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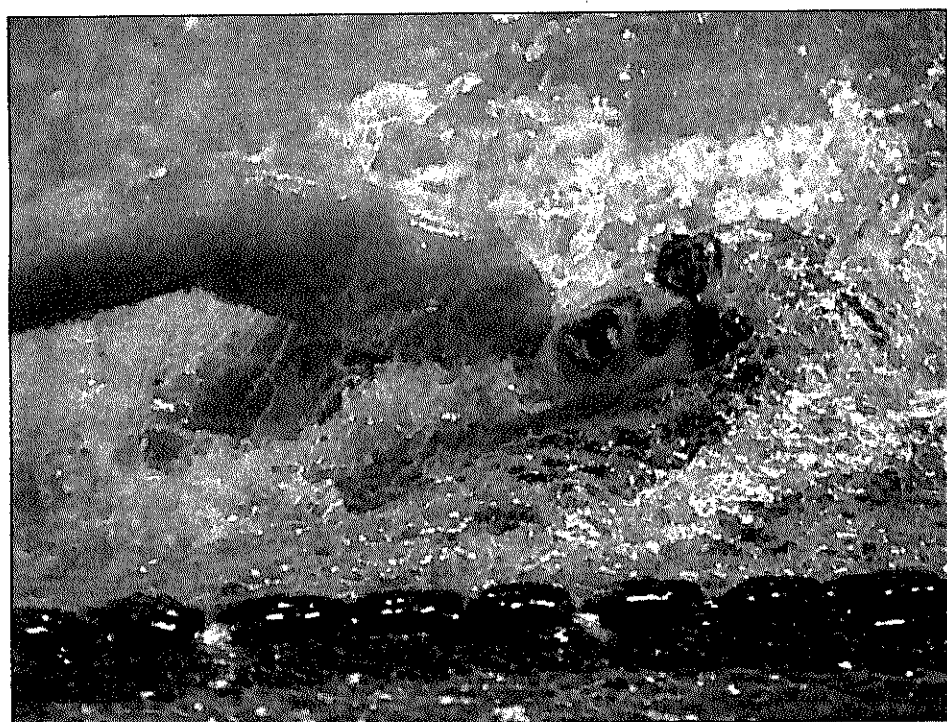


Photo by Mike Mathison

Linsly's Chad Murphy competed in the medley relay, 100 freestyle, 100 breaststroke and 400 freestyle relay Saturday.

Linsly, Park Sweep OVAC Swim Meet

Cadets girls win first conference crown

By MIKE MATHISON
For the News-Register

STEUBENVILLE — It was a historic day for the Linsly girls Saturday at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Swimming Championships at the Steubenville High School Natatorium.

The Cadets captured a team championship for the first time, winning the Small School division with 216 points. Martins Ferry was second with 199.

The Cadets scored 305 points to cruise to the boys' title. Steubenville Catholic was second with 141 points.

Wheeling Park swept the Big School team competition. The Patriots girls beat newcomer Parkersburg South, 205-199.

The boys outdistanced rival John Marshall, 262-210.

"We had a very good day," Cadets coach Bill Brubaker said. "We have 47 on the swim team this year — 27 girls and 20 boys. It got a little crowded at practice a few times, but, again, it was the ones who you didn't see swim (Saturday) who are just as important as the ones who did."

"They were pushing people to take spots and get places in the relays."

"We have seven seniors to graduate. For all those who were sitting here watching, hopefully it made an impression so we'll get even more from them next year."

Linsly scored the most of the day of any school in either division. The Cadets girls also didn't have a swimmer finish first, second or third.

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Hard Work Pays Off for Cadets Girls

By HEATHER ZIEGLER

Assistant City Editor

For Linsly seniors Kaitlyn Pytlak and Samantha Riel, winning the OVAC swim championships was bigger than the Super Bowl.

The Linsly girls' team slipped into the school's record book when it captured the school's first OVAC crown in Steubenville on Saturday. The girls beat out Martins Ferry 216-199. The boys' team also took top honors - with 305 points - as it has many times in the past.

"It took lots of teamwork," Pytlak said during a celebration at Generations restaurant Saturday night. "I couldn't experience a better way to go out as seniors. We didn't just beat a few small schools, we beat everybody."

Pytlak, who excels in freestyle, also said she was extremely happy to have this accomplishment occur during Reno DiOrio's final term as headmaster. DiOrio will return after this school year.

Riel, who has been swimming with Pytlak since seventh grade, said they were both happy to see their longtime swim

coach at Linsly, Bill Brubaker, share in the honor. Riel enjoys success competing in the breaststroke.

"We were worried at one point when Martins Ferry was up by 26. We began calculating what we had to do to win and just did it," Riel said.

Both girls, beaming with their triumph, said they have experienced a few sleepless nights waiting for the OVAC swim competition. "It's all about tiredness ... now I will be able to sleep," Pytlak said.

And it wasn't just the swimmers who showed their pride Saturday. Jo Ellen Pytlak and Barbara Gorby, the girls' mothers were elated about both Linsly swim teams' success.

"I'm very excited for them. They are going out on a high note," Jo Ellen Pytlak said.

Gorby, whose other daughter, Hannah, is a sophomore at Linsly, said she was "absolutely thrilled for the girls."

"These girls swam together at the Y and now in high school and all of them pulled together to win this as a team. They showed the epitome of teamwork."

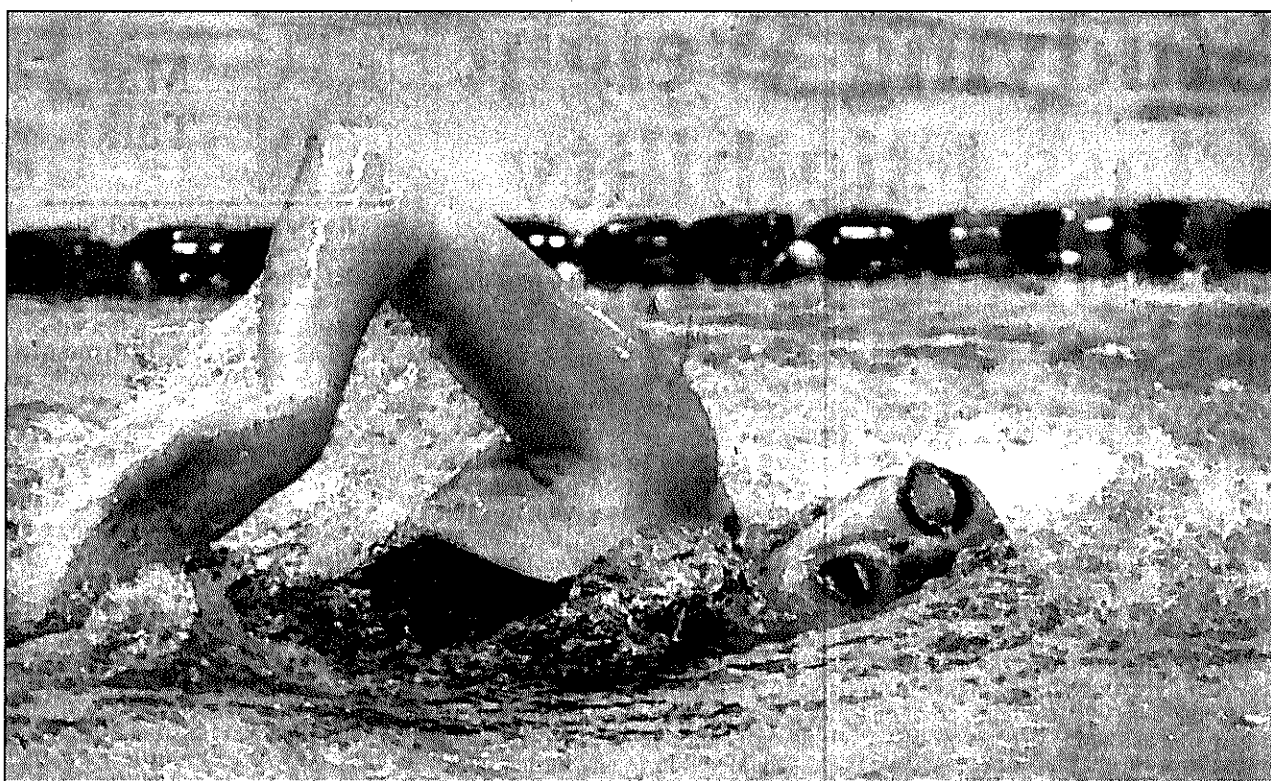


Photo by Mike Mathison

Wheeling Park's Megan Gallaway competes at Saturday's OVAC Swimming Championships.

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"We've been close over the years," Brubaker said. "But this year we had a group of girls who worked hard and brought it together at the right time."

"We had enough girls swimming in all events. We had people who scored in every event this year and in the past we seemed to be lacking in some areas."

Wheeling Park's Robert Jones and Robert Oliver finished 1-2 in the 50 free and then Jones, Sam Connor and Oliver swept the 100 free.

"Our kids swam great," Wheeling Park coach Patrick Durkin said. "We knew from the psych sheet coming in what we had to do. John Marshall beat us twice in head-to-head meets, but we came back and we felt pretty good about this meet."

"The kids put the hours in the pool. All we do is try to guide them. You have to give all the credit to the students."

Weir High's Kelsey Ferguson and Brooke's Derek Wayne stood atop the podium twice.

Ferguson captured the 200 free in 2:02.06 and then touched the wall first in the 100 breaststroke in a school, pool and meet record 1:10.40.

"(Saturday) boosted my spirits a little bit," the Red Riders freshman said. "I'm more confident about what I can do in the future. You never know what's going to happen in a race. It makes me feel better to know I can get faster."

"Kelsey's goals are always just to swim well," Weir coach Donna Ferguson said. "She doesn't really focus on winning an event. She's more focused on getting a split in a certain time."

"She did know what the pool and meet record was. I'd be lying to you if I told you otherwise."

Wayne, like Ferguson, won both races going away.

He also won the 200 free in 1:54.16 and came back to take the 500 free in 5:07.05, 30 seconds

faster than second place.

"This is good competition," Wayne said. "I get in the pool to swim my best. I felt good. It is good to see where you are at with other competition within our (West Virginia) region."

"My dad wasn't able to be here today so I can't wait to see the reaction on his face when he sees two gold medals."

Billy Schlich was the lone Crusader to stand atop the podium on the boys side.

He finished third in the 100 back in 1:01.52.

"Finishing second was really big for us," Schlich said. "We lost 10 guys this last year and we're down to seven. We were hoping to be runner-up, but we really weren't sure how it would go. Linsly has a very solid team this year so we knew where they would be."

"I feel good about how I swam. I had a lot of good time-drops. I feel pretty confident about it."

Brooke's Kaylea Dulaney, the school record holder in every individual event, was nipped in two events.

She finished second in the 200 IM, .16 behind St. John Central's Meghan Ebbert and second in the 100 back in 1:02.69, .32 behind Cambridge's Paige Carpenetti.

"It's a lesson learned and that's the first thing I asked her, 'what did you learn?'" Bruins coach Gina Twardoski said. "Nothing is guaranteed. On any given day, anybody can be beaten. It does not matter what it says on paper. So, at any given time somebody can be faster than the next person."

