

# State-meet experience goal sought by CG

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Expectations heading into this weekend's IHSAA boys swimming and diving state finals are realistic for Center Grove.

None of the five Trojans swimmers who will compete in the meet are expected to win a state title.

That's not to slight the accomplishments of Paul Beauchamp, Noah Pashley, Alexander Nunnally, Dan Kindervater and Chad Smith. But the state meet is a higher level of competition. And only two of the five, Beauchamp and Pashley, have experience swimming at the state finals.

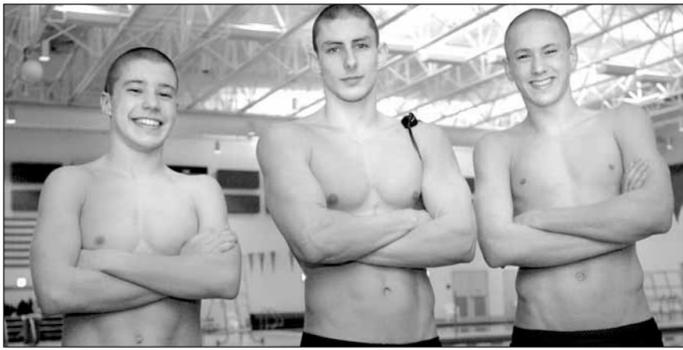
"We've got a group of young kids coming up that are getting their first experience at a state meet," Center Grove coach Jim Todd said. "I think the experience will be nice this year."

That experience is what the Trojans' swimmers are looking forward to.

For Nunnally, a freshman, it's his first chance to swim at the state meet. For Beauchamp, a senior, it's a chance to finish his career at the state's biggest stage. And for Pashley, a sophomore, it's another chance to test himself against the state's best.

Nunnally, Beauchamp and Pashley each qualified for individual events. Kindervater and Smith will join a combination of the trio in the 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays.

Nunnally has competed in a number of club state events, but never in a meet as large as the IHSAA state finals. His goal



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Three of the five Center Grove swimmers competing in this weekend's IHSAA boys swimming and diving meet are, from left, Alexander Nunnally, Paul Beauchamp and Noah Pashley.

is to treat it like just another race. But just in case, he's sought out the advice of Pashley and Beauchamp.

"Always your first time going into a highly competitive meet is something new and different," Beauchamp said. "The advantage of me going back being a veteran of state, you know what to expect, and you know how to adjust."

Pashley, who qualified as a freshman a year ago, said the amount of people in the stands made him feel small, and he had problems calming his nerves. That won't be the case this year.

"I got those nerves out last year," he said. "So I won't have to worry about that. I can just get in there and take care of business."

Pashley finished 22nd in the preliminaries of the 500 freestyle and missed

making the field for the consolation finals, but he didn't view that as a disappointment. "You're still at the state meet," he said. "How many people can say that they've done that?"

This year, Pashley will be kept busy competing in four events: the 200 and 500 freestyle, 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay.

He has two goals for the state meet: finish in the top eight in the 500 freestyle and have the 400 freestyle relay team reach the finals.

Beauchamp, whom Todd calls a natural breaststroke swimmer, will compete in the 100 breaststroke and the 200 medley relay. "He's been a great leader all year, him and Adam Kremer both," Todd said of Beauchamp. "For Paul to be able to go to state is special for the group."

## IF YOU GO

**What:** IHSAA boys swimming state finals

**Where:** Indiana University Natatorium on the campus of IUPUI, 901 W. New York St., Indianapolis

**When:** Preliminaries, 6 p.m. Friday; diving preliminaries and semifinals, 9 a.m. Saturday; consolation and championship finals, 1 p.m. Saturday

**Admission:** \$8 for each session or \$12 for both days

### Local competitors

**200 medley relay:** Center Grove (Noah Pashley, Paul Beauchamp, Chad Smith and Dan Kindervater)

**200 freestyle:** Pashley, Center Grove  
**200 individual medley:** Alexander Nunnally, Center Grove

**50 freestyle:** Andrew Meador, Whiteland

**100 butterfly:** Brian Yount, Franklin

**100 freestyle:** Meador, Whiteland

**500 freestyle:** Pashley, Center Grove

**200 freestyle relay:** Whiteland (Alan Cagle, Justin Mull, Josh Cratty, Meador)

**100 backstroke:** Steve Chambers, Franklin

**100 breaststroke:** Beauchamp, Center Grove

**400 freestyle relay:** Center Grove (Smith, Nunnally, Kindervater, Pashley)

**Diving:** Billy Pennington, Whiteland; Casey Johnson, Indian Creek; Brandon Newkirk, Franklin

Before big meets, it's usually Beauchamp who pumps up the team with brief speeches, Pashley said.

