meet due to the OVAC relaying competition being held Saturday at WesBanco Arena.becca Deaton — who Wilson says "is a very good swimmer" — continues to improve each week — will take the fourth spot in the relay.

BARNESVILLE is looking at this OVAC meet as a chance to gain some valuable experience swimming in a major meet, but the Shamrock boys figure to score well along the way in certain events.

Coach Bobbi Jo Johnson's team is led by senior Danny Schwartz who comes into the meet with the top seed in the 500 freestyle.

Junior Shane Warner is another to watch for the Shamrocks. He comes into the meet as the fourth seed in the 200-yard freestyle and the third seed in the 100-yard freestyle.

The Shamrocks also feature a quality 400-yard freestyle relay, which is seeded fifth in the field.

As for wins and losses, we have not been in the positive column, but as far as swimming well and improving, I couldn't be prouder," Johnson said. "We only have six boys, but I am pleased with what they have done."

The Lady Shamrocks come into this meet without a swimmer in the top six seeds of any event, but their roster consists of only junior and senior.

Senior Emily Anderson will look to go out as all-OVAC swimmer this weekend and junior Jordan Wells has also been a big contributor.

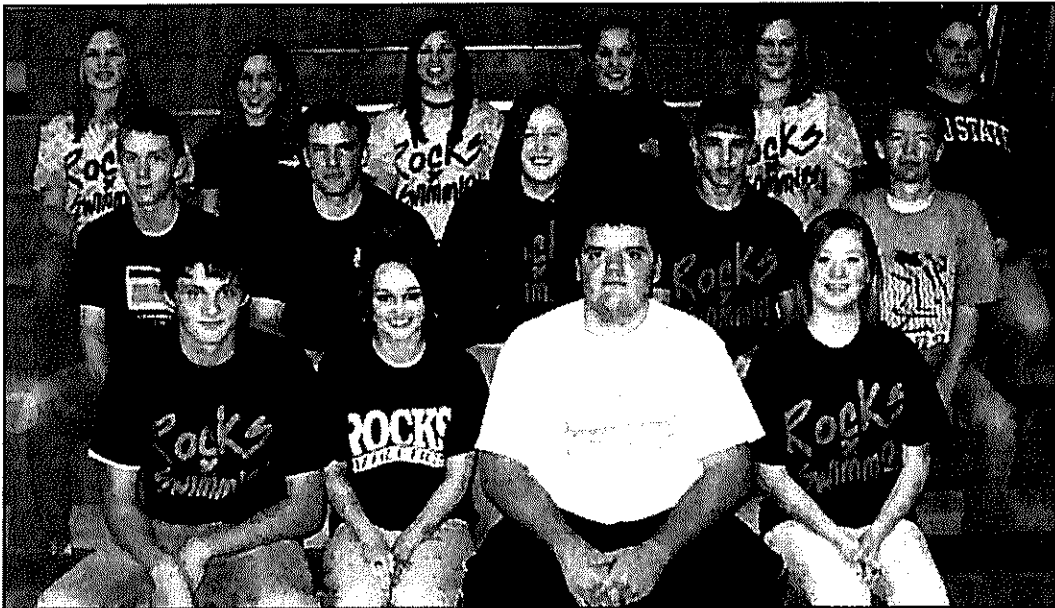
Our girls have shown improvement and they know that they need to concentrate on their technique," Johnson said. "We swim about 95 percent freestyles and mostly sprints and those are all our specialties."

T. JOHN comes into the meet with the fewest competitors



Photo Courtesy/SLAVIK'S PHOTOGRAPHY

PICTURED IS the 2007-08 St. Clairsville Swimming Team. Front row, from left, are Rachel Blackwell, Jacob Rife, Nick Pokas and Lauren Wakulchik. Second row, from left, are Kellie Boise, Katiebeth LeCron, Natasha Materkoski, Jamie Garbash and Sukhmani Sandhu. Third row, from left, are Chasiti Hoffman, Jacob Zink, Allison Miller, head coach Sarah Steele, Alison Garbash, Katie Olszeski, Hannah Espen and J.T. Vrotsos. Back row, from left, are Eric Hall, Karen Sommers, Chris Sommers, Bryan Meeks, Denise Clark and Josh Stewart.



T-L Photo/RICH GIBSON

PICTURED IS the 2007-08 Barnesville Swimming Team. Front row, from left, are Danny Schwartz, Emily Anderson and Bobby Schuerle. Second row, from left, are Arick Swallie, Shane Warner, Jordan Wells, Kody Crooks and Shane Roberts. Back row, from left, are Brandt Bahmer, Bethany Clouse, Taylor Cameron, Katy Piersol, Rebecca Lowry and Julie Ramsey.



Photo Courtesy/RAT AND CHEESE PHOTOGRAPHY

PICTURED IS the 2007-08 Bellaire Swimming Team. Front row, from left, are Carl Zonker, Kylee Lashhorn and Ishara Henry. Middle row, from left, are Abbie Merryman, Abbey Spradling, Jayme Usenick, Hope Hartley, Kristen Lashhorn, Paige Pramik, Kaley Warren, Jessica Masters and Kim Lashhorn. Back row, from left, are Forrest Merryman, Jake Balwanz, Cody Anderson, Pete Lashhorn, coach Jim Brehm, Craig Gilli, Eric Milovac and B.J. Anderson.



Photo Courtesy/BRIGGS PHOTOGRAPHY

OVAC Swim Entries

OVAC SWIMMING ENTRIES
Top 6 in Each Event (Based on Seed Time)

Girls
200-Yard Medley Relay
1. Steubenville, 2:03.91; Wheeling Park, 2:08.82; Steubenville Catholic, 2:09.28; Cambridge, 2:10.38; 5. East Liverpool, 2:13.38; 6. Wheeling Central, 2:13.50.

200-Yard Freestyle
1. Kaylea Dulaney (Brooke), 2:06.10; 2. Ashley Firm (Steub), 2:09.18; 3. Jessica Steve (Beaver), 2:11.15; 4. Paige Carpenel (Camb), 2:15.49; 5. Kaitlyn Pytlak (Linsly), 2:15.81; 6. Sukhmani Sandhu (St.C.), 2:18.97.

200-Yard IM
1. Megan Ebbert (SJC), 2:27.08; Katie Longenette (MF), 2:30.41; Kati DiCola (WP), 2:35.97; 4. Emi Dawson (EL), 2:38.58; 5. Sara Cashdollar (Steub), 2:40.43; Kaitlyn Stevens (SCC), 2:44.41.

500-Yard Freestyle
1. Zyaire Pearson (Steub), 25.7; 2. Alison Garbash (St. C.), 25.8; 3. Morgan Drotos (WC), 26.39; Megan Barries (MF), 27.37; 5. Christina Homol (SCC), 27.48; 6. Allison Prager (JM), 27.53.

100-Yard Butterfly
1. Jamie Garbash (St. C.), 1:07.2; 2. Katie Longenette (MF), 1:07.3; 3. Roberta Teramana (SCC), 1:11.12; Kasey Cowser (Steub), 1:12.28; 5. Kayla SeEVERS (BL), 1:14.30; 6. Allen Summer (Camb), 1:14.92.

100-Yard Freestyle
1. Zyaire Pearson (Steub), 56.6; 2. Alison Garbash (St. C.), 57.1; 3. Morgan Drotos (WC), 60.05; Natalie Bohn (Weir), 1:00.68; Megan Barries (MF), 1:01.20; Dayna Wolfe (Linsly), 1:03.27.

500-Yard Freestyle
1. Jamie Garbash (St. C.), 5:54.4; 2. Jessica Steve (Beaver), 5:59.8; 3. Ashley Firm (Steub), 6:02.91; Kaitlyn Pytlak (Linsly), 6:03.74; Vivian Minkemeyer (WP), 6:16.86.

200-Yard Freestyle Relay
1. St. Clairsville, 1:52.88; Steubenville Catholic, 1:56.05; Cambridge, 1:56.87; 4. John Marshall, 1:57.25; 5. Brooksville, 1:58.17; 6. Linsly, 1:58.76.

100-Yard Backstroke
1. Kaylea Dulaney (Brooke), 1:03.40; 2. Natalie Bohn (Weir), 1:05.49; 3. Paige Carpenel (Camb), 1:06.65; 4. Kati DiCola (WP), 1:06.99; 5. Sara Cashdollar (Steub), 1:09.74; 6. Hannah Gorham (Linsly), 1:10.87.

100-Yard Breaststroke
1. Meghan Ebbert (SJC), 1:15.2; 2. Christina Homol (SCC), 1:17.8; 3. Kasey Cowser (Steub), 1:19.6; 4. Allison Prager (JM), 1:20.75; Samantha Riel (Linsly), 1:22.02; Kayla SeEVERS (Beaver), 1:22.81.

