



Hamilton County Reporter

Who will rule in the Purdue pool?

Southeastern, Avon boys are headed for HCC showdown

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Only once in the 13 year history of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference boys swimming championships has a team outside the boundary of the town of Fishers won the title. That was in 2005 when Brownsburg was crowned the winner.

In the other 12 years, Southeastern captured 10 championships and Fishers won a pair.

Avon could make a bid to change all of that this season when this Saturday the HCC group will battle at Purdue University. Starting time for the diving at the Aquatic Center is 9 a.m. The regular swim meet, in the Purdue pool, is scheduled to start at 11:30 a.m.

This will be the last year the HCC Championships will be held at Purdue because the three Lafayette schools (Harrison, McCutcheon and Jeff) are leaving the conference.

Three of the state's Top 10 teams will compete in the HCC. Hamilton Southeastern is ranked No. 2; Avon No. 3 and Westfield No. 10.

Although it wouldn't be wise to look past Westfield, the battle for the championship appears to be headed to a Southeastern-Avon showdown. The two teams met earlier in the season and Avon pulled out a 93-87 victory.

Southeastern's boys are coming off a busy holiday season. HSE was second with 263 points behind No. 1-ranked Chesterton's 285 in the North Central Panther Invite on Dec. 27 and then on Dec. 28 the Royals blasted teams from Bloomington South, Bloomington North and Center Grove at the Bloomington South College Events Invite.

Defending event champions returning from last year's meet are three members from Avon's 200

medley relay team (Christian Lorenz, Grant Lewis and Greg Sprout); Avon's Parks Jones in the 200 freestyle; Westfield's Nathaniel Bledsoe in the 200 IM; Westfield's Eric Oleson in the 500 freestyle; Fishers' Luke Ingram from the 200 free relay foursome; Southeastern's Joe Young from the 100 backstroke; Avon's Christian Lorenz from the 100 breaststroke, and Avon's Lewis, Sprout, Zack Czerwony and Jones from the 400 freestyle relay.

Three conference meet records were broken last year. Avon's Matt Stowe, Lorenz, Lewis and Sprout broke the 200 medley relay mark. Only Stowe, from that group, graduated last year. Lorenz also shattered the meet record in the 100 breaststroke. Fishers' Davis Arick, then a senior, broke the meet record in the 50 freestyle.

Boys Conference Records

Medley Relay: 1:37.86, Avon (Matt Stowe, Christian Lorenz, Grant Lewis, Greg Sprout), 2013.

200 Freestyle: 1:42.74, Ben Wachtel, Westfield, 2008.

200 IM: 1:54.64, Austin Mudd, Southeastern, 2008.

50 Freestyle: 21.26, Davis Arick, Fishers, 2013.

Diving: 618.70, Phil Jones, Southeastern, 2001.

100 Butterfly: 50.77, Matt McDonald, Southeastern, 2001.

100 Freestyle: 46.83, Ben Wachtel, Westfield, 2008.

500 Freestyle: 4:40.39, Nathan Hopkins, Westfield, 2012.

200 Free Relay: 1:28.09, Southeastern (Nathan Kinney, Jacob Robinson, Justin Rossillo, Evan Wiedeman), 2010.

100 Backstroke: 51.95, Austin Mudd, Southeastern, 2008.

100 Breaststroke: 57.60, Christian Lorenz, Avon, 2013.



Photo by Bret Richardson/Correspondent

Hamilton Southeastern's Cody Coldren is the likely favorite to win the diving event at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, which takes place Saturday at Purdue University. Coldren has Hamilton County's best 11-dive score so far this season, at 534.45 points.

