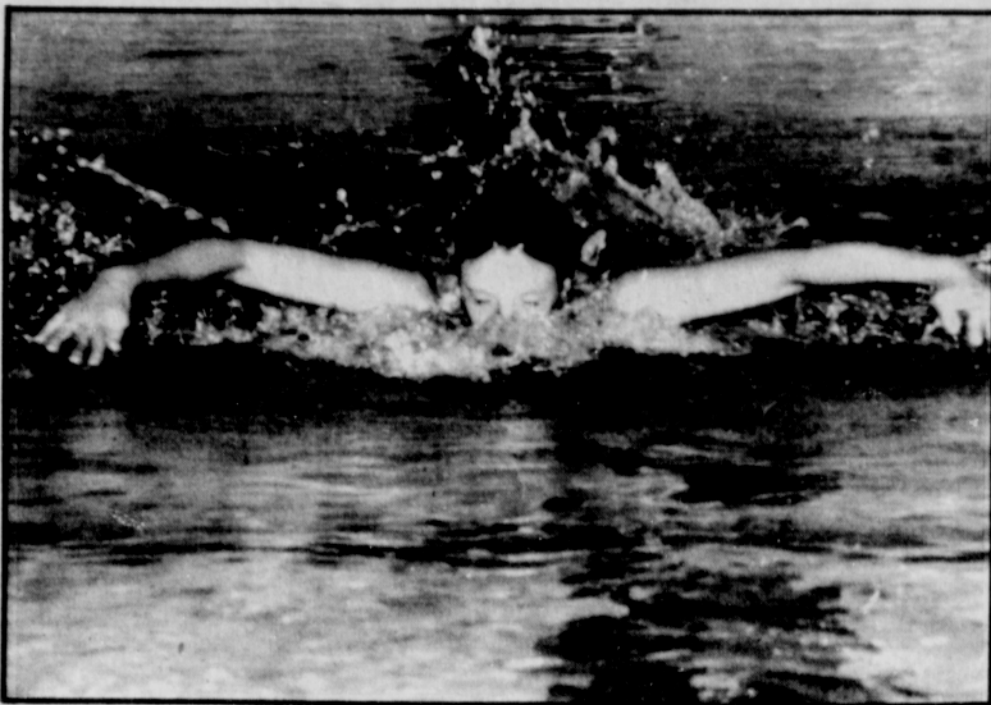


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13-YEAR-OLD Erica Neuenfeldt shows the form which helped her qualify for the National Junior Olympic Championships

in the 200 meter butterfly and the 1500 meter freestyle.

Aug. 9-12 in Santa Clara

Neuenfeldt makes nationals

by Mark Floyd
Sports Editor

Led by Erica Neuenfeldt, Blue Marlin swimmers turned in a dozen personal bests last weekend at the Mt. Hood Senior Invitational at Gresham.

The 13-year-old Neuenfeldt qualified for the Junior Olympic National Championships in two events, the 200-meter freestyle. The J.O. National Championships will be held in Santa Clara, Cal. Aug. 9-12.

Blue Marlin head coach Mark Smith is excited over Neuenfeldt's accomplishments.

"She's the youngest swimmer I've ever had qualify for nationals and I'm pretty pleased about that," said Smith. "She qualified for two events and this is only the middle of our season, so I'm going to taper her down for nationals."

Neuenfeldt's time in the 200 butterfly eclipsed the Oregon Association girls' 13-14 record of 2:27.2 set by Denise Stuntner of North Bend. Neuenfeldt's time was 2:26.6.

Blue Marlins 15th

The Blue Marlins finished 15th in the meet out of the 28 teams entered. However, they entered only five swimmers and were competing against powerhouse teams from Washington and California.

Neuenfeldt's time in the 200 butterfly was good enough for third place, her highest finish in the meet.

That is quite an accomplishment, said Smith, when one considers that she was swimming against mostly 16- and 17-year-olds and some college kids.

In addition to her qualifying marks, Neuenfeldt also set personal marks in the 100 butterfly, the 400 freestyle and the 400 individual medley. She is only 1.8 seconds off the national qualifying standard in the 100 butterfly.

Three other Blue Marlin swimmers set personal bests at the Mt. Hood Invitational. Huie Hazelett recorded his best marks in the 400 freestyle, the 100 freestyle, and the 200 and 400 individual medleys; Bret Crane set his marks in the 100 backstroke and the 100 freestyle; and Matt Falgout swam a personal best in the 100 butterfly.

