

# Tigers fall just short at Jay Co.

**BOYS' SWIMMING:** Yorktown battled with Norwell before finishing second by just 2½ points.

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PORTLAND — All that separated Yorktown from a boys' swim sectional championship Saturday at Jay County was 3.69 seconds — an excruciating 3.69 seconds.

The Tigers played see-saw with Norwell all afternoon. There were six lead changes between the two teams, and Yorktown led by a slim 3.5 points going into the final event — the 400-yard freestyle relay.

With the exhortations of about 500 spectators reverberating off the walls, the two teams took to the water in the last event. Norwell, in lane three, was the top seed. Yorktown, in lane four, was the second seed. The winner of the relay would win the sectional championship.

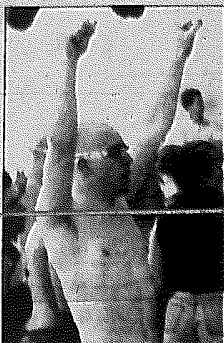
Norwell took a one-stroke lead on the first leg, and extended it to 2½ body lengths by the conclusion of the relay, deflating the Tigers' ambitions of gaining the sectional crown.

Norwell's margin of victory was 2.5 points, 276.5-274, over Yorktown.

Tiger senior David Hostetter did not swim on the 400 freestyle relay team, but he had words of consolation for his teammates.

"I just told my guys I've never been prouder to be part of a team," said Hostetter, his eyes

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**VICTORY:** Yorktown's Andy Clevenger reacted to his first-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly Saturday in the Jay County sectional.

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moist with tears. "Nobody else gave us a shot at winning this. But we proved we're a force to be reckoned with."

Yorktown coach Deb Stout echoed Hostetter's sentiments.

"We gave it all we had," said Stout, whose peers selected her sectional coach of the year. "Our relay team at the end couldn't have done any better. They beat their Thursday time [in preliminaries] by 5 seconds."

The foursome of Matt Lindsey, Greg Wahlers, Andy Clevenger and Brad Nixon established a new standard while finishing second in the 200 medley relay. Clevenger set the Yorktown record in winning the 100 butterfly. Wahlers beat the Tiger standard while winning the 100 breaststroke, and Wahlers broke the school record with a second-place in the 200 IM.

Clevenger (butterfly) and Wahlers (breaststroke) were the only East Central Indiana athletes to advance to Friday's state swim meet preliminaries in Indianapolis, though more could be added today when times from Jay County are compared to those from other sectionals.

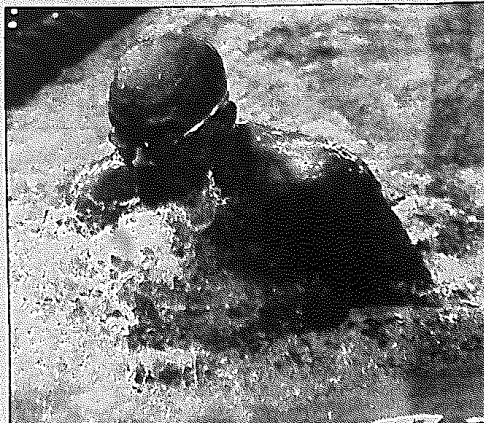
Two ECI divers, Yorktown's Brock Triplett and Blackford's Dustin Schlotter, earned spots in Wednesday's diving regional at Oak Hill. Triplett was second and Schlotter third in the sectional diving competition.

Delta, with 216 points, finished third, and coach Tim Brannock said his young's team performance was a harbinger.

"This was a very good way to finish the year," Brannock said. "The other teams had better look out for us next year. We're just going to get better."

Eagle sophomore Robert Sebura broke the Delta record in the 100 backstroke by 0.01 seconds while finishing second.

Muncie Central, the defending sectional champion, faded to fourth, 72½ points behind Delta.



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**BIG BREATH:** Greg Wahlers came up for air during his winning effort at the 100 meter breaststroke on Saturday in the finals at the Jay County sectional.

### Jay County sectional

Team scores and results Saturday from the finals at Jay County.

**Team scores:** 1. Norwell 276½, 2. Yorktown 274, 3. Delta 216, 4. Muncie Central 142½, 5. Jay County 130, 6. Belmont 109, 7. South Adams 103, 8. Bluffton 43, 9. Blackford 25, 10. Adams Central 23, 11. Burris 22, 12. Muncie South 20.

