

# Tigers, Titans favored in swimming tourneys

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Northside and Yorktown swimmers are entertaining thoughts of coming home with IHSAA sectional titles this weekend.

The IHSAA has placed the two local powerhouses in separate sectionals this year, so each of them can win a first-round championship.

Northside, always before in the Richmond tourney, was moved to the South Adams meet this year. Yorktown stays at Richmond.

Other teams in the South Adams tourney are Delta, Jay County, Marion, Belmont, Huntington, Blackford, Norwell, Bluffton and South Adams.

Others in the Richmond tourney are Southside, Central, Anderson, New Castle, Pendleton Heights, Hagerstown, Highland, Madison Heights and Richmond.

Both sectionals have preliminaries scheduled Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Diving preliminaries start at 9 a.m. Saturday, with swimming consolation and finals to begin at 2 p.m.

The Titans are heavy favorites to finish on top at South Adams, while the Tigers are expecting a tough battle from Anderson for the team crown at Richmond.

Besides the team goals, each swimmer will have an opportunity to advance individually to the state meet Feb. 25-26 in Indianapolis.

The first-place swimmer in each event and all competitors bettering state-cut times will qualify for the state meet.

Should less than 32 swimmers advance to state in any single event, the IHSAA will choose the next fastest competitors until the 32 spots are filled.

"We're hoping to get our medley relay team and around five individuals to state this year," Titan coach Bob Chico said. "But we don't know what to expect at South Adams — we've never been in this sectional before."

Northside finished the year with an 11-1 record and returns a couple individuals who competed at the state finals level last year.

Mike Stetson was fifth in the 100-yard backstroke and Clayton Miller eighth in 100 breaststroke at state a year ago.

Jerry Verbrugge and Tom Lane teamed with Stetson and Miller to place 13th at state in the medley relay. That group returns intact, but Doug Coers is now alternating with Lane. The Titan medley relay team is rated third in the state.

"This is the best team I've ever had," Chico said. "The kids have worked very hard this year."

Delta (9-8) is expected to place somewhere in the upper half of the field.

"We would like to finish in the top six this season," Eagle coach Tom Devine said. "We're going to need to swim hard and have lots of kids score, but we can do it."

Top competitors for the Eagles are Bernie Hutchinson, Jeff Koester, Kevin Lancaster and Ryan Wantz.

Yorktown (11-2) has beaten all the teams it has faced in the sectional field except Anderson. The Indians

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## Connors could be first U.S. Indoor tennis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — Jimmy Connors, who has not won the U.S. National Indoor Tennis Tournament since 1979, would become the first person to win the championship six times with a victory this week.

The five-time winner is tied for the most U.S. Indoor titles with Bitsy Grant.

Connors advanced to today's third round by defeating Tim Wilkison 6-3, 7-5.

The top seed learned after Tuesday night's match that he had moved into the No. 1 spot in world rankings.

"That's kind of good and kind of bad," Connors said. "My main concern now is to play like I'm the best in the world, not worry about what the computer says."

Connors had fallen back to a 5-2 deficit in the second set before moving in to take 5 straight games from Wilkison.

"I just started playing him a little firmer," Connors said. "I didn't miss too many balls after he made it 5-2. I started to put a little more pressure on him."

In other second-round action, Terry Moor defeated Roscoe Tanner 6-3, 6-2; Fritz Buehning beat Phil Dent 6-2, 6-1, and Mark Dickson downed Peter Fleming 7-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Chip Hooper shocked defending champion Johan Kriek with a 6-4, 6-4 win. Kriek, the sixth seed, said Hooper's explosive serve was the strongest he had seen.

"Nobody has served that well against me since I've been on the

tour," said Kriek. "If he serves like that every match, nobody is going to beat him."

Jimmy Arias, the No. 13 seed, fell to Paul McNamee 6-1, 6-1 while 16th-seeded Kevin Curran lost to Henri LeConte 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

In other second-round action, Sandy Mayer, No. 12, defeated Vijay Amritraj 6-0, 6-1; Tomas Smid, No. 14, defeated Robert Van't Hof 6-2, 6-1 and Anders Jarryd downed Pavel Slozil 6-1, 6-4.

