

Central shines at swim prelims

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Central flexed its muscle Thursday night at the Jay County Sectional boys swimming preliminaries.

The Bearcats qualified first in all three relays and four of the seven individual events.

The top six finishers in each of the 11 events advanced to the sectional finals to be held Saturday at Jay County High School.

Central junior Devon Hill and freshman Dan Proctor swam on the winning 200-medley and 200-free relays.

Hill finished first in all four of his events, the relays, the 50 (22.08) and 100 (49.49) frees. Proctor qualified first in the 100 breast (1:02.8) and finished second in the 200 individual medley (2:03.44).

Jay County junior Sam Miller beat out Proctor in the 200 individual medley (2:03.19). The Patriots qualified first in two events overall. Jay County senior Tom McCord qualified first in the 200 freestyle (1:53.29).

Delta and South Adams swimmers accounted for the two other first-place finishes. Eagles senior Evan Richter placed first in the 100 back (55.17). South Adams junior Justin Klopp (53.73) beat out Miller (55.09) in the 100 fly.

Central advanced nine swimmers to the sectional finals. Jay County followed with seven. Delta and Southside each advanced four.

Yorktown advances seven

Seven Yorktown swimmers placed in the top six of their respective events Thursday night to qualify for the Hamilton Southeastern Sectional finals.

Dan Farrell provided the Tigers with their lone first-place finish. He qualified first in the 50 (22.15).

Farrell qualified for the finals in all four events. He swam on the fifth-place 200-medley relay (1:45.07), fifth in the 100 butterfly (53.87) and he anchored the second-place 200-freestyle relay (1:31.32).

Boys swimming Jay County Sectional

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Local finals qualifiers

200 medley relay — 1. Central (Miller, Parmelee, Proctor, Hill) 1:41.25, 3. Delta (Richter, Christman, Faulkner, Wright) 1:48.99, 4. Jay County (Fennig, Bullard, Hudson, Milligan) 1:51.15, 5. Southside (Craycraft, Colonis, Wooten, Gossett) 1:51.21; **200 free** — 1. McCord (JC) 1:53.29, 2. Carnes (C) 1:55.28, 4. Dowdle (C) 1:57.46, 6. Purdiebaugh (C) 2:00.36; **200 IM** — 1. Miller (JC) 2:03.19, 2. Proctor (C) 2:03.44, 3. Parmelee (C) 2:06.89; **50 free** — 1. Hill (C) 22.08, 3. Koontz (C) 22.92, 5. Faulkner (D) 23.79, 6. Wright (D) 24.48; **100 butterfly** — 2. Miller (JC) 55.09, 3. Parmelee (C) 55.39, 5. Miller (C) 58.94; **100 free** — 1. Hill (C) 49.49, 3. Koontz (C) 51.08, 4. Richter (D) 51.37, 6. Rowe (C) 53.32; **500 free** — 1. Dowdle (C) 5:11.28, 2. McCord (JC) 5:17.27, 6. Purdiebaugh (C) 5:32.02; **200 free relay** — 1. Central (Proctor, Parmelee, Koontz, Hill) 1:31.21, 3. Jay County (Miller, Milligan, Lucas, McCord) 1:36.73, 5. Southside (Wooten, Colonis, Gossett, Craycraft) 1:39.49; **100 backstroke** — 1. Richter (D) 55.17, 2. Carnes (C) 57.09, 4. Miller (C) 58.08, 6. Craycraft (S) 1:04.96; **100 breaststroke** — 1. Proctor (C) 1:02.80, 2. Hudson (JC) 1:03.83, 4. Wooten (S) 1:06.83, 5. VanSkycock (JC) 1:08.07; **400 free relay** — 1. Central (Koontz, Miller, Rowe, Carnes) 3:29.71, 2. Jay County (Miller, Fennig, Milligan, McCord) 3:29.81, 5. Delta (Wright, Richter, Morris, Faulkner) 3:42.53.

Central dominates boys swim sectional

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PORTLAND — Central junior Devon Hill and freshman Dan Proctor, along with their Bearcat teammates, came up big in Saturday's Jay County boys swimming sectional.

Even bigger than what coach Steve Spradlin expected.

