

Central and Delta swim teams won nearly every event Thursday night as they cruised to easy boys swimming dual-meet victories and continued their outstanding seasons.

Central (10-0) blasted Marion 124-62.

Sophomore diver Ryan Fillmann again improved his own school and pool records in diving. The defending state runner-up scored a 309.00 point total.

The Bearcats celebrated Senior Night. All five of the team's seniors - Dan Griffey, Josh Jones, Scott Springman, Dan Branam and Jeremy VanPelt - gained first-place finishes in either individual events or relays.

Central swims Tuesday at Yorktown.

Delta raised its dual-meet record to 11-1 with a 143-40 thrashing of Anderson Madison Heights.

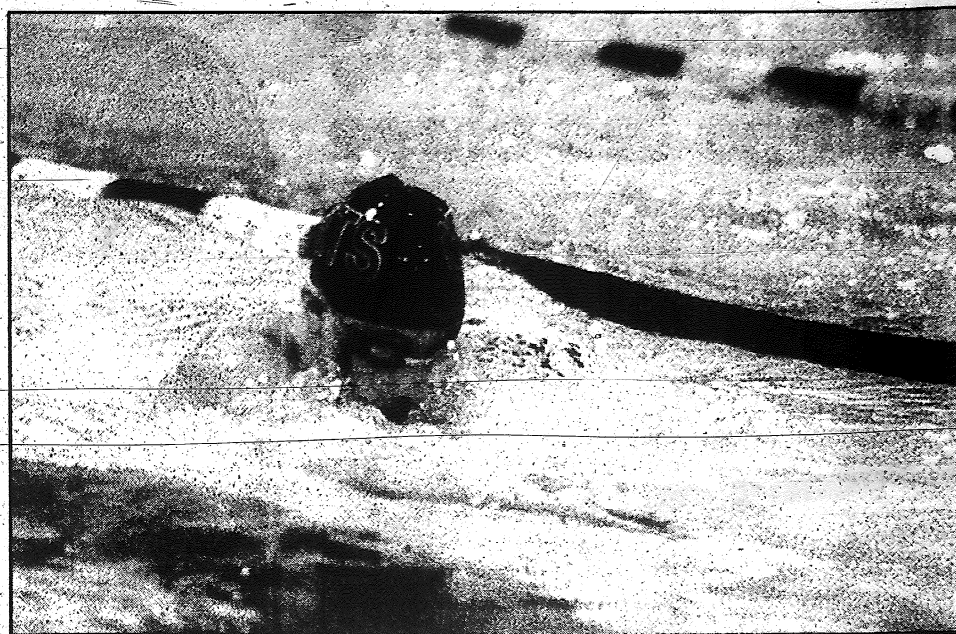
It was also Senior-Night for Delta. Seniors Shawn Brooks, Nate Milliken, Tony Weir, Paul Lewman and Jon Schafer won individual or relay events.

Delta competes next Thursday at Huntington North.

In middle school boys meets, Delta downed Marion 109-77, and Yorktown defeated Northside 123-54. In a middle school girls meet, Northside edged Yorktown 94.5 to 91.5.

CENTRAL 124, MARION 62

at Central
200 medley relay - Central (John Bowles, Scott Springman, Josh Jones, Dan Griffey); 1:51.40; 200 freestyle - Nick Runderell (MC); 1:56.21; 200 IM - Luke Crawley (MC); 2:14.91; 50 freestyle - Gordon Heck (MC); 24.14; diving - Ryan Fillmann (MC); 309.00 (school and pool record); 100 butterfly - Andrew Payne (MC); 1:31.56; 100 freestyle - Anthony Ellison (MC); 54.48; 500 freestyle - Crawley (MC); 5:15.17; 200 freestyle relay - Central (Jeremy VanPelt, Dan Branam, Griffey, Jones); 1:39.92; 100 backstroke - Runderell (MC); 1:30.36; 100 breaststroke - Springman (MC); 1:39.18; 400 freestyle relay - Central (Griffey, Branam, Springman, Jones); 3:43.67.



Kyle Evans

Central's Ryan Robertson competes in the 200 individual medley.

'Cat swimmers perfect in regular season

Luke Crawley won two individual events and competed on two winning relays as he helped Central to a 115-71 victory over Yorktown Tuesday in boys swimming.

Crawley won the 200 individual medley in 1:55.61 and the 100 freestyle in 51.31 seconds. He also swam on the winning 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relays.

The Bearcats concluded their regular season with an 11-0 record. They will compete in the Richmond Sectional Feb. 16.

PREP ROUNDUP

CENTRAL 115, YORKTOWN 71

200 medley relay - Yorktown (Melander, Snider, Lindsey, Pellissier); 1:45.84; 200 freestyle - Luke Crawley (MC); 1:55.61; 200 IM - Snider (Y); 2:09.47; 50 freestyle - Pellissier (Y); 23.18; diving - Ryan Fillmann (MC); 247.90; 100 butterfly - Dan Griffey (MC); 59.58; 100 freestyle - Crawley (MC); 51.31; 500 freestyle - Runderell (Y); 5:20.62; 200 freestyle relay - Muncie Central (Jones, Finger, Crawley, Griffey); 1:36.05; 100 backstroke - Gordon Heck (MC); 57.97; 100 breaststroke - Snider (Y); 1:05.11; 400 freestyle relay - Muncie Central (Griffey, Crawley, Heck, Runderell); 3:38.39.

Heritage Hall to 8-7 this season.

Heritage Hall placed four players in double figures. Travis Wilson and Michael Brandon each scored 16 points, Chris McKim had 11 and Theodore Van Cott 10.

In the junior-varsity game, Heritage Hall claimed a 40-26 victory.

Wrestling

In middle-school matches, Delta beat Yorktown 44-33, Northside stopped Selma 54-30 and Wilson dumped Annderson North 63-21.

Boys basketball

Heritage Hall suffered a 70-58 loss to Colonial Christian in boys basketball. The defeat dropped

Young Central swimmers show their versatility

Two sophomores and a freshman are the leading members of this season's "Million Dollar Club" for Central's boys swimming team. Coach Bob Chico annually charts the swimmers who complete all of the different strokes and distances in competition or controlled time trials.



Crawley

Heck

BOYS SWIMMING

Leading the club currently is sophomore Luke Crawley, who has a combined time of 17 minutes in the 14 different swims. Second place is sophomore Gordon Heck, and third place is freshman Nick Rundell.

