



Wood Swimming 2014 - 2015

News

GIRLS SWIMMING PREVIEW: 2014-15

WHAT TO WATCH FOR IN ... GIRLS SWIMMING

5 swimmers to watch

(in alphabetical order)

Katharine Buliga, Archbishop Wood: The junior is the two-time District 12 Class AA champion in both the 200 and 500 freestyles. She qualified for both events at the PIAA meet and was the Philadelphia Catholic League titlist in the 500 and the runner-up in the 200 last year.

Nicole Costello, Pennsbury: The sophomore took eighth at the PIAA Class AAA championship in diving. She was sixth at the District One meet and won the SOL National Conference title.

Alexa Fabbri, Villa Joseph Marie: Fabbri was the District One Class AA champion in both the 100 butterfly and 100 freestyle for the last two seasons. She was third in the 100 freestyle at the PIAA championships last year and looks to compete for a state title in either the butterfly or the 100 freestyle in this, her senior year.

Faye Melekos, Council Rock South: The senior was second in the 100 backstroke and third in the 100 butterfly at the SOL National Conference championship meet. At the District One Class AAA meet, she finished 11th in the 100 butterfly and 23rd in the 100 backstroke.

Lauren Mitchell, Council Rock North: The senior finished 18th at last year's PIAA Class AAA meet in the 100 freestyle. She qualified for the state meet by virtue of her fourth-place finish at the District One meet in that event, where she was also 14th in the individual medley.



KIM WEIMER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CR North's Lauren Mitchell returns to lead a squad looking for an eighth straight SOL National title.

5 teams to watch

(in order of predicted strength)

Council Rock North: The Indians have won the Suburban One League National Conference title the last seven years and look to be the team to beat again this year. The Indians had a large turnout, which will help score points as they seek to make some noise at the district and state level.

Pennsbury: The Falcons have a nice group of swimmers and divers and look to be competitive in the SOL National Conference and beyond.

Council Rock South: The Golden Hawks have a solid nucleus and will be very interesting this year, as they try to move up in the SOL National Conference.

Archbishop Wood: The Vikings are hoping to defend their District 12 Class AA title and should be in a good position to do so with a nice core of returning athletes.

William Tennent: The Panthers had a large turnout this year, and those numbers should help them as they try to make an upward push in the SOL National Conference.

5 meets to watch

Archbishop Wood at Archbishop Ryan, Jan. 7, 3:15 p.m.: This is always a key meet in the Philadelphia Catholic League. Last year, Ryan won 89-87. This year's meeting will likely be just as competitive.

CR North at Pennsbury, Jan. 8, 3:30 p.m.: This meet features the defending Suburban One League National Conference champion Indians against the runner-up Falcons. CR North has won the last seven meetings between the two, with Pennsbury's last win over the Indians coming in the 2006-07 season.

William Tennent at Neshaminy, Jan. 13, 3:30 p.m.: These two programs have had a healthy competition for years, and this season's meeting should be competitive. Both teams have good numbers, and this is a must-win for both of them.

Little Flower at Archbishop Wood, Jan. 29, 6 p.m.: Little Flower defeated Wood in a dual meet for the first time since Little Flower added swimming in the 1999-2000 season en route to its first Philadelphia Catholic League title.

Council Rock South at Council Rock North, Jan. 30, 3:30 p.m.: This annual clash between district rivals is the Suburban One League National Conference finale for both teams. This will be the 12th meeting since CR South opened in the fall of 2002, and CR North leads the series 12-0.

— Karen Sangillo

TEAM CAPSULES

Archbishop Wood

Coach: Charlie Stillwell (19th year)

Last year: 6-3 (5-2 PCL)

Key performers: Sr. Dominique DiRienzo (diving); Jr. Katharine Buliga (freestyle, backstroke); Jr. Caitlin Bedesern (butterfly, freestyle); Sr. Brigid Grant (butterfly); Jr. Megan Cook (freestyle); Jr. MaryGrace MacDonald (freestyle); Fr. Aubrey McDonough (all strokes).

The season: Once again, the Vikings have a large team with a lot of depth. With the addition of dryland to the practice schedule, they look to strengthen their middle swimmers and increase the depth even more. Team goals are to be competitive in every meet and win the Catholic League and District 12 Class AA titles.

Bensalem

Coach: D.J. Mergard (2nd year)

Last year: 1-8 (0-6 SOL National)

Key performers: So. Jess Wiley (all strokes); Sr. Alyssa Leaman (all strokes).

The season: The Owls are a young team with a lot of new swimmers. They have some freshmen who are ready to step in and contribute right away, and the seniors are looking to lead the team through the rebuilding process.

Council Rock North

Coach: Tori Hall (1st year)

Last year: 11-1 (6-0 SOL National, champions)

Key performers: Sr. Lauren Mitchell (all strokes); Jr. Jessica Traub (diving); Jr. Kalli Segel (freestyle); Jr. Becca Segel (all

Archbishop Wood's Katharine Buliga should be one of the area's top swimmers.

strokes); Jr. Madison Schluchterer (freestyle, butterfly); So. Meggie Roberts (freestyle); Jr. Sammy Grogan (all strokes); So. Rebecca Warren (butterfly, freestyle).

The season: With a new coaching staff, new training program and new swimmers, the team is looking strong and ready for the season. The Indians return a solid core with goals to compete for the SOL championship and send a strong contingent to the district and state meets.

Council Rock South

Coach: Lauren Myers (2nd year)

Last year: 7-4 (4-2 SOL National)

Key performers: Sr. Faye Melekos (butterfly, backstroke); So. Leah Barrett (backstroke, freestyle); Sr. Erika Shevchek (freestyle); Sr. Emily Eastburn (freestyle); Jr. Lindsay Robinson (all strokes); So. Yuna Huh (freestyle, butterfly); So. Natachia Nowmos (all strokes); Fr. Phoebe Shaya (diving).

The season: The Golden Hawks

return a large group of good all-around swimmers, with the senior and sophomore classes being particularly strong. "They work hard in the pool and out of the pool and are always ready for the next challenge," Myers said.

George School

Coach: Bob Kupperman (1st year)

Last year: 5-5 (4-2 Friends League)

Key performers: Sr. Natashi Lesiohadi (backstroke, freestyle); Jr. Sarah Hibbitts (all strokes).

The season: With a new coach and a new venue, the Cougars are heading in a new and exciting direction.

Neshaminy

Coach: Brian Suter (18th year)

Last year: 3-9 (1-5 SOL National)

Key performers: Sr. Rachel Doasinsky (freestyle); Sr. Taryn Harvey (freestyle); Sr. Angela Le (breaststroke, freestyle); Sr. Elizabeth Miller (butterfly, backstroke);

Sr. Helen Shekhterman (freestyle); Jr. Monica Iessen (freestyle, backstroke); Jr. Kristin Link (diving, backstroke); Jr. Kiara McKenzie (freestyle); Jr. Janel Pascucci (breaststroke, freestyle); Jr. Leah Sirkis (all strokes); So. Kate Deitch (freestyle, butterfly, backstroke); So. Lindsay Harkins (freestyle, butterfly, backstroke); So. Hannah Maslow (freestyle, butterfly, backstroke); Fr. Maura Donnelly (all strokes); Jr. Sylvia Fisher (freestyle); Fr. Catherine Cosko (freestyle, backstroke, butterfly).

The season: With strong leadership from captains Harvey, Le, Miller and Shekhterman, the team looks to continue its improvement.

Pennsbury

Coach: Greg Stoloski (3rd year)

Last year: 6-3 (5-1 SOL National)

Key performers: So. Nicole Costello (diving); Sr. Natalie Delworth (all strokes); Sr. Naomi Polster (butterfly, freestyle); Jr. Deanna Shuster (all strokes); Jr. Leah Sirkis (all strokes); So. Kate Deitch (freestyle, butterfly, backstroke); So. Lindsay Harkins (freestyle, butterfly, backstroke); So. Hannah Maslow (freestyle, butterfly, backstroke); Fr. Maura Donnelly (all strokes); Jr. Sylvia Fisher (freestyle); Fr. Catherine Cosko (freestyle, backstroke, butterfly).

The season: This team has a lot of numbers and young talent. They have established a lot of personal and team goals for this year and are poised to work hard to achieve them.

Villa Joseph Marie

Coach: Raymond Keown (3rd year)

Last year: 1-9 (0-6 AACA)

Key performers: Sr. Alexa Fabbri (all strokes); Sr. Emily Messina (all strokes); So. Chrstie Nemceff (all strokes); Sr. Meredith Pastor (backstroke, freestyle); Jr. Colleen Lyons (backstroke, freestyle); So. Alexis Morace (all strokes); So. Meghan Reguera (freestyle, breaststroke); So. Hope Hannigan (breaststroke, freestyle); Fr. Alessandra Perotti (all strokes).

The season: This is the third year for the program, which has been growing by leaps and bounds. Numbers are way up this year and with that come high hopes of continued improvement.

William Tennent

Coach: Lisa Forlini (25th year)

Last year: 2-10 (1-5 SOL National)

Key performers: Sr. Shannon Battis (all strokes); Sr. Madi Crognale (breaststroke, freestyle); Sr. Karli Brasch (freestyle); Sr. Kendal Brasch (freestyle, backstroke); Jr. Regan Crognale (breaststroke, freestyle).

The season: The size of the team has more than doubled, so that increases the depth of the team. "We are excited to see how much we can improve as the season progresses," Forlini said.

— Karen Sangillo



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VJM's Alexa Fabbri lunges forward in the Girls 100 Yard Butterfly during last year's AACA Swimming championships.

Fabbri

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"Now that I have my college picked, I can just relax and enjoy my senior year. Swimming is all about time, and I love dropping time so my goal this year is to do my best times and, of course, I would love to win a state title in either of my events."

Villa Joseph Marie's team is in

its third year of existence.

"The team has come really far," she said. "We had a really big turnout this year and that makes me really happy. I think we're going to win a few more meets this year because we have so many more people. Last year, there were a couple of meets that we only lost by three or four points so those extra swimmers are going to make a big difference for us."

"I'm really excited about this year because I think the team is really improving a lot and we're going to show that in our meets and

hopefully qualify more people for states."

VJM coach Raymond Keown is happy to have Fabbri on the team for many reasons.

"Alexa is a fantastic person as well as a great athlete," he said. "Her kind heart and personality make her a great person to be around. I only wish we had her for longer. She will do very well at Villanova. We are excited for her senior year with us as well."

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Olivia DiStefano, North Penn: After winning District One gold in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke as a junior, repeats in both are on the horizon. At states she was fourth in the 50 and two girls ahead of her graduated. With a seventh-place finish at Bucknell in the backstroke to drive her, she's ready to go out in memorable style.

