

## OVAC SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Park, Brooke Swim to Titles; Linsly Sweeps Small Schools



Photos by Mike Palmer  
John Marshall's Adam Mull, left, and Brooke's Derek Wayne, top, compete in Saturday's OVAC Championship Swim Meet in Steubenville.

## Brubaker understandably happy with results

By MIKE MATHISON  
For the News-Register

STEUBENVILLE — The Linsly swim team won the boys' and girls' small school divisions during Saturday's Ohio Valley Athletic Conference swim championships at Steubenville High School's Natatorium.

Wheeling Park's teams just missed performing the same feat.

Linsly grabbed the small school girls' title, edging 10-member Weir by three points, 174-171.

The Cadets captured the small

school boys' crown with 243 points, outdistancing runner-up St. Clairsville by 70 points.

"It was a good day," Linsly coach Bill Brubaker said. "The guys swam well. The girls swam exceptionally well. It was kind of a surprise. We have a small number and they all came through."

"That was a very good surprise. We are quite happy."

"We swam against them (Weir's Red Riders) in a dual meet and it was a two-, three-point dual meet, but when you stretch it out here

against all the schools and all the swimmers, you are never sure how it's going to shake out."

The Lady Cadets did not have an individual winner, but placed second three times — 200 medley relay, 200 free relay and 200 IM.

Linsly's Zach Hamm, Chris Reardon, Eric Pietz and Sean Reardon won the 200 medley relay in 1:46.29. Pietz (57.07) and Reardon (58.08) finished 1-2 in the 100 fly.

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Levi was still excited that his squad achieved a higher point total than anticipated. Jesse Truchan would medal for the Purple Riders winning a bronze in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Barnesville would earn two gold medals and one silver medal in the boys' events.

Christopher Baker won the boys' 200 Yard Individual Medley with a time of 2:09 and would get edged out in the 500-yard freestyle event by Derek Wayne of Brooke. Hunter Yevincy won the 100-yard backstroke touching the wall in 100.59 seconds.

St. Clairsville boys would claim two silver medals and two bronze in individual events as Eric Eaton won second in the breaststroke and bronze in the 200 IM. Michael Eaton would take second place in the 100 freestyle and third in the 50-yard freestyle sprint.

Shana Pramik of Bellaire would win a silver medal in the 50-yard freestyle touching behind Steubenville's Zyaire Pearson.

The swimmers will have two weeks to prepare for the upcoming sectional tournaments in Ohio, which will also be held in Steubenville.





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PICTURED IS the 2010-11 Barnesville Swim Team. Front row, from left, are Shane Roberts, Nate Wehr, Hunter Yevincy, Christopher Baker, JC Weiss and Zach Houseman. Second row, from left, are Shelby Wells, Alexis Vogler, Sadie Reinacher, Tiffany Gallagher and Samantha Shamhart. Back row, from left, are Kiki Lucas, Carolyn Blattler, Julie Ramsey, Alana Smith, Britni Huntsman, Breanna Skinner, Theresa Gallagher, Marisa Yudasz, Hanna Lucas and Jenny Lowry.