400-Yard Freestyle
1. St. Clairsville, 4:10.28; Steubenville, 4:18.60; Cambridge, 4:22.63; 4. Wheeling Park, 4:25.37; 5. East Liverpool, 4:26.69; 6. John Marshall, 4:29.93.

Boys
200-Yard Medley
1. Wheeling Park, 1:48.41; Steubenville Catholic, 1:56.19; Steubenville, 1:57.47; 4. Brooksville, 1:59.68; 5. Linsly, 1:59.68; Beaver Local, 2:02.11.

200-Yard Freestyle
1. Justin Kangliss (WP), 1:53.7; 2. Tyler Chesonis (MF), 1:54.13; Derek Wayne (Brooke), 1:57.13; Shane Warner (Barnes), 1:57.9; 5. Ted Henry (JM), 1:59.82; Derek Artimez (JM), 2:10.17.

200-Yard IM
1. Taylor Allen (Camb), 2:14.93; J. Artimez (JM), 2:15.40; 3. Jared Patrick (JM), 2:23.69; 4. Evan Lali (WP), 2:26.46; 5. Tony Viol (Brooke), 2:26.59; 6. Frank LaRocca (Steub), 2:29.03.

500-Yard Freestyle
1. Danny Schwartz (Barnes), 23.34; 2. Robert Jones (WP), 23.41; 3. Brandon Albarano (SCC), 23.82; 4. Drew Powley (Ed), 24.5; 5. Eli Hensel (JM), 24.54; 6. Caue Zendron (MF), 24.95.

100-Yard Butterfly
1. Justin Kangliss (WP), 57.69; Jared Patrick (JM), 59.35; 3. Rye Smogonovich (Steub), 1:01.79; Jacob Robay (Brooke), 1:03.58; Hayden Wright (Lins), 1:06.01; Ryan Anderson (WC), 1:07.25.

100-Yard Freestyle
1. Robert Jones (WP), 51.80; Brandon McKinley (WP), 52.19; Shane Warner (Barnes), 53.57; Derrick Gullen (Steub), 53.73; Danny Schwartz (Barnes), 54.1; 6. Eli Hensel (JM), 55.24.

500-Yard Freestyle
1. Tyler Chesonis (MF), 5:03.76; Derek Wayne (Brooke), 5:26.02; Ted Henry (JM), 5:31.52; 4. William Lucas (SCC), 5:32.93; 5. Brenda Lee (SCC), 5:47.64; 6. Sara Conner (WP), 5:49.20.

200-Yard Freestyle Relay
1. Wheeling Park, 1:37.3; 2. John Marshall, 1:38.34; 3. Steubenville, 1:41.97; 4. Wheeling Park (B

reserved to be recognized for their hard work, sacrifice and commitment. St. Clairsville's boys are expecting strong performances from Josh Stewart in the 200 individual medley and the 100 freestyle. Steele also likes the way freshmen Jacob Rife, Jacob Zink and Nick Pokas have come along during the season.

OVAC Swim Meet
Who: Area Swimmers.
When: Saturday, 11 a.m.
Where: Steubenville H.S.
Tickets: Available at the door for \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

MARTINS FERRY'S boys are led into this weekend's meet by a swimmer that everyone around the local pools is well aware of in senior Tyler Chesonis.

Chesonis enters this weekend's event seeking his fourth consecutive gold medal in the 500 freestyle. He currently holds the pool record at Steubenville in the event and is seeded first in the race by a whopping 23 seconds. He's also seeded second in the 200-yard freestyle.

All told, Chesonis owns three golds in the 200 freestyle and as a freshman he was the silver medalist in the 100-yard butterfly.

Ferry head coach Rhonda Wilson also looks for Brazilian exchange student Caue Zendron to have a good chance at placing in the meet. He comes into his first OVAC meet seeded seventh in the 50 and 100 freestyles. Junior Mike Lewis is another rider expected to contribute. He's seeded in the top 16 in both the 100 breaststroke and 100 backstroke.

Ferry's two crack relay teams of Zendron, Chesonis, Lewis and Travis Couture could also earn a medal in both the medley and freestyle relays.

"We have a good group of boys' swimmers who are determined to do their best," Wilson explained. "A few of them continue to drop seconds each week, and we look for them to swim their best at OVAC."

On the Lady Riders' side of the equation, junior Megan Barries leads the way into the pool for the Purple. She is seeded fourth in the 50 freestyle and fifth in the 100 freestyle. She was an all-OVAC swimmer during her frosh campaign in the 100 freestyle.

Sophomore Katie Longenette is another who is looking to make a big splash this weekend. She's competing in her first OVAC meet as an individual last year after battling an illness, but she's healthy and ready to go this winter. She is seeded second in the 200-yard IM and the 100 fly.

Sophomore Katie Lough is another Wilson could see placing in the competition. The Lady Riders also boast a strong 200-freestyle relay team with the aforementioned three swimmers along with Elise Maguire, but she's going to miss the meet due to the OVAC Cheering competition being held Saturday at WesBanco Arena.

Rebecca Deaton - who Wilson says "is a very good swimmer who continues to improve each week - will take the fourth spot on the relay. **BARNESVILLE** is looking at this OVAC meet as a chance to gain some valuable experience swimming in a major meet, but the Shamrock boys figure to score well along the way in certain areas.

Coach Bobbi Jo Johnson's team is led by senior Danny Schwartz who comes into the meet with the top seed in the 50-yard freestyle.

Junior Shane Warner is another to watch for the Shamrocks. He comes into the meet as the fourth seed in the 200-yard freestyle and the third seed in the 100-yard freestyle.

The Shamrocks also feature a quality 400-yard freestyle team, which is seeded fifth in the field. "As for wins and losses, we have not been in the positive column, but as far as swimming well and improving, I couldn't be happier," Johnson said. "We only have six boys, but I am thrilled with what they have done."

The Lady Shamrocks come into this meet without a swimmer in the top six seeds of any event, but their roster consists of only one junior and senior.

Senior Emily Anderson will look to go out as all-OVAC swimmer this weekend and junior Jordan Wells has also been a strong contributor.

"Our girls have shown improvement and they know that they need to concentrate on their technique," Johnson said. "We swim about 95 percent freestyles and mostly sprints and those are all technique."

ST. JOHN comes into the meet with the fewest competitors of any school in the field, but the Lady Irish feature one of the premier swimmers in the meet.

Sophomore Meghan Ebbert is back after a frosh campaign in which she claimed the OVAC title in the 200-yard IM and the 100-yard breaststroke. She owns the best time once again in that event by more than three seconds. She's also the top seed in the 100-yard breaststroke by more than two seconds.

"Megan's time are already faster than they were last year, and we're hoping she can repeat in both events," said her dad and coach Mark Ebbert.



T-L File Photo/SETH STASKEY

AREA SWIMMERS will take to the pool this weekend for the annual OVAC Swimming Championship.



T-L Photo/RICH GIBSON

PICTURED IS the 2007-08 Barnesville Swimming Team. Front row, from left, are Danny Schwartz, Emily Anderson and Bobby Schuerle. Second row, from left, are Arick Swallie, Shane Warner, Jordan Wells, Kody Crooks and Shane Roberts. Back row, from left, are Brandi Bahmer, Bethany Clouse, Taylor Cameron, Katy Piersol, Rebecca Lowry and Julie Ramsey.



Photo Courtesy/RAT AND CHEESE PHOTOGRAPHY

PICTURED IS the 2007-08 Bellaire Swimming Team. Front row, from left, are Carl Zonker, Kylee Lashhorn and Ishara Henry. Middle row, from left, are Abbie Merryman, Abbey Spradling, Jayme Usenick, Hope Hartley, Kristen Lashhorn, Paige Pramnik, Kaley Warren, Jessica Masters and Kim Lashhorn. Back row, from left, are Forrest Merryman, Jake Balwanz, Cody Anderson, Pete Lashhorn, coach Jim Brehm, Craig Gilli, Eric Milovac and B.J. Anderson.



Photo Courtesy/BRIGGS PHOTOGRAPHY

PICTURED IS the 2007-08 Martins Ferry Swimming Team. Front row, from left, are head coach Rhonda Wilson, Raul Bosio, Helge Selle, Nicklas Tuldahl and assistant coach Nick Levi. Second row, from left, are Samantha Monroe, Fredrik Bergkuist, Kai Willenbrock, Caue Zendron, Hjalte Hessellund, Rebecca Deaton. Third row, from left, are Aubrey Buehner, Katie Lough, Megan Barries, Elise Maguire, Katie Longenette. Fourth row, from left, are B.J. Cooper, Chris Lutz, Travis Courture, Jesse Truchan and Mike Lewis. Absent were: Tyler Chesonis, Shelby Hamilton, Cedric Robinson and Adam Black.



