

Swim Sectionals

Northside Seeks Third Straight Title

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Star Sports Reporter

Two-time defending champion Muncie North will try to make it three South Adams boys' swimming sectional titles in a row, but Delta, Jay County and Huntington North will attempt to halt the Titans' winning streak.

The meet originally was scheduled to begin tonight, but was postponed to Saturday due to a winter storm. Action will begin at 9 a.m.

North is 7-3 on the season and boasts a pair of returning sectional winners. Chris Dague won the 1-meter diving last year, and Doug Coers won the 100-yard butterfly. The Titans also took both the 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays last year.

The nucleus of the relays remains largely intact, with Coers, Doug Piazza, and brothers Rick and Greg Bowen in the 200 and Leland

Wilhoite joins Coers, Piazza and Rick Bowen in the 400.

"We have a group of seniors that are swimming pretty consistently right now, and a group of sophomores that give us some depth," said Titan Coach Bob Chico. "Delta looks pretty good, Jay County is always strong and Huntington North has a pretty good tournament team."

Delta is coming off the best season ever by a Delta swim team. The Eagles are 13-1, and Coach Tom Devine is confident his team can win the event.

"North's got a good team, but we're gonna go for it. A lot of guys are coming around now."

Delta returns a pair of divers, David Dunnick and Jeff Wade, that finished sixth and eighth, respectively in last year's sectional. Ryan Wantz, a sectional runnerup last year to Coers in the 100 butterfly, returns along with sophomore Mike

Klein, who was sixth in the same race as a freshman.

The Eagles' only loss this year was to Anderson Highland, but Delta avenged the loss by beating the Scots in the Classic Conference meet last week.

"We have a lot of depth," Devine said. "North will probably have more winners than we will, but our second and third swimmers will hopefully be able to finish in the top six. If we don't get the top six then we'll shoot for the top 12."

Winners in each of the 11 events will advance to the state meet Feb. 23 at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis. After the winners come the swimmers that eclipse the state standard for that event on the day of the sectional. The IHSAA will then take the 32 fastest times in each event from all 16 sectionals to round out the field.

Jay County has a premier frees-

tyler in Bob Morrison. Morrison was second in both the 50 and 100 freestyle events at last year's state meet as a junior, and returns to defend his sectional titles in those events. His brother, Ted, is a long-distance freestyler for the Patriots and gives them an extra punch in the longer races.

"Depth is our weakest point," Jay County Coach Barry Weaver said. "We'll have to score real well in most individual events."

The Patriots return three divers who have placed in sectional competition in Troy Martin, Jay Coldren and Fred Cole.

"We could be right in the thick of things if things go well, and we usually shoot for the top three. But that could be exaggerating this year," Weaver said.

Other teams in the South Adams sectional include the host Starfires, Blackford, Belmont, Bluffton, Manchester, Marion, and Norwell.

Anderson Teams Favored at Richmond

By **GREG MAYNARD**
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It appears the battle in today's Richmond boys' swimming sectional will be for third place.

Provided, of course, that Mother Nature cooperates and there is a Richmond swim sectional today.

With the recent weather conditions, no firm decision had been made Wednesday night on whether the sectional will be contested today.

Action is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. with the swimming trials. The top six swimmers in each event advance to the finals and the second six qualify for the consolation event, both of which will be conducted Saturday.

The diving will be at 9 a.m. Saturday and the swimming finals and consolations will start about 2 p.m.

If the sectional is conducted today, Anderson and Anderson Highland appear to be the overwhelming favorites for the top spots.

"We have to find out whether we're going to have it or not," Southside Coach John Phillips said. "But, there's really no question about who's going to win the thing, it's Anderson, and then probably

Anderson Highland would be second.

"Depending on how the kids do, we've got a shot at third place, between us and Richmond."

South finished eighth in last year's sectional and Phillips said he has hopes of getting at least diver Brian Hahn to the state meet, which will be conducted Feb. 23 in the IU Natatorium in Indianapolis.