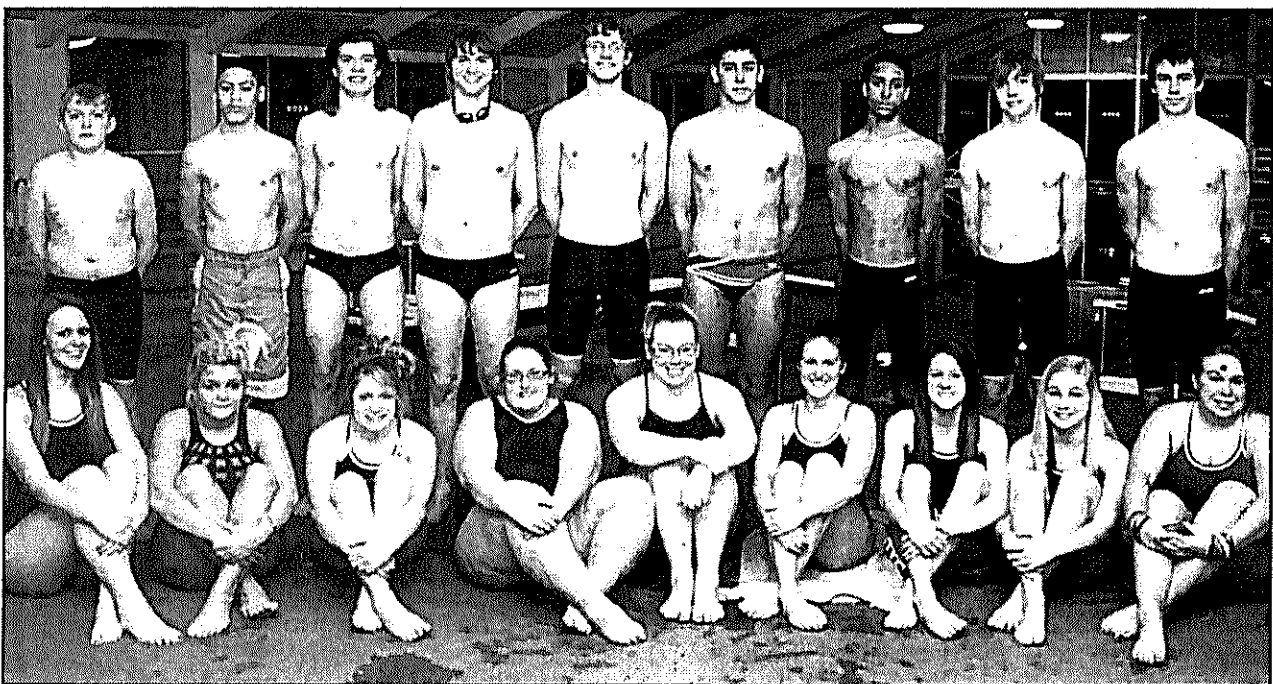


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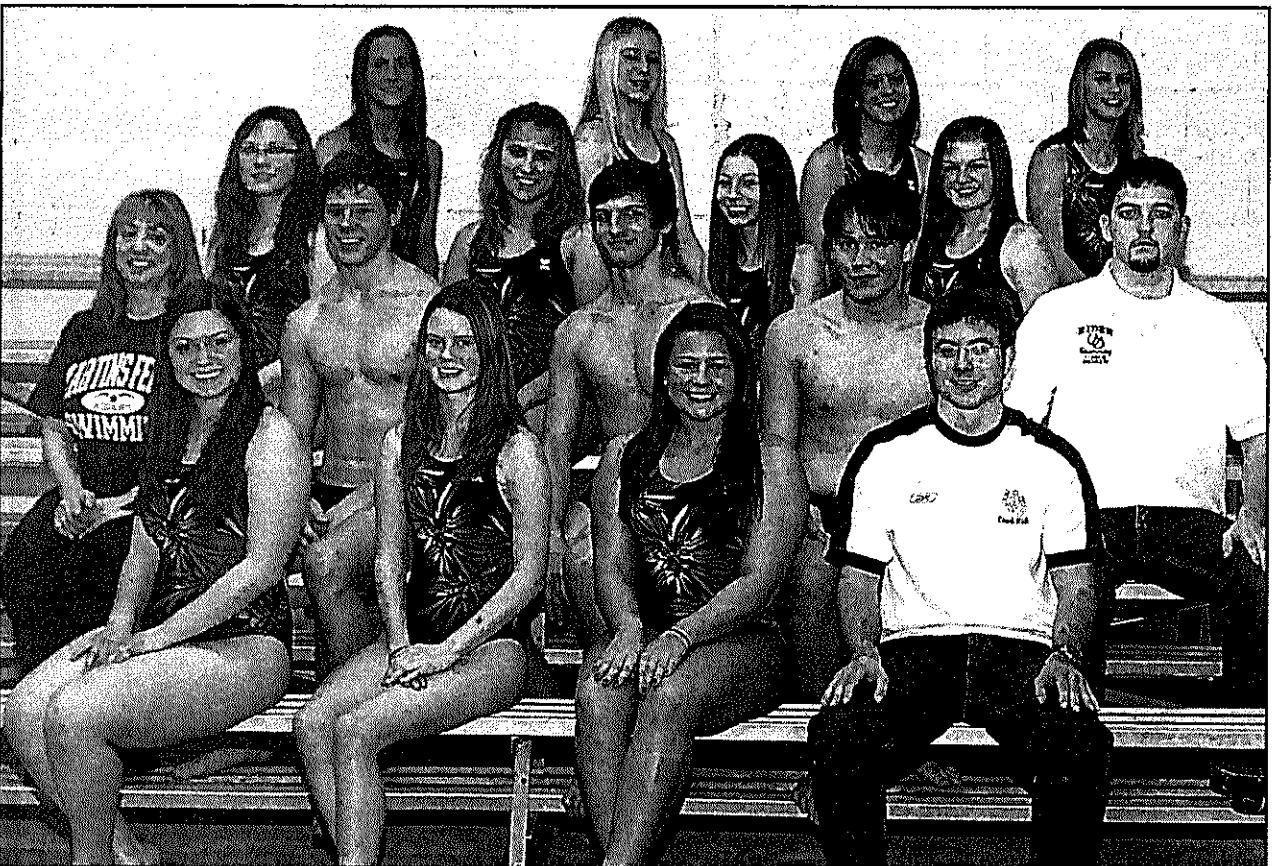


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BELLAIRE'S Shana Pramik is the fifth seed in the 100-yard backstroke. She's the top seed in the 50-yard freestyle at this weekend's OVAC Meet.

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The Rider boys, meanwhile, are seeded in six events with three different swimmers.

Jesse Truchan is the Riders' leader. He's the second-best entrant in the 100 breaststroke. He's also the fifth seed in the 50 freestyle.

Travis Couture also a strong chance of faring well in the meet. He's the fifth seed in the 200 freestyle and the fourth seed in the 100 free.

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Michael, a junior, is the third seed in the 100 freestyle and the fourth seed in the 50. Eric, meanwhile, is the third best entrant in the 200IM and the 100 breast.

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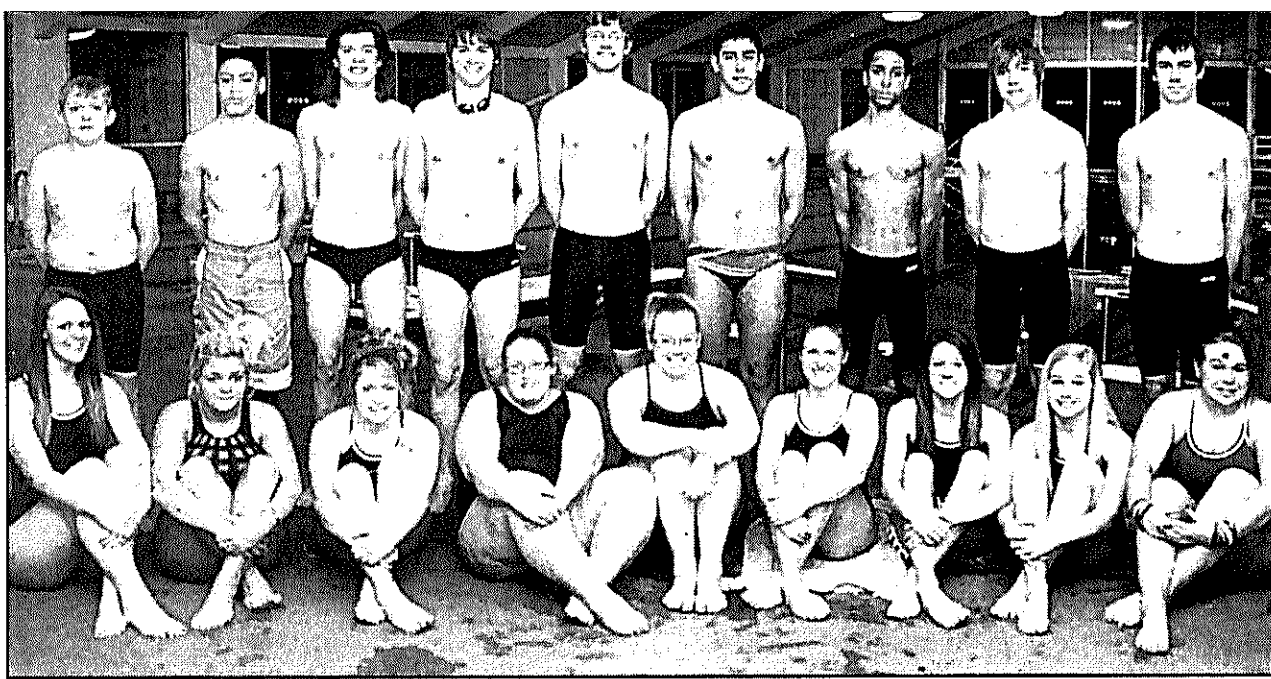


