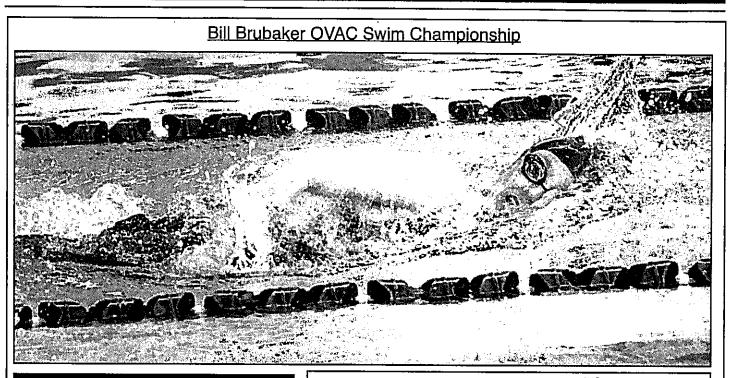
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Eaton, Kalinski shine

Linsly sweeps small-school crowns

By RICK THORP Times Leader Sports Writer

STEUBENVILLE - St. Clairsville's Michael Eaton and Martins Ferry's Alyssa Kalinski both graduated to the top of the wards' stand Saturday at the Bill Brubaker OVAC Swimming

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Championships inside the Steubenville High School Natatorium.

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Breaststroke. He helped lead it. C. to fourth place in the Boys' arge School Standings with 187 oints.

Parkersburg South captured the eam crown with 323. Wheeling 'ark was second with 221, while forgantown (217) was third and Iniversity (145) was fifth. Brooke 123), John Marshall (115), 'ambridge (105), Steubenville 100), Beaver Local (59), Martins Ferry (47) and Weir (24) completed the scoring.

Linsly won yet another Small School crown for veteran Head Coach, meet director and event namesake Brubaker with 305 points. Steubenville Catholic was second with 120, followed by

Wheeling Central (44), St. John (26) and Toronto (9).

Kalinski, a freshman, cruised to a triumph in the 500 Freestyle. Her finish helped bolster the Purple Riders to a third-

place showing in the Large School standings with 163 points.

Morgantown snared the team crown with 360, followed by Park with 244. Parkersburg South (162) and St. Clairsville and Cambridge (both with 145) rounded out the top 5. Brooke (131) was seventh, followed by University (128), Beaver Local (68), John

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Woodland leads at **Torrey Pines**

SAN DIEGO (AP) -Gary Woodland didn't have to overpower the par 5s to take the lead at Torrey Pines.

Woodland made five birdies on another tough day of scoring on the South Course for a 2-under 70. That gave him a one-shot lead over 20-year-old Jordan Spieth (75) and Marc Leishman of Australia (72) going into the final round of the Farmers Insurance Open.

The final round won't include Tiger Woods. In a shocking performance at course where he has won eight times, Woods went seven straight holes with a bogey or worse and matched his worst score on American soil with a 79. Woods missed the 54-hole cut.

A dozen players were separated by only three shots going into Sunday, including San Diego native Pat Perez and Ryo Ishikawa of Japan.

Blues edge Islanders

UNIONDALE. N.Y. (AP) – Kevin Shattenkirk and Alexander Steen scored shootout goals to lift the St. Louis Blues to 4-3 win over the New York Islanders on Saturday following a puzzling goal reversal call in overtime.

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Hurricanes 6, Senators 3

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Manny Malhotra had two goals and an assist, leading the Carolina Hurricanes to a 6-3 win over the Ottawa Senators.

It was the third straight win for Carolina, which is



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Marshall (47),Steubenville (30) and Weir (10).

Linsly won the Small School championship with 308 points. Wheeling Central was second with 111, followed by Steubenville Catholic (81), Barnesville (36) and Bellaire (1).

After inclement weather forced the cancellation of last Tuesday's preliminary events at Brooke, Wheeling Park and Linsly, Saturday's championships featured more swimming than fans of the annual event are accustomed to seeing. Still, a plethora of records were broken, including a pair by Eaton.

