

Zone 6

Winter 2016-17

Zone 6 is comprised of teams from Southwest Michigan. The main conferences within our zone are the South Michigan Athletic Conference, and the Southwestern and Central Michigan Swim Conference. Competing in the South Michigan Athletic Conference (SMAC) is Battle Creek Central, Battle Creek Lakeview, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix, Bridgman (co-op), Mattawan (co-op), Kalamazoo Central, Portage Central, Portage Northern, and St. Joseph. The Southwestern and Central Michigan Swim Conference is comprised of: Allegan, Plainwell, Alma, South Haven, Otsego, Sturgis, Marshall and Harper Creek. Also from our area but not in a league, Coldwater.

During this 2016-7 season, the Boys from zone 6 very strong at the local and the state level. In the SMAC Conference Championships, winning was Loy Norrix a first and beating Portage Central by 50 points. In the SCC, conference champs was Marshall beating Otsego by only 44 points.

Finishing the highest at the state level, Portage Central placed 8th at the Division 2 State Championships and Otsego finished 6th at the Division 3 State Meet. Big shout out to Willie English for Diving Coach of the Year at the Division 2 Meet.

Nominations for Coach of the Zone

Darryl Belton (Otsego) Runner up at the SCC league meet. Then went on to place the highest out of the Zone at state with a 6th

Paul Mahar (Loy Norrix). Paul has developed (and grown) the Loy Norrix swim team into a large, and powerful force in the SMAC. His Knights won their first EVER conference championship with a very strong performance (50 point margin) at the league championship meet. At the state D2 meet, Loy Norrix finished 23rd. This is not a onetime fluke year for the Knights, as Paul has been building and developing these swimmers for several years. His teams will be strong (and well coached) for many years to come.

Jim Schafer: Coach had a very strong showing at the D2 State meet. Many top 16 finishes and a state champ in the 200 Free.

Kyle Oberlin: Coached 2 divers Ryan Mullen and Chris Kelly to a 2nd/3rd place finish at the State meet.

Rob Brownell - He has steadily built his program, which is more successful year after year.

Nominations for Swimmer of the Zone

Owen Miller (Portage Central). Owen swam the 200 free and 500 free at the SMAC championship meet, winning the 200 with a new BCC pool record (1:43.72), and the 500 with a new BCC pool record (4:39.93). At the D2 state meet, Owen helped his team to an 8th place finish by winning the 200 free (1:41.30), placing 3rd in the 500 free (4:33.51), and 8th in the 400 free relay (his split was a lead off

:47.29). He has so much drive and talent, yet it's his hard work that has really earned him so much success at such a young age.

Brennan Richardson (Otsego) Placed 4th in the 200 free and 500 free and was the anchor of the 5th place 200 and 400 Free relays. All State in 4 events.

Nominations for Diver of the Zone

Levi Youmans (BC Lakeview). Levi led a SMAC sweep of the top three places winning the Div. 2 state meet by over 30 points (over conference rivals Ryan Mullen (2nd) of Loy Norrix and Chris Kelly (3rd) of Mattawan). Levi placed 2nd in the SMAC meet to Ryan Mullen. Levi won the Diver of the year for D2 State meet and is not eligible for both. Congratulations Levi!

Ryan Mullen (Loy Norrix) A great diver in a great diving conference. SMAC Conference Champ, 2nd place State meet

Winning Zone Coach of the Year is Paul Mahar from Loy Norrix Congratulations!

Winning Swimmer of the Zone is Owen Mille from Portage Central. Congratulations!

Winning Diver of the Zone Ryan Mullen from Loy Norrix. Congratulations!

Team Conference Scoring

SMAC East Team Results

1. Loy Norrix 598
2. Portage Central 548
3. Battle Creek Lakeview 538
4. Mattawan High School 494
5. St Joseph High School 328
6. Portage Northern High School 204
7. Bridgman High School 169
8. Battle Creek Central 137
9. Kalamazoo Central 105

Southwestern & Central Team Results

1. Marshall High School 489
2. Otsego High School 445
3. Harper Creek High School 348
4. Allegan High School 302
5. Plainwell High School 288
6. Alma High School 211
7. South Haven High School 141
8. Sturgis High School 77

