

Donovan & Co. winning for Wood

Archbishop Wood is quietly having one of its better seasons, and it has just begun its Philadelphia Catholic League season.

The Vikings traveled Jan. 7 to the Stroudsburg Winter Swim Classic held at East Stroudsburg

Girls swimming notebook

By Stuart London



University and won the team competition with 350.5 points to 329 for Mountain Lakes (N.J.).

"Our whole team is swimming well," said Wood coach Charlie Stillwell.

Megen Donovan broke two meet records at East

Stroudsburg, in the 500 freestyle (5:16.50) and 100 breaststroke (1:09.32). Donovan also won the 200 individual medley and teamed with Christina Rios, Jaclyn Smith and Amy Finn to finish second in the 400 freestyle relay.

Smith, in addition, won the 200 freestyle.

Last season, Wood finished third in the PCL behind Archbishop Ryan and Cardinal O'Hara. The way things are looking, they might move up a spot.

Wood fell to Ryan, 100-68, in a dual meet last week, but Smith won the 200 freestyle once again and Donovan triumphed in the 200 IM and 500 freestyle. Smith, Rios, Finn and Donovan also won the 400 freestyle relay by more than 11 seconds.

SWIMMING NOTES

AW's depth key factor to success

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An influx of freshman talent combined with a strong returning sophomore class have given Archbishop Wood a much deeper roster than it had last season.

"The difference this year is the team's a lot deeper," Vikings coach Charlie Stillwell said.

"We have a lot of good freshmen, and the freshmen from last year are really stepping it up. We've got a lot of strong girls."

The Vikings are only 1-1 in dual meets this season, with a win against Gwynedd Mercy and a loss to the team directly ahead of them in the standings, Archbishop Ryan. But the youngsters on the team gave the Vikings a boost in the Winter Swim Classic at Stroudsburg High School on Jan. 7, where Wood finished first in the team competition over eight other schools. Last year, the Vikings finished third in the same tournament.

Sophomores Christina Rios and Amy Finn and freshman Alyse Davis all had strong efforts at Stroudsburg, and junior Jaclyn Smith won the 200 freestyle. Megen Donovan had the best individual showing for the Vikings, not only winning the 500 freestyle and 100 breaststroke, but setting meet records in the process.

"I was surprised that they swam that well [at Stroudsburg]," Stillwell said. "The reason we won is that we were pretty deep. We can give everybody a run for their money. I can't complain with anything they've given me this year."

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200-yd. medley relay: 1. SH (Petrosky, Homont, Spaeder, Salwach), 2:06.00; 2. AW, 2:09.14; 3. SH, 2:12.41. 200-yd. freestyle: 1. Jaclyn Smith, AW, 2:02.18; 2. Andrea Parissi, SH, 2:06.50; 3. Rachel Ginas, AW, 2:14.08. 200-yd. individual medley: 1. Alyse Davis, AW, 2:25.90; 2. Bridget Fitzgerald, SH, 2:33.35; 3. Maria Petrosky, SH, 2:35.97. 50-yd. freestyle: 1. Christina Rios, AW, 26.29; 2. Jen Salwach, SH, 28.12; 3. Megan Gannon, AW, 28.24. 100-yd. butterfly: 1. Parissi, SH, 1:05.37; 2. Amy Finn, AW, 1:07.19; 3. Amanda Spaeder, SH, 1:08.68. 100-yd. freestyle: 1. Smith, AW, 56.81; 2. Salwach, SH, 1:02.43; 3. Gannon, AW, 1:03.14. 500-yd. freestyle: 1. Megen Donovan, AW, 5:21.40; 2. Finn, AW, 5:55.21; 3. Gina Montanaro, SH, 6:07.03. 200-yd. freestyle relay: 1. AW (Smith, Gannon, Davis, Rios), 1:49.00; 2. SH, 1:53.75; 3. AW, 1:54.03. 100-yd. backstroke: 1. Rios, AW, 1:08.31; 2. Spaeder, SH, 1:09.44; 3. Petrosky, SH, 1:11.00. 100-yd. breaststroke: 1. Donovan, AW, 1:10.53; 2. Alycia Tranchitela, SH, 1:19.59; 3. SH, 1:19.90. 400-yd. freestyle relay: 1. AW (Davis, Finn, Rios, Donovan), 4:02.96; 2. SH, 4:11.25; 3. AW, 4:18.73.

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Swimmer of the week

Archbishop Wood's Megen Donovan continued her stellar junior season in a 95-75 win over St. Hubert last Wednesday. She won the 500 freestyle by a remarkable 33-second margin, won the 100 breaststroke by nine seconds and was part of the winning 400-freestyle relay team.

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