400 Free Relay: 3:13.24, Fishers (Davis Arick, Jonathon Dance, Tucker Hale, Ethan Jamrose), Fishers, 2010.

Past Champions

2001, Southeastern

2002, Southeastern

2003, Southeastern

2004, Southeastern

2005, Brownsburg

2006, Southeastern

2007, Southeastern

2008, Southeastern

2009, Fishers

2010, Fishers

2011, Southeastern

2012, Southeastern

2013, Southeastern

What to watch for at the HCC boys swim meet

Here are some of the Hamilton County boys swimmers to watch at Saturday's Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet:

- Hamilton Southeastern has several swimmers that are leading the county in their events. Joe Young is best in the individual medley (1:56.60) and backstroke (51.51); Luke Johnson leads the 200 free (1:44.83), Cody Coldren has the top 11-dive (534.45) and six-dive (357.90) scores, and Nicholas Pfanstiel is first in the 500 free (4:44.51). Quinn Teague is second in the 50 free at 22.12. Young, Wilson Clark, Jackson Russell and Thomas Cross have the county's best medley relay time (1:37.38), while Teague, Clark, Cross and Johnson are first in the 200 free relay (1:28.86).

- Westfield's Nathaniel Bledsoe leads in two events: The butterfly (51.89) and the breaststroke (1:00.09). Eric Oleson has had strong times

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Tigers, Eagles, Royals headline loaded girls field

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For the first 10 years of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls meet, Hamilton Southeastern dominated. No team could handle the Lady Royals.

Then, in 2001, Southeastern's streak was broken by, of course, HSE's cross town rival, Fishers. The following year, Zionsville picked off the championship. Last year, Southeastern returned to being No. 1.

But, for how long?

When the 10 HCC schools roll into Purdue University's pool and diving facilities this Saturday, Southeastern is ranked as the third best team. In state-wide rankings, Fishers is No. 2; Zionsville No. 5 and Southeastern is No. 6.

Starting time Saturday will be 9 a.m. for the diving and 11:30 a.m. for the swimming events.

Fishers, recently, at the Westfield Invitational caught lots of eyes when the Lady Tigers set five meet records. Records were shattered by Abbey Schneider in the 200 IM; Cortnee Williams in the diving; Schneider in the 100 breaststroke and by Fishers' 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay foursomes.

It goes without saying, with the loaded field at Purdue, Fishers' challenges will be greater than those at the Westfield Invitational.

For example, in the 400 freestyle relay where Hamilton Southeastern returns Robyn Clevenger, Kylie Sutherlin and Natalie Mudd from a foursome which last year broke the HCC record. That was the only record shattered last year. But, with the last "best times" listed by the HCC, Zionsville owns the fastest time in this event.

In the 200 medley relay, Southeastern's Charity Bennett, Gabi Mazero, Sutherlin and Clevenger own a better clocking than Fishers' Maggie Jahns, Schneider, Lizzy Pfeifer and Lauryn Parrish, a very young team which includes two freshmen. In the 200 freestyle relay, Zionsville will enter the meet with the best time, according to those performances reported by the conference.

Other pre-meet bests are held by Zionsville's Kylie Mihok in the 200 free; Zionsville's Tatie Kitchel in the 200 IM; Zionsville Alex Cleveland in the 50 free; Southeastern's Clevenger in the 100 butterfly; Fishers' Williams in the diving; Fishers'



Photo by Bret Richardson/Correspondent

Noblesville's Taylor Parrish has been solid for the Millers in the distance events so far this season. The Millers will take on highly-ranked Fishers, Zionsville and Hamilton Southeastern Saturday at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet at Purdue.

Schneider in the 500 free; and Zionsville's Cleveland in the 100 free.

Turn to Page 4 to see a list of swimmers to watch at the conference meet.

Girls Conference Records

200 Medley Relay: 1:46.27, Southeastern (Carly Mercer, Christina Jacobs, Lindsay Rogers, Meagan O'Connor), 2008.

200 Freestyle: 1:50.96, Lacey Boutwell, Noblesville, 2001.

200 IM: 2:06.13, Lindsay Rodgers, Southeastern, 2008.

50 Freestyle: 23.32, Kait Flederbach, Westfield, 2010.

Diving: 484.54, Shelby Bartlett, Fishers, 2012.