"I figured coming in that we would do well, but I never figured that we would do this well," Spradlin said just moments before he jumped into the Patriot pool with the victorious Bearcats. "We had guys step up all across the board and that was impressive to me. All the way from our top guys to the bottom ones and every relay team, every one stepped up. This one was big."

So big, in fact, that Central easily outdistanced runner-up Jay County and third-place Norwell by margins of 124 and 127 points, respectively. South Adams and Delta rounded out the top five, while Southside placed seventh and Blackford finished tenth.

Hill placed first in the 50-yard (21.78) and 100-yard (47.85) freestyle, and Proctor placed first in both the 200-yard individual medley (1:59.41) and 100-yard breast (1:02.12).

Hill and Proctor were also part of the Bearcats' winning 200-yard medley relay team with junior Mitch Parmelee and freshman Tim Miller. They also swam on the 200-yard free relay team with sophomore Chase Koontz and Parmelee.

Central made it a first-place sweep in the relay events by capturing the 400 freestyle race with a time of 3:25.88. The team was comprised of junior Dylan Rowe, Koontz, Miller and Jimmy Carnes, who is the lone senior on the Bearcat team.

Carnes also captured a first-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:52.23. Freshman J.P. Dowdle took top honors

in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:09.94.

Delta, meanwhile, got a first-place from senior Evan Richter in the 100-yard backstroke.

Swimmers from Central, Southside, Delta, Jay County and Blackford, along with Norwell, Bluffton, Belmont, Adams Central and South Adams, competed in the new-look sectional, which was realigned this year by the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

"This sectional was a better fit for our kids than it has been in the past (at Homestead)," Blackford coach Todd Hill said. "Of the teams competing here, most of us went to Homestead, along with a couple others, while Central and South fed into the Hamilton Southeastern sectional. Overall, I would say that this sectional is more balanced, although Central was a heavy favorite coming in."

The Bearcats broke four records during the meet.

Hill shattered the meet and pool record in his 100 freestyle victory, and Proctor broke meet and pool marks in winning the 200 individual medley.

Central broke meet and pool records in their 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay triumphs.

Yorktown third

Yorktown finished third in the Hamilton Southeastern Sectional with 207 points. Hamilton Southeastern won with 404, and Fishers was second with 239.

Tigers freshman Adam Voss qualified for the state meet by finishing third in the 200 freestyle. Dan Farrell advanced to state with a second-place finish in the 50 freestyle.

Yorktown also put its 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay teams in the state field.

David Tobin, Voss, Alex Keller and Farrell swam on the 200, and Tobin, Shay Daberko, Keller and Voss competed on the 400.

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ECI finals finishers

200 medley relay — 1. Central (Miller, Parmelee, Proctor, Hill) 1:39.25; 3. Delta (Richter, Christman, Faulkner, Wright) 1:47.43; 4. Southside (Craycraft, Colonis, Wooten, Gossett) 1:48.59; 5. Jay County (Fennig, Bullard, Hudson, Milligan) 1:50.69. **200 freestyle** — 1. Carnes (C) 1:52.23; 2. McCord (JC) 1:52.63; 3. Dowdle (C) 1:55.27; 5. Purtlebaugh (C) 1:59.25. **200 individual medley** — 1. Proctor (C) 1:59.41; 2. Miller (JC) 2:01.47; 3. Parmelee (C) 2:04.07. **50 freestyle** — 1. Hill (C) 21.78; 3. Koontz (C) 22.97; 5. Faulkner (D) 23.79; 6. Wright (D) 24.92. **1-meter diving** — 2. Kelly (JC) 335.25; 3. McCowan (JC) 314.25; 5. Christman (D) 297.5; 10. Burton (C) 208.7. **100 butterfly** — 2. Miller (JC) 54.72; 3. Parmelee (C) 55.21; 6. Miller (C) 57.87. **100 freestyle** — 1. Hill (C) 47.85; 3. Richter (D) 50.21; 4. Koontz (C) 52.05; 5. Rowe (C) 53.09. **500 freestyle** — 1. Dowdle (C) 5:09.94; 2. McCord (JC) 5:17.75; 3. Purtlebaugh (C) 5:25.34. **200 freestyle relay** — 1. Central (Proctor, Parmelee, Koontz, Hill) 1:29.96; 2. Jay County (Miller, Milligan, Lucas, McCord) 1:34.9; 6. Southside (Wooten, Colonis, Gossett, Craycraft) 1:38.02. **100 backstroke** — 1. Richter (D) 54.46; 3. Miller (C) 56.18; 4. Carnes (C) 56.6; 5. Craycraft (S) 1:02.25. **100 breaststroke** — 1. Proctor (C) 1:02.12; 2. Hudson (JC) 1:03.02; 4. Wooten (S) 1:04.16; 5. VanSkyock (JC) 1:07.7. **400 freestyle relay** — 1. Central (Koontz, Miller, Rowe, Carnes) 3:25.88; 2. Jay County (Milligan, Miller, Fennig, McCord) 3:27.21; 5. Delta (Wright, Richter, Morris, Faulkner) 3:35.35.

