

# Northside swimmers win another sectional crown

Northside dominated local swimming sectional action on Saturday by capturing the South Adams Sectional championship and advancing two individuals and two relay teams to this weekend's state tournament.

Northside also won the sectional last year.

This time, the Titans outdistanced second place Huntington by a score of 267-118. Delta and Norwell tied for third place with 111 points.

Jay County's 89 points was good for seventh place, and Blackford finished eleventh with 47.

At the Richmond Sectional, Anderson defeated Richmond for the title by a 329-292 score. Central finished in sixth place with 70 points, Southside finished in eighth place with 42 points, and Yorktown was 10th with 35.

Northside's Walker Marsh won the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:02.69, and he also won the 100 backstroke with a :56.30 clocking.

Marsh's 200 medley time was almost three seconds faster than that of the runner-up.

By virtue of the two wins, Marsh will compete in those two events at the state swim meet this weekend.

Northside also dominated the relay events, sending both teams to the state meet, where they are both seeded 14th.

The 200 medley relay team, consisting of Brice Janney, Marsh, John Marshall and Greg Sissel, finished with a time of 1:42.09. Delta's team finished third.

In the 400 freestyle relay, the winning Titan team of Janney, Adam Fero, Jamie Verbrugge and Doug Snyder finished with a time of 3:21.48.

In the 100 breaststroke, North's John Marshall barely edged out Delta's Doug Souffrant by a mere .21 of a second to advance to the state meet. Marshall's time, which has him seeded 24th in the state

meet, was 1:04.34, and Souffrant's time was 1:04.55.

Souffrant's time was not good enough to qualify him for the state meet.

For Central, the 400 freestyle relay team broke a 21-year-old school record but failed to qualify for the state meet.

The team of Greg Howard, Michael Hughes, Eric Ottinger and

Mike Tucker lowered the school standard to 3:28.65 en route to a third-place sectional finish.

Also, Jay County's Jason Arnold qualified for the state meet in two events by winning both the 50 freestyle and the 100 butterfly.

Northside Coach Bob Chico was voted Coach of the Year in the South Adams Sectional in a vote of all competing coaches. It was the second straight year Chico has won the award.

The state meet is Friday and Saturday at the IU Natatorium in Indianapolis.

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# Titan swimmers have relay team in finals

From local and Associated Press reports

Northside's boys swimming team advanced one relay team into the finals during preliminaries Friday night in the IHSAA state meet at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis.

The Titans' 400 freestyle relay — which was seeded 14th — placed seventh in the preliminaries and will have a chance to swim for a state championship in this afternoon's finals. The team, consisting of Adam Fero, Brice Janney, Doug Snyder and Jamie Verbrugge, was clocked in 3:17.70.

No other Titans made the finals. However, the 200 medley relay team of Greg Sissel, Walker Marsh, John Marshall and Janney will swim in the consolations today, and could place as high as seventh. They are in 10th place after being clocked in 1:40.58.

Among individual competitors, Marsh will be in the consolation of the 100 backstroke after placing 15th in :56.15, and he'll be the first alternate for the consolations after placing 17th in the 200 individual medley in 2:01.75. Also, Marshall finished 25th in the 100 breaststroke in 1:03.72.

# Titans place 16th at state swim meet

INDIANAPOLIS — Northside doubled what it had hoped to do during Saturday's championship and consolation rounds of the IHSAA boys swimming championships at the Natatorium here.

"We had hoped that we could get one of our relay teams to place, and we wound up having two place," said Titan Coach Bob Chico. "We were very pleased. We went out in style."

North's two relay teams earned places, as the Titans wound up 16th overall with 30 team points. Anderson won the team title with 212 points, nipping runner-up Kokomo (205) in the final event. Munster took third with 143 points, and defending champion Lake Central was fourth with 128.

The best finish among the Titans in Saturday's finals came in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The team of Adam Fero, Doug Snyder, Jamie Verbrugge and Brice Janney combined for a school record and seventh-place finish with a time of 3:17.47.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Greg Sissel, John Marshall, Walker Marsh and Sissel swam in the consolation heat and placed 16th with a time of 1:42.11. During Friday's preliminary heat, that quartet established a school record of 1:40.53.

Individually, the Titans' Walker Marsh placed 13th in the 100 backstroke with a personal best time of 55.97.

"Everyone we took to the state meet had a lifetime best performance," Chico said. "I guess they all picked a good time to do that."

Todd Griner keyed Anderson to the overall victory, defending individual titles and two events and establishing two state records in the process. Griner won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:39.29, breaking his own state record, then won the 500-yard freestyle in 4:29.46, shaving nearly three seconds off the previous record. Anderson also set a record by nearly one second in the 400-yard freestyle, finishing in 3:08.49.