

# SPORTS

## Boys swimming makes splash in record books

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As many of us were resting and relaxing over winter break and on the weekends the BHS boys swim team was hard at work like usual. With only a third of the season remaining the team is working hard to finish the season strong and reach their ultimate goal the state swim meet.

“We’re working really hard this year, and the workouts are probably the hardest they’ve been in my four years.” said senior captain Todd Boaz.

Boaz is one of six returning varsity, other members include, seniors Steven Lust, and Charlie Boaz, juniors Shaun Wolfe and Jeff Drake, and sophomore Braiton Holloway. The swim team had a record turnout this year and hopes to use the

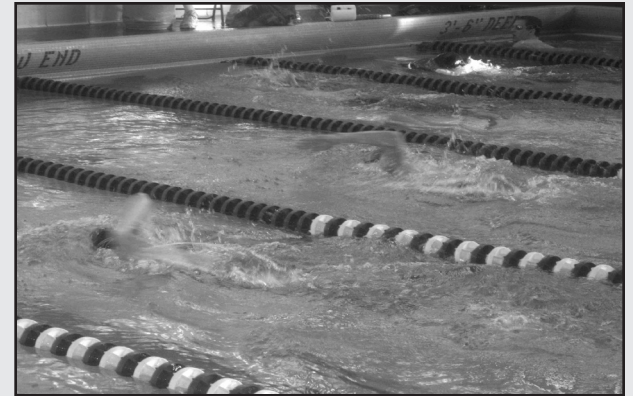
talents they have acquired to their advantage.

Shaun Wolfe lowered the Pantagraph area record in the 50 freestyle to 21.13 seconds while placing eight in last years state meet. He placed 15<sup>th</sup> in the state 100 freestyle in an area record 47.06.

“I’ve been training really hard year round and hopefully I can cut even more time off and end the season on a high note,” said Wolfe.

The team also looks to send four members of their squad in a highly ranked 200 free relay including Wolfe, Lust, Drake, and Charlie Boaz. The relay placed 25<sup>th</sup> overall last year in the state meet, and holds a school record at 1:28.68.

“We’ve all been working hard this year so we can place even better than we did last year.” said captain Charlie Boaz.



Boys swimming practices in the pool after school. The boys finished third in the Big 12 Conference tournament this season.

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## Saints make history in Super Bowl XLIV

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On Feb. 7, the New Orleans Saints made their way into history by rallying as a team after falling behind early in the first quarter to upset the highly favored Indianapolis Colts 31-14 in Super Bowl XLIV, the franchise’s first Super Bowl victory.

New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees led his team to the victory by tying the Super Bowl completions record with 32. Brees ended the game 32 of 38 for 281 yards and two touchdowns. This performance under pressure led to Brees being named the game’s MVP.

“We just believed in ourselves and we knew that we had an entire city and maybe an entire country behind us,” said Brees. “What can I say? I tried to imagine what this moment would be like for a long time and it’s better than expected.”

In the first quarter of play it was all Colts. In the first quarter the Colts outgained the Saints 149-32. The Colts held the only points in the game, including a touchdown from Manning to Pierre Garçon capping off a Super Bowl record 94 yard drive, and a 38 yard field goal from Matt Stover.

The Saints hit their stride in the second quarter, running a total of 17 plays resulting in 130 yards and six points from kicker Garret Hartley. Hartley not only helped keep the Saints in the game but also made a bit of history in the process. He is now the only kicker in the history of the Super Bowl to make three field goals from over 40 yards. Although the points did help, the most dominating stat from this quarter is that the 24<sup>th</sup> ranked Saints defense was able to hold Payton Manning and the Colts’ high-flying offense to only six plays in the entire quarter.

The Saints continued their dominance after halftime by calling a surprise onside kick. The Saints recovered, leading to a 16 yard touchdown pass from Brees to running back Pierre Thomas resulting in the Saints’ first lead of the game. However, the celebration did not last long as the Colts came right back and capped off their very next drive with a four yard touchdown run from running back Joseph Addai. One more field goal from Hartley closed the score to 17-16 entering the fourth quarter.

The Colts opened the final quarter of play with a methodical march down the field. They had to walk away from the drive with no points after Stover missed a 51 yard field goal just wide left. With their

next possession, the Saints went on to score not only the go ahead touchdown but also a debated two point conversion to give them a seven point lead over the Colts.

Down by a score in the fourth quarter was nothing new to the Colts, who led the league this season in fourth quarter comebacks. In this game, however, things seemed to be destined to turn out differently, and on a third down and five play on the New Orleans 31, the final nail fell into the coffin of the Colts’ Super Bowl dreams when Saints cornerback Tracy Porter intercepted Manning’s intended pass for wide receiver Reggie Wayne and ran it 74 yards for a touchdown to bring the game to its final score of 31-14.

“It’s time for the Saints to celebrate,” said Manning, who grew up within the city of New Orleans. “It’s their field and it’s their championship.”

Manning played well in the game completing 31-45 for 333 yards and a score; however the only turnover of the game came from the hands of the four time league MVP.

This was a historic season for the Saints who won a total of three playoff games this season, one more than the team previously had in its 43 year history.