

## GIRLS SWIMMING

# Panthers help Section 5 win states

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The top teams travelled last weekend to Ithaca College for States, the culmination of a long season with the top swimmers from New York state all competing. Prelims were held on Friday and the meet was perfectly poised on Saturday between Section 5 and 4 for Finals.

Section 6 has a strong contingent of seniors including their Clarence, Olean and Orchard Park teams. Section 5 are the defending champions and they weren't going to go down without a splash or two.

It promised to be a close Finals on Saturday that would be decided by hundredths of a second. At the end Section 5 were victorious with Clarence winning the individual schools title with Pittsford close behind in second.

The drama started with the first event, the 200 Medley Relay, the Clarence team was disqualified after touching first. But their fly swimmer was judged to have gone early.

The Pittsford team of Stephie Riley, Becca Evans, Anne Marie Mozrall and Katie McPherson was the top Section 5 team placing sixth in NY High Schools; Fairport was  $\frac{3}{1000}$  of a second behind in seventh.

The 200 Free was a strong field with Freshman Lindsay Stone touching in fourth with Section 8's Molly Treble from Massapequa victorious, they would meet



**The Pittsford girls swim team had an excellent showing at the state meet last weekend at Ithaca College, helping Section 5 earn the team title.**

again in the 500 Free.

The 50 Free promised to be fast with Dina Rommel the defending champion and Katie Smith. Smith broke the NY State record in prelims at 23.05.

In the final, Rommel slightly outtouched Smith to retain her title, Rommel's time was 23.13 to Smith's 23.24. Sarah Baxter (CA) was fourth, with R-H's Megan Burns (sixth) and Fairport's Suhan Meshta (10th) all helping Section 5 score points.

After a short recess Smith was back in the pool for the 100 Free. Smith was seeded first but she had strong competition from Andrea Ernst (Orchard Park), Smith was up early but Ernst hung around and outtouched Smith for the victory, with Baxter (fourth), Burns (eighth)

and Steph Andrews (10th).

Stone knew she had some strong competition in the 500 Free. In the Prelims she swam 4:55 but was seeded 2nd as the top swimmer swam 4:53, with two others at 4:56.

Treble got out to an early lead in the final with Stone and Sydney Modeas tucked in on either side of her. After 350 yards Stone started to apply the pressure and pulled level with Treble with 50 to go, Modeas could not keep up and dropped back.

The crowd were on their feet as Stone out touched with 4:49.03 to Treble's 4:49.24. Stone did not have a lot of time to celebrate after a quick cool down she was back in the 200 Free Relay - another victory as the team of Steph

Andrews, Emma Corby, Stone and Smith finished in 1:35.34, Rush Henrietta were third, Canandaigua fourth and Fairport eighth.

In the 100 Back Stephie Riley contributed valuable points with a 10th place in 59.44. In the final event the 400 Free Relay it was another showdown between Clarence and Pittsford.

Clarence jumped out to an early lead against the Pittsford team of Stone, Andrews, Becca Evans and Smith. Smith chased down the Clarence anchor swimmer but was unable to make up the gap and Clarence won in 3:26.98 to 3:27.25.

At the end Section 5 were victorious with 611 points to Section 6 at 565.5, Section 1 at 456 to repeat as state champions.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Cardinals upset the Blue Streaks

Messenger Post

Visiting St. John Fisher College created six turnovers and battled back from a 13-0 deficit to earn a 26-15 win over ninth-ranked John Carroll University on Saturday in the opening round of the NCAA Division III Football Championship.

With the win, Fisher (9-2), now 5-0 all-time in first-round NCAA Championship games, advances to the Sweet 16 and will face Hobart College at 12 p.m. next Saturday. John Carroll, who entered the game No. 1 in the nation in points allowed per game, finishes the year at 9-2.

The Cardinals, ranked 25th nationally, trailed early on. After going three-and-out on its opening drive, the Blue Streaks scored on a 45-yard touchdown pass to take a 7-0 lead just four minutes into the game. The Fisher defense wouldn't allow a touchdown, however, after that.

The Blue Streaks made it 10-0 late in the first quarter. They penetrated inside the Fisher 10, but were forced to kick a 27-yard field goal.

On their very next possession, going against a 25-mile-an-hour wind, John Carroll drove 94 yards to inside the Fisher 5, but had to settle for three points yet again.

Trailing 13-0 with just under four minutes left, Fisher got on the board. The Cardinals marched 76 yards on 11 plays with quarterback Tyler Fenti scoring on a five-yard run

to make it 13-7 at the half.

Fisher took a 14-13 lead midway through the third quarter. After John Carroll fumbled on its opening drive of the second half, the Cardinals marched 56 yards, but couldn't convert on a fourth-and-goal play from the Blue Streaks 3. On the very next play, however, Ryan Seymour intercepted pass on the left sidelines and scored on the 13-yard return.

John Carroll took the lead back at 16-14 with 9:36 left. After a rough-the-kicker penalty kept the drive alive and two fourth-down conversions, the Blue Streaks converted a 34-yard field goal into the wind.

Fisher, however, came right back. Fisher drove 66 yards on nine plays with Nathan Nigolian scoring a 15-yard pass from Fenti. The duo also hooked up on a two-point conversion to make it 22-16 with 5:56 left. Dan Rudy picked up 23 yards on a third-and-14 from the Fisher 42 to keep the drive alive.

Mike Guinta made his sixth interception of the year - and his fifth in the last six games - on the next possession - right near midfield.

After eight consecutive rushes from Cody Miller, senior kicker Brendan Carey delivered a career-long 39-yard field goal to make it 25-16 with 1:54 left.

Fisher sealed the win with Bryant Moore making his second interception of the day at Fisher 13 with less than a minute left.