

Brueggen qualifies for state in two events to lead OZ-PA-LOU in opener



Louisburg sophomore Sabra Brueggen qualified for state in two events Wednesday during the team's season opener in Osawatomie.

OSAWATOMIE – The Osawatomie-Paola-Louisburg girls swim team couldn't have asked for a better start to its season.

The team racked up two state qualifying times and two state consideration times as the Miami County squad finished second in the team standings in its home opener with 353 points.

Topeka-Hayden won the six-team meet with 443 points and Piper was second with 321.

"The girls really came out strong," coach Mary Argeropoulos said. "They had 20 new personal best times and all swimmers scored relay and individual points toward the team total."

Louisburg sophomore Sabra Brueggen had a strong showing in her first competition back recovering from a knee injury. Brueggen, who medaled a state a year ago, earned her first two state qualifying times of the year.

Brueggen won the 100-yard freestyle in in 58.80 seconds, to her earn first state bid of the day. Then in the 100 backstroke, she took third in a state qualifying time of

1:07.06.

Louisburg also earned a pair of state consideration times in two relays. Brueggen, along with Janie Harth, Dana Mattison and Cadence Weichert, won the 200 medley relay in 2:11.08.



Louisburg sophomore Janie Harth swims the breaststroke Wednesday during the team's season opener.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the Louisburg quartet also earned a state consideration time as they won the event in 1:57.62.

Mattison also had a pair of top two individual finishes. She went on to win the 200 individual medley and was second in the 500 freestyle.

As for Weichert, she won the 200 freestyle and later took third in the 100 breaststroke. Harth picked up a victory in the 100 breaststroke and also took third in the 50 freestyle.

Freshman Grace Morrison finished sixth in the 100 breaststroke and 10th in the 50 freestyle.

Paola junior Addie Stuebner also had a pair of top 10 finishes as she took fourth in the 100 butterfly and sixth in the 100 backstroke.

The Miami County team also participated in the Lansing Relays on Saturday and had four top 10 finishes.

Mattison, Weichert, Stuebner and Harth took fifth in the 500 Descending Relay, while the same group was sixth in the 4×100 individual medley relay and eighth in the 200 breaststroke relay.

Mattison, Stuebner, Ashlynn Willard and Elsie Blackmore took eighth in the 200 backstroke relay.