Others in the Million Dollar Club are John Bowles, Adam Cairns, Scott Cress, Kurt Eichelberger, Anthony Ellison, Michael Hagans, Jeremy Johns, Cory Martin, Mike Pinger, Greg Rivers and Scott Springman.

Central attempts to finish off its unbeaten dual meet season when it visits Yorktown at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Central sophomore diver Ryan Fillmann is showing outstanding form as the tournament series approaches.

He broke his own school and pool records last week in the six-dive program used for dual meets. Then, in Saturday's



Rundell

Fillmann

Central Diving Invitational, Fillmann broke his own school and pool 11-dive program record.

His total of 463.70 was more than 100 points better than the second-place diver in the invitational. It also was more than 40 points higher than his total from last year's IHSAA state meet, when he finished runner-up:

"He's been coming along better and better each week," Chico said. "The therapy (as he recovers from pre-season knee surgery) has helped considerably."

Central freshman Casey Staton placed 10th in the diving event

'Cat swimmers eye top-3 finish

By **CHUCK LANDIS**
Evening Press sports writer

Armed with an unbeaten dual record and North Central Conference championship, Central appears a clear favorite to win the Richmond Sectional swim title.

Especially since three of the teams it defeated in the NCC meet — Anderson, Richmond and New Castle — also are top contenders at the sectional.

Not so fast, Central Coach Bob Chico says.

"That possibility (for a title) always exists, but everything would have to fall our way," Chico said. "We'd have to swim extremely well and everyone would have to be in good health."

Instead, Chico has set the team's sights more modestly on a top-three finish in the meet. Central finished third in last year's sectional team standings.

While Central is guarded, Delta

appears primed for a fifth consecutive title at the Jay County Sectional meet. The Eagles have five No. 1 seeds, and Paul Lewman is the defending diving champion and has the best six-dive scores of this year's entrants.

"We probably are favored going into it, but we still have to swim well," Delta Coach Tom Devine said. "It's not a given. We could have sickness or a couple false starts and it's a whole new ballgame."

Delta is the only Delaware County team competing at Jay County. Central will be joined at Richmond by Southside and Yorktown.

Preliminary competition begins at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at both sites. Diving prelims are 9 a.m. Saturday and the finals in all events follow at 2 o'clock.

All-session tickets are \$5 and single sessions are \$3.

Depth helped Central obtain an 11-0 regular season and NCC title. That is the school's first unbeaten season since records were kept beginning in 1968.

In large, multi-team meets, depth can become less significant. Central has no No. 1 seeds but has four carrying the second pre-meet

ranking.

Diver Ryan Fillmann, second in last year's state meet, is Central's best hope for an individual sectional champion. Fillmann, a sophomore, already has shattered all the school records.

Each of Central's three relay teams were seeded second. Dan Griffey, Josh Jones, Adam Pinger and Luke Crawley are tentatively scheduled to compete on two of the teams.

Gordon Heck is the No. 2 seed in the 100-yard backstroke, while Crawley and Jones are 3-4 in the 50 freestyle.

Delta will have No. 1 seeds in the three relays, along with Sean Brooks in the 100 freestyle and backstroke, and Tony Weir in the 100 backstroke.

Last year, Brooks was Jay County Sectional champion in the 100 backstroke and 200 freestyle and Weir captured the 100 backstroke. Brooks isn't entered in the 200 freestyle this year.

Yorktown builds its Richmond Sectional hopes around Mike Pellissier, Mike Lindsey and Matt Snider.

Southside's top swimmers are Shannon Martin, Randy Conatser and Mark Houk.

Landry says he was fired by Illinois



Kurt Hostetler

Central swimmers encourage a teammate during sectional trials Thursday evening in the Richmond pool.

Central out front after sectional swim trials

By DOUG WHITE
Evening Press sports writer

RICHMOND, Ind. — Muncie Central hasn't lost anything in swimming this year — dual meet or otherwise — and Thursday's performance gives the Bearcats a chance to keep that streak going.

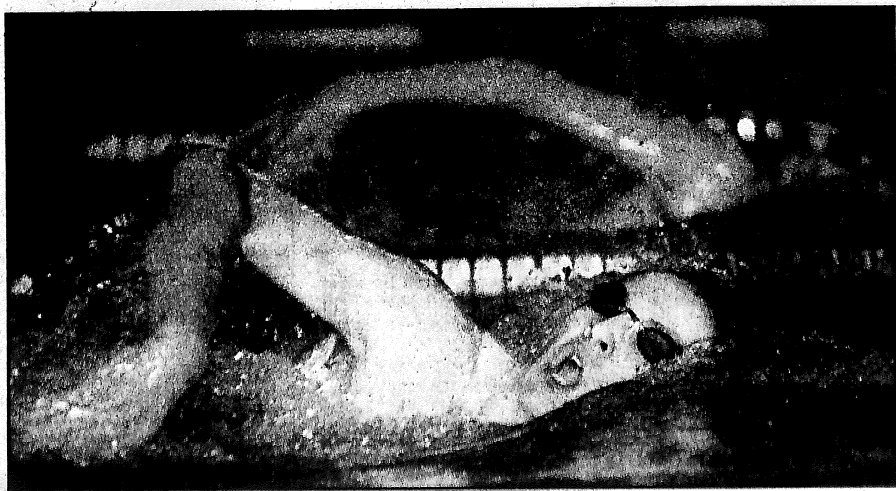
Central placed 12 swimmers and all three relay teams in the top six during Thursday's preliminary round of the Richmond Sectional. That total is three more than both Anderson and Richmond, which are Central's top two competitors in the sectional.

"We got off to a little bit of a sluggish start," Central Coach Bob Chico said. "But after the break, we started to come along."

There was a 15-minute break after the 50 freestyle — the point where the diving event would be held in a normal meet.

(Sectional diving competition will be Saturday).

After the break, Central placed three swimmers in the top six of the next event (the 100 butterfly) and two in the top three in the event after that



Kurt Hostetler

James Duffie of Yorktown churns toward the finish in the 200 freestyle.

(the 100 freestyle).

Dan Griffey had the second-best time in the 100 butterfly, while Anthony Ellison and Nick Rundell tied for the fifth-best time.

Luke Crawley and Josh Jones placed second and third in the 100 free trials.

The six fastest swimmers in each event qualified for Saturday's finals, with the next six making the consolation heats.

Diving preliminaries will start at 9 a.m. Saturday, with the consolation

and finals of all events starting at 2 p.m.

