

Sports

Southern Ohio Conference holds championship swim meet, Lady Pirates outdistance Lady Titans

PORTSMOUTH—The Wheelersburg Lady Pirates won their fourth SOC championship in a row and their fourth overall as they outdistanced second place Notre Dame 123-100.

For the third year in a row, there was no boys' championship awarded since only three teams had seven or more boys on their roster. The SOC requires four teams with seven or more swimmers to compete in the meet to award a championship. But the Wheelersburg Pirates were able to come out on top on their side of the meet with 147 points to Notre Dame's 101 points.

The Lady Pirates picked up seven first place finishes in the 11 events. They took first in the Medley Relay and in the 400m Freestyle Relay. Cassidy May won both the 50m freestyle and the 100m freestyle. Lacey Willis won both the 500m Freestyle and the 100m Breaststroke. Megan Peffley took first in the 100m Backstroke.

The Notre Dame Lady Titans took three first places including a win in the 200m Freestyle Relay. Keely Taylor was first in the 200m Freestyle and Hannah Cassidy took first in the 200m Individual Medley.

Valley's Lady Indians amassed 49 points for third place led by their 200m freestyle relay that took second place. Christina Lute was second in the backstroke.

Northwest's Katie Moore took first in the 100m butterfly and teammate Tasha Vaughn took second as they swept the event. Vaughn was also second in the 200m Individual Medley.

East's top girl finisher was B. Wirsenhofer and their top boy's finisher was Ryan Dingess who took third in both the 200m Freestyle and the 50 Freestyle.

The Wheelersburg boys'

won eight of the 11 events. They were led by their relay teams which placed both teams in the top three finishers in each event. The Pirates took first and second in the 200m Medley Relay. They were first and third in the 400m Freestyle relay and second and third in the 200m Freestyle relay. Zach Cunningham won the 100m and 200m freestyle races. His younger brother Cole was second in the 100m freestyle. Justin Sharp took first in the Individual Medley and in the 100m Butterfly. Nick Clay won the 500m Freestyle. Dakota Gee took first in the breaststroke.

Notre Dame's swimmers earned the remaining three first place finishes in the boys' meet. The Titans won the 200m Freestyle relay and was second in the 400m freestyle relay. Ryan Glockner won the 50m Freestyle. Braeden Sparks took first in the backstroke.

Valley finished third in the meet with 23 points led by a third place finish in the Medley Relay and a fifth place finish in the 200m freestyle relay. Brandon Crabtree also took third in the Individual Medley.

Northwest's sole representative in the boys' meet, Luke Montavon, placed fifth in the 100m Breaststroke.

Girls' Results:

Wheelersburg 123, Notre Dame 100, Valley 49, Northwest 31, Sciotoville 3

200m Medley Relay:

Wheelersburg A 2:32.38, Notre Dame A 2:49.81, Valley A 2:50.94, Wheelersburg B 2:58.05, Northwest A 3:04.94, Notre Dame B 3:12.48, Northwest B 3:41.50

200m Freestyle:

Keely Taylor (ND) 2:56.60, Lauren Allen (Wb) 3:08.97, Alyssa Conn (Wb) 3:15.54, Charli McClay (NW) 3:23.78, Miranda Howard

(LV) 3:31.00, Shelby Cabrera (LV) 3:39.19, S. Huang (SC) 3:53.11, Emmaly Baker (ND) 3:56.04, S. Lee (SC) 4:08.20

200m Individual Medley:

Hannah Cassidy (ND) 3:34.74, Tasha Vaughn (NW) 3:47.79, Christina Lute (LV) 3:59.84, Brianna Boggs (Wb) 4:03.89, Megan Webb (Wb) 4:12.66, Hailey Linne (LV) 4:18.36

50m Freestyle:

Cassidy May (Wb) 30.42, Katherine Binns (ND) 35.38, Molly Crandall (LV) 36.68, Kali Johnson (LV) 36.85, Lana Percell (Wb) 37.31, Jessica Harting (ND) 37.52, Taylor Ferguson (Wb) 37.89, Hannah Storey (ND) 38.25, Miranda Howard (LV) 39.18, Taylor Dempsey (Wb) 40.56, Hailey Linne (LV) 40.66, Jennifer Carver (NW) 42.40, S. Ward (LV) 42.50, Kristin Stringer (Wb) 43.02, Allicia Thompson (NW) 44.43, Emmaly Baker (ND) 45.10, B. Wirsenhofer (SC) 45.68

100m Butterfly:

Katie Moore (NW) 1:32.41, Tasha Vaughn (NW) 1:42.23, Emma Sand (ND) 1:46.03, Cheyanne French (Wb) 1:46.14, Lauren Allen (NW) 1:50.74, J. Bender (LV) 2:13.98

100m Freestyle:

Cassidy May (Wb) 1:05.60, Keely Taylor (ND) 1:18.76, Jessica Harting (ND) 1:24.75, Alyssa Conn (Wb) 1:24.95, Kali Johnson (LV) 1:28.84, Miranda Howard (LV) 1:32.83, S. Huang (SC) 1:35.73, S. Ward (LV) 1:36.25, Katrina Carver (NW) 1:40.49, Kristin Stringer (Wb) 1:45.73, S. Lee (SC) 1:53.57

500m Freestyle:

Lacey Willis (Wb) 7:16.84, Leah Craig (ND) 9:09.24, Mallory Newsome (Wb) 9:27.58, Emma Sand (ND) 9:35.44, Shelby Cabrera (LV) 9:37.06, Charli McClay (NW) 10:02.39

200m Freestyle Relay:

Notre Dame A 2:22.53, Valley A 2:26.03, Wheelersburg A 2:28.20,



Photo By Ruth Boll

Wheelersburg's Megan Peffley won the backstroke at the SOC meet.



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Keely Taylor (Notre Dame) wins the 200m Freestyle race at the SOC meet.

Notre Dame B 2:31.60, Wheelersburg B 2:43.39, Northwest A 2:44.20, Valley B 2:44.24, Northwest B 3:12.24

100m Backstroke:

Megan Peffley (Wb) 1:29.71, Christina Lute (LV) 1:33.31, Lauren Angelos (ND) 1:35.91, J. Bender

(LV) 1:46.16, Taylor Ferguson (Wb) 1:46.73, Shannon Mowery (ND) 1:51.16, Katrina Carver (NW) 2:05.38

100m Breaststroke:

Lacey Willis (Wb) 1:30.27, Hannah Cassidy (ND) 1:45.70, Brianna Boggs (Wb) 1:52.28, B.

Wirsenhofer (SC) 1:53.44, Molly Crandall (LV) 1:54.66, Hannah Storey (ND) 2:06.80, Lexi Boyd (NW) 2:11.13, Becca Boyd (NW) 2:26.94

400m Freestyle Relay:

Wheelersburg A 5:12.33, Notre Dame A 5:31.64, **Continued on B6**

Lady Jeeps and Lady Titans win; Lady Tigers and Lady Panthers fall in girls varsity basketball

Howard's 18 not enough as East falls to South Webster

Monday night the East Lady Tartans and South Webster Lady Jeeps hooked up in a non-conference game and at the final buzzer it was South Webster who came away with a 57-34 win.

Despite a game-high 18 points from East's Emily Howard the Lady Tartans found scoring against the Lady Jeeps pretty tough. East was limited to single digit scoring in all but the final period of play.

The Lady Jeeps were able to get 11 different players in the scorebook paced by Erin Homerosky with 10 points and Courtney Blanton and Katie Hanes both finishing the game with 9 points.

Also scoring for the Lady Jeeps were Taylor Shonkwiler with 1, Corey Sherman 4, Taylor Hanes 3, Haley Potters 7, Sara Walker 2, Haley Giles 4, Jessica Swick 2 and Haley Stanley with 7 points.

Rounding out the scoring for East were Tiffany Craft with 5, Jessie Monroe 3, Tiffani Wollard 6 and Torri Kelley with 2 points.

The contest was close until the second period when the Lady Jeeps pushed their lead to 15 points at halftime. South Webster won a close battle in the opening frame hold a 10-9 lead. But over the course of the second period South Webster went on

a 19-5 run to set the score at the break at 29-14 Jeeps.

The third was again close but East couldn't erase any of the deficit. South Webster won the third period by 2 at 11-9 to send the game into the fourth period with East trailing 40-23.

East best offensive period was offset by a strong finish by South Webster. The Lady Tartans scored 11 down the stretch but the Lady Jeeps closed things out with 17 more to establish the final 57-34 score. East falls to 3-14 overall, South Webster improves to 7-10 overall.

Defense key in Flyers win over Tigers

In Ironton Monday night in a non-conference game a potential 3-pointer was tipped by Haley Bartram of the Saint Joseph's Lady Flyers preserving a 31-28 win over the Glenwood Lady Tigers.

A 24-24 defensive battle took the game into the fourth period of play Monday night with the Lady Flyers having taken a 7-4 period lead when a shot from beyond the 3-point arc was tipped and the Glenwood Lady Tigers suffered a hard fought road loss.