Shannon McKernan, Germantown Academy: The latest in a long line of Patriots' girls destined for greatness at Easterns. In her case it appears to be a foregone conclusion; she dominated in winning gold in the 100 and 200 free as a junior. Will join the program at Auburn University after graduation.

Allie Szekely, Gwynedd-Mercy Academy: A soon-to-be-all-world swimmer who is on course to win seven career golds at the PIAA class AA meet. The defending district and state champ in the IM and backstroke. This season she has no peers.

Brittany Weiss, Pennridge: A junior who won silver in the breaststroke and bronze in the butterfly at districts (eighth and seventh, respectively, at states), nobody prepares harder for dual meets or districts; look for her to collect a bunch of hardware again this season.

Hannah Wittman, Central Bucks East: Won a memorable gold medal in the District One AAA breaststroke by .05-second over rival Brittany Weiss. They'll battle again this year while Wittman goes for another district gold in the IM. She finished fifth at states in the IM and ninth in the breaststroke. She should have a huge senior year.

— Bill Keen

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CHLOE ELMER / STAFF FILE PHOTO

Central Bucks East's Hannah Wittman will try to defend her gold medals in the District One Class AAA IM and breaststroke.

5 meets to watch

Episcopal Academy at Germantown Academy, Dec. 9, 3:45 p.m.: The first test for the Patriots under new coach Jeff Thompson. His girls should dominate just about every opponent once again, but this may be the one team that can give them a battle.

North Penn at Upper Dublin, Dec. 18., 6 p.m.: Two teams that have battled each other at the District One meet for most of the last decade. This one is at night which will give a lot of fans a chance to watch it. A definite

must-see meet.

Hatboro-Horsham at Central Bucks East, Jan. 13, 3:30 p.m.: Nobody should be able to touch North Penn in the SOL Continental, but the Hatters and Patriots should battle for the No. 2 slot. That makes this a must win for both and a must-see for all.

Pennridge at Souderton, Jan. 15, 3:30 p.m.: These rivals look to be pretty evenly matched, at least coming out of camp. Hannah Zurmuhl returns to the Rams lineup and with teammate

Brittany ready for another big year, the Rams could be this season's surprise team, all of which means the Indians will be out to crush their rival's dreams.

Emmaus at North Penn, Feb. 3, 4 p.m.: Two schools that really don't like each other which always translates into a barn-burner of a meet. With districts just around the corner for both and the Maidens theoretically protecting a perfect record, this is one fans should plan to see.

— Bill Keen

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North Penn: Saying the Maidens are loaded is like saying water is wet. This season they take the description to new heights. They're deeper than last season and gunning for a state championship. Don't bet against them.

Germantown Academy: Graduation hit the Patriots hard and while they're hardly hurting for quality talent, they'll have to work to win the team title at Easterns under new coach Jeff Thompson.

Hatboro-Horsham: Without question the Hatters raised more than a few eyebrows last season with their 12-1 record. They may not match it this year but they won't be far away. They should again be the team to beat in the fight for second place in the SOL Continental.

Central Bucks East: If gold medals were awarded to teams for the number of swimmers on the roster, the Patriots would clean house. A sizeable incoming group of freshman swells the ranks to 42. With the quality the team has returning, East should have another banner year.

Central Bucks South: Definitely the surprise team of 2013-14. Their 7-4 overall record set them up nicely for districts. They're not going to take anybody by surprise this time, but they appear to have the talent to duplicate or improve their record.

— Bill Keen

TEAM CAPSULES

Abington

Coach: Joe Lennon (16th year)

Last year: 5-6

Key performers: Sr. Frances Erney (butterfly/backstroke/freestyle); Sr. Aiofe Garvey (breaststroke); Sr. Taylor Spitko (freestyle/backstroke); Jr. Emma O'Neil (freestyle/butterfly); So. Emma Serianni (freestyle/backstroke/butterfly); Sr. Kate Wojnar (freestyle/individual medley); So. Allison Erwin (freestyle/backstroke); Fr. Emma Turner (freestyle/butterfly)

The season: A big freshmen class has been impressive in camp. They join last season's top four point scorers, each of whom are back. Look for the Ghosts to keep improving through the regular season with their sights set on districts and, hopefully, states.

Archbishop Wood

Coach: Charlie Stillwell (19th year)

Last year: 6-3

Key performers: Sr. Dominique DiRienzo (diving); Jr. Katharine Buliga (distance freestyle/backstroke); Jr. Caitlin Bedesem (butterfly/distance freestyle); Sr. Brigid Grant (butterfly); Jr. Megan Cook (distance freestyle); Jr. MaryGrace MacDonald (sprint freestyle); Fr. Aubrey McDonough (backstroke/breaststroke/individual medley)

The season: The team goes into the season with a veteran group of upperclassman and a lot of depth. That's why the goals are lofty with both the PCL and District 12 titles in the mix; improvement in all three relays could make the titles a reality.

Central Bucks East

Coach: Tom Kane (39th year)

Last year: 8-3

Key performers: Sr. Hannah Wittman (individual medley/breaststroke/freestyle); Sr. Lauren Griffith (backstroke/freestyle); So. Kirsten Mortimer (freestyle/butterfly); Jr. Iona Einset (distance freestyle); Sr. Julia Kitchen (breaststroke); Jr. Tara Weber (sprint freestyle); So. Erin Lengel (butterfly/sprint freestyle)

The season: Key scorers Jess Jozefiak and Louise Huuki

graduated but don't cry for the East. A big group of freshmen swelled the roster to 42 girls including the heart of last season's team. The Pats are set.

Central Bucks South

Coach: Kevin Whelan (second year)

Last year: 7-4

Key performers: Sr. Caitlin Connor (backstroke/free); Sr. Sam Towle (freestyle/individual medley); Jr. Amanda Keagy (butterfly/freestyle); Jr. Bethany Matsick (breaststroke/individual medley); Jr. Sam Mrozinski (breaststroke); So. Natalie Keck (butterfly/freestyle)

The season: After surprising a lot of people last season, the Titans are once again a strong entry thanks to the return of several key contributors. With help from some newcomers who could contribute significantly, team records could fall and South should contend with the conference's top teams.

Central Bucks West

Coach: Vibeke Swanson (24th year)

Last year: 5-7

Key performers: Sr. Meg Baltes (distance freestyle/individual medley); Sr. Maddie Seiden (distance freestyle); Sr. Kelly Magri (diving); Jr. Collette Strong (backstroke/individual medley); Jr. Paige Kramar (butterfly/backstroke/individual medley); Jr. Jackie McDowell (freestyle/butterfly); Jr. Trisha Mulligan (butterfly); Sarah Stim (diver); So. Aemie Roberts (diving)

The season: The Bucks are one of those teams that's hard to evaluate. Graduation hurt but the ranks of freshmen appear to show a lot of promise. The bottom line is they will have to do just that for West have a solid regular season.

Germantown Academy

Coach: Jeff Thompson (first year)

Last year: 8-0

Key performers: Sr. Shannon McKernan (sprint freestyle); Sr. Madison Visco (individual medley/distance freestyle/breaststroke); Sr. Julia Pacitti (breaststroke/individual medley); So. Karlee Carminati (distance freestyle/individual medley)

The season: Graduation hit the Patriots hard but there are several returning swimmers who have "Easterns' champion" written all over them. GA will be a strong contender for league honors and will be right there fighting for the team title at Easterns.

Gwynedd Mercy Academy

Coach: Maura Gillies (first year)

Last year: 8-3

Key performers: Jr. Allie Szekley (individual medley/backstroke); So. Steph Szekley (distance freestyle); Sr. Mary Kate Curley (distance freestyle); Jr. Hannah Blaser (breaststroke/individual medley); Sr. Molly Riemenschneider (butterfly/individual medley); Sr. Kiergah McMenamin (freestyle/backstroke)

The season: Only those who have spent two years living in caves will be surprised when the Monarchs are very well represented at states. Their strong core of returning upperclassman will show the way for a big group of incoming freshman. This is a team that could teach a thing or two to some AAA schools.

Hatboro-Horsham

Coach: Kip Emig (24th year)

Last year: 13-1

Key performers: Sr. Haley Sutton (backstroke); Sr. Perie Sumner (freestyle/butterfly/individual medley); Sr. Sam Schmitt (breaststroke); Jr. Barb Schmele (individual medley); Jr. Elyse Bedics (freestyle); Jr. Grace Emig (sprint freestyle); So. Colleen Claggett (sprint freestyle); So. Sophie Stasio (sprint freestyle); So. Grace Riemenschneider (butterfly); So. Katie Moore (breaststroke, individual medley); Fr. Grace Fink (freestyle)

The season: Only North Penn kept the Hatters from completing an undefeated season last year and eight swimmers return who qualified for individual events at districts. With a full contingent of three divers to pick up points that previously got away, there is every reason to expect another big campaign.

Lansdale Catholic

Coach: Bob Birnbrauer (20th year)

Last year: 3-8

Key performers: Sr. Mary Cate Coyle (freestyle); Sr. MaryAnne Wietecha (butterfly/freestyle); Sr. Allie Razzi (freestyle/breaststroke); Jr. Cassidy Fries (individual medley/freestyle/breaststroke); So. Courtney Fries (backstroke/freestyle); Fr. Hailey Gianoni (individual medley/freestyle/butterfly); Fr. Madeleine Kulik (freestyle); Fr. Joey Lamorticello (backstroke/freestyle)

The season: The quality nucleus from last season is back creating what looks to be a classic "tournament team" that is built to excel in the post-season. Eight freshmen join the roster to create much needed depth. LC should have several girls advancing to states with excellent chances to make it out of prelims.

North Penn

Coach: Matt Weiser (seventh year)

Last year: 12-0 (SOL Continental and District One AAA champs, third at states)

Key performers: Sr. Olivia DiStefano (freestyle/backstroke); Jr. Marie Yacopino (diving); Jr. Erin O'Neill (breaststroke); Jr. Leah Brown (freestyle); Sr. Madison Tanis (diving); Jr. Aimee Baur (freestyle); So. Kailyn Evans (individual medley/backstroke)

The season: The Maidens return almost the entire roster from last season and have added some extremely talented freshmen. This is the team to beat in the league, the district and states.

Pennridge

Coach: Ryan Griffiths (ninth year)

Last year: 4-8

Key performers: Jr. Brittany Weiss (breaststroke/individual medley/middle distance free); Jr. Hannah Zurmuhl sprint freestyle/backstroke); Sr. Erin Finley (sprint freestyle); Sr. Keri Salanik (distance freestyle); Sr. Elizabeth Yardley (distance freestyle); So. Claire Beno (middle distance freestyle); So. Sam Vargo (sprint freestyle)

The season: The bad news for opponents is that Hannah Zurmuhl returns; the worse news is that Brittany Weiss never left. Together with some other very talented swimmers, this is a

team that could surprise in the SOL Continental but is definitely built to shine in the postseason.