Central had all three of its relay teams in the top six for Saturday's finals, and had at least one swimmer in the top six of all but two of the individual events.

That was important for Central's chances of winning the team title because of the scoring system.

The winner of each event on Saturday gets 16 points, with 13 points awarded for second, 12 for third, 11 for fourth, 10 for fifth and

nine for sixth. The winner of the consolation race, who ostensibly finishes seventh, gets seven points, with five down to one point being awarded for eighth through 12th place.

Griffey also qualified for the finals in the 200 freestyle with a lifetime best time of 1:52.89. Crawley and Jones also qualified for two events each, with both making the cut in the 50 and 100 freestyle events.

Gordon Heck placed second in the

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100 backstroke trials, with Ellison coming in sixth.

Adam Cairns claimed second in the 100 breaststroke trials. Mike Pinger placed fifth in the same event.

Yorktown also qualified all three relay teams for the finals, and the Tigers had two swimmers in the top six of two individual events.

Matt Snider qualified for the final in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke, and Mike Pellissier qualified in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle.

Also for Yorktown, Mike Lindsey made the finals in the 200 individual medley and Ryan Jaromin made the finals in the 100 butterfly.

"We have a lot of first-time swimmers here, but I think they held their own," Yorktown Coach Pam Swander said. "It can be pretty nerve-wracking."

Yorktown's Jaromin and Tanner Thompson and Central's Rundell and Cairns were among the freshmen who placed in the top 12 in various events.

Swander said that simply being freshmen makes it especially hard for those swimmers.

"A lot of them are just not as mature as their counterparts they swim against," she said. "There's a lot more pressure, too, and the seasoned veteran has a lot more understanding of how to pace themselves."

Swander cited Jaromin as a prime example. Jaromin had his season's best 50-yard split time in the 200 freestyle, but faded down the stretch and barely made the consolations with the 12th fastest time.

RICHMOND SECTIONAL

200 medley relay — 2. Yorktown, 1:45.58; 3. Central, 1:47.75; 9. Southside, 1:57.02.

200 freestyle — 5. Dan Griffey (Central), 1:52.89; 7. Gordon Heck (Central), 1:54.16; 9. Todd Rowlett (Yorktown), 1:57.12; 13. Ryan Jaromin (Yorktown), 1:59.50.

200 individual medley — 2. Matt Snider (Yorktown), 2:08.75; 5. Mike Lindsey (Yorktown), 2:11.77; 8. Nick Rundell (Central), 2:13.02; 10. Scott Springman (Central), 2:14.02; 11. John Bowles (Central), 2:15.26.

50 freestyle — 2. Mike Pellissier (Yorktown), :23.04; 3. Luke Crawley (Central), :23.05; 6. Josh Jones (Central),



Griffey



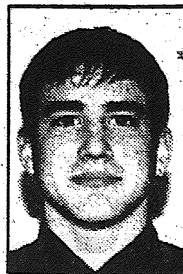
Jones



Crawley



Ellison



Snider



Pellissier

:23.44; 7. Mike Pinger (Central), :23.57; 12. Chris Taylor (Yorktown), :24.14.

100 butterfly — 2. Dan Griffey (Central), :58.93; 4. Ryan Jaromin (Yorktown), :59.30; 5 (tie). Anthony Ellison (Central), Nick Rundell (Central), :59.62; 9. Chris Taylor (Yorktown), 1:00.85; 11. Tanner Thompson (Yorktown), 1:01.30.

100 freestyle — 2. Luke Crawley (Central), :50.56; 3. Josh Jones (Central), :50.92; 5. Mike Pellissier (Yorktown), :51.16.

500 freestyle — 7. John Bowles (Central), 5:26.63; 9. Andrew Payne (Central), 5:31.91.

200 freestyle relay — 3. Central, 1:33.70; 5. Yorktown, 1:37.79; 9. Southside, 1:44.19.

100 backstroke — 2. Gordon Heck (Central), :58.52; 6. Anthony Ellison (Central), 1:00.61; 7. Mike Lindsey (Yorktown), 1:00.73; 8. Cory Martin (Central), 1:01.56; 9. Jeff Melander (Yorktown), 1:01.60.

100 breaststroke — 2. Adam Cairns (Central), 1:04.57; 4. Matt Snider (Yorktown), 1:05.04; 5. Mike Pinger (Central), 1:06.26; 6. Scott Springman (Central), 1:07.72; 11. Aaron Edgell (Yorktown), 1:10.14.

400 freestyle relay — 2. Central, 3:30.42; 4. Yorktown, 3:33.22; 9. Southside, 3:55.33.

Central wins at Richmond

STAR STAFF REPORTS

RICHMOND, Ind. — Saturday was a good day for the Muncie Central boys' swimming team. The Bearcats outscored Richmond 260-230 to win the Richmond sectional, and coach Bob Chico was named sectional coach of the year.

"It was a close meet all the way throughout," Chico said. "Yorktown and New Castle both looked very good, which made it a close meet."

Yorktown placed fourth, while New Castle took fifth place.

Winners for the Bearcats were Ryan Fillman in diving with a score of 435.9 and the 200-yard medley relay team of Gordon Heck, Adam Cairns, Nick Rundell and Michael Pinger in a time of 1:44.41.

"Fillman is looking very strong," Chico said. "Last year, he finished second, and he's coming back with a new and improved diving list."

Chico added he thought Luke Crawley would advance in the 50 freestyle as would the 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams.

After the 200 individual medley, Central led the rest of the way.

"Our depth in all events was responsible for that," Chico said. "We had people score in all but three events."

New Castle's Sam Carroll was the only other winner from the East Central Indiana area. He won the 100 butterfly.

Richmond sectional

Team scores: Muncie Central 260, Richmond 230, Anderson 208, Yorktown 184, New Castle 161, Anderson Highland 142, Connersville 61, Hagerstown 51, Madison-Heights 40, Centerville 32, Muncie South 20.

200 medley relay — 1. Muncie Central (Gordon Heck, Adam Cairns, Nick Rundell, Michael Pinger), 1:44.41.

200 freestyle — 4. Dan Griffey (MC), 1:51.52; 5. Sam Carroll (NC), 1:51.95; 8. Todd Rowlett (Y), 1:56.63; 10. Ryan Jaromin (Y), 1:57.85; 11. Gordon Heck (MC), 1:57.88.

