

2000 IHSAA Boys Swimming and Diving State Finals

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Columbus North wins third

straight state championship

Three meet records fell and Columbus North successfully defended its state title in the 63rd Annual Indiana High School Athletic Association Boys Swimming and Diving State Finals Feb. 26, 2000 at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis.

Columbus North won two individual titles and two relay championships while accumulating 229 points to 170 for runner-up Carmel. They were followed by Hamilton Southeastern (156), North Central of Indianapolis (137) and Fort Wayne Concordia (133).

Winning for the third straight year, Columbus North joined Carmel (1990-94) as the only schools to earn more than two consecutive IHSAA boys swimming and diving titles since 1980. The Bull Dogs lead the state in overall IHSAA boys swimming and diving titles with 10.

Mike Stoller, a junior at Bremen, won two events and set the first of three meet records. Stoller, who entered the meet as the top seed and also posted the best time in the preliminary round, swam to a convincing record time of 20.46 over 1999 state champion Conor LeeHaug of Columbus North. Stoller bettered the standard of 20.50 set by Andy McVey of Beech Grove in 1986. It was the oldest state finals swimming record on the books. Stoller came back to win the 100 freestyle in 45.27 over the top-seeded LeeHaug. Stoller is the first swimmer from Bremen to win a state title.

Other meet records were set by Matt McDonald of Hamilton Southeastern in the 100 butterfly and Bryce Hunt of Castle in the 100 backstroke. McDonald, a junior, was clocked in 48.06. That bettered the time of 48.38 by Jason Lancaster of Carmel in 1994. Hunt cruised in the backstroke, winning by more than a second over top-seed Matt McDonald of Hamilton Southeastern and lowering the state meet record by .19 seconds.

Senior Alec Sheehy of Columbus North set the pace by successfully defending his 200 individual medley title. Sheehy's time of 1:52.87 was identical to his winning time in 1999.

His teammate, junior Ryan Wochomurka, preceded Sheehy's triumph by capturing the 200 freestyle in the 1:40.01 to put Columbus North in control early.

The Bull Dogs also won the 200 freestyle relay and the 400 freestyle relay with Wochomurka, Sheehy and LeeHaug participating on both units.

In the diving competition, Mitch Richeson of Greenwood led wire to wire, taking top honors with a 455.60 total.

Championship Results

1.	Columbus North	229
2.	Carmel	170
3.	Hamilton Southeastern	156
4.	North Central (Indianapolis)	137
5.	Fort Wayne Concordia	133
6.	Castle	127
7.	Chesterton	115
8.	Center Grove	108
9.	Crawfordsville	106
10.	Munster	104.5
11.	Highland	77
12.	Penn	74
13.	Lake Central	68
14.	Roncalli	66
15.	Plainfield	57
16.	Delta	45.5
17.	Bremen	40
18.	Franklin Central	36.5
19.	Homestead	28.5
20.	Bloomington South	27
21.	Crown Point Richmond	24
23.	Bedford North Lawrence	23
24.	Kokomo West Lafayette	21
26.	Greenwood	20
27.	Merrillville Northridge	19

29.	Anderson Griffith South Bend Clay	17
32.	LaPorte Lowell Pendleton Heights Perry Meridian	16
36.	East Noble Edgewood	13
38.	Evansville Memorial Warsaw	12
40.	Manchester	9
41.	Harrison (West Lafayette) Providence	8
43.	Franklin Huntington North Norwell	7
46.	Frankfort	6
47.	Fort Wayne Northrop	5
48.	Lafayette Jefferson Twin Lakes	4
50.	Concord Valparaiso Wawasee Western	3
54.	Floyd Central South Vermillion	2
56.	Maconaquah	1

Mount Vernon
Noblesville

Event Champions

200 Medley Relay -- Hamilton Southeastern (Matt McDonald, Tyler Keltner, Brad Rodecker, Scott Tabor), 1:35.32.

200 Freestyle -- Ryan Wochomurka, Columbus North, 1:40.01.

200 Individual Medley -- Alec Sheehy, Columbus North, 1:52.87.

50 Freestyle -- Michael Stoller, Bremen, 20.46. *State meet record; old record, 20.50 by Andy McVey, Beech Grove, 1986.*

One Meter Diving -- Mitch Richeson, Greenwood, 455.60.

100 Butterfly -- Matt McDonald, Hamilton Southeastern, 48.06. *State meet record; old record, 48.38 by Jason Lancaster, Carmel, 1994.*

100 Freestyle -- Michael Stoller, Bremen, 45.27.

500 Freestyle -- Brian Hartley, North Central (Indianapolis), 4:28.91.

200 Freestyle Relay -- Columbus North (Ryan Wochomurka, Kyle Fellerhoff, Alec Sheehy, Conor Leeaug), 1:26.00.

100 Backstroke -- Bryce Hunt, Castle, 49.42. *State meet record; old record, 49.61 by Todd Smolinski, Lake Central, 1998.*

100 Breaststroke -- Andrew Albright, Carmel, 58.23.

400 Freestyle Relay -- Columbus North (Ryan Wochomurka, Kevin Wheatley, Alec Sheehy, Conor Leeaug), 3:08.66.

Sheehy named Mental Attitude Award Recipient

Alex Sheehy of Columbus North High School was named the 2000 recipient of the IHSAA Herman F. Keller Mental Attitude Award in Boys Swimming and Diving.

He was a member of three state championship teams for the Bull Dogs, and won two individual titles. Sheehy won the 200 individual medley title in the 1999 and 2000 state finals, and also was on two winning relay units each year.

Academically, Sheehy ranks 16th in a class of 380 students. He is a member of the National Honor Society and earned a National Merit Scholarship commendation. He plans to attend Stanford University on an athletic scholarship, with the career goal of earning a medical degree.

Sheehy is the first athlete from Columbus North to receive the Keller Award, which is named in honor of the late assistant commissioner of the IHSAA.

Farm Bureau Insurance, the corporate partner of the IHSAA, awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Columbus North High School in Sheehy's name.