Quakertown

Coach: Scott Woods (second year)

Last year: 0-12

Key performers: Jr. Vivian Ha (individual medley); Fr. Kaylee Heimes (utility); Fr. Alex Keeny (utility)

The season: This is a program that, slowly but surely, is on the rise. A pair of talented seniors graduated but one of the most talented freshmen classes in years joins the fold. If they score points early for a team that hasn't won a dual meet in several years, this could be the season that streak ends.

Souderton

Coach: Caitlyn Warren (third year)

Last year: 6-5

Key performers: Sr. Rickilee Hodges (sprint freestyle/breaststroke); Sr. Shannon Paparella (freestyle); Sr. Sarah Hershey (distance freestyle); Sr. Hannah Boland (utility); Sr. Amanda Wimmer (sprint freestyle); Jr. Amber Rogers (distance freestyle); Jr. Ariana Crossgrove (backstroke); Jr. Lauren Harkins (sprint freestyle); Jr. Tori Rest (diving); So. Emily Hodges (utility)

The season: There are some blue-chip swimmers returning but is it enough for the team to improve on last season's record? Some promising

newcomers could make that happen but the Indians may have to be content with sending numbers to districts.

Upper Moreland

Coach: Mel Rowland (12th year)

Last year: 2-9

Key performers: Sr. Ashton Hirsch (sprint freestyle); Sr. Kayla Even (sprint free); Sr. Cecelia Stoltz (breaststroke); Sr. Shannon Chambers (diving); So. Colleen Rodrigues (diving)

The season: The Golden Bears will be small in numbers, but nobody will outwork them in practice as they strive to improve their postseason chances. Look for them to get better as the season progresses and to have several contenders for a spot on the awards' platform at districts.

William Tennent

Coach: Lisa Forlini (25th year)

Last year: 2-10

Key performers: Sr. Shannon Battis (freestyle/individual medley); Sr. Madi Crognale (breaststroke/freestyle); Sr. Karlie Brasch (freestyle); Sr. Kendal Brasch (freestyle/backstroke); Jr. Regan Crognale (breaststroke/freestyle)

The season: This is shaping up to be an exciting year for the Panthers. Team numbers are way up, more than doubled over last season and that means better depth. Going in, hopes are high that this team will surprise a lot of people.

— Bill Keen

DiStefano

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their third place finish in the team standings.

"I'm confident in myself but I'm looking for my teammates to push me during the season to make me better," she said. "I'm really looking forward to

our team adding second place in relays and the overall team standings (at states) and maybe even first."

A check of the list of pool and school record holders on wall of the Rick Carroll Natatorium shows DiStefano owns the mark in the backstroke. It's a far cry from how she viewed her future back in ninth grade.

"My freshman year I never expected to be one of those top swimmers; I never saw myself that way,"

said DiStefano, who preferred to talk of the success of others.

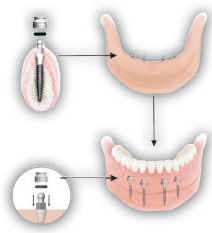
"There are so many other girls on the team who are great in events I'm not strong in. It's going to be a big year especially at the end at districts and states where everyone can succeed in their events."

Olivia DiStefano — ever the team player.

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Matt Aronson, Council Rock North: Aronson was a state qualifier last year, making it to the semifinals. A senior, he is looking to move upward.

Connor Doyle, Pennsbury: A sophomore, Doyle was 14th at the PIAA Class AAA meet in the 100 backstroke last year. He won the SOL National Conference title in the 200 individual medley. He should be one of the key swimmers for the Falcons this year.

Jake Goroshko, Council Rock North: Goroshko was the consolation-heat winner in the 50 freestyle at last year's PIAA Class AAA meet, where he also made the consolations in the 100 backstroke. He should emerge as a leader for the Indians this year.

Harry Hall, Council Rock South: Hall, a senior, was second in the 100 butterfly and third in the 200 individual medley at last year's SOL National Conference championships. He was also a District One Class AAA qualifier in both events.

Mark Preedy, William Tennent: A junior, Preedy posted the area's best time in the 100 breaststroke last year with a 1:01.59. He is poised for a breakout season this year.

— Karen Sangillo

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CR North's Jack Donnelly hopes to be a part of a fifth straight SOL National team title this season.

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Pennsbury: The Falcons made last year interesting, coming close to unseating CR North for the SOL National crown. This year, they are in the hunt again, and this could be the year they win the league title.

Council Rock North: The Indians have won the SOL National Conference title four years in a row and with good reason. Their depth and coaching have carried them through, and they look to be a strong contender again this year.

Council Rock South: The Golden Hawks made the move upward in the SOL National Conference last year and are looking to retain their position.

William Tennent: The Panthers should be in some competitive meets this year as they try to climb up in the SOL National Conference standings.

Neshaminy: This team graduated a lot of talent. How well Neshaminy does this year depends on how quickly the athletes can fill those holes.

— Karen Sangillo

5 meets to watch

North Penn at Council Rock North, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.: North Penn won the District One Class AAA title last season and is the defending SOL Continental champion. CR North is the defending SOL National champion.

Roman Catholic at Archbishop Wood, Dec. 19, 6 p.m.: Wood won this Philadelphia Catholic League meet last year, 90-80, ending a string of eight consecutive losses to Roman.

Council Rock North at Pennsbury, Jan. 8, 3:30 p.m.: The Indians have won this meet the last four years in a row and went on to win the SOL National Conference title each year. Pennsbury's last win was in the 2009-10 season.

William Tennent at CR South, Jan. 15, 3: 30 p.m.: CR South won this SOL National Conference meet by a single point last year, ending a four-year losing streak to the Panthers. Tennent won the 2012-13 meet by just a few points, so this meet has been very competitive of late.

CR South at CR North, Jan. 30, 3:30 p.m.: This is the final meet of the Suburban One League National Conference season for both teams, as well as an intra-district rivalry. CR North leads the series, 11-1, with CR South winning in the 2005-06 season.

— Karen Sangillo

TEAM CAPSULES

Archbishop Wood

Coach: Charlie Stillwell (19th year)

Last year: 5-3 (5-3 PCL)

Key performers: Jr. Timothy Quigley (all strokes); Sr. John Waltrich (backstroke, freestyle); So. Conor Lynskey (freestyle, breaststroke); So. Daniel Johnston (backstroke, freestyle); Jr. Lucas Dyke (all strokes); So. Kevin Harte (butterfly); Sr. Andrew Repisky (breaststroke, freestyle); Fr. Peter Gori (freestyle).

The season: Last year was the first winning season in many years for the Vikings, and the influx of youth had a lot to do with that.

Bensalem

Coach: D.J. Mergard (2nd year)

Last year: 1-8 (0-6 SOL National)

Key performers: Jr. Joey O'Boyle (all strokes); Sr. Nolan Wild (freestyle, backstroke).

The season: The Owls are a young team with a lot of new swimmers. They have some freshmen who are ready to step in and contribute right away, and the seniors are looking to step up and lead the team through this rebuilding process.

Council Rock North

Coach: Brian Johnson (19th year)

Last year: 9-2 (6-0 SOL National, champions)

Key performers: Sr. Matt



Aronson (diving); So. Jack Donnelly (breaststroke); Sr. Jake Goroshko (backstroke); Jr. Allen Shmurak (freestyle); Jr. Joe Segal (all strokes); Sr. Grant Thorburn (breaststroke).

The season: With 11 new team members, the Indians are training hard and getting ready to compete. Their goals are to compete toward defending the SOL National Conference title and be well represented at the district and state level.

Council Rock South

Coach: Bob Bagdon (2nd year)

Last year: 6-4 (4-2 SOL National)

Key performers: Sr. Sam Teplov (all strokes); Sr. Harry Hall (all strokes); Sr. Connor Grant (freestyle); Jr. Matt O'Donnell (breaststroke); Jr. AJ Fesmire (freestyle); Jr. Noah Palau (freestyle); So. Andrew Harman (freestyle).

The season: The Golden Hawks are looking forward to another successful season, thanks to excellent senior

leadership, team culture and depth.

George School

Coach: Bob Kupperman (1st year)

Last year: 4-6 (4-2 Friends League)

Key performers: Jr. Chris Stack (butterfly, freestyle); Fr. Jonathan Lessiohad (all strokes).

The season: With a new coach and a new venue, the Cougars are heading in a new and exciting direction.

Holy Ghost Prep

Co-coaches: Sheree Marsh (8th year), Ed Roussel (8th year)

Last year: 7-2 (independent)

Key performers: Sr. Kyle Horan (freestyle); Sr. John Polidoro (freestyle); Sr. Eli Gibbins (all strokes).

The season: The Firebirds have a big group of swimmers this year. They have been working hard and hope to reap the benefits of that.

Daniel Lawton leads a talented group of Pennsbury swimmers this year.

Neshaminy

Coach: Brian Suter (12th year)

Last year: 4-8 (2-4 SOL National)

Key performers: Sr. Jason Bento (breaststroke); Sr. Andrew Bowman (butterfly, freestyle); Sr. Sadik Canca (breaststroke); Sr. Kyle Kemler (freestyle); Sr. Gus Spiliotis (all strokes); Jr. John Giannini (all strokes); Jr. David Kneiss (all strokes); Jr. Jake Mount (freestyle); Jr. John Stay (freestyle, butterfly).

The season: Despite losing one of Neshaminy's all-time great senior classes, the team, led by captains Canca and Bento, is looking to pick up where it left off last year.

Pennsbury

Coach: Greg Stoloski (3rd year)

Last season: 7-2 (5-1 SOL National)

Key performers: Sr. Travis Venables (freestyle, breaststroke); Sr. Nick Jeronis (freestyle, breaststroke); Sr. Daniel Lawton (freestyle, backstroke,

diving); So. Connor Doyle (freestyle, backstroke); Fr. Phillip Burch (diving); So. Ihar Piatdevich (all strokes); So. Denis Vinokurov (freestyle, backstroke, butterfly); So. Colin Hanlon (freestyle, breaststroke); Jr. Robert Zisa (freestyle); So. Connor Nadel (freestyle).

The season: With 10 new team members and a fast group of returnees, the Falcons have a lot of talent spread across all four grades. The teams hopes to use this to make a run at the SOL National title and qualify a large group of athletes to the District One and PIAA meets.

William Tennent

Coach: Lisa Forlini (22nd year)

Last season: 3-3 (7-5 SOL National)

Key performers: Jr. Mark Preedy (all strokes); Jr. Jacob Stotler (all strokes); Sr. Matt Patrick (butterfly, freestyle); Sr. Tom DelConte (freestyle); Sr. Brennan Bastian (freestyle); Sr. Dima Labko (all strokes).

