

Brueggen qualifies for state in 8th event as Miami County team wins home invite



Louisburg junior Sabra Brueggen qualified for state in her eighth event last week as the Osawatomie-Paola-Louisburg-Spring Hill team won its home meet.

OSAWATOMIE – In what was the last regular season meet of the season, Sabra Brueggen closed it out in style.

Brueggen qualified for state in the 500-yard freestyle last Wednesday at the Osawatomie-Paola-Louisburg-Spring Hill Invitational that was held at the OZone in Osawatomie.

Not only that, but the Louisburg junior has now qualified for state in every individual event and will have her choice of two to compete in at the state meet later this month. She has

also qualified in all three relays for the Wildcats as well

On top of it all, the Miami County team also won their home meet with 491 points as it edged Independence (485) and Fort Scott (450) for the title.

"The swimmers are doing a great job managing the middle of the season hump," coach Mary Argeropoulos said. "They continue to push themselves in practice to be their best everyday and that hard work is showing itself in the pool with gains."

Brueggen earned a pair of gold medals as she won the 500 freestyle with a time of 5 minutes and 34 seconds. She won the 100 breaststroke in 1:13.71.

Louisburg junior Janie Harth improved her state consideration time in the 100 freestyle as she took third in 1:01.37. She was also third in the 200 individual medley in 2:48.33.

Another junior, Cadence Weichert, took gold in the 100 butterfly in 1:13.23 and was fourth in the 100 breaststroke in 1:29.

Freshman Ella Bockelman took third in the 100 backstroke in 1:15.87, while fellow freshman Talen McMurray was sixth in the 200 individual medley.

The Miami County team also did well in the relays. Brueggen, Weichert, Harth and Spring Hill's Camden Strickland won the 200 medley relay in 2:04.

Bockelman, Maryanne McNally, Meg Johnson and Weichert were second in the 200 free relay in 2:03, while Strickland, Harth, McNally and Brueggen won the 400 free relay in 4:12.

Osawatomie-Paola-Louisburg-Spring Hill will now compete in the Independent League Championships at 4 p.m. today and will be held at the OZone in Osawatomie.