

Clark Burckle Catholic Sports Hall of Fame Resume

Introduction:

Clark grew up competing in any and every sport he had access to. From an early age, he excelled in swimming, in particular. Clark attended grade school at Sacred Heart Model School, where he won numerous Catholic Grade School Meet titles. After SHMS, he moved on to Saint X, where he led the Tigers to 4 consecutive State Championships, losing only one race after his freshman year, becoming one of the most decorated athletes in Kentucky High School Swimming history. He capped his time at Saint X with an individual and relay High School National Title - ranked number one in the country in both. Additionally, Clark was an Honors student at Saint X and a National Merit semi-finalist.

Clark continued to excel in the pool and classroom through college, graduating from the University of Arizona as an 11-time All-American, National Champion and School record holder. After college, Clark's competitive career culminated with a 6th place finish at the London Olympic Games in 2012, swimming for the United States of America. With this accomplishment, Clark became the only male Olympic Swimmer from the city of Louisville, and one of two from the state.

Clark received an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business in 2015 and now lives and works in Louisville, running operations for his father's club management business. Also, Clark was inducted to the Saint X Hall of Fame in the Class of 2015

Education:

- Grade School: Sacred Heart Model School, Class of 2002
- High School: Saint Xavier High School, Class of 2006
- College: University of Arizona, Class of 2011
- Graduate School: Stanford Graduate School of Business, Class of 2015

Competitive Swimming Accolades:

- ***Grade School Swimming:***
 - (CSAA) Catholic Grade School Meet Champion and Record Holder in 1st - 2nd, 3rd - 4th and 5th - 8th grade categories
- ***High School Swimming:***
 - Individual National High School Champion 2006, Men's 100 Breast (Also, State Record)
 - Relay National High School Champion 2006, Men's 20 Medley Relay
 - 2005 and 2006 Kentucky High School Male Swimmer of the Year
 - 5-time KHSAA Individual State Champion
 - 13 Time High School All-American
 - 4-time All-State Team Selection
 - Saint X Record Holder in 200 IM, 500 Free, 100 Breast and 200 Medley relay

- Sain X Hall of Fame inductee Class of 2015
- **College Swimming:**
 - 2010 NCAA D-I National Champion, Men's 200 Breast
 - 11-Time NCAA All-American
 - 2009 ESPN Academic All-American Team
 - 2008 SEC High Point Winner (most individual points scored at meet), Individual Champion 400 IM and 200 Breast
 - 2009 and 2011 World University Games Team Selection
- **Club Swimming:**
 - 35 (and possibly more - can't find all records from past years) Kentucky State Records across all age groups from 1996 - 2007. Would hold more if my professional swimming times would have been done for Lakeside.
 - 2006 USA 18 and Under National Junior Team. Champion in the 400 IM.
 - 2006 USA Nationals 18 and Under National Champion
 - 2007 - 2013 United State National Team Member
 - 2007 Japan International meet w/ United States selected team
- **Professional Swimming (Post-Graduate)**
 - 2012 United States Olympic Team Member and 6th place finisher, Men's 200 Meter Breast
 - 2012 United States World Championship Team Member and 6th place finisher, Men's 200 Meter Breast
 - 2011 Pan American Games Team Member and 2nd Place Finisher, Men's 200 Meter Breast
 - Multiple United States Nationals champion and medalist (2008 - 2013)
- **Masters Swimming**
 - World Record Holder, Men's 200 Meter Breast (25 - 29 Age Group)
 - 4-Time USMS Masters National Champion

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St. X's Burckle is modest and one great swimmer

Clark Burckle on Clark Burckle: "I guess I've always been pretty good."

Lakeside swim coach Mike DeBoor on Burckle: "Right now, he's pretty close to being the best, most complete male swimmer ever to come out of Kentucky."

Pretty good, my Speedos.

If you want insight into Burckle's athletic brilliance, don't ask him. Ask his admirers. The St. Xavier High School senior is too driven, too laid-back, and when attention comes his way, too forgetful. He didn't tell his folks about this column, so they were surprised when I called to ask them questions. During Clark's interview 10 hours earlier -- after a morning swim at the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center -- friends walked by, poking fun at his stardom, which made his demeanor take on an aw-shucks quality.

"He's just a good kid," said Chris Burckle, Clark's dad. "I wish I'd been that good of a kid."

ADVERTISEMENT The father, a former University of Louisville swimmer, could say the same about his son's talent in the pool. Clark leaves for Melbourne, Australia, on Friday to compete with the U.S. Junior National Team in the Victoria State Championships.

His first international competition places him with the world's top junior swimmers from the United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Great Britain. He is the lone Kentuckian among 36 Americans.

"I hope I do well," Clark said. "I really hope I do well."

'A strong family'

Here's guessing Clark will be fine. He'll compete in several events, including the 200- and 400-meter individual medleys, his babies. He already has qualified for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials in the 400 IM.

Since the program began in 1989, 47 swimmers, or 10 percent of the junior team's alumni, have become Olympians. Twenty-three made the 2004 Olympic team, which accounted for more than half of the roster.

Yet another great athlete has developed in the Burckle family. Clark's mother, Jill, played tennis at Indiana University. His sister, Caroline, is a sophomore swimmer at Florida. She's a freestyler who was the 2005 Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year and also has qualified for the 2008 trials. Clark's youngest brother, 8-year-old Collin, is already swimming, too.

"We're waiting on a tennis player," Chris joked.

Said DeBoor, who watched Caroline and Clark grow at Lakeside: "Caroline and Clark are very tight. Caroline has an unlimited amount of talent, and she's helped push Clark to want more.

"Chris and Jill, they develop their children by knowing not to push too hard."

Mr. Know-It-All

Clark, who will soon join his sister at Florida, is a swimming junkie, an Internet surfer who studies everyone's best times and splits. DeBoor tells the story of a 12-year-old Clark coming to him 10 days before a big meet and saying he would beat a highly seeded opponent. When DeBoor asked how, Clark rattled off times and calculations of how much he needed to improve.

"He hit it right on target," DeBoor said. "He had analyzed it out. And he beat the kid."

Said Chris: "He's always just loved the water. And he just has a healthy view of competition."

Clark considered himself a below-average swimmer once. He was 7. Then he turned 8, started competing and the drive to win helped him improve quickly.