Hahn, a junior, placed fourth last year, behind Richmond's Shawn Bryson, Anderson's Brian Bish and Madison Heights' Greg Lawrence. Both Bish and Lawrence return to this year.

The top three divers from each sectional advance to the state meet.

Among the swimmers, the winner in each event and any other swimmer who betters a state standard in his event will qualify. If there are less than 32 swimmers that qualify that way from the sectionals, the swimmers with the best times from around the state will be invited to round out the 32-man field in each event.

Another big individual hope for the Rebels is senior Ty Gill, who swims in the 400-yard freestyle relay, 200 medley relay and the 50 freestyle.

"Ty's goal is to go to the state,"

Phillips said, "but the 50 is a pretty competitive event. You just make one little tiny mistake and it blows it for you."

Gill swims the freestyle leg on the Rebels' medley relay team which also consists of Hahn, who swims backstroke, Scott Stiffler, who swims breaststroke, and Brad Armstrong, who swims butterfly.

The freestyle relay team consists of Gill, Armstrong, Brian Scott and Bill Nelson.

Yorktown finished third in last year's sectional behind Anderson and Highland, but this year the Tigers have only seven swimmers and two divers.

Those numbers are deceptive, because many of those placed well in last year's sectional.

The Tigers are led by two returning sectional champs, Robert Werling and Rick Winegardner. Werling won the 50 freestyle and Winegardner won the 100 backstroke and placed 10th in the 100 freestyle. Werling eventually placed 12th in the state meet in the 50 freestyle.

Brent Yarborough also returns for the Tigers. He finished fourth in the 50 freestyle and seventh in the 100-yard freestyle last year. The other returnee for the Tigers is

David Brown, who finished seventh in both the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle.

Efforts to reach first-year Yorktown Coach Mark Scherer were unsuccessful.

"Realistically, we really don't have much of a chance to qualify anybody for number one," Central Coach Brian Hay said. "I hope we can qualify the relays in the top six and get some guys in the consolations."

"That's really about all I'm hoping for this year."

The Bearcats, 4-10, are led by Lance Ottinger, who swims the 200 individual medley. Jerry Smith in the 100 and 200 freestyle events also has a good chance to make Saturday's action.



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North Again Wins Title at Richmond

BERNE, Ind. — Muncie North won its third straight South Adams boys' swimming-sectional championship Saturday.

The Titans finished with 211 points. Delta was second with 198 followed by Huntington North with 140, Bellmont with 128, Marion with 125, Manchester with 106, Norwell with 104, Jay County with 86, South Adams with 52, Bluffton with 37, and Blackford with 8.

Doug Coers and Rick Bowen, both of Muncie North, qualified for the state meet in three events each. Bowen is a member of two Titan relay teams that qualified and Coers is a member of one relay team. Coers won two individual events and Bowen won one event.

Coers was first in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:04.87 and first in the 100 butterfly with a :55.45 clocking. Bowen was first in the 100 backstroke with a time of :58.03.

The Titan 200 medley relay team of Bowen, Greg Bowen, Leland Wilhoite and Doug Pizza won the event with a 1:44.78 clocking, and the Northside 400 freestyle relay team of Rick Bowen, Coers, Piazza and White was first in 3:23.96.

Bob Morrison of Jay County qualified for next week's state meet by setting sectional records in two events. He won the 50 freestyle with a :21.76 clocking and won the 100 freestyle in :48.06.

Two area athletes qualified for the state meet in diving. Chris Dague of North was first with 364.40 points. Wade of Delta was second with 337.90 points.

Mike Klein finished second in the 100 backstroke with a time of 58.78, and the Delta 400 freestyle relay team of Klein, Ted Borchers, Sean Lewis and Ryan Wintz was second in 3:23.96.

The top two sectional finishers in diving, along with the winners of swimming events qualified for the state meet. Klein and the Delta relay team might qualify for the state meet if their time is among the top 32.

Tom Devine of Delta was named outstanding coach of the sectional by a vote of the coaches.

