

Miami County swim team captures league title



Louisburg senior Sabra Brueggen swims the butterfly during the 200-yard individual medley on May 14 in Osawatomie. Brueggen won two individual league titles.

OSAWATOMIE – It has already been a good season for the Osawatomie-Paula-Louisburg-Spring Hill girls swim team – one that included several top finishes and state qualification times.

It got even better on May 14 as the Miami County team hosted the InterLeague Championship at the OZone in Osawatomie.

Osawatomie-Paula-Louisburg-Spring Hill won the league title going away with 477 points. Independence was second with 384 in the 9-team meet.

“It was extremely satisfying for the girls to be able to bring

the league championships back to OzPaLouSpri,” coach Mary Argeropoulos said. “We’ve been building this program for many, many years and the depth, strength, and talent that has built this team is amazing. The athletes worked hard and really took the team mindset to heart to accomplish this goal.”

The team recorded 39 personal best times and won four events on the day – including three on the Louisburg side.

Louisburg senior Sabra Brueggen led the way with three league championships of her own, including two individual events and another on a relay.

Brueggen won the 200-yard individual medley in a time of 2 minutes and 23.93 seconds. Later on in the meet, she went on to win the 100 backstroke in 1:03.40.

Louisburg’s Cadence Weichert, Makayla Ellis, Brueggen and Spring Hill’s Alicia Hager won the league title in the 200 medley relay in a time of 2:05.01.

Wildcat sophomore Ella Bockelman finished as the league runner-up in the 200 freestyle in a new personal best time of 2:30.42. Bockelman also took third in the 100 backstroke in another personal best of 1:13.

Weichert finished third in both the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke, while Louisburg senior Janie Harth took third in the 50 freestyle and fourth in the 100 freestyle.

Ellis finished fourth in the 200 individual medley and fifth in the 100 butterfly. Sophomore Talen McMurray was fourth in the 100 breaststroke.

In the relays, Harth, Weichert, Brueggen and Spring Hill’s Camden Strickland finished as league runner-up in the 200 freestyle in 1:54. Harth, Hager, Bockelman and Strickland took second in the 400 freestyle relay in 4:33.

Now the team prepares for the state meet that begins on May 23

and lasts through the 24th at the Capitol Federal Natatorium in Topeka.

Brueggen, who has medaled at state the last three seasons, will try for a fourth straight. The Wildcats will also compete in all three relay events.

"We are looking forward to state competition with a base of work ethic and teamwork," Argeropoulos said. "The girls have pushed each other to prepare for this weekend and we can't wait to see what they can accomplish in the water."