"You have to go all out, every race, every time."

"You have to leave it all in the pool so you have nothing to regret. I'm proud of all my kids."

The Purple Riders girls had a great day, considering they almost did not make it to the meet.

They were told my the Martins

Ferry administration the day before the meet they could not attend because their school bus had been canceled. They were also told private cars could not be used to transport the team to the meet.

After many phone calls, administration approved transportation to the meet via private cars.

"It was amazing," coach Rhonda Wilson said.

"This is why we wanted to be here."

"These girls have wanted this since they were freshmen. Megan (Barries) is a senior and the other three (Katie Longenette, Katie Lough and Elise Maguire) are juniors. They did really well, as well as the other swimmers we have on the boys and girls teams."

"Those four girls have been swimming together for years and it showed today. They really pulled through and swam with their hearts."

"One of their top goals was to get gold medals because no girl from Martins Ferry in swimming has ever gotten a gold medal at the OVAC. We've had silver medals and bronze medals, but we're never had a gold medal."

Maguire won four golds, Barries had three golds and a silver and Longenette had two golds, a silver and a bronze and Lough two golds.

"This was the first time any girl from Martins Ferry won four medals in the OVACs, let alone all gold," Wilson said. "That's impressive."

Barries and Maguire each won gold in the 50 free when they touched the wall in 26.03. Maguire and Barries also finished 1-2 in the 100 free.

Catholic Central's Elizabeth Miller won the 500 free in 5:34.04, beating Ebbert by .17. Miller also finished third in the 200 free in 2:12.82.

Big Red's Kasey Cowser finished third in the 100 breaststroke in 1:17.94.

OVAC SWIMMING RESULTS

Girls

Big School

Wheeling Park 205; Parkersburg South 199; Cambridge 168; East Liverpool 141; John Marshall 121; Steubenville 90; Brooke 85; Weir 63; Beaver Local 41; Edison 22.

Small School

Linsly 216; Martins Ferry 199; Catholic Central 193; St. Clairsville 140; Wheeling Central 101; Ballala 78; Barnesville 65; St. John Central 37.

200 medley relay: Wheeling Park 2:04.14; Parkersburg South 2:05.88; East Liverpool 2:05.69; Cambridge 2:05.89; Wheeling Central 2:11.03; Linsly 2:11.06; Catholic Central 2:11.24; Linsly 2:13.70.

200 free: Ferguson, W., 2:02.06; Carpenetti, C., 2:09.33; Miller, CC, 2:12.82; Waddell, C., 2:16.04; Pytlak, L., 2:20.02; Sandhu, St. C., 2:20.56; Pramik, Bel., 2:21.09; Robinson, PS, 2:23.48.

200 IM: Ebbert, SJC, 2:20.92; Dulaney, Brk., 2:21.08; Longenette, MF, 2:22.20; Gavorick, L., 2:35.14; Allen, C., 2:40.39; Dowson, EL, 2:43.70; Cashdollar, S., 2:44.01; Balback, CC, 2:44.18.

50 free: Barries, MF, 26.03; Maguire, Brk., 26.03; Jividen, WP, 27.05; Lim, PS, 27.28; Vucelik, JM, 27.34; Bahmer, Brk., 27.75; Pramik, Bel., 28.55; Minor, JM, 29.56.

100 fly: Minkamoyer, WP, 1:02.42; Longenette, MF, 1:03.11; Garbush, St. C., 1:03.98; Hilditch, EL, 1:05.18; Cowser, S., 1:10.93; Allen, C., 1:13.02; Snadhu, St. C., 1:14.76; Mason, WC, 1:15.12.

100 free: Maguire, MF, 57.73; Barries, MF, 58.85; Humpal, WC, 59.0; Lim, PS, 59.24; Hilditch, EL, 59.89; Vucelik, JM, 1:01.58; DiCola, WP, 1:02.40; Pytlak, L., 1:03.40.

500 free: Miller, CC, 5:34.04; Ebbert, SJC, 4:23.21; Garbush, St. C., 5:38.03; Waddell, C., 6:00.55; Cunningham, PS, 6:12.28; Hartzell, Ed., 6:22.99; Morelli, CC, 6:27.18; Johnson, C., 6:28.39.

200 free relay: Martins Ferry 1:48.03 (pool and meet record, old mark 1:48.51, 2002); Wheeling Park 1:51.18; Parkersburg South 1:53.33; John Marshall 1:54.33; St. Clairsville 1:55.49; Brooke 1:57.47; Catholic Central 1:57.87; Ballala 1:59.02.

100 back: Carpenetti, C., 1:02.37; Dulaney, Brk., 1:02.55; DiCola, WP, 1:06.93; Cashdollar, S., 1:05.18; Dawson, EL, 1:10.72; Gavorick, L., 1:10.90; Robinson, PS, 1:12.60; Bird, L., 1:12.90.

100 breaststroke: Ferguson, W., 1:10.40 (pool and meet record, old mark 2:00 Sarah Hooft); Blecher, PS, 1:15.82; Cowser, S., 1:17.94; Humpal, WC, 1:19.63; Zimmerman, EL, 1:20.85; Riel, L., 1:22.47; Balback, CC, 1:22.42; Tolbert, L., 1:24.28.

400 free relay: Martins Ferry 3:59.51; Wheeling Park 4:05.01; Parkersburg South 4:05.69; St. Clairsville 4:14.82; East Liver-

pool 4:17.58; Linsly 4:18.08; Cambridge 4:18.16; John Marshall 4:22.08.

Boys

Big School

Wheeling Park 282; John Marshall 210; Parkersburg South 176; Brooke 159; Edison 108; Steubenville 101; Beaver Local 93; Zanesville 88; Cambridge 38; East Liverpool 4.

Small School

Linsly 305; Catholic Central 141; Barnesville 128; Martins Ferry 118; Zanesville Rosecrans 95; St. Clairsville 88; Wheeling Central 58; St. John Central 2.

200 medley relay: Wheeling Park 1:51.61; Linsly 1:53.03; John Marshall 1:53.14; Brooke 1:56.72; Edison 1:57.24; Barnesville 1:58.43; Catholic Central 1:59.40; Linsly 2:00.61.

200 free: Wayne, Brk., 1:54.16; Warner, Brk., 1:57.12; Connor, WP, 2:02.10; Miller, PS, 2:06.93; Rice 2:10.33; Kotson, JM, 2:10.43; Jirak, L., 2:10.51; Andrews, JR, 2:12.53.

200 IM: Artimes, JM, 2:11.70; Eaton, St. C., 2:14.01; Lutz, PS, 2:16.60; DiTodoro, ZR, 2:20.56; Reardon, L., 2:21.79; Robey, Brk., 2:27.15; Labaeth, L., 2:28.07; Lim, PS, 2:28.31.

50 free: Jones, WP, 23.50; Oliver, WP, 23.88; Artimes, JM, 24.11; Radcliff, JM, 24.58; Harrick, Brk., 24.57; Truchan, MF, 24.88; Minnick, Z, 24.94; Rice, BL, 25.57.

100 fly: Pietz, L., 56.82; Artimes, JM, 57.79; Allen, C., 59.53; Yevincy, Brk., 1:00.55; Robey, Brk., 1:01.32; Reardon, L., 1:02.35; DeMatteo, Ed., 1:02.68; Wright, L., 1:03.87.

100 free: Jones, WP, 50.97; Connor, WP, 52.35; Oliver, WP, 52.98; Murphy, L., 53.51; Warner, Brk., 53.88; Artimes, JM, 54.01; Harrick, Brk., 55.00; Radcliff, PS, 55.18.

500 free: Wayne, Brk., 5:07.05; Voegelin, WP, 5:37.07; DiTodoro, ZR, 5:42.78; Lee, CC, 5:48.23; Miller, PS, 5:50.35; Jirak, L., 5:59.44; Lora, BL, 6:20.48; Nehras, S., 6:21.80.

200 free relay: Martins Ferry 1:41.89; Barnesville 1:42.47; Parkersburg South 1:42.55; Edison 1:44.43; Catholic Central 1:45.01; John Marshall 1:45.80; Wheeling Central 1:48.10; Zanesville 1:47.11.

100 back: Allen, C., 8.93; Pietz, L., 59.81; Schlich, CC, 1:01.52; Andrews, ZR, 1:05.72; Roset, WP, 1:08.30; Lim, PS, 1:09.08; Lewis, MF, 1:09.87; Gilloon, CC, 1:10.20.

100 breaststroke: Eaton, St. C., 1:07.99; Yevincy, Brk., 1:09.82; Lutz, PS, 1:11.52; Lewis, MF, 1:12.58; Murphy, L., 1:12.80; Spragge, Z, 1:13.36; Truchan, MF, 1:13.70; Mull, JM, 1:13.79.

400 free relay: Wheeling Park 3:39.93; Linsly 3:41.60; John Marshall 3:44.82; Parkersburg South 3:45.15; Brooke 3:47.89; Catholic Central 3:57.83; Edison 4:00.78; Steubenville 4:04.51.

Potts, Vavrock selected for North-South

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

One player and one coach from eastern Ohio have been selected to participate in the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association's North-South All-Star Football Game.

River's Dylan Potts and Bridgeport head coach Rudy Vavrock are the selectees who will take part in the 65th annual event on Friday, April 23 at Ohio Stadium on the campus of The Ohio State University at a time yet

to be determined. The Buckeyes' will hold their Scarlet-Gray game the next afternoon.

The game has usually been played in July, but this year it has been moved up, according to OHSFCA President Jay Niswonger, head coach at Valley View High School near Dayton.

"We'd talked to (OSU head coach Jim) Tressel about doing this several years ago, and kind of planted the seed back then," Niswonger said. "Originally, we were planning on having the game take place just prior to the Scarlet and Gray game, but there's too

many hoops to jump through. The NCAA was worried about compliance issues, and we wouldn't want to interfere with that."

Potts was a three-year starter at quarterback for Mike Flannery and the Pilots, who compiled an impressive 24-8 record with the 6-ft., 195-pounder at the helm.

His work was so good that the University of Akron offered him a scholarship prior to his senior season, and he gave them a verbal commitment. He will sign that letter-of-intent



DYLAN POTTS

RUDY VAVROCK

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MARTINS FERRY'S
Elise Maguire celebrates her team's triumph in the 200-yard relay Saturday afternoon in Steubenville during the OVAC Swimming Championships. The Purple Rider girls won the small school title. *Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com*

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Ferry girls roughed up by JM

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

It was business as usual for the John Marshall girls' basketball team Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Monarchs (13-4) snapped a 4-all deadlock early on en route to rolling past homestanding Martins Ferry 64-26 inside Tolbert Gymnasium high atop the Purple City.

With the victory, head coach Stan Blankenship's squad kept its hopes alive for a first-round home Ohio Valley Athletic Conference playoff game. The cutoff date is Monday.

Meanwhile, Dave Reasbeck's walking wounded fell to 2-15 and they host Bellaire Monday on Senior Night at 6 p.m.

"We did what we had to do," Blankenship said. "My heart goes out to them (Ferry). They've got so many kids banged up, but if they stay together, they'll be alright down the road.