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Later, Eaton snapped the mark he set last year in the 100 Breaststroke, finishing in 58.38. His time last year was 59.90. He also was on the 200 Freestyle Relay team that took third along with Krone, Christopher Blackwell and Clark.

"For where I am, I'm excited with the times that I swam," said Eaton, who noted the OVACs are a 11-0-1 in its last 12 home springboard to sectional



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It was the third straight win for Carolina, which is 11-0-1 in its last 12 home games against Ottawa.

The result moved the Hurricanes, who had a 4-0 lead in the second period, a point ahead of the Senators in the Eastern Conference standings.

Bruins 6, Flyers 1

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Jarome Iginla and Zdeno Chara each had two goals, Tuukka Rask made 25 saves and the Boston Bruins beat the Philadelphia Flyers.

Reilly Smith and Patrice Bergeron also had goals for the Bruins. The defending Eastern Conference champions are 3-0-1 since losing five of eight, and trail only Pittsburgh.

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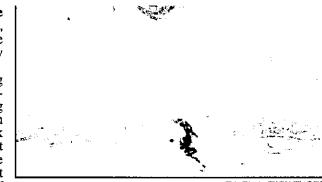
"For where I am, I'm excited with the times that I swam," said Eaton, who noted the OVACs are a springboard to sectional and district competition.

"I pretty much achieved all of my goals. Again, I can't complain with where I am in my training."

"I'm really looking forward to districts and state. My ultimate goal is to win that state title and be the champion in the 100 breast.

His mom and coach, Melanie, thought it was a great day, not only for Michael, but the entire squad.

'Michael did an awesome job, the team had a great day," she said. "The girls also did great, they all dropped times and they all swam well."



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Nick Levi was impressed

with the performance of the

youngster, as well as the

a great springboard to the

postseason for Alyssa," he

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In addition to those secured by Michael Eaton, there were two records turned in on the boys' side.

Linsly's 200 Medley Relay team of Drew Bastian, Tre Taylor, Kevin Pietz and Liam McNeil victory in swam to 1:40.83, while the Cadets' 200 Freestyle Relay squad of McNeil, Reese Boyd, Taylor and Bastian was a winner in 1:33.34.

Linsly's boys won every individual event, except for the ones won by Michael Eaton. Boyd won twice, There were five meet Pietz claimed two and Bastain and McNeil won once.

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Swimmers Ready to Vie for OVAC Championships

Linsly boys, girls loaded again

By TONY VIOLA Staff Writer

WHEELING - If you flip through the psych sheet for this year's OVAC Swim Meet, you'll notice some things never change. Linsly's all over it.

It's only fitting. After all, the Cadets have by far the most overall titles (55) and won 45 the school. consecutive from 1948-92.

just a small amount of teams," veteran Linsly coach and longtime meet director Bill Brubaker said. "Now a days more people have teams. You have a lot of good swimmers at Wheeling Park, Morgantown and Parkersburg South."

Last year, meet officials even changed the name of the meet to honor the Cadets coach, who has won 29 titles since he's been at

"This is my 34th year that

"Back in those days it was I've run the meet," Brubaker meet, a Cadet is seeded first in said. "When I first got to Linsly eight. in 1980, there were five schools with swimming. After some schools started to build swimming pools, (the meet has) grown Butterfly. and has done quite well.

mers. Last year we had 480."

Brubaker's boys' teams have won the past five Small School Relay is also seeded first with a titles, while the girls have taken four of the past five.

Of the 22 events in this year's at 2:03.89.

Zoe Scarpone leads the Linsly girls as she is seeded first overall in both the 200 IM and the 100

The senior will be looking for "I would say the first meet we a three-peat in both events after were lucky if we had 100 swim- she took the gold her sophomore and junior seasons.

The Cadets girls' 200 Medley preliminary time of 2:02.83. Wheeling Park is seeded second

Brubaker wouldn't name the girls he will place on the relay, stating it's one little bit of strategy swim coaches have.