Photo Provided

PICTURED IS the 2007-08 St. John Central Swimming Team. From left are Joseph Pavelek, Kaylee Hoppin, head coach Mark Ebbert and Megan Ebbert.

2. Katie Longenette (MF), 1:11.12;
3. Roberta Terramana (S), 1:12.28;
4. Kasey Cowser (S), 1:14.30;
5. Kayla SeEVERS (C), 1:14.92.

- 100-Yard Freestyle**
1. Zyaire Pearson (Steub), 1:03.40;
 2. Allison Garbush (St. C.), 1:05.49;
 3. Morgan Drotos (WC), 1:06.65;
 4. Natalie Bohn (Weir), 1:06.99;
 5. Megan Barries (MF), 1:07.74;
 6. Dayna Wolfe (Linsly), 1:08.87.

- 500-Yard Freestyle**
1. Jamie Garbush (St. C.), 5:23.41;
 2. Jessica Steve (Beaver), 5:23.41;
 3. Ashley Firm (Steub), 6:02.36;
 4. Kaitlyn Pytlak (Linsly), 6:03.11;
 5. Vivian Minkemeyer (WP), 6:11.11.

- 200-Yard Freestyle Relay**
1. St. Clairsville, 1:52.11;
 2. Steubenville Catholic, 1:56.87;
 3. Cambridge, 1:56.87;
 4. Marshall, 1:57.25;
 5. Br., 1:58.17;
 6. Linsly, 1:58.76.

- 100-Yard Backstroke**
1. Kaylea Dulaney (Br), 1:03.40;
 2. Natalie Bohn (C), 1:05.49;
 3. Paige Carp (Camb), 1:06.65;
 4. Kati I (WP), 1:06.99;
 5. Sara Cas (Steub), 1:09.74;
 6. Hannar (Linsly), 1:10.87.

- 100-Yard Breaststroke**
1. Meghan Ebbert (SJC), 1:22.33;
 2. Christina Homol (SCC), 1:22.33;
 3. Kasey Cowser (Steub), 1:22.33;
 4. Alison Prager (JM), 1:22.33;
 5. Samantha Riel (Linsly), 1:22.33;
 6. Kayla SeEVERS (Beaver), 1:22.33.

- 400-Yard Freestyle**
1. St. Clairsville, 4:10.11;
 2. Steubenville, 4:18.60;
 3. Cambridge, 4:22.63;
 4. Wheeling Park, 4:25.37;
 5. East Liv., 4:26.69;
 6. John Marshall, 4:26.69.

- Boys 200-Yard Medley**
1. Wheeling Park, 1:48.11;
 2. Steubenville Catholic, 1:56.87;
 3. Steubenville, 1:57.47;
 4. E., 1:59.68;
 5. Linsly, 1:59.68;
 6. Beaver Local, 2:02.11.

- 200-Yard Freestyle**
1. Justin Kangisser (WP), 1:59.68;
 2. Tyler Chesonis (MF), 1:59.68;
 3. Derek Wayne (Brooke), 1:59.68;
 4. Shane Warner (Barnes), 1:59.68;
 5. Ted Henry (JM), 1:59.68;
 6. Derek Artimez (JM), 2:10.17.

- 200-Yard IM**
1. Taylor Allen (Camb), 2:10.17;
 2. J. Artimez (JM), 2:15.40;
 3. Patrick (JM), 2:23.69;
 4. Eva (WP), 2:26.46;
 5. Tony (Brooke), 2:26.59;
 6. Frank (Steub), 2:29.03.

- 50-Yard Freestyle**
1. Danny Schwartz (Br), 23.34;
 2. Robert Jones (SJC), 23.41;
 3. Brandon Albarano (Ed), 23.82;
 4. Drew Powley (Ed), 24.54;
 5. Eli Hensel (JM), 24.54;
 6. Zendron (MF), 24.95.

- 100-Yard Butterfly**
1. Justin Kangisser (WP), 59.35;
 2. Jared Patrick (JM), 59.35;
 3. Smogonovich (Steub), 1:01.01;
 4. Jacob Robey (Brooke), 1:01.01;
 5. Hayden Wright (Lins), 1:01.01;
 6. Ryan Anderson (WC), 1:07.07.

- 100-Yard Freestyle**
1. Robert Jones (WP), 5:23.41;
 2. Brandon McKinley (WP), 5:23.41;
 3. Shane Warner (Barnes), 5:23.41;
 4. Derrick Guillen (Steub), 5:23.41;
 5. Danny Schwartz (Barnes), 5:23.41;
 6. Eli Hensel (JM), 55.24.

- 500-Yard Freestyle**
1. Tyler Chesonis (MF), 5:23.41;
 2. Derek Wayne (Brooke), 5:23.41;
 3. Ted Henry (JM), 5:31.52;
 4. Lucas (SCC), 5:32.93;
 5. Lee (SCC), 5:47.64;
 6. Conner (WP), 5:49.20.

- 200-Yard Freestyle Relay**
1. Wheeling Park, 1:37.33;
 2. Marshall, 1:38.94;
 3. Steubenville, 1:41.97;
 4. Wheeling Park, 1:42.34;
 5. Steubenville C., 1:44.09;
 6. Barnesville, 1:44.09.

- 100-Yard Backstroke**
1. Taylor Allen (Camb), 9:2.33;
 2. Artimez (JM), 1:01.25;
 3. Schlich (SCC), 1:04.13;
 4. Lucas (SCC), 1:04.99;
 5. Conner (WP), 1:08.62;
 6. E. (Lins), 1:08.93.

- 100-Yard Breaststroke**
1. Brandon Albarano (Ed), 1:08.22;
 2. Evan Lairc (Br), 1:10.77;
 3. Steve Andrews (Br), 1:14.01;
 4. Tyler Spragg (Br), 1:14.45;
 5. Elliott Chiu (Br), 1:14.87;
 6. Jordan Wrig (Br), 1:14.89.

- 400-Yard Freestyle Relay**
1. Wheeling Park, 3:34.30;
 2. Marshall, 3:42.58;
 3. Steubenville, 3:46.51;
 4. Wheeling Park, 3:57.48;
 5. Barnesville, 3:57.48;
 6. Wheeling Park, 4:00.35.

Log on to **Times Leader**

Stay Connected to the Outside World

OVAC Swimming Results

Boys - Team Scores - Large School
Place School Points
1 Wheeling Park High School 392
2 John Marshall High School 302
3 Steubenville High School 157
4 Brooke High School 140
5 Edison RED-OH 93
6 Beaver Local BLHS-OH 76
Total 1,264.00

Boys - Team Scores - Small School
Place School Points
1 Steubenville Catholic Central STCC-OH 289
2 The Linsly School TLS-WV 265
3 Martins Ferry High School MF-OH 131
4 Barnesville High School BARN-OH 117
5 Wheeling Central Catholic WCCHS-WV 49
6 St. Clairsville High School SCL-OH 28
7 Bishop Rosecrans RHS-OH 24
8 Bellaire High School BELR-OH 3
Total 906.00

Girls - Team Scores - Large School
Place School Points
1 Steubenville High School SHS-OH 256
2 Cambridge High School CAM-OH 188
3 Wheeling Park High School WPHS-WV 170
4 East Liverpool High School ELHS-OH 132
Total 1,177.50

Girls - Team Scores - Small School
Place School Points
1 Steubenville Catholic Central STCC-OH 282
2 St. Clairsville High School SCL-OH 200
3 The Linsly School TLS-WV 118
4 Martins Ferry High School MF-OH 116
5 Wheeling Central Catholic WCCHS-WV 99
6 Barnesville High School BARN-OH 94
7 Bellaire High School BELR-OH 43
8 Bellaire St John Central BSJC-OH 40

Event 1 Girls 200 Yard Medley Relay
Team Relay Seed Time Finals Time Points
1 Steubenville High School-OH A 2:03.91 2:01.07 40
1) Cashdollar, Sara SO 2) Pearson, Zyaire FR 3) Cowser, Kasey JR 4) Firm, Ashley SR
2 Steubenville Catholic Central A 2:09.28 2:06.79 34
3 Cambridge High School-OH A 2:10.38 2:06.97 32
4 Wheeling Park High School A 2:08.82 2:07.04 30
5 East Liverpool High School A

2:13.38 2:10.95 28
6 Wheeling Central Catholic A 2:13.50 2:13.02 26
7 The Linsly School-WV A 2:14.05
2:15.57 24
8 Brooke High School-WV A 2:13.58
2:16.04 22