"This was a big OVAC win for us," he continued. "We'll just have to wait until Monday and see what happens."

Reasbeck said in no way is he upset with his team.

"I'm not made at the girls," he said. "We know what we are up against, but the girls keep battling. We're trying to send the sen-

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PURPLE SPLASH

• Martins Ferry girls claim OVAC small school title

By MIKE PALMER
Times Leader Sports Writer

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's championship was held Saturday at the natatorium inside Steubenville High School's Crimson Center and when the pool had cleared Martins Ferry's girls' team had tallied 211 team points and claimed the first title in school history.

The day did not begin on a positive note for the Purple Riders as their 200 IM relay team was disqualified from the event for an early departure. Event seven turned the disappointment to gold as senior Elise Maguire broke the school record with a time of 25.80 seconds defending her title in the 50 yard freestyle.

It was the start of a huge day for both Maguire and the Purple gang as she repeated her feat from last season striking gold a total of four times while leading her team to the championship.

Maguire set another personal best time defending her 2009 crown by smoking through the 100 free in 56.96 seconds.

Both those marks would be shattered as she would swim lighting laps as the anchor of the 200 and 400 yard relay teams. First making up a half-length of the pool deficit in the 200 with a time of 25.68 to out touch Wheeling Park's anchor 1:50.18 to 1:50.34.

In the 400 version Maguire once again stood atop the starting board and watched the Park swimmer Caitlin Jividen swim away four and one half seconds before the Purple Riders number three swimmer arrived.

'It was a total team effort.'

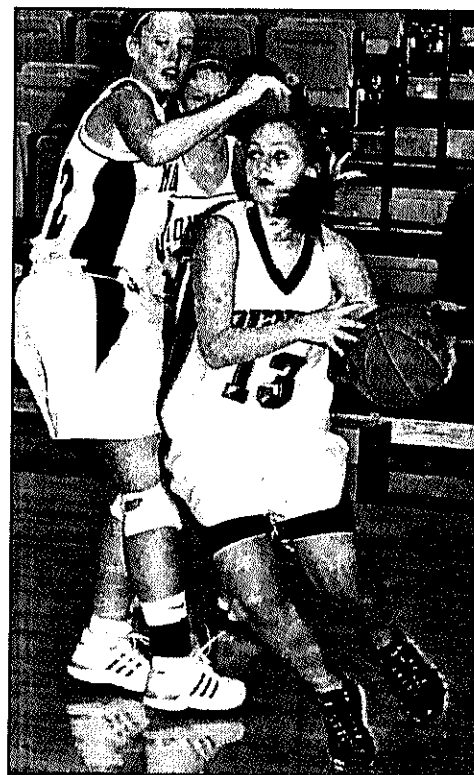
-Nick Levi



T-L PHOTO/MIKE PALMER

ST. JOHN Central's Meghan Ebbert is all smiles after winning the 200-yard Freestyle during Saturday's OVAC meet in Steubenville.

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T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

MARTINS FERRY'S Courtney Frohnappfel drives baseline during Saturday afternoon's game with John Marshall. *Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com*

GOLDEN OLDIES: Skyvue High celebrates glory years

No wonder they call the place Skyvue. Perhaps, only John Deere High would be more appropriate.

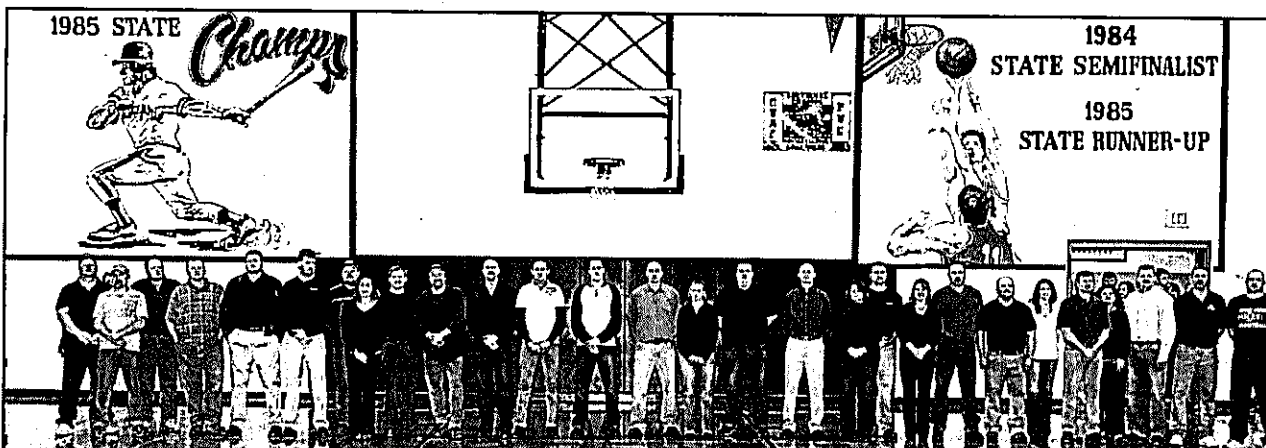
Better pack a lunch and carry a compass if you're driving into the far reaches of Monroe County to staff a Golden Hawks' game as many a fledgling young reporter discovered through the years.

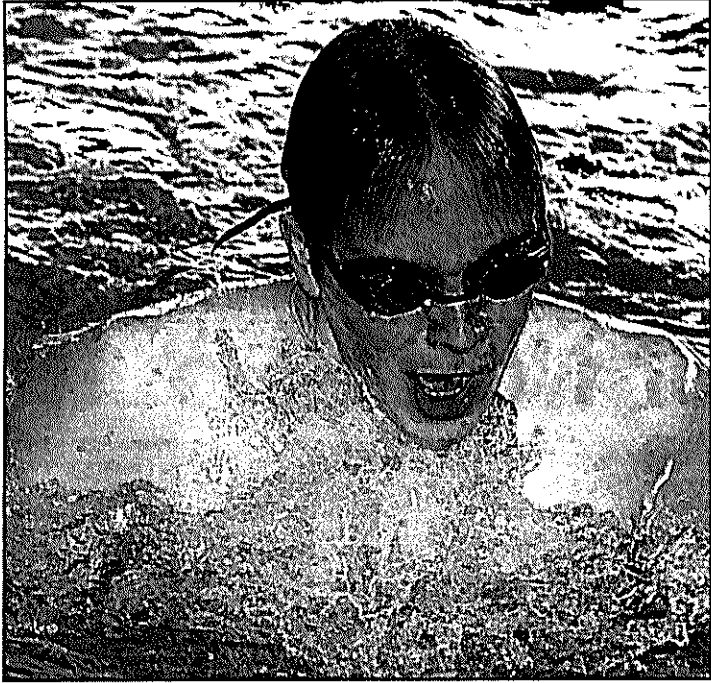
Speaking from experience, the good folks of Graysville, Lewisville and sur-

And so it was recently when they celebrated the 25th anniversary of a truly unforgettable era.

An impressive contingent of former players, cheerleaders and administrators returned for a memorable reunion of two Golden Hawks' teams which soared to incredible heights.

As current Monroe Central athletic director Junior Winland recalled during a Jan. 22





BARNESVILLE'S CHRISTOPHER Baker finishes the 200-yard IM Saturday afternoon at Steubenville. He won the event.

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T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

BARNESVILLE'S HUNTER Yevincey finished second in the 100-yard Backstroke at Saturday's OVAC meet in Steubenville.

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Once again the senior rose to the occasion and posted a new personal best time of 56.68 to edge out the Patriots by seven tenths of one second 4:05.50 to 4:06.20.

"I saw her ahead of me and she was already turning," said a happy Maguire after the heat, I said to myself, 'You can catch her.' So on the way back I didn't take a breath."

Martins Ferry coach Nick Levi was both elated and relieved, "It was a total team effort, he said after the 400 relay made the results final. "We had some girls come up from twentieth place to twelfth and score points for us, all of the girls have worked really hard for what they have accomplished."

Katie Longenette took the title in the 100 butterfly for the Lady Riders coming in just ahead of St. Clairsville's Jamie Garbash who claimed a silver for the Red Devils.

Wheeling Park had swept the big-school crowns a year ago, and newcomer Parkersburg South was cheering for Maguire. The victory allowed the southern Patriots to edge out last year's champions by two points 181 to 179 for the big school crown.

Steubenville Catholic Central was runner-up in the girls' small school division with 182 points.

St. John Central's Meghan Ebert set a

new personal best and meet record in the 200 freestyle event with a time of 2:01.88 to claim a gold medal. Ebert finished second in the 500 freestyle, "The 200 was the highlight of my day," said the only representative for the lady Irish, "I was trying to swim my own race in the 500 and I was a little disappointed, my goal was to swim it in under 5:30."

Steubenville Catholic Central's Elizabeth Miller won the event in 5:25.46.

On the boys side Linsly won the championship in the small-school division. The Cadets' claimed titles in the 200 IM 100 Butterfly and 200 freestyle relay.

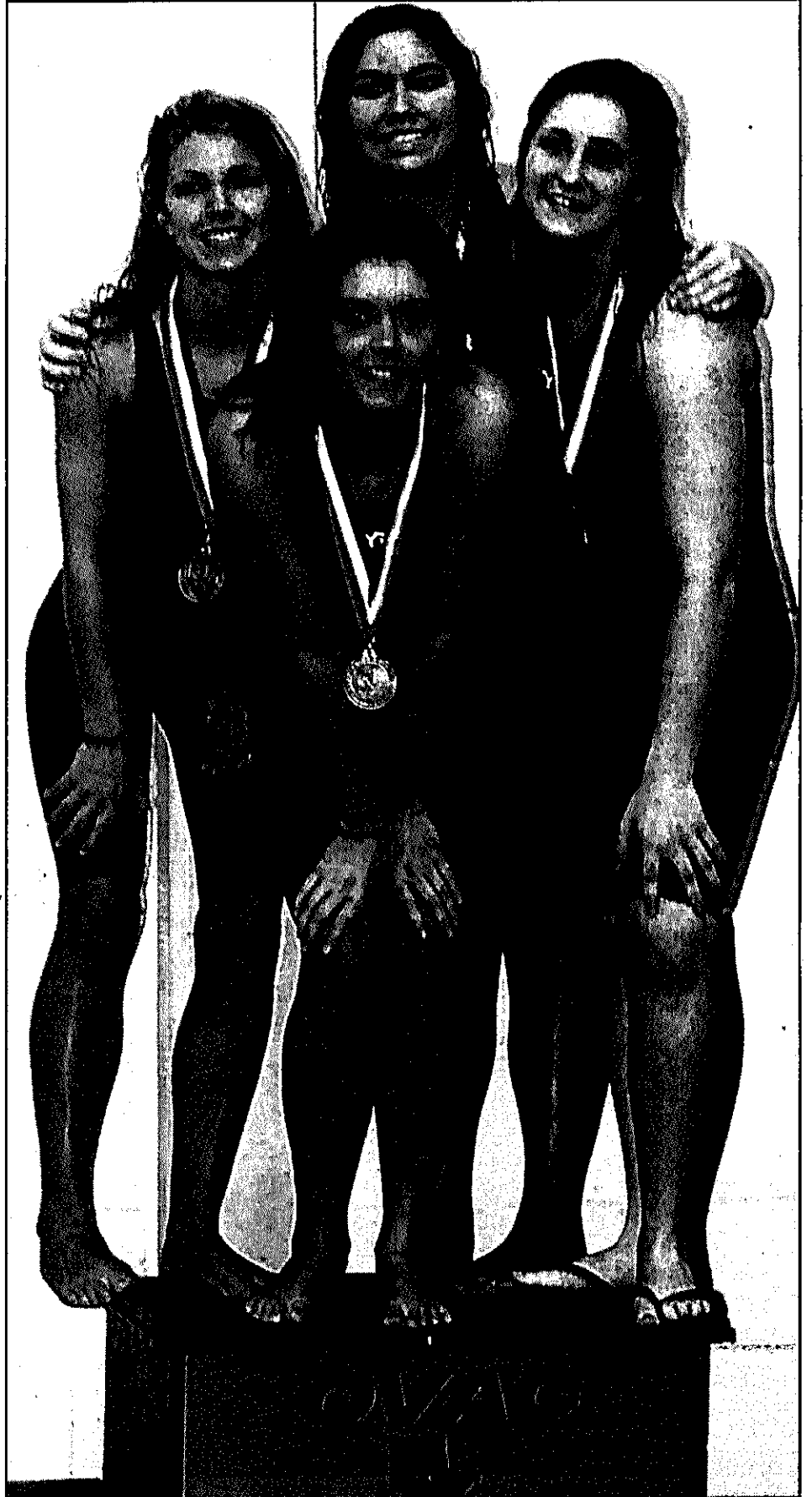
Edison, Barnesville, St. Clairsville and the Martins Ferry boys' team placing fifth followed Linsly in the small school division.