100 Butterfly: 55.63, Jenny Connolly, Harrison, 2008.

100 Freestyle: 50.05, Lacey Boutwell, Noblesville, 2001.

500 Freestyle: 4:58.82, Megan Gallaher, McCutcheon, 2009.

200 Free Relay: 1:37.94, Southeastern (Paige Copeland, Erin Kelley, Meagan O'Connor, Aubrey Hertzler), 2008.

100 Backstroke: 55.11, Jenny Connolly, Harrison, 2008.

100 Breaststroke: 1:03.69, Lindsay Rogers, Southeastern, 2008.

400 Free Relay: 3:36.24, Southeastern (Robyn Clevenger, Allie Barnes, Kylie Sutherlin, Natalie Mudd), 2013.

Past Champions

2001: Southeastern

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2006: Southeastern

2007: Southeastern

2008: Southeastern

2009: Southeastern

2010: Southeastern

2011: Fishers

2012: Zionsville

2013: Southeastern

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Welcome to the Hamilton County Reporter's first edition of a daily email newspaper which will be published on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The Sunday edition will be the first-ever published by a local newspaper in Hamilton County. The Reporter is locally owned and all members of the staff reside in Hamilton County.

The email edition will be heavy on Hamilton County high school sports and obits and also will include local news from throughout Hamilton County.

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Wake up each morning, including Sundays, with the latest news, sports and obits, presented by the Hamilton County Reporter.

There will be no changes in the Tuesday print edition.

Tough schedule for Fishers..

Battle-tested Tigers have key HCC game with Avon

Joe Leonard says his Fishers basketball Tigers are better than their 2-7 record. For a couple of reasons. "Our schedule is rated the second-toughest in the state," Leonard said. "I don't know who plays the toughest schedule, but I do know ours is very tough."

The Tigers broke a four-game losing streak on Dec. 28 by knocking off East Chicago Central, 69-62, after losing 63-60 to Warren Central in the opening round of the holiday tourney at North Central. Even in the loss, Fishers came away with new confidence.

"Warren Central had beaten us by 19 points earlier in the season (65-46 on Dec. 12), and in the second meeting they beat us with a jump shot at the end," Leonard said.

"We're a scrappy group, and we've played some close games," the coach continued. "Pike beat us (83-76) in overtime. We had a chance to win that game, but when it went to overtime, we didn't have the firepower to match them."

Just before losing to Pike, Fishers lost 80-71 to city rival Hamilton Southeastern.

The Tigers defeated Kokomo, 62-58, at home on Dec. 7, and Fishers hasn't played a home game since, losing four of five on the road.

"It will be nice to have a home game," Leonard said while looking ahead to a matchup on Friday against Avon. That will be Fishers' third conference game of the season. The loss to Hamilton Southeastern was a Hoosier Crossroad Conference tilt, as was a Dec. 6, 60-45 shelling at Brownsburg.

Fishers has two seniors, Devin Chaudion and Kortland Township, averaging more than 15 points a game.

"They are big-time scorers," Leonard said. "When they score, we play well. Both got over 20 points in our wins against Kokomo and East Chicago."

While Fishers will bring a 2-7 record to the table, Avon will come to the Tigers' den with a 3-3 mark and a three-game losing streak.

Avon started the season with wins over Plainfield 72-48, Danville 74-58 and Harrison 68-54. Then, the schedule got tougher, a lot tougher. The Orioles lost to Warren Central 60-52, Brownsburg 59-51 and last time out Avon fell to two-time defending state champion Carmel 56-46.

Avon has a dangerous scorer in 6-4 senior Conner Funkhouser; a strong rebounder in 6-4 junior Logan White and a floor general in sophomore David Griffith. Funkhouser is averaging more 15 points a game and White is pulling rebounds at an 8.7 average per contest.

"Avon has a good sophomore at guard and we have a good sophomore in (6-7) Cameron Wolter," Leonard said.

With Fishers standing 0-2 and Avon 0-1 in the conference, the first game in 2014 is very important to both teams.

Fishers has beaten Avon in each of the last two seasons. The Tigers lead the overall series five wins against two losses.

Fishers-Avon Series
2013: Fishers 74, Avon 57
2012: Fishers 70, Avon 51
2011: Avon 49, Fishers 42
2010: Fishers 62, Avon 61
2009: Fishers 57, Avon 46
2008: Fishers 67, Avon 57
2007: Avon 57, Fishers 42

UHS splits with Seton Catholic...