He's blossoming on schedule. If he used to get by on willpower and love, now he is gaining the strength necessary to compete at the highest level.

"When I'm in the pool, it's definitely a time to forget about school and everything else," Clark said. "Just swim. I don't think about anything else. As long as I'm working hard, there's nothing else."

Publicity included.

HIGH SCHOOLS

SWIMMING

Burckles lead Sacred Heart, St. X to titles

By BOB WHITE
Special To The Courier-Journal

If you think that senior Caroline Burckle, Sacred Heart Academy's All-America swimmer, overshadows her younger brother, Clark, a sophomore at St. Xavier, think again.

"He's better than I am," Caroline said about Clark after each won two individual events and led their teams to titles in the Region Two Swimming and Diving Championships yesterday at the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center.

"We expect great things coming from Clark this year and in the next two years," said Caroline, a University of Florida signee who has qualified for the Olympic Trials.

She won the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events and anchored Sacred Heart's 200-medley and 400-free relays that broke regional records. Her performance helped Sacred Heart win nine of the 12 events and compile 419 points to runner-up Manual's 315.

Clark Burckle won the 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke as St. X, the state champion the past 15 years, grabbed the boys' title with 460½ points. The Tigers won eight events, including two by senior Kyle Peterson.

Manual, led by double winner Brad Hubbard, took second with 194 points.

The first two finishers in each event qualified for the State Meet Feb. 27-28 in Lexington, along with the 14 best at-large performances from the other regions.

Caroline Burckle, who has won 12 individual state titles, will be seeking her fourth straight victories in the 200 and 500 free when Sacred Heart defends its crown.

Clark Burckle finished third in the 200 IM at last year's State Meet but hopes to win it this year.

"I think I can if I swim well," he said.

Does Clark feel as if he's competing

in the shadows of Caroline?

"Not really," he said. "We get along real well. I think we support each other."

"Clark is a super swimmer and very dedicated," St. X coach Marty O'Toole said. "He loves the sport, just like his sister. They're competitors. It runs in the family."

Caroline's time of 4 minutes, 56.16 seconds in the 500 free was way off the State Meet record of 4:49.38 she set last year.

"She wasn't at the top of her game today," Sacred Heart coach Scott Miller said. "She was running a fever several days ago, but as always she pulled through."

Caroline and Clark Burckle both were named the meet's power-point winners, which combines yesterday's times with their national times.

Manual, coached by Gary Webb, won the combined team title (boys and girls), beating Ballard 509-242.

Other Sacred Heart standouts were Abby McGregor, who broke her own regional record with a 1:04.7 clocking in the 100 breaststroke, and Devon Callaghan, who won the 200 IM and 100 butterfly. Callaghan was third and second, respectively, in those events as a freshman at the 2003 State Meet.

"I hope I can (win both) to bring points to our team so we can win the State again," Callaghan said. "It's nice to be a sophomore. You have that experience before, and you're not quite as nervous."

Lindsay Donald, the lone senior on Manual's team, placed second to Burckle in the 200 free but won the 100 free in 53.15.

"Caroline is an awesome swimmer, and I love racing her," Donald said. "I train with her every day, and it's fun. She's always positive."

Another thing that excited Donald is that Manual's second-place medley relay team is all freshmen.

"I want everybody to know that," she said.



PHOTOS BY BILL LUSTER, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

Devon Callaghan of Sacred Heart churned her way to victory in the 200 individual medley. The sophomore also captured the 100 butterfly.



Brad Hubbard won the 200 and 500 freestyle events, helping the Manual boys finish second. Manual's girls also were second.



Sacred Heart All-American Caroline Burckle captured the 200 and 500 freestyles and anchored two winning relay teams.

Sacred Heart's Sarah Menefee and Claire Seiffert repeated as regional champs in the 100 backstroke and one-meter diving event, respectively.

Hubbard, a junior, gave Manual first in the 200 and 500 free. His time in the 200 preliminaries ranked only fifth, but he won the final in 1:45.25.

"I felt great going out," he said. "Me and Max (Vernon, the runner-up from St. X) always are next to each other. I was the only one (top competitor) in

my heat. I knew I'd be in the top two (in the final). It was pretty neat with all those Lakeside Club kids in there."

Peterson, the state champion in the 50 free last year, won that event and the 100 fly. The events were scheduled back to back, but there was a little break between races.

"That didn't affect me," he said. "Both of my times were a little off my best, but right now that's good."

He wants to peak at the State Meet.

Yesterday's results

GIRLS
Team finish: Sacred Heart 419; Manual 315; Assumption 150; Christian Academy 106; South Oldham 90; Ballard 89; Seneca 52; May 44; Eastern 35; Central Hardin 30; Mercer 26; Oldham County 14; Kentucky County Day 12; Collegegate 4; Winfield Academy 2; Elizabethtown 2.

Individual events
(First and second place in each event advance to State Meet, plus 14 fastest at-large times from other regions)

200-yard medley relay 1. Sacred Heart (Abby McGregor, Sarah Menefee, Devon Callaghan, Caroline Burckle), 1:46.26 (regional record, breaks old mark of 1:46.50 by Sacred Heart in 2003); 2. Manual, 1:53.47; 3. Assumption, 1:56.05; 4. Christian Academy, 1:58.01.

200 freestyle 1. Burckle, Sacred Heart, 1:51.32; 2. Lindsay Donald, Manual, 1:54.55; 3. Sarah Bullock, Manual, 1:59.29; 4. Katie Entley, Sacred Heart, 2:00.12.

200 individual medley 1. Callaghan, Sacred Heart, 2:06.54; 2. Amanda Faulkner, Manual, 2:10.10; 3. Jennifer Forth, Seneca, 2:19.23; 4. Sarah Vincent, Assumption, 2:11.92.

50 freestyle 1. Molly Grutcher, Manual, 24.50; 2. Caroline Englehart, Manual, 25.15; 3. Lindsay Hattberg, Manual, 25.35; 4. Lillian Aulay, Sacred Heart, 25.76.

One-meter diving 1. Claire Seiffert, Sacred Heart, 379.70; 2. Abby Rhodes, Manual, 349.55; 3. Maddie Wilson, Sacred

Heart, 339.75; 4. Abby Layelle, Sacred Heart, 294.10.