Hooper said his serve was at its best since he reached the semi-finals of the U.S. Pro Indoor last year in Philadelphia.

## Top Kentucky horses are

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California may have the purses, but Florida has the horses, especially the 3-year-olds. Every one of the top 10 in the New York Daily News Kentucky Derby ratings is currently training in South Florida and seven of the 10 are nominated for next Monday's \$75,000 Fountain of Youth Stakes.

Since the Fountain of Youth, a mile-and-one-sixteenth prep for the March 5 running of the \$250,000 Florida Derby, drew an amazing 55 nominees, there is a strong possibility that the Fountain of Youth will have to be split into two divisions.

# New IHSAA rule benefits Tiger, Titan swim teams

Northside and Yorktown swim teams benefited Saturday from a new IHSAA rule.

Starting this year, the IHSAA decided to add individuals and relay teams to the state meet field for each event that had less than 32 qualifiers.

In the past, an individual or relay team was forced to either win in sectional or break state-cut times to advance to state.

The new ruling adds individuals and relay teams are on the basis of times set at sectional.

This year it helps both Northside and Yorktown as each qualified a freestyle relay team for the state finals that in the past would have been eliminated under the old rule.

The Titans easily won the South Adams sectional Saturday, collecting 282 points to outdistance runnerup Jay County, which had 182. Delta placed eighth in the 10-team field.

Yorktown finished third in the Richmond sectional. Anderson won with 285 points, followed by Richmond with 215 and Yorktown with 184. Southside was sixth and Central eighth in the 11-team field.

Northside's freestyle relay team was second at sectional in 3:27.43. Yorktown's freestyle relay team was also runnerup in 2:28.00.

But each was fast enough to make the top 32 teams and will compete at state next Friday at the IU

Natorium in Indianapolis.

Two Titans qualified for state by winning individual events. Clayton Miller set school and sectional records in winning the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:01.48 and teammate Mike Stetson set a sectional mark by winning the 100 backstroke in :55.92. Stetson also finished first in the 200 individual medley in 2:07.01.

The Titans medley relay team of Miller, Stetson, Jerry Verbrugge and Doug Coers qualified for state by winning in 1:42.06 — also a sectional record.

The Titan freestyle relay team consists of Rick Bowen, Chris Courtney, Verbrugge and Doug Piazza. Names of swimmers on the Yorktown freestyle relay team were not available.

Yorktown also qualified Robert Werling in the 50 freestyle. He won the race in :22.4.

Southside advanced its first-ever swimmer to state. Scott Carmichael won the 500 freestyle in 5:09.7.

#### TEAM SCORES

Muncie North 282, Jay County 182, Belmont 132, Huntington 122, South Adams 121, Marion 119, Norwell 100, Delta 88, Bluffton 30, Blackford 20.

#### TOP AREA FINISHERS

200 medley relay — 1. North (Coers, Miller, Stetson, Verbrugge), 1:42.06; 6. Delta (Borchers, Gill, Lanchester, Schei-

ler), 1:55.83.

200 freestyle — 4. Tom Lane (North), 1:55.77; 6. Doug Piazza (North), 1:58.83.

200 individual medley — 1. Mike Stetson (North), 2:07.01; 2. Doug Coers (North), 2:09.42; 3. Tony Schoelein (JC), 2:11.17; 5. — Rick Bowen (North), 2:12.39; 6. Ryan Wantz (Delta), 2:14.66.

50 freestyle — 1. Bob Morrison (Jay County), :22.28; 6. Chris Courtney (North), :23.57.

Diving — 1. Eric Sutton (Jay County), 327.15; 2. Brad Milligan (Jay County), 326.85; 4. Jeff Kester (Delta), 308.80; Chris Dague (North), 297.45.

100 butterfly — 2. Clayton Miller (North), :56.7; 3. Doug Copers (North), :57.5; 6. Schoelein (Jay County), :57.35.

100 freestyle — 1. Bob Morrison (Jay County), :48.90; 2. Rick Bowen (North), :51.22; 3. Tom Lane (North), :51.45.

500 freestyle — 3. Doug Piazza (North) 5:17.66; 4. Dirk Sommers (Jay County), 5:18.36; 5. Mike Murrell (Jay County), 5:23.29.