Anderson Wins at Richmond

RICHMOND, Ind. — Anderson won the Richmond boys' sectional championship Saturday.

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The Indians had 320.5 points followed by Connersville with 158.5, Anderson Highland with 147, Richmond with 138, Yorktown with 132, Anderson Madison Heights with 85, Muncie South 71, New Castle with 69, Centerville with 35, Hagerstown with 34 and Muncie Central with 15.

No East Central Indiana swimmers qualified for the state meet at the meet. There is a chance that some could go when times from all sectionals are compared later in the week.

Titan swimmers win sectional title again

BERNE — It's beginning to be a habit for Muncie Northside's swimmers. Yorktown placed fifth with 137 points, Southside was seventh with 71 points, and Central was 111th with 15 points.

The Titans claimed their third straight swimming sectional title with a first-place finish Saturday in the South Adams Sectional.

Northside totaled 211 points, outdistancing second-place Delta by 13 points. Delta Coach Tom Devine was named the outstanding coach of the sectional by a vote of the participating coaches.

Jay County placed eighth in the sectional with 86 points.

Northside swimmers Doug Coers and Rick Bowen advance to the state meet in three events.

Coers was first in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:04.87 and first in the 100 butterfly in :55.45. He also was a member of the 400 freestyle relay team that claimed first in 3:23.96.

Bowen also swam on the 400 freestyle relay team. He also was on the winning 200 medley relay team, and took first in the 100 backstroke with a time of :58.03.

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At the Richmond Sectional, three local teams were far off the pace set by Anderson, which won the sectional with 320.5 points.

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No swimmers from this area qualified for the state meet at the sectional, although there is a chance some may advance after sectional times are compared later this week.

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third and Phil Parsons quit while in the fourth spot.

"That was an unbelievable pace. Almost suicidal," Kyle Petty said. "Our car ran well but it just couldn't take the pace."

After Yarborough's exit, the race was all Elliott even though some late caution flags made the finish appear much closer than it actually was.

"I can't complain," Elliott said. "Actually, one of those cautions probably won the race for me."


Both Elliott and Bonnett had stopped for fuel and tires with 38 laps remaining during a caution period brought about when Dave Marcis stalled exiting the fourth turn. At best, that meant Elliott's Ford was a marginal finisher since his best run without stopping had been 36 laps. However, Bonnett's Chevy was capable of going more than 40 laps without fuel.

"I knew finishing would be a gamble," Elliott said. "I was just hoping for another yellow flag." He got that when Dick Brooks tagged the second-turn wall after the restart, bringing out the caution. Elliott refueled and the finish really

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Here's one hard to believe, but it's true... In the entire history of major league baseball, only one catcher has ever led the league in home runs at the end of ANY season... The ONLY catcher to win a big league home run championship was Johnny Bench who led the National League in homers in 1970 and 1972... Strangely, no other catcher in the long history of major league baseball has ever matched that.

10 of the 26 big league baseball teams will have different managers in 1985 than they had at the start of the 1984 season... They are Eddie Haas at Atlanta; John McNamara at Boston; Gene Mauch at California; Pete Rose at Cincinnati; George Bamberger at Milwaukee; Buck Rodgers at Montreal; Jackie Moore at Oakland; John Feltske at Philadelphia; Jim Davenport at San Francisco and Chuck Cotter at Seattle.

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Columbus North wears state swimming crown

INDIANAPOLIS — Columbus North won the final event to capture the 48th IHSA swimming championships here Saturday, but Jay County's Bob Morrison was one of the top individual performers.

Columbus North won the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:11.18 to finish with 168½ points. Warren Central was second with 157 and defending champion Hammond Noll and Valparaiso tied for third with 146 points.

However, Morrison, in leading the Patriots to a 15th-place finish, won two events and also was the meet's mental attitude award winner.

Morrison captured the 100-yard freestyle in a meet-record time of 45.95 and the 50-yard freestyle in 21.21.