100 butterfly 1. Callaghan, Sacred Heart, 57.44; 2. Forth, Seneca, 59.74; 3. Casey Walsh, South Oldham, 1:00.50; 4. Channing Underhill, Sacred Heart, 1:00.91.

100 freestyle 1. Donald, Manual, 53.15; 2. Menefee, Sacred Heart, 54.26; 3. Stephanie Hall, Sacred Heart, 54.47; 4. Crutcher, Manual, 54.90.

500 freestyle 1. Burckle, Sacred Heart, 4:56.16; 2. Bullock, Manual, 5:11.61; 3. Kati Chubbam, Sacred Heart, 5:18.52; 4. Cain Morgan, Ballard, 5:20.62.

200 freestyle relay 1. Manual (Crutcher, Samantha Wynne, Hattberg, Donald), 1:40.63; 2. Sacred Heart, 1:41.91; 3. Assumption, 1:47.16; 4. South Oldham, 1:48.91.

100 backstroke 1. Menefee, Sacred Heart, 58.46; 2. Faulkner, Manual, 59.39; 3. Welsh, South Oldham, 1:01.12; 4. Katie Smith, Assumption, 1:02.10.

100 breaststroke 1. McGregor, Sacred Heart, 1:04.70 (regional record, breaks old mark of 1:05.35 set in 2003); 2. Anna Montgomery, Manual, 1:07.82.

400 freestyle relay 1. Sacred Heart (Callaghan, Menefee, Burckle), 3:35.67 (regional record, breaks old mark of 3:36.55 by Manual, 2002); 2. Manual, 3:41.37; 3. Assumption, 3:50.77; 4. Christian Academy, 3:57.64.

BOYS

Team finish: St. Xavier 460; Manual 194; Ballard 153.

Trinity 143; Christian Academy 81; South Oldham 76; KCD 70;

Oldham County 62; Eastern 34; Mare 27; Collegegate 21; Seneca 12; North Hardin 12; Holy Cross 8; North Oldham 4; John Hardin 3.

Individual events

(First and second place in each event advance to State Meet, plus 14 fastest at-large times from other regions)

200 medley relay 1. St. Xavier (Frazier Miller, Cars Burckle, Kyle Peterson, Aaron Roberts), 1:37.34; 2. Manual, 1:45.30; 3. South Oldham, 1:47.53; 4. Trinity, 1:50.04.

200 freestyle 1. Brad Hubbard, Manual, 1:45.25; 2. Max Vernon, St. Xavier, 1:45.89; 3. Alex Kearney, St. Xavier, 1:48.35; 4. Jordan Waldman, Ballard, 1:47.05.

200 individual medley 1. Burckle, St. Xavier, 1:55.99; 2. Talmage Hocker, St. Xavier, 2:01.72; 3. Chris Cooper, St. Xavier, 2:03.39; 4. Carl Russell, Trinity, 2:04.65.

50 freestyle 1. Peterson, St. Xavier, 21.79; 2. Miller, St. Xavier, 22.62; 3. Elvis Burrows, Collegegate, 22.48; 4. Roberts, St. Xavier, 22.50.

One-meter diving 1. Ryan McIntosh, Trinity, 497.30; 2. Nick Campiano, St. Xavier, 462.65; 3. Robbo Lewis, St. Xavier, 480.39; 4. Brian Parker, Manual, 404.15.

100 butterfly

Huguenard, Manual, 53.41; 3. Kearney, St. Xavier, 54.11; 4. Nick Evans, Christian Academy, 54.70.

100 freestyle 1. Paul Augustus, Ballard, 49.97; 2.

Waterman, Ballard, 49.11; 3. Roberts, St. Xavier, 49.92; 4. Will Heyburn, KCD, 50.04.

500 freestyle 1. Hubbard, Manual, 4:48.63; 2. Vernon, St. Xavier, 4:51.22; 3. Travis Callaghan, St. Xavier, 4:53.47; 4. David Brown, St. Xavier, 4:57.73.

200 freestyle relay 1. St. Xavier (Peterson, Miller, Roberts, Vernon), 1:28.94; 2. Ballard, 1:32.60; 3. Christian Academy, 1:35.48; 4. Trinity, 1:36.61.

100 backstroke 1. Miller, St. Xavier, 53.57; 2. Augustus, Ballard, 53.90; 3. Hocker, St. Xavier, 55.91; 4. Josh Whelchel, Manual, 56.44.

100 breaststroke 1. Burckle, St. Xavier, 1:00.15; 2. Cooper, St. Xavier, 1:02.58; 3. Heyburn, KCD, 1:02.75; 4. Hayden Mann, St. Xavier, 1:04.14.

400 freestyle relay 1. St. Xavier (Kearney, Vernon, Burckle, Hocker), 3:19.67; 2. Ballard, 3:24.03; 3. Manual, 3:27.34; 4. Trinity, 3:32.33.

Combined team scores (girls and boys)

Manual 509; Ballard 242; Christian Academy 169; South Oldham 166.

Boys' team J. G. Barnett, Ballard

Girls' team Laura Fesse, South Oldham

Coach of the Year

BOYS

St. X ties national record with 40th title

By JOEY DEMLING
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LLEXINGTON, Ky. For many years now, St. Xavier High School has had the top boys' swimming program in Kentucky. Now the Tigers have a piece of a national record.

Yesterday at the University of Kentucky's Lancaster Aquatics Center, St. X won its unprecedented 10th straight State Swimming & Diving Championships and 40th overall, tying it for the most aquatic state titles by any school in the country.

It never gets old. St. X coach Murry O Toole said of winning. You see how inspired these kids were. They were in that mode the whole meet where they wanted to show how improved they were, and they did it.

St. X won three individual events and three relay races and used its superior depth to dust the field. The Tigers racked up 472.5 points to 200 for runner-up Covington Catholic. Manual was third with 141.

Our depth is crazy, junior Max Vernon said. We had a lot of people scoring.

The Tigers' showing was so impressive that they scored more points than did Manual in winning the combined girls and boys team title with 439.

This is really satisfying, O Toole said. We're glad to have all of our kids out here and doing their best. A lot of hard work went into this.

The 40 titles rank as the most in any sport in Kentucky and ties Honolulu Palanah for the most aquatic titles nationally. St. X is tied for second nationally for most titles in any sport; Little Rock has won 51 Arkansas boys' track and field championships.

