

Swimmers advance to sectional finals

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Yorktown will have 10 individuals representing the Tigers in the finals of the Hamilton Southeastern Boys' Swimming Sectional on Saturday.

Yorktown led East Central Indiana by advancing all 24 of its individual swimmers (10 in the finals, 14 in the consolations) and three relay teams after preliminary action on Thursday.

Yorktown's 200 medley relay team consisting of Brendon Butler, Darik Hall, Mitch Parmerlee and Devon Hill earned a second-place finish. The 400 free relay team of Carson Slater, Alex Keller, Kenny Brown and Kurt Tobin also placed second.

Hamilton Southeastern placed first in all but one event.

Central advanced four swimmers to the finals, while Delta will be sending two.

Southside's Eric Wooten set a school record in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:02.74. He placed second in the event and is the only Rebel swimmer to qualify for the sectional finals.

The finals will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Hamilton Southeastern.

Yorktown takes 2nd at swim sectionals



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YORKTOWN'S KENNY BROWN competes in the 400-yard freestyle relay during swimming sectionals at Hamilton Southeastern on Saturday afternoon.

■ **Tigers put 4 swimmers in state meet; Central's Hill advances in 2 events.**

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FISHERS, Ind. — For Yorktown, second place isn't getting old.

For the sixth straight year, the Tigers notched a second-place finish at the Hamilton Southeastern Sectional after scoring 275.50 points Saturday and advancing four swimmers to the state meet and one diver to the diving regionals.

Yorktown coach Jay Agnew, who has finished lower than second at

sectionals only once in his seven-year coaching stint with the Tigers, said he was happy with how his team swam at this year's event.

"We had a fantastic day," said Agnew, whose team finished well behind first-place Hamilton Southeastern, which scored 411.50. "We had some great time drops, especially from our younger swimmers. We faced some tough competition and our kids stepped up to the challenge."

Wells Arwood, Brenden Butler, Darik Hall and Dan Farrell advanced to the state meet in multiple events for Yorktown.

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CENTRAL'S DEREK JOHNSON competes in the 400-yard freestyle relay during swimming sectionals at Hamilton Southeastern Saturday afternoon.

Arwood advances in four events

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Central's Devon Hill will be swimming in the 50 and 100 free after making the state cut time. Central placed third for the second straight year with 150 points, with Delta finishing seventh and Southside taking eighth.

"We were 100 percent faster with every swimmer this week," Central coach Steve Spradlin said. "Devon was big for us and

I'm thrilled he gets to compete at the state level."

Arwood was the big winner of the day, advancing in four events (200 medley relay, 50 free, 100 butterfly, 200 free relay) and placing first in the 50 free with a time of 21.57.

"Wells has been on fire," Agnew said. "He's part of two relay teams that we feel can do some damage at the next level."

Three area divers will compete in the diving regionals Tuesday at Fishers. Yorktown's Kurt Bartrum, who was the sectional champion with a score of 447.95,

will be joined by Southside's Keatyn May (third place) and Delta's Tony Christman (fourth place).

Several swimmers who were close to making the state cut time could receive callbacks today to compete in the state meet next Saturday at the Indiana Natatorium. Each event needs 32 swimmers to make the state cut time.

Central's 200 medley relay and 200 free relay teams were less than a second off the state cut time, while Delta's Evan Richter missed it by .14 in the 100 backstroke.

"We're really hoping our relay teams get a callback tomorrow," Spradlin said. "Waiting for that call is intense, but it's a great feeling when you get it."

Butler, who made state cut times in the 200 IM and with two Yorktown relay teams, said he hopes this week's practices go well.

"I hope there aren't any more snowstorms next week," Butler said. "I don't think it affected us this week, but we could all do without the distraction."

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Boys' swimming Hamilton Southeastern Sectional

1. Hamilton Southeastern 411.50, 2. Yorktown 275.50, 3. Central 156, 4. Anderson 122, 5. Anderson Highland 109, 6. Fishers 104, 7. Delta 73, 8. Southside 67, 9. Pendleton Heights 38, 10. Elwood 12, 11. Alexandria 8, 12. Liberty Christian 3

At Fishers, Ind.