Three underclassmen lead the Linsly boys' squad.

Sophomore Reese Boyd is the one to beat in both the 200 and 500 Freestyle, while freshman Kevin Pietz (100 Back) is also a top seed.

"Kevin has had a very good freshman year," Brubaker said,

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"I coach the Y team, so I've known a lot of these swimmers for a long time, (including Pietz). He did well last year, but the amount of time he dropped this year has been a pleasant surprise."

Junior Drew Bastian will try to win back-to-back gold medals in the 200 IM.

. The Cadets' 200 Medley Relay team also holds the top seed. Brubaker declined to name what swimmers would be on that relay as well.

In Big School action, Wheeling Park senior Katlyn Curnes and John Marshall senior Jade Worrels will look to make a splash during their final OVAC meet.

Curnes is seeded first in the 100 Breaststroke, while Worrels is second by two

seconds.

Worrels is also the top seed in the 50 Freestyle. Martins Ferry freshman

Martins Ferry freshman Alyssa Kalinski will look to make a name for herself in her first OVAC meet. She's seeded first in the 500 Freestyle and second in the 200.

Morgantwon has won the past two Big School girls' titles.

For the boys, St. Clairsville senior Michael Eaton is the top seed in the 100 Freestyle and the 100 Breaststroke.

Due to the cancellation of the preliminary meet, the top 24 swimmers in each individual event will swim. All relays will swim as well.

The meet is scheduled to start at 11:10 on Saturday morning in Steubenville's Crimson Center.



OVAC Swimming qualifying gets under way Tuesday

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

The second of a fiveweek stretch of OVAC Championships gets under more pool time. way Tuesday afternoon.

the Bill Brubaker OVAC Swimming Championship will be held at three sites.

into the qualifying rounds based primarily on geography with Brooke, Linsly and Wheeling Park all hosting.

The following teams will compete at Wheeling Park: Bellaire, St. Clairsville, Parkersburg South, St. John Central, Martins Ferry and John Marshall.

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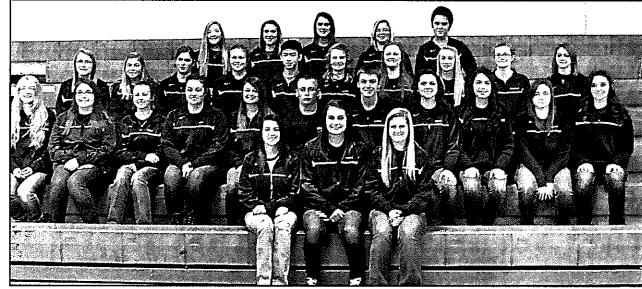
The Purple Riders have been one of the area's busiest teams and their times have been dropping as they've gained more and

"We have several girls The qualifying swims in who are currently in the top 16 in both of their individual events," said head coach Nick Levi. "We hope The teams are divided to use this meet to spring board us into a strong finish. We're looking to swim up from our seed times and continue to improve."

> Freshman Alyssa Kalinski has been impressive in the long freestyle races. She'll be amongst the top seeds in both events.

Sophomore Tara Fogle is another Lady Rider to keep an eye on.

Brandon Bliss has been dropping time steadily this



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PICTURED IS the 2013-14 Barnesville swim team. Front row, from left, are Shelby Wells, Carolyn Blattler and Alexis Vogler. Second row, from left, are Joy Boehm, Lauren Lemunyon, Lexi Froehlich. Vanessa Jefferis, Tim Skinner, Brandon Davidson, Olivia Jones, Emily Gallaway, Kiersten Cummings and Alexis Starr. Third row, from left, are Blaire Thompson, Dana Rienerth, Rachael Stewart, Abbey McMillen, Max Kitatit, Alexis Starr, Mallory Christman, Karleigh Clouse, Samantha Burkhart and Trista Newsome, Top row. from left, are Sara Reynard, Kasi Castello, Alexis Marovich, Shay Butler and Dec, Sakano.