The season: The team has increased by 12 new athletes, many of whom are very versatile which will help in meets. The enthusiasm of the upperclassmen has been very contagious and they are all eager to see what the season will bring.

— Karen Sangillo

Local scoreboard

Schedule

Wednesday

BOYS BASKETBALL

Pennington at Germantown Academy, 4:15 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY

Father Judge vs. Archbishop Wood (at Bucks County Ice), 6:30 p.m.

Cardinal O'Hara vs. Lansdale Catholic (at Hatfield Ice), 7:20 p.m.

Central Bucks East vs. Neshaminy (at Grundy), 8:40 p.m.

Central Bucks West vs. Pennridge (at Hatfield Ice), 9 p.m.

COLLEGE SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cairn at Gwynedd-Mercy, 8 p.m.

Delaware Valley at King's College, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Delaware Valley at King's, 6 p.m.

Results

Tuesday

No games schedule

Football

PIAA Championship

Class AAAA

Semifinals

Saturday

St. Joseph's Prep vs. Pennsbury (at Northeast), 1 p.m.

Pine Richland vs. Wilson (at Mansion Park), 1 p.m.

Class AAA

Semifinals

Friday

Bishop McDevitt vs. Central Valley (at Mansion Park), 7 p.m.

Saturday

Archbishop Wood vs. Somerset (at Chambersburg), 1 p.m.

Semifinals

Class AA

Saturday

Wyomissing vs. Dunmore (at Northern Lehigh), 1 p.m.

Hickory vs. South Fayette (at Slippery Rock), 1 p.m.

Class A

Semifinals

Friday

Bishop Guilfoyle vs. South Williamsport (Mansell Stadium), 7 p.m.

Clairton vs. Sharpville (at North Allegheny), 7 p.m.

Goroshko

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Bucknell.

"Now that my college choice is settled, I'm looking forward to really focusing on just swimming my events," Goroshko said.

CR North coach Brian Johnson has high hopes for Goroshko.

"Jake has qualified for the last three years for the state championships," Johnson said. "He is a focused athlete who sets high goals and is a top contributor for the team. I'm looking forward to seeing his senior season be the culmination of an excellent high school career with medaling individually at the state championships."

CR North has won the Suburban One League National Conference team title four years in a row.

"We have a young team and, at first, to be honest, I wasn't too sure about this year, but now I think if we're motivated and put our minds to it, then we'll be successful," Goroshko said.

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BOYS SWIMMING PREVIEW: 2014-15

5 swimmers to watch

(in alphabetical order)

Andrew DeFriece, German-town Academy: The Easterns champion in the 500 freestyle won convincingly as a sophomore and will be heavily favored to repeat. A disappointing 12th in the 200 free won't happen again; he'll be in the finals.

Thanas Kountroubis, North Penn: An extremely versatile swimmer who could qualify for districts in just about every event. Finished second in the 200 and 500 free as a junior and made the consolation finals in both at states. He'll return, but in which events?

Dan Maxian, New Hope-Solebury: The latest swimming standout at The School Without A Team. Finished third in both the 200 and 100 free at the District One AA meet. His time in the 100 was fast enough to qualify for states, although he elected to swim at a big meet with his club team. If he qualifies this season, he says he'll go. He'll be there.

Michael Thomas, Hatboro-Horsham: The area's premier swimmer after winning gold at states as a junior in the backstroke and finishing second by a whisker in the individual medley. At the district meet, he set records in both, breaking the old record in the IM by more than two seconds. A runaway favorite to double at states.

Andrew Zhugayevich, Central Bucks East: The heir apparent to the title of the area's premier sprint freestyler. Finished sixth in the 100 free and seventh in the 50 at districts and made the consolation final in both at states. Don't be surprised if he's standing on the top step at districts not once, but twice.

— Bill Keen

WHAT TO WATCH FOR IN ...

Boys Swimming



CHLOE ELMER / STAFF FILE PHOTO
Hatboro-Horsham's Michael Thomas won PIAA gold in the backstroke and silver in the individual medley last year as a junior.

5 meets to watch

St. Joseph's Prep at North Penn, Friday, 3:45 p.m.

The first meet of the season will be a good test for the Knights and an excellent way for fans to see how strong the Knights are against a quality foe.

Pennridge at CB South, Jan. 8, 3:30 p.m.

Two teams hoping to generate momentum early in the schedule and that, on paper, appear to be evenly matched. Regardless of the outcome, fans should see a lot of exciting action.

CB East at CB West, Jan. 23, 6 p.m. (at CB South)

Regardless of the sport, East and West produce some memorable battles. With this one starting at 6 p.m., the gallery should be packed and the noise levels ear-splitting. Don't miss it.

Souderton at Hatboro-Horsham, Jan. 27, 3:30 p.m.

The Indians and Hatters are the best bets to finish second in the SOL Continental behind North Penn. If they're even in the standings coming into this one, it will be a barn-burner.

Emmaus at North Penn, Feb. 3, 4 p.m.

Anyone who has seen the intensity these two rivals show every time they meet knows why it's always at the end of the season. If you see only one North Penn meet, make it this one.

— Bill Keen

5 teams to watch

(in order of predicted strength)

North Penn: The Knights never rebuild, they reload. Once again they will dominate the SOL Continental before looking to repeat as team champion at districts. The team's biggest goal is to make a serious run at the top spot at states as well.

Souderton: The Indians are coming off a banner season that saw them win 10 of their 11 dual meets. They also excelled at states, but this time they'll have to do it with a different cast of characters. Still, this will be one of the area's strongest entries.

Central Bucks East: Can the Patriots push Souderton for second in the SOL Continental? They just might despite the loss of some talented seniors. Vacancies must be filled and consistent contribution from newcomers are a must, but it wouldn't be a smart thing for opponents to look past the Patriots.

Hatboro-Horsham: State champion Michael Thomas is back for his final season and is an overwhelming favorite to double at Bucknell. The Hatters had an average season a year ago in terms of wins, but this season could be different. They could press for second place in the SOL Continental.

Germantown Academy: The 2013-14 season was one the Patriots would like to forget. Wins could again be scarce unless a new attitude takes over in the first season with new coach Jeff Thompson. The good news is there's only one way for the Patriots to go, and they just might.

— Bill Keen

TEAM CAPSULES

Abington

Coach: Joe Lennon (11th year)

Last year: 3-8

Key performers: Jr. Amit Cukierman (free/backstroke); Jr. Wyatt Whitney (freestyle/breaststroke); Jr. Hunter Mackenzie (backstroke); Jr. Alec Leibsich (sprint freestyle); So. Axel Martinez (freestyle/individual medley); Fr. Jack Sullivan (freestyle/breaststroke); Fr. Billy McCormick (freestyle/individual medley)

The season: It could be a rocky season for the Ghosts, as six seniors graduated, including the top three point-scorers. There are plenty of spots to be filled, which will translate into excellent competition to fill them, but finding wins in the SOL National won't be easy.

Archbishop Wood

Coach: Charlie Stillwell (19th year)

Last year: 5-3

Key performers: Jr. Timothy Quigley (breaststroke/individual medley); Sr. John Waltrich (backstroke/freestyle); So. Conor Lynskey (sprint freestyle/breaststroke); So. Daniel Johnston (backstroke/sprint freestyle); Jr. Lucas Dyke (distance freestyle/individual medley); So. Kevin Harte (butterfly); Sr. Andrew Repisky (breaststroke/sprint freestyle); Fr. Peter Gori (sprint freestyle)

The season: Excitement is high on a team coming off its first winning season in years, but a move to Class AAA will be a challenge in the District 12 meet. The lineup is young but, with a year's experience, the Vikings look to keep winning in the PCL.

Central Bucks East

Coach: Ed Walsh (33rd year)

Last year: 9-3

Key performers: Sr. Zach Collesler (freestyle/backstroke); Sr. Evan Villafranca (freestyle/butterfly); Sr. Andrew Zhugayevich (freestyle); Jr. Nick DiLemmo (breaststroke); Jr. Hunter McRee (individual medley/breaststroke); Jr. Dan Powell (freestyle/butterfly); Jr. Collin Villari (individual medley/backstroke)

The season: With the loss of eight seniors, each of them key

point-scorers, it will be up to a solid nucleus of returning swimmers to pick up the slack. Depth could be a problem, unless newcomers contribute early, but the Patriots won't be hurting for wins.

Central Bucks South

Coach: Jeff Lake (11th year)

Last year: 6-5

Key performers: Sr. Brian Ross (backstroke); Sr. Nick Radziul (distance freestyle); Sr. Mike Szczesniak (butterfly); Sr. Alex Bowen (breaststroke); Sr. Matt Moretti (distance freestyle); Jr. Nash Nickerson (diving)

The season: This could be a big season for the Titans. The lineup is packed with seniors looking to continue their successes from last year and a strong freshman class that should help fill gaps left by graduation. Don't be surprised if the team wins a lot of dual meets and sends a strong contingent to districts.

Central Bucks West

Coach: Zach Wilson (first year)

Last year: 5-7

Key performers: Sr. Henry Mackensen (butterfly/individual medley); Sr. Andrew Evans (sprint freestyle); Sr. Will Lambert (freestyle/breaststroke)

The season: The Bucks have a strong group of returning swimmers ready to step up to lead the team. The newcomers appear to have a lot of talent and should be able to contribute points early in the schedule. With a new head coach and confidence in their ability to win in the SOL Continental, the lineup should be more than competitive.

Germantown Academy

Coach: Jeff Thompson (first year)

Last year: 2-5

Key performers: Jr. Andrew DeFriece (distance freestyle); Jr. Chris Hayburn (distance freestyle); Jr. Tommy Whitman (freestyle); Fr. Andrew Abruzzo (individual medley/backstroke/butterfly/distance freestyle); Jr. Andrew Karr (sprint freestyle); So. Brien Collier (middle distance freestyle/butterfly); Fr. Joseph Kim (distance freestyle); Sr. Liam Kelly (butterfly)

The season: One good thing to come out of last season was the lack of seniors on the roster; nobody graduated. The year of experience will make this team stronger, but wins could still be hard to come by in the Inter-Academic League and at Easterns.

Hatboro-Horsham

Coach: Kip Emig (ninth year)

Last year: 7-6

Key performers: Sr. Michael Thomas (backstroke/individual medley); Sr. Tim Reilly (freestyle); Sr. Sean Claggett (freestyle); Sr. Jeremy Brosius (breaststroke/individual medley); Sr. Nick Bannon (utility); Sr. John Murphy (breaststroke); Jr. Adam Thron (distance freestyle); So. Matt Hammer (butterfly); So. Tim McPoyle (backstroke/breaststroke); So. Mike Joyce (sprint free); So. Nick Zumpino (diving)

The season: How successful the Hatters are in the SOL Continental depends on contributions from what looks to be a strong freshman class. They'll learn from a solid core of veterans who will score a lot of points and should easily coast into districts and states.

