Edison's Entertainment Complex Female Athlete Of The Month: Laine Curry Qualifies In Total Of Four Events For State Swimming Meet

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EDWARDSVILLE - It was old hat for Laine Curry at the IHSA girls swimming sectional meet Nov. 7, 2026, at the Chuck Fruit Aquatic Center, as she qualified for the state meet for the third year in a row and will be competing in the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relay, along with the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke Nov. 13-14 at the state meet in Westmont.

Curry, one of the senior leaders of the Tigers, won both of her individual events, taking the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:53.76 and the 100-yard backstroke, coming in at 56.24 seconds to win the race. In addition, she swam lead-off on the 200-yard freestyle relay team that won at 1:38.43, and was third on the 400-yard freestyle relay team that won the race at 3:37.34, all below the qualifying standard for the state meet.

In the state preliminaries on Nov. 13, 2026, she qualified for the B final in the 200-yard freestyle with a 13th-place finish at 1:52.99, then qualified for the B final in the 100-yard backstroke by finishing 13th again, with a time of 56.25 seconds.

Curry is an Edison's Entertainment Complex Female Athlete of the Month for Edwardsville.

In a post-sectional meet interview, Curry expressed her gratitude of being able to qualify for state once again.

"Well, honestly, I'm very grateful, knowing that I'm able to do this for a third year," Curry said. "It feels very rewarding, knowing I was able to go my best times, so I just feel very grateful that I have this opportunity to have a second chance and swim my best."

Curry wasn't concerned about making it in the relay races, but did worry about what her performances would be like in her individual events.

The results of her whole body of work this season, Curry has given credit to her coaches for it.

"Honestly, I was able to trust myself and trust the coaches," Curry said, "and all the advice that they gave me throughout the season, I was able to take that, and just take it one race at a time/ Thankfully, I had great results at the end, so I'm thankful for both of my coaches, that they were able to coach me and push me this hard."

Curry said she was "very excited" to participate at state, but sad for the swim season to end.