100 backstroke — 1. Mike Stetson (North), 55.92; 2. John Duff (Jay County), :58.13; 5. Tim Cress (Delta), 1:04.04.

100 breaststroke — 1. C. Miller (North), 1:01.48; 3. Steve Hofmann (North), 1:08.02; 4. Mike Rhea (North), 1:09.08.

400 freestyle relay — 1. Jay County (Duff, May, Morrison, Schoelin), 3:24.67; 2. North (Bowen, Courtney, Piazza, Verbrugge), 3:27.43; 6. Delta (Hutchinson, Cress, Lewis, Wantz), 3:42.20.

#### TEAM SCORES

Anderson 285, Richmond 215, Yorktown 184, Highland 147, Pendleton Heights 106, Muncie South 71, New Castle 70, Muncie Central 62, Madison Heights 33, Centerville and Hagerstown 14.

#### TOP AREA FINISHERS

200 medley relay — 3. Yorktown, 1:46.7; 5. Muncie Central 1:50.3.

200 freestyle — 5. Scott Carmichael (MS), 1:55.7; 6. Brad Hicks (Y), 1:55.9; 200 individual medley — 5. Tony Brewer (MC), 6. Andy Grim (Y), 2:16.2.

50 freestyle — 1. Robert Werling (Y), :22.4; Dan Leaird (MC), :23.3; 6. Bret Yarbrough (Y), :23.8.

100 butterfly — 6. Andy Grim (Y), :59.6.

100 freestyle — 5. Brad Hicks (Y), :52.2.

500 freestyle — 1. Scott Carmichael (MS), 5:09.7; 5. Tom Davis (Y), 5:28.1.

100 backstroke — 4. Scott Brassart (Y), 1:01.3; 5. Rick Winegardener (Y), 1:05.3.

100 breaststroke — 2. Eric McNeely (Y), 1:07.3.

400 freestyle relay — 2. Yorktown, 2:28.0; 6. Muncie South, 3:46.0.

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takedown to get to 5-3. He then let Arberry go and got another takedown to make it 6-5. After releasing Arberry again, Locke tied the match at 7-7 with his third straight takedown.

Dave Yager of Hobart, 17-4.

But in the finals he lost an 11-5 decision to Quinn Whitney of Martinsville.

"I really wanted to win the individual title, but the team championship was my main goal," Irving

## AT IU'S NATATORIUM

# 3 area schools in state swim meet

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Northside, Southside and Yorktown will be represented at the IHSAA boys state swim meet this weekend in Indianapolis.

The Titans are sending two relay teams and two individuals to the state meet, while the Tigers have one relay and one individual and the Rebels one individual.

The state meet is being held at the IU Natatorium on the IUPUI campus.

Action opens Friday with diving preliminaries at 4 p.m. and swim qualifying at 6:30. Diving semifinals are slated for Saturday at noon followed by swimming finals and consolations at 2 p.m.

Four of the Titans are making return visits to state. Mike Stetson was fifth in 100-yard backstroke and Clayton Miller eighth in 100 breaststroke a year ago. The two seniors also teamed with Jerry Verbrugge and Tom Lane to finish 13th in the medley relay.

Miller is seeded second in the breaststroke after setting school and sectional records of 1:01.48 last Saturday in the South Adams sectional.

Stetson will compete in two events at state. He is seeded fourth in backstroke and 27th in the 200-yard

individual medley. His winning time of :55.92 in backstroke was a sectional record.

"We're looking for both Miller and Stetson to finish somewhere in the top six," Titan coach Bob Chico said. "They have both been to state before and are ready to go. I expect their times to drop a little."

The medley relay team returns intact and is seeded ninth after winning the sectional in a time of 1:42.06.

Miller, Stetson and Verbrugge have teamed with either Lane or Doug Coers on the relay. Chico said Lane and Coers may both swim at state — one in qualifying and one in the finals.

The Titan freestyle relay team of Verbrugge, Chris Courtney, Rick Bowen and Doug Piazza qualified

for state after finishing second in sectional. Northside is among several teams added to fill the 32-team field. The selections are made on the basis of fastest times.