200 IM — 3. Matt Snider (Y), 2:09.00; 5. Mike Lindsey (Y), 2:11.35; 6. Mike Dudley (NC), 2:11.94; 7. John Hubbard (NC), 2:12.58; 9. Scott Springman (MC), 2:13.12; 10. Rundell (MC), 2:13.92; 11. John Bowles (MC), 2:18.95.

50 freestyle — 2. Luke Crawley (MC), 2:24.49; 4. Mike Pellissier (Y), 2:27.4; 5. Josh Jones (MC), 2:30.07; 7. David Raines (NC), 2:32.20; 8. Mike Pinger (MC), 2:34.41; 11. Adam Clock (NC), 2:41.14; 12. Chris Taylor (Y), 2:41.5.

Diving — 1. Ryan Fillman (MC), 435.9; 6. Nick Lazar (Y), 335.00; 9. J. Fuller (Y), 315.8; 10. Casey Staton (MC), 313.35; 11. B. Winchester (NC), 306.48; 12. J. Stillwagon (Y), 285.45.

100 butterfly — 1. Sam Carroll (NC), 1:58.08; 2. Jaromin (Y), 1:58.08; 3. Rundell (MC), 1:58.53; 5. Griffey (MC), 1:58.75; 6. Ellison (MC), 1:59.79; 7. Ross Shauer (NC), 1:59.74; 8. Taylor (Y), 1:01.25; 9. Thompson (Y), 1:01.26; 10. Aitchison (NC), 1:01.46.

100 freestyle — 3. Crawley (MC), 1:50.89; 5. Jones (MC), 1:51.08; 6. Pellissier (Y), 1:51.18; 7. Raines (NC), 1:50.96; 12. Hubbard (NC), 1:54.15.

500 freestyle — 6. Rowlett (Y), 5:19.9; 8. Andrew Payne (MC), 5:29.59; 9. Bowles (MC), 5:37.24.

200 freestyle relay — 3. Muncie Central (Crawley, Griffey, Pinger, Jones), 1:31.51; 4. New Castle (Carroll, Dudley, Clock, Raines), 1:34.21; 6. Yorktown (Edgell, Jaromin, Rowlett, Taylor), 1:37.69; 9. Muncie South (Conatser, Gick, Martin, Keller), 1:45.01.

100 backstroke — 2. Heck (MC), 1:59.17; 5. Clock (NC), 1:59.72; 6. Ellison (MC), 1:00.51; 7. Melander (Y), 1:01.04; 8. Lindsey (Y), 1:01.63; 9. Martin (MC), 1:02.78; 12. Dudley (NC), 1:04.56.

100 breaststroke — 2. Dudley (NC), 1:01.42; 3. Snider (Y), 1:04.31; 4. Cairns (MC), 1:04.96; 6. Pinger (MC), 1:07.37; 9. Springman (MC), 1:07.76; 11. Edgell (Y), 1:10.43.

400 freestyle relay — 3. Muncie Central (Griffey, Crawley, Heck, Jones), 3:23.23; 5. Yorktown (Lindsay, Pellissier, Snider, Rowlett); 6. New Castle (Aitchison, Carroll, Dudley, Hubbard), 3:35.73; 10. Muncie South (Feeney, Conatser, Gick, Martin), 3:54.03.

Delta wins big

PORTLAND, Ind. — Delta won eight events, including all three relay events, to win the Jay County boys' swimming sectional in a big way, 339.50-202 over second-place Norwell.

All three Eagle relay teams set Jay County pool record, while the 200 medley relay team also set a school record with a 1:43.67. Members of the 200 medley are Nathan Jackson, Nate Millikan, Tony Weir and Shawn Brooks.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Weir, Andy Wallace, Jon Schafer and Jackson set a sectional record with a time of 1:31.86.

"We never had three relay teams advance to the state," Delta coach Tom Devine said. "We've had two, but never three."

The 400 freestyle relay of Jackson, Wallace, Casey Mumaw and Brooks had a time of 3:24.73.

Also advancing to the state for Delta are: Mumaw in the 200 freestyle in a time of 1:50.83 and in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:02.21; Paul Lewman in diving with a score of 412.05; Brooks in the 100 freestyle with a time of :49.85; and Weir in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:04.67.

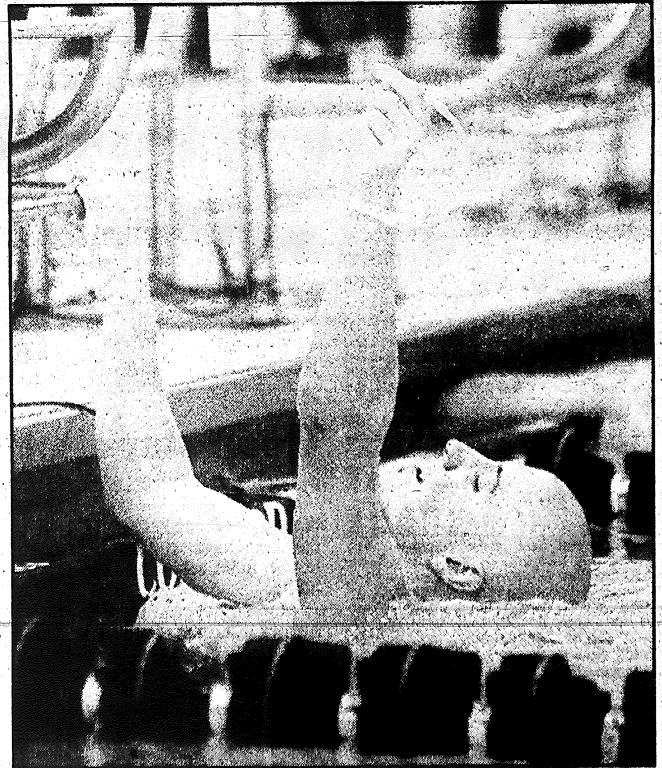
"We had a lot of time dropped, we had some people move up in the seeds," Devine said. "We had a good day. We wanted to get some people to the state. I believe some of the guys still have some drop in them."

"This is the most to state that we've ever had," Devine, who was named the sectional coach of the year, said. "This is quite an accomplishment for the kids."

Jay County sectional

Team scores: Delta 339.50, Norwell 202, Bellmont 160, Oak Hill 151, Jay County 151, Huntington North 101, Adams Central 88, Blackford 61, Marion 60, Bluffton 42.5, South Adams 28.

200 medley relay — 1. Delta (Nathan



Star photo/KURT HOSTETLER

Delta's Casey Mumaw celebrates after winning the 200-yard freestyle event in Saturday's Jay County boys' swimming sectional. Mumaw will advance to the state meet Friday and Saturday.