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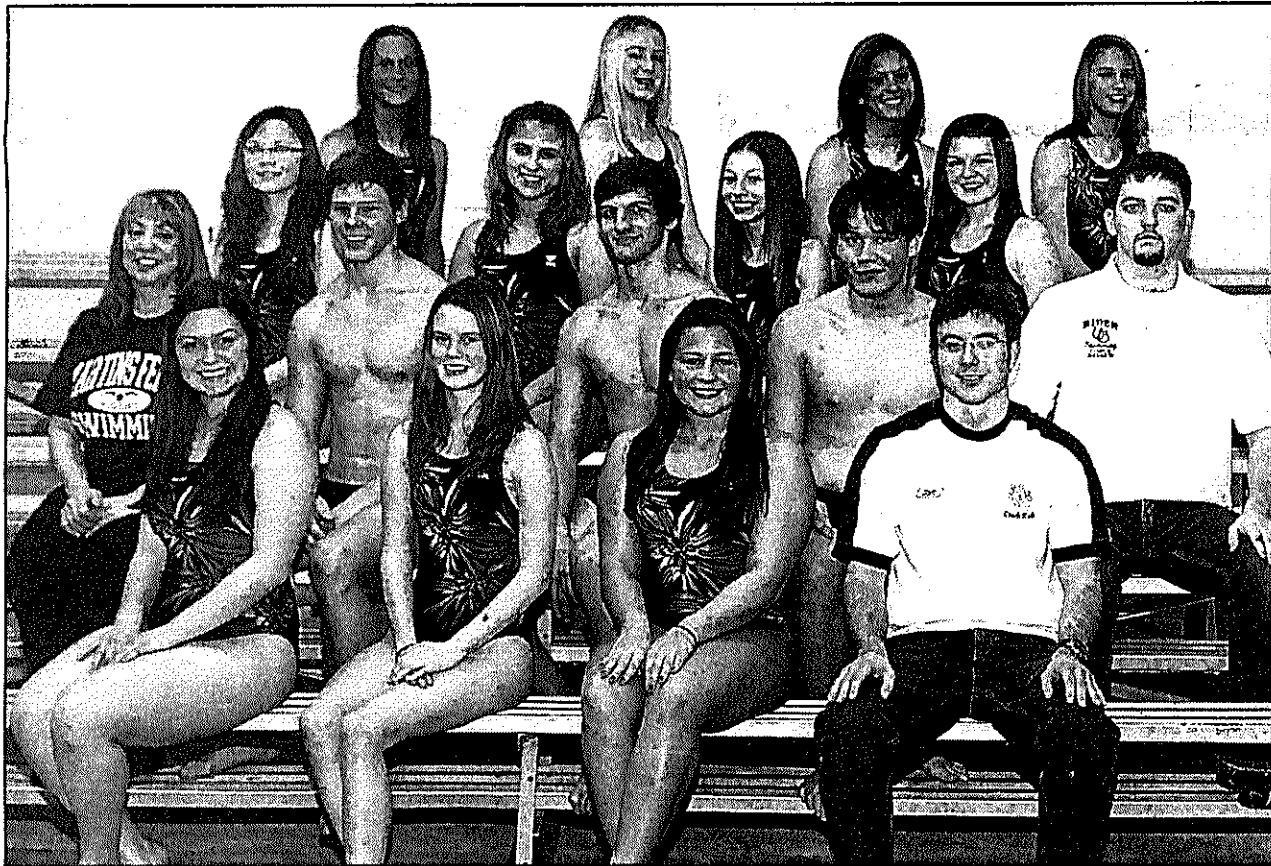


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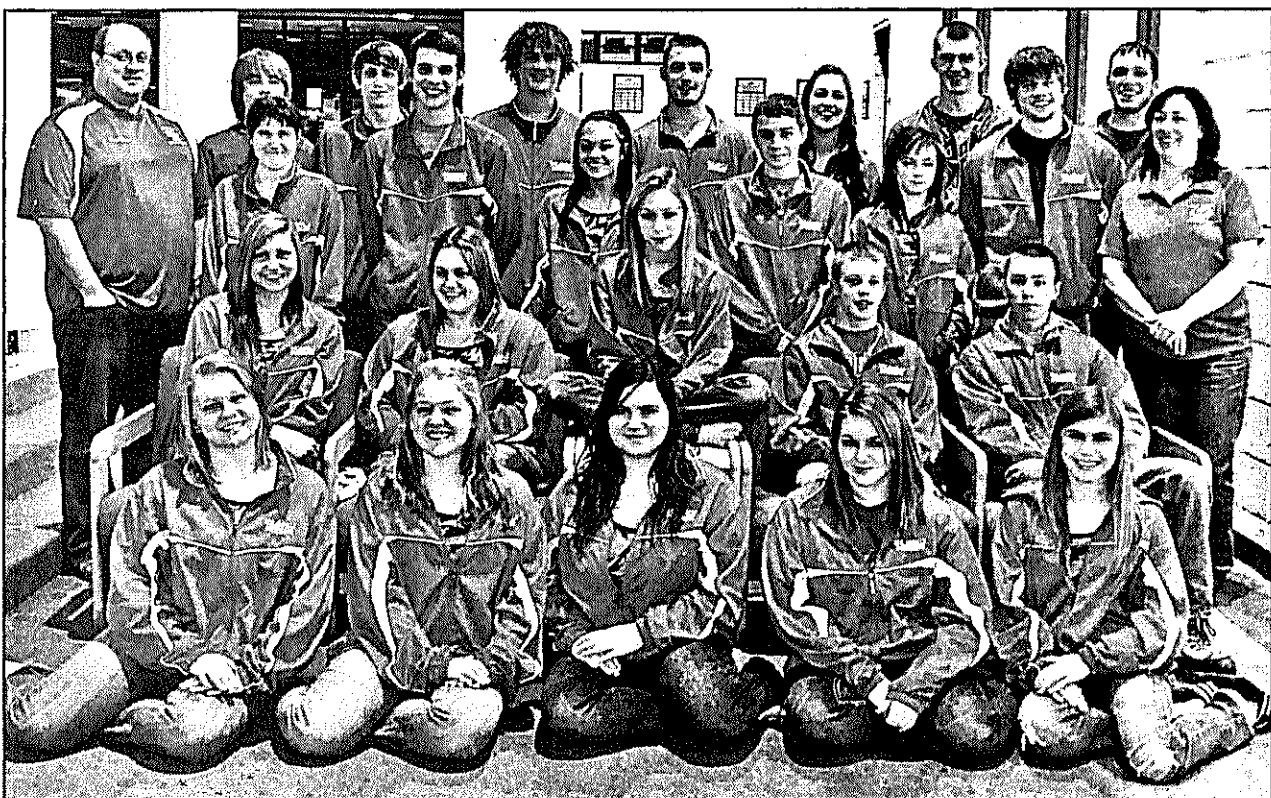


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■ **SPEAKING OF** the Cadets, the Linsley School has won an amazing 52 OVAC swimming championships. Even more impressive than the total is the fact it won 45 in a row, stretching from 1948-92. The Cadets are the two-time defending champions currently.

