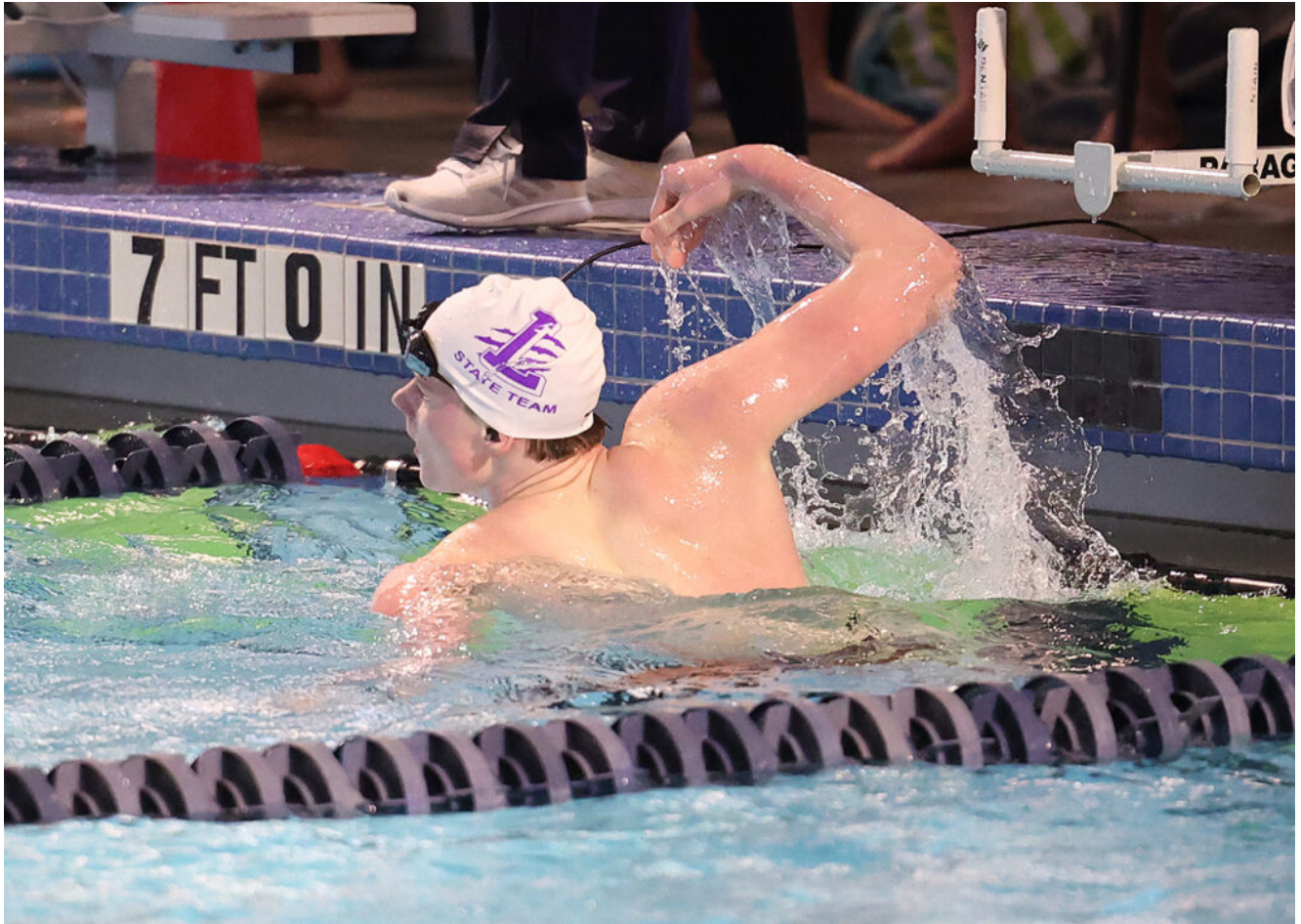


Brown first Wildcat to win 2 state swim titles; Wildcats medal in 6 events



Louisburg junior Colin Brown celebrates after winning his prelim of the 100-yard butterfly Friday at the Class 5-1A state championships in Lenexa.

