

# PRESS RELEASE 1/8/2024

**EVENT:** **Fortieth Annual Southwest Ohio High School Swimming & Diving Classic**

**DATES:** January 13 and 14, 2024

**PLACE:** Diving - Prelims: Miami University, Milford High School, Mason High School, & Trotwood-Madison High School  
 Finals: West Clermont High School  
 Swimming - Prelims: Countryside YMCA, Dayton Raider Aquatic Center (DRAC), Miami University (A & B), Mason High School, M. E. Lyons YMCA, Powel Crosley YMCA, Princeton High School, Trotwood-Madison High School, Washington Township Rec Center, & West Carrollton YMCA  
 Finals: Keating Natatorium, St. Xavier High School

**TIMES:** Diving - Prelims: 1/13/2023 12:30 pm warm-ups & 1:30 pm competition  
 Finals: 1/14/2023 9:00 am warm-ups & 11:00 am competition  
 Swimming - Prelims: 1/13 & 1/14/2023 9:00 am competition  
 Finals: 1/13 & 1/14/2023 5:30 pm warm-ups & 6:30 pm competition

**INFORMATION:** 2024 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Southwest Classic which remains the largest invitational of its kind in the United States. Forty-one years ago, the preliminaries & finals took place at one location, Keating Natatorium at St. Xavier High School. This meet now has 11 preliminary sites. Approximately 112 schools entering over 2450 swimmers and 165 divers are expected to participate in this year's Classic. The Classic is unusual because the swimmers compete not only in high school events but also the longer NCAA & USA Swimming events. This year the Classic will continue to include Para swimming events in the 50 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke. The Southwest Ohio Swimming Officials Association (SWOSOA) continues to sponsor this meet through the Southwest Classic Swim Meet, LLC. Through meet proceeds, donations & sponsor advertising, SWOSOA has established an athlete scholarship fund and for the twelfth year will be offering six \$750 scholarships to three senior boys and three senior girls this year. Luca Eckert (*St. Xavier*), Ryan Eshler (*Waynesville*), Logan Ottke (*Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy*), Ryleigh Brown (*Kenton Ridge*), Hannah Rachford (*West Clermont*), and Ava Sutphin (*Turpin*) were the 2023 recipients.

St. Xavier will be competing for its 40<sup>th</sup> straight boys' team title. Names to watch in this year's Classic are:

## Swimming –

Name	School
Robert Karulf	<i>Archbishop Moeller</i>
Anthony Braun	<i>Beavercreek</i>
Caleb Manning	<i>Beavercreek</i>
Matthew Fleisher	<i>Centerville</i>
Weichu Wang	<i>Cincinnati Country Day</i>
Tristan Prizler	<i>Dayton Oakwood</i>
Jameson Cooke	<i>Germantown Valley View</i>
Patrick Gibbons	<i>Hamilton Badin</i>
Cooper Burt	<i>Hamilton Ross</i>
Jeffrey Wenker	<i>Indian Hill</i>
Jason Zhao	<i>Indian Hill</i>
Nathan Kyre	<i>Kettering Archbishop Alter</i>
AJ Gomez	<i>Lakota East</i>
Nick Minch	<i>Lakota West</i>
Nathan Spetz	<i>Lakota West</i>
Ryan Corson	<i>La Salle</i>

Name	School
Max Welty	<i>Madeira</i>
Quinn Heis	<i>Mariemont</i>
Ethan Fang	<i>Mason</i>
Tyler Houpt	<i>Mason</i>
Kyler Jablonski	<i>Miamisburg Dayton Christian</i>
Leo Gustavsson	<i>Purcell Marian</i>
Jaeger Ellerman	<i>St. Xavier</i>
Alex Ingram	<i>St. Xavier</i>
Ocean Isham	<i>St. Xavier</i>
Thackston McMullan	<i>St. Xavier</i>
Jarrett Payne	<i>Sidney</i>
Collin Preissler	<i>Sycamore</i>
Caleb Reno	<i>Troy Christian</i>
Hayden Meyers	<i>Turpin</i>
Brendan Swinderman	<i>Vandalia Butler</i>
Cam Craft	<i>Walnut Hills</i>

## Diving –

Noah Horwitz	<i>Anderson</i>
Luke Eminger	<i>Milford</i>
Bryce Cousins	<i>West Clermont</i>
Hoyt Noble	<i>Walnut Hills</i>

Nick Pennington	<i>Dayton Oakwood</i>
Caleb Weatherly	<i>Dayton Oakwood</i>
Joshua Garza	<i>St. Xavier</i>
Patrick Eminger	<i>Milford</i>

Mason will be trying for their 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive girl's title. Names to watch for the girls in this year's Classic are:

## Swimming –

Name	School
Maggie O'Toole	Anderson
Chloe Otten	Beavercreek
Bella Bucio	Botkins
Anna Gearhart	Centerville
Gabriella Schoppert	Centerville
Caroline Ramirez	Cincinnati Country Day
Taylor Bacher	CHCA
Julia Shafer	CHCA
Katelyn Smittle	Dayton Miami Valley
Lily Epley	Dayton Oakwood
Callie Hayes	Dayton Oakwood
Alivia Scott	Fairfield
Gabby Henz	Indian Hill
Marina Oria	Indian Hill
Annie Leibold	Kettering Alter
Ella Liebold	Kettering Alter
Emily Kyre	Kettering Alter
Emma Tenhundfeld	Kettering Alter
Faith Rudowski	Kings Mills
Maya Schweikert	Kings Mills
Emma Palmer	Lebanon

