Louisburg swim cuts times, Brueggen qualifies for state in 3 events



Louisburg senior Dana Mattison swims the freestyle during a meet earlier this season.

OVERLAND PARK — Competition ramped up for the Osawatomie-Paola-Louisburg girls swim team this past week as it competed in three different meets.

For Louisburg, it gave its swimmers an opportunity to qualify for state in more events and continue to chip away at those state consideration times.

At the Blue Valley Southwest Invitational on Saturday, sophomore Sabra Brueggen added to her list of state qualifying events. Already qualified in two, Brueggen earned the needed marks in the 500-yard freestyle and 50 freestyle.

Brueggen finished second in the 50 freestyle with time of 26.66 seconds and later was second in the 500 freestyle in 5 minutes and 51.43 seconds.

The 200 freestyle relay of Brueggen, Janie Harth, Cadence Weichert and Dana Mattison also shaved two seconds off their previous state consideration time in 1:55.37 and finished seventh.

The same Louisburg four swimmers also went on to finish second

in the 200 medley relay in 2:09.71. Harth also took ninth in the 100 breaststroke in 1:28.

The Miami County team went on to finish sixth out of 11 teams with 84 points, despite only have six swimmers compete.



Cadence Weichert swims the butterfly during a meet earlier this season.

On Wednesday at the Topeka-Hayden Invitational, Brueggen earned another state qualification time and improved on another.

Brueggen qualified in the 200 freestyle in 2:10 and took second overall. She later won the 100 backstroke in 1:04.62, to improve her previous season best. Brueggen has qualified for state in four events so far this season.

In all, the team earned 10 personal best swims and took fourth overall with 272 points.

Harth went on to finish second in the 50 freestyle in 28.83 seconds, while Paola's Addie Stuebner was second in the 100 freestyle in 1:04.52. She also took third in the 200 IM.

Mattison took fifth in the 100 butterfly and 200 freestyle,

while Weichert was seventh in both the 500 freestyle and seventh in the backstroke.

With only five healthy swimmers, the team competed at the Turner Invitational and had nine personal best times.

Mattison won the 500 freestyle in 6:55, while Harth took third in the 200 IM. Stuebner was second in the 100 butterfly, while Weichert was fourth in the 100 backstroke and fifth in the 200 freestyle.