**Finals**  
200 medley relay — 1. Norwell, 1:41.55; 2. Yorktown, 3; Delta, 4; Muncie Central, 5; South Adams, 6; Jay County.  
200 freestyle — 1. Stier (N), 1:49.2; 2. C. Miller (MC), 3. Woodworth (Be), 4. Hostetter (Y), 5. Surs (Y), 6. Wallace (D).  
200 IM — 1. Biberstine (N), 2:01.28; 2. Wahlers (Y), 3. Troxell (N), 4. Finch (Y), 5. Sebura (D), 6. Claylor (D).  
50 freestyle — 1. Merriman (Be), 22.73; 2. Penrod (D), 3; Nixon (Y), 4; Taylor (MC), 5; Liddy (Y), 6; A. Miller (JC).  
100 butterfly — 1. Michuda (N), 379.85; 2. Triplett (Y), 3; Gelmer (Be), 4; Schlotter (Dia), 5;

Buick (N), 6; J. Miller (Do).  
100 butterfly — 1. Clevenger (Y), 55.01; 2. Broyles (D), 3; Truex (N), 4; A. Miller (JC), 5; Nixon (Y), 6; Caudill (Bu).  
100 freestyle — 1. Stier (N), 49.20; 2. C. Miller (MC), 3; Merriman (Be), 4; Liddy (Y), 5; Barger (JC), 6; Pickel (N).  
500 freestyle — 1. Truex (N), 5:01.25; 2. Woodworth (Be), 3; Scherrer (MC), 4; Hostetter (Y), 5; Clevenger (Y), 6; Wallace (D).  
200 freestyle relay — 1. Norwell, 1:32.22; 2. Delta, 3; Yorktown, 4; South Adams, 5; Jay County, 6; Muncie Central.  
100 backstroke — 1. Biberstine (N), 54.89; 2. Sebura (D), 3; Broyles (D), 4; Lindsey (Y), 5; Boymer (SA), 6; Garlinger (SA).  
100 breaststroke — 1. Wahlers (Y), 1:00.9; 2. Caudill (Bu), 3; Troxell (N), 4; Gaylor (D), 5; Finch (Y), 6; Conrader (D).  
400 freestyle relay — 1. Norwell, 3:20.82; 2. Yorktown, 3; Jay County, 4; Muncie Central, 5; Delta, 6; South Adams.

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David Hostetter, Yorktown senior

# Tigers get best times in 7 events

By TODD PHILLIPS  
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PORTLAND — As expected, the Yorktown swim team came away from the Jay County preliminaries Thursday night in position to challenge for the sectional championship.

Entering action, coaches of teams involved in the 12-team field figured Norwell and Yorktown would be the squads to beat.

The Tigers had a big night, garnering seven top seeds for Saturday's finals in the 11 swimming events. Spearheading the attack for Yorktown were Ryan Liddy and Greg Wahlers.

Liddy qualified first in the 50 and 100 freestyle races. Wahlers, a sophomore, gained the top slots in the 200 IM and the 100 backstroke.

Andy Clevenger (100 butterfly) and the Tigers' 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay teams also managed No. 1 seeds for the finals.

"Our main goal was to have everybody get in [Saturday's finals and consolations]," Stout said. "We feel pretty good because we placed all but two swimmers."

"Everybody dropped their personal times and swam as a team tonight. This is the time of year when everyone has to be focused, and we seemed to be."

