

Warriors finish 4th at state swim meet

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MARSHALLTOWN -- The Washington Warriors had a strong showing at the boys state swimming meet, but not quite strong enough to slide a 28th trophy in the case. The Warriors mustered a fourth-place finish, with a score of 105.5 at the Marshalltown YMCA.

The Warriors were one of six teams that reached the 100 point mark. Muscatine led the way with 187.5 points and Dubuque Senior came in second with 141. Cedar Falls rounded out the top three with 135. Ames and Iowa City City High also broke triple digits. Jefferson and Linn-Mar had swimmers compete, but did not score.

With such a competitive field, Washington Coach Chris Cruise said he was pleased with the Warriors' performance.

"We had some phenomenal swims today, we had some disappointments here and there, but overall a very good day for the Warriors," said Cruise. "We finished about in the middle of where we could have."

The Warriors did not win an event, but they had plenty of strong swims. The 200-yard medley relay finished second leading off the meet, and junior Morgan Barnes was second in the 200 free and senior Mo Green second in the 100 butterfly.

"I thought we fought pretty hard," Green said. "We were kind of undermanned today compared to some of the other teams. I mean, seven qualifiers is a good number, but it's not that much. We placed really high all day, our top guys were up there on the podium. That's what I like to see."

Washington was in second place through the first nine events, but faded to fourth over the final two races.

"Some guys were disappointed and I can see where that comes from since we weren't in the top three or whatever, but as a team we dropped time considerably since before districts," said

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Barnes, who added a third-place finish in the 500 free.

That extended to the final race of the day, the 400 freestyle relay. The Warriors had already slipped out of second place, but they tried to stay loose and give it their best shot.

“We just went into it thinking, ‘Have fun,’ because that’s what the sport is all about,” said junior Ian Ford, who swam on the 400 free and medley relays and also finished fourth in the 100 back and seventh in the 200 individual medley.

Something must have worked as they finished 11th, 3.65 seconds faster and four places higher than their qualifying position.

Some Warriors swimmers were experiencing the state meet for the first time. Junior Scott Allison, who says he is not a “serious swimmer” said that he didn’t expect to make it to state as recently as last year, but he tied for seventh in the 50 freestyle and tied for eighth in the 100 free. For him, the experience was a blast.

“(The crowd) was very energetic,” he said. “It was great, the crowd is cheering and when you go in the water, you don’t hear anything. It’s really calm.”

Whether it was their first or last time at state, however, this year’s team will be hard to forget for Cruise.

“They were a great group of kids to work with all season long,” he said. “They had great attitudes, they were really team oriented kids. They worked really hard this year to make sure that they accomplished their goals and I think they need to hold their head high and be very proud of what they did today and the things they were able to accomplish this year.”

BOYS STATE SWIMMING MEET

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At Marshalltown YMCA

TEAMS

1. Muscatine 187.5, 2. Dubuque Senior 141, 3. Cedar Falls 135, 4. Cedar Rapids Washington 105.5, 5. Ames 102, 6. Iowa City High 100, 7. WDM Dowling 93, 8. Dubuque Hempstead 86, 9. Clinton 50, 10. Council Bluffs Lewis Central 36, 11. Ankeny 33, 12. Johnston 29, 13. Marshalltown 27, 14. Pleasant Valley 25, 15. Carroll 24, 16. WDM Valley 23, 17. Sioux City 17, 18. Iowa City West 16, 19. Bettendorf 14, 20. Des Moines Roosevelt 11, 20. Waukee 11, 22. Southeast Polk 10, 23. Des Moines Lincoln 9, 24. Fort Dodge 8, 25. Spencer 5, 26. Boone 4.

200 MEDLEY RELAY

1. Muscatine 1:35.17, 2. CR Washington (Ian Ford, Josh Hughes, Mo Green, Scott Allison) 1:37.12, 3. Ames 1:37.62, 4. Dubuque Senior 1:38.61, 5. Cedar Falls 1:38.90, 6. Clinton 1:38.93, 7. Pleasant Valley 1:39.97, 8. Johnston 1:40.36, 9. Fort Dodge 1:40.39, 10. Sioux City 1:40.52, 11. Bettendorf 1:40.61, 12. WDM Valley 1:40.65; 15. Linn-Mar (Alec Belin, Nathan Greve, Sam Raiche, Drew Bloom) 1:41.72.