Jackson, Nate Millikan, Tony Weir, Shawn Brooks), 1:43.67 (school record, Jay County pool record); 2. Jay County (Greg Fisher, Brian Miller, Scott Miller, Brian Weaver), 1:46.97; 8. Blackford (Joe Fortino, Paul Landen, Jared Nicholson, Robert Dragoo), 1:58.54.

200 freestyle — 1. Casey Mumaw (D), 1:50.83; 5. Marc Geelhoed (D), 2:01.82; 7. Eric Johnston (JC), 2:04.54; 11. Daniel Smith (B), 2:09.18.

200 IM — 6. Scott Jacobs (D), 2:20.19; 8. Jeremy Dann (D), 2:19.20; 10. Paul Millikan (D), 2:23.35; 11. B. Miller (JC), 2:24.44.

50 freestyle — 2. Jackson (D), 2:29.98; 3. Weaver (JC), 2:31.19; 8. Jon Schafer (D), 2:41.6; 10. S. Miller (JC), 2:44.9; 12. Jason Kemp (B), 2:49.1.

Diving — 1. Paul Lewman (D), 412.05; 5. Eric Beatty (D), 321.80; 6. Nathan Smith (B), 296.45; 7. Jason Petersen (JC), 290.15.

100 butterfly — 2. Weaver (JC), 1:56.98; 3. Weir (D), 1:57.47; 4. Schafer (D), 1:00.08; 5. Greg Grafmiller (JC), 1:02.13; 7. Doug Fitzgerald (D), 1:03.87.

100 freestyle — 1. Brooks (D), :49.85; 2.

Andy Wallace (D), :51.92; 3. Fisher (JC), :51.98; 9. Landen (B), :55.22; 10. Geelhoed (D), :55.74.

500 freestyle — 1. Mumaw (D), 5:02.21; 5. Brian Ruh (D), 5:27.33; 6. Dann (D), 5:40.47; 11. Landen (B), 6:07.25; 12. Daniel Smith (B), 6:09.70.

200 freestyle relay — 1. Delta (Weir, Wallace, Schafer, Jackson), 1:31.86 (sectional record, Jay County pool record); 2. Jay County (Fisher, B. Miller, S. Miller, Weaver), 1:32.59; 8. Blackford (Dragoo, Nicholson, Landen, D. Smith), 1:41.58.

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400 freestyle relay — 1. Delta (Jackson, Wallace, Mumaw, Brooks), 3:24.73 (Jay County pool record); 5. Jay County (Grafmiller, Eric Johnston, S. Miller, Joe Wright), 3:47.78; 9. Blackford (Fortino, Adam Roberson, D. Smith, Nathan Smith), 4:08.47.

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Central, Delta advance eight to state swim meet

Central advances eight swimmers to this weekend's IHSAA state finals swim meet after winning quite possibly the school's first-ever swim sectional title.

Delta had four individual champions and four other swimmers on first-place relay teams as the Eagles easily won the Jay County Sectional for the fifth consecutive year. All eight will advance to the state meet.

In Saturday's meet at Richmond, Central totaled 260 points to outpace Richmond (230) and Anderson (208). Yorktown placed fourth with 184 and Southside was 11th with 20.

According to Central Coach Bob Chico, Central had not previously won a sectional meet since records were kept beginning in 1968.

"We felt we were properly positioned to win," Chico said. "We had to swim well in order to do that and the guys all produced. We scored in every event and, in fact, had three people place in several events."

Chico has won a sectional title in 1988 with Northside.

He was named sectional coach of the year following Saturday's meet.

Diver Ryan Fillmann and the 200-yard medley relay team of Gordon Heck, Adam Cairns, Nick Rundell and Michael Pinger placed first and led Central to the title.

They automatically advance to the state finals beginning Friday at the Indiana University Natatorium on the IUPUI campus.

In addition, Luke Crawley qualified for the finals in the 50 freestyle after a second-place sectional finish, and the 200 freestyle relay advances after placing third. Team members are Crawley, Pinger, Dan Griffey and Josh Jones.

Fillmann, who accumulated 435.9 points on his 11 dives, hasn't lost in dual or invitational competition this season. He finished second in last year's state meet.

Late maneuvering with the 200 medley relay also helped Central capture the race. Chico inserted Gordon Heck to swim the leadoff backstroke leg and Nick Rundell for the butterfly stroke.

Delta had two repeat champions, Shawn Brooks in the 100 freestyle and Tony Weir in the

100 breaststroke. Paul Lewman captured the diving competition and improved on last year's second-place finish.

Another individual champion for Delta was Casey Mumaw in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle. The Eagles also swept the three relay races in record fashion.

The 200 medley relay of Nathan Jackson, Nate Milliken, Weir and Brooks set a school and Jay County pool record of 1:43.67. Then, the 200 freestyle relay of Weir, Andy Wallace, Jon Schafer and Jackson matched those accomplishments with a 1:31.86 clocking.

Delta's 400 freestyle relay of Jackson, Wallace, Mumaw and Brooks missed a school record but set a new pool mark with a 3:24.74 effort.

RICHMOND SECTIONAL

TEAM SCORES: Muncie Central 260, Richmond 230, Anderson 208, Yorktown 184, New Castle 161, Anderson Highland 142, Connorsville 61, Hagerstown 51, Anderson Madison Heights 40, Centerville 32, Muncie Southside 20.

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100 freestyle: 3. Crawley (C) :50.89; 5. Jones (C) :51.08; 6. Pellissier (Y) :51.18.

500 freestyle: 6. Rowlett (Y) 5:19.9; 8. Andrew Payne (C) 5:29.59; 9. Bowles (C) 5:37.24.

200 freestyle relay: 3. Central (Crawley, Griffey, Pinger, Jones) 1:31.51; 6. Yorktown (Edgall, Jaramin, Rowlett, Taylor) 1:37.69; 9. Southside (Conatser, Gick, Martin, Keller) 1:45.01.

100 backstroke: 2. Heck (C) :59.17; 6. Ellison (C) 1:00.51; 7. Melander (Y) :59.04; 8. Lindsey (Y) 1:01.63; 9. Martin (C) 1:02.78.

100 breaststroke: 3. Snider (Y) 1:04.31; 4. Cairns (C) 1:04.96; 6. Pinger (C) 1:07.37; 9. Springman (C) 1:07.76; 11. Edgell (Y) 1:10.43.