Lansdale Catholic

Coach: Bob Birnbrauer (20th year)

Last year: 2-7

Key Performers: Sr. Brian Lockhart (freestyle/butterfly); Sr. James Kulik (middle distance freestyle); Jr. Garhett Moore (freestyle); (Fr. Tyler Arsuaga (freestyle/butterfly/individual medley); So. Nicholas Picozzi (freestyle/breaststroke)

The season: Wins could be few and far between for the Crusaders, who suffer from what seems to be an annual problem — namely, lack of numbers. There is no lack of enthusiasm, but the goal is to grow and learn in dual meets to improve chances of success in districts.

North Penn

Coach: Jeff Faikish (third year)

Last year: 12-0, SOL Continental and District One AAA champions

Key performers: Sr. Thanas Kountroubis (distance freestyle/backstroke); Sr. Liam Kelly (freestyle); Sr. Brett Else (freestyle);

Sr. Shane Hennessey (freestyle); So. Ian Boland-Bintner (diving); Sr. Quinton Mitchell (diving); So. Bryce Hoch (diving); Jr. Corey Smith (backstroke)

The season: So, what else is new? They're extremely talented and they're ready to repeat as District One class AAA champions; winning the SOL Continental is a foregone conclusion. A solid group of returning swimmers will help the newcomers get used to being the one team everybody wants to beat.

Pennridge

Coach: Ryan Griffiths (ninth year)

Last year: 3-9

Key performers: Sr. Max Coulter (individual medley/breastroke); Sr. Kyle Frerichs (middle distance freestyle); Jr. Eric Jordan (butterfly); So. Hayden Sandt (sprint freestyle); So. John Handy (diving); So. Jakob Aigeldinger (diving)

The season: The Rams found wins hard to come by last season, but the year of experience will go a long way toward changing that. The key will be how quickly a strong group of newcomers fill holes left by graduation. By the time districts roll around, this could be a team to watch.

Quakertown

Co-coaches: Scott Woods (second season) and Sarah Siegel (first year)

Last year: 2-10

Key performers: Sr. Nick Bluder (breaststroke); Jr. Chris Cowan (distance freestyle); Jr. Mike Di-erolf (sprint freestyle); So. Ethan Beeco (utility)

The season: Everybody is back on a team that hit the winning column for the first time in nearly 10 years. The attitude is excellent, and the core of quality veterans is ready to continue building a program capable of contending for medals at districts.

Souderton

Coach: Caitlyn Warren (third year)

Last year: 10-1

Key performers: Sr. Matt Holcombe (utility); Sr. Ryan Kierstan (sprint freestyle); Sr. James Beldham (distance freestyle); Jr.

Brendon Loux (utility); Jr. Danny Trout (backstroke); Jr. Ryan Witoslawski (breaststroke); Jr. Spencer Smith (distance freestyle); Jr. Zeke Flandro (diving); Jr. Cristian Musteraït (sprint freestyle); Jr. Nick Scott (utility)

The season: With state champion Kevin Musteraït and Triston Loux lost to graduation, there are some very big shoes to fill. However, the bulk of last season's roster is back and ready to try and build upon that success. The Indians will again be prime players at districts and possibly states.

Upper Moreland

Coach: Jess Healy (second year)

Last year: 7-4

Key performers: Sr. Alex Perkins (backstroke/sprint freestyle); Sr. Everett Benson (utility); Sr. Dan Wilcox (diving); Sr. Jake Winter (butterfly/freestyle)

The season: The Golden Bears surprised at districts last season and won the team title. Three key swimmers are gone including current senior Iain Smith, the silver medalist in the breaststroke at states, who decided not to swim this year. Several other solid swimmers are rehabbing injuries and won't be ready until midseason, but with some talented newcomers the Bears could again contend at districts.

William Tennent

Coach: Lisa Forlini (22nd year)

Last year: 7-5

Key performers: Jr. Mark Preedy (breaststroke/freestyle/individual medley); Jr. Jacob Stotler (breaststroke/freestyle/individual medley); Sr. Matt Patrick (butterfly/freestyle); Sr. Tom Del Conte (freestyle); Sr. Brennen Bastian (freestyle); Sr. Dima Labko (breaststroke/butterfly/individual medley)

The season: The Panthers are stronger thanks to the addition of 12 new members of the team, but the biggest loss is state diving champion Ian Forlini. Overall there is depth and talent among swimmers capable of scoring a lot of points. This could be another successful season.

— Bill Keen

Versatile

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still be one of the top kids on any other team."

Kountroubis smiled and sidestepped the question when asked which two individual events he would pick if he had his choice.

"Coach Faikish is going

to do what's best for everyone; he'll put you in where he thinks you can excel the most," Kountroubis said. "As of now I don't have an answer to that, but I know whatever we do this year, the two events where each swimmer is swimming his fastest times, that's where they'll be put for districts."

Faikish keeps his swimmers guessing by the way he conducts his daily practices

"Two days ago we did an all IM (individual medley) set and today it was more freestyle, so you never know," said Kountroubis, adding competition at practice makes everybody stronger. "One of the things we have that a lot of other teams don't is depth. You have kids behind you in the lanes who are going to tap you on your feet to make you go faster."

Kountroubis played

soccer, baseball and basketball when he was younger but decided to devote himself to swimming as a freshman. As he prepares for his final year in the program, he keeps one thought in mind. "The one thing that can mess you up is your mental approach," he said. "If you go into a race expecting too much of yourself, you're never going to do well."

"I try not to think about

it; I just go in and I do it."

That's one thing he takes up to the block no matter where the coach puts him..

"I know what to do because I practice it every day," Kountroubis said. "You don't *have* to do it, it's that you have to *want* to do it or else you're not going to do well."

Sage advice from last season's distance specialist, who has no idea where he'll find

himself this season.

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PCL SWIMMING: ARCHBISHOP WOOD 88, ARCHBISHOP RYAN 82 (GIRLS);
ARCHBISHOP WOOD 81, ARCHBISHOP RYAN 44 (BOYS)

Wood girls edge Ryan in league meet

The Vikings took the final event to clinch their first win over the Ragdolls since 2011.

By KAREN SANGILLO
STAFF WRITER

PHILADELPHIA — When Archbishop Wood swim coach Charlie Stillwell did the math for his girls team’s meet against Philadelphia Catholic League foe Archbishop Ryan, he put together five potential scenarios.

His team lost in every one.

But what happens in the pool is what counts, and the Vikings prevailed 88-82 on Tuesday at the Alberta F. Morris Natatorium.

The Wood boys team won 81-44 the second consecutive win for the Vikings over the Raiders.

“The girls swam unbelievably well,” Stillwell said. “It’s one stepping stone. We have two other meets just as tough coming up, with St. Hubert and Little Flower, but winning this one gives us a shot.

“My goal going in was to win the Catholic League,

Archbishop Wood 81,
Archbishop Ryan 44 (boys)

200-yard medley relay: 1. Wood (Lucas Dyke, Timothy Quigley, Kevin Harle, Peter Gori), 1:53.40; 2. Wood, 1:57.62; 3. Ryan, 2:03.01.
200 freestyle: 1. Quigley (AW), 1:59.71; 2. J. Siwa (AR), 1:59.90; 3. Sean Harney (AW), 2:05.96.
200 IM: 1. Dyke (AW), 2:18.00; 2. John Waltrich (AW), 2:19.02; 3. Gori (AW), 2:23.32.
50 freestyle: 1. Conor Lynskey (AW), 26.40; 2. C. Gripman (AR), 26.50; 3. Robert Jorgenson (AW), 26.56.
Diving: not contested.
100 butterfly: 1. J. Goncalves (AR), 1:02.89; 2. Harle (AW), 1:04.27; 3. Gori (AW), 1:04.97.
100 freestyle: 1. Harney (AW), 58.99; 2. Andrew Repisky (AW), 59.19; 3. Robert Fanning (AW), 59.40.
500 freestyle: 1. Quigley (AW), 5:23.80; 2. Lynskey (AW), 5:41.19; 3. Modano (AR), 5:25.29.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Wood (Dyke, Daniel Johnston, Waltrich, Gori), 1:47.35; 2. Ryan, 1:47.28; 3. Wood, 1:48.69.
100 backstroke: 1. Waltrich (AW), 1:05.84; 2. Dyke (AW), 1:06.71; 3. Harle (AW), 1:14.63.
100 breaststroke: 1. Siwa (AR), 1:12.17; 2. Michael Schoeffling (AW), 1:14.54; 3. Johnston (AW), 1:17.87.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Wood (Quigley, Johnston, Lynskey, Waltrich), 3:50.53; 2. Wood, 3:52.90.
Records: Wood (3-0, 3-0 Philadelphia Catholic League).

Archbishop Wood 88,
Archbishop Ryan 82 (girls)

200-yard medley relay: 1. Ryan, 2:00.29; 2. Wood, 2:08.81; 3. Wood, 2:11.06.
200 freestyle: 1. Caitlin Bedesem (AW), 2:10.96; 2. Megan Cook (AW), 2:12.47; 3. N. Engle (AR), 2:17.48.
200 IM: 1. S.McKinstry (AR), 2:18.56; 2. Katharine Buliga (AW), 2:30.58; 3. Aubrey McDonough (AW), 2:37.44.
50 freestyle: 1. MaryGrace MacDonand (AW), 27.26; 2. S. Gudas (AR), 27.91; 3. Kaeleigh Mahon (AW), 28.34.
Diving: not contested.
100 butterfly: 1. McKinstry (AR), 1:00.99; 2. Bedesem (AW), 1:11.28; 3. K. Johnson (AR), 1:14.96.
100 freestyle: 1. J. Sheffield (AR), 59.42; 2. MacDonand (AW), 1:01.13; 3. Brigid Grant (AW), 1:02.69.
500 freestyle: 1. Buliga (AR), 5:48.90; 2. Cook (AW), 6:10.01; 3. Engle (AR), 6:14.44.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Ryan, 1:48.90; 2. Wood, 1:52.07; 3. Wood, 1:56.03.
100 backstroke: 1. Sheffield (AR), 1:06.42; 2. Grant (AW), 1:14.91; 3. Johnson (AR), 1:15.95.
100 breaststroke: 1. McDonough (AW), 1:20.50; 2. Gudas (AR), 1:20.32; 3. K. Beatrice (AR), 1:20.66.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Wood (Cook, Bedesem, MacDonand, Buliga), 4:05.40; 2. Ryan, 4:16.47; 3. Wood, 4:19.15.
Records: Wood (3-0, 3-0 Philadelphia Catholic League).

and this is a big step in the right direction.”