Depth played a major role in St. X's amazing points, but the Tigers also had individual success in the 59th annual state meet.

Junior Max Vernon captured the Tigers' first individual title when he won the 500-yard freestyle in 4 minutes, 37.82 seconds. Lexington Catholic's Stan



"I'm happy with a first and a second and doing good for St. X," said Clark Burckle, who won the 100 breaststroke in 59.12 seconds and finished second in the 200 individual medley. "It's great to do well for the team."

Burckle was the top seed but finished second in 4:37.62.

I just wanted to try and hold on and stay up front, Vernon said. I knew it would be close with Stan because he's always tough.

Super sophomores Frazier Miller and Clark Burckle were the Tigers' other individual winners.

Miller took the 100 backstroke in 52.19, nipping Ballard senior Paul Augustus, who finished in 52.85.

Paul's a great friend of mine and al-

ways pushes me, Miller said. I felt real good and smooth. Everything was right. Clark Burckle won the 100 breaststroke in 59.12, with Kentucky Country Day's Will Heyburn second in 1:01.41.

I'm happy with a first and a second and doing good for St. X, said Burckle, who finished second in the 200 individual medley. It's great to do well for the team.

The Tigers got a solid showing from senior Kyle Peterson, who finished second in the 50 freestyle in 21.44, just be-

hind Lexington Catholic's Justin Corvin (21.36).

Burckle, Miller, Peterson and Aaron Roberts won the 200 medley relay in 1:34.99. Peterson, Miller, Vernon and Roberts captured the 200 freestyle relay in 1:26.27, a school record and just off the state record. Talmage Hocker, Alex Keeney, Burckle, Vernon provided the third relay title, taking the 400 freestyle in 3:14.75.

Scott's Chris Seitz, who is headed to the University of Texas, won the 200

freestyle in 1:41.30 and the 100 freestyle in 46.05.

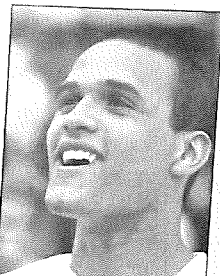
I'm pretty excited to get two events, he said. I swam faster (in the 100 free) last year, but overall I'm happy with winning both.

Simon Kenton's Evan Stowers, who was the Pioneer's top basketball player but quit earlier this season to concentrate on diving, won the 1-meter title with 530.40 points. Trinity's Ryan McIntosh was second at 507.05.

Lexington Paul Dunbar senior Bran-



Lexington Catholic's Justin Corvin won the 50-yard freestyle in 21.36 seconds, just edging St. Xavier senior Kyle Peterson (21.44).



Simon Kenton's Evan Stowers, who gave up basketball to focus on diving, earned the 1-meter championship with 536.40 points.

don Lovell also won two events and was named Most Outstanding Male Swimmer. He captured the 200 IM in 1:52.13 and the 100 butterfly in 49.63.

Burckle's marks help Valkyries seize title

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said. It was a team effort. But Burckle was the leader of the pack.

The University of Florida signee already has qualified for this summer's Olympic Trials in three events and yesterday accomplished another special feat. She won the 200 and 500 freestyle races for the fourth straight year, breaking both records. She also helped set records in the 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay.

I felt bad in warm-ups, but as the day went on I started to feel better, she said.

And in the final race of the day, the 400 freestyle relay, she capped her career by swimming the first leg and breaking the 100 freestyle state record with a 50.33-second clocking. The old mark, 50.87, was set by Beechwood's Taylor Bendel in 1994.

I told (Burckle) on Friday that she could set six state records, and she said, Well, how am I going to do that? Miller said. I told her she could lead off the relay and swim the first 50 and get the 50 record and then tomorrow get the rest of them.

She missed (the 50) by nine-hundredths of a second. I'm not surprised because nothing she does surprises me. She's just phenomenal.

Burckle won the 200 freestyle in 1:48, breaking Bendel's 10-year-old state record of 1:49.83.

I was going for the record in the back of my mind, she said. I felt bad in the warm-ups, but I felt a lot better after the (first) relay.

Burckle set the 500 freestyle state record as a sophomore, lowered it to 4:40.38 last year and then bettered that yesterday with a 4:44.76.

It's always cool to win in your last

meet, said Burckle, who now holds six records because she was part of the team that set the 200 freestyle relay mark in 2001.

But Burckle was not the lone star for the Valkyries. Callaghan, a sophomore, won the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly.

It's really exciting to win two events, she said. I'm just glad to be able to bring the points to my team.

Callaghan was most impressive in the 200 IM, setting a personal best by more than two seconds. She qualified second behind Madisonville's Emily Ewing but won the final in 2:04.01, while Ewing clocked 2:05.54.

I knew I needed to go out fast because I wasn't as strong in the breaststroke, Callaghan said. I just wanted to stay up there and not let her get away from me.

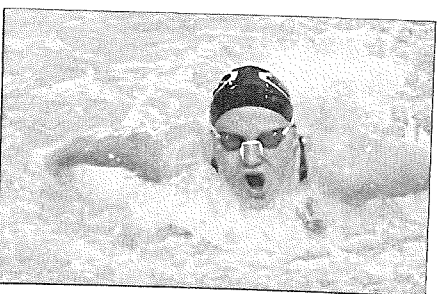
In the 100 butterfly, Callaghan was pushed early by Russellville's Rebekah Epley and then outlasted Seneca's Jennifer Forcht. Callaghan finished in 56.90, while Forcht was runner-up in 57.31.

It's one of my best events, Callaghan said. I was a little disappointed with how I swam yesterday, but it's truly exciting to swim well today.

Menefee, a senior, won the 100 backstroke in 57.75, edging defending state champion Emily Ewing of Madisonville, whose time was 58.23.

Everybody was having a good day, and I needed to stay up and be a senior, Menefee said. This was a total feel-good.

MacGregor, who qualified for the Olympic Trials in the 100 breaststroke, won that race in 1:54.35. Hall, also a sophomore, was second in 1:55.64. The Valkyries clinched the team title when those two finished 1-2 and Jenna Miller and junior Shannon Lowery matched



"It's really exciting to win two events," said Sacred Heart's Devon Callaghan, who captured the 200-yard individual medley and the 100 butterfly.