First-place Bulldogs advance to state meet; any swimmer that makes the state cut time advances to state; top four divers advance to diving regionals

200 medley relay — 2. Yorktown (Butler, Hall, Arwood, Farrell) 1:38.81 SCUT; 3. Central (Carnes, Richard, Parmerlee, Hill) 1:48.29, 6. Southside (Craycraft, Wooten, Brown, May) 1:48.98; 300 free — 4. Tobin (Y) 1:50.14, 5. Brown (Y) 1:51.77; 200 IM — 2. Butler (Y) 1:56.96 SCUT, 5. Hall (Y) 2:00.33; 50 free — 1. Arwood (Y) 21.57 SCUT, 3. Hill (C) 21.65 SCUT; 100 butterfly — 1. Bartrum (Y) 447.95, 3. May (S) 294.25, 4. Christman (D) 271.90; 100 butterfly — 2. Arwood (Y) 52.29 SCUT, 6. Parmerlee (C) 56.23; 100 free — 3. Hill (C) 48.13 SCUT, 6. Richter (D) 50.63; 200 free — 2. Butler (Y) 4:53.20, 3. Brown (Y) 4:57.74; 200 free relay — 2. Yorktown (Arwood, Hall, Farrell, Butler) 1:29.02 SCUT, 3. Central (Koontz, Johnson, Parmerlee, Hill) 1:30.67; 500 backstroke — 3. Richter (D) 54.88, 5. Tobin (Y) 58.51; 100 breaststroke — 2. Hall (Y) 1:00.70, 3. Wooten (S) 1:03.37, 5. Richard (C) 1:04.16; 400 free relay — 2. Yorktown (Keller, Tobin, Slater, Brown) 3:22.40, 5. Central (Koontz, Rowe, Tyler, Johnson) 3:33.07.

State championships

What: Boys' swimming and diving
When: Swimming preliminaries, Friday, 6 p.m.; Diving preliminaries and semifinals, Saturday, 9 a.m.; Swimming finals and consolations and diving finals, Saturday, 1 p.m.

Where: Indiana University Natatorium, Indianapolis

Notable: Yorktown senior Brenden Butler, who finished fifth in the 200-yard individual medley last season, qualified in that event again this year. ... Central sophomore Devon Hill will be swimming in four events, the 50 freestyle, the 100 free, the 200 free relay and the 200 medley relay. ... Delta junior Evan Richter qualified in the 100 backstroke.

Central's Hill seeks redemption

■ Bearcat swimmer returns to state meet tonight in 4 events.

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MUNCIE — Central sophomore Devon Hill vividly remembers his first experience in the IHSAA swimming and diving state championships.

"I pretty much psyched myself out," Hill said of last sea-

son's trip to the Indiana University Natatorium.

Hill failed to qualify for the finals or consolations in his two individual events. This year, he returns to the state meet in the same two events, the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle, and he hopes for a better end to his season.

"I'm thinking last year will calm my nerves this time around," Hill said.

Hill also will swim in the Bearcats' 200 freestyle relay and 200 medley relay, when the state championships begin tonight

with the preliminaries.

The top eight swimmers in each event in the preliminaries qualify for the finals, and the next eight make the consolations. The finals and consolations begin at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Hill had the eighth-best time in the sectionals in the 50 free with a 21.65, and his 100 free time of 48.13 was the 17th best.

The sophomore said he focused on building his strength this season.

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Arwood qualified in four events

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"I've been lifting weights a lot," Hill said. "Last year, I wasn't strong enough. I was pretty scrawny. So I've tried to change that."

Yorktown coach Jay Agnew said the intensity of the state championships can be overwhelming for a first-year swimmer or diver.

"I think that any rookie at the state meet comes in with his eyes wide open," Agnew said. "They try to take in the whole atmosphere. The difference the second time around is like night and day.

"They know what it's all about and can focus on the event and try to get the job done."

Last season, Yorktown diver Kurt Bartrum became the first diver in school history to qualify for the state meet. He

finished ninth, but Agnew said Bartrum, now a junior, wasn't satisfied with that.

This year, Bartrum had the third-highest point total of all state divers in the regionals and is a contender for the state title.

"Kurt has worked incredibly hard," Bartrum said. "He has a renewed confidence. He has taken on more challenging dives, doing things that kids in the state can't even attempt. He's relaxed, stays focused and has impressed me with his consistency."

Along with Hill, Yorktown's Wells Arwood also qualified in four events in the state meet in two individual races, the 50 free and the 100 butterfly, and two relays.

Yorktown's Brenden Butler will swim in the 200 individual medley, and his teammate Darik Hall qualified in the 100 breaststroke.

Delta's Evan Richter made the state championships in the 100 backstroke.

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Yorktown diver wins state title

■ Kurt Barttrum wins event by six points to become Tigers' first boy to ever claim a state diving title.

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Yorktown swimming head coach Jay Agnew said Kurt Barttrum's performance on Saturday was one of the best he has seen at the state championships.