Name	School
Julia Bohl	Mariemont
Dana Fairbanks	Mason
Kaitlyn Weitz	Mason
Reese Reilly	Roger Bacon
Sydney Herr	St. Ursula
Natalie Gockerman	St. Ursula
Addie Robillard	St. Ursula
Josie Schneider	Seven Hills
Anneliese Brouwer	Summit Country Day
Elizabeth Fager	Summit Country Day
Megan Marburger	Summit Country Day
Lily Mitchell	Summit Country Day
Gracie Ganger	Tipp City Tippecanoe
Lily Blankenship	Turpin
Lily Roberts	Turpin
Melia Eckman	Ursuline
Theresa Garono	Ursuline
Grier Gordon	Ursuline
Ava Shardo	Versailles
Sofia Matern	Walnut Hills
Quinn Schureck	Walnut Hills

## Diving –

Bella Basford	Anderson
Natalie Reising	Anderson
Mia Nazarenus	Bellbrook
Scout Richards	CHCA

Josie Festa	Indian Hill
Marisol Mason	Indian Hill
Isabella Giraldo	Mason

The meet draws many college coaches who come to look over the area swimmers. Check out the Classic's Web site at [www.swimmeet.com](http://www.swimmeet.com) for real-time information about the meet, swimmers, entry times, and results of preliminaries and finals.

## HISTORY:

Dave Gordon, a member of the Officials Association, started the Classic in 1984.

PARTICIPATION OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS					
Year	2018	2019	2020	2022	2023
No. Schools	116	118	123	114	112
No. Swimmers	3041	2927	2903	2590	2430
No. Divers	122	155	132	142	170

TEAM WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP FOR LAST 5 YEARS				
Year	Boys	Points	Girls	Points
2018	St. Xavier	926	Mason	515
	Seven Hills	236	St. Ursula	311
2019	St. Xavier	744	Mason	479
	Sycamore	435	Springboro	334
2020	St. Xavier	816	Springboro	344
	Beavercreek	301	Mason	341
2022	St. Xavier	458	St Ursula	403
	Beavercreek	406	Walnut Hills	314
2023	St. Xavier	612.5	Mason	465
	Mason	331	St. Ursula Academy	391

The Southwest District has earned the right to be called "The District of Champions." It has produced some of the top swimmers in the state and last year was no exception. In Boys Division I, St. Xavier finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the State while Mason finished 6<sup>th</sup>. Thirty (30) boys from this area finished in the top ten in their events. Southwest boys won 5 of the 12 individual & relay events. For Division II, St. Indian Hill finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at State while Dayton Oakwood finished 4<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-four (24) boys from this area finished in the top ten in their events. Southwest boys won 7 of the 12 individual & relay events.

In girls' competition, St. Ursula finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the State for Division I while Mason finished 7<sup>th</sup>, Walnut Hills finished 9<sup>th</sup> and Kings Mills 10<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-five (25) girls from this area finished in the top 10 in

their events. Southwest girls won 3 of the 12 individual & relay events. For Division II, Kettering Alter finished 3<sup>rd</sup> while Mariemont finished 5<sup>th</sup>, Indian Hill 7<sup>th</sup>, & Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy 9<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-three (23) girls from this area finished in the top 10 in their events. Southwest girls won 2 of the 12 individual & relay events.

The Ohio High School State Meet Swimming & Diving Records show how strong Southwest District swimmers have been over the years. Southwest District swimmers & divers hold 26 of the 36 meet records (10 in Boys Div. I event, 8 in Boys Div. 2 events, 5 in Girls Div. I event, & 3 in Girls Div. II events). These names have been and will be prominent in college and world competitions.

#### OHIO HIGH SCHOOL STATE TOURNAMENT RECORDS HELD

DIVISION	EVENT	NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR
BOYS Division I	200 YD Medley Relay	St. Xavier	St. Xavier	2020
	200 YD Freestyle Relay	St. Xavier	St. Xavier	2020
	400 YD Freestyle Relay	St. Xavier	St. Xavier	2017
	200 YD Individual Medley	Jake Foster	Sycamore	2019
	100 YD Freestyle	Adam Chaney	Mason	2019
	200 YD Freestyle	Carson Foster	Sycamore	2019
	500 YD Freestyle	Grant House	St. Xavier	2017
	100 YD Breaststroke	Jake Foster	Sycamore	2019
	100 YD Backstroke	Carson Foster	Sycamore	2019
	100 YD Butterfly	Carl Bloebaum	Mason	2022
BOYS Division II	400 YD Freestyle Relay	Seven Hills	Seven Hills	2016
	200 YD Individual Medley	Gibson Holmes	Indian Hill	2022
	100 YD Freestyle	Cody Bybee	Bellbrook	2018
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	500 YD Freestyle	Jason Zhao	Indian Hill	2023
	100 YD Backstroke	Matthew Marquardt	Seven Hills	2016
	100 YD Butterfly	Gibson Holmes	Indian Hill	2022
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GIRLS Division I	100 YD Freestyle	Ashley Volpenhein	Mason	2016
	200 YD Freestyle	Alisabeth Marsteller	Ursuline	2014
	500 YD Freestyle	Sydney Lofquist	Ursuline	2015
	100 YD Backstroke	Hannah Whiteley	Springboro	2015
	400 YD Freestyle Relay	Ursuline	Ursuline	2014
GIRLS Division II	200 YD Freestyle	Cora Dupre	Mariemont	2019
	100 YD Butterfly	Ella Jo Piersma	Seven Hills	2022
	100 YD Breaststroke	Jessy Li	CHCA	2022

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