400 freestyle relay: 3. Central (Griffey, Crawley, Heck, Jones) 3:23.23; 5. Yorktown (Lindsay, Pellissier, Snider, Rowlett); 10. Southside (Feeney, Conatser, Gick, Martin) 3:54.03.

JAY COUNTY SECTIONAL

TEAM SCORES: Delta 339½, Norwell 202, Bellmont 160, Oak Hill 151, Jay County 151, Huntington North 101, Adams Central 88, Blackford 61, Marion 60, Bluffton 42½, South Adams 28.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Delta (Nathan Jackson, Nate Milliken, Tony Weir, Shawn Brooks) 1:43.67 (school and pool record); 2. Jay County (Greg Fisher, Brian Miller, Scott Miller, Brian Weaver) 1:46.97.

200 freestyle: 1. Casey Mumaw (D) 1:50.83; 5. Marc Geelhoed (D) 2:01.82; 7. Eric Johnston (JC) 2:04.54.

200 individual medley: 6. Scott Jacobs (D) 2:20.19; 8. Jeremy Dann (D) 2:19.20; 10. Paul Milliken (D) 2:23.35; 11. B. Miller (JC) 2:24.44.

50 freestyle: 2. Jackson (D) :22.98; 3. Weaver (JC) :23.19; 8. Jon Schafer (D) :24.16; 10. S. Miller (JC) :24.49.

Diving: 1. Paul Lewman (D) 412.05; 5. Eric Boly (D) 321.80; 7. Jason Petersen (JC) 290.15.

100 butterfly: 2. Weaver (JC) :56.98; 3. Weir (D) :57.47; 4. Schafer (D) 1:00.08; 5. Greg Grafmiller (JC) 1:02.13; 7. Doug Fitzgerald (D) 1:03.87.

100 freestyle: 1. Brooks (D) :49.85; 2. Andy Wallace (D) :51.92; 3. Fisher (JC) :51.98; 10. Geelhoed (D) :55.74.

500 freestyle: 1. Mumaw (D) 5:02.21; 5. Brian Ruh (D) 5:27.33; 6. Dann (D) 5:40.47.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Delta (Weir, Wallace, Schafer, Jackson) 1:31.86 (school and pool record); 2. Jay County (Fisher, B. Miller, S. Miller, Weaver) 1:32.59.

100 backstroke: 2. Brooks (D) :57.53; 4. Jacobs (D) 1:01.96; 10. Milliken (D) 1:06.49; 12. B. Miller (JC) 1:11.24.

100 breaststroke: 1. Weir (D) 1:04.67; 3. Milliken (D) 1:06.89; 6. Fisher (JC) 1:07.53; 8. Aaron Krimme (D) 1:10.21; 10. Joe Wright (JC) 1:11.85.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Delta (Jackson, Wallace, Mumaw, Brooks) 3:24.74 (pool record); 5. Jay County (Grafmiller, Johnston, S. Miller, Wright) 3:47.78.

Central, Delta swimmers to compete in state finals

By **BRUCE BAUGHMAN**

Star sports reporter

Both Muncie Central and Delta are hoping to advance swimmers from today's preliminaries into Saturday's finals of the boys' state swim meet at the IUPUI Natatorium. Opening ceremonies are set for 5:40 p.m. with the preliminaries at 6.

The best chance for an all-state performer is Central's diver Ryan Fillman. Fillman, a sophomore, finished second last year.

Also, another sophomore, Luke Crawley, will compete in the 50-yard freestyle and is seeded 15th.

"I think Ryan will definitely be [in the top 8] again," Muncie Central coach Bob Chico said. "I also think Luke has an excellent chance of scoring for us."

Delta will have representatives in eight events including Paul

Lewman, a senior, in diving.

"Paul is diving with more confidence and has been improving each day," Delta coach Tom Devine said.

The other individuals for the Eagles are Shawn Brooks, a senior, in the 100 freestyle, Tony Weir in the 100 breaststroke, and Casey Mumaw in the 200 and 500 freestyle.

Delta's 200 medley relay team consist of Nathan Jackson, Nate Millikan, Weir, Brooks; the 400 freestyle is Jackson, Andy Wallace, Mumaw, Brooks; and the 200 freestyle consist of Weir, Wallace, Jon Schafer, Jackson.

"We feel like we have a good drop still left in us in all the relay teams," Devine said. "Our freestyle relay goal is to break into the 3:20 mark."

A young 200 medley team seeded with a junior, a sophomore and two

freshman is seeded 29th, and Chico believes they can move up in ranking. The relay team consists of Michael Penger, Gordon Hack, Adam Cairns and Nick Rundell.

"We are looking forward to be a fun meet," Chico said. "It is a diversified meet, because I haven't seen some of the schools on the sheet that have participated in the past.

Central's 200 freestyle relay team of Josh Jones, Dan Griffey, Crawley and Penger is seeded 19th. All but Penger swam in last year's state meet in the same event, only to come up short of qualifying for the finals. Their best time this year is 1:30.89, and Chico thinks the middle 1:29 to place in the top 16.

"We had drops in last year's meet hope to do the same. We are looking at personal goals will be set. If we can do better from sectional we'll be happy."

16 swimmers in state meet this weekend

By **CHUCK LANDIS**

Evening Press sports writer

Delaware County sends a 16-member boys swimming and diving contingent to the state finals meet beginning Friday at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis.

Central and Delta each have eight representatives in the 57th IHSAA meet. Most will participate in preliminary competition beginning at 6 p.m. Friday and hope to return for Saturday's final rounds.

Divers Ryan Fillmann of Central and Paul Lewman of Delta compete at 9 a.m. Saturday in the five-dive preliminary. The qualifiers return for a

three-dive semifinal at 1 p.m.

Fillmann was a second-place finisher in last year's competition.

Finals in each event and diving are at 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 for a tournament booklet or \$4 for a single-session ticket.

Central's swim representatives are: Gordon Heck, Adam Cairns, Nick Rundell, Michael Pinger, Luke Crawley, Dan Griffey and Josh Jones.

Delta's swimmers are: Shawn Brooks, Tony Weir, Casey Mumaw, Nathan Jackson, Nate Milliken, Andy Wallace and Jon Schafer.



Gerri C. Mahoney

Central swimmers in the state meet: (front, from left) Dan Griffey, Josh Jones and Ryan Fillmann; (middle, from left) Luke Crawley, Scott Springman and Adam Cairns; (back, from left) Nick Rundell, Michael Pinger and Gordon Heck.