Erica sets goals

Neuenfeldt will have a couple of weeks off without a meet and Coach Smith will use that time to begin pointing her toward nationals. Her best hope at nationals will be the 200 butterfly, according to both swimmer and coach.

"I'd like to get in the top 16 at nationals," said Neuenfeldt, and break my time (200 fly) by two or three seconds."

"For the 1500 (freestyle), I'd be happy with just breaking my time," she added.

Erica Neuenfeldt is not an overnight sensation by any means. She has achieved her success through years of hard work and practice.

"I started swimming when I was five," she said, "and I guess I started getting serious about it when I was 10."

When she says serious, she means it. An average summer day for the 13-year-old begins at 7:30 a.m. in the weight room. After an hour there, she gets ready for swimming.

From 9-11 a.m., Neuenfeldt and the rest of the senior Blue Marlins swim at the Mt. Hood Community College pool. From 4-6 p.m., they join their younger teammates back at the Sandy pool for another workout.

Most kids her age don't have to maintain such a rigorous schedule, but Neuenfeldt realizes that it is a sacrifice she must make if she is serious about continuing swimming. The truth of the matter is, she doesn't consider swimming

hard work.

"I enjoy swimming because it's easy for me," she said. "But I do get kind of nervous swimming against college girls. Some of them get mad if I beat them."

Neuenfeldt has been swimming against older swimmers for some time now and she hopes to use the nationals as experience toward her eventual goal, the 1984 Olympics.

Those who have seen her swim don't doubt that she will have a strong shot.



HUIE HAZELETT of the Blue Marlins swam to personal bests in four events last weekend at the Mt. Hood Senior

Invitational. His marks came in the 100 and 400 meter freestyle and in the 200 and 400 meter individual medleys.

Baseball Scoreboard

TRI-COUNTY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Midget Federal	W	L
Rockwood	7	0
Reynolds	4	3
Scappoose	4	3
Sandy	2	5
Lynch	4	4
Orient	0	6

SCORES: Scappoose 12, Sandy 5; Sandy 13, Lynch 10; Rockwood 10, Reynolds 6; other game rained out.

Midget American	W	L
Troutdale	8	0
Sweetbriar	8	0
Corbett	5	2
Lynch II	4	3
Scappoose	4	4
Rockwood I	4	4
Lynch I	2	6
Rockwood II	2	6
Orient	1	6
Sandy	1	8

SCORES: Troutdale 10, Rockwood II 3; Sweetbriar 15, Rockwood I 12; Lynch I 3, Sandy 2; Corbett 21, Sandy 10; Troutdale 10, Scappoose 5; Lynch II 16, Sandy 13; Sweetbriar 15, Rockwood II 5; other games rained out.

Midget National East	W	L
Fairview	5	1
Welches	4	1
Lynch	4	1
Corbett	3	3
Troutdale	2	4
Rockwood	1	5
Sandy	0	4

SCORES: Lynch 22, Corbett 7; Troutdale 16, Reynolds 15; Fairview 12, Welches 5; Troutdale 20, Sandy 5; Fairview 17, Corbett 15; Welches 22, Rockwood 2.

Midget National West	W	L
Wilkes	7	0
Rockwood	6	1
Welches	4	3
Glenfair	4	3
Orient	2 1/2	4 1/2
Lynch	2	5
Scott	2	5
Scappoose	1 1/2	5 1/2

SCORES: Welches 6, Lynch 1; Rockwood 10, Scappoose 3; Scott 12, Orient 12; Wilkes 19, Glenfair 13; Glenfair 17, Orient 13; Welches 19, Wilkes 9; Lynch 22, Scappoose 14.

Junior Federal	W	L
Scappoose	5	3
Sandy	5	3
Lynch	4	3
Rockwood	4	5
Reynolds	4	4
Corbett	1	7

SCORES: Rockwood 5, Scappoose 3; Corbett 8, Rockwood 4; Sandy 8, Scappoose 6; Reynolds 11, Corbett 3; Lynch 4, Rockwood 3; other games rained out.

Junior American	W	L
Orient	4	1
Rockwood II	4	2
Fairview	4	2
Lynch	3	2
Sandy	2	4
Scappoose	1	3
Scott	1	5
Rockwood I	1	5

SCORES: Lynch 14, Sandy 12; Rockwood 10, Scappoose 5; Orient 25, Sandy 4; Rockwood II 10, Lynch 4; Fairview 14, Scott 9; other games rained out.