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The University girls basketball team won a hard-fought game with Seton Catholic Tuesday at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. The Trailblazers won 21-20, as part of a boy-girl doubleheader with the Cardinals.

Girls tough out win, boys fall in OT

The University basketball teams split a boy-girl doubleheader with Seton Catholic that was played New Year's Eve at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

The Trailblazer boys were up first, and dropped a tough overtime game to the Cardinals, 59-56. University led by seven points with two minutes left, but Seton came back to take the lead with seven seconds left.

Robbie Johnson made a free throw to send the game into overtime. Seton led by three with seconds left, and the 'Blazers missed a final 3-point attempt to tie the game.

Johnson led with 18 points, followed by Tyler Diehl's 10.

The University girls won the nightcap 21-20 over the Cardinals. The Blazers' held Seton scoreless in the first quarter, and eventually led 12-0 at one point during the second quarter before the Cardinals cut the lead to 12-7 at halftime. UHS coach Stacey Summitt-Mann said that her team "came out fired up tonight" and had "started aggressively attacking the basket."

"Elizabeth Orians had an awesome game and really stepped up with rebounds and being an offensive threat," said Summitt-Mann. "Cyan Cosby also hit two clutch free throws at the end of the fourth quarter."

Orians led the Trailblazers with eight points. Cyan Cosby scored five and Honor Cosby added four, with Maggie Klemsz and Ellie Klemsz each scoring two.

"This was a great way to end the year 2013," said Summitt-Mann. "This was a team effort with all 10 girls playing."

University's girls will play in the Speedway Classic today. The Trailblazers face the host Sparkplugs at 9 a.m., with North Putnam and Horizon Christian playing the second game at 10:30 a.m. The Consolation game is at 1:30 p.m., with the championship at 3 p.m.


The University boys next play at home on Jan. 10, welcoming Tindley for a 7:30 p.m. game.

University boys scoring: Robbie Johnson 18, Tyler Diehl 10, Anthony Murdoch 8, Mikhail Liston 8, Anthony Maranto 6, Jacob Daniels 4 and Kevin Kaspar 2.

University girls scoring				
Player	FG	FT	TP	
Maggie Klemsz	1	0-0	2	
Honor Cosby	2	0-0	4	
Cyan Cosby	1	2-2	5	
Ellie Klemsz	1	0-0	2	
Elizabeth Orians	3	1-2	8	
Totals	8	3-4	21	
Score by Quarters				
University	5	7	2	7 - 21
Seton	0	7	8	5 - 20
University 3-pointers: Orians 2, C. Cosby 1.				

More previews in Friday's Reporter

Coming up Friday in the Hamilton County Reporter will be previews on the Noblesville, Carmel and Westfield boys basketball games. Wake up Friday morning and with your coffee read how the Millers may do at Merrillville on Friday evening and how Carmel may do at Terre Haute South and Westfield at Zionsville on Saturday.




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No time to dwell on losses...

Big games await Guerin Catholic at historic gyms

It has to be fun now days playing for the Guerin Catholic basketball Golden Eagles.

For example, during the 2013 part of the schedule, Guerin played six different schools which down through the years have claimed state championships Broad Ripple, Anderson, Muncie Central, Lawrence North, Bloomington South and Kokomo.

For example, this coming weekend when Guerin will play on Friday at New Castle in the nation's largest high school gym and then on Saturday against Evansville Harrison in one of the state's great historical ball halls at Indianapolis Tech. The Harrison game at Tech will have a 4 p.m. start.

So much for having fun. Coach Pete Smith appears to be in a different mood.

"We have played some good stretches of basketball so far," Smith said, "but we were disappointed with the way we played in the Noblesville Tourney. Our 'expected' depth we thought we would have has been challenged without juniors Nick Sahm and Alex Mazanowski."

Both Sahm and Mazanowski are sidelined with injuries and have played in just one game.