Columbus North's Mark Etnyre and Bill Linder paced their team's performance. Etnyre took the 500-yard free style in 4:34.94 and the 200-yard freestyle in 1:42.27. Linder was second in the 200 and both

swam on the winning freestyle relay team.

Muncie Northside also was represented in the meet. The Titans finished in a tie with Noblesville for 22nd place.

Team scores: 1. Columbus North 168½, 2. Warren Central 157, 3. Valparaiso and Hammond Noll 146, 5. St. Riley 107, 6. Edinboro 99, 7. Anderson 91, 8. West Lafayette 90, 9. Western 83, 10. Highland 74, 11. Muncie 68, 12. Evans Point 56, 13. LaPorte and Lake Central 44, 15. Jay County 40, 16. Warsaw, South Grove, Mazoniaquah 39, 19. Crawfordville 34, 20. Hamilton Southeastern 33, 21. Jasper 28, 22. 27. Hobbesville and Munson North 27, 23. N. 24. Graham and Twin Lakes 26, 26. Seymour 25, 28. 27, 28. 26. Joseph's, Elkhart Central, Bloomington North 24, 30. Avon 16, 31. Madison 15, 32. 22. Benezette and Terra Haute South 12, 33. 34. Anderson Highland and Indip. Bradford 12, 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

Individual winners (times in yards):
 200 medley relay—1. Warren Central 10:09.00, Brad Linder, Greg Babin, Andy Hines, 1:28.21.
 200 freestyle—1. Mark Etnyre, Columbus North, 1:42.27.
 200 individual medley—1. Jeff Gick, Western, 1:54.78.
 50 freestyle—1. Bob Morrison, Jay County, 21.21.
 Diving—1. Mike Long, Warren Central, 431.50 points.
 100 butterfly—1. Brad Torkelson, St. Riley, 50.71.
 100 freestyle—1. Bob Morrison, Jay County, 45.95 (meet record, old mark of 46.15 set by Kevin Hedrick, Southmont, 1981).
 500 freestyle—1. Mark Etnyre, Columbus North, 4:34.94.
 100 backstroke—1. Josh Mikesell, Crawfordville, 53.67.
 100 breaststroke—1. Eric Toweson, Hammond Noll, 1:00.70.
 400 freestyle relay—1. Columbus North: Bill Linder, Jim Hudson, Jamie Ryan, Mark Etnyre, 3:11.18.
 Mental Attitude Award: Bob Morrison, Jay County.

Jay's Morrison Wins 2 Titles, Attitude Award

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

INDIANAPOLIS — Columbus North used a victory in the 400-yard freestyle, the final event in the 48th Indiana boys swimming championships, to claim team honors Saturday.

Bob Morrison of Jay County set a meet record at 45.95 in the 100 freestyle and won the 50 freestyle in 21.21. Morrison also received the mental attitude award.

Bill Linder, Jim Hudson, Jamie Ryan and Mark Etnyre teamed to win the event in 3 minutes, 11.18 seconds. The victory gave Columbus North 168.5 points. Warren Central finished second in the team competition with 157, while defending champion Hammond Noll and Valparaiso tied for third at 146. South Bend Riley was a distant fifth at 107.

Etnyre, a double winner in individual competition, and Linder also helped North capture team honors with a one-two finish in the 200 freestyle. Etnyre won the race in 1:42.27, finishing more than a second ahead of Linder.

Etnyre's other victory came in the 500 freestyle when he was clocked at 4:34.94. Runner-up Steve Black of South Bend Riley, who was in a different heat, was second at 4:36.64.

Josh Mikesell of Crawfordville produced one of the day's surprises at the Indiana University Natatorium in winning the 100 backstroke. Mikesell won the event in 53.67 with defending champion Mike Gonzales of Munster placing fifth in 55.34.

Eric Toweson of Noll successfully defended his championship in the 100 breaststroke in 1:00.70 with Nicholas Vakkur of South Bend St. Joseph's a close second at 1:00.85.