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Linsly, Cambridge, Wheeling Central, Barnesville, Morgantown and University will dive in at Linsly.

Brooke, Steubenville, Steubenville Central, East Liverpool, Edison, Beaver Local and Toronto will compete at the home of the Bruins.

Here's a capsule look at area teams top entrants:

BARNESVILLE The Shamrocks have enjoyed a strong early season and are looking to take the "next step" this week.

After finishing as smallschool runnerup in 2013, the Lady Shamrocks have 27 swimmers entered in the meet and have a solid group that are just one or two seconds behind the fastest swimmer, which leads to cautious optimism for head coach Bobbi Jo Johnson.

"We have had depth and we're filling the events with two or three people per event," Johnson said. "We hope to improve on last year's performance."

The Lady Shamrocks are led by freshman Kasi Castello in the 50 free and 100 butterly. Seniors Carolyn Blattler and Shelby Wells have also had productive early seasons.

The likes of Olivia Jones, Myka Gordon, Abbey McMillen, Alexis Starr, Alexis Moore, Kiersten Cummings and Alexis Vogler are all looking to make an impact this week.

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Levi also believes Abbey Ecker, Shelby Poludniak and Alex Meigh could make some noise this week.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE -The Red Devils will enter just eight girls and seven boys into this week's meet, which immediately puts them behind the 8-ball in terms of the team chase.

"I try to place my swimmers into the events that I think that they will have the best chance of making the finals for some and, for others. I try to find the event where they'll have the best chance to place at finals," said St. C. head coach Melanie Eaton. "

The Red Devils' boys will be led by senior standout Michael Eaton. Eaton is seeking to add to his conference championship resume and will be out to defend his 100 breast and 100 freestyle titles.

He's top ranked in the OVAC in both events by several seconds.

Junior D.J. Beck, sophomore Christopher Blackwell, Quentin Clark and Dylan Krone also are in position to score well.

The Lady Devils will be led by senior Carly Falcone.

Senior Alaina Fasola, sophomore Delainey Banks and Hanna Vera should also fare well.

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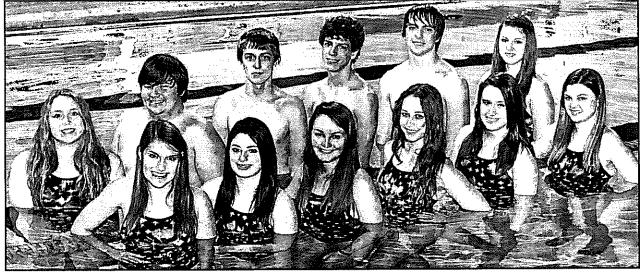


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PICTURED IS the 2013-14 Bellaire swim team. Front row, from left, are Savana Sims, Talia Duffy, Mathilde Muzard, Jenna Bellville, Riley Hoepfner and Olivia Tranovich. Back row, from left, are Caroline Shaffer, Mitch Parker, Collin Nolan, Luc Messenger, Brendon Ross and Kaycee Tanillo.



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Freshman Austin Schramm is the Irish boys' representative.

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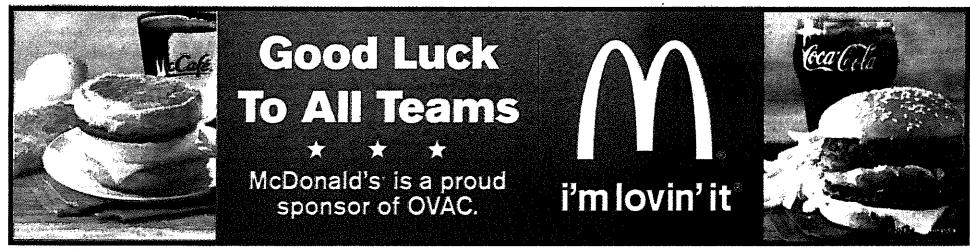


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PICTURED ARE the St. John Central swimmers. From left are Austin Schramm and Karlee Vostatek.