McKenzie Long, a junior from Conner High School, took the 1-meter diving title yesterday by compiling 473.95 points.

that in the consolation final.

The Valkyries started the day with a state record in the 200 medley relay as Burckle, Menefee, MacGregor and Callaghan clocked 1:45.52 to eclipse the mark of 1:46.56 they set last year.

It was really exciting to get started like that, Callaghan said. It got everybody ready to go and pumped up.

Sacred Heart then finished the event with another record, using Burckle's blazing first leg to go 3:29.50 in the 400 free relay. Menefee, Hall and Callaghan also were on that relay, which bested the mark of 3:32.95 set by the Valkyries in 2001.

Lindsay Donald won the 100 freestyle in 52.11 for Manual, which captured the girls' boys combined title with 439 points.

I was extremely nervous, maybe the most nervous I've ever been, Donald said. But I'm really excited. I knew it was going to be close.

Donald also was a member of the Crimsons' state championship 200 freestyle relay team along with Samantha Vignolo, Lindsay Hattberg and Molle Crutcher.

Notre Dame junior Katie Theissen was seeded fourth in the 50 freestyle but qualified first and won the final in 24.11.

Conner junior McKenzie Long finished with 473.95 points to take the 1-meter diving title over Lexington Catholic eighth grader Jessica Lyden.

Yesterday's results

(All distances in yards)

Final team standings - 1. St. Xavier 472.50; 2. Covington Catholic 220; 3. Manual 141; 4. Scott High 129.5; 5. Ballard 121; 6. Lexington Catholic 107; 7. Richmond 100; 8. Louisville 97; 9. Kentucky Country Day 85; 10. Morehead State 84; 11. Georgetown 83; 12. Owens County 82; 13. Hazard 81; 14. Boone 80; 15. Boone County 79; 16. Henry Clay 68; 17. Lexington 67; 18. South Boone 66; 19. Clay City 65; 20. Boone County 64; 21. Boone County 63; 22. South Boone 62; 23. Clay City 61; 24. Boone County 60; 25. Boone County 59; 26. Boone County 58; 27. Boone County 57; 28. Boone County 56; 29. Boone County 55; 30. Boone County 54; 31. Boone County 53; 32. Boone County 52; 33. Boone County 51; 34. Boone County 50; 35. Boone County 49; 36. Boone County 48; 37. Boone County 47; 38. Boone County 46; 39. Boone County 45; 40. Boone County 44; 41. Boone County 43; 42. Boone County 42; 43. Boone County 41; 44. Boone County 40; 45. Boone County 39; 46. Boone County 38; 47. Boone County 37; 48. Boone County 36; 49. Boone County 35; 50. Boone County 34; 51. Boone County 33; 52. Boone County 32; 53. Boone County 31; 54. Boone County 30; 55. Boone County 29; 56. Boone County 28; 57. Boone County 27; 58. Boone County 26; 59. Boone County 25; 60. Boone County 24; 61. Boone County 23; 62. Boone County 22; 63. Boone County 21; 64. Boone County 20; 65. Boone County 19; 66. Boone County 18; 67. Boone County 17; 68. Boone County 16; 69. Boone County 15; 70. Boone County 14; 71. Boone County 13; 72. Boone County 12; 73. Boone County 11; 74. Boone County 10; 75. Boone County 9; 76. Boone County 8; 77. Boone County 7; 78. Boone County 6; 79. Boone County 5; 80. Boone County 4; 81. Boone County 3; 82. Boone County 2; 83. Boone County 1; 84. Boone County 0; 85. Boone County 0; 86. Boone County 0; 87. Boone County 0; 88. Boone County 0; 89. Boone County 0; 90. Boone County 0; 91. Boone County 0; 92. Boone County 0; 93. Boone County 0; 94. Boone County 0; 95. Boone County 0; 96. Boone County 0; 97. Boone County 0; 98. Boone County 0; 99. Boone County 0; 100. Boone County 0.

50 freestyle - 1. Katie Theissen, Notre Dame, 24.11; 2. Lauren Wilson, Paul Dunbar, 24.14; 3. Molly Andrew, Notre Dame, 24.42.
100 freestyle - 1. Lindsay Hattberg, Manual, 49.63; 2. Emily Ewing, Manual, 50.87; 3. Emily Ewing, Manual, 50.87.
200 freestyle - 1. Emily Ewing, Manual, 1:45.52; 2. Emily Ewing, Manual, 1:46.56; 3. Emily Ewing, Manual, 1:46.56.
400 freestyle - 1. Emily Ewing, Manual, 3:29.50; 2. Emily Ewing, Manual, 3:32.95; 3. Emily Ewing, Manual, 3:32.95.
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Depth carries St. X to crown

Tigers win just two events but notch 15th title in row

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — St. Xavier High School swimming coach Marty O'Toole took one of his most inexperienced teams ever to the State Swimming and Diving Championships this weekend at the University of Kentucky's Lancaster Aquatics Center.

But those youngsters left a lasting impression.

The Tigers used their superior depth to post an impressive 441 points and claim the school's 15th consecutive title. Covington Catholic finished with 277 points, while Scott was third with 166.

"They grew up and showed what they are made of here," O'Toole said. "This one is really special, because we are so young."

Eleven of St. X's 23 swimmers making the event were newcomers, and just two were seniors.

The Tigers won just one individual event and one relay event but had at least two of the top five finishers in all but three of the 12 events.

"These young guys gave us a tremendous amount of depth, and they really came through," O'Toole said. "We didn't have a lot of winners, but we were consistent. Everybody just rose to the occasion."

The title was St. X's 39th overall, ranking it second nationally to Honolulu (Hawaii) Punahou, which had 40 before this season.

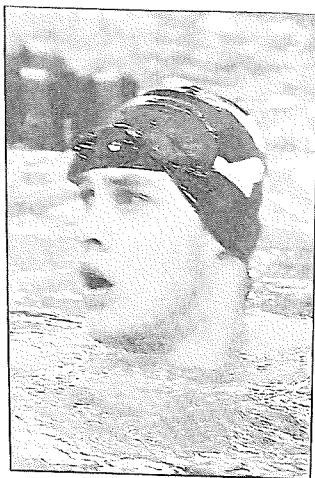
"It doesn't get old," said O'Toole, who has been the coach for all of the past 15 titles.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the day was St. X junior Kyle Peterson winning the 50-yard freestyle. Peterson, who had the third-fastest qualifying time, got off to a blazing start and finished in 21.59 seconds. He beat Covington Catholic's Michael Anderson (21.62) and teammate Evan Mulliken (21.72).