■ **BROOKE** is the defending big-school boys champion. The Bruins are coached by Gina (Twardoski) Reitter. She's a 2000 St. Clairsville High School graduate.

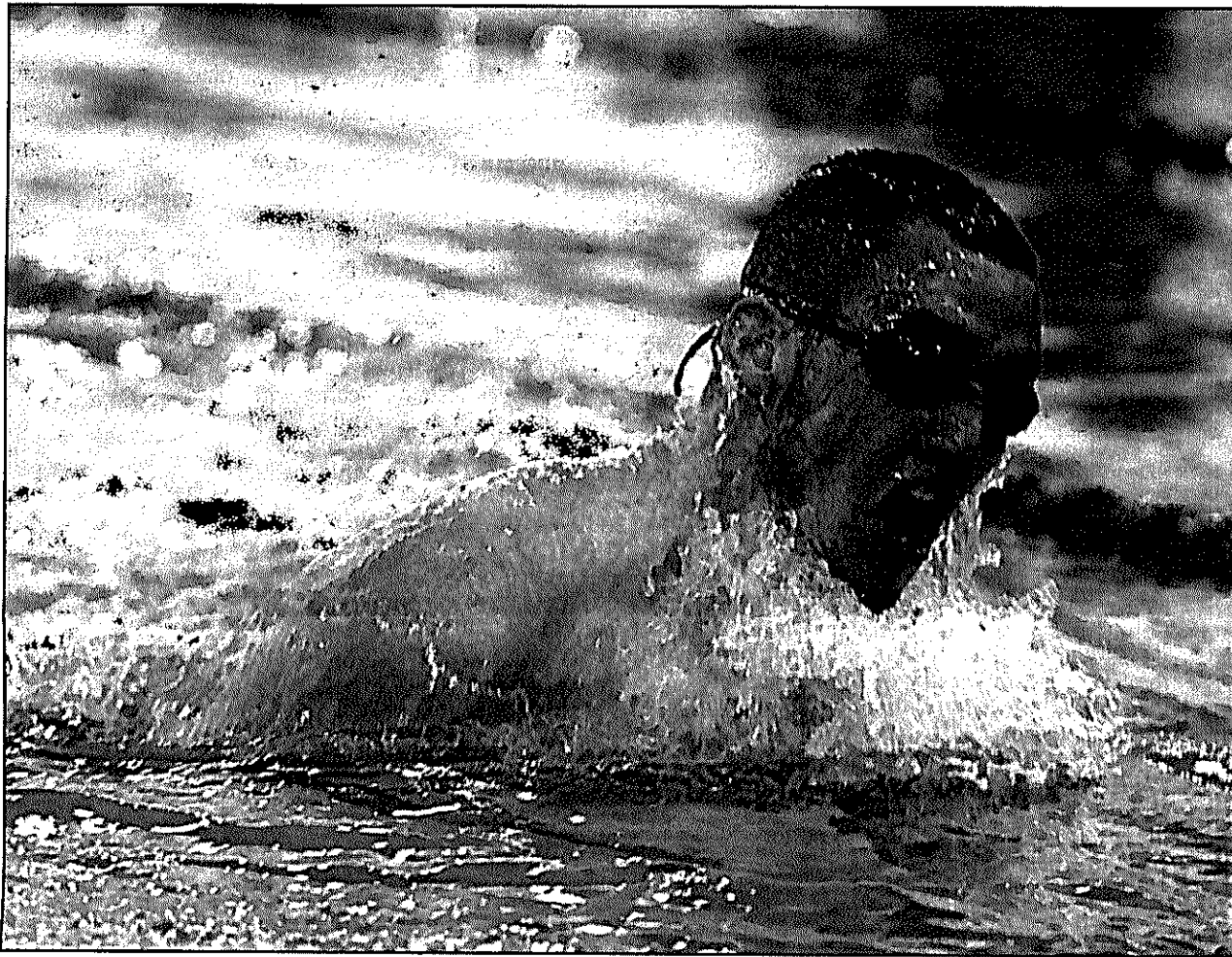
■ **NEW MEMBERS**, Morgantown and University won't compete this weekend. Both schools have said they'll compete in the 2012 competition. Zanesville also will not compete. It elected to go to another competition the same day.

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**ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S** Eric Eaton swims in the breaststroke during the St. Clairsville Invitational held earlier this month at Wheeling Jesuit University. Eaton will be one of the swimmers to watch at this weekend's OVAC Championship at Steubenville High School. *Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com).*

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### OVAC Championship

# Swimmers set to shine Saturday

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is in the second week of its five-week winter championship tour.

With wrestling already sorted out, it's time for the swimmers to take center stage.

The annual OVAC Swimming and Diving Championships will be held Saturday at Steubenville High School with no fewer than 20 schools taking part in the event.

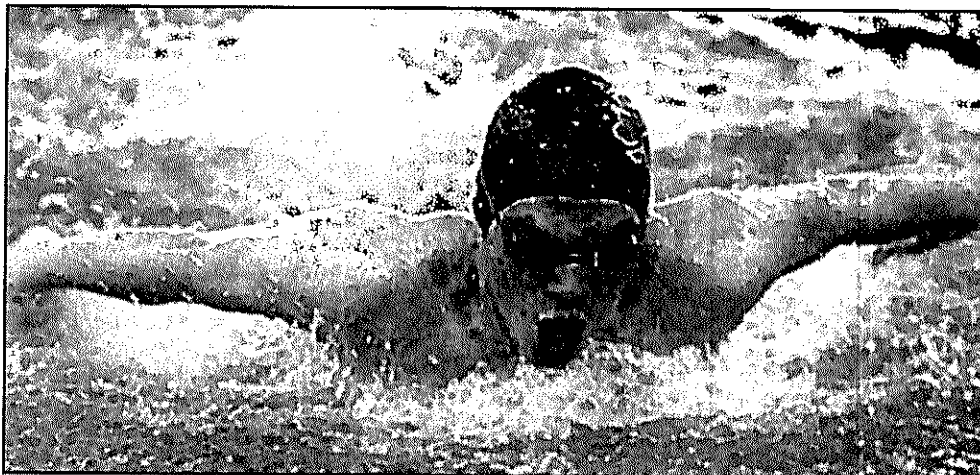
The event will begin at 11 a.m. with recognition of competing seniors. The first event will hit the water at 11:10 a.m.

Locally, four schools are slated to take part. Included is Martins Ferry, St. Clairsville, Barnesville and Bellaire.

**THE LADY** Riders come into the event as the defending small-school champions. After several years of inching closer to the title, Ferry got over the hump a year ago under then first-year coach Nick Levi.

The Lady Riders lost several key pieces of that team to graduation, but Levi expects his squad to score well this weekend.