The Ragdolls put up an early 8-6 lead after winning the first event, the 200-yard medley relay, but Wood pulled ahead after the 200 freestyle and held a slim lead right up until the 100 backstroke when Ryan tied it up 70-70.

The two split the last individual event, the 100

breaststroke, 8-8, so the winner of the final event, the 400 freestyle relay, would win the meet.

Wood’s foursome of Megan Cook, Caitlin Bedesem, MaryGrace MacDonand and Katharine Buliga touched in 4:05.40 to seal the victory.

“We had to win that race to win the meet, and there was so much pressure on

them, and they swam so well,” Wood senior captain Lauren Conway said of her teammates. “It was really big to win this one because we needed it to move on to Little Flower and Hubert. Now I can’t wait for those meets.

“Coming into it, I definitely thought we had a chance. As the meet went on, I was keeping track in my head, so I knew we had a little bit of a lead and it was so exciting.”

It was Wood’s first win over the Ragdolls since 2011.

“They are definitely our biggest rival,” said Wood’s Brigid Grant, also a senior captain. “They beat us the last three years, so, for the seniors, this was our last chance to beat them. It was a really good meet, and this is a confidence boost for us as we head into our other big meets.

“We knew it was tied late in the meet and that was pretty nerve-racking, but we pushed ourselves to swim better, and we did get a lot of best times in this meet. I think it brings out the best in us, and I’m sure it does for them, too.”

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WEDNESDAY’S HIGHLIGHTS

Vikings ease past Bishop McDevitt

Archbishop Wood picked up three wins by fall and won six matches by forfeit in a 68-6 victory over Bishop McDevitt in a Philadelphia Catholic League wrestling match on Wednesday night.

Alex Shaffer improved to 15-5 on the year at 113 pounds, as he pinned McDevitt’s Jose Alecia in 1 minute, 12 seconds.

At 138, Chad Haegele pinned Anthony Peluzzo to improve to 14-4. Wood’s other fall came at 170, where Dominick DiRenzo pinned Sherol Smith.

Wrestling

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Harry S. Truman 1 6 9 24-40
3-point goals: UM- Coyle, Rossman; HST- Law 2, Fant

SWIMMING NOTEBOOK

Shevchek has high hopes for CR South

When Council Rock South senior Erika Shevchek looks at her girls swim team, she likes what she sees.

“We have a lot of good freshmen who came up this year, and we already had a good group, so having those extra people coming in really gives me so much hope,” she said. “We just have so much potential this year, and I can really see it starting to come together. “Individually, we’re very strong and our relays are really starting to make some progress so, overall, I’m very excited about where we are and where we’re going.”

The Golden Hawks have a lot of meets under their belt already and are 3-3 overall, 1-0 in the Suburban One League National Conference.

“We’re off to a good start,” Shevchek said. “We still have the bulk of our league season in front of us, and that includes some really tough meets with teams like Pennsbury and Council Rock North.

“North is always our toughest competition, and that’s the biggest meet of the year for us, and Pennsbury is always such a good team. We want to put our best foot

forward against them.”

Shevchek had been swimming the butterfly, but a rotator cuff injury changed that.

“I’m looking at the 50 freestyle, definitely, and maybe the 100 free and the freestyle relays,” she said. “I wanted to swim in college but, with this injury, that’s out of the question, so I hope to make the most of the time I have left.”

Pirate Invitational

Pennsbury won the boys team title at the Pirate Invitational, hosted by West Windsor-Plainsboro South on Saturday and Sunday. It was the first team crown for the Falcons at this meet since 1983.

Connor Doyle won the 200 individual medley in 1:58.98 and the 100 backstroke (53.59) and was the Swimmer of the Meet for the boys.

Teammate Nicholas Jeronis was also a winner in two individual events, taking the 200 freestyle (1:48.89) and 500 freestyle (4:57.12).

Travis Venables took first in the 100 freestyle (49.01) and second in the 50 freestyle (22.25).

Collin Hanlon finished second in the 100 butterfly (54.85) and third in the 500 freestyle (5:04.28), and Daniel Lawton was second in the 100 backstroke (55.79) and third in the 100 freestyle

(49.92).

Lawton, Doyle, Hanlon and Venables won the 200 medley relay (1:40.27), and Jeronis, Lawton, Doyle and Venables captured the 400 freestyle relay (3:18.61).

The Pennsbury girls took second in team scoring. Deanna Schuster won the 100 backstroke (1:03.53) and teammate Maura Donnelly took third in the same event (1:04.93).

Stroudsburg Winter Classic

Archbishop Wood’s Katharine Buliga posted two top three finishes at the 2015 Stroudsburg Winter Swim Classic, hosted by Stroudsburg Area at East Stroudsburg on Saturday and Sunday.

Buliga finished second in the 500-yard freestyle in 5:43.77 and third in the 200 freestyle (2:06.37).

The girls team finished eighth in overall team scoring with 83 points. The winner was Dallas (280).

The Wood boys finished third overall with 131 points. Father Judge won the boys team title (341).

Timothy Quigley was the top finisher for the Vikings, taking fourth in both the 200 individual medley (2:13.09) and 100 butterfly (57.84).

Meet to watch

On Thursday, Pennsbury plays host to Council Rock

North in a key Suburban One League National Conference double dual meet at 3:30 p.m.

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Sangillo’s top 5

Boys

1. Pennsbury (3-0)
2. Council Rock North (4-2)
3. Council Rock South (5-1)
4. William Tennent (1-4)
5. Neshaminy (1-2-1)

Girls

1. Council Rock North (3-3)
2. Pennsbury (2-1)
3. Council Rock South (3-3)
4. Archbishop Wood (2-0)
5. Villa Joseph Marie (3-1)

Swim leaders
Boys

200 medley relay: Pennsbury (Daniel Lawton, Connor Doyle, Collin Hanlon, Travis Venables), 1:40.27
200 freestyle: Allen Shmurak, Council Rock North, 1:48.49
200 individual medley: Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 1:54.34
50 freestyle: Jake Goroshko, Council Rock North, 21.90
Diving: Matt Aronson, Council Rock North, 295.95 pts.
100 butterfly: Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 53.24
100 freestyle: David Kneiss, Neshaminy, 49.00
500 freestyle: Nicholas Jeronis, Pennsbury, 4:57.11
200 freestyle relay: William Tennent (Brennen Bastian, Tom Del Conte, Mark Preedy, Matt Patrick), 1:29.80

100 backstroke: Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 52.63
100 breaststroke: Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 1:00.86
400 freestyle relay: Pennsbury (Nicholas Jeronis, Daniel Lawton, Connor Doyle, Travis Venables), 3:18.61

Girls

200 medley relay: Pennsbury, (Deanna Shuster, Hannah Maslow, Naomi Polster, Kathryn Deitch) 1:59.89
200 freestyle: Rachel Samson, Council Rock North, 2:00.30
200 individual medley: Lauren Mitchell, Council Rock North, 2:16.82
50 freestyle: Alexa Fabbri, Villa Joseph Marie, 23.54
Diving: Nicole Costello, Pennsbury, 286.50 pts.
100 butterfly: Madison Schluchterer, Council Rock North, 59.85
100 freestyle: Lauren Mitchell, Council Rock North, 54.63
500 freestyle: Madison Schluchterer, Council Rock North, 5:19.33
200 freestyle relay: Council Rock North (Rachel Samson, Beca Segel, Madison Schluchterer, Lauren Mitchell), 1:41.39
100 backstroke: Elizabeth Miller, Neshaminy, 1:01.19
100 breaststroke: Sammy Grogan, Council Rock North, 1:11.64
400 freestyle relay: Council Rock North (Rachel Samson, Madison Schluchterer, Beca Segel, Lauren Mitchell), 3:42.70

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SWIMMING NOTEBOOK

Hatters senior aiming for record

The issue in Tuesday’s girls swimming meet had already been decided — North Penn clinched the victory with a 1-2 finish in the backstroke — when Hatboro-Horsham senior Sam Schmitt stepped up for the breaststroke.

To say she is already light years ahead of where she was as a junior is a huge understatement. At last season’s District One Class AAA meet, she improved on her personal best in the event with a 1:08.30, but that was only good enough for 17th place.

Before the holiday break, the Hatters were part of an extremely deep and talented field at the annual Cardinal Classic at Upper Dublin. Schmitt stunned even herself when she became the lone Suburban One League girl to take home a gold medal.

“I know I’m ahead of



Bill Keen

where I thought I would be at this point in the season, (and) I went a 1:05.99 at the (Cardinal Classic),” said Schmitt, whose 1:10.38 against North Penn was

nearly two seconds faster than the Maidens’ Anna Haggerty.

“It’s really been making me push myself to see how far I can go, and I’m hoping to get my high school team record this year.”

Ask most swimmers what the existing record is in their favorite event, and the reply might be a blank stare and a shake of the head.

Schmitt not only has the time to beat indelibly etched in her memory banks, there’s a special reason why she knows who holds it.

“It’s a 1:05.82, and it’s exciting because my one coach, Melissa Pierce, holds it,” Schmitt said. “It would be really cool to break it.”

While followers of other

schools may not be familiar with Pierce’s name, they should have no trouble remembering Melissa Morrisey, the talented older sister of Kelsey, in her own right one of the district’s best sprint freestylers during her undergrad days.

Hatters head coach Kip Emig wasted no time adding Pierce to his staff in 2005, when she was hired as an elementary teacher in the school district.

Considering Schmitt missed setting a new standard in her specialty by only 0.18 at Upper Dublin, the day when Pierce is the former record-holder is (forgive me, for I can’t resist) just a matter of time.

At most natatoriums, the heat is on

Did you ever notice how you could probably grow orchids and other tropical plants inside many of the high school natatoriums in this area?

North Penn is one noticeable exception. While

waiting to talk to some of the athletes Tuesday, one of my colleagues in the media said, “It’s really not that hot in here compared to some of the other schools. This isn’t bad at all.”

Why that is, I know not, but if the building and grounds folks at those other schools want to spend a little while conversing with their counterparts in Towamencin Township, a lot of fans would be a lot more comfortable.

Meet to watch

Just before Christmas, Hatboro-Horsham had a Lady’s Day Special when the Hatters played host to Mount St. Joseph Academy. Friday, another of the area’s all-girls academies, Gwynedd Mercy, will see how they fair against Archbishop Wood.

The Wood boys can join the fans in the bleachers at the Klinger Middle School pool for the 6 p.m. start.