St. Clairsville's Eric Eaton was the returning champ in the 100 yard breast stroke but had to settle for silver this year as Edison's Tyler Locke touched the wall ahead of the Red Devil.

Brooke won the big school title for the boys with 283 team points.

Barnesville freshman Christopher Baker won the 200-yard IM to earn a gold for the Shamrocks. Hunter Yevincey took second in the 100 backstroke for the 'Rocks.

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THE MARTINS FERRY girls team is pictured atop the podium after winning the OVAC Small School title Saturday afternoon at Steubenville. Pictured are, from front to left, Katie Lough, Elise Maguire, Gabrielle Faust and Katie Longenette.



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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Jamie Garbash competes in the 100-yard Butterfly during Saturday's OVAC competition in Steubenville. She placed second to Martins Ferry's Katie Longenette.

OVAC Simming Results

TEAM SCORES GIRLS

Big Schools
1. Parkersburg South 181; 2. Wheeling Park 179; 3. John Marshall 175; 4. Cambridge 146; 5. Brooke 133; 6. Steubenville 127; 7. Beaver Local 92; 8. East Liverpool 34; 9. Zanesville 16.

Small Schools

1. Martins Ferry 211; 2. Steubenville Catholic 182; 3. Edison 131; 4. Linsly 109; 5. Weir 107; 6. St. Clairsville 95; 7. Bellaire 93; 8. Wheeling Central 73; 9. Barnesville 49; 10. St. John Central 37

BOYS

Big Schools
1. Brooke 283; 2. John Marshall 265; 3. Wheeling Park 145; 4. Steubenville 128; 5.

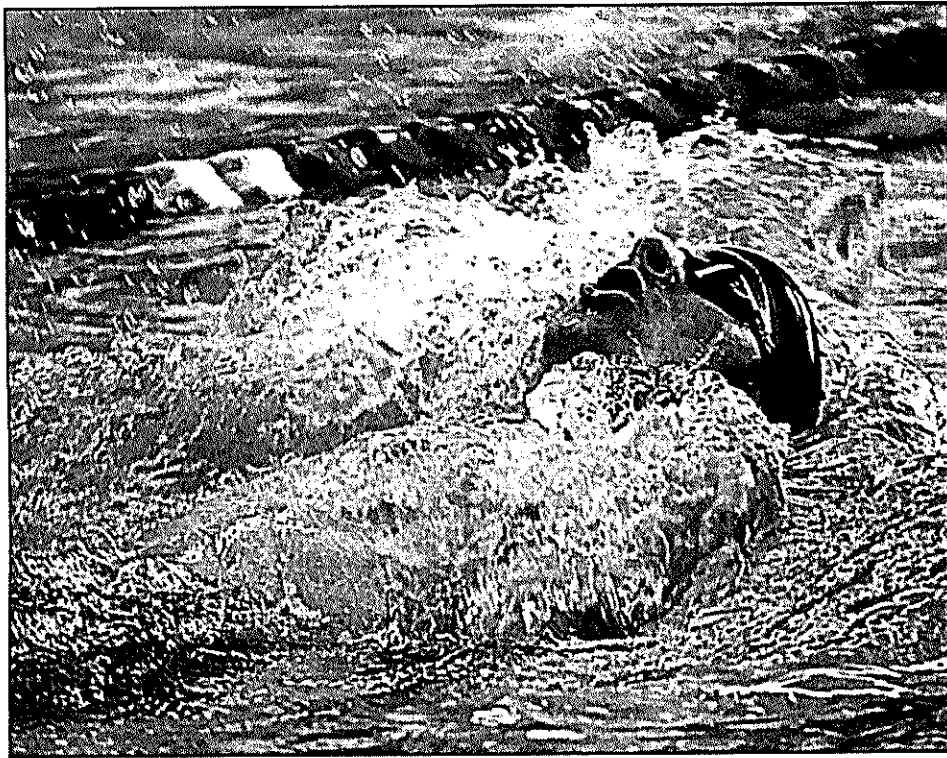
RESULTS

Event 1 - Girls 200-yard Medley Relay - 1. Parkersburg South (Robinson, Collins, Sweeney, Cunningham), 2:07.92; 2. Cambridge, 2:09.92; 3. Steubenville Catholic, 2:10.62; 4. Edison, 2:12.29; 5. Brooke, 2:12.58; 6. Bellaire, 2:12.70
Event 2 - Boys 200-yard Medley Relay - 1. Linsly (Hamm, Reardon, Pietz, Murphy), 1:46.50; 2. John Marshall, 1:49.89; 3. Edison, 1:50.13; 4. Barnesville, 1:58.34; 5. Beaver Local, 1:57.01; 6. Steubenville, 1:58.22
Event 3 - Girls 200-yard Freestyle - 1. Meghan Ebert, St. John Central, 2:01.88; 2. Vucek, John Marshall, 2:11.09; 3. Waddell, Cambridge, 2:12.22; 4. Robinson, Parkersburg South, 2:19.00; 5. Morell, Steubenville Catholic, 2:21.66; 6. Hartzell, Edison, 2:22.41
Event 4 - Boys 200-yard Freestyle - 1. Eric Pietz, Linsly, 1:53.26; 2. Wayne, Brooke, 1:53.34; 3. Voegelin, Wheeling Park, 1:53.37; 4. Smith, Reardon, Linsly, 2:20.62; 5. Mull, John Marshall, 2:22.88; 6. Robey, Brooke, 2:22.91
Event 7 - Girls 50-yard Freestyle - 1. Elise Maguire, Martins Ferry, 25.80; 2. Sweeney, Parkersburg South, 26.22; 3. Pearson, Steubenville, 26.28; 4. Hump, Wheeling Central, 26.82; 5. Pramk, Bellaire, 27.36; 6. Gavorcick, Linsly, 27.89
Event 8 - Boys 50-yard Freestyle - 1. Derek Artimez, John Marshall, 22.93 (Pool Record); 2. Murphy, Linsly, 23.82; 3. Harrick, Brooke, 24.21; 4. Truchan, Martins Ferry, 24.30; 5. Rice, Beaver Local, 24.59; 6. Rosel, Wheeling Park, 24.60
Event 9 - Girls 100-yard Butterfly - 1. Katie Longenette, Martins Ferry, 1:01.59; 2. Garbash, St. Clairsville, 1:02.11; 3. Dulaney, Brooke, 1:03.85; 4. Hilditch, East Liverpool, 1:08.19; 5. Lough, Martins Ferry, 1:12.18; 6. Seavers, Beaver Local, 1:14.54
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Event 21 - Girls 400-yard Freestyle Relay - 1.

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BARNESVILLE'S HUNTER Yevincey finished second in the 100-yard Backstroke at Saturday's OVAC meet in Steubenville.

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Once again the senior rose to the occasion and posted a new personal best time of 56.68 to edge out the Patriots by seven tenths of one second 4:05.50 to 4:06.20.

"I saw her ahead of me and she was already turning," said a happy Maguire after the heat, I said to myself, "You can catch her." So on the way back I didn't take a breath."

Martins Ferry coach Nick Levi was both elated and relieved. "It was a total team effort, he said after the 400 relay made the results final. "We had some girls come up from twentieth place to twelfth and score points for us, all of the girls have worked really hard for what they have accomplished."

Katie Longenette took the title in the 100 butterfly for the Lady Riders coming in just ahead of St. Clairsville's Jamie Garbash who claimed a silver for the Red Devils.

Wheeling Park had swept the big-school crowns a year ago, and newcomer Parkersburg South was cheering for Maguire. The victory allowed the southern Patriots to edge out last year's champions by two points 181 to 179 for the big school crown.

Steubenville Catholic Central was runner-up in the girls' small school division with 182 points.

St. John Central's Meghan Ebert set a

new personal best and meet record in the 200 freestyle event with a time of 2:01.88 to claim a gold medal. Ebert finished second in the 500 freestyle, "The 200 was the highlight of my day," said the only representative for the lady Irish, "I was trying to swim my own race in the 500 and I was a little disappointed, my goal was to swim it in under 5:30."

Steubenville Catholic Central's Elizabeth Miller won the event in 5:25.46.

On the boys side Linsly won the championship in the small-school division. The Cadets' claimed titles in the 200 IM 100 Butterfly and 200 freestyle relay.