"I like how the team has progressed," Levi said. "We've seen significant time cuts across the board and I expect more time to drop this weekend. We've put ourselves in a great position to score well as a team."



**BARNESVILLE'S** Hunter Yevincy is one of the top entrants in the 100 yard butterfly at this weekend's OVAC Championship.

The Lady Riders are seeded in nine individual events thanks to five girls.

Shelby Poludniak leads the Lady Riders. She's seeded fifth in the 500 freestyle and ninth in the 100 backstroke.

Alyssa Smith is the eighth seed in the 100 fly and the 11th seed in the 200IM. Gabrielle Fulst is the seventh seed in both the 50 and 100 freestyles. Rebecca Deaton

is entered the 100 free and back where she's seeded 13th and 15th, respectively.

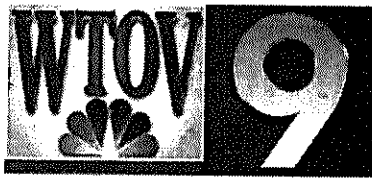
Christina Lattimer is the 16th seed in the 100 fly.

"I am definitely looking forward to the OVAC meet and seeing all of the hard work of the swimmers pay off with some great swims," Levi said.

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## OVAC SWIMMING

**Girls Big School**  
 Wheeling Park, 329; John Marshall, 227; Brooks, 148; Parkersburg South, 145; Steubenville, 102; Edison, 84; Cambridge, 81; East Liverpool, 48; Beaver Local, 41.

**Girls Small School**  
 The Linsley School, 174; Weir, 171; St. Clairsville, 147; Martins Ferry, 143; Catholic Central, 133; Wheeling Central, 99; Belleaire, 58; Barnesville, 30; Bishop Rosecrans, 24.

**Boys Big School**  
 Brooks, 271; Wheeling Park, 251; John Marshall, 206; Steubenville, 179; Parkersburg South, 171; Edison, 126; Beaver Local, 106; East Liverpool, 40; Cambridge, 33.

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 Linsley, 265; St. Clairsville, 196; Martins Ferry, 114; Barnesville, 70; Catholic Central, 64; Wheeling Central, 54; Bishop Rosecrans, 24.

**Girls 200 Yard Medley Relay**  
 1. Wheeling Park (DiCola, Kati SR, Curmes, Kaitlyn, Chaplin, Stacy JR, Jabbia, Cecelia), 1:58.581. 2. Linsley 'A' (Bird, Julia JR, Kriechbaum, Hannah JR, Scarpone, Zoe, Gavorcik, Danielle JR), 2:06.28. 3. Weir 'A' (Thorp, Lindsey SR, Gilbert, Dominique SO, Ferguson, Kelsey JR, Virtue, Alexis SO), 2:07.87. 4. Parkersburg South 'A' (Robinson, Anneliese SR, Collins, Elizabeth JR, Sweeney, Audrey SO, Fish, Natalie), 2:08.70. 5. Brooke 'A' (Riggs, Sara SO, Simon, Emma SO, Dulaney, Kaylee SR, Richard, Rachel JR), 2:08.93. 6. St. Clairsville 'A' (King, Lexie SR, Falcone, Carly, Skrabak, Emily SR, Blair, Katy SR), 2:09.98. 7. Martins Ferry 'A' (Poludniak, Shelby, Lewis, Shannon SO, Lattimer, Christina SO, Fulst, Gabrielle SO), 2:11.30. 8. Wheeling Park 'B' (Friday, Madeline SO, Burch, Elizabeth SR, Famoso, Cassie JR, Custer, Marisa JR), 2:12.72.

**Boys 200 Yard Medley Relay**  
 1. Linsley 'A' (Hamm, Zach SO, Reardon, Chris SO, Pietz, Eric SR, Reardon, Sean SR), 1:48.29. 2. John Marshall 'A' (Artimex, J. J. SR, Mull, Adam SR, Vannest, Alex SO, Artimex, Derek SR), 1:49.26. 3. Brooke 'A' (Herrick, Josh JR, Rowland, Kevin JR, Robey, Jacob SR, Salakovich, Alec JR), 1:53.04. 4. St. Clairsville 'A' (Pokas, Nick SR, Eaton, Michael, Eaton, Eric JR, Nolte, Ryan JR), 1:53.53. 5. Steubenville 'A' (Moustader, Zach JR, DiCarlo, Dominic, Larsen, Cliff JR, Nagy, Alex JR), 1:56.88. 6. Edison 'A' (Achhammer, Alex SR, Smith, Zach SR, Sanders, Shane SR, Gronca, Koby JR), 1:58.42. 7. Wheeling Park (Ruryan, Lucas SR, Hudson, Collin SR, Patterson, Cody SR, Vargo, Andrew JR), 1:58.91. 8. Catholic Central 'A' (Norris, C. J. SR, Spencer, Kolbe SR, Schlich, Johnny SR, Lee, Anthony), 2:03.14.

**Girls 500 Yardeestyle**  
 1. Jabbia, Cecelia, Wheeling Park, 2:00.71. 2. Humpe, Jose, Wheeling Central, 2:03.08. 3. Vucelik, Daryn, John Marshall, 2:11.68. 4. DiCola, Kati, Wheeling Park, 2:13.34. 5. Waddell, Beth, Cambridge, 2:14.01. 6. Knight, Haley, Steubenville, 2:19.81. 7. Pramik, Paige, Belleaire, 2:21.42. 8. Bird, Julia, Linsley, 2:22.58.

**Boys 500 Yardeestyle**  
 1. Wayne, Derek, Brooke, 1:52.58. 2. Pietz, Eric, Linsley, 1:53.19. 3. Voegelin, Patrick, Wheeling Park, 1:54.08. 4. Smith, Zach, Edison, 1:58.10. 5. Coutura, Travis, Martins Ferry, 2:00.58. 6. Salvatore, Noah, Wheeling Park, 2:02.50. 7. Lorsch, Nathan, Beaver Local, 2:08.02. 8. Bahr, Chris, Parkersburg S, 2:07.07.

**Girls 200 Yard IM**  
 1. Ferguson, Kelsey, Weir, 2:15.58. 2. Scarpone, Zoe, Linsley, 2:18.43. 3. Sweeney, Audrey, Parkersburg S, 2:20.11. 4. Curmes, Kaitlyn, Wheeling Park, 2:20.46. 5. Miller, Elizabeth, Catholic Central, 2:23.27. 6. Keenan, Laura, Beaver Local, 2:35.82. 7. Riggs, Sara, Brooke, 2:38.08. 8. Falcone, Carly, St. Clairsville, 2:38.24.