"I knew I had a chance, but I wasn't expecting to win," Peterson said. "I was kind of shocked, really."

He said his quick start was the key to winning the sprint.

"I had a really good first 25 and



St. X's Evan Mulliken looked at the time clock after finishing second in the 100 freestyle. He also was third in the 50 freestyle.

then kicked as hard as I could," he said.

Peterson also was a member of the 200 medley relay team that won the first event of the day in 1:37.51. The Tigers were fourth in the preliminaries in that event.

"Every since that first relay of the day we knew we were going to dominate," Peterson said. "We didn't think anybody could come close."

St. X sophomore Max Vernon finished second in the 200 and 500 freestyles, and freshman Clark Burckle was second in the 200 individual medley. Robbie Lewis was second and Nick Campisano third in the 1-meter diving, while Peterson was second in the 100 butterfly and Mulliken was second in the 100 freestyle.

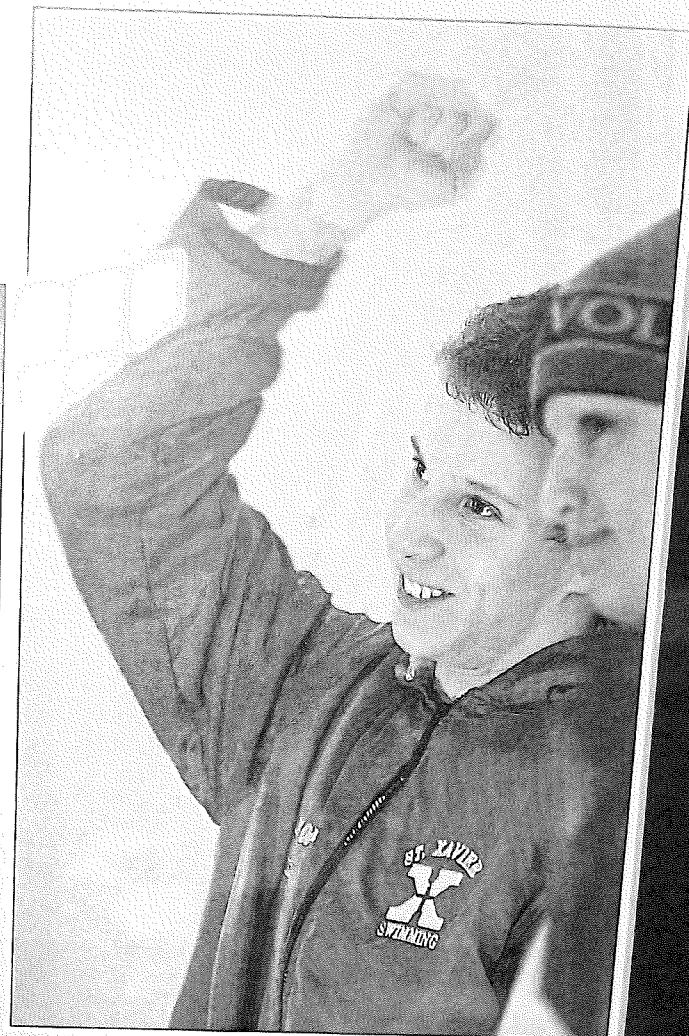
St. X wasn't the only success story from Louisville.

Kentucky Country Day senior Ben Grafchik repeated his 200 individual medley title. He finished in 1:52.71, easily beating the runner-up, Covington Catholic's Chris Hudepohl (1:56.06).

"I knew I should probably win," Grafchik said. "I just had to focus. I swam without any emotion (on Friday). I stayed focused and it paid off."

Grafchik, who has signed with the University of North Carolina, said the title was a nice way to end his career.

"It felt really good," he said. "I



PHOTOS BY STEWART BOWMAN, THE COURIER-JOURNAL
St. X's Kyle Peterson celebrated during the awards presentations. He won the 50-yard freestyle after having the third-fastest qualifying time.

knew my breaststroke wasn't the best, so I had to get out in the first 100 pretty quick. . . . I've already signed and everything, so this was just nice to get for my family, coach and friends. It's nice to go out as No. 1."

Grafchik also repeated as the 100 breaststroke champion in 50.81. Scott's Chris Seitz, who had the fastest qualifying time, was second in 51.40.

"It's always sweeter the second time," said Grafchik, who was named the Boys' Outstanding Swimmer. "Again, I didn't focus yesterday, so today I just had to come in and do what I needed to win the race. . . . I knew after the first 50 I had it."

Lexington Paul Dunbar's Kevin Teague, who is headed to the Naval Academy next fall, won the 1-meter diving competition for the fourth straight year. He scored 544.60 points to beat Lewis, who was second with

460.25.

Paul Dunbar junior Brandon Lovell claimed the 100 butterfly in 50.48. Peterson was second in 52.14.

"At about the 50 I was into my turn and there was nobody around," Lovell said. "That's usually a pretty good sign."

Scott's Jason Vadney repeated as champion in the 200 and 500 freestyles.

In the 200, Vadney was at a record-setting pace before posting a time of 1:39.98, just off the mark of 1:39.59 set by Nate Dusing in 1996. Vadney won the 500 in 4:34.26. Scott's Chris Seitz took the 100 freestyle in 45.71.

Covington Catholic won the 200 freestyle relay (1:27.28) and the 400 freestyle relay (3:12.08). Daviess County's Eric Carlson took the 100 breaststroke in 58.92.

Yesterday's results

(All distances in yards)

BOYS

Final team standings — 1. St. Xavier 441; 2. Covington Catholic 277; 3. Scott High 166; 4. Paul Dunbar 148; 5. Manual 120; 6. Lexington Christian Academy 119; 7. Saint Timothy 101; 8. Richmond Model and Ballard 96; 9. Daviess County 89; 10. Lexington Catholic 87; 11. Hopkinsville 68; 12. Henry Clay 64; 13. Boyle County 60; 14. Kentucky Country Day 57; 15. Tates Creek 50; 16. Greenwood 39; 17. Trinity 36; 18. Woodford County 33; 19. Glasgow 32; 20. Ashland 31; 21. Ashland Blazer 28; 22. Rose Hill 18; 23. Simon Kenton 15; 24. (tie) Highland 12; 25. (tie) Owensboro and Christian Academy 11; 26. University Heights 9; 27. South Oldham 8; 28. (tie) Munson County and Madisonville 7; 34. (tie) Ryle and Bowling Green 4; 36. Dixie Heights 1.