200 FREE

1. Colin McAllister (Iowa City High) 1:42.57, 2. Morgan Barnes (CR Washington) 1:43.31, 3. Austin Abbas (Cedar Falls) 1:43.54, 4. Cameron Herting (Iowa City High) 1:44.24, 5. Lucas Klinker (Ankeny) 1:44.46, 6. Tim Temperley (Dub Hempstead) 1:44.59, 7. Trent Jackson (Muscatine) 1:45.21, 8. Sam Weinberg (WDM Valley) 1:45.24, 9. Ben Kurz (Lewis Central) 1:45.53, 10. Sidney McMillin (Iowa City High) 1:46.43, 11. Mike Gettemy (Marshalltown) 1:47.36, 12. Chris Merchant (Ames) 1:48.12; 17. Brian Kopec (CR Washington) 1:49.25.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

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1. Haden Calegan (Muscatine) 1:53.06, 2. Jakub Stehlik (Ames) 1:54.41, 3. Matt Boyd (Clinton) 1:56.57, 4. Connor Huff (Dub Senior) 1:57.54, 5. Travis Greenwald (Muscatine) 1:57.97, 6. James Davis (Iowa City High) 1:58.19, 7. Ian Ford (CR Washington) 1:58.22, 8. Zach Welp (WDM Dowling) 1:58.66, 9. Ben Severino (WDM Dowling) 1:58.81, 10. Josh Sund (Cedar Falls) 1:58.86, 11. Ty Bailey (Dub Senior) 2:00.93, 12. Jordan Reinard (Waukee) 2:01.40; 15. Josh Hughes (CR Washington) 2:02.81; 21. Nathan Greve (Linn-Mar) 2:04.81.

50 FREE

1. Ben Loeffelholz (Dub Hempstead) 21.07, 2. Brian Bacon (Marshalltown) 21.33, 3. Josh Gill (Dub Senior) 21.41, 4. Kaisen Yao (Iowa City West) 21.56, 5. Kris Treiber (Muscatine) 21.89, 6. Cole Malin (Carroll) 21.90, 7. Scott Allison (CR Washington) 21.98, 7. Sam Wiedemeier (Ames) 21.98, 9. Brian Ross (Johnston) 22.04, 10. Colin Eagan (Spencer) 22.08, 11. Alex Duster (Dub Senior) 22.23, 12. Tyson Wieland (Boone) 22.32; 17. Kristian Anderson (CR Jefferson) 22.67.

100 BUTTERFLY

1. Tyler Calegan (Muscatine) 50.50, 2. Mo Green (CR Washington) 52.47, 3. Zach Welp (WDM Dowling) 52.97, 4. Max Ward (DM Roosevelt) 53.12, 5. Stephen Davick (WDM Valley) 53.65, 6. R.J. Hemmingsen (Lewis Central) 53.72, 7. Taylor Burks (Cedar Falls) 53.99, 8. Adam Scafuri (Waukee) 54.12, 9. Joe Gayton (Bettendorf) 54.15, 10. Riley Spitzig (WDM Dowling) 54.20, 11. Connor Huff (Dub Senior) 54.33, 12. Chris Jasper (Bettendorf) 54.71.

100 FREE

1. Ben Loeffelholz (Dub Hempstead) 46.22, 2. Jonathan Fiepk (WDM Dowling) 46.68, 3. Brian Bacon (Marshalltown) 46.83, 4. Josh Sund (Cedar Falls) 47.63, 5. Sidney McMillin (Iowa City High) 47.70, 6. Cole Malin (Carroll) 48.18, 7. Tate Forsyth (Dub Senior) 48.48, 8. Paul Jindrich (Muscatine) 48.57, 8. Scott Allison (CR Washington) 48.57, 10. Jon Baker (Cedar Falls) 48.78, 11. Colin Eagan (Spencer) 48.83, 12. Brian Ross (Johnston) 48.86.