Event 2 Boys 200 Yard Medley Relay
Team Relay Seed Time Finals Time Points
1 Wheeling Park High School A 1:48.41 1:48.58 40
1) Jones, Robert SO 2) Laird, Evan SR 3) Kangisser, Justin SR 4) Oliver, Malcolm JR
2 Steubenville Catholic Central A 1:56.19 1:52.53 34
3 Steubenville High School-OH A 1:57.47 1:54.81 32
4 The Linsly School-WV A 1:59.60 1:56.18 30

Event 3 Girls 200 Yard Freestyle
Name Yr School Seed Time Finals Time Points
1 Firm, Ashley SR Steubenville High School-OH 2:09.18 2:04.93 20
2 Dulaney, Kaylea FR Brooke High School-WV 2:06.10 2:05.07 17
3 Steve, Jessica SR Beaver Local-OH 2:11.15 2:09.25 16
4 Carpenelli, Paige SO Cambridge High School-OH 2:15.49 2:14.72 15

Event 4 Boys 200 Yard Freestyle
Name Yr School Seed Time Finals Time Points
1 Chesonis, Tyler SR Martins Ferry High School-OH 1:54.74 1:51.40 20
2 Kangisser, Justin SR Wheeling Park High School-WV 1:53.79 1:55.23 17
3 Henry, Tod SR John Marshall High School-WV 1:59.82 1:56.87 16
4 Wayne, Derak FR Brooke High School-WV 1:57.13 1:58.94 15

Event 5 Girls 200 Yard IM
Name Yr School Seed Time Finals Time Points
1 Ebbott, Meghan Bellaire St John Central-OH 2:27.08 2:25.83 20
2 Longenotte, Katie SO Martins Ferry High School-OH 2:30.41 2:27.93 17
3 DiCola, Kali FR Wheeling Park High School-WV 2:35.97 2:36.40 16
4 Allen, Summer FR Cambridge High School-OH 2:45.25 2:39.23 15

Event 6 Boys 200 Yard IM
Name Yr School Seed Time Finals Time Points
1 Arimoz, J.I. FR John Marshall High School-WV 2:15.40 2:14.60 20
2 Allen, Taylor JR Cambridge High School-OH 2:14.93 2:15.16 17
3 Patrick, Jared SR John Marshall High School-WV 2:23.60 2:21.38 16
4 Laird, Evan SR Wheeling Park High School-WV 2:26.46 2:25.88 15

Event 7 Girls 50 Yard Freestyle

Name Yr School Seed Time Finals Time Points
1 Garbash, Alison SR St. Clairsville High School-OH 25.81 25.57 20
2 Pearson, Zyaire FR Steubenville High School-OH 25.77 25.75 17
3 Drotos, Morgan SR Wheeling Central Catholic-WV 26.39 25.99 16
4 Barnes, Megan JR Martins Ferry High School-OH 27.37 26.78 15

Event 8 Boys 50 Yard Freestyle
Name Yr School Seed Time Finals Time Points
1 Jones, Robert SO Wheeling Park High School-WV 23.41 23.98 20
2 Schwartz, Danny SR Barnesville High School-OH 23.34 24.12 17
3 Albarano, Brandon SR Steubenville Catholic Central-OH 23.82 24.22 16
4 Powley, Drew JR Edison-OH 24.50 24.24 15

Event 9 Girls 100 Yard Butterfly
Name Yr School Seed Time Finals Time Points
1 Garbash, Jamie SO St. Clairsville High School-OH 1:07.27 1:04.39 20
2 Longenotte, Katie SO Martins Ferry High School-OH 1:07.30 1:05.87 17
3 Teramana, Roberta JR Steubenville Catholic Central-OH 1:11.12 1:10.45 16
4 Cowser, Kasey JR Steubenville High School-OH 1:12.28 1:12.66 15

Event 10 Boys 100 Yard Butterfly
Name Yr School Seed Time Finals Time Points
1 Kangisser, Justin SR Wheeling Park High School-WV 57.69 57.79 20
2 Patrick, Jared SR John Marshall High School-WV 59.35 59.91 17
3 Smogonovich, Ryan SR Steubenville High School-OH 1:01.79 1:01.33 16
4 Robey, Jacob FR Brooke High School-WV 1:03.58 1:04.56 15

Event 11 Girls 100 Yard Freestyle
Name Yr School Seed Time Finals Time Points
1 Pearson, Zyaire FR Steubenville High School-OH 56.69 55.99 20
2 Garbash, Alison SR St. Clairsville High School-OH 57.17 56.86 17
3 Drotos, Morgan SR Wheeling Central Catholic-WV 1:00.05 57.97 16
4 Bohn, Natalie JR Weir High School-WV 1:00.68 59.27 15

Event 12 Boys 100 Yard Freestyle
Name Yr School Seed Time Finals Time Points
1 Jones, Robert SO Wheeling Park High School WV 51.80 53.04 20
2 Gullen, Derrick SR Steubenville High School-OH 53.73 54.29 17
3 Hensel, Eli SR John Marshall High School-WV 55.24 54.59 16
4 Warner, Shane JR Barnesville High School-OH 53.57 55.06 15

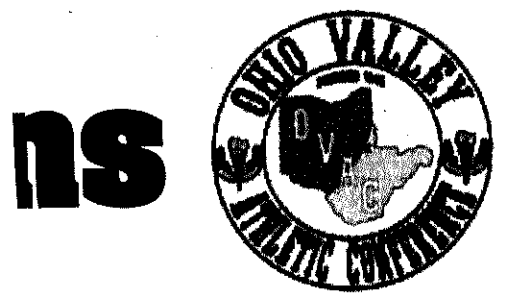


Photo by Seth Staskey
Wheeling Park's Justin Kangisser accepts his second-place medal in the 200 freestyle from Martins Ferry coach Rhonda Wilson on Saturday.

Park Boys Capture Swim Championship

Patriots top John Marshall by 90 points to take big school crown

By ASHLEY NEWMAN
For the News-Register

The 2008 OVAC swimming championship at the Crimson Center in Steubenville displayed the area's best going toe-to-toe. The Wheeling Park boys proved to be the best of the bunch, taking the team title in the large school division.

The Patriots captured the large school crown with 392 points, 90 more than neighbor John Marshall.

Wheeling Park coach Jacklyn Robinson was impressed with the way her boys have prepared for this event.

"They have been working hard for it. They deserve it. Most of them come into practice and give it their all," Robinson said.

"Of course, you are always going to have some that work harder than others, but they all have put forth an effort, because they know what they want.

"They also know what they have to live up to from last year."

The Wheeling Park boys brought the team title home in 2007, as well.

On this day, Wheeling Park sophomore Robert Jones was simply 'the man.'

He took the 50 free in 23.98, the 100

See, Park, Page B6

Locals

Continued from Page B1

her events." Martins Ferry's boys, as a team, finished third overall and the Purple Rider girls ended in the fourth place in the small school division.

Wilson was ecstatic when reflecting on the job done by her team.

"I am just amazed. These kids have dropped time. Today, every single kid has had the best times that they've ever had," Wilson explained.

"I am so proud of each and every one of them. Our relays dropped four seconds for the boys. They have just done an amazing job. They worked well all week.

Wilson also cited her girls team exceeding expectations, even without one of its better swimmers.

"Individually, they have improved their times. They even bumped up in place. They placed higher than they were seeded," Wilson said. "We were missing one of our four girls due to the OVAC cheering competition. Our freshman Rebecca Deaton filled in wonderfully and our girls still swam faster than their seeded times.

"Overall, I think both the boys and the girls did a great job."

St. Clairsville's Alison Garbash, who recorded two individual gold medals and two gold medals as part of the Red Devils' relay team, was another star of the tournament.

Garbash, a senior, won the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 25.57. She added another first place finish in the 100 yard freestyle, tapping the wall at 56.86.

Garbash also was awarded gold medals in the 200 yard freestyle relay (1:50.90) and the 400 yard freestyle relay (4:02.90). Alison Garbash

was joined on the team by Jamie Garbash, Rachel Blackwell, and Sukhmani Sandhu.

Jamie Garbash also grabbed a gold medal in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 5:39.75.

St. Clairsville head coach Sarah Steele commented on the Garbash tandem, accounting for five gold medals, in all.

"We have really come together as a team this year. They have been working so hard and have performed above and beyond expectations. Everybody has dropped time today.

"They both can be very proud of their careers here. They work extremely hard and they always step up to the plate at big meets," Steele said of the sisters. "They also set good examples for how people should approach swimming. They always go all out and never give up. They swim from the whistle until the end of the race and never give an inch.

"Both of the Gobash girls have been doing an amazing job as they always do.

The St. Clairsville girls finished the meet in second place in the small school division. The boys closed in the sixth spot.

"We've had a rough year and this meet, for all of the kids, has made the hard work worth while," Steele said. "They've really worked to get to this point and I'm proud of all of them. We have really come together as a team this year. They have been working so hard and have performed above and beyond expectations."