200 medley relay — 1. St. Xavier (Evan Mulliken, Chris Cooper, Aaron Roberts, Kyle Peterson) 1:37.51; 2. Lexington Christian Academy (Chase Foster, Tyler Morris, Jonathan Borders, Chad Feiler) 1:38.48; 3. Covington Catholic (Aaron Phair, Brian Poyer, Sean Dunphy, Patrick Collins) 1:58.77.

200 freestyle — 1. Jason Vadney, Scott High 1:39.98; 2. Max Vernon, St. Xavier 1:43.60; 3. Brad Hubbard, DuPont Manual 1:44.31.

200 individual medley — 1. Ben Grafchik, Ky Country Day 1:52.71; 2. Chris Hudepohl, Cov Catholic 1:56.06; 3. Clark Burckle, St. Xavier 1:59.01.

50 freestyle — 1. Kyle Peterson, St. Xavier 21.59; 2. Michael Anderson, Cov Catholic 21.62; 3. Evan Mulliken, St. Xavier 21.72.

1-meter diving — 1. Kevin Teague, Paul Dunbar 544.60; 2. Robbie Lewis, St. Xavier 460.25; 3. Nick Campisano, St. Xavier 423.80.

100 butterfly — 1. Brandon Lovell, Paul Dunbar 50.48; 2. Kyle Peterson, St. Xavier 52.14; 3. Jonathan Borders, Lexington Christian 52.38.

100 freestyle — 1. Chris Seitz, Scott High 45.71; 2. Evan Mulliken, St. Xavier 47.66; 3. Justin Corvix, Lexington Catholic 49.11.

500 freestyle — 1. Jason Vadney, Scott High 4:34.26; 2. Max Vernon, St. Xavier 4:42.27; 3. (tie) Dunbar 4:49.11.

200 freestyle relay — 1. Covington Catholic (Scott Anderson, Chuck Dyck, Conrad C. Campbell, Chad Foster, Tyler Morris, Jonathan Borders, Chad Feiler) 1:27.28; 2. St. Xavier (Evan Mulliken, Aaron Phair, Brian Poyer, Sean Dunphy, Patrick Collins) 1:58.77.

100 backstroke — 1. Ben Grafchik, Ky Country Day 50.81; 2. Chris Seitz, Scott High 51.40; 3. Michael Anderson, Cov Catholic 52.63.

breaststroke — 1. Eric Carlson, Daviess County 54.44; 2. Brandon Lovell, Paul Dunbar 58.92; 3. Chris Hudepohl, Cov Catholic 1:00.24.

400 freestyle relay — 1. Covington Catholic (Michael Anderson, Chuck Dyck, Conrad C. Campbell, Chad Foster, Tyler Morris, Jonathan Borders, Chad Feiler) 3:12.08; 2. Scott High (Andrew Smith, Jason Vadney, Tim Stevens, Chris Seitz) 3:15.15; 3. St. Xavier (Alex Kearney, Luke Neubauer, Patrick Ley, Max Vernon) 3:17.11.

GIRLS

Final team standings — 1. Sacred Heart 362; 2. Notre Dame 308; 3. Manual 189; 4. Paul Dunbar 159; 5. Madisonville 130; 6. Model 88; 7. Ballard 84; 8. Hopkinsville 63; 9. Lexington Catholic 53; 10. Russellville 52; 11. Assumption 46; 12. (tie) Bowling Green, Woodford County and Owensboro Catholic 43; 15. Daviess County 42; 16. Scott County 40; 17. Henry

Clay 39; 18. Tates Creek 36; 19. Greenwood 34; 20. Covington Latin 27; 21. (tie) Greenwood and Shelby County 26; 23. Ashland Blazer 25; 24. Scott High 24; 25. South Oldham 23; 26. Seneca 21; 27. Brown 19; 28. Comer 16; 29. Lafayette 14; 30. Highlands 13; 31. Paducah Tighmen 12; 32. Dixie Heights 11; 33. Christian Academy 8; 34. (tie) Villa Madonna and Glasgow 7; 36. (tie) Danville and Owensboro 6; 38. Simon Kenton 5; 39. (tie) Male, Franklin County and Wayne 4; 42. Ryle 3.

200 medley relay — 1. Sacred Heart Academy (Dustin McWhorter, Abby MacGregor, Devon Callaghan, Caroline Burckle) 1:46.36; 2. Paul Laurence Dunbar (Stephanie Hall, Devon Callaghan, Erin O'Connor, Caroline Burckle) 1:58.40; 3. Paul Laurence Dunbar (Kristen Allen, Shannon Spivey, Courtney Lunan, Lauren Willis) 1:48.67; 3. Notre Dame Academy (Katie Thompson, Courtney Schmitt, Stephanie Goodwin, Maury Nellmer) 1:49.57.

200 freestyle — 1. Caroline Burckle, Sacred Heart 1:49.44; 2. Emily Brunemann, Notre Dame 1:53.56; 3. Kristen Allen, Paul Dunbar 1:53.69.

200 individual medley — 1. Emily Ewing, Madisonville 5:03.52; 2. Maury Nellmer, Manual 5:04.11; 3. Devon Callaghan, Sacred Heart 5:07.58.

50 freestyle — 1. Barbie Vinny, Scott Co. 25.75; 2. Lauren Willis, Paul Dunbar 26.27; 3. Kristen Allen, Paul Dunbar 26.42.

100 butterfly — 1. Stephanie Nellmer, Henry Clay 4:05.35; 2. Lynndy Longshore, Notre Dame 4:02.00; 3. Madeline Long, Comer 3:58.25.

100 backstroke — 1. Isabel Maunier, Manual 56.42; 2. Devon Callaghan, Sacred Heart 57.52; 3. Stephanie Vinny, Notre Dame 58.15.

