



BOYS FINALISTS



Christian Berry
MUS junior

A finalist for the third straight year, Berry won the state championship in the 50 freestyle while also helping the 400 freestyle relay team to a title. Also at state, he got a second-place medal in the 200 freestyle relay while taking fourth in the 100 freestyle. Earlier, Berry set the county record in winning the 100 freestyle (46.04).



Henry Keel
MUS senior

The team captain and driving force for the state champion Owls, Keel set a meet record in winning the 50 freestyle county championship. The future Virginia swimmer then helped MUS to a state title in the 400 freestyle relay while earning three seconds (50 and 100 freestyles, 200 freestyle relay). Keel is a finalist for the second year in a row.



Jack McCaghren
MUS junior

McCaghren was an all-metro performer in 2015 and took another leap forward this year, finishing second at state in the 100 butterfly and third in the 100 backstroke while helping the 200 medley and 400 freestyle relay teams to first-place finishes. McCaghren also won both butterfly races at the county meet.



Alex Robinson
MUS junior

Robinson — a finalist for the third straight year — had another fine season for the state champion Owls. After winning both backstroke races at the county meet (and tying the record of 23.09 in the 50) he swam on the state-winning 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays. Robinson also medaled in the 100 backstroke (second) and the 200 freestyle (third).



Joshua Walsh
Collierville junior

Last year's award winner, Walsh broke a 12-year-old record in winning 200 freestyle at the county meet in a time of 1:40.38 to help Collierville finish in second place behind MUS while winning the combined boys-girls title. At state, the three-time all-metro performer had two second-place finishes (100 freestyle, 200 freestyle).

Boys Coach of the Year

Bryan Parker, MUS

A winner for the fifth straight year, Parker's Owls dominated the county meet, beating Collierville by almost 250 points to win the title for the eighth year in a row. MUS then capped a banner year by winning the state championship.



BOYS TEAM

Front row (from left) — Ethan Hurst, MUS, freshman; Connor Forsythe, Houston, senior; Roland Chang, White Station, sophomore; Rick Reinhard, MUS, sophomore; Lucas Simcoe, Collierville, senior; Sean Kirwan, Collierville, senior; Joseph Addison, MHEA, freshman. Middle row — Joshua Walsh, Collierville, junior; Paden Duke, MHEA, senior; Ryan Gorman, Houston, sophomore; Jonathan Simcoe, Collierville, sophomore; John Barton, St. George's, junior; William McBride, St. George's, senior; Braedan Leach, MHEA, junior; Mitchell Lee, MHEA, senior; Joseph Hillyard, MHEA, junior. Back row — Stetson Lamb, Hernando, senior; James Townsdlin, Harding, junior; Alex Robinson, MUS, junior; Jack McCaghren, MUS, junior; Clayton Turner, MUS, senior; Parker Kaye, MUS, junior; Christian Berry, MUS, junior; Henry Keel, MUS, senior; Liam Kaltenborn, MUS, sophomore; Warren Turner, MUS, freshman. Not pictured — Caelin Weaver, MHEA, senior.

GIRLS FINALISTS



Lauren Mabie
St. Mary's sophomore

An all-metro choice as a freshman, Mabie set the county record in winning the 100 IM (59.19) while finishing third in the 100 breaststroke and helping the Turkeys to two relay victories. She was a part of the state-winning 200 medley relay and the runner-up 400 freestyle relay while earning individual medals in the 100 breaststroke (third) and 200 IM (sixth).



Ali MacQueen
St. Mary's senior

MacQueen has been an all-metro performer in each of her four years and is a finalist for the second year in a row. She had three first-place results at the county meet (100 butterfly, two relays) before helping the Turkeys to the state title in the 200 medley relay. At state, she also finished second in the 100 butterfly and 400 free relay, and fourth in 100 free.



Kiara Norris
St. Mary's sophomore

A finalist in 2015, Norris was key in helping St. Mary's to a runner-up finish at the state meet. She swam on the winning 200 medley relay team and on the 400 freestyle relay team that took second, while earning a fourth in the 50 freestyle and a sixth in the 100 butterfly. Norris won the 50 butterfly at the county meet and was on two winning relay squads.



Emma Grace Pecha
St. Agnes senior

One of the most decorated swimmers in the area, Pecha is a four-time all-metro selection and finalist. She ended her outstanding high school career with a fourth-place finish in the 200 freestyle and a sixth in the 500 freestyle at state. Earlier, she won both of those races at the county championships.



Sarah Thompson
St. George's junior

Thompson was the only Shelby County girl to win an individual state championship, taking first-place honors in the 50 freestyle while adding a fifth place in the 100 free. She won both of those events at the county meet — breaking the mark in the 100 in a time of 51.39 — to earn all-metro honors for the third year in a row.

Girls Coach of the Year

Kim MacQueen, St. Mary's

MacQueen's swimmers won six events at the county championships, while setting a record in the 200 medley relay (1:48.83). The Turkeys then went on to an impressive runner-up finish at the state meet in Nashville.



GIRLS TEAM

Front row (from left) — Diana Kaltenborn, St. Mary's, senior; Kaia Stevenson, MHEA, sophomore; Regina Zipperer, St. Benedict, senior; Shelby Hale, DeSoto Central, eighth grade; Abby Bowers, Collierville, sophomore; Dani Cagna, Collierville, freshman; Mary Hannah Gaushell, MHEA, sophomore; Sara Beth Pritchard, MHEA, senior; Carley Bowers, Collierville, senior; Caky Winsett, Collierville, senior. Middle row — Audrey McKinnon, White Station, freshman; Madeline Griffin, Germantown, senior; Mary Miller Goldberg, St. George's, freshman; Zoe Whelan, St. Agnes, senior; Rachel Kriger, ECS, sophomore; Kiara Norris, St. Mary's, sophomore; Francie Sentilles, Hutchison, junior; Mary Van Montague, Hutchison, freshman; Gabby Acker, Houston, sophomore; Alyssa Hale, Harding, junior. Back row — Abbey Autry, St. Mary's, freshman; Meredith Geyer, Germantown, junior; Lauren Mabie, St. Mary's, sophomore; Courtney Miller, St. George's, senior; Molly Stelling, MHEA, sophomore; Sarah Thompson, St. George's, junior; Emma Grace Pecha, St. Agnes, senior; Ali MacQueen, St. Mary's, senior; Annie Davis, MHEA, junior; Maddie London, Collierville, freshman. Not pictured — Morgan Steffey, Collierville, senior.

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