

Miami County boys swim team wins home meet on Senior Night



Louisburg senior Cooper Hipp swims the freestyle during a meet earlier this season. Hipp, along with seniors Cole Brown, Drake Burdine, Drake Baus and Remington Rice, were honored on Senior Night on Wednesday in Osawatomie.

OSAWATOMIE – In the first time in almost a month, the Osawatomie-Paola-Louisburg boys swim team was back in action as it had a chance to host a five-team meet.

At the same time, the Miami County team also had a chance to honor its five seniors – Cooper Hipp, Drake Burdine, Cole Brown, Drake Baus and Remington Rice – for Senior Night.

It turned out to be a memorable night all-around as OZ-PA0-LOU won the meet with 297 points, while Topeka-Hayden was second with 245. Fort Scott, Independence and Coffeyville also competed.

The team racked up seven victories and had several top three finishes in the first process.

Brown won two of those events as he took the 100-yard freestyle in a season-best time of 56.38 seconds. He also had a season-best time in the 200 individual medley as Brown took first in 2:24.45.

Sam Johnson also had a strong performance as he won the 50 freestyle in 24.74 seconds, and the 100-yard butterfly in a personal best of 59.9 seconds.

Junior Braden Branine took the 100 breaststroke in a season-best 1:14.52, while Luke Hebert was first in the 500 freestyle in 6:11 as he knocked nearly 30 seconds off his personal best.

Colton Prettyman, Hipp, Brown and Johnson won the 200 freestyle relay in 1:44.16.

Brayton Brueggen, Branine, Jace Retinger and Hebert took second in the 200 medley relay in 1:59, while Johnson, Brown, Retinger and Hebert were second in the 400 freestyle relay in 4:01.

Brueggen also went on to finish second in the 200 freestyle as he had a personal-best time of 2:13.88. Brueggen also took second in the 100 backstroke with a season-best 1:05.79.

Hipp finished third in the 50 freestyle in 25.64 and third the 100 freestyle in 1:00. Prettyman later took third in the 100 breaststroke in 1:20.

OZ-PA0-LOU is back in action at noon Saturday for a meet at Blue Valley Southwest.