

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING



Pittsford's Katie Smith is ranked first in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle races heading into the state meet. ADRIAN KRAUS

TEAMWORK

Section V girls are aiming for another state title

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For the most part, swimming has the feel of a sport that's more about an individual performance than a team. As each area competitor steps onto the starting blocks at the girls state championships Friday and Saturday, they'll be focused more on their own job, their own race, than any team score.

But when the event's over on Saturday afternoon at Ithaca College, area swimmers hope Section V will be

on top again, repeating as overall team champion.

"It was a big thing for all of us," Fairport senior Dayna Basic said of last year's effort. "We all got our state patches. There was a lot of excitement."

It was the first time in five years Section V stood alone on top. Section V had won four times in a five-year span from 2003 to 2007. That followed an impressive run of being No. 1 from 1986 to 1998.

"We don't talk about it that much, but I think it gives

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