100 freestyle — 1. Barbie Vinny, Scott Co. 21.68; 2. Lauren Willis, Paul Dunbar 22.32; 3. Katie Thompson, Notre Dame 22.48.

500 freestyle — 1. Caroline Burckle, Sacred Heart 4:49.36; 2. Emily Brunemann, Notre Dame 5:03.34; 3. Katie Thompson, Sacred Heart 5:09.70.

200 freestyle relay — 1. Sacred Heart Academy (Stephanie Hall, Devon Callaghan, Erin O'Connor, Caroline Burckle) 1:38.40; 2. Paul Laurence Dunbar (Kristen Allen, Shannon Spivey, Courtney Lunan, Lauren Willis) 1:39.98; 3. Notre Dame Academy (Emily Olsington, Maury Nellmer, Maggie Rowland, Emily Brunemann) 1:40.55.

100 backstroke — 1. Emily Ewing, Madisonville 56.73; 2. Katie Thompson, Notre Dame 57.96; 3. Maury Nellmer, Notre Dame 58.55.

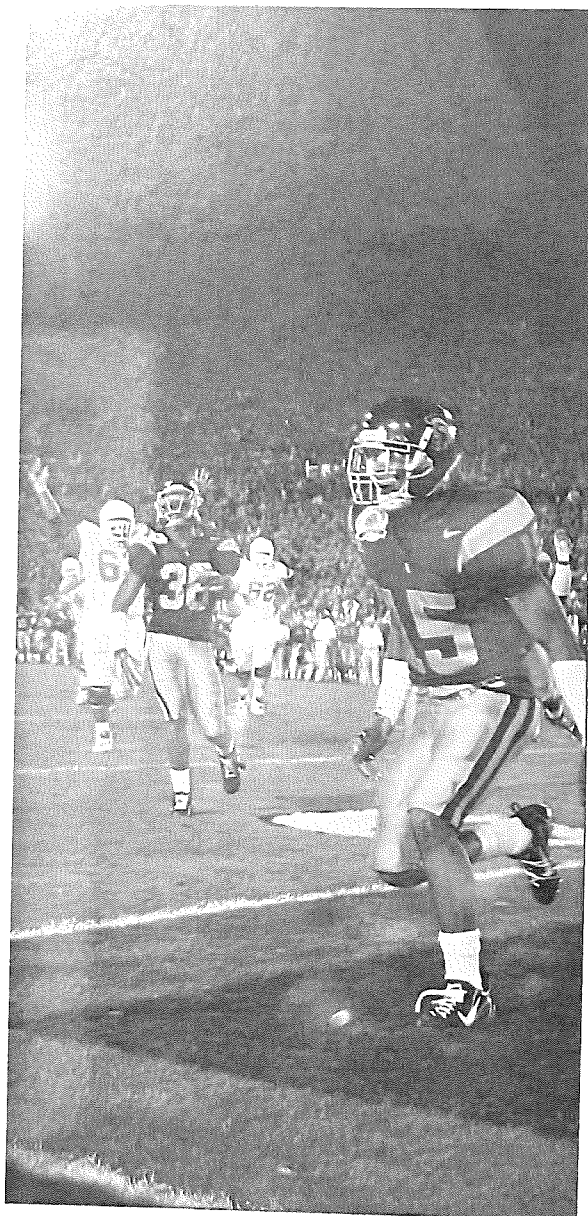
100 breaststroke — 1. Elizabeth Timmon, Bowling Green 1:53.02; 2. Abby MacGregor, Sacred Heart 1:54.52; 3. Stephanie Hall, Sacred Heart 1:55.34.

400 freestyle relay — 1. Notre Dame Academy (Katie Thompson, Emily Olsington, Amanda Huzar, Emily Brunemann) 3:53.50; 2. Manual (Caroline Gooden, Lindsay Donald, Isabel Maunier, Melba Crutcher) 3:53.52; 3. Madisonville (Emily Ewing, Molly Davidson, Anna Clark, Elizabeth Ewing) 3:41.09.

Combined

Final team standings (sponsored by Coaches Association) — 1. Paul Dunbar 347; 2. Manual 329; 3. Scott High 190; 4. Model 182; 5. Ballard 160; 6. Madisonville 137; 7. Hopkinsville 125; 8. Daviess County 127; 9. Lexington Catholic 120; 10. Sayre 117; 11. Henry Clay 103; 12. Tates Creek 86; 13. Woodford County 76; 14. Glasgow 65; 15. Bowling Green 47; 16. Ashland Blazer 46; 17. South Oldham 31; 18. Glasgow 20; 19. Highlands 20; 20. Simon Kenton 20; 21. (tie) Danville and Christian Academy 18; 22. Owensboro 17; 24. Dixie Heights 12; 25. Ryle 7.

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"If you make that first down, you're squatting on the football to win the game," Carroll said. "We just missed it. By what — two inches?"

Young, bitterly disappointed at losing the Heisman Trophy to Bush, then wound up with the ultimate revenge. On a night when he ran for 200 yards and passed for 267, he capped a performance that Texas fans will remember forever by scoring the

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Burckle wins in Australian swim meet

St. Xavier senior captures 400 IM

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St. Xavier High School swimmer Clark Burckle is a gold-medal winner.

The senior All-American, a member of the U.S. Junior National team, won the 400-meter individual medley yesterday at the Victorian State Championships in Melbourne, Australia.

"He's been swimming pretty good and was seeded third, so he wanted to get into the top eight," said his father, Chris Burckle. "He's a competitor and gives it everything he's got, so I know he's excited. It's a very good accomplishment."



Clark Burckle is on the U.S. Junior National team.

Burckle, who has signed with the University of Florida, won the 400 IM in 4 minutes, 26.94 seconds. Australian Nick Corder was second in 4:27.92.

"Clark is going to be one heck of a swimmer," USA Junior National team assistant coach Dave Ferris said. "It was a great effort, but I think if he had needed it, he could have come back quite a bit faster."

Burckle's time was six seconds faster than his previous personal best and qualified him for the 2008 Olympic Trials.

"We're really proud of him — that's a great feat," St. X swimming coach Marty O'Toole said.

Burckle was seeded 23rd in the 200 freestyle but finished 10th in 1:54.60 yesterday. Australian Michael Klim, who has won six Olympic medals, was the winner.

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