Champions of Each Event at the League Meets

SMAC Individual/Relay Champions

- 200 MR Portage Central, (Weber, Cole, Liu, Pererson) 1:41.16
200 Free Owen Miller, Portage Central 1:43.72 Pool record
200 IM Jacob Cole Portage Central 1:59.13 Pool record
50 Free Jack Rogers, Portage Central 21.57
Diving Ryan Mullen, Loy Norrix 478.95 Pool Record
100 Fly Blake Little, Lakeview 53.13
100 Free Jack Rogers, Portage Central 47.89
500 Free Owen Miller, Portage Central 4:39.93 Pool record
200 Free Relay Mattawan (White, Payerle, Brown, Short) 1:31.04
100 Back Sam Weber, Portage Central 54.43
100 Breast Jacob Cole Portage Central 1:02.88
400 Free Relay Portage Central (Weber, Ghazal, Miller, Rogers) 3:17.03

Southwestern and Central Michigan Swim Conference

200 MR Marshall (Huyge, Morgan, Lang, Vezmar) 1:41.21
200 Free Brennan Richardson, Otsego 1:45.11 SCC Record and Pool Record
200 IM Mark Lang, Marshall 1:57.64 SCC Record
50 Free, Ricky Holly Plainwell 22.04 SCC Record
Diving Nate Greenway, Allegan 363.75
100 Fly Mark Lang, Marshall 52.28 SCC Record
100 Free Sy TerAvest, Allegan 49.62
500 Free Brennan Richardson, Otsego 453.56
200 Fr.Relay Otsego (Jirgens, Grile, Richardson, Sparks) 1:30.69 SCC Record
100 Back Weston Rife, Allegan 56.27
100 Breast Broderick Ross, Alma 1:00.66 SCC Record
400 Fr.Relay Otsego (David, Sparks, Coe, Richardson) 3:17.58 SCC Record

Team State Scoring

Division 2

Portage Central 8th Place 117pts.
Mattawan 18th 30 pts.
BC Lakeview 22nd Place 25 pts
Loy Norrix 23rd 19 pts

Division3

Otsego 6th Place 129 Pts.
Alma 15th Place 29 Pts
Marshall 19th Place 39 pts
Plainwell 24th Place 16pts.
Allegan 28th Place 11 pts
Harper Creek 28th Place 11 Pts.

State Individual / Relay Scorers

Division 2

200 Medley Relay Portage Central 10th Place 1:39.49
200 Free Owen Miller Portage Central State Champion!!! 1:41.30
200 IM Jacob Cole, Portage Central 11th Place 1:58.83
50 Free Jack Rogers, Portage Central 8th Place 21.71
Diving Levi Youmans, State Champion!!! Lakeview 483.25
 Ryan Mullen, Loy Norrix 2nd Place 452.40
 Chris Kelly Mattawan 3rd Place 434.25
100 Fly Blake Little, Lakeview 12th Place 52.99
100 Free Jack Rogers, Portage Central 8th Place 47.48
 Ryan Short, Mattawan 15th Place 48.36
500 Freestyle Owen Miller, 3rd Place Portage Central 4:33.51
 Sam Weber 9th Place Portage Central 4:44.55
 Ferris Ghazal 16th Place Portage Central 4:54.11
200 Free Relay Mattawan 15th Place 1:30.27, Loy Norrix 16th 1:31.39
100 Back Scott Sam Weber 10th Place Portage Central 54.84
400 Free Relay Portage Central 8th Place 3:14.16, Mattawan 13th Place 3:17.92

Division 3

200 Medley Relay Otsego 10th Place 1:39.90, Marshall 15th Place 1:40.93

200 Free Brennan Richardson, Otsego 4th Place 1:43.18

Kyle Lovas Alma 9th Place 1:44.00

Trevor Sparks, Otsego 11th Place 1:45.59

200 IM Mark Lang Marshall 3rd Place 1:55.83

Broderick Ross, Alma 6th Place 1:59.21

Traxel Jirgens Otsego 10th Place 2:00.98

Diving Nate Greenway, Allegan 16th Place 325.15

100 Fly Mark Lang, Marshall 7th Place 52.35

100 Free Trevor Sparks, Otsego 8th Place 48.20

500 Free Kyle Lovas, Alma 3rd Place 4:44.14

Brennan Richardson, Otsego 4th Place 4:44.20

Ethan Wilson, Harper Creek 4:57.34

200 Free Relay Otsego 5th Place 1:27.80, Allegan 12th Place 1:29.85, Plainwell 16th Place 1:31.55

100 Breast Broderick Ross Alma 7th Place 59.19

Traxel Jirgens, Otsego 12th Place 1:00.55

Landon Morgan, Marshall 13th Place 1:00.92

400 Free Relay Otsego 5th Place 3:12.34, Marshall 14th Place 3:19.10. Plainwell 16th Place 3:24.37