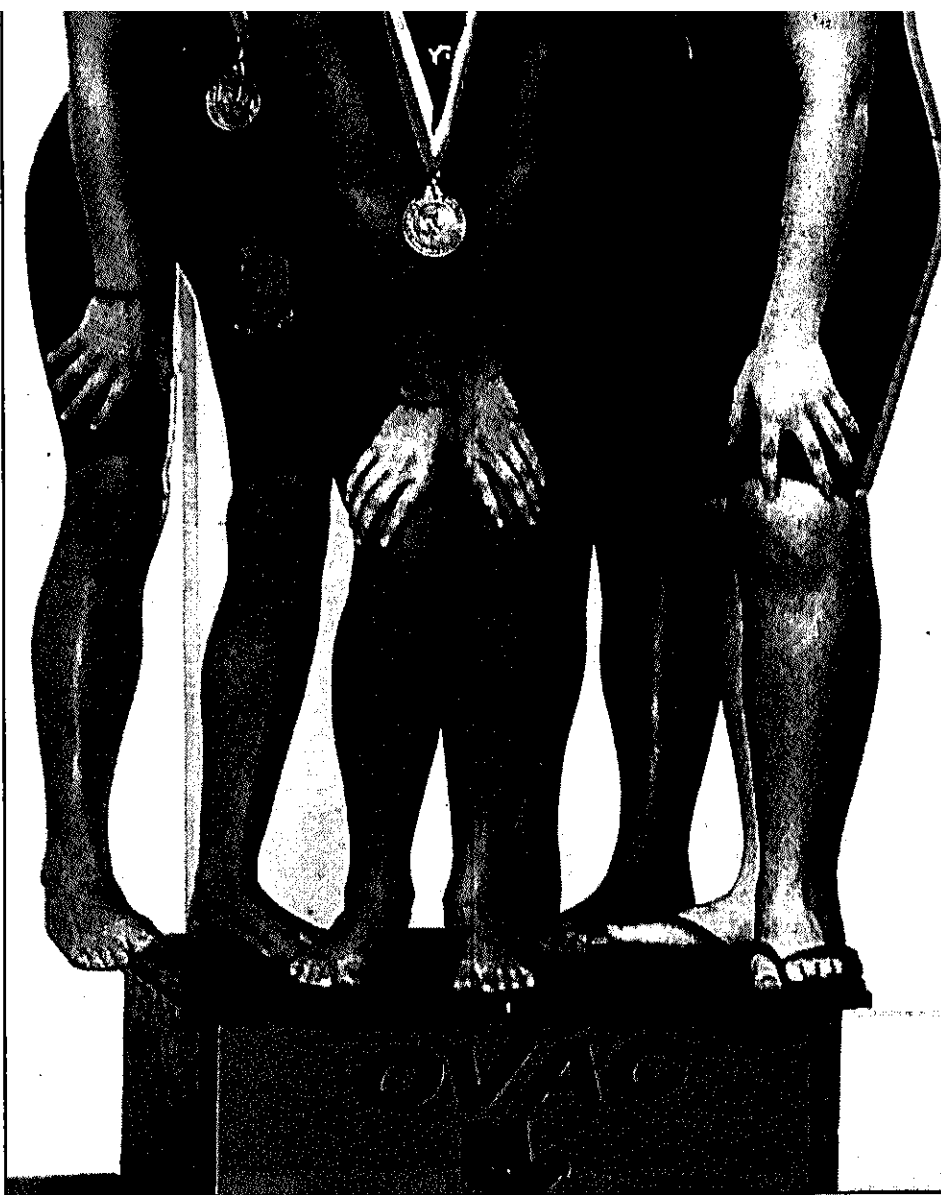
Edison, Barnesville, St. Clairsville and the Martins Ferry boys' team placing fifth followed Linsly in the small school division.

St. Clairsville's Eric Eaton was the returning champ in the 100 yard breast stroke but had to settle for silver this year as Edison's Tyler Locke touched the wall ahead of the Red Devil.

Brooke won the big school title for the boys with 283 team points.

Barnesville freshman Christopher Baker won the 200-yard IM to earn a gold for the Shamrocks. Hunter Yevincey took second in the 100 backstroke for the 'Rocks.

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THE MARTINS FERRY girls team is pictured atop the podium after winning the OVAC Small School title Saturday afternoon at Steubenville. Pictured are, from front to left, Katie Lough, Elise Maguire, Gabrielle Faust and Katie Longenette.



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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Jamie Garbash competes in the 100-yard Butterfly during Saturday's OVAC competition in Steubenville. She placed second to Martins Ferry's Katie Longenette.

OVAC Simming Results

TEAM SCORES

GIRLS

Big Schools

1. Parkersburg South 181; 2. Wheeling Park 179; 3. John Marshall 175; 4. Cambridge 146; 5. Brooke 133; 6. Steubenville 127; 7. Beaver Local 92; 8. East Liverpool 34; 9. Zanesville 16.

Small Schools

1. Martins Ferry 211; 2. Steubenville Catholic 182; 3. Edison 131; 4. Linsly 109; 5. Weir 107; 6. St. Clairsville 95; 7. Bellaire 93; 8. Wheeling Central 73; 9. Barnesville 49; 10. St. John Central 37

BOYS

Big Schools

1. Brooke 283; 2. John Marshall 265; 3. Wheeling Park 145; 4. Steubenville 128; 5. Beaver Local 120; 6. Parkersburg South 81; 7. Zanesville 46; 8. East Liverpool 23; 9. Cambridge 20

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RESULTS

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Event 2 - Boys 200-yard Medley Relay - 1. Linsly (Hamm, Reardon, Pietz, Murphy), 1:46.50; 2. John Marshall, 1:49.89; 3. Edison, 1:50.13; 4. Barnesville, 1:56.34; 5. Beaver Local, 1:57.01; 6. Steubenville, 1:58.22

Event 3 - Girls 200-yard Freestyle - 1. Meghan Ebert, St. John Central, 2:01.88; 2. Vucelik, John Marshall, 2:11.09; 3. Waddell, Cambridge, 2:12.22; 4. Robinson, Parkersburg South, 2:19.00; 5. Morelli, Steubenville Catholic, 2:21.66; 6. Hartzell, Edison, 2:22.41

Event 4 - Boys 200-yard Freestyle - 1. Eric Pietz, Linsly, 1:53.26; 2. Wayne, Brooke, 1:53.34; 3. Voegelin, Wheeling Park, 1:53.37; 4. Smith, Edison, 1:57.76; 5. Couture, Martins Ferry, 2:01.20; 6. Miller, Parkersburg South, 2:03.66

Event 5 - Girls 200-yard IM - 1. Kelsey Ferguson, Weir, 2:16.15; 2. Miller, Steubenville Catholic, 2:21.88; 3. Keenan, Beaver Local, 2:34.80; 4. Riggs, Brooke, 2:37.81; 5. Seavers, Beaver Local, 2:40.30; 6. Belback, Steubenville Catholic, 2:42.50

Event 6 - Boys 200-yard IM - 1. Christopher Baker, Barnesville, 2:11.23; 2. Hamm, Linsly, 2:11.57; 3. Eaton, St. Clairsville, 2:12.84; 4.

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Event 11 - Girls 100-yard Freestyle - 1. Elise Maguire, Martins Ferry, 56.96; 2. Sweeney, Parkersburg South, 57.15; 3. Carpenetti, Cambridge, 58.67; 4. Humpe, Wheeling Central, 58.96; 5. Vucelik, John Marshall, 59.90; 6. Gavorcik, Linsly, 1:01.33

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Event 16 - Boys 200-yard Freestyle Relay - 1. Linsly (Chad Murphy, Eric Pietz, Sean Reardon, Zach Hamm), 1:37.15; 2. Edison, 1:37.66; 3. Brooke, 1:38.91; 4. John Marshall, 1:38.98; 5. Wheeling Park, 1:40.96; 6. Barnesville, 1:41.86

Event 17 - Girls 100-yard Backstroke - 1. Kaylea Dulaney, Brooke, 1:01.62; 2. Carpenetti, Cambridge, 1:01.89; 3. Longenette, Martins Ferry, 1:04.13; 4. DiCola, Wheeling Park, 1:06.70; 5. Robinson, Parkersburg South, 1:11.18; 6. Pramik, BeBaire, 1:11.88

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Event 22 - Boys 400-yard Freestyle Relay - 1. Brooke (Jacob Harrick, Josh Harrick, Kevin Rowland, Derek Wayne), 3:35.98; 2. Edison, 3:38.96; 3. Wheeling Park, 3:44.51; 4. Steubenville, 3:49.22; 5. Linsly 3:55.34; 6. St. Clairsville, 3:55.94



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OVAC

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Swimmers Ready To Take Pool

OVAC Tournament set for this weekend

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's five-week run of championship events continues this weekend.

The area's prep swimmers have their chance to achieve conference greatness Saturday at the natatorium inside Steubenville High School's Crimson Center.

The meet, which will feature nearly 400 swimmers, gets under way at 11 a.m. and will have 20 schools taking part to decide the conference champions in the big and small school classes.

Wheeling Park swept the big-school crowns a year ago, while Linsly produced a pair of team champions in the small-school division.

The Cadets' swim program has won an astounding 52 conference championships and last year's girls' title was the first, on the distaff side, in school history. Included in their impressive run was an amazing 45 consecutive titles, which were won from 1948-1992.

Steubenville owns 16 titles in school history with 10 of those coming from the girls' team. Steubenville Central owns 12 conference banners its crowns are split evenly between the boys and girls.

Competing in the big-school division as teams are: Beaver Local, Brooke, Cambridge, East Liverpool, John Marshall, Parkersburg South, Steubenville, Zanesville and the Patriots.

In the small-school division are: Barnesville, Bellaire, Rosecrans, Steubenville Central, Edison, Martins Ferry, St. John, St. Clairsville, Linsly, Weir and Wheeling Central.

The 2009 OVAC meet was underclass dominated. Relays obviously withstanding, 14 of the 16 individual races contested were captured by underclassmen.

However, due to the jockeying of personnel and other reasons, just eight of those individuals are back to defend their titles.

St. Clairsville's Eric Eaton will try to defend his title in in the 100-yard breaststroke. Last year, he posted a 1:07.99 in the event.

He's entered this week at 1:07.60, the premier time by more than a full tick. He's also taking part in the 200 IM where he's seeded third with a 2:14.68.

The Red Devils also boast scoring hopes with the likes of Chris Sommers (50 free, 100 back), Jacob Rife (50 and 100 free) and Nick Pokas (200 and 500 freestyles).

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tioned Ferguson won the 200 free a year ago.

Brooke junior Derek Wayne is back to try to defend the titles he won a year ago in both the 200 and 500 yard freestyles. He's seeded first in both races and owns the top time by nearly five seconds in the 200 and by more than five seconds in the longer race.

Linsly junior Eric Pietz is the top seed in the 100 fly. His 57.00 clocking is more than a second faster than the nearest competitor. He won that race a year ago in a time of 56.82.

On the girls' side, Weir High sophomore Kelsey Ferguson bursted onto the scene a year ago and claimed the 200 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke. She's not entered in the free this season, but is the top seed in the breast by nearly six seconds with her 1:08.89.

Cambridge senior Paige Carpenetti is the defending OVAC champion in the 100 backstroke. She'll enter this weekend with the second best time by a little more than four tenths. Her 1:03.63 trails only Brooke junior Kayla Dulaney.

Steubenville Central sophomore Elizabeth Miller is the defending champion in the 500 free and she'll seek to defend her title this season. She's posted a 5:31.25 thus far this season, which is more than three seconds faster than St. John's Meghan Ebbert, who she edged a season ago for the gold.

Speaking of Ebbert, the Lady Irish senior, who already owns five OVAC titles and a silver medal, is the defending conference champion in the 200-yard IM, but her other event this weekend will be the 200-yard freestyle where she owns the top time at 2:03.73. The aforementioned

Ferguson won the 200 free a year ago.

"Meghan decided to change events this year because she was dropping a lot of time in the 200 freestyle," said her father and coach Mark Ebbert. "She's fought back through some early injuries and is now 100 percent. She's excited and ready to compete."

Martins Ferry is expecting to score well on the girls' side. The Lady Riders finished a program-best second a season ago and return several key pieces of that squad.