Swimmers qualify for consolation finals at state

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For East Central Indiana swimmers, their seeds held true to form Friday night at the state finals preliminaries at University Natatorium at IUPUI.

Seeded 11th or worse, the seven individuals all fell short of quali-

fying for the finals. Only the top eight in each event advanced to the finals. The next eight return today for the consolation finals.

Central junior Devon Hill qualified best among the ECI contingent. Hill qualified 15th in the 50-yard freestyle (21.97) to advance to the consolation finals.

Hill swam the 18th-fastest time (48.55) in the 100 free, so he enters today as the second alternate in that event. If two of the 17 before him skip the event then he will swim in the 100 free consolation.

The Central junior will swim in two consolations for sure. He

anchored the 200-freestyle relay to 13th (1:29.7) Friday night in the prelims. Hill, Dan Proctor, Mitch Parmerlee and Chase Koontz beat out Yorktown by one-hundredth of a second for 13th.

The Tiger foursome of David Tobin, Adam Voss, Alex Keller and Daniel Farrell settled for

qualifying 14th (1:29.71). Yorktown and Central will swim in the 200 freestyle relay consolation finals today.

Voss swam in three prelims Friday night. He finished 23rd in the 100 butterfly (54.13) and 24th in the 200 freestyle (1:47.53).

Overall, six Central swimmers

participated in the prelims. Bo Jimmy Carnes (200 free) and J Dowdle (500 free) swam the 31 fastest time in their respective events.

The only other ECI representative, Delta's Evan Richter swam the 25th-fastest time (55.31) in the 100 backstroke.

Central's Devon Hill finishes 14th at state swim finals in Indianapolis

■ In the team standings, Central finished 20th and Yorktown finished 34th.

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Swimming in three consolation finals wasn't what Devon Hill has hoping for coming into the boys state swimming meet held in Indianapolis.

Qualifying for the championship finals was the real goal.

"I guess I did alright," he said. "It wasn't as well as I hoped I'd do. I came back in three events so

I guess I was happy with that."

Central finished 20th in the team standings, and Yorktown was 34th. Chesterton nosed defending champion Hamilton Southeastern by a five-point margin to win its first swimming title.

Hill, a junior, placed 14th in 50 freestyle — his only individual event. The Bearcat 200 medley relay improved three spots on Saturday to finish 11th.

And in the 200 freestyle relay, Central placed one spot behind Yorktown's David Tobin, Adam Voss, Alex Keller and Dan Farrell

who placed 12th.

Hill was joined by Dan Proctor, Chase Koontz and Mitch Parmerlee on the 13th place 200 free relay that finished just three-hundredths of a second behind the Yorktown team.

The Tiger 400 freestyle relay closed the day with a 15th place finish.

Also at state

Sophomore Kyle Whitaker set a state record, won two individual events and swam a leg on the winning 200-yard medley relay team to lead Chesterton to

its first IHSAA boys' swimming and diving state championship Saturday.

Whitaker also swam the first leg in the 400-yard freestyle relay, in which Chesterton finished a close second to defending champion Hamilton Southeastern in the final event to clinch its title.

Chesterton finished with 271 points to 266 for Hamilton Southeastern. Indianapolis North Central, which scored 115 of its points in three of the individual events, came in third with 232. Carmel was fourth with 188, and Homestead fifth with 154.