Steubenville Catholic Central won the tournament for both the boys and the girls in the small school division. Steubenville Big Red won the girls team championship and Wheeling Park won the girls side in the large school division.

Locals prepare for OVAC swim meet

Event slated for Saturday at Steubenville

SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference continues with its championship theme this weekend.

After crowning wrestling champions last week, the conference's largest prep sports event's attention turns to the pool as area swimmers and divers from 19 schools and more than 400 swimmers gather to the pool looking to attain OVAC gold.

The event is slated for Saturday at Steubenville High School's Natatorium and will begin at 11 a.m. The event for-

mally dives off Friday when for the first time in two years that the diving portion of the competition returns as the host Big Red enters four divers into an 11-dive competition.

Saturday's action begins after senior swimmers from all of the OVAC schools are recognized, meaning the first pool action is slated for 11:10 a.m.

Wheeling Park and Steubenville Catholic's boys are the defending champions in the event in big and small schools, respectively.

Steubenville and Steubenville Catholic are the girls' defending champions. See, OVAC, Page B5



ST. JOHN'S
Megan Ebbert will be one of the many swimmers to watch this Saturday at the annual OVAC Swim Championships being held at Steubenville High School.

T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

PREP SWIMMING

OVAC Swimming Championships (at Steubenville)

- Boys**
Big School
1. Wheeling Park High School 3:29.2; 2. John Marshall High School 3:02.3; 3. Steubenville High School 1:57.4; 4. Brooke High School 1:40.5; 5. Edison 9:3.6; 6. Beaver Local 7:6.7; 7. Zanesville High School 6:1.8; 8. Cambridge; 9. East Liverpool
- Small School**
1. Steubenville Catholic Central 2:29.2; 2. The Linsly School 2:26.5; 3. Martins Ferry 1:31.4; 4. Barnesville 1:17.5; 5. Wheeling Central Catholic 4:9.6; 6. St. Clairsville 2:28.7; 7. Bishop Rosecrans 2:4.8; 8. Bellaire 3
- Girls**
Big School
1. Steubenville 5:0; 2. Cambridge 1:88.3; 3. Wheeling Park 1:70.4; 4. East Liverpool 1:32.5; 5. Beaver Local 1:19; 6. John Marshall 1:06; 7. Brooke 9:9.8; 8. Edison 7:0; 9. Weir 3:2; 10. Zanesville 5
- Small School**
1. Steubenville Catholic Central 2:28.2; 2. St. Clairsville 2:00; 3. The Linsly School 1:18.5; 4. Martins Ferry 1:16; 5. Wheeling Central Catholic 9:9; 6. Barnesville 9:4; 7. Bellaire 4:3; 8. Bellaire St. John Central 4:0.
- Girls**
Big School
1. Steubenville 2:01.07; 2. Steubenville Catholic 2:06.79; 3. Cambridge 2:06.97; 4. Wheeling Park 2:07.04; 5. East Liverpool 2:10.95; 6. Linsly 2:15.57; 7. Brooke 2:16.04.
- Small School**
1. Ashley Firm (Steub) 2:04.93; 2. Dulaney (Brk) 2:05.07; 3. Steve (BvL) 2:09.25; 4. Carpenetti (Camb) 2:14.72; 5. Pramik (Bell) 2:16.71; 6. Sandhu (StC) 2:20.81; 7. Waddell (Camb) 2:21.69; 8. Carducci (Ed) 2:22.43.
- 200IM**
1. Ebbert (BSJ) 2:25.83; 2. Longonette (MF) 2:27.93; 3. DiCola (WPI) 2:35.40; 4. Allen (Camb) 2:39.23; 5. Cashdollar 2:39.27; 6. Dawson (EL) 2:41.44; 7. Stevens (SCC) 2:41.96; 8. Uhl (Brk) 2:46.18.
- 50 Free**
1. Alison Garbush (StC) 25.57; 2. Pearson (Steub) 25.75; 3. Drotos (WC) 25.99; 4. Barnes (MF) 26.78; 5. Prager (JM) 27.30; 6. Hornol (SCC) 27.58; 7. Bahmer (Barn) 27.99; 8. Ashmead 28.57.
- 100 Fly**
1. Jamie Garbush (StC) 1:04.39; 2. Longonette (MF) 1:05.87; 3. Teramana (SCC) 1:10.45; 4. Cowser (Staub) 1:12.66; 5. Allen (Camb) 1:13.39; 6. Mabbott (EL) 1:14.93; 7. Seavers (BvL) 1:15.05; 8. Woyrauch (WPI) 1:15.30.
- 100 Free**
1. Zyaire Pearson (Steub) 55.99; 2. Garbush (StC) 56.86; 3. Drotos (WC) 57.97; 4. Bohn (Weir) 59.27; 5. Barnes (MF) 59.50; 6. Bahmer (Barn) 1:01.20; 7. Pramik (Bell) 1:02.74; 8. Wolfe (Lin) 1:05.11.
- 500 Free**
1. Jamie Garbush (StC) 5:39.75; 2. Steve (BvL) 5:44.50; 3. Firm (Steub) 5:47.39; 4. Minkemeyer (WPI) 6:11.51; 5. Waddell (Camb) 6:20.98; 6. Carducci (Ed) 6:27.75; 7. Allietta (SCC) 6:28.89; 8. Sandhu (StC) 6:32.19.
- 200 Free Relay**
1. St. Clairsville 1:50.90; 2. Steubenville Catholic 1:54.14; 3. Cambridge 1:55.51; 4. Wheeling Park 1:56.84; 5. John Marshall 1:57.18; 6. Barnesville 1:59.01; 7. Martins Ferry 1:59.17; 8. Brooke 1:59.27.
- 100 Backstroke**
1. Kaylea Dulaney (Brk) 1:02.85; 2. Bohn (Weir) 1:03.83; 3. Carpenetti (Camb) 1:04.38; 4. Cashdollar (Steub) 1:07.90; 5. DiCola (WPI) 1:08.35; 6. Goas (Lin) 1:10.67; 7. Dawson (EL) 1:10.93; 8. Stevens (SCC) 1:13.49.
- 100 Breast**
1. Meghan Ebbert (BSJ) 1:16.05; 2. Hornol (SCC) 1:17.10; 3. Prager (JM) 1:20.32; 4. Cowser (Steub), Tollbert (Lin) 1:20.59; 6. Riel (Lin) 1:22.77; 7. Zimmerman (EL) 1:23.29; 8. Senenberger (SCC) 1:23.80.
- 400 Free Relay**
1. St. Clairsville 4:02.90; 2. Steubenville 4:06.34; 3. East Liverpool 4:22.77; 4. Beaver Local 4:27.51; 5. John Marshall 4:27.99; 6. Barnesville 4:29.76; 7. Steubenville Catholic 4:30.38; 8. Cambridge 4:36.12.
- Boys**
200 Medley Relay
1. Wheeling Park 1:48.58; 2. Steubenville Catholic 1:52.53; 3. Steubenville 1:57.47; 4. Linsly 1:56.18; 5. Wheeling Park B 1:59.14; 6. Martins Ferry 2:02.59; 7. Beaver Local 2:03.04; 8. John Marshall 2:05.65.
- 200 Free**
1. Tyler Chesonis (MF) 1:51.40; 2. Kangisser (WPI) 1:55.23; 3. Henry (JM) 1:56.87; 4. Wayne (Brk) 1:58.94; 5. Warner (Barn) 2:05.33; 6. Artimez (JM) 2:07.13; 7. Schlich (SCC) 2:07.74; 8. Hofelt (WPI) 2:13.13.
- 200IM**
1. J.J. Artimez (JM) 2:14.60; 2. Allen (Camb) 2:15.16; 3. Patrick (JM) 2:21.38; 4. Laird (WPI) 2:25.88; 5. LaRue (Steub) 2:27.41; 6. Stewart (StC) 2:28.50; 7. Labash (Lin) 2:31.21; 8. Chiu (Lin) 2:31.97.
- 50 Free**
1. Robert Jones (WPI) 23.98; 2. Schwartz (Barn) 24.12; 3. Albarano (SCC) 24.22; 4. Powley (Ed) 24.24; 5. Hensel (JM) 24.33; 6. Zandron (MF) 24.53; 7. Oliver (WPI) 24.45; 8. Russell (WC) 25.13.
- 100 Fly**
1. Justin Kangisser (WPI) 57.79; 2. Patrick (JM) 59.91; 3. Smogonovich (Steub) 1:01.33; 4. Robey (Brk) 1:04.56; 5. Wright (Lin) 1:06.72; 6. Labash (Lin) 1:08.21; 7. Leo (SCC) 1:08.63; 8. DeMatteo (SCC) 1:10.58.
- 100 Free**
1. Robert Jones (WPI) 53.04; 2. Gullen (Steub) 54.29; 3. Hensel (JM) 54.59; 4. Warner (Barn) 55.06; 5. Zandron (MF) 55.27; 6. McKinloy (WPI) 55.64; 7. Schwartz (Barn) 56.02; 8. Ibbbs (BvL) 56.14.
- 500 Free**
1. Tyler Chesonis (MF) 5:03.86; 2. Wayne (Brk) 5:20.17; 3. Lucas (SCC) 5:21.83; 4. Henry (JM) 5:42.22; 5. Lee (SCC) 5:42.71; 6. Connor (WPI) 5:48.20; 7. Pietz (Lin) 5:49.40; 8. Artimez (JM) 5:50.12.
- 200 Freestyle Relay**
1. John Marshall 1:36.70; 2. Wheeling Park 1:37.73; 3. Steubenville 1:39.32; 4. Steubenville Catholic 1:42.64; 5. Barnesville 1:43.28; 6. Edison 1:45.24; 7. Brooke 1:45.27; 8. Martins Ferry 1:45.57.
- 100 Back**
1. Taylor Allen (Camb) 59.87; 2. Artimez (M) 1:00.01; 3. Schlich (SCC) 1:02.59; 4. Lucas (SCC) 1:04.82; 5. Pietz (Lin) 1:05.46; 6. Connor (WPI) 1:09.68; 7. Gilcon (SCC) 1:10.54; 8. Andrews (ZR) 1:11.64.
- 100 Breast**
1. Brandon Albarano (SCC) 1:06.01; 2. Chiu (Lin) 1:11.63; 3. Laird (WPI) 1:11.79; 4. Wright (Ed) 1:14.22; 5. Viola (Brk) 1:14.35; 6. Spragg (Zan) 1:15.41; 7. Fugate (Steub) 1:15.61; 8. Russell (WC) 1:16.09.
- 400 Free Relay**
1. Wheeling Park 3:36.05; 2. John Marshall 3:36.77; 3. Steubenville 3:43.14; 4. Brooke 3:52.59; 5. Wheeling Park 3:53.80; 6. Barnesville 3:57.64; 7. Steubenville Catholic 4:00.40; 8. Linsly 4:00.49.