"I like how our team has progressed this season despite the fact that we've missed a lot of practice due to weather and other uncontrollable factors," said rookie head coach Nick Levi. "We've seen significant time cuts across the board and I expect more time drops during the championships and the upcoming postseason."

Senior Elise Maguire left Steubenville with four gold medals draped around her neck. She's back in the 50 and 100 freestyle where she prevailed a season ago. She's the third seed on a crowded psyche sheet in the short race and second in the longer one to Parkersburg South frosh Audrey Sweeney.

"Elise has done a superb job thus far this year in the 50 and 100 freestyles," Levi said. "Her seed times are significantly faster than last year's seed times at the OVAC. When the bright lights turn on, Elise always swims her best."

Senior Katie Longenette — a returning state qualifier — has been slowed this season by a knee problem, but Levi thinks she'll be ready and able to go come Saturday in the 100 butterfly where she's seeded

third and in the 100 backstroke where she's seeded fourth.

Senior Katie Lough has been a consistent contributor for the Riders as well. She's seeded in the top 10 in a pair of individual events.

The Lady Riders' freestyle relay teams are also strong. The 200 team is the top seed and the 400 squad is second to Parkersburg South, which is in the OVAC meet for the second time.

The Martins Ferry boys are led by junior Travis Couture who is the sixth seed in the 200 freestyle and the fifth in the 100 free. Another hope for the Riders is junior Jesse Truchan who is the ninth seed in the 50 free.

St. Clairsville is led into the OVAC meet by senior Jamie Garbash. A former Ohio State qualifier, Garbash is entering her final conference meet in the 100 fly and the 500 freestyle.

She's the third seed in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:48.35 and second seed to Brooke's Dulaney in the 100 fly by just 35 hundredths of a second.

Lady Red Devils' coach Mel Eaton also expects Emily Skrabak (100 fly, 200 IM), Katy Blair (200 IM, 100 back) and senior Allie Miller (100 breaststroke) to fare well this weekend.

Eaton also likes the make-up of her relay teams. Both freestyle teams are ranked sixth.

Barnesville, which is the lone area team to have claimed a team title at the OVAC, will be led by freshman Christopher Baker who is the top seed in the 200-yard IM by nearly three seconds. He's the second seed in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:15.09, trailing the aforementioned Wayne.

Sophomore Hunter Yevincy is the third seed in the 100 fly with a 59.48. He's the second seed in the 100 backstroke with a 1:01.89. He trails only John Marshall's J.J. Artimez, who's entered at 1:00.68.

The Lady Shamrocks are led by senior Brandi Bahmer who is the fifth seed in the 50 freestyle and ninth in the 100 freestyle. Barnesville head coach Bobbi Jo Johnson also expects senior Taylor Cameron to be in the hunt in the 50 and 100 freestyles.

Barnesville is also strong in the relay events.

Bellaire is led into the OVAC meet by junior Paige Pramik who is the third seed in the 200 yard freestyle. Senior Abbie Merryman is the ninth seed in the same event.

Shana Pramik is also a solid contributor for the Lady Reds. Head coach Kaye Sechrest is also expecting senior Kylee Lashorn to fare well this weekend along with Emily Crow.

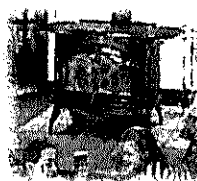
Senior Ross Fuller and Cody Anderson lead the Big Reds' boys team.



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OVAC SWIMMING RESULTS

Boys Team Scores Big School
 1. Brooke, 283; 2. John Marshall, 265; 3. Wheeling Park, 145; 4. Steubenville, 128; 5. Beaver Local, 120; 6. Parkersburg South, 81; 7. Zanesville, 46; 8. East Liverpool, 23; 9. Cambridge, 20.

Small School
 1. Linsly, 342; 2. Edison, 216; 3. Barnesville, 128; 4. St. Clairsville, 125; 5. Martins Ferry, 107.5; 6. Wheeling Central, 92.5; 7. Steubenville Catholic Central, 29; 8. Weir, 12; 9. St. John Central, 3; 10. Bellaire, 2.

200 yard medley relay: 1. Linsly, 1:48.50; 2. John Marshall; 3. Edison; 4. Barnesville; 5. Beaver Local; 6. Steubenville; 7. Martins Ferry; 8. Wheeling Central.

200 yard freestyle: 1. Pietz (Linsly), 1:58.21; 2. Wayne (Brk); 3. Voegelin (WP); 4. Smith (Ed); 5. Couture (MF); 6. Miller (PS); 7. Rowland (Brk); 8. Lora (BvrL).

200 yard IM: 1. Baker (Barn), 2:11.23; 2. Hamm (Linsly); 3. Eaton (StC); 4. S. Reardon (Linsly); 5. Mull (JM); 6. Robey (Brk); 7. Labash (Linsly); 8. Achhammer (Ed).

50 yard freestyle: 1. Artimez (JM), 22.93; 2. Murphy (Linsly); 3. Ja. Harrick (Brk); 4. Truchan (MF); 5. Rice (BvrL); 6. Roset (WP); 7. Patterson (WP); 8. Mullins (Ed).

100 yard butterfly: 1. Pietz (Linsly), 55.62; 2. S. Reardon (Linsly); 3. Artimez (JM); 4. DaMettio (Ed); 5. Yevincy (Barn); 6. Robey (Brk); 7. Larson (Steub); 8. Vannest (JM).

100 yard freestyle: 1. Artimez (JM), 51.23; 2. Murphy (Linsly); 3. Ja. Harrick (Brk); 4. Couture (MF); 5. Jo. Harrick (Linsly); 6. Roset (WP); 7. Rice (BvrL); 8. Frye (Steub).

500 yard freestyle: 1. Wayne (Brk), 5:05.24; 2. Voegelin (WP); 3. Baker (Barn); 4. Miller (PS); 5. Lora (BvrL); 6. Rowland (Brk); 7. Mousteador (Steub); 8. Sanders (Ed).

200 yard freestyle relay: 1. Linsly, 1:47.15; 2. Edison; 3. Brooke; 4. John Marshall; 5. Wheeling Park; 6. Barnesville; 7. St. Clairsville; 8. Wheeling Central.

100 yard backstroke: 1. Artimez (JM), 1:00.52; 2. Yevincy (Barn); 3. Hamm (Linsly); 4. Achhammer (Ed); 5. Mousteador (Steub); 6. Gilloon (CCHS); 7. Sanders (Ed); 8. Labash (Linsly).

100 yard breaststroke: 1. Locke (Ed); 2. Eaton (StC); 3. C. Reardon (Linsly); 4. Mull (JM); 5. Truchan (MF); 6. Keenan (BvrL); 7. Vannest (JM); 8. Spragg (Zan).

400 yard freestyle relay: 1. Brooke, 3:35.98; 2. Edison; 3. Wheeling Park; 4. Steubenville; 5. Linsly; 6. St. Clairsville.

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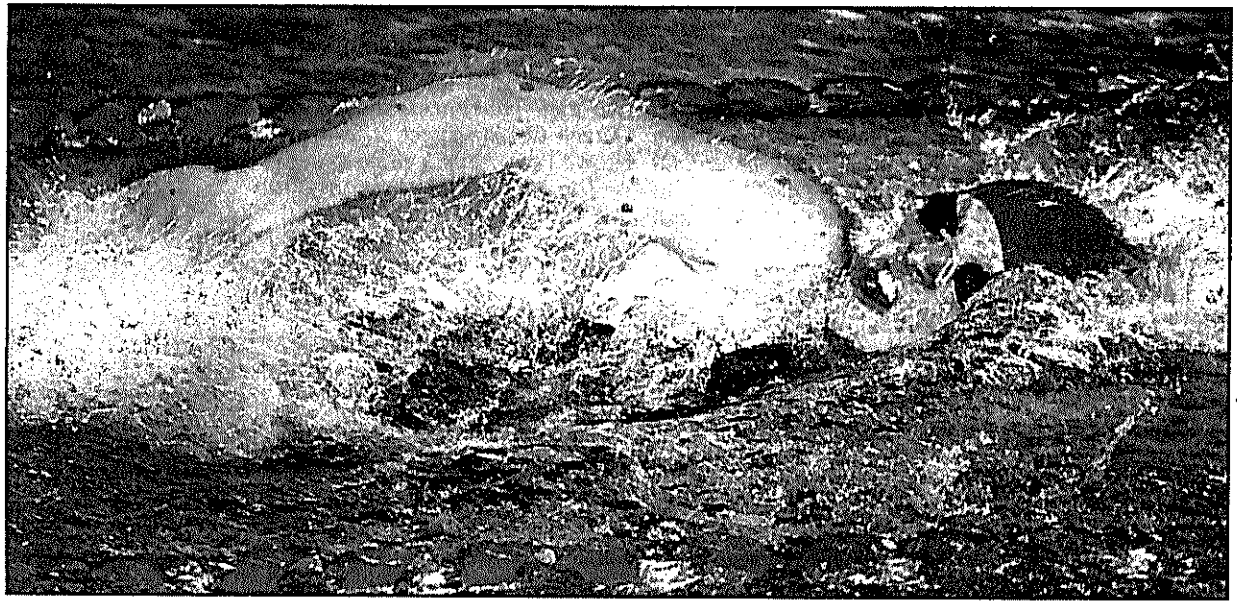
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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Jamie Garbush is one of the swimmers to watch in this weekend's OVAC Swimming Championship to be held at Steubenville High School.

OVAC swimmers set to dive in

• Conference swimming championship set for Saturday

By **SETH STASKEY**
 Times Leader Sports Editor

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's five-week run of championship events continues this weekend.

The area's prep swimmers have their chance to achieve conference greatness Saturday at the natatorium inside Steubenville High School's Crimson Center.

The meet - which will feature nearly 400 swimmers - gets under way at 11 a.m. will have 20 schools taking part to decide the conference champions in the big and small school classes.

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The Cadets' swim program has

won an astounding 52 conference championships and last year's girls' title was the first, on the distaff side, in school history. Included in their impressive run was an amazing 45 consecutive titles, which were won from 1948-1992.

Steubenville owns 16 titles in school history with 10 of those coming from the girls' team. Steubenville Central owns 12 conference banners its crowns are split evenly between the boys

and girls.
 Competing in the big-school division as teams are: Beaver Local, Brooke, Cambridge, East Liverpool, John Marshall, Parkersburg South, Steubenville, Zanesville and the aforementioned Patriots.

In the small-school division are: Barnesville, Bellaire, Rosecrans, Steubenville Central, Edison, Martins Ferry, St. John, St.

Clairsville, Linsly, Weir and Wheeling Central.

The 2009 OVAC meet was underclass dominated. Relays obviously withstanding, 14 of the 16 individual races contested were captured by underclassmen.

However, due to the jockeying of personnel and other reasons, just eight of those individuals are back to defend their titles.

Locally, St. Clairsville's Eric Eaton is the lone returning individual champ who will try to defend his title. He prevailed last year as a freshman in the 100 yard breaststroke by posting a 1:07.99. He's entered this week at 1:07.60, which is the premier time by more than a full tick. He's also taking part in the 200 IM where he's seeded third with a 2:14.68.