Barttrum, a junior diver at Yorktown, became the school's first boys' diving state champion winning the title at the IHSAA state finals on Saturday at the Indiana University Natatorium.

"The poise he showed was just amazing," Agnew said. "He didn't show an ounce of timidity or fear. He was as cool and relaxed as any state competitor I have seen."

Barttrum won with a score of 426.50. Crown Point's Jimmy Page finished second with 420.20, and Plainfield's Tyler Clingerman was third at 406.30.

"To work so hard and have it finally pay off is the best feeling," Barttrum said.

The Yorktown junior led from the start, taking a 53-point lead after the preliminaries in the morning. But he did have some difficulty with one of his early dives.

Boys' swimming and diving State finals

Team scores
Hamilton SE 262, North Central 235, Chesterton 193, Carmel 157, Homestead 154, Munster 134, Northridge 125, S. Bend Riley 124, Zionsville 92, Lake Central 71, Noblesville 66, East Central 63, Westfield 54, Ft. Wayne Concordia 53, Crown Point 37, Culver Academies 37, Crawfordsville 36, Noblesville 31, Concord 31, Vincennes Lincoln 28, Bremen 27.50, Penn 26, Ft. Wayne Carroll 24, Whiteland 21, Ft. Wayne Snider 20, Hobart 19, Highland 17, Brebeuf Jesuit 16, Plainfield 16, Wheeler 16, Heritage Christian 15, Indian Creek 14, Ft. Wayne Northrop 14, Bloomington South 14, Ft. Wayne Luers 12, Michigan City 11, W. Lafayette 9, Seymour 8, Bedford N. Lawrence 7, Mt. Vernon 6, Warren Central 6, Ft. Wayne Dwenger 6, Central 5.00, Center Grove 5, Fortville Mt. Vernon 5, Southport 3, Kokomo 3, Wawasee 2, Franklin Central 2, Fountain Central 2, Elkhart Central 1.

Individual winners
200-yard medley relay — Hamilton SE (Jason Beyer, Derek Paul, Cameron Owen, Nathan Kinney) 1:34.72.
200-yard freestyle — Ron Wachel, Westfield, 1:38.04.
200-yard individual medley — Kyle Whitaker, Chesterton, 1:49.43.
100-yard freestyle — Kyle House, East Central, 21.21.
One-meter diving — Kurt Barttrum, Yorktown, 426.50.
100-yard butterfly — Kyle Whitaker, Chesterton, 58.16.
100-yard freestyle — Ben Wachel, Westfield, 45.76.
500-yard freestyle — Edward Minium, North Central, 4:34.79.
200-yard freestyle relay — S. Bend Riley (Zachary Stockman, Daniel Lucero-Dixon, Christopher Phaff, Eric Blue), 1:26.14.
100-yard backstroke — Mike Christy, North Central, 49.83.
100-yard breaststroke — Tyler Lemert, Ft. Wayne Concordia, 55.85.
400-yard freestyle relay — 1, Chesterton (Kyle Whitaker, Albert Miller, Adam Thieling, William Bass), 3:08.63.

Barttrum showed poise

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Yorktown diving coach Shan Riegle said Barttrum struggled on his strongest dive, the back one and a half. But he responded on his front one and a half with two twists. Riegle said it was the best dive she had seen him perform this season.

"He came back like a champion," Riegle said. "He was able to handle the pressure and adversity and just focus on his dives."

Barttrum extended the advantage to 6.95 after the semifinals and held on for the victory.

Agnew said Riegle deserves a lot of credit for helping Barttrum throughout the season and for helping him prepare for the state meet.

"Kurt showed he was ready from the first dive," Agnew said. "He maintained his composure throughout the day, and he proved to be as consistent as he has been for us all season."

Barttrum led the Tigers to an 11th-place finish in the team competition as Yorktown finished

with 65 points. Central was 43rd with 55 points.

Hamilton Southeastern won the state championship with 262 points, and North Central was second with 235.

Agnew said the 11th-place finish was not what the Tigers had hoped to achieve. In Friday's preliminaries, Yorktown had no swimmers qualify for Saturday's finals.

"We certainly are better than what we showed," Agnew said. "We didn't perform up to our potential or expectations. But we showed good character with strong performances on Satur-

day."

In the consolations, Brenden Butler was Yorktown's top finisher with a ninth-place performance in the 200 individual medley. Wells Arwood took 10th in the 100 butterfly, and Darik Hall was 16th in the 100 breaststroke for the Tigers.

Yorktown's 200 freestyle relay and 200 medley relay each finished 10th.

Central's Devon Hill tied for 15th in the 50 free, and the Bearcats' 200 medley relay also finished 15th.

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