Junior National	W	L
Welches	7	0
Glenfair	4	3
Orient	3	1
Sweetbriar	3	2
Lynch	2	3
Corbett	0	5
Scappoose	0	5

SCORES: Welches 12, Glenfair 5; Welches 9, Sweetbriar 8; Glenfair 24, Corbett 9; Orient 12, Lynch 8; other games rained out.

Senior Federal	W	L
Scappoose	3	0
Corbett	1 1/2	1 1/2
Lynch	1	1
Sandy	1/2	3 1/2

SCORES: Sandy 13, Corbett 13; Lynch 7, Corbett 0; other games rained out.

Senior American	W	L
Scappoose	3	1
Welches	2	1
Lynch	2	2
Sandy	0	3

SCORES: Scappoose 17, Sandy 5; Welches 11, Lynch 10; Welches 14, Sandy 4; other games rained out.

Marlins fare well at Piranha Invitational in Lake Oswego

While Erica Neuenfeldt was qualifying for nationals, the "A" swimmers of the Blue Marlin Swim Club were having their toughest meet of the year, according to coach Gary Hidle.

Hidle took a dozen swimmers to the Piranha Invitational at Mt. Park in Lake Oswego. The Marlins placed about 10th or 11th (final results not available at press time) out of 24 teams, according to Hidle, which isn't bad considering that they were training right through the meet.

Hidle, who is peaking his squad for the Oregon Association Championships and the Regional Cham-

pionships, was never-the-less pleased with his swimmers' efforts.

"We swam well," he said, "Better than 50 percent of our swimmers had personal bests."

"There were a lot of California and Washington teams at the meet," he added. "If we would have had all our swimmers for the relays, we would have picked up some more points."

Blue Marlin swimmers who competed at Mt. Park are: Troy Hilstad, Doug Crane, Rich Rolph, Shawn Burns, Kirk Benson, Matt Roth, Matt Falgout, Rick Topliff, Herb Hazelett, Marc Proudfoot, Bonita Connelley and Jean Crane.

Schollander clinic set

Olympic Gold Medalist Don Schollander will make a special appearance at the Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center June 24 from 10 a.m. to noon. Schollander will be in the

water demonstrating basic stroke techniques and working with prospective Olympians on basic competitive swimming techniques.

Tri-County Baseball games this week

MIDGET FEDERAL June 22

Rockwood at Orient
Sandy at Reynolds
Scappoose at Lynch

June 26

Reynolds at Lynch
Rockwood at Scappoose
Sandy at Orient

June 29

Scappoose at Sandy
Orient at Reynolds
Lynch at Rockwood

MIDGET AMERICA June 22

Rockwood II at Lynch I
Troutdale at Sandy
Lynch II at Rockwood I
Scappoose at Corbett
Sweetbriar at Orient

June 26

Scappoose at Rockwood I
Sandy at Corbett
Orient at Troutdale

Lynch I at Sweetbriar
Lynch II at Rockwood II

June 29

Scappoose at Rockwood II
Sweetbriar at Lynch II
Lynch I at Orient
Troutdale at Corbett
Rockwood I at Sandy

MIDGET NATIONAL EAST June 22

Corbett at Welches
Sandy at Fairview
Lynch at Troutdale
Rockwood bye

June 26

Welches at Troutdale
Rockwood at Lynch
Corbett at Sandy
Fairview bye

June 29

Sandy at Rockwood
Lynch at Welches
Troutdale at Fairview
Corbett bye

JUNIOR FEDERAL June 23

Lynch at Reynolds
Sandy at Rockwood
Corbett at Scappoose

June 27

Scappoose at Rockwood
Lynch at Corbett
Sandy at Reynolds

JUNIOR AMERICAN June 23

Rockwood II at Sandy
Rockwood I at Scott
Lynch at Fairview
Scappoose at Orient

June 27

Rockwood II at Scappoose
Rockwood I at Fairview
Scott at Orient
Sandy at Lynch

SENIOR FEDERAL June 22

Lynch at Scappoose
Sandy at Corbett

June 26

Corbett at Lynch
Scappoose at Sandy

June 29

Corbett at Scappoose
Lynch at Sandy

SENIOR AMERICAN June 22

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