The Red Devils also boast scoring hopes with the likes of Chris Sommers (50 free, 100 back), Jacob Rife (50 and 100 free) and Nick

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OVAC SWIMMING
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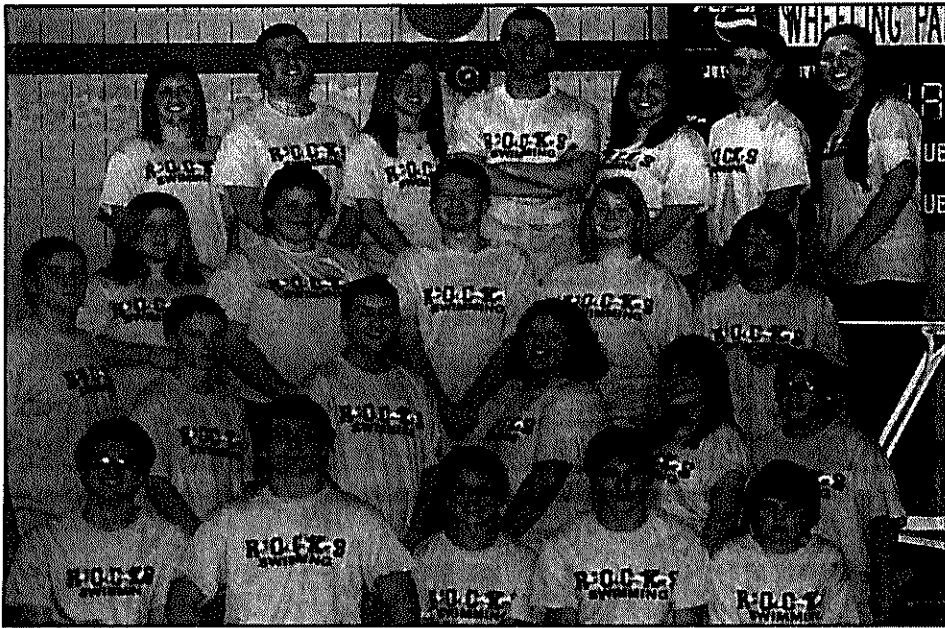


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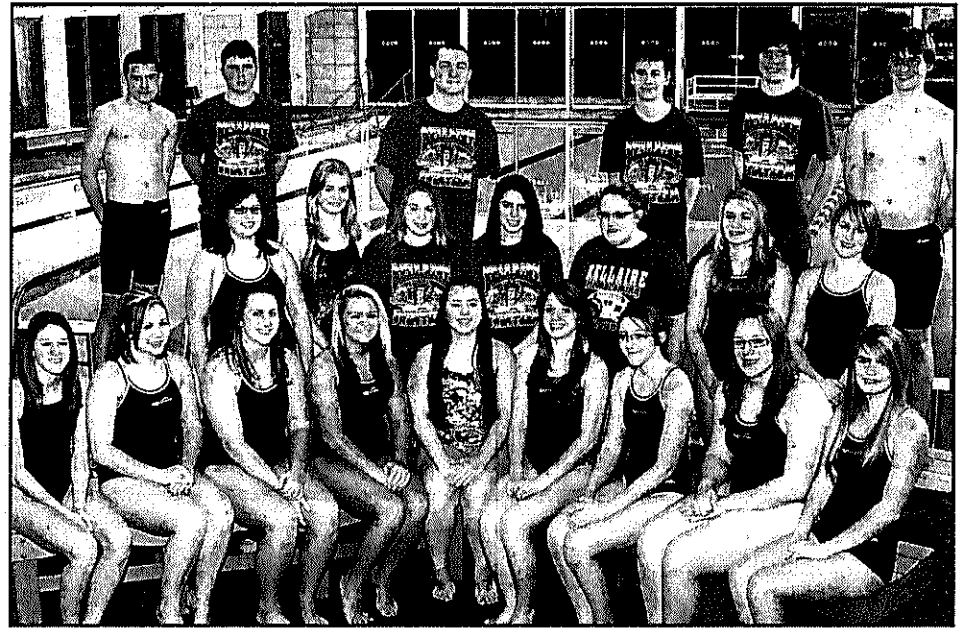


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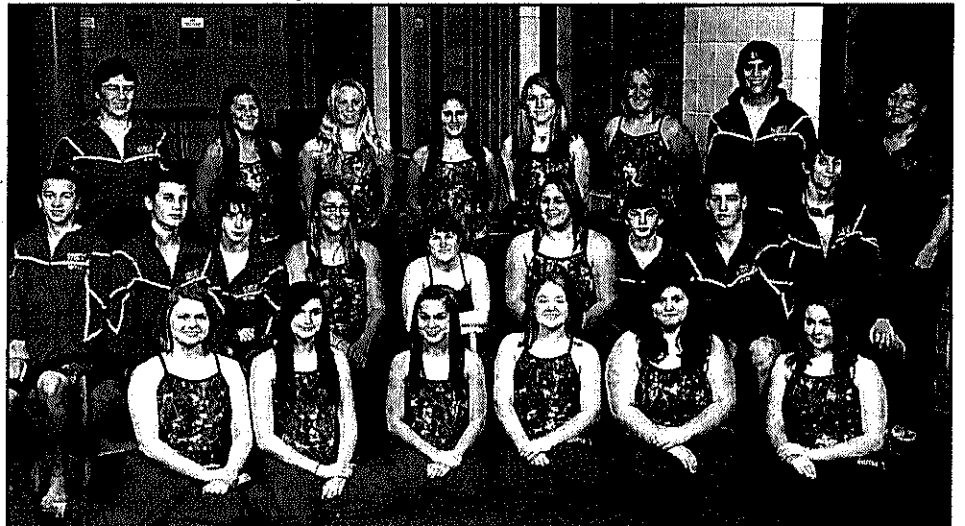


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Pokas (200 and 500 freestyles).

Brooke junior Derek Wayne is back to try to defend the titles he won a year ago in both the 200 and 500 yard freestyles. He's seeded first in both races and owns the top time by nearly five seconds in the 200 and by more than five seconds in the longer race.

Linsly junior Eric Pietz is the top seed in the 100 fly. His 57.00 clocking is more than a second faster than the nearest competitor. He won that race a year ago in a time of 56.82.

On the girls' side, Weir High sophomore Kelsey Ferguson bursted onto the scene a year ago and claimed the 200 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke. She's not entered in the free this season, but is the top seed in the breast by nearly six seconds with her 1:08.89.

Cambridge senior Paige Carpenetti is the defending OVAC champion in the 100 backstroke. She'll enter this weekend with the second best time by a little more than four tenths. Her 1:03.63 trails only Brooke junior Kayla Dulaney.

Steubenville Central sophomore Elizabeth Miller is the defending champion in the 500 free and she'll seek to defend her title this season. She's posted a 5:31.25 thus far this season, which is more than

champion in the 200-yard IM, but her other event this weekend will be the 200-yard freestyle where she owns the top time at 2:03.73. The aforementioned Ferguson won the 200 free a year ago.

"Meghan decided to change events this year because she was dropping a lot of time in the 200 freestyle," said her father and coach Mark Ebbert. "She's fought back through some early injuries and is now 100 percent. She's excited and ready to compete."

Martins Ferry is expecting to score well on the girls' side. The Lady Riders finished a program-best second a season ago and return several key pieces of that squad.

"I like how our team has progressed this season despite the fact that we've missed a lot of practice due to weather and other uncontrollable factors," said rookie head coach Nick Levi. "We've seen significant time cuts across the board and I expect more time drops during the championships and the upcoming postseason."

Senior Elise Maguire left Steubenville with four gold medals draped around her neck. She's back in the 50 and 100 freestyle where she prevailed a season ago. She's the third seed on a crowded psyche sheet in the short race and second in the longer one to

OVAC. When the bright lights turn on, Elise always swims her best."

Senior Katie Longenette – a returning state qualifier – has been slowed this season by a knee problem, but Levi thinks she'll be ready and able to go come Saturday in the 100 butterfly where she's seeded third and in the 100 backstroke where she's seeded fourth.

Senior Katie Lough has been a consistent contributor for the Riders as well. She's seeded in the top 10 in a pair of individual events.

The Lady Riders' freestyle relay teams are also strong. The 200 team is the top seed and the 400 squad is second to Parkersburg South, which is in the OVAC meet for the second time.

The Martins Ferry boys are led by junior Travis Couture who is the sixth seed in the 200 freestyle and the fifth in the 100 free. Another hope for the Riders is junior Jesse Truchan who is the ninth seed in the 50 free.

St. Clairsville is led into the OVAC meet by senior Jamie Garbash. A former Ohio State qualifier, Garbash is entering her final conference meet in the 100 fly and the 500 freestyle.

She's the third seed in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:48.35 and second seed to Brooke's Dulaney in the 100 fly by just 35

Eaton also likes the make-up of her relay teams. Both freestyle teams are ranked sixth.

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The Lady Shamrocks are led by senior Brandi Bahmer who is the fifth seed in the 50 freestyle and ninth in the 100 freestyle. Barnesville head coach Bobbi Jo Johnson also expects senior Taylor Cameron to be in the hunt in the 50 and 100 freestyles.

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Shana Pramik is also a solid contributor for the Lady Reds. Head coach Kaye Sechrest is also



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PICTURED IS the Martins Ferry Swimming Team. Front row, from left, are head coach Nick Levi, Laura Rojas, Katie Lough, Katie Longenette and assistant coach Susan Levi. Second row, from left, are Dominik Levy, Aderson Ribeiro, Jonatan Ehn and Shannon Lewis. Third row, from left, are Gabrielle Fulst, Alyssa Smith, Christina Lattimer, Katie Wharton and Rebecca Deaton. Fourth row, from left, are Jesse Truchan, Zach McCarthy, Travis Couture, D.J. Tirpak, Collin Cooper and Salina Howard. Absent were Elise Maguire and assistant coach Andrew Chesonis.



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PICTURED IS the St. Clairsville Swimming Team. Front row, from left, are Erica Strobe, Luisa Hegel, Marisa Dwyer, Kelsey Perkins, Markie Hinkle and Victoria Hall. Second row, from left, are Cole Antolak, Nick Pokas, Nick Tobin, Caty Blair, Emily Delong, Emily Skrabak, Dan Kennon, Eric Eaton and Jacob Rife. Back row, from left, are Zach Ratka, Alex Pokas, Jamie Garbash, Allie Miller, Rachel Blackwell, Katibeth Lecron, Chris Sommers and head coach Melanie Eaton. The Red Devils will join all three of the other squads at Saturday's OVAC Championship Meet in Steubenville.

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Pokas (200 and 500 freestyles).

Brooke junior Derek Wayne is back to try to defend the titles he won a year ago in both the 200 and 500 yard freestyles. He's seeded first in both races and owns the top time by nearly five seconds in the 200 and by more than five seconds in the longer race.

Linsly junior Eric Pietz is the top seed in the 100 fly. His 57.00 clocking is more than a second faster than the nearest competitor. He won that race a year ago in a time of 56.82.