**Boys 200 Yard IM**  
 1. Baker, Christopher, Barnesville, 2:09.90. 2. Hamm, Zach, Linsley, 2:12.57. 3. Eaton, Eric, St. Clairsville, 2:13.13. 4. Patterson, Cody, Wheeling Park, 2:16.57. 5. Mull, Adam, John Marshall, 2:20.70. 6. Reardon, Sean, Linsley, 2:21.00. 7. Miller, Sam, Parkersburg S, 2:21.58. 8. Bye, Jimi, Steubenville, 2:25.88.

**Girls 50 Yardeestyle**  
 1. Pearson, Zylira, Steubenville, 26.80. 2. Pramik, Shana, Belleaire, 27.21. 3. Custer, Marisa, Wheeling Park, 27.72. 4. Fulst, Gabrielle, Martins Ferry, 28.31. 5. Hartzell, Katie, Edison, 28.41. 6. Minor, Kristine, John Marshall, 28.80. 7. Gavorcik, Danielle, Linsley, 28.84. 8. Richard, Rachel, Brooke, 29.12.

**Boys 50 Yardeestyle**  
 1. Artimex, Derek, John Marshall, 23.33. 2. Roast, Jimmy, Wheeling Park, 23.69. 3. Eaton, Michael, St. Clairsville, 23.88. 4. Rice, Andrew, Beaver Local, 23.92. 5. Truchan, Jesse, Martins Ferry, 24.26. 6. Reardon, Chris, Linsley, 25.08. 7. Johnson, Corey, Parkersburg S, 25.38. 8. Mackall, Bob, E Liverpool, 25.41.

**Girls 100 Yard Butterfly**  
 1. Dulaney, Kaylee, Brooke, 1:00.77. 2. Scarpone, Zoe, Linsley, 1:03.40. 3. Hildtch, Sami, E Liverpool, 1:04.72. 4. Ingram, Jenna, John Marshall, 1:12.97. 5. Skrabak, Emily, St. Clairsville, 1:13.98. 6. Seavers, Kayla, Beaver Local, 1:14.48. 7. Russell, Emma, Wheeling Central, 1:16.15. 8. Schilling, Malle, Rosecrans, 1:17.20.

**Boys 100 Yard Butterfly**  
 1. Pietz, Eric, Linsley, 57.07. 2. Reardon, Sean, Linsley, 58.08. 3. Artimex, J. J., John Marshall, 58.28. 4. Larsen, Cliff, Steubenville, 58.61. 5. Robey, Jacob, Brooke, 58.89. 6. Yevincy, Hunter, Barnesville, 59.61. 7. Achhammer, Alex, Edison, 1:05.81. 8. Reineccius, Steve, Rosecrans, 1:07.13.

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 1. Sweeney, Audrey, Parkersburg S, 58.08. 2. Humpe, Jose, Wheeling Central, 58.28. 3. Vucelik, Daryn, John Marshall, 1:00.08. 4. Worrel, Jade, John Marshall, 1:01.12. 5. King, Lexie, St. Clairsville, 1:04.31. 6. Gavorcik, Danielle, Linsley, 1:04.51. 7. Pramik, Paige, Belleaire, 1:04.87. 8. Fulst, Gabrielle, Martins Ferry, 1:05.32.

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 1. Artimex, Derek, John Marshall,

51.34. 2. Eaton, Michael, St. Clairsville, 52.10. 3. Harrick, Josh, Brooke, 52.57. 4. Smith, Zach, Edison, 52.88. 5. Coutura, Travis, Martins Ferry, 53.22. 6. Roast, Jimmy, Wheeling Park, 53.58. 7. ye, Jimi, Steubenville, 58.13. 8. Johnson, Corey, Parkersburg S, 58.48.

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 1. Wayne, Derek, Brooke, 5:04.50. 2. Baker, Christopher, Barnesville, 5:08.91. 3. Voegelin, Patrick, Wheeling Park, 5:20.24. 4. Larsen, Cliff, Steubenville, 5:28.72. 5. Salvatore, Noah, Wheeling Park, 5:33.80. 6. Miller, Sam, Parkersburg S, 5:45.23. 7. Bahr, Chris, Parkersburg S, 5:48.03. 8. Sanders, Shane, Edison, 5:49.63.

**Girls 200 Yardeestyle Relay**  
 1. John Marshall 'A' (Marchlanski, Eben SR, Minor, Kristine JR, Vucelik, Daryn SR, Worrel, Jade), 1:51.46. 2. Linsley 'A' (Scarpone, Zoe, Bird, Julia JR, Walmer, Brie SO, Gavorcik, Danielle JR), 1:54.07. 3. Weir 'A' (Martin, Allyson SO, LaPosta, Kaylee JR, Virtus, Alexis SO, Ferguson, Kelsey JR), 1:54.28. 4. Brooke 'A' (Riggs, Sara SO, Cebula, Hannah SO, Richard, Rachel JR, Dulaney, Kaylee SR), 1:54.82. 5. Wheeling Park (Green, Kendra JR, Chaplin, Stacy JR, Dolan, Emma JR, Custer, Marisa JR), 1:55.37. 6. Steub. Catholic 'A' (Gulan, Maddy, Vorsten, Katrina SR, Benaur, Justine JR, Miller, Elizabeth JR), 1:56.51. 7. St. Clairsville 'A' (Falcone, Carly, Skrabak, Emily SR, Blair, Katy SR, King, Lexie SR), 1:58.58. 8. Edison 'A' (Bell, Jenna JR, Marquie, Shelby SO, andland, Victoria SO, Hartzell, Katie SR), 1:57.84.

**Boys 200 Yardeestyle Relay**  
 1. Wheeling Park (Patterson, Cody SR, Garre, Josh JR, Voegelin, Patrick SR, Roast, Jimmy SR), 1:35.831. 2. Linsley 'A' (Hamm, Zach SO, Reardon, Sean SR, Reardon, Chris SO, Pietz, Eric SR), 1:36.97. 3. Brooke 'A' (Salakovich, Alec JR, Rowland, Kevin JR, Wayne, Derek SR, Harrick, Josh JR), 1:37.93. 4. John Marshall 'A' (Kotson, Danny SR, Mull, Adam SR, Artimex, J. J. SR, Artimex, Derek SR), 1:38.43. 5. St. Clairsville 'A' (Eaton, Michael, Paxton, Logan SR, Nolte, Ryan JR, Eaton, Eric JR), 1:39.33. 6. Parkersburg South 'A' (Johnson, Corey SO, Rexroad, James SR, Bahr, Chris JR, Miller, Sam SR), 1:43.05. 7. Steubenville 'A' (Frye, Jimi SR, Nehring, Chris SR, Moustader, Zach JR, Nagy, Alex JR), 1:43.20. 8. Beaver Local 'A' (Rice, Andrew JR, Maurer, Justin SO, ank, Sam SO, Lorsch, Nathan JR), 1:43.93.

