

PCL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wood takes third in team competition

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PHILADELPHIA — Megan Donovan of Archbishop Wood had a banner day at the Philadelphia Catholic League swimming championships, held Sunday at La Salle University's Kirk Natatorium.

Donovan, a sophomore, clocked in at 5:25.53 to win the 500-yard freestyle.

"I worked so hard all season long, so I can see it pays off," said Donovan, who was also fourth in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.66). "I was kind of hoping to be a little faster, but I'm pleased that I placed well. It's my best time, so I have to be happy with that.

"I'm already looking ahead to next year. That's what I do. I'm already thinking about what I want to do."

Also for Wood, Jaclyn Smith took third in the 200 freestyle (2:03.87) and fourth in the 100 backstroke (1:05.11) and Christina Rios was third in the 50 freestyle (25.96) and fifth in the 100 backstroke (1:05.97).

Smith, Donovan, Nicole Lydon and Rios were second in the 200 medley relay (1:59.50), Smith, Donovan, Amy Finn and Rios were third in the 400 freestyle relay (3:58.27) and Megan Gannon, Sharon Racine, Monica Cymerman and Finn were fifth in the 200 freestyle relay (1:51.13).

The girls took third in team competition with 411 points.

"I'm really happy with third place," Donovan said. "That's what we were shooting for."

For the boys, Tom Whelan took second in the 100 breaststroke (1:02.12).

"I would have liked to win, but I still have next year," said Whelan, a junior who took third in this event last year. "He's [Matt Harner of Father Judge, the winner in 1:01.48] a junior, too, so hopefully, this will be another good race next year.

"I look forward to those close, challenging races. It's better than blowing someone out or getting blown out. It gives you something to work for."

Billy Langlois was fourth in both the 100 butterfly (56.01) and 100 breaststroke (1:03.69).

Dave Keller, Whelan, Langlois and Brendon McGhee were fourth in the 200 medley relay (1:47.90) and Whelan, McGhee, Jim Hurley and Langlois were sixth in the 400 freestyle relay (3:34.72).

The boys finished sixth in team scoring (200 points).

LaSalle won the boys team competition with 904 points.

Archbishop Ryan repeated as girls champs (982 points).

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Girls swimming

Archbishop Wood 93, Archbishop Prendergast 69
(at Klinger Middle School)

200-yard medley relay: 1. Wood (Christina Rios, Jaclyn Smith, Megan Donovan, Monica Cymerman), 2:02.68; 2. Wood, 2:09.38; 3. Prendergast, 2:11.37

200 freestyle: 1. Nicole Lydon (AW), 2:18.05; 2. Sharon Racine (AW), 2:20.22; 3. Jacqueline Morley (AW), 2:22.32

200 IM: 1. Smith (AW), 2:26.01; 2. Jaci Getty (AP), 2:34.57; 3. Mackenzie Stewart (AP), 2:40.40

50 freestyle: 1. Racine (AW), 28.34; 2. Cymerman (AW), 29.28; 3. Natalie Tidmarsh (AP), 30.03

100 butterfly: 1. Smith (AW), 1:06.17; 2. Amy Finn (AW), 1:09.12; 3. Erin Lynn (AW), 1:11.66

100 freestyle: 1. Rios (AW), 58.65; 2. Getty (AP), 1:02.69; 3. Cymerman (AW), 1:03.62

500 freestyle: 1. Donovan (AW), 5:34.37; 2. Finn (AW), 5:53.22; 3. Lydon (AW), 6:22.41

200 freestyle relay: 1. Wood (Cymerman, Smith, Finn, Donovan), 1:53.62; 2. Prendergast, 1:57.81; 3. Wood, 1:59.35

100 backstroke: 1. Caitlin Schivane (AP), 1:19.22; 2. Sarah Robb (AP), 1:20.18; 3. Courtney Crawford (AP), 1:33.22

100 breaststroke: 1. Stewart (AP), 1:17.03; 2. Ashley Maguire (AP), 1:26.44; 3. Jackie Prince (AP), 1:31.56

400 freestyle relay: 1. Prendergast (Schivane, Caitlin Nilan, Lisa Licatzi, Caitlin Friel), 4:35.55; 2. Prendergast, 5:07.65

Records: Wood (5-2).