Central relay, Delta's Brooks qualify for finals

Central and Delta each qualified in one event for today's IHSAA boys swimming state finals.



Brooks

Central's 200 freestyle relay team of Luke Crawley, Mike Pinger, Dan Griffey and Josh Jones set a school record with a time of 1:28.84 and finished 10th in Friday's trials.



Crawley



Pinger



Griffey



Jones

Delta's Shawn Brooks also advanced to the finals in the 100 freestyle by qualifying 16th with a school-record time of :48.42.

The top 16 swimmers in each event after Friday's preliminaries advanced to today's finals.

Both schools also have a diver competing today. Central's Ryan Fillmann and Delta's Paul Lewman were to compete in the diving preliminaries this morning. Finals were to start at 1 p.m. in the Natatorium in Indianapolis.

Crawley just missed making the finals in the 50 freestyle, finishing with the 18th-best time of :22.27.

Delta's Tony Weir also missed the finals in the 100 breaststroke. Weir set a school record with a time of 1:02.35, which was 18th

fastest.

Delta's 200 medley relay team of Nathan Jackson, Nate Milliken, Brooks and Weir also set a school record with a time of 1:41.76 and finished 20th.

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200 medley relay — 20. Delta (Jackson, Milliken, Weir, Brooks), 1:41.76; 22. Central (Gordon Heck, Adam Cairns, Nick Rundell, Mike Pinger), 1:41.88; 200 freestyle — 30. Casey Mumaw (Delta), 1:33.93; 50 freestyle — 18. Crawley (Central), :22.27; 100 freestyle — 16. Brooks (Delta), :48.42; 500 freestyle — 29. Mumaw (Delta), 5:08.26; 200 freestyle relay — 10. Central (Crawley, Pinger, Griffey, Jones), 1:28.84; 23. Delta (Jackson, Wallace, Shaffer, Weir), 1:31.57; 100 breaststroke — 18. Weir (Delta), 1:02.35; 400 freestyle relay — 26. Delta (Jackson, Wallace, Mumaw, Brooks), 3:22.90.

Central's Fillmann qualifies for IHSAA state diving finals

Staff and wire reports

Ryan Fillmann received his lowest score in more than two years but still easily won the Kokomo Regional diving competition Tuesday.

The Central junior diver totaled 417.75 points on his 11 dives and earned a chance to defend his state title Saturday in the Natatorium in Indianapolis.

Central's Casey Staton and Jay County's Jason Peterson failed to gain one of the eight qualifying berths for the state finals. Staton was 11th with 297 points and Peterson scored 198.95.

Fillmann's lowest score this season before Tuesday was 445 points and his lowest last year was 437.

"He had a couple below-average dives," Central Coach Bob Chico said of Fillmann. "It was such a narrow band on judging and made it difficult to break out."

"It was a long evening when you have to make 11 dives, and it was difficult on all the divers. We had to come back with two days' rest (from sectionals) and now we'll have three days before state. When you have three complete (diving programs) in one week, that is difficult for anybody."

State diving preliminaries are 9 a.m. Saturday. The swimming and diving finals are at 1:30 that afternoon.

KOKOMO REGIONAL DIVING RESULTS

1. Ryan Fillmann (Muncie Central) 417.75.
2. Jeremy Plummer (Wawasee) 377.10.
3. Ryan Roy (Anderson Madison Heights) 354.45.
4. Brian Winchester (New Castle) 353.40.
5. Shawn Sollenberger (Fort Wayne Snider) 352.50.
6. Fritz Otiker (Kokomo) 342.65.
7. Kyle Sibray (Eastern, Greentown) 334.40.
8. Aaron Rich (Bellmont) 331.70.

Fillman takes diving title

STAR STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS — Muncie Central sophomore Ryan Fillman did himself one better Saturday in the state swimming and diving championships at the IUPUI Natatorium.

Fillman, just the second gold medalist at Central since 1968, finished seven points behind Chesterton's Joe Rice for second place last year. Saturday, he was seven points better than Rice with a total of 444.20.

"Ryan looked real good and very consistent," Central coach Bob Chico said. "He is just a sophomore and it will be nice to have him for the next 2 years."

Fillman's big dive was a forward front 2½ with a double twist which carries a 3.0 difficulty. Fillman scored a 56.4 on the dive.

"There are a couple of dives higher than a 3.0, but on the high school level you don't see many 3.0 dives," Chico said.

Chico said Fillman's season got off to a rough start when he suffered a knee injury in August. After going through intense therapy to get himself back into diving shape, Fillman went on to set three pool and/or school records in six-dive competition and two more in 11-dive competition. In addition to the state title, Fillman posted victories in the North Central Conference meet, the Central Invitational and the Richmond sectional.

"He's a very determined young man," Chico said. "He concentrates very well on his dives, and if he has a bad dive, he doesn't let it bother him. He just gets up and does his best on the next one."

"For a sophomore, that's quite a development."

Chico also received solid performances from his 200-yard freestyle and 200 medley relay teams. The 200 medley team finished 22nd, while the 200 freestyle team placed ninth.

"We saw some exceptional swims in the preliminaries," Chico said. "The 200 medley relay team is very, very young, and I'm quite proud of them."

"The freestyle relay team set a Muncie Central record in the preliminaries with a 1:28.84. I was very pleased with their performance. Everybody who swam on Friday set personal best times."

IHSAA state finals

Local finishes
100 freestyle — 12, Sean Brooks (D), 48.46; diving — 1, Ryan Fillman (MC), 444.20; 11, Lewman (D), 366.0; 200 freestyle relay — 9, Muncie Central (Luke Crawley, Mike Pinger, Dan Griffey, Josh Jones), 1:29.09; 100 breaststroke — 11, Mike Dudley (New Castle), 1:00.93.

Fillmann earns gold

By CHUCK LANDIS and DOUG WHITE

Evening Press sports writers

If Ryan Fillmann sounds a bit matter-of-fact about his state high school diving championship, it's because he places high expectations on himself.

The Central sophomore, poised and confident, became the school's second first-place medalist since 1968 when he

outpointed defending champion Joe Rice of Chesterton by seven points to capture the title. Rice is a senior.



Fillman

finished second behind Rice in the diving finals.

"I really thought I would win last year, but there were politics — the judging was messed up," Fillmann said this morning.

"I went into the meet (this year) not expecting to win, but to do well. I just knew that I was better than anybody else."

Fillmann totaled 444.20 points in the final round and needed to complete 11 dives to advance through the field. That is far off the state record score of 576 points, which is a mark he expects to exceed before his career is over.