PARK

Continued from page B1

He took the 50 free in 23.98, the 100 free in 53.04 and teamed with Evan Laird, Justin Kangisser and Malcolm Oliver to take the 200 medley relay (1:48.58) and with Brandon McKinley, Travis McKinley and Kangisser to grab the 400 free relay (3:36.05).

Kangisser won the 100 butterfly in 57.79 and was second in the 200 free in 1:55.23.

Laird, the McKinley's and Oliver were second in the 200 free relay in 1:37.73. Laird later took third in the 100 breaststroke in 1:11.79.

Linsly was involved in a back-and-forth tournament with Steubenville Catholic Central on the boys side of the small school division. Eventually, Steubenville Central edged out the victory, but Linsly coach Bill Brubaker was proud of the effort given by his team.

"We've had a lot of very good performances today from the girls and particularly on the boys' side," Brubaker explained. "We were very close with Steubenville Catholic and it came down to the last relay."

Brubaker had nothing but respect for Steubenville Central's program following the tournament.

"They've had a great program for the last several years. Coach Lucas has done a great job along with her assistant coaches, putting a great team together," Brubaker said of his rival.

"We caught them Monday in a dual meet and beat them. They edged us out today."

"I felt we did a good job, though."

Linsly finished second in the small school race with 265 points. Steubenville Catholic Central won the trophy with 289 points.

Linsly senior Elliott Chiu was the only Cadet to place in the top three in any boys event. He was second in the 100 breaststroke in 1:11.63, knocking more than three seconds off his qualifying time.

Wheeling Park's girls placed third in the large school competition with 170 points, behing winner Steubenville and second-place Cambridge.

The Cadets were third in the girls small school meet with 118.5 points, behind the Crusaders and second-place St. Clairsville.

John Marshall's JJ Artimez captured the 200 IM in 2:14.6. Teammate Jared Patrick placed third in 2:21.38. Ted Henry placed third in the 200 free in 1:55.87.

Patrick finished second in the 100 fly in 59.91.

Eli Hensel was third in the 100 free in 54.59.

The Monarchs' Hensel, Patrick, Artimez and Henry touched the wall first in the 200 free relay in 1:36.70, 1.03 quicker than Wheeling Park.

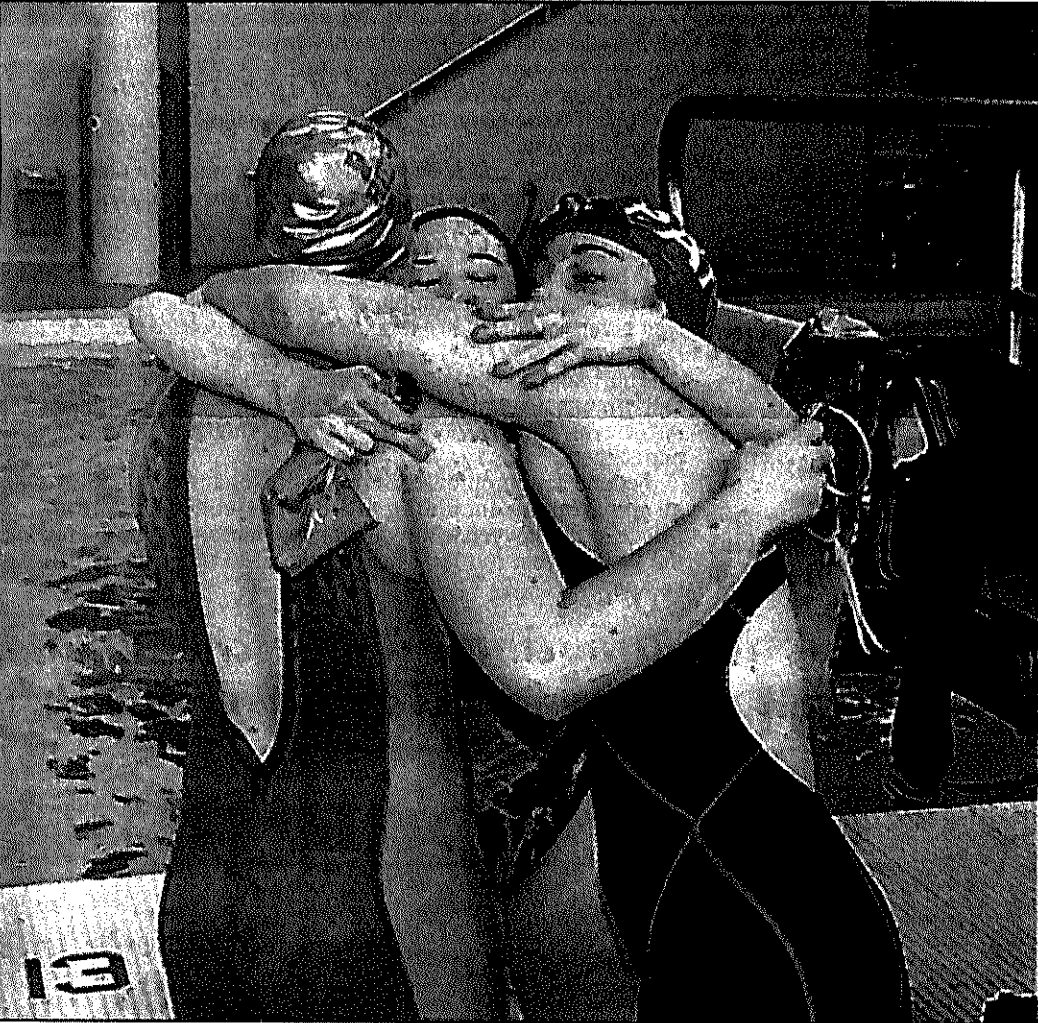
Those same four finished second to the Patriots in the 400 free relay by .72, clocking a 3:36.77.

Artimez finished second in the 100 back in 1:00.01.

Steubenville Catholic Central won the tournament for both the boys and the girls in the small school division. Steubenville Big Red won the girls team championship.



SWIM EXTRA



ABOVE: Athletes from all over the valley converged on Steubenville for Saturday's OVAC Swim Meet.

AT RIGHT: Ex-St. Clairsville athlete Gina Twardoski watches for times as she's the head coach at Brooke High School.

AT LEFT: 200-Yard IMers Katie Longenette (left), Meghan Ebbert (middle) and Katie DiCola (right) embrace after the race Saturday.

AT RIGHT: St. Clairsville's Josh Stewart competes in the 200-yard IM Saturday.