LENEXA – Colin Brown was all about making school history Saturday at the Class 5-1A Kansas State Swim and Dive Championships.

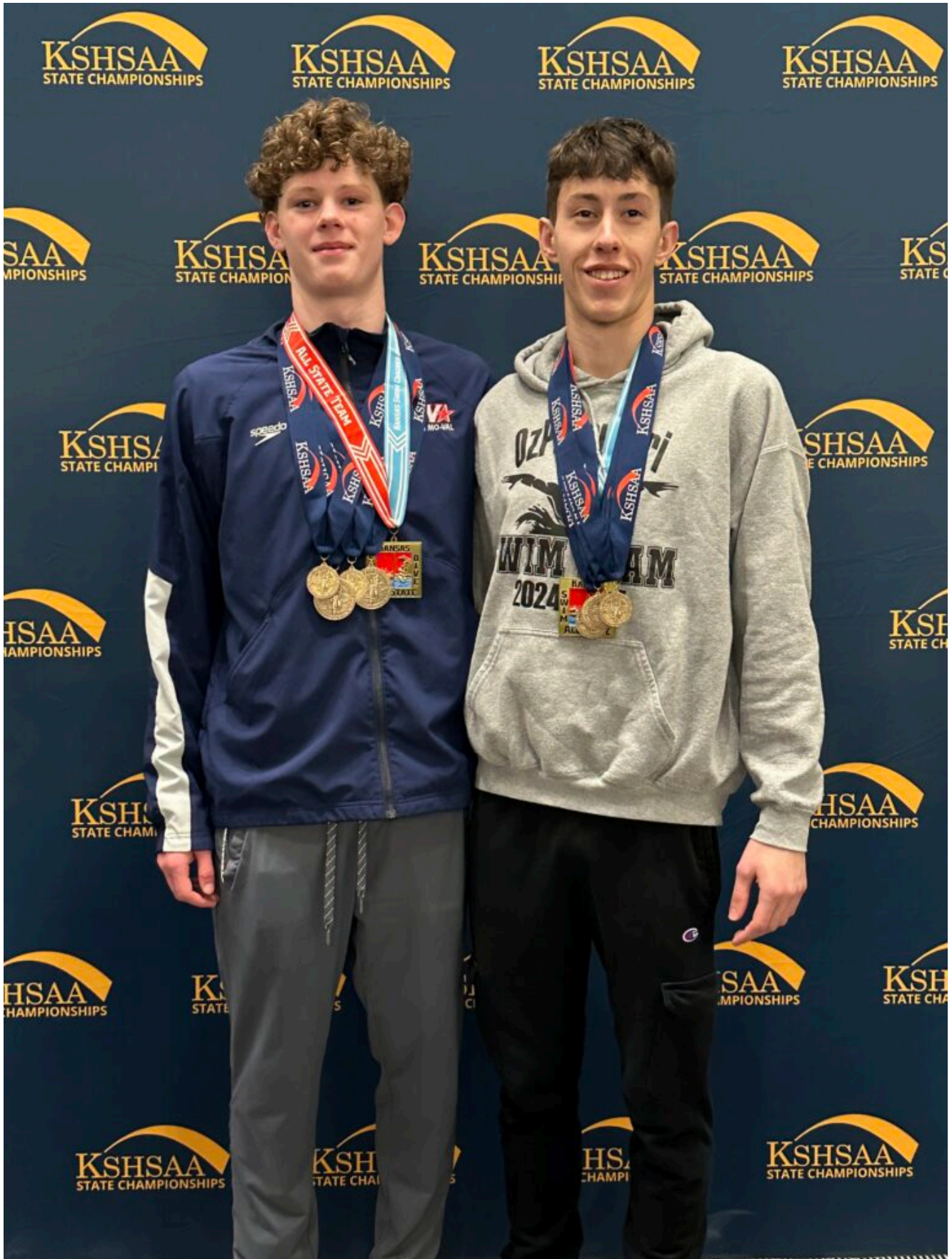
Brown became the first Louisburg swimmer in school history to win a state title and did so by winning the 100-yard butterfly. Some athletes would have been content with just the one, but not Brown.