"I want to break the state record," Fillmann said. "My best score so far is 463 and I think I will be able to get the record by my senior year, at

least."

He surpassed the Central school record three times this season and was champion of the North Central Conference and Richmond and Central invitational diving meets.

Even before entering high school, Fillmann was winning state titles in the White River Park State Games and the Indiana Junior Olympics indoor and outdoor meets.

"(Winning state) has been a goal since I got to high school," Fillmann said. "I wasn't nervous at all, except maybe the last couple dives. (The pressure) wasn't really new; I was used to it I guess."

Though he might have felt deprived of the title last year, Fillmann says he was a stronger and more mature diver this season. A new dive also improved his repertoire.

"I gained a little weight and got taller, which gave me a little bit more height, and I dived better," Fillmann said. "I got a new dive, a backward 2½ which had a 3.0 (difficulty), and that helped."

A knee injury curtailed his activity last summer but, before that, Fillmann was the youngest top 30 finisher in the U.S. nationals prequalification meet in State College, Pa.

The way Fillmann sees it, Saturday's state title is just the beginning. He has Olympic Games aspirations and sincerely believes he will obtain it.

"That's the ultimate goal, and I'm working toward that," he said. "I've got a lot of good coaching right now."

Tonya and John Wingfield,

the diving coaches for Central and Ball State University, have worked extensively with Fillmann since he became a diver.

Fillmann also has received instruction from Olympic Games men's and women's champions Mark Lenzi and Gao Min.

The last previous Central state meet champion was Tom Perrin, who set a state record in winning the 100-yard butterfly at the 1968 meet.

Besides Fillmann, Central also received a ninth-place finish from the 200 freestyle relay team of Luke Crawley, Mike Pinger, Dan Griffey and Josh Jones. They were timed in 1:29.09.

Delta had more than one individual score team points in the state meet for the first time in school history.

Paul Lewman finished 11th in the diving competition, scoring 366 points; and Shawn Brooks finished 12th in the 100 freestyle in :48.46.

"I'm very pleased with what the guys did and what they accomplished," Delta Coach Tom Devine said. "That was icing on the cake ... (on) one of the best seasons we've ever had, if not the best."

Brooks became only the second Delta swimmer to score in the state meet. Doug Townsend placed 11th in both the 200 and 500 freestyle events in 1992. Delta's 200 freestyle relay team also scored in the state meet in 1991.

■ Carmel won the team title for a record sixth straight year.

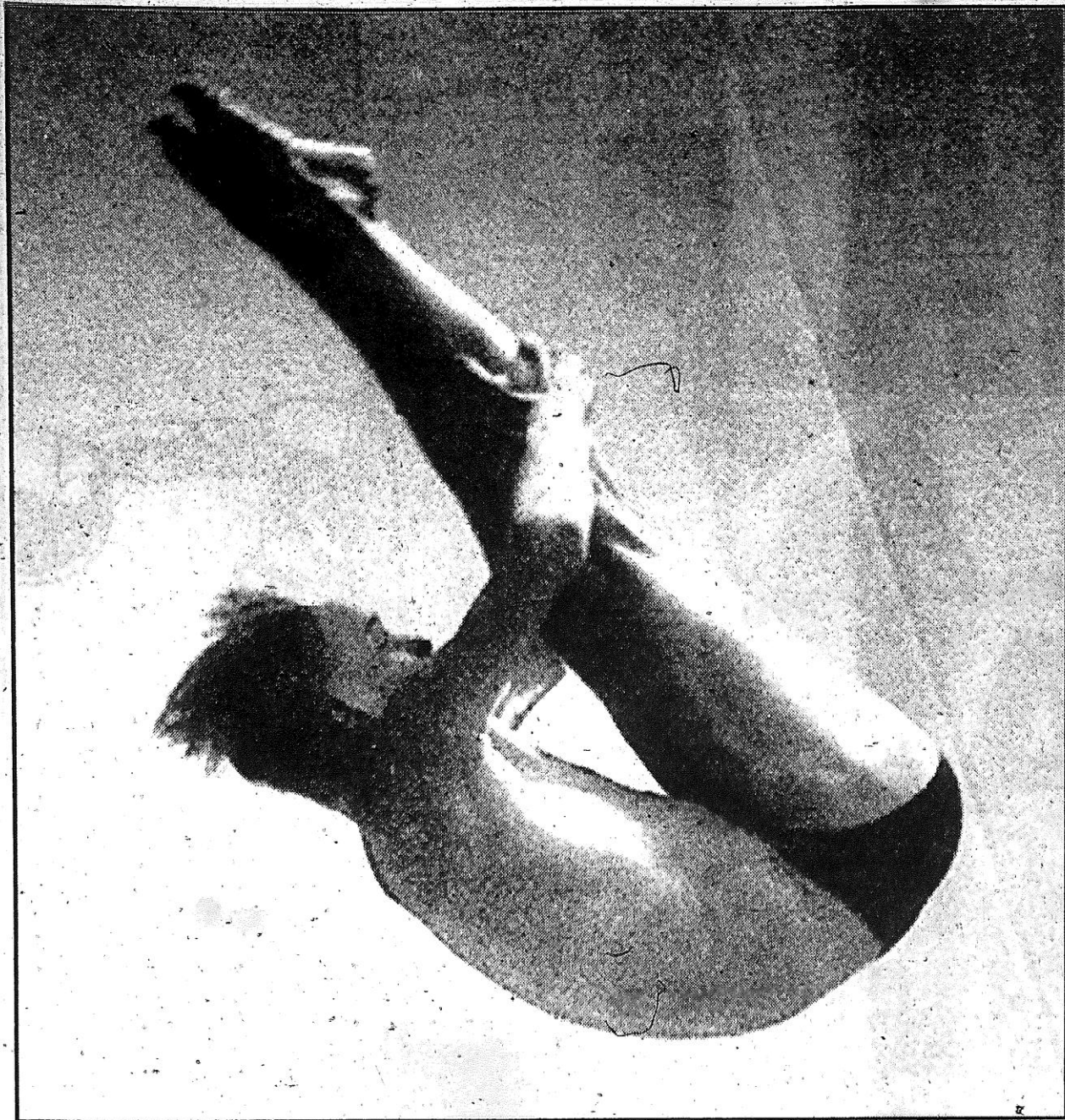


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Central's Ryan Fillmann shows his form during a meet earlier this month at Yorktown.