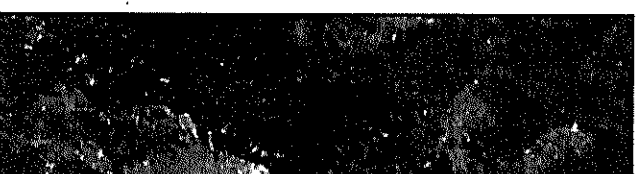
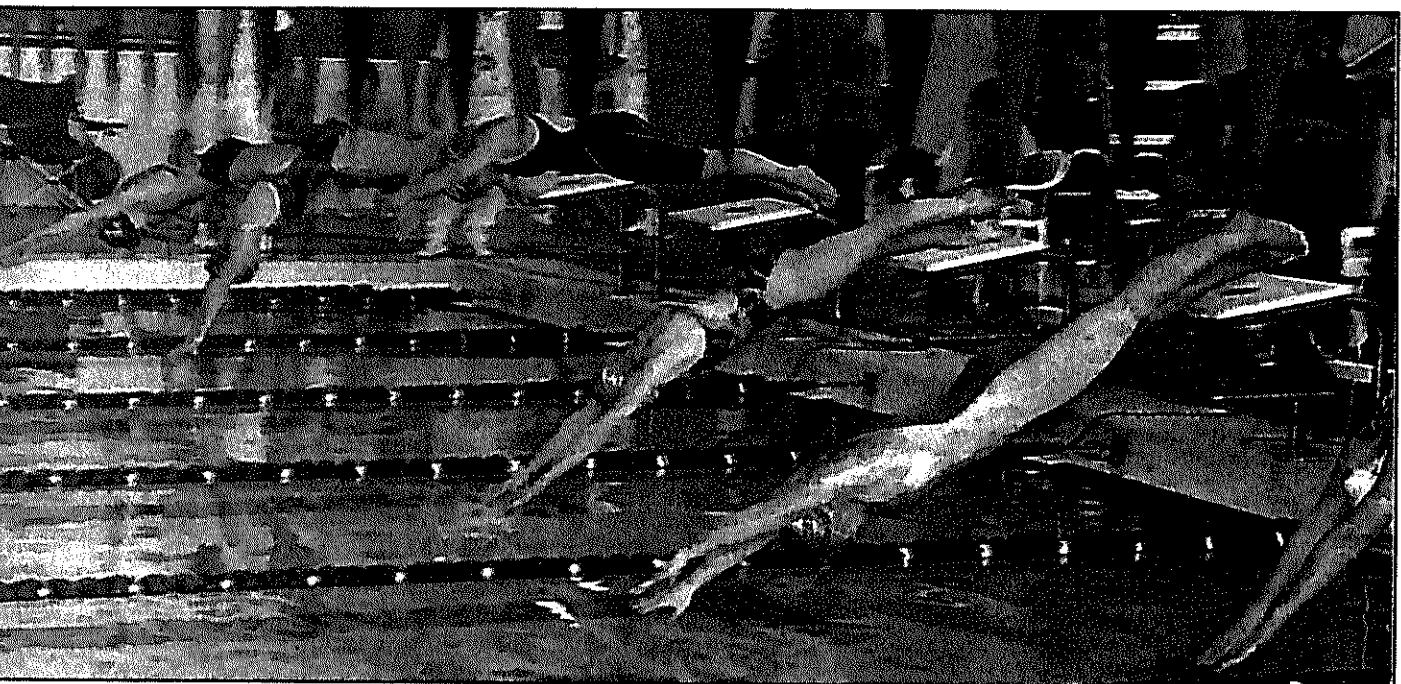
BELOW LEFT: Swimmers dive into the pool for a race during Saturday's OVAC Championship.

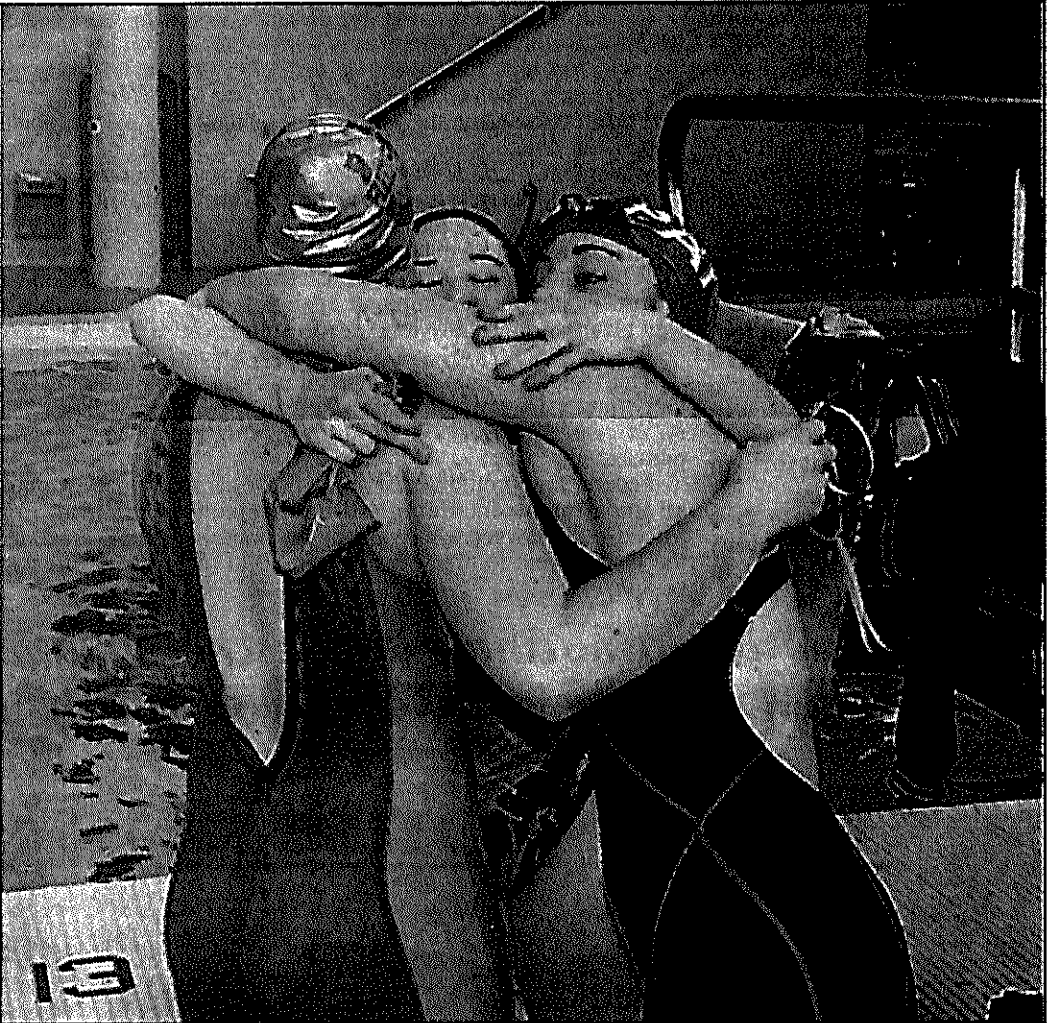
BELOW RIGHT: John Marshall's J.J. Artimez pumps his fist after winning the 200-yard IM.

BOTTOM LEFT: A neck-and-neck battle ensues during the 200-yard freestyle at the OVAC Swim meet.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Bellaire's Craig Gilli approaches the wall in the 50-yard freestyle.

Additional photos may be viewed at cu.timesleaderonline.com
T-L Photos/SETH STASKEY





ABOVE: Athletes from all over the valley converged on Steubenville for Saturday's OVAC Swim Meet.

AT RIGHT: Ex-St. Clairsville athlete Gina Twardoski watches for times as she's the head coach at Brooke High School.

AT LEFT: 200-Yard IMers Katie Longenette (left), Meghan Ebbert (middle) and Katie DiCola (right) embrace after the race Saturday.

AT RIGHT: St. Clairsville's Josh Stewart competes in the 200-yard IM Saturday.

