

## WHS Swimmers Dominant Again

Written by Mike Kelly

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The Watauga High men's and women's swim teams had an easy time besting the field Wednesday night in Wilkesboro.

The WHS women, who won eight events, defeated Alexander Central 117-37, Wilkes Central 118-24, and North Wilkes 106-40. The Pioneers swept

all three relay events, the 200 medley (Doria Kosmala, Darby Middlebrook, Anne Taylor, Hailey Middlebrook in 2:04.85), the 200 free style (Cheyenne Hayler, Alise Blair, Suzie Barker, Dakota Wilson in 2:10.13), and the 400 free style (Hailey Middlebrook, Doria Kosmala, Darby Middlebrook, Anne Taylor in 4:04.37); Darby Middlebrook won two events, the 200 free style (2:09.94) and the 100 breast stroke (1:13.38); Anne Taylor captured the 200 IM (2:30.03) and the 100 butterfly (1:08.34); Hailey Middlebrook won the 100 back stroke (1:09.88).

I thought we swam well," said WHS coach David Gragg. "During this time of year, you have to deal with illness and just tired bodies. I thought we fought through both and had some good swims. Having the cross country runners back in the water helped. Darby and Hailey Middlebrook had some impressive swims to begin their seasons. Anne Taylor has allowed me to use her in events where I need her to help the team while not even swimming in her strongest. Sidney Wiswell swam well in the 500 freestyle, and I look forward to getting her into other events. Overall, I have been impressed with the willingness of the girls to just swim whatever I ask."

The men, like the women, pretty much dominated by winning eight events. WHS defeated Alexander Central 93-37, Wilkes Central 97-38 and North Wilkes 100-10. Marcus Funston, Sean Zumbo, Justin Zumbo were all dual winners. Funston won both the 100 (59:97) and 200 free style (2:04.38) events; Sean Zumbo won the 200 IM (2:28.72) and the 500 free style (6:14.10); Justin Zumbo won the 100 butterfly (1:03.15) and the 100 breast stroke (1:11.63). The Pioneers also captured the 200 free style (Sam Erwin, Berkly Wilcox, Ben Watson, Brandon Michelson in 1:49.07) and 400 free style (Noah Allain, Sam Erwin, Ben Watson, Justin Zumbo in 4:01.40) relay events.

"The guys' team had strong swims for early in the season" Gragg said. "They put up some fast times for a pool not considered a fast pool. This bodes well for our goal of winning conference. While we did not have a full team, we swam well against one another in many events. We have to work on the minor details to improve. They push each other in practice and during meets. We have to get some of the newer faces in events to get them the experience they need to help score at conference."

WHS travels to Lenior-Rhyne Univeristy for a quad meet hosted by St. Stephens next Wednesday, December 7. WHS, St. Stephens, Hickory and South Caldwell will make up the four-team field.

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### WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS:

#### Women:

Watauga – 118, Wilkes Central – 24

Watauga – 106, North Wilkes – 40

Watauga – 117, Alexander Central – 37

#### 200 Medley Relay

1. WHS 2:04.85

(Doria Kosmala, Darby Middlebrook, Anne Taylor, Hailey Middlebrook)

3. WHS 2:26.12

(Dakota Wilson, Alise Blair, Sophia Prisco, Sidney Wiswell)

#### 200 Free

1. Darby Middlebrook 2:09.94

2. Cheyenne Hayler 2:47:19

6. Riley Dobbins 3:23.03

#### 200 IM

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1. Anne Taylor 2:30.03
2. Doria Kosmala 2:39.53.

### 50 Free

2. Hailey Middlebrook 28.17
5. Alise Blair 30.59
7. Kiley Winkleman 33.94
- Eliza Enterline 34.07
- Suzie Barker 34.75
- Olivia Fowler 35.50
- Brittany Brown 37.90
- Kat Welsh 40.12
- Marah Al-Habeeb 43.44
- Hanna Reeves 44.40
- Megan Critcher 47.31

### 100 Fly

1. Anne Taylor 1:08.34

### 100 Free

2. Doria Kosmala 1:02.97
4. Cheyenne Hayler 1:13.28
6. Suzie Barker 1:21.00

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### 500 Free

2. Sideney Wiswell 7:35.38
3. Sophia Prisco 8:24.19

### 200 Free Relay

1. WHS 2:10.13  
(Cheyenne Hayler, Alise Blair, Suzie Barker, Dakota Wilson)
- 4 WHS 2:20.47  
(Kiley Winkleman, Riley Dobbins, Olivia Fowler, Eliza Enterline)

### 100 Back

1. Hailey Middlebrook 1:09.88
3. Dakota Wilson 1:27.78
- Olivia Fowler 1:55.16

### 100 Breast

1. Darby Middlebrook 1:13.38
4. Alise Blair 1:27.22
5. Eliza Enterline 1:38.41

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### 400 Free Relay

1. WHS 4:04.37

(Hailey Middlebrook, Doria Kosmala, Darby Middlebrook, Anne Taylor)

3. WHS 5:20.07

(Cheyenne Hayler, Suzie Barker, Olivia Fowler, Dakota Wilson)

4. WHS 5:29.07

(Sidney Wiswell, Sophia Prisco, Riley Dobbins, Kiley Wnkleman)

### Men:

Watauga – 93, Alexander Central – 37

Watauga – 97, Wilkes Central – 38

Watauga – 100, North Wilkes – 10

### 200 Medley Relay

3. WHS 2:27.75

(Adam Patton, Berkley Wilcox, Sean Zumbo, Luke Johnson)

DQ. WHS 1:55.18

(Justin Zumbo, Josh Herman, Marcus Funston, Noah Allain)

### 200 Free

1. Marcus Funston 2:04.38

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2. Noah Allain 2:08.65
3. Ben Watson 2:20.94

### 200 IM

1. Sean Zumbo 2:28.72
2. Josh Herman 2:37.03

### 50 Free

2. Sam Erwin 25.88
  3. Brandon Michelson 26.63
  6. Berkley Wilcox 28.21
- Adam Patton 31.91  
Brian Brackney 34.25  
Luke Johnson 36.59  
Andrew Vandenberg 50.00

### 100 Fly

1. Justin Zumbo 1:03.15
2. Noah Allain 1:03.19

### 100 Free

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1. Marcus Funston 53.97
3. Brandon Michelson 1:00.19

### 500 Free

1. Sean Zumbo 6:14.10
2. Ben Watson 6:37.41

### 200 Free Relay

1. WHS 1:49.07  
(Sam Erwin, Berkly Wilcox, Ben Watson, Brandon Michelson)
5. WHS 2:36.40  
(Adam Patton, Luke Johnson, Andrew Vandenberg, Brian Brackney)

### 100 Back

2. Sam Erwin 1:07.93

### 100 Breast

1. Justin Zumbo 1:11.63
2. Josh Herman 1:17.69

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### **400 Free Relay**

1. WHS 4:01.40

(Noah Allain, Sam Erwin, Ben Watson, Justin Zumbo)

2. WHS 4:07.63

(Brandon Michelson, Sean Zumbo, Josh Herman, Marcus Funston)