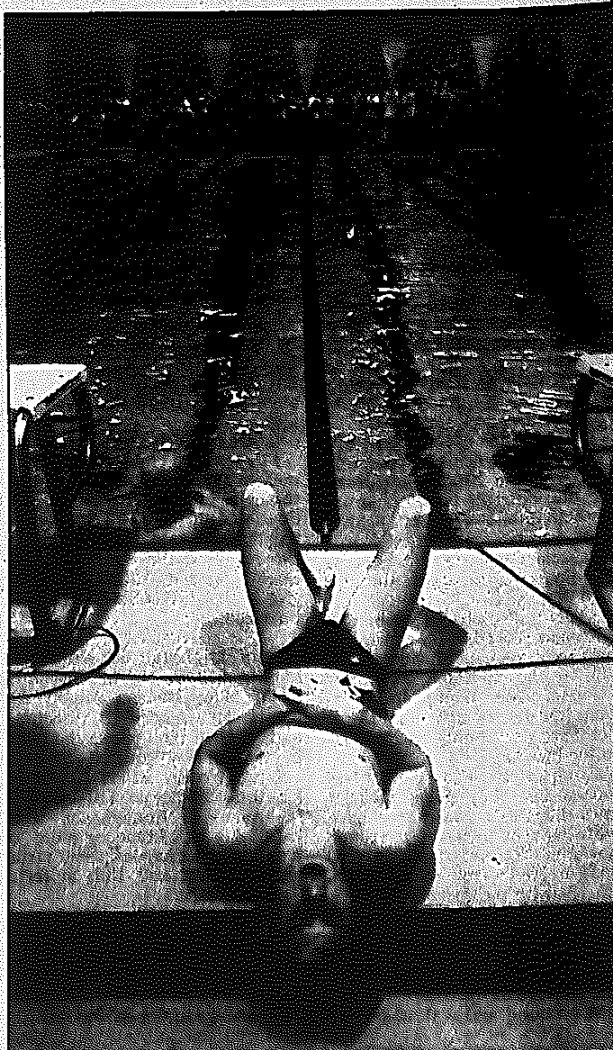
Delta also performed well in Thursday's preliminaries.

"I'm extremely proud of this group," coach Tim Brannock said. "I didn't know what to expect. Almost everyone on the team has had the flu in the past 2 weeks, but we came in here strong and dropped a lot of times."

The Eagles' Todd Wallace shaved 20 seconds off his seed time in the 500 freestyle to qualify fourth (5:20.50). Wallace also qualified second in the 200 freestyle.

"Todd just had great swims tonight," Brannock said.

Craig Miller of Muncie Central was the fastest qualifier in the 200 freestyle.



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**TUCKERED OUT:** Delta's Robert Sabura took a well deserved rest after winning the second heat of the 200-yard individual medley relay Thursday during the preliminaries of the Jay County sectional.

## Jay County sectional

Thursday night's qualifying for Saturday's finals:

200 medley relay — 1. Yorktown (Clevenger, Nixon, Whelers, Lindsay) 1:42.86; 2. Norwell; 3. Delta; 4. Muncie Central; 5. South Adams; 6. Jay County.

200 freestyle — 1. Wahlers (Y) 1:53.23; 2. Wallace (D); 3. Stier (N); 4. Nick Woodworth (Delmont); 5. Hostetter (Y); 6. Surrae (Y).

200 IM — 1. Wahlers (Y) 2:05.34; 2. Sabura (D); 3. Biberstine (N); 4. Finch (Y); 5. Gaylor (D); 6. Troxel (N).

50 freestyle — Liddy (Y) 22.69; 2. Taylor (MC); 3. Miller (JC); 4. Merriman (BE); 5. Penrod (D); 6. Nixon (Y).

100 butterfly — 1. Clevenger (Y) 55.45; 2. Truex (N); 3. Broyles (D); 4. Nixon (Y); 5. Miller (JC); 6. Caudill (Muncie Burris).

100 freestyle — 1. Liddy (Y) 50.43; 2. Stier (N); 3. Berger (JC); 4. Miller (MC); 5. Merriman (BE); 6. Picok (N).

500 freestyle — 1. Truex (N) 5:02.24; 2. Woodworth (BE); 3. Scherrer (MC); 4. Wallace (D); 5. Hostetter (Y); 6. Clevenger (Y).

200 freestyle relay — 1. Yorktown (Hostetter, Liddy, Nixon, Surrae) 1:33.09; 2. Delta; 3. Norwell; 4. South Adams; 5. Jay County; 6. Muncie Central.

100 backstroke — 1. Biberstine (N) 56.69; 2. Sabura (D); 3. Lindsay (Y); 4. Broyles (D); 5. Baymer (SA); 6. Garlinger (SA).

100 breaststroke — Wahlers (Y) 1:03.11; 2. Gaylor (D); 3. Caudill (MB); 4. Finch (Y); 5. Conafer (D); 6. Troxel (N).

400 freestyle relay — 1. Norwell (Biberstine, Biogdell, Truex, Stier) 3:26.07; 2. Yorktown; 3. Jay County; 4. Muncie Central; 5. South Adams; 6. Delta.