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PCL SWIMMING: ARCHBISHOP WOOD 88, ARCHBISHOP RYAN 82 (GIRLS); ARCHBISHOP WOOD 81, ARCHBISHOP RYAN 44 (BOYS)

Wood girls edge Ryan

The Vikings took the final event to clinch their first win over the Ragdolls since 2011.

By KAREN SANGILLO
STAFF WRITER

PHILADELPHIA — When Archbishop Wood swim coach Charlie Stillwell did the math for his girls team’s meet against Philadelphia Catholic League foe Archbishop Ryan, he put together five potential scenarios.

His team lost in every one.

But what happens in the pool is what counts, and the Vikings prevailed 88-82 on Tuesday at the Alberta F. Morris Natatorium.

The Wood boys team won 81-44 the second consecutive win for the Vikings over the Raiders.

“The girls swam unbelievably well,” Stillwell said. “It’s one stepping stone. We have two other meets just as tough coming up, with St. Hubert and Little Flower, but winning this one gives us a shot.

“My goal going in was to win the Catholic League, and this is a big step in the right direction.”

The Ragdolls put up an early 8-6 lead after winning the first event, the 200-yard medley relay, but Wood pulled ahead after the 200 freestyle and held a slim lead right up until the 100 backstroke when Ryan tied it up 70-70.

The two split the last individual event, the 100 breaststroke, 8-8, so the winner of the final event, the 400 freestyle relay, would win the meet.

Wood’s foursome of Megan Cook, Caitlin Bedesem, MaryGrace MacDonand and Katharine Buliga touched in 4:05.40 to seal the victory.

“We had to win that race to win the meet, and there was so much pressure on them, and they swam so well,” Wood senior captain Lauren Conway said of her teammates. “It was really big to win this one because we needed it to move on to Little Flower and Hubert. Now I can’t wait for those meets.

“Coming into it, I definitely thought we had a chance. As the meet went on, I was keeping track in my head, so I knew we had a little bit of a lead and it was so exciting.”

It was Wood’s first win

Archbishop Wood 88, Archbishop Ryan 82 (girls)
200-yard medley relay: 1. Ryan, 2:00.29; 2. Wood, 2:08.81; 3. Wood, 2:11.06;
200 freestyle: 1. Caitlin Bedesem (AW), 2:10.96; 2. Megan Cook (AW), 2:12.47; 3. N. Engle (AR), 2:17.48;
200 IM: 1. S.McKinstry (AR), 2:18.56; 2. Katharine Buliga (AW), 2:30.58; 3. Aubrey McDonough (AW), 2:37.44;
50 freestyle: 1. MaryGrace MacDonand (AW), 27.26; 2. S. Gudas (AR), 27.91; 3. Kaeleigh Mahon (AW), 28.34;
Diving: not contested;
100 butterfly: 1. McKinstry (AR), 1:00.99; 2. Bedesem (AW), 1:11.28; 3. K. Johnson (AR), 1:14.96;
100 freestyle: 1. J. Sheffield (AR), 59.42; 2. MacDonand (AW), 1:01.13; 3. Brigid Grant (AW), 1:02.69;
500 freestyle: 1. Buliga (AW), 5:48.90; 2. Cook (AW), 6:10.01; 3. Engle (AR), 6:14.44;
200 freestyle relay: 1. Ryan, 1:48.90; 2. Wood, 1:52.07; 3. Wood, 1:56.03;
100 backstroke: 1. Sheffield (AR), 1:06.42; 2. Grant (AW), 1:14.91; 3. Johnson (AR), 1:15.95;
100 breaststroke: 1. McDonough (AW), 1:20.50; 2. Gudas (AR), 1:20.32; 3. K. Beatrice (AR), 1:20.66;
400 freestyle relay: 1. Wood (Cook, Bedesem, MacDonand, Buliga), 4:05.40; 2. Ryan, 4:16.47; 3. Wood, 4:19.15.
Records: Wood (3-0, 3-0 Philadelphia Catholic League).

Archbishop Wood 81, Archbishop Ryan 44 (boys)
200-yard medley relay: 1. Wood (Lucas Dyke, Timothy Quigley, Kevin Harte, Peter Gori), 1:53.40; 2. Wood, 1:57.62; 3. Ryan, 2:03.01;
200 freestyle: 1. Quigley (AW), 1:59.71; 2. J. Silwa (AR), 1:59.90; 3. Sean Harney (AW), 2:05.96;
200 IM: 1. Dyke (AW), 2:18.00; 2. John Waltrich (AW), 2:19.02; 3. Gori (AR), 2:23.32;
50 freestyle: 1. Connor Lynskey (AW), 26.40; 2. C. Grippman (AR), 26.50; 3. Robert Jorgenson (AW), 26.56;
Diving: not contested;
100 butterfly: 1. J. Goncalves (AR), 1:02.89; 2. Harte (AW), 1:04.27; 3. Gori (AW), 1:04.97;
100 freestyle: 1. Harney (AW), 58.99; 2. Andrew Repisky (AW), 59.19; 3. Robert Fanning (AW), 59.40;
500 freestyle: 1. Quigley (AW), 5:23.80; 2. Lynskey (AW), 5:41.19; 3. Modano (AR), 6:25.95;
200 freestyle relay: 1. Wood (Dyke, Daniel Johnston, Waltrich, Gori), 1:47.35; 2. Ryan, 1:47.28; 3. Wood, 1:48.69;
100 backstroke: 1. Waltrich (AW), 1:05.84; 2. Dyke (AW), 1:06.71; 3. Harte (AW), 1:14.63;
100 breaststroke: 1. Silwa (AR), 1:12.17; 2. Michael Schoeffling (AW), 1:14.54; 3. Johnston (AW), 1:17.87;
400 freestyle relay: 1. Wood (Quigley, Johnston, Lynskey, Waltrich), 3:50.53; 2. Wood, 3:52.90.
Records: Wood (3-0, 3-0 Philadelphia Catholic League).

GIRLS BASKETBALL: GEORGE SCHOOL 36, SOLEBURY SCHOOL 34

George School wins nail biter over Solebury

By STUART LONDON
STAFF WRITER

NEWTOWN TWP. — George School sophomore guard Val LaVar knew what facing Solebury School on Wednesday most likely meant, and it was not pleasant.

She remembered the last time they had faced the Spartans, a 39-point thrashing last January.

“I was tense at the beginning because, when we play Solebury, we always get creamed,” said LaVar. “But I just realized after a while that I had to just play my game. I couldn’t worry about who we were playing.”

LaVar gave the Cougars some badly needed offense with 10 second-half points as host George School defeated Solebury School 36-34 in a nonleague girls basketball game.

The Cougars raised their record to 2-7 with the win. The Spartans fell to 3-4. Neither team had played

George School 36, Solebury School 34
Solebury School (3-4)
Stasia Babicki 1 0-0 2; Denia Campbell 7 2-9 17; Qiana Vigo 3 6-8 12; Carol Wright 1 1-2 3; Ellie Herman 0 0-0 0; Addie Groth-Tuft 0 0-0 0. Totals: 12 9-19 34
George School (2-7)
Val LaVar 4 2-2 10; Shannon Cunningham 4 0-0 8; Natalie Hackett 1 0-2 2; Ginneh Dickenson 3 1-2 7; Dariyah McKee 2 1-2 5; Royalti Richardson 0 0-0 0; Lexi Roberts 1 0-0 2; Ashley Silver 1 0-0 2. Totals: 16 4-8 36
Solebury School 6 7 12 9-34
George School 6 7 16 7-36
3-point goals: SS-Campbell

in almost three weeks, and there certainly was some rust to shake off. Solebury School committed 24 turnovers and George School had 25.

Spartans coach Tonya Grant-Brown was not pleased at how sharp the players were coming back from winter break.

“We haven’t played since Dec. 19, and we just had our first practice (Tuesday),” she said. “I told them to make sure to work on their game while they were away. This is a lesson for them, that they have to put in the work.”

Changing lineups was not an option for Solebury School. Since center Maya Brewington went down with an Achilles injury four games into the season, the Spartans have basically been going with five players.

Without Brewington, George School was able to out rebound Solebury by a 33-17 margin. Dariyah McKee, Ginneh Dickenson and Shannon Cunningham each had seven rebounds.

What Brown-Grant was most upset about was the foul shooting. The Spartans went 9-for-19 on free throws for the game and 1-for-5 in the fourth period.

“If we make our free throws, we win,” said Grant-Brown. “That’s what cost us the game.”

LaVar did work on her game during the break. A native of Yonkers, New York, she got in the gym with her AAU team, the Hoopertown Huskies.

“I played every day,” she

said. “I came back ready to rock and roll.”

Solebury held a 19-15 lead early in the second half before LaVar got her game going. She poured in eight points in the third period to give the Cougars a 29-25 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Baskets by Solebury guards Denia Campbell (17 points) and Qiana Vigo (12 points) tied the score, but the Cougars then went on a 6-0 run. Missed foul shots plagued the Spartans as they tried to rally.

Trailing by two points, Solebury had two shots to put the game into overtime in the final 12 seconds, but both missed.

“This was a big win,” said Cougars coach Kevin Metz. “The (players) are still learning. They have talent and toughness — just need to work on things.”

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WEDNESDAY’S HIGHLIGHTS

Wood routs McDevitt

Archbishop Wood picked up three wins by fall and won six matches by forfeit in a 68-6 victory over Bishop McDevitt in a Philadelphia Catholic League wrestling match on Wednesday night.

Alex Shaffer improved to 15-5 on the year at 113 pounds, as he pinned McDevitt’s Jose Alecia in 1 minute, 12 seconds.

At 138, Chad Haegle pinned Anthony Peluzzo to improve to 14-4. Wood’s other fall came at 170, where Dominick DiRenzo pinned Sherol Smith.

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3-point goals: UM- Coyle, Rossman; HST- Law 2, Fant
Solebury School 60, Lawrenceville 55
Lawrenceville
Ethan Schagler 5 4-4 18; Jordan Harris 3 3-4 9; Ed Winfield 4 0-0 10; Sebastian Pierre Lewis 1 2-4 4; Marcos Soto-Esparza 5 0-0 11; Grant Newsome 2 0-0 4. Totals 20 9-12 56
Solebury School (8-5)
Curtis Thompson 9 11-14 29; Darwin Johnson 5 2-4 13; Justin Berger 1 0-0 3; Milo Luciano 1 1-2 3; Devin Matchett

5 2-2 12, Totals 21 16-22 60
Lawrenceville 12 17 15 12-56
Solebury School 11 10 21 18-60
3-point goals: L- Schagler 4, Winfield 2, Soto-Esparza; S- Johnson, Berger.