The Louisburg junior took to the water again in the 100

backstroke and won his second state title in a matter of minutes. It was also his fourth state medal of the day, which included a pair of relays.

“It was a surreal experience and an incredible honor,” Brown said. “It was really cool to see all of the hard work and countless hours pay off. It also gave me a sense of pride knowing that I was representing the school while doing so.”

That was the some of the success the Louisburg swim team had at the Shawnee Mission School District Aquatic Center. The Wildcats medaled in 10 events and finished seventh in the team standings with just four swimmers.



Colin Brown (left) and Andrew Jamison each medaled in two individual events and two relays Saturday at the state meet.

Louisburg junior Andrew Jamison also tallied four medals as made his way to the state podium in the 200 individual medley,

100 breaststroke and two relays. Senior Colton Prettyman and sophomore Noah Sharp joined the other Wildcats as state medalists in the relays.

The Wildcats also broke seven school records in the process, whether in the finals or in the prelims on Friday.

For Brown, his best swims came on Saturday as he dominated the field in the 100 butterfly. Brown won the state championship by more than two seconds with a school record time of 51.08.

It was another dominating performance in the 100 backstroke as Brown won in another school record time of 53.26 seconds to find his way atop the state podium once again.



Louisburg junior Colin Brown separates himself from the rest of the field Friday in the 100 butterfly.

“My expectations going into the season were to win the 100 fly and medal in the 100 back,” Brown said. “If you were to tell me in August that I had the times I had, and placed first in

both events, I would've laughed at you. But as I got closer to state I started to gain more confidence in myself, and I believe that also a big factor in the success I had this season."

As for Jamison, he medaled third in the 200 individual medley in 2:02.09 and set the school record the day before in the prelims in 2:01.55.

In the 100 breaststroke, Jamison had another great outing as he took fourth in 1:01.60. He also broke the school record the day before in the prelims in 1:01.49.



Louisburg junior Andrew Jamison dives into the water during the 200 medley relay.

"It felt pretty good to move up in the placement and medal again just like last year," Jamison said "I felt my prelims swims were better than my finals swims, but overall I am pleased.

"This year has been a little tough with my times. I wasn't able to go any personal bests during the regular season but going best times at state made it all worth it. I am looking forward to next season hopefully placing even higher on the podium and lowering the school records even more."

The Wildcats nearly had a third state title to their resume as Brown, Jamison, Prettyman and Sharp swam the 200 medley relay and finished as a state runner-up in the event. The broke their school record time of 1:39.17 to take second, just behind Wichita Collegiate who was first in 1:38.82.