**Girls 100 Yard Backstroke**  
 1. Dulaney, Kaylee, Brooke, 1:00.761. 2. DiCola, Kati, Wheeling Park, 1:07.72. 3. Hildtch, Sami, E Liverpool, 1:08.81. 4. Pramik, Shana, Belleaire, 1:09.47. 5. Robinson, Anneliese, Parkersburg S, 1:09.50. 6. Poludniak, Shelby, Martins Ferry, 1:11.23. 7. Riggs, Sara, Brooke, 1:12.16. 8. Bird, Julia, Linsley, 1:12.32.

**Boys 100 Yard Backstroke**  
 1. Yevincy, Hunter, Barnesville, 1:00.59. 2. Artimex, J. J., John Marshall, 1:00.90. 3. Hamm, Zach, Linsley, 1:03.81. 4. Moustader, Zach, Steubenville, 1:04.22. 5. Achhammer, Alex, Edison, 1:05.27. 6. Rice, Andrew, Beaver Local, 1:05.63. 7. Labash, Monte, Linsley, 1:07.07. 8. Slavik, Stefan, Brooke, 1:09.09.

**Girls 100 Yard Breaststroke**  
 1. Curmes, Kaitlyn, Wheeling Park, 1:11.42. 2. Worrel, Jade, John Marshall, 1:18.90. 3. Collins, Elizabeth, Parkersburg S, 1:18.49. 4. Keenan, Laura, Beaver Local, 1:20.09. 5. Bell, Jenna, Edison, 1:20.63. 6. Falcone, Carly, St. Clairsville, 1:22.42. 7. Blivka, Katie, Steubenville, 1:22.58. 8. Gilbert, Dominique, Weir, 1:22.82.

**Boys 100 Yard Breaststroke**  
 1. Mull, Adam, John Marshall, 1:08.62. 2. Eaton, Eric, St. Clairsville, 1:07.20. 3. Truchan, Jesse, Martins Ferry, 1:08.31. 4. Reardon, Chris, Linsley, 1:08.49. 5. Targosky, Roger, Wheeling Central, 1:14.05. 6. Reineccius, Steve, Rosecrans, 1:14.18. 7. Rowland, Kevin, Brooke, 1:15.68. 8. Schlich, Danny, Catholic Central, 1:16.22.

**Girls 400 Yardeestyle Relay**  
 1. Wheeling Park (Curmes, Kaitlyn, Custer, Marisa JR, DiCola, Kati SR, Jabbia, Cecelia), 3:57.721. 2. John Marshall 'A' (Ingram, Jenna SO, Minor, Kristine JR, Vucelik, Daryn SR, Worrel, Jade), 4:06.55. 3. Parkersburg South 'A' (Robinson, Anneliese SR, Ruble, Gebby JR, Collins, Elizabeth JR, Sweeney, Audrey SO), 4:12.48. 4. Weir 'A' (Martin, Allyson SO, LaPosta, Kaylee JR, Virtus, Alexis SO, Ferguson, Kelsey JR), 4:13.29. 5. Wheeling Central 'A' (Cain, Megan JR, Gordon, Emily SO, Russell, Emma SR, Humpe, Jose SR), 4:25.92. 6. Steubenville 'A' (Zimlah, Allie, Pearson, Zylira SR, Slivka, Katie SO, Knight, Heley SO), 4:28.20. 7. Martins Ferry 'A' (Fulst, Gabrielle SO, Smith, Alyssa SO, Deaton, Rebecca SR, Poludniak, Shelby), 4:28.41. 8. Edison 'A' (Hartzell, Katie SR, Marquie, Shelby SO andland, Victoria SO, Bell, Jenna JR), 4:30.29.

**Boys 400 Yardeestyle Relay**  
 1. Wheeling Park (Patterson, Cody SR, Salvatore, Noah, Roast, Jimmy SR, Voegelin, Patrick SR), 3:33.04. 2. Brooke 'A' (Wayne, Derek SR, Robey, Jacob SR, Rowland, Kevin JR, Harrick, Josh JR), 3:33.84. 3. Steubenville 'A' (Frye, Jimi SR, Moustader, Zach JR, Nagy, Alex JR, Larsen, Cliff JR), 3:45.48. 4. Parkersburg South 'A' (Miller, Sam SR, Giffin, Jacob JR, Johnson, Corey SO, Bahr, Chris JR), 3:48.77. 5. Brooke 'B' (Kocher, Rusty SR, Slavik, Stefan JR, Harlan, Jordan SO, Salakovich, Alec JR), 3:54.39. 6. Edison 'A' (Sanders, Shane SR, Gronca, Koby JR, Achhammer, Alex SR, Smith, Zach SR), 3:55.58. 7. Martins Ferry 'A' (Truchan, Jesse SR, Endsley, Joaleh SR, Garcia, Axel SR, Coutura, Travis SR), 3:58.89. 8. St. Clairsville 'A' (Rife, Jacob SR, Tobin, Nick SO, Nolte, Ryan JR, Pokas, Nick SR), 3:59.66.

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**BARNESVILLE'S** Christopher Baker swims the breaststroke in the 200-yard IM during the OVAC Swimming Championships at Steubenville High School Saturday afternoon. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

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## OVAC Swim Championship

# Barnesville duo wins OVAC swim titles

• Linsly coach and OVAC swim director Brubaker honored for 30-plus years of service

By **MIKE PALMER**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

The annual OVAC swimming championships were contested Saturday in Steubenville's Natatorium. When the pools were cleared, the Linsly boys' and girls' teams each claimed the small school championship.

It would be a big day for Linsly coach Bill Brubaker, in addition to winning two titles in the event the long-time coach was recognized for his 30-plus years of dedication to the sport of swimming in the OVAC with a plaque presented by assistant swimming director Ed Garbash.

"It was a surprise," Brubaker said of the

presentation. "It has been a lot of fun being a part of all this for the past 30 years."

The coach can add the two championships this year to his already impressive resume that included nine other OVAC banners, 13 OVSL titles, a state championship, the school's first perfect season producing 4 All-Americans along the way.

"We work hard to get as many kids as we can into the event and make it as competitive as possible," Brubaker added.

Wheeling Park's girls' and Brooke's boys' won the big school titles. The Patriots and Bruins also claimed the overall point's champions.

The Red Devils of St. Clairsville would

claim second place in the boys small school division finishing fifth in the overall rankings with 147 points.

The Red Riders of Weir celebrated when it was announced that they had overtaken St. Clairsville in the girls' event to claim runner-up in the small school division.