The Titan team is seeded 25th.

"We were 19th at the state meet last year, so we'd like to improve on that," Chico said. "We have some veteran swimmers who should score well for us."

Yorktown's Robert Werling is the only Tiger in an individual event. The sophomore won the 50 freestyle at the Richmond sectional in :22.46 — his career-best time.

"We are hoping for Werling to finish in the top 12 and maybe even the top six," Tiger coach Jay Ettl said. "He has a good start and turn — he could do very well."

Yorktown's freestyle relay team was added to the field like Northside. The Tigers were second in the sectional in 3:28.

The team is seeded 26th, but which swimmers will compete has not been decided. Ettl said he will pick the four fastest among Werling, Andy Grim, John Rosson, Brad Hicks and Doug Fullenwider.

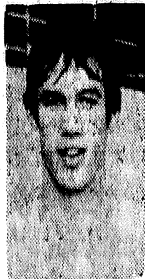
Southside's Scott Carmichael is the first-ever Rebel swimmer to make it to state.

The senior won the 500 freestyle race at the Richmond sectional in 5:09.6.

"His goal is to try to break five minutes," Rebel coach John Phillips said. "If he can do that, we think he'll place in the top 12. Getting to state was his goal and he's reached that."



Miller



Stetson



Verbrugge



Lane



Piazza



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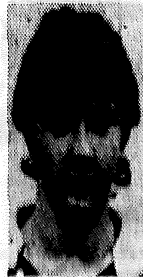
Grim



Werling



Rosson



Hicks



Fullenwider



Carmichael

# Titan swimmer gets ISHAA mental award

INDIANAPOLIS — The morning session of the IHSAA state swim meet was not kind to Muncie Northside participants at the IU Natatorium here Saturday, but things got better.

Titan coach Bob Chico had hoped to get senior Mike Stetson and the Northside medley relay team into the finals, but both Stetson and the team finished seventh — just out of the money — and swam in the consolations.

Senior Clayton Miller came through by finishing fifth in the 100 breaststroke in a school-record time of 1:01.36. He placed eighth in the same event last year.

Chico was pleased with Miller's performance, but the veteran coach was excited even before his swimmer entered the water.

"I thought Clayton had a good chance of winning the Herman F. Keller Award," Chico said. "Then, just before he was ready to swim in the finals, I learned he received it. The hardest thing was — I couldn't tell him until later."

The award is given annually for mental attitude and Miller is the first Muncie swimmer to receive it. He was soon joined by his parents, Ruth Ann and William Miller, 1004 N. Shellbark.

Miller, who has a 3.96 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale), accepted the award from Don Noblitt, Jasper High School principal and a member of the IHSAA executive committee.

"Clayton really deserves the

award," Chico said. "He's very involved in school events and has given lots of leadership to our team."

North Central won the team title by beating South Bend Riley in the final event of the day — the 400 freestyle relay. The Indy team finished with 136 points — two better than Riley. Munster was a distant third with 82.

Northside was the only Delaware County team to score, placing 17th with 25 points. The Titans were 19th a year ago.

"We wanted to do better than we had last year and we did," Chico said. "We just missed making the finals in the backstroke and medley relay, but the times were good."

Stetson went on to finish seventh in backstroke by winning the consolation heat in :55.63. He had placed fifth in the event a year ago.

Stetson also finished 15th in the 200 individual medley. He was seeded 29th, but swam a career-best time of 2:02.2.

The medley relay team went on to place ninth in a school-record time of 1:40.73. Members of the team are Clayton Miller, Jerry Verbrugge, Tom Lane and Stetson.

The Titan freestyle relay was 23rd in a season-best time of 3:25.33. Members of the team are Rick Bowen, Doug Piazza, Chris Courtney and Verbrugge.

Yorktown's team of Andy Grim, Brad Hicks, Doug Fullenwinder and Robert Werling finished 24th in 3:26.64.

Jay County was 25th in the same relay. Time was 3:26.70.

Yorktown's Werling was 25th in the 50 freestyle in :22.88 and Southside's Scott Carmichael was 32nd in the 500 freestyle in 5:17.76.



Miller