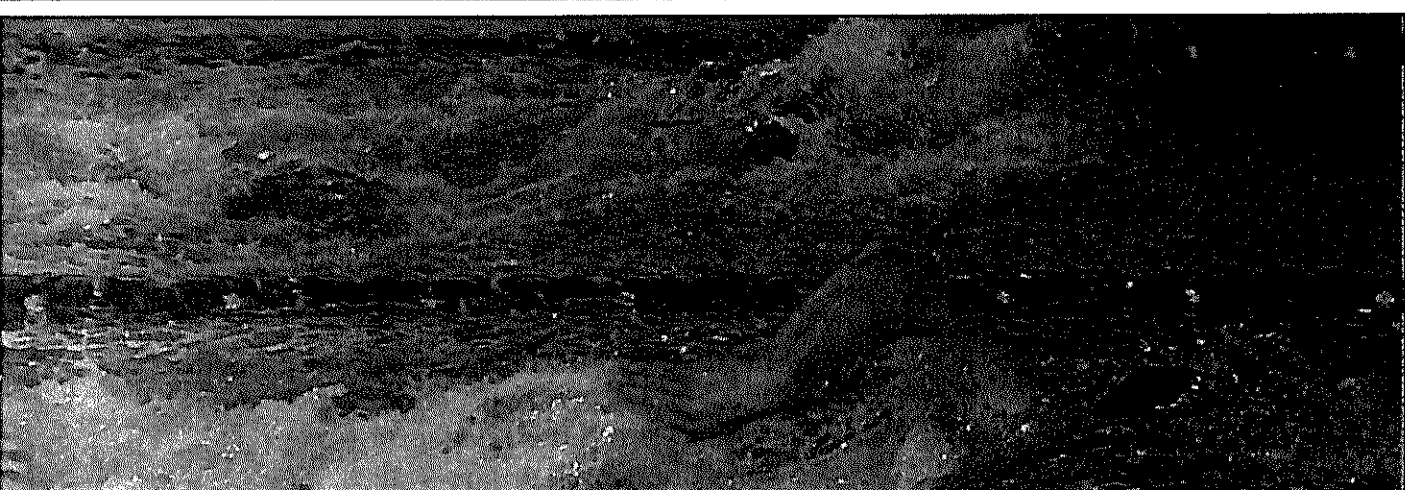
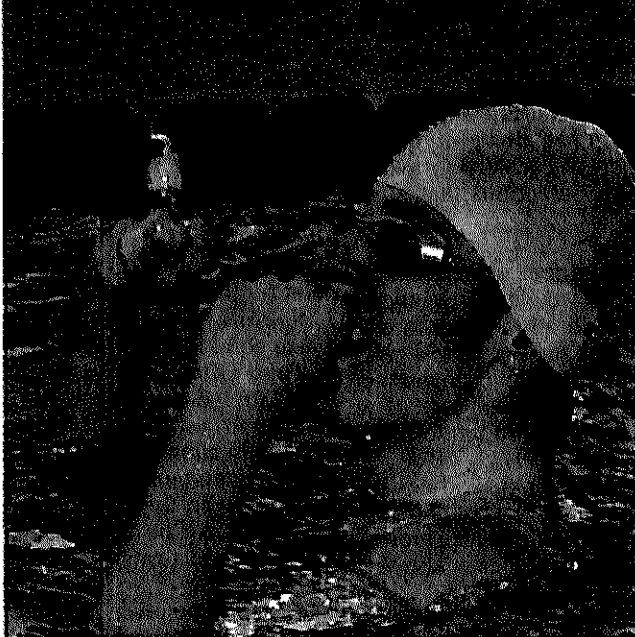
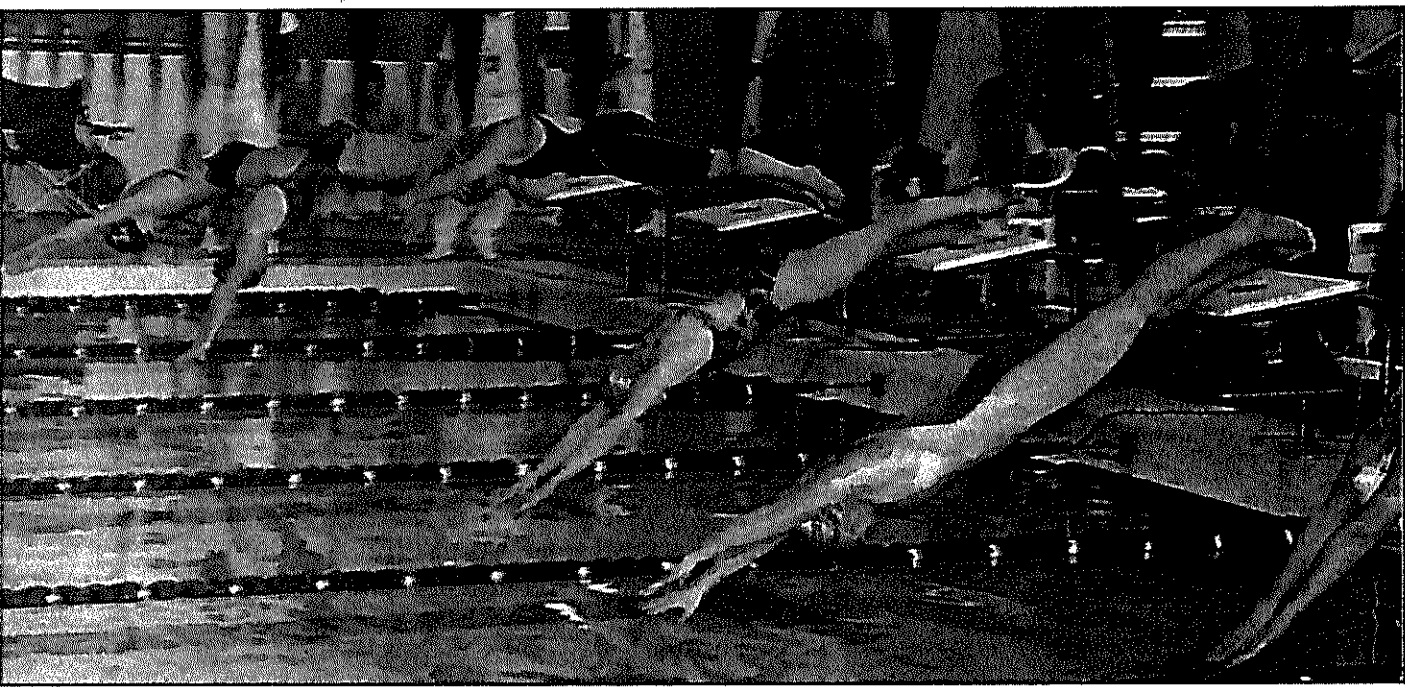
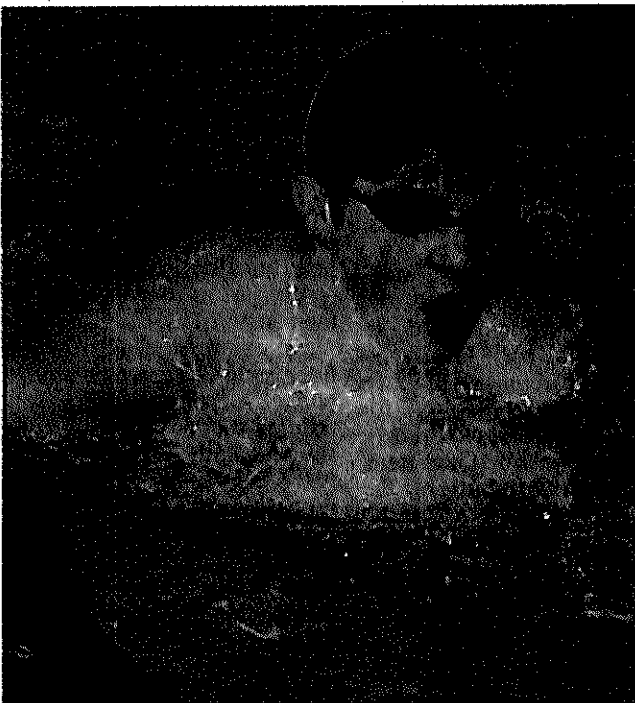
BELOW LEFT: Swimmers dive into the pool for a race during Saturday's OVAC Championship.

BELOW RIGHT: John Marshall's J.J. Artimez pumps his fist after winning the 200-yard IM.

BOTTOM LEFT: A neck-and-neck battle ensues during the 200-yard freestyle at the OVAC Swim meet.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Bellaire's Craig Gilli approaches the wall in the 50-yard freestyle. Additional photos may be viewed at cu.timesleaderonline.com

T-L Photos/SETH STASKEY



OVAC Swimmers On Their Marks

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Swimming and Diving Championships will be contested Friday and Saturday at the Steubenville High School Natatorium.

The diving competition will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

On Saturday the swimming will begin at 11:10 a.m. after the OVAC Seniors are recognized at 11.

There will be 19 teams represented by 417 swimmers at the meet Saturday.

Newcomer Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans will be

competing in its first OVAC meet.

Mount de Chantal will not be fielding a team.

There are 134 girls and 101 boys swimming in the upper division (Class AAAA) representing 10 teams, while there are 102 girls and 80 boys representing the nine teams in the small school division (Classes A, AA, AAA).

Steubenville Catholic has the largest contingent with 47 swimmers and St. John Central, the smallest with three.