Todd said Beauchamp's work in the weight room has really paid dividends this season, and his success is even more impressive considering Beauchamp doesn't swim year-round with a club team like most Center

Grove swimmers.

"For him to get his accomplishments for just swimming four or five months a year is pretty amazing," Todd said.

Beauchamp will look to cap his high school career in style before heading off to the U.S. Naval Academy to swim for the Midshipmen.

"It's always the goal for all swimmers to get to state, and as a senior, it's the best way to end my career," he said.

While Beauchamp's career is winding down, Nunnally's is just starting to take shape. A year ago, the 5-foot-7 freshman was swimming in middle school meets.

At the start of this season, Nunnally's fastest time in the 200 individual medley was 2:18. At last week's sectional, Nunnally finished the race in 2:02, almost three full seconds faster than his closest competitor, Beauchamp.

"He's probably one of the hardest workers we have in the pool," Todd said of Nunnally. "From where he was at the beginning of the season to where he is now is really something."

Center Grove's other two state qualifiers, Smith and Kindervater, are sophomores. Beauchamp said having a young contingent headed to the state meet will only help the Trojans in the future.

"People that go to the state meet young have a lot more time to develop, a lot more time to really contribute to the team, and they become state veterans that really help the team along," he said. "It's the experience of having people going and having people come back that really helps the team as a whole for upcoming years."

## Memories

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Cubs have enjoyed a stretch of home games, and the confines of Vandivier Gym have been extra friendly. Six of the past seven Cubs' games have been at home, and the team went 5-1 at home during that stretch.

Vandivier Gym was named for Franklin high school star and later coach Robert P. "Fuzzy" Vandivier. It opened in 1962. Since then, Franklin has won 17 sectional crowns.

Eight of those were captured on the home floor.

Franklin has hosted the sectional twice before during Clark's tenure (1995 and 1998); and each time, the Grizzly Cubs won the right to advance to the regional round. Clark hopes that trend continues this year so he can add to the list of memorable moments inside the 45-year-old gym.

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"The most memorable times were being able to cut down the nets two times there."

Dave Clark

Franklin boys basketball coach on Vandivier Gymnasium

hard to pick out one," he said. "The most memorable times were being able to cut down the nets two times there."

While Franklin will miss the heavily weighted winning percentage at home, the team also will miss the number of fans that can pack into the gym. Franklin's new fieldhouse will have a seating capacity of 2,700, 1,300 less than Vandivier Gym.

Clark said the size of the new gym isn't ideal, but regardless, he's looking to carry over the school's winning tradition into the new building.

Before the team relocates, there will be time for the players to reminisce about their fondest

memories in Vandivier Gym.

Senior Adrian Moss has a number of mental snapshots of the gym, but his favorite occurred two seasons ago against Columbus East when the Cubs stormed back from 15 points down with two minutes remaining to win by five.

Senior guard Ranon Madison remembers attending games at Vandivier Gym to watch his cousin, Michael Whitted, play.

Whitted was a member of the 1997 Cubs team that reached the regional, and Madison said he never missed a game.

"I have nothing but fond memories and seeing how the whole community supported Franklin basketball," he said.

Franklin players say the gym has character, and they enjoy the gym's design, which includes a balcony level.

"When you're sitting in the balcony, you have a good seat no matter where you're at," Madison said. "I'm going to miss the energy when you get the gym packed. That's really a great feeling."

**Franklin College Men's Basketball**

## HCAC Tournament

**Spurlock Center Gymnasium**

*Schedule:* **Friday, Feb. 23 (Semifinals)**

**6 p.m.** - No. 2 seed Transylvania University vs. No. 3 seed Bluffton University

**8 p.m.** - No. 1 seed Franklin College vs. No. 4 seed Defiance College

**Saturday, Feb. 24**

**7:30 p.m.** - Championship game (Semifinal winners)

Advance tickets available for semifinal round only.

**Locations:** Business Office, Old Main Athletic Office, Spurlock Center Gymnasium

**Hours:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday • 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Friday

**Cost:** Adults \$5; Senior citizens, high school and middle school students \$3; Students from the participating schools free with valid student ID.

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