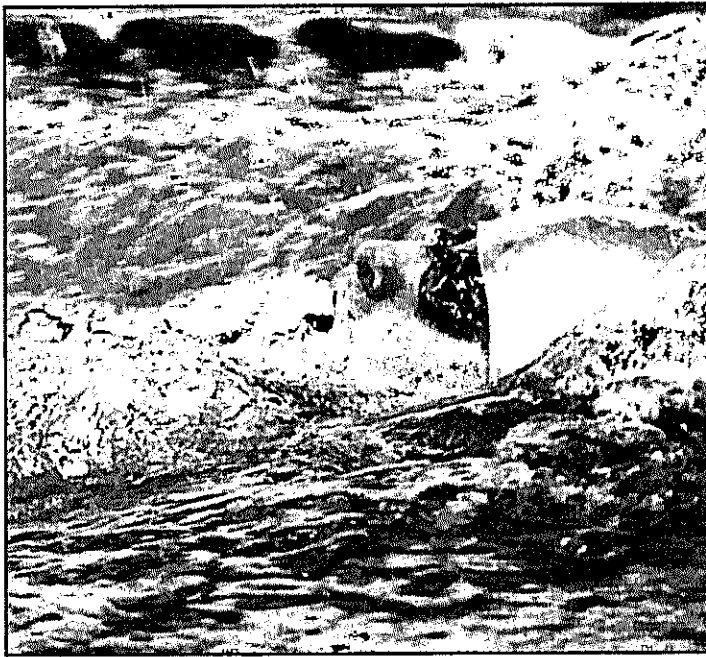
Melanie Eaton, St. Clairsville coach, was disappointed by the late run to overtake her girls team but remained positive. "They did a wonderful job, everyone worked together today," said Eaton. "They outperformed my greatest expectations."

While Martins Ferry would not make the top five this year, its head coach Nicholas

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**BARNESVILLE'S** Hunter Yevincy swims in the 100-yard butterfly during Saturday's OVAC Swim Championship at Steubenville.



**BELLAIRE'S** Shana Pramik swims in the backstroke during the OVAC Swim Meet. She finished second in the conference in the 50-yard freestyle.

# Bruney, Batton to coach OVAC All-Stars

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

Prep football season is still some seven months away.

However, the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic preparations are well



(West Virginia) in the OVAC All-Star Game."

This is Batton and the Blue Eagles' second time coaching the game. They last did it in 2007 and narrowly fell to Ohio when Nick Rocchio found Steubenville's Maurice Bougard

Morgantown, University and Hundred have all joined the conference in the last few years.

"Having fewer schools to choose from has always hindered (West Virginia), but we've added some excellent programs with excellent coaches," Batton

# OVAC

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Wheeling Park's girls won the large school crown with 329 points, winning by a large margin on state foe John Marshall's 227 points.

Park's Kati DiCola, Katelyn Curnes, Stacy Chapin and Cecelia Jebbia started with a meet and pool record in the 200 medley relay with a 1:59.58 clocking. Jebbia, a freshman, came right back to grab the 200 free in 2:00.71, 1.01 seconds off the 13-year-old mark set by Linsly's Sarah Crouch.

Jebbia then beat Steubenville Catholic's Elizabeth Miller in the 500 free. Her time of 5:27.14 edged Miller by .59 seconds. Curnes won the 100 breaststroke in 1:11.42.

Curnes, Marisa Custer, DiCola and Jebbia finished the meet with a meet record 3:57.72 in the 400 free relay.

"Coming in, we expected the girls to do well and they did, but they exceeded all expectations with the record-setting day they had," Patriots coach Patrick Durkin said. "We had individual records fall. We had team records fall. We had meet records fall. The girls swam great."

The boys finished 20 points behind defending champion Brooke (271-251). Cody Patterson, Josh Garrett, Patrick Voegelin and Jimmy Roset won the 200 free relay in 1:35.83, which set a meet record. Patterson, Noah Salvatore, Roset and Voegelin won the 400 free relay in 3:33.04.

"For the boys, it's always tough to lose and take second place, but there are a lot of teams who wouldn't mind trading places with us right now. We knew we had to score a lot of points coming in against Brooke. I'm happy for the boys. They're a little dejected because they swam their hearts out and we just came up a little short.

"Overall, it was an awesome day."

Behind brilliant victories in the 200 free and 500 free by senior Derek Wayne and solid performance by four relay teams; Josh Harrick in the 100 free and Jacob Robey in the 100 fly, the Bruins won for the second year in a row.

"It's always fun when you're the underdog and you come from behind to win a championship meet," Brooke coach Gina Reitter said. "I could not have asked for a better season than this year. It's been amazing.

"We're taking home another championship, four school records and a meet record. I couldn't be happier for the kids."

Senior Kaylea Dulaney ripped through the water for impressive victories in the 100 fly (1:00.77) and 100 back (1:00.76), the latter of which set a pool and meet record, breaking an 8-year-old mark by

Barnesville's Danielle Holskey. Both are also school records.

"I was pumped up, but was also very nervous," admitted Dulaney, who was also a member of the fourth-place 200 free relay squad and the fifth-place 200 medley relay team. "Being a senior I just wanted to do my best for our team.

"The girl seeded below me in the 100 fly (Zoe Scarpone), I knew she was going to drop her time. She's from Linsly and Linsly tapers for this event. I dove in and knew I had to get a lead. I got a lead at 50 and the last 50 I just went. I knew it was mine.

"This is a great event. We're not tapered, but we're ready to swim for our best times. We know we're not tapered, so we know we can swim better. I'm hoping to go under a minute in both my events."

Wayne was seeded second in the 200 free and third in the 500 free and came out of the water to stand atop the podium in both events.

"I haven't been swimming that well lately, and to go almost my record in the 200, I was ecstatic," said Wayne, who touched the wall in 1:52.56 in the 200 free and 5:04.50 in the 500 free. "I was so happy to get the record in the 500 again. I swam a 5:13 last week on Monday and to drop 9 seconds in a weeks time, well, I was really happy.

"Whenever I race someone who is really good like Chris Baker (from Barnesville), Eric Pietz (Linsly) or Pat Voegelin (Wheeling Park) I do really well against them. They are some of my favorite swimmers to swim against."

Weir coach Donna Ferguson talked to her squad about who would swim in what races and she received a team consensus.

"With such a small group, I like to give them the choice of what they would like to swim," she said. "And they all came back with 'whatever is best for the team.' When we looked at the times and realized we could put our stronger girls in the relays, it was what was best for the team.

"They were all willing to give up possibly placing or medaling in their individual events. Swimming is hard because it's individual, but this is the best part because it's the team part."

Junior Kelsey Ferguson chose to swim the 200 IM for the first time this season to see how her surgically repaired left leg would hold up.

Just fine, thank you. She won the race in 2:15.59.

John Marshall's Derek Artinez captured the 50 free (23.33) and the 100 free (51.34). Teammate Adam Mull won the 100 breaststroke (1:06.62).