

SWIMMING NOTES

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Better late than never

Better late than never for Archbishop Wood seniors Erin Lynn and Kristen Pollock.

Vikings coach Charlie Stillwell expected to have just one senior on his team this year, Jacqueline Morley, but, when practice began, Lynn and Pollock showed up.

At this time last year, Lynn was on the varsity basketball team, and in the fall played soccer. Pollock was strictly a volleyball player and did not have a winter sport.

"People look at our roster and see we have three seniors, but two of them are brand new," said Stillwell. "I think Erin is going to play soccer (in college) and wanted to do this to keep in shape.

"It's surprising how many juniors and seniors come out for the team for the first time. I'm like 'Where have you been?' I'd love to have worked with Erin for four years."

Both Lynn and Pollock helped the Vikings in its 87-83 win over St. Hubert on Thursday. The victory pretty much assured Wood of third place in the Philadelphia Catholic League standings, behind Archbishop Ryan and Cardinal O'Hara.

Lynn came in fifth in the 100 butterfly and was part of Wood's 200 freestyle relay team that finished second.

The meet came down to the final event, the 400 freestyle relay. To win it, the Vikings needed their "A" team to come in first and their "B" team to beat the Bambies' "B" team and come in at least third.

Wood's "A" won the relay and, with Pollock swimming the second leg, the "B" team finished 0.85 seconds ahead of its St. Hubert counterpart to seal the meet victory.

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Wood looks forward to PCL meet

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The Philadelphia Catholic League championships are slated to begin on Saturday with the trials at Widener University. The boys trials begin at 8 a.m. and the girls at 1 p.m. The championship finals will be held on Sunday at La Salle University at 11 a.m.

The top 18 swimmers at the preliminaries will come back to swim at the finals.

La Salle has won the last 16 boys titles.

Wood boys finished sixth last year. The team is looking to move up in the standings, but will have to fight it out with Archbishop Ryan and Father Judge.

Archbishop Ryan is the defending girls champ. Wood girls were third last season.

Wood coach Charlie Stillwell is looking forward to the competition.

"I think we have a chance to have some real good swims," said Stillwell, who coaches both the boys and girls teams.

"This is always such a fun meet, and such a competitive one."

Some people to watch for the Vikings are Megan Donovan in the 500-yard freestyle and Jaclyn Smith in the 100 backstroke. Both girls should finish near the top in the 100 breaststroke.

Other girls to keep an eye on include Christina Rios (50 freestyle, 100 backstroke), Amy Finn (100 butterfly, 500 freestyle) and Nicole Lydon (100 butterfly).

The girls 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay should both be in the hunt.

The boys team should show particular strength in the 100 breaststroke, with Billy Langlois, Tom Whelan, Jim Hurley, David Zerumski and Tim Miller competing in that event.

Whelan finished third in the breaststroke last year and is hoping to improve on that finish.

Langlois will also compete in the 100 butterfly, Whelan in the 500 freestyle and Hurley in the 200 freestyle, where they all hope to factor into the scoring.

Eastern results

Archbishop Wood's four-some of Christina Rios, Jaclyn Smith, Megan Donovan and Amy Finn finished 13th in the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:54.52 at the Eastern Interscholastic Swimming and Diving competition, held last Friday and Saturday at La Salle University's Kirk Natatorium.

Smith, Donovan, Finn and Rios also took 16th in the 200 medley relay (2:01.60).

Smith was 17th in the 200 freestyle (2:06.15).

Host Germantown Academy won both the boys and girls team competitions with 417 and 619 team points, respectively.

The Easterns is the largest prep school aquatic event in the United States for both boys and girls swimming and diving competitions.

Boys swimming

Monsignor Bonner 90, Archbishop Wood 78
(at Klinger Middle School)

200-yard medley relay: 1. Bonner (Dan English, Dan McDevitt, Tom Markopoulos, Myles Huf), 1:48.00; 2. Wood, 1:51.97; 3. Wood, 2:15.90
200 freestyle: 1. Paul Mattson (MB), 1:59.65; 2. Brendon McGhee (AW), 2:09.59; 3. Ian Baxter (MB), 2:25.03
200 IM: 1. English (MB), 2:16.34; 2. James Hurley (AW), 2:20.47; 3. Pat McDevitt (MB), 2:25.03
50 freestyle: 1. Gabe Oropollo (MB), 23.13; 2. Thomas Whelan (AW), 24.40; 3. Huf (MB), 25.60
100 butterfly: 1. Pete Farrell (MB), 57.58; 2. William Langlois (AW), 57.87; 3. D. McDevitt (MB), 1:06.40
100 freestyle: 1. Oropollo (MB), 51.93; 2. Mattson (MB), 53.75; 3. Whelan (AW), 54.53
500 freestyle: 1. Buck Ryan (MB), 5:58.32; 2. Baxter (MB), 6:19.06; 3. Bob Lamb (MB), 6:20.06
200 freestyle relay: 1. Wood (Whelan, Hurley, McGhee, Langlois), 1:37.62; 2. Bonner, 1:38.50; 3. Wood, 1:49.19
100 backstroke: 1. English (MB), 1:01.84; 2. Farrell (MB), 1:03.00; 3. P. McDevitt (MB), 1:07.50
100 breaststroke: 1. Langlois (AW), 1:08.26; 2. Hurley (AW), 1:10.75; 3. David Zerumski (AW), 1:13.53
400 freestyle relay: 1. Wood (Sean Joyce, Zerumski, John Wright, Hurley), 3:52.24; 2. Wood, 4:24.50
Records: Wood (2-6).