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EVENT: Twenty Ninth Annual Southwest Ohio High School Swimming & Diving Classic

DATES: January 14 and 15, 2012

PLACE: Diving - Prelims: Miami University, Mason Community Center, Milford High School, and

Trotwood-Madison High School

Finals: University of Cincinnati

Swimming - Prelims: Beavercreek YMCA, Countryside YMCA, Miami University, Mason High

School, Milford High School, Trotwood-Madison High School, and

Washington Township Recreation Center Finals: Keating Natatorium, St. Xavier High School

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TIMES: Diving - Prelims: 1/14/2012 1:00 pm tentative

Finals: 1/15/2012 9:00 am

Swimming - Prelims: 1/14 & 1/15/2012 8:00 am Finals: 1/14 & 1/15/2012 6:30 pm

INFORMATION:

2012 marks the twenty ninth anniversary for the Southwest Classic which remains the largest invitational of its kind in the United States. The meet has grown so large the preliminaries are being held at eight locations for the twenty second year. Approximately 120 schools entering over 3050 swimmers and 160 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 and USA Swimming events. The Southwest Ohio Swimming Officials Association (SWOSOA) continues to sponsor this meet. Through meet proceeds, donations and sponsor advertising, SWOSOA has established an athlete scholarship fund and for the thirteenth year will be offering six \$750 scholarships to three senior boys and three senior girls this year. Sara Kock (Lakota West), Natasha Wahl (Oakwood), Celia Olberholzer (Wyoming), John Carter (Fairfield), Robert Dennison Patton (Lakota West), Colton Sayers (LaSalle) are last year's recipients.

St. Xavier will be trying for its twenty ninth straight boy's team title. Names to watch in this year's Classic are: Swimming – Colin Kanzari & Jack Pohlmann, Beavercreek; Josh Brooks, Brian Clark, Jay Hickey, & Sam Mitchell, Centerville; Cliff Goertemiller, Buckey Powell, & Brock Turner, Dayton Oakwood; Alex Hutchinson, Harrison; Mack Rice, Indian Hill; Bryan McNamara, Lakota West; Mitchel Beerse, Little Miami; Max Mantkowski & Stuart Marsh, Madeira; George Koglmeier & Nate Wagner, Mariemont; Brad Lebling, Mason; David Matulis, Thomas Prus, & Beau Robinson, Milford; Matt Hobler & Harry Hamiter; Moeller; Andrew Brower, Gray Dennis, John Galvin, Jack Hendricks, Grant Johnson, Brian O'Connor, Gabe Rapp, & Ian Wooley, St. Xavier; Jeff Ross, Springfield Catholic Central; Evan Bader, Talawanda; Mitchel Stover, Versailles; Josh Quallen, Wilmington; Pat Dierker, Eric Lethander, & Jonathan Rutter, Wyoming. Diving – Jason Smith, Anderson; Danny Moorehead, Cincinnati Hills; Mitch Godar, Elder; Adam Reece, Fairfield; Nathan Laux & Jimmy McMahon, LaSalle; Matt Swaine, Loveland; Sean Sargent, Mason.

Ursuline Academy will be trying for their second consecutive girl's title. Names to watch for the girls in this year's Classic are: Swimming – Marisa Pulaski, Centerville; Eleanore Hong & Sydney Lofquist, Dayton Oakwood; Elizabeth Heinbach & Hannah Vester, Indian Hills; Natalie Rohr, Kettering Fairmont; Morgan Emter & Zoe Thatcher, Mason; Sara Krueger, McAuley; Lauren Bass, Oak Hills; Emma Kiefer, Sidney Lehman Catholic; Kendra Crew, Springfield Shawnee; Sarah May, Sycamore; Kaitlyn Ferrara & Betsy Zilch, St. Ursula; Valerie Borger & Molly Hazelbaker, Turpin; Bridget Blood, Alisabeth Marsteller, Emily Slabe & Temarie Tomley, Ursuline; Sarah Gibbons & Rachel Theiler, Wyoming; Erika Chick, Yellow Springs. Diving – Hannah Collins, Bellbrook; Morgan Mullins, Centerville; Ellen Russo, Cincinnati Hills; Jamie Schindler, Dayton Christian; Megan Helwagen, Mason; Emily Moser, St. Ursula; Andrianna DiMasso, Sycamore.

The meet draws many college coaches who come to look over the area swimmers. It will be taped for cablecast as has been done in past years. A video feed is available from the Waycross Community Television truck. Also, check out the Classic's Web site at www.swimmeet.com for real-time information about the meet, swimmers, entry times, and results of preliminaries and finals.

PARTICIPATION OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS					
Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
No. Schools	110	110	102	111	118
No. Swimmers	2628	2587	2915	3017	3069
No. Divers	163	175	177	176	150

TEAM WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP FOR LAST 5 YEARS				
Year	Boys	Points	Girls	Points
2007	St. Xavier	836	Ursuline	429
2007	Beavercreek	266	Centerville	391
2008	St. Xavier	672	Ursuline	527
2008	Centerville	372	Centerville	417
2000	St. Xavier	465	Mason	463
2009	Moeller	379	Centerville	411
2010	St. Xavier	560	Mason	436
2010	Centerville	355	Centerville	352
2011	St. Xavier	665	Ursuline	419
2011	Centerville	375	Mason	367

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. Last year was no exception. In Boys Division I, St. Xavier finished 1st in the State while Centerville finished 4th, Moeller 5th, & Sycamore 10th. Forty six (46) boys from this area finished in the top ten in their events. Southwest boys won 2 of the 12 individual & relay events. For Division II, Wyoming boys took 2nd at State while Dayton Oakwood finished 3rd, Mariemont 7th, Springfield Catholic Central 10th. Thirty three (33) boys from this area finished in the top ten in their events. Southwest boys won 3 of the 12 individual & relay events.

In girls competition, Ursuline finished 2nd in the State for Division I while Turpin finished 3rd, Springboro 5th, Mason 6th, & St Ursula 7th. Forty one (41) girls from this area finished in the top 10 in their events. Southwest girls won 4 of the 12 individual & relay events. For Division II, Dayton Oakwood finished 3rd while Indian Hill finished 4th. Twenty one (21) girls from this area finished in the top 10 in their events.

The Ohio High School State Meet Swimming and Diving Records show how strong Southwest District swimmers have been over the years. Southwest District swimmers and divers hold 10 of the 36 meet records (6 in Boys Div. I events, 1 in Boys Div. 2 events, 2 in Girls Div. I events, & 1 in Girls Div. II events). These names have been and will be prominent in college and world competition.

EVENT	NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR

BOYS (Division I)			
200 YD Medley Relay	St. Xavier	St. Xavier	2000
50 YD Freestyle	Joe Hudepohl	St. Xavier	1992
100 YD Freestyle	Joe Hudepohl	St. Xavier	1992
200 YD Freestyle	Joe Hudepohl	St. Xavier	1991*
500 YD Freestyle	David Mosko	St. Xavier	2007
100 YD Backstroke	Jayme Cramer	St. Xavier	2001
BOYS (Division II)			
200 YD Individual Medley	Mack Rice	Indian Hill	2011
GIRLS (Division I)			
200 YD Freestyle	Whitney Myers	Ursuline	2002
200 YD Individual Medley	Jennifer Forster	Centerville	2005
GIRLS (Division II)			
200 YD Individual Medley	Margaret Fish	Indian Hill	2008

^{*} National High School Record

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