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500 FREE

1. Cameron Herting (Iowa City High) 4:36.03, 2. Colin McAllister (Iowa City High) 4:38.02, 3. Morgan Barnes (CR Washington) 4:41.05, 4. Trent Jackson (Muscatine) 4:42.85, 5. Ben Kurz (Lewis Central) 4:45.33, 6. Josh Hughes (CR Washington) 4:48.42, 7. Tim Temperley (Dub Hempstead) 4:48.57, 8. Joe Gayton (Bettendorf) 4:49.86, 9. Thomas Rathbun (Sioux City) 4:50.11, 10. Ben Severino (WDM Dowling) 4:50.21, 11. David Merriman (WDM Valley) 4:51.60, 12. Gabe Langner (Cedar Falls) 4:52.20; 16. Brian Kopec (CR Washington) 4:55.99.

200 FREE RELAY

1. Dubuque Senior 1:25.35, 2. Cedar Falls 1:25.51, 3. Muscatine 1:27.28, 4. Ames 1:27.59, 5. Dubuque Hempstead 1:27.65, 6. WDM Dowling 1:28.36, 7. Johnston 1:28.58, 8. Ankeny 1:28.73, 9. Lewis Central 1:29.12, 10. Carroll 1:29.16, 11. SE Polk 1:29.48, 12. Iowa City High 1:29.66; 14. CR Washington (Scott Allison, Mo Green, Josh Hughes, Morgan Barnes) 1:29.84; 17. Linn-Mar (Nathan Greve, Connor Beard, Sam Raiche, Drew Bloom) 1:30.90.

100 BACK

1. Austin Abbas (Cedar Falls) 51.35, 2. Jakub Stehlik (Ames) 51.67, 3. Matt Boyd (Clinton) 52.26, 4. Ian Ford (CR Washington) 52.84, 5. Lucas Klinker (Ankeny) 52.97, 6. Haden Calegan (Muscatine) 53.07, 7. Sam Wiedemeier (Ames) 53.58, 8. Kaisen Yao (Iowa City West) 53.61, 9. Coner Elliott (WDM Valley) 53.78, 10. Jacob Klinker (Ankeny) 54.05, 11. R.J. Hemmingsen (Lewis Central) 55.14, 12. Matt Remy (Pleasant Valley) 55.23.

100 BREAST

1. Travis Greenwald (Muscatine) 58.55, 2. Josh Gill (Dub Senior) 58.96, 3. Ty Bailey (Dub Senior) 59.41, 4. Riley Spitzig (WDM Dowling) 1:01.48, 5. Tyler Calegan (Muscatine) 1:00.72, 6. Luis Arias (DM Lincoln) 1:01.29, 7. Roland Henry (Sioux City) 1:01.48, 8. Jordan Reinard (Waukee) 1:01.52, 9. Taylor Burks (Cedar Falls) 1:02.24, 10. Grant Pomerenk (Boone) 1:02.38, 11. Bryan Bjorklund (Ames) 1:02.41, 12. Jimmy Hawk (Lewis Central) 1:02.57; 16. Nathan

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Greve (Linn-Mar) 1:03.03; 23. Nick Durin (CR Washington) 1:04.55.

400 FREE RELAY

1. Cedar Falls 3:09.85, 2. Dubuque Senior 3:11.56, 3. WDM Dowling 3:12.21, 4. Muscatine 3:12.85, 5. Iowa City High 3:12.93, 6. Dubuque Hempstead 3:13.88, 7. Ames 3:14.95, 8. Pleasant Valley 3:16.38, 9. Clinton 3:16.89, 10. SE Polk 3:17.00, 11. CR Washington (Mo Green, Brian Kopec, Morgan Barnes, Ian Ford) 3:17.13, 12. Lewis Central 3:18.13; 19. CR Jefferson (Kristian Anderson, Jake Inghram, Scott Wilke, Alex Kleinheinz) 3:22.66.