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NEWS RELEASE

MOELLER SENIOR DANE MECHLER TO COMPETE IN JUNIOR WATER SKI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP THIS WEEK IN AUSTRALIA



CINCINNATI, February 19, 2013 – Archbishop Moeller High School senior, **Dane Mechler**, will compete in the Junior Water Ski World Championships this week in Mulwala, Australia.

Mechler qualified to compete in the junior men slalom event by being ranked in the top ten in the world. He was ranked 2nd in the world as of the last published World Ranking List and is the top seed for this event.

Dane is only the second skier in the history of the sport from Ohio to qualify for a Junior Water Ski World Championship and only the third skier from the 12 states Midwest Region.

The 14th Junior Water Ski World Championships will be held Wednesday through Sunday in Mulwala, Australia. A four-member team and four independent water ski athletes are representing the United States at the biennial event. In addition to the coveted world team title, athletes from more than 25 countries will compete for individual medals in slalom, tricks, jumping and overall.

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- Educating for faith formation;
- Providing an integral, quality education;
- Educating in the Family Spirit;
- Educating for service, peace, and justice; and
- Educating for adaptation and change.

*"We believe the Marianist Characteristics provide the foundation for developing leadership in young men. The mission of a Moeller education is to assist parents in helping their son make responsible choices and leading them to use their talents and gifts in service to others and for the benefit of all society. Ultimately, we are not just developing the best leaders in the world. We are developing the best leaders **for** the world."*

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PRESS RELEASE

Moeller High School Senior competes this week In World Championships

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Begins Wednesday In Mulwala, Australia**

Dane Mechler of Loveland, Ohio, will compete in biennial event

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Dane Mechler, a senior at Moeller High School, will compete in the junior men slalom event. Dane qualified to ski at this prestigious event by being ranked in the top ten in the world. He was ranked 2nd in the World as of the last published World Ranking List and is the top seed for this event. Dane is only the second skier in the history of the sport from Ohio to qualify for a Junior Water Ski World Championship and only the third skier from the 12 states Midwest Region.

Members of the U.S. Junior Water Ski Team are: **Erika Lang (Gilbert, Ariz.)**, **Taylor Garcia (Winter Garden, Fla.)**, **Nicholas Lang (Gilbert, Ariz.)** and **Kara MacIntyre (Knoxville, Tenn.)**. Nicholas Lang, however, suffered a dislocated elbow in practice on Tuesday and is unable to compete in the tournament. As a result, **Brooke Baldwin (Windermere, Fla.)** has been elevated from alternate/independent to team member.

Athletes competing as U.S. independents are: **Samantha Dumala (Wellington, Fla.)**, **Anna Gay (Winter Garden, Fla.)**, **Dane Mechler (Loveland, Ohio)** and **Jaye Morris (San Diego, Calif.)**.

Brenda Baldwin (Windermere, Fla.) is the coach, **Jody Johnson (Nashville, Tenn.)** will serve as team manager, and **Dr. Marc Aiken (Johnson City, Tenn.)** will be the team physician.

The United States has won the world team title in 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 2000, 2002, 2008 and 2010. France won in 1998 and 2006. Canada won in 2004.

For live results throughout the tournament, click here: <http://www.iwwfed-ea.org/competition.php?cc=T-12IWWF05> or visit www.USAWATERSKI.org. Note: Mulwala, Australia is 16 hours ahead of U.S. Eastern Standard Time.

USA Water Ski was formed in 1939 as a non-profit organization promoting water skiing in the United States. USA Water Ski is affiliated with the International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation (world governing body) and is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and Pan-American Sports Organization as the national governing body of organized water skiing in the United States.

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