

The Butler girl's and boy's swim teams did an excellent job opening their season at the Mason Invitational. The girl's team placed seventh out of eighteen teams and the boys placed seventh out of sixteen teams. The girls' team from Mason won the meet while St. Xavier won the invite for the boys. Butler junior Adam Snapp set a Butler record in the 100-yard Individual Medley with an impressive time of 1:01.14. The former record was set in 2004 by Brad Hawse with a time of 1:01.90. When asked about this accomplishment, an elated Snapp simply responded "Amazing...my best race ever." Junior swimmer Kim Kurtz performed exceptionally well in the same event for the girls finishing an overall 2nd place with a time of 1:08.47. Kurtz then went on to finish 6th in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:50.01, while junior Taylor Sarsgard placed 13th in the 500 with a time of 6:21.32. The girls' 200-yard Free Relay placed third at 1:55.00 and consisted of Erin Adkins, Kaley Barfknecht, Shelby Martin, and Kim Kurtz. The boys' 200-yard Free Relay placed fifth overall with a time of 1:38.48 and consisted of Doug Norris, Adam Snapp, Jesse Gruber, and Kevin Ralston. Senior Kevin Ralston swam a very strong 50-yard freestyle race to place 3rd overall with an impressive time of 23.55. Senior Jesse Gruber, placed 10th in the same event with a time of 24.20. Junior Michael Harrington swam a personal best time of 1:59.13 to place 10th in the 200-yard freestyle, while freshman Roland Oaks placed 16th in this event with 2:09.35. Adam Snapp also finished 16th but in 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:03.20. Jesse Gruber placed 9th in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:03.76, while Kevin Ralston finished 10th at 1:03.25. Shelby Martin placed 13th for the girls in the same event with a time of 1:13.51. Junior Erin Adkins finished an overall 6th place in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:19.99, while senior Andrea Burris placed 15th in this event with a personal best time of 1:21.77. Sophomore Chris Marshall finished 15th in the boys 100-yard breaststroke with another personal best time of 1:11.92. In the boys' 500-yard freestyle, Michael Harrington swam another personal best time of 5:30.51 to finish in 8th place. Freshman Roland Oaks swam the 500 free in 5:50.78 (personal best) to finish 13th, while senior Adam Fischer placed 15th in the same event with a time of 6:13.26. Unfortunately, the boys' 400-yard freestyle relay was disqualified with a false start at the end of the meet, which cost the boys a sixth place finish. Assistant coach Lois Gribler commented, "We did great today. To have so many kids set personal best times at this part of the year is both unexpected and exciting!" Coach Greg Bergman agreed saying, "I was very impressed with the older kids but also with some of the freshmen who really surprised me by matching many of the upperclassmen's times. The future looks promising." Both the girls and boys teams are back in action this weekend. Friday evening they are competing in the Fairmont Invitational while they are headed to Wright-State University Saturday afternoon to compete in a tri-meet with Talawanda and Springboro.