

Kelley, Saulnier lead Wash to No.53

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State meet, here they come.

Cameron Kelley and Nick Saulnier had big days for the Cedar Rapids Washington swimming team Saturday as the Warriors won their 53rd straight district title at the Linn-Mar Aquatic Center.

Kelley and Saulnier both captured two individual events and swam on two victorious relay teams. Best of all, Kelley and Saulnier earned No. 1 seeds for the state meet in Marshalltown next Saturday in all four of their specialties.

Kelley, a junior, has the No. 1 seed in the 500 freestyle and 200 freestyle after claiming district titles in both events. Saulnier, a senior, has the No. 1 seed in the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke after splashing to district crowns.

Washington also notched the 200 medley relay, the 200 freestyle relay and the 400 freestyle relay. In addition, sophomore George Durin won the district title in the 100 freestyle to give the Warriors eight victories in 11 events.

All told, Metro swimmers won all 11 of the district titles.

Paul Hummell of Jefferson captured the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke.

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Matt Peng of Linn-Mar took first place in the 100 butterfly.

Washington won the district title with 421 points, good for a 73-point victory over the Linn-Mar Lions. Kennedy finished third in the eight-team meet and Jefferson placed sixth.



The Warriors began winning district swimming titles in 1964 and have never stopped, extending their mastery over the terms of nine different U.S. presidents.

In addition to their four No. 1 seeds from Kelley and Saulnier, the Warriors have six other top-10 seeds for the state meet. Kaleb Donels is seeded third in the 100 backstroke and eighth in the 200 IM. The Warriors are ranked No. 3 in the 200 medley relay, No. 5 in the 200 free relay and No. 6 in the 400 free relay. Durin is seeded ninth in the 100 freestyle.

Linn-Mar is seeded No. 6 in the 200 free relay and Hogan Myers is eighth in the 500 free.

Stefan Kitsos of Kennedy is seeded No. 4 in the 100 breaststroke and No. 9 in the 50 free. The Cougars are ranked No. 7 in the 200 medley relay.

Hummell is seeded No. 2 in the 100 breaststroke and No. 8 in the 50 free. The J-Hawks are also seeded No. 8 in the 200 medley relay.

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DISTRICT TEAM STANDINGS

1. Washington 421, 2. Linn-Mar 348, 3. Kennedy 319, 4. Waterloo 231, 5. Cedar Falls 230, 6. Jefferson 155, 7. Decorah 154, 8. Vinton-Shellsburg 46.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

200 medley relay - Washington (Kaleb Donels, Nick Saulnier, Matt Jackson, George Durin) 1:36.64

200 free - Cameron Kelley, Washington, 1:41.33

200 IM - Nick Saulnier, Washington, 1:52.19

50 free - Paul Hummell, Jefferson, 21.69

100 fly - Matt Peng, Linn-Mar, 52.38

100 free - George Durin, Washington, 47.64

500 free - Cameron Kelley, Washington, 4:33.85

200 free relay - Washington (Nick Saulnier, George Durin, Jeremy Thronndson, Cameron Kelley) 1:27.45

100 back - Nick Saulnier, Washington, 51.16

100 breast - Paul Hummell, Jefferson, 58.03

400 free relay - Washington (Jeremy Thronndson, George Durin, Kaleb Donels, Cameron Kelley) 3:14.32

SEEDINGS FOR STATE MEET

WASHINGTON

1. Cameron Kelley, 200 free, 1:41.33

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- 8. Kaleb Donels, 200 IM, 1:58.09
- 9. George Durin, 100 free, 47.64
- 12. Matt Jackson, 200 IM, 2:00.22
- 17. Matt Jackson, 100 fly, 53.58

LINN-MAR

- 6. 200 free relay 1:27.57
- 8. Hogan Myers, 500 free, 4:48.64
- 10. Matt Peng, 100 fly, 52.38
- 11. Reid Snell, 100 free, 47.92
- 11. 400 free relay 3:18.72
- 14. Hogan Myers, 200 free, 1:47.61
- 16. Reid Snell, 200 IM, 2:01.33
- 16. Brycen Snell, 100 free, 48.87
- 18. Matt Peng, 50 free, 22.10
- 21. 200 medley relay 1:41.83

KENNEDY

- 4. Stefan Kitsos, 100 breast, 58.74
- 7. 200 medley relay 1:37.99
- 9. Stefan Kitsos, 50 free, 21.70
- 12. 400 free relay 3:18.93
- 16. Cade Schoenauer, 100 fly, 53.47
- 17. 200 free relay 1:30.05
- 18. Brady Gibson, 100 free, 49.10
- 22. Cade Schoenauer, 50 free, 22.26

JEFFERSON

- 2. Paul Hummell, 100 breast, 58.03
- 8. 200 medley relay 1:39.41
- 8. Paul Hummell, 50 free, 21.69

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10. 200 free relay 1:28.81

17. 400 free relay 3:20.94