Boys Bowling
Upper Moreland 3, Abington 1
Abington: Matt Dando 155-185-181-521; Neal Slobotkin 150-142-x-292; Nick Turco 211-168-212-591; Jake Hunt 168-224-128-520; Dylan Barnett 191-210-204-605; Brian Hoyle x-x-174-174
Upper Moreland: LJ Smith 115-152-162-429; Shane Leister 159-174-146-479; Connor O'Hagan 221-159-203-583; Jarred Goldstein 214-248-192-654; Jon Seales 222-222-160-604

Girls Bowling
Upper Moreland 2, Abington 2
Abington: Katie Benetz 142-151-124-417; Erica Dahling 117-123-175-415; Becca Reynolds 111-139-134-384; Nicolette Ray 147-132-125-404; Dana Dahling 165-162-158-485
Upper Moreland: Amanda Tardif 117-138-150-405; Hanna Long 160-98-139-397; Phoebe Park 147-143-168-458; Julia Brownholtz 115-151-179-445; Kayla Balcerak 132-159-176-467

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over the Ragdolls since 2011.

“They are definitely our biggest rival,” said Wood’s Brigid Grant, also a senior captain. “They beat us the last three years, so, for the seniors, this was our last chance to beat them. It was a really good meet, and this is a confidence boost for us as we head into our other big meets.

“We knew it was tied late in the meet and that was pretty nerve-racking, but we pushed ourselves to swim better, and we did get a lot of best times in this meet. I think it brings out the best in us, and I’m sure it does for them, too.”

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ICE HOCKEY: WILLIAM TENNENT 5, CENTRAL BUCKS SOUTH 3

Tennent knocks off CB South

By RICK WOELFEL
CORRESPONDENT

WARWICK — William Tennent found an open door Wednesday night and proceeded to walk right through it.

The Panthers scored three first-period goals in a span of half a minute and went on to defeat Central Bucks South 5-3 in a Suburban High School Hockey League showdown at the Bucks County Ice Sports Center.

It was Tennent's biggest win in recent years and the first loss of the season for the defending Class AA state champions.

"I've been part of this team for eight years now," said Panthers coach Nick D'Aurizio, "and I can't think of anything that's come this close.

"What a team CB South is. To play 48 straight minutes of good hockey; I couldn't be prouder."

The Titans (10-1-2 overall, 6-1-1 SHSHL Continental Division) got on the board first when Damon DeLaurentis beat C.J.

William Tennent 5,
Central Bucks South 3

William Tennent
CB South

311-5
111-3

First-period goals: Damon DeLaurentis (CBS) from Matt Stoll, 1:28; Alec Dugan (WT) from Charlie Feeney, 9:34; John Dern (WT) unassisted, 9:46; Jack McKeever (WT) from Sean Ovington, 10:04. Second-period goals: Leo Flick (CBW) unassisted, 3:14; McKeever (WT) from Ovington and Feeney, 12:42. Third-period goals: Tom Liberta (CBS) from Joe DeLaurentis and Stoll, 9:18 (pp); Dugan (WT), 12:15 (sh). Shots: Tennent 26, CB South 29. Saves: C.J. Line-man (WT) 26; Tim White (CBS) 21. Records: Tennent (8-3, 7-3 SHSHL National Division); CB South (10-1-2, 6-1-1 Continental Division)

Lineman 1:28 into the opening period.

But then the door opened. Alec Dugan, John Dern and Jack McKeever scored goals in a span of exactly 30 seconds to put the Panthers (8-3, 7-3 SHSHL National) up 3-1 with 5:56 left in the first period.

The Tennent goals came as a direct result of defensive breakdowns. Dugan's came on a partial breakaway, while Dern and McKeever both went in completely unchecked.

Tim White was in goal for the Titans; regular starter

Aaron King was idle due to a USA Hockey suspension. But White could in no way be faulted.

"You've got to be able to pick up the guy hanging behind you," said South coach Tom Coyne. "No matter how many times you say it, you say it until you're blue in the face. But you've got to pick them up."

Leo Flick scored for the Titans to make it a one-goal game 2:42 into the second period, but McKeever answered for the Panthers at the 12:42 mark.

In the final period, the Panthers found themselves dealing with penalties — three minors, plus a misconduct for head contact. Tom Liberta scored a power-play goal for South to make it a one-goal game once more with 6:42 still to go, but Dugan settled the issue with a shorthanded goal with 3:45 remaining.

"(The win) definitely means a lot," the junior said. "We knew coming in they were going to be a real hard team to beat. We knew we had to rise to the occasion."

SWIMMING NOTEBOOK

Archbishop Wood's Grant helps out

When her team needed her, Brigid Grant stepped up.

Last week, Grant's team, Archbishop Wood, had a key Philadelphia Catholic League swim meet at Archbishop Ryan.

With every point critical, coach Charlie Stillwell asked



Karen Sangillo

Grant to swim the 100-yard backstroke.

"I usually swim freestyle or butterfly," said Grant, a senior. "I

hadn't done backstroke in a meet since my sophomore year, but I had been doing it a lot more in practice this year.

"I was nervous but excited. It was such an important meet, and I really wanted to do the best I could for the team."

After the first 50 yards, Grant was in fourth or fifth place, but she ended the race in second to help the Vikings to an 88-82 win.

"That's actually how most of my races are," she said. "I do tend to start slow and really push myself at the end.

"I'm working on the first half of my race so that I can do better at the Catholic League championships and districts.

"Last year, I finished sixth in the 100 freestyle and got second-team All-Catholic, and that very surprising and very exciting for me. I'd love to do that again."

Grant did so well in the backstroke at Ryan that Stillwell put her in it again the very next day in a PCL meet against Bonner-Prendergast.

She finished third and the Vikings won 98-72.

"Butterfly is hard on your entire body, so swimming the backstroke is a nice change," she said. "I actually really like it."

The team has key meets coming up against St. Hubert and Little Flower.

"We've been working really hard and, if we all swim well and pull together,

Sangillo's Top 5

- Boys**
1. Pennsbury (5-0)
 2. Council Rock North (4-2)
 3. Council Rock South (6-1)
 4. William Tennent (2-4)
 5. Neshaminy (1-3-1)

- Girls**
1. Council Rock North (3-3-1) (tie). Pennsbury (4-0-1)
 3. Council Rock South (4-3)
 4. Archbishop Wood (4-1)
 5. William Tennent (2-4)

Swim leaders

Boys

200 medley relay: Pennsbury (Daniel Lawton, Connor Doyle, Collin Hanlon, Travis Venables), 1:40.27

200 freestyle: Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 1:45.85

200 individual medley: Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 1:54.34

50 freestyle: Jake Goroshko, CR North, 21.90

Diving: Matt Aronson, CR North, 320.25 pts.

100 butterfly: Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 53.24

100 freestyle: David Kneiss, Neshaminy, 49.00

500 freestyle: Nicholas Jeronis, Pennsbury, 4:54.71

200 freestyle relay: William Tennent (Brennen Bastian, Tom Del Conte, Mark Preedy, Matt Patrick), 1:29.80

100 backstroke: Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 52.63

100 breaststroke: Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 1:00.86

400 freestyle relay: Pennsbury (Nicholas Jeronis, Daniel Lawton, Connor Doyle, Travis Venables), 3:18.61

Girls

200 medley relay: Pennsbury, (Lindsay Harkins, Leah Sirkis, Natalie Delworth, Sylvia Fisher) 1:57.43

200 freestyle: Rachel Samson, CR North, 2:00.30

200 individual medley: Lauren Mitchell, CR North, 2:16.82

50 freestyle: Alexa Fabbri, Villa Joseph Marie, 23.54

Diving: Nicole Costello, Pennsbury, 286.50 pts.

100 butterfly: Madison Schluchterer, CR North, 59.85

100 freestyle: Lauren Mitchell, CR North, 54.63

500 freestyle: Madison Schluchterer, CR North, 5:19.33

200 freestyle relay: CR North (Rachel Samson, Beca Segel, Madison Schluchterer, Lauren Mitchell), 1:41.39

100 backstroke: Elizabeth Miller, Neshaminy, 1:01.19

100 breaststroke: Sammy Grogan, CR North, 1:11.64

400 freestyle relay: CR North (Rachel Samson, Madison Schluchterer, Beca Segel, Lauren Mitchell), 3:42.70

against Ryan, I put her in the backstroke because I knew she was capable of scoring points for us," Stillwell said. "She's very motivated and she never gives up."

Record-setters

Pennsbury's boys team set a pool record in the 200-yard freestyle relay at William Tennent when the two swam each other in a Suburban One League National Conference dual meet.

The foursome of Collin Hanlon, Daniel Lawton, Connor Doyle and Travis Venables clocked in at 1:30.03 to win the event.

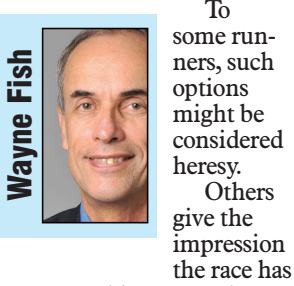
The previous mark was 1:30.47 by Tennent's Andrew Richey, Brennen Bastian, Dylan Cooper and Connor Forlini in 2012.

Pennsbury won the meet 126-57.

RUNNING

Poll: 'Popemobile' might be good pace car for Philly Half

By now, everyone's probably aware that Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia in September will force the Rock 'n Roll Half-Marathon (formerly the Philadelphia Distance Run) to either change its date or take a year off.



gotten too big to care about. We took a poll of area runners, and the results were a mixed bag.

Several responders suggested the two events could be co-mingled, such as using the "popemobile" as the pace car or having Pope Francis serve as the official starter.

Here's a sampling of runners' thoughts on the subject:

Mike Gross, former 1:11 finisher, from Holland: "I have run the Philly Half many times going back to the '80s. It was always my favorite race. Since R 'n R has taken over the race, I do not care for it as much so I am less concerned about postponing it.

"That said, I heard someone say it would be cool if the pope-mobile was the pace car. Imagine that!"

Charlie Rowland, ex-standout runner at Pennsbury and St. Joe's: "If I was younger and training hard, I would not have been happy that the race is canceled. If it is rescheduled by a week or so, no big deal. The pope visiting Philly is a big deal on its own, and I would hate to have that cancelled, so, in the grand scheme of things, see you at the race next year.

"On the other hand, why not get the pope to be the official starter. There might be a lot of personal records set that day!"

Joe Boyce, long distance cyclist and local running activist: "I would think if

there were ever a pope to rock and roll, it would be Francis. Maybe the popemobile can be the lead vehicle?"

Brian McCord, Mercer-Bucks Running Club member: "I am both a Philly Half vet and a devout Catholic. As a consequence, I am both sad that the Half may be endangered and very excited at the opportunity to take my kids to see the Holy Father up close.

"