On the girls' side, Weir High sophomore Kelsey Ferguson bursted onto the scene a year ago and claimed the 200 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke. She's not entered in the free this season, but is the top seed in the breast by nearly six seconds with her 1:08.89.

Cambridge senior Paige Carpenetti is the defending OVAC champion in the 100 backstroke. She'll enter this weekend with the second best time by a little more than four tenths. Her 1:03.63 trails only Brooke junior Kayla Dulaney.

Steubenville Central sophomore Elizabeth Miller is the defending champion in the 500 free and she'll seek to defend her title this season. She's posted a 5:31.25 thus far this season, which is more than three seconds faster than St. John's Meghan Ebbert, who she edged a season ago for the gold.

Speaking of Ebbert, the Lady Irish senior - who already owns five OVAC titles and a silver medal - is the defending conference

champion in the 200-yard IM, but her other event this weekend will be the 200-yard freestyle where she owns the top time at 2:03.73. The aforementioned Ferguson won the 200 free a year ago.

"Meghan decided to change events this year because she was dropping a lot of time in the 200 freestyle," said her father and coach Mark Ebbert. "She's fought back through some early injuries and is now 100 percent. She's excited and ready to compete."

Martins Ferry is expecting to score well on the girls' side. The Lady Riders finished a program-best second a season ago and return several key pieces of that squad.

"I like how our team has progressed this season despite the fact that we've missed a lot of practice due to weather and other uncontrollable factors," said rookie head coach Nick Levi. "We've seen significant time cuts across the board and I expect more time drops during the championships and the upcoming postseason."

Senior Elise Maguire left Steubenville with four gold medals draped around her neck. She's back in the 50 and 100 freestyle where she prevailed a season ago. She's the third seed on a crowded psyche sheet in the short race and second in the longer one to Parkersburg South frosh Audrey Sweeney.

"Elise has done a superb job thus far this year in the 50 and 100 freestyles," said Levi. "Her seed times are significantly faster than last year's seed times at the

OVAC. When the bright lights turn on, Elise always swims her best."

Senior Katie Longenette - a returning state qualifier - has been slowed this season by a knee problem, but Levi thinks she'll be ready and able to go come Saturday in the 100 butterfly where she's seeded third and in the 100 backstroke where she's seeded fourth.

Senior Katie Lough has been a consistent contributor for the Riders as well. She's seeded in the top 10 in a pair of individual events.

The Lady Riders' freestyle relay teams are also strong. The 200 team is the top seed and the 400 squad is second to Parkersburg South, which is in the OVAC meet for the second time.

The Martins Ferry boys are led by junior Travis Couture who is the sixth seed in the 200 freestyle and the fifth in the 100 free. Another hope for the Riders is junior Jesse Truchan who is the ninth seed in the 50 free.

St. Clairsville is led into the OVAC meet by senior Jamie Garbash. A former Ohio State qualifier, Garbash is entering her final conference meet in the 100 fly and the 500 freestyle.

She's the third seed in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:48.35 and second seed to Brooke's Dulaney in the 100 fly by just 35 hundredths of a second.

Lady Red Devils' head coach Mel Eaton also expects Emily Skrabak (100 fly, 200 IM), Caty Blair (200 IM, 100 back) and senior Allie Miller (100 breaststroke) to fare well this weekend.

Eaton also likes the make-up of her relay teams. Both freestyle teams are ranked sixth.

Barnesville - which is the lone area team to have claimed a team title at the OVAC - will be led by freshman Christopher Baker who is the top seed in the 200-yard IM by nearly three seconds. He's the second seed in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:15.09, trailing the aforementioned Wayne.

Sophomore Hunter Yevincy is the third seed in the 100 fly with a 59.48. He's the second seed in the 100 backstroke with a 1:01.89. He trails only John Marshall's J.J. Artimez, who's entered at 1:00.68.

The Lady Shamrocks are led by senior Brandi Bahmer who is the fifth seed in the 50 freestyle and ninth in the 100 freestyle. Barnesville head coach Bobbi Jo Johnson also expects senior Taylor Cameron to be in the hunt in the 50 and 100 freestyles.

Barnesville is also strong in the relay events.

Bellaire is led into the OVAC meet by junior Paige Pramik who is the third seed in the 200 yard freestyle. Senior Abbie Merryman is the ninth seed in the same event.

Shana Pramik is also a solid contributor for the Lady Reds. Head coach Kaye Sechrest is also expecting senior Kylee Lashhorn to fare well this weekend along with Emily Crow.

Senior Ross Fuller and Cody Anderson lead the Big Reds' boys team.

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PICTURED IS the St. John Central swimming entrants. From left are Meghan Ebbert, head coach Mark Ebbert and Joseph Pavelek.

OVAC Swimming Entry Marks

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1. Kaylea Dulaney (Brk), 63.16; 2. Paige Carpenetti (Camb), 63.63; 3. Kati DiCola (WP), 67.83; 4. Katie Longenette (MF), 68.33; 5. Anneliese Robinson (PS), 70.13.	100 Breast
100 Breast	1. Eric Eaton (St. C.), 67.60; 2. Tyler Locke (Ed), 68.70; 3. Chris Reardon (Lins), 70.06; 4. Adam Mull (JM), 70.11; 5. Anthony Lusardi (WC), 72.49.
1. Kelsey Ferguson (Weir), 68.89; 2. Zylare Pearson (Steub), 74.63; 3. Laura Keenan (Beaver), 78.60; 4. Sami Hilditch (EL), 78.25; 5. Angela Ballback (SCC), 81.05.	400 Freestyle Relay
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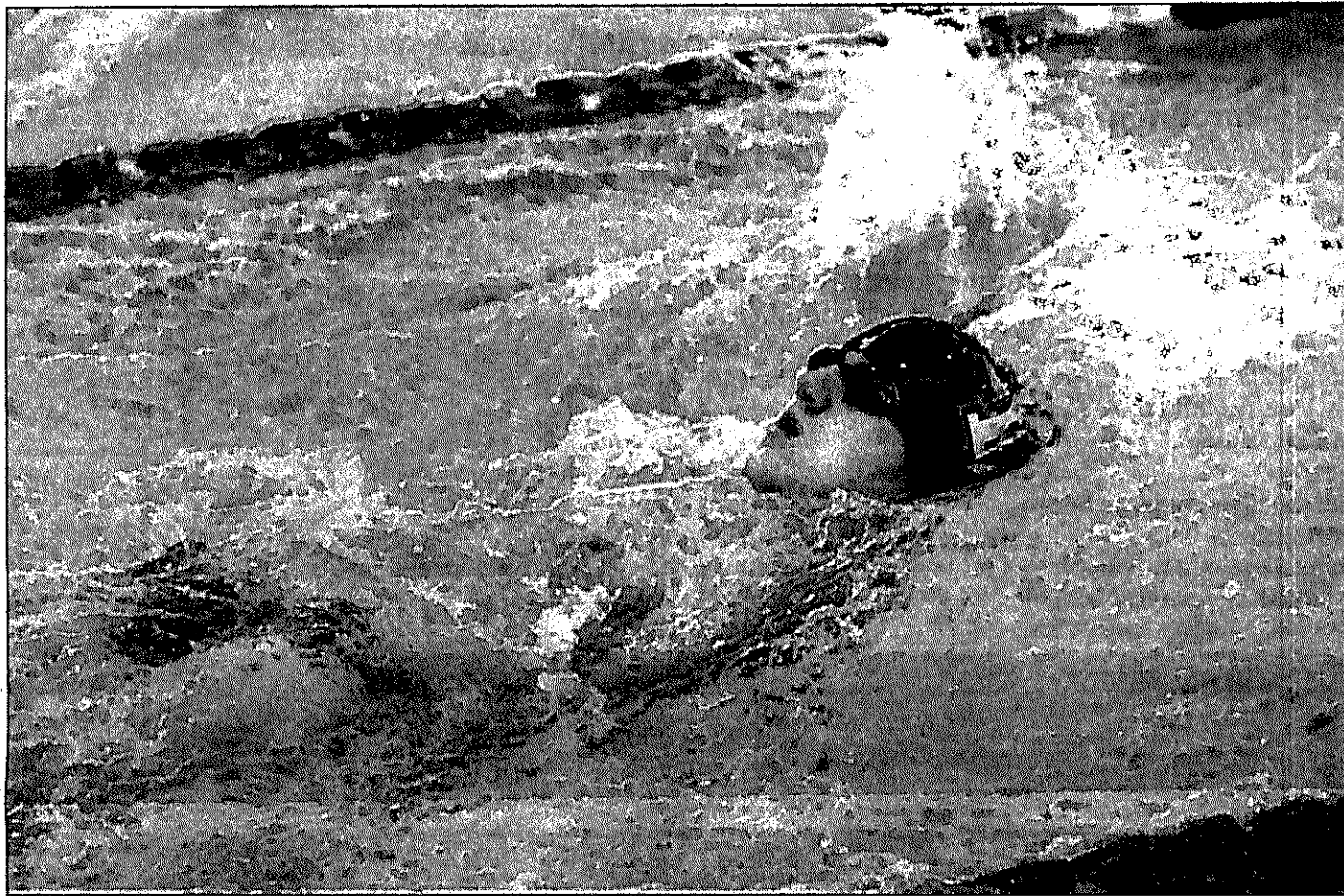


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Linsly's Michael Joseph competes in the 100-yard backstroke during Saturday's OVAC Swimming Championships at the Steubenville High School Natatorium.

Strong Finish

Brooke boys win last event to take crown

By ASHLEY NEWMAN
For the News-Register

STEUBENVILLE — With one race to go and the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference boys' swimming championship on the line at the Steubenville High School Natatorium, Saturday, Brooke coach Gina Twardoski looked on nervously.

"It all comes down to this last relay, here," she said. "If we win this relay, we win the whole thing for the first time in school history."

Behind the exuberant cheers of Twardoski, the Brooke 400-yard freestyle relay team of Jacob Harrick, Josh Harrick, Kevin Rowland and Derek Wayne won the final event to earn that elusive OVAC big school title.

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The Bruins' 283 points edged John Marshall's 265 total, drawing a raucous celebration by the Brooke faithful.

"I told (the relay team) going in that this is do or die for them," Twardoski said. "If we lose this relay, we lose the meet. I told them that, if they win this relay, they are OVAC champs and I think that it really hit home with my seniors that are on that relay and the younger kids that wanted to do it for them. They all stepped up and they all swam their best times that they've had all season."

Along with the nail-biting win by the Bruins' relay team, Derek Wayne also took home a first place finish for the 2010 champions with a 5:05.24 finish in

the 500 yard freestyle.

"Everybody on the team has contributed and I couldn't be happier," Twardoski said. "It is all about the team. But, I will say that individually, Derek Wayne set a school record and he is an OVAC champ. I couldn't be more proud of him."

"Jacob Robey's goal all year has been to get under a minute in the 100 fly. His 59.56 was incredible. It was a perfect day. On that last note, they set a school record with a time of 3:35.98, which blows away the old record by over a second. It is just a perfect day."

John Marshall's second-place finish was led by Derek Artimez, who set a pool record in the 50-yard freestyle with a 22.93 finish. Artimez closed the day with three gold medals, including the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 51.23

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