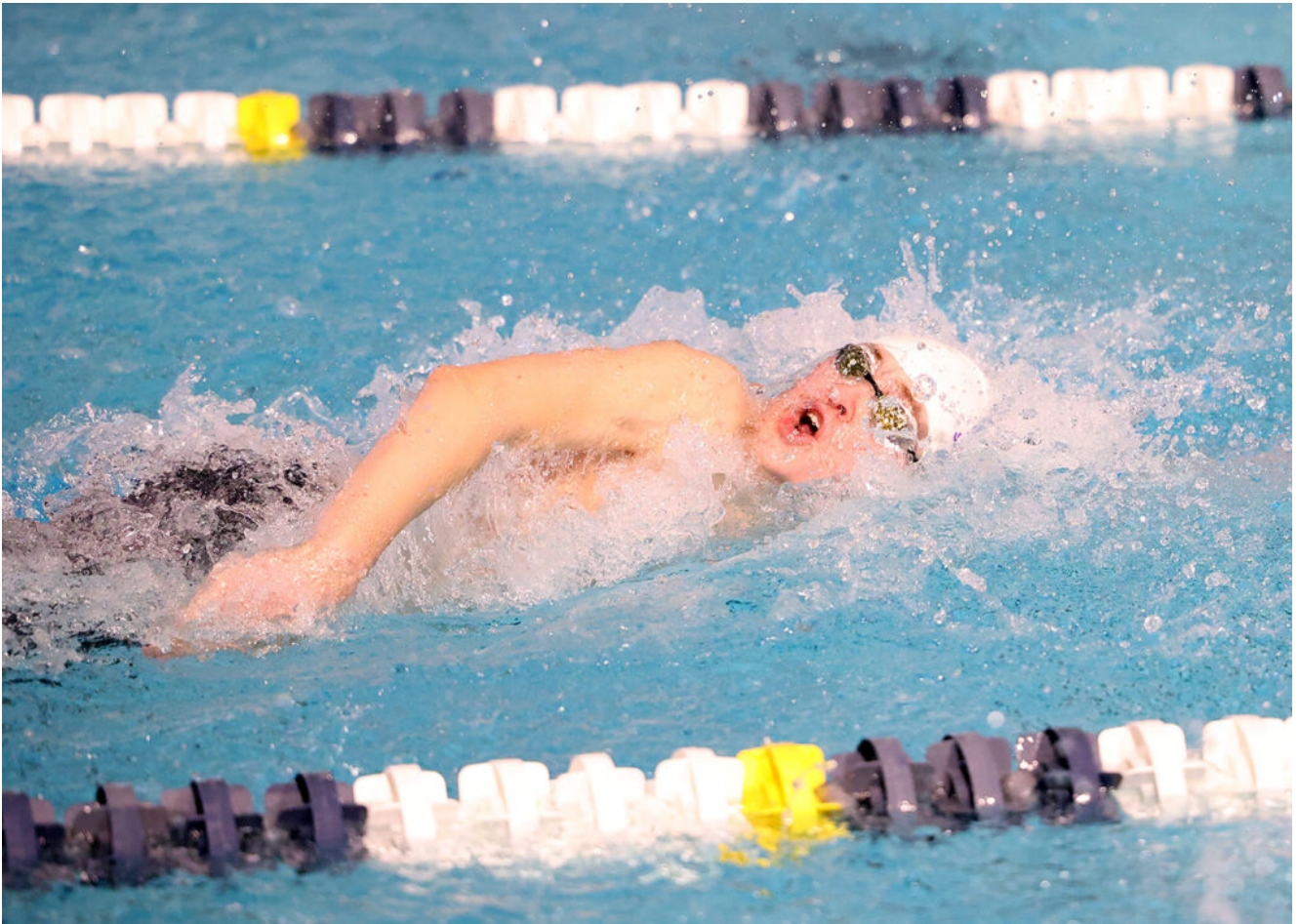


Louisburg senior Colton Prettyman swam in the consolation finals of the 100 butterfly and 500 freestyle and set a new school record in the latter. He also won two medals in the relays.

The Louisburg quartet were involved in another tight race, this time in the 200 freestyle relay. The Wildcats finished in a tie for third with Kapaun Mt. Carmel in a new school record time of 1:30.36.

“It was pretty exciting medaling in both relays this year, proving our progress,” Jamison said. “Being up there with the best of the best was also very exciting and getting to represent Louisburg at such a high level is also a big honor.”

Prettyman swam in a pair of consolation finals and broke a school record in one of them. The Louisburg senior took in 12th in the 500 freestyle in a new school best of 5:19.20.



Louisburg sophomore Noah Sharp swam in the consolation finals of the 100 freestyle and medaled in two relays Saturday in Lenexa.

He also competed in the 100 butterfly and finished 12th in 56.87 seconds.

Sharp qualified for the consolation finals in the 100 freestyle in 51.96 seconds.