Of the 28 points scored in the game by the Lady Tigers sophomore center Kiersten McGraw had 12 to pace the team. Shawna

Buckley finished with 7, Miranda Litz 3 and Toni Veach, Emily Waugh and Danielle Yantis each scored 2 points.

For the Lady Flyers Hannah Miller had a game-high 19 points, Becca Patrick and Haley Bartram both scored 4 and Meg Alexander and Sarah Neal each scored 2 points.

The teams played to a 10-10 tie in the first period of play as Hannah Miller scored all 10 of the St. Joe points.

In the second frame another close battle would send the game into half-time with the Lady Flyers clinging to a 18-16 advantage. St. Joe won the second period 8-6 for the 2 point halftime lead.

In the third McGraw led the way for the Lady Tigers scoring 6 of team's 8 points in the period. Glenwood flipped the scoring for an 8-6 third period win to tie the contest at 24-24.

Defense was tight in the final frame with the Lady Flyers holding a 31-28 lead when Bartram was able to block a 3-point attempt at the buzzer that would have tied the game and forced and extra frame.

Glenwood goes to 8-8 on the season with the road loss, Saint Joseph goes to 7-9 overall.

Fire breathing Lady Dragons scorch Lady Panthers

Monday night in

Portsmouth the Clay Lady Panthers hosted the Lady Dragons of Fairland.

While the Lady Panthers struggled to get their offense going Terra Stapleton became a scoring machine for the Lady Dragons to pace the team to a 78-28 non-conference win.

Stapleton was hitting shots from everywhere in the first period as the Lady Dragons jumped out to a commanding 25-7 first period lead. Stapleton finished the contest with a double-double scoring 30 points while pulling down 18 rebounds and getting 6 blocked shots.

In all 11 Lady Dragons scored in the win. Adding to Stapleton's points Chandler Fulks scored 10, Kelsey Riley 9, Caitlin Stone 8, Katie Fuller and Haley Woodall both had 5, Alexis Wright 4, Kayla Swiger, Mackenzie Riley and Jenna Fulks each scored 2 and Jaimie Phillips scored 1 point.

Scoring for the Clay Lady Panthers had Shannon Curley with 9, Katie Redding 8, Courtney DeLotell 6, Emily Spriggs 3 and Jordan Jenkins 2 points.

The Lady Dragons dominated play in the paint holding a 64-33 advantage in rebounding.

In the opening frame with Stapleton heating up the rim the Lady Dragons jumped out to their 18 point first period lead.

Then in the second Fairland's defense limited the Lady Panthers to just 3 points as Stapleton added 8 more points to her fast start as the Clay deficit grew to 47-10 at the half. Fairland outscored Clay 22-3 in the second to go up by 37 at the break.

Another onesided period had the visitors up by 57 points with a period left to play. The Lady Dragons were again in double figures as they ran away with the third period 24-4 to hold a 71-14 lead going into the final frame.

Clay won the final frame 14-7 to establish the final 78-28 score.

Lady Titans earn solid road victory

Whether at home or on the road this season the Notre Dame Lady Titans are just flat out playing good basketball.

Monday the Lady Titans traveled to Coal Grove to take on the Lady Hornets andtook advantage of matchups and converted 15 of 25 free throw attempts to come away with a 47-33 non-conference victory. The win improves Notre Dame's record to 15-2 overall on the season.

Notre Dame's Jen Arnzen had a game-high 19 points that included an 11 of 14 attempts from the foul line to pace the Titan offense.

Also scoring for Notre

Dame Madi Phillips was in double figures with 12, Raigan Sammons scored 5, Sammie Martin 4, Katie Stevenson 3 and Katie Kayser and Libby Welsh both scored 2 points.

Scoring for the Lady Hornets had Ashley Adkins with 12, Jacy Jones 7, Katey Erwin and Leah Crum both had 4 and Deanna Bentley, Amanda Collins and Morgan Sites each scored 2 points.

In the first period the Lady Titans would trail by 2 points however it would be the only period of the game in which Notre Dame didn't reach double figures and the Lady Hornets would. Coal Grove won the opening frame 10-8 for the 2 point early lead.

In the second period the Lady Titans erased the deficit by outscoring the Lady Hornets 12-7 to hold a 20-17 lead at halftime.

After the third period the lady Titans had scored 12 points once again while limiting Coal Grove to 9 as Notre Dame went up 32-26.

Scoring continued to improve for Notre Dame as the game went through the final frame. Taking advantage of turnovers Notre Dame outscored Coal Grove 15-7 in the final period to claim the road victory by 14 points.

The Lady Titans were able to force 14 second half turnovers as they pulled away in the non-conference victory.