Guerin Catholic rolled off seven consecutive victories before falling to Bloomington South 60-56 in overtime in the Eagles first game of a three-game, two-day tourney at Noblesville. South went on to finish undefeated and win the tourney championship.

The Eagles bounced back in another overtime, beating Kokomo, 50-42. They then lost to New Haven, 52-49.

"Our starters are logging more minutes than I had planned, and that may have taken its toll on them with the three games in 24 hours last week," Smith continued.

"We have to get back to shooting 48 percent and above, as we had in many of our games, or it will be a struggle for us. Defensively, boy New Haven gave us fits but overall I was relatively happy the first nine games on the defensive end," Smith added.

Guerin's Aaron Brennan was named the MVP of the tourney after averaging 18.6 points and 8.7 rebounds in the three games.

"Aaron was playing with a virus," Smith said. "He had lost eight pounds in three days.

"We are looking forward to get our first trip to play at Chrysler Fieldhouse in New Castle," Smith continued. "They are a guard-dominated team, and we must take advantage of our size to beat them on their home court."

The Trojans are led by guards Abe Haler (14.7 scoring average) and Andrew Garrett (11.7). Haler is a junior and Garrett is a sophomore.

New Castle is 4-2 with wins over Blue River 65-31, Greenfield 58-32, Muncie South 44-43 and Columbia City 52-47 and losses to Batesville 51-43 and Ft. Wayne Blackhawk 77-66.

"Saturday's game at Tech should be another cool experience for our guys," said Smith. "Harrison has a load of quickness in the Duncan boys, and it will challenge our defense to get back and stay in front of the basketball. They like transition."

Harrison is 3-4 with wins over Jasper 74-63, Evansville Central 78-66 and Castle 79-74 and losses to Henderson County from Kentucky 57-56, Cahokia from Illinois 67-64, Columbus North 82-64 and Mt. Vernon (Fortville) 70-53. Harrison has lost three straight.

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the 200 free and butterfly, and Luke Ingram, who has swam well in the IM and the breaststroke.

- Noblesville's Cam Gill has been a reliable sprinter, with his times of 22.35 in the 50 free and 49.00 in the 100 free challenging the county's best. Alex Wolfred has been solid in the distance events, and Ian Medley should help out in diving.

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Sports schedule

Thursday, Jan. 2

Girls Basketball

Anderson at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

Speedway Classic

University vs. Speedway, 9 a.m.

New Palestine vs. Horizon Christian, 10:30 a.m.

Consolation & Championship, 1:30 and 3 p.m.

Girls Swimming

Zionsville at Westfield, 6 p.m.

Boys Swimming

Zionsville at Westfield, 6 p.m.

Wrestling

Sheridan at Eastern Invite, 9 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 3

Girls Basketball

Guerin at Jennings County, 6 p.m.

Carmel at Lawrence Central, 6 p.m.

Greenfield Tourney

Centerville vs. Greenfield, 10 a.m.

Bloomington North vs. Fishers, 11:45 a.m.

Consolation & Championship, 6 & 7:45 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Noblesville at Merrillville, 6:30 p.m.

Guerin at New Castle, 6 p.m.

Avon at Fishers, 6 p.m.

Wrestling

Sheridan at Eastern Invite, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 4

Girls Basketball

Avon at Guerin, 1 p.m.

Terre Haute South at Carmel, 12 noon

Boys Basketball

Westfield at Zionsville, 6 p.m.

Evansville Harrison vs. Guerin at Tech, 4 p.m.

Carmel at Terre Haute South, 6 p.m.

Boys Swimming

Hoosier Crossroads at Purdue, 11:30 a.m.

Homestead at Carmel, 12 noon

Girls Swimming

Hoosier Crossroads at Purdue, 11:30 a.m.

Homestead at Carmel, 12 noon

WATCH

in the 500 free (4:46.91) and the 200 free (1:45.76. Tab Kenney will help out in the sprint events, the 50 and 100 freestyles.

- Fishers will be solid in the diving. Blake Childress has the second-best county 11-dive score (513.15) and Stirling Fordham is third (503.75). Austin Smith has scored 461.00 points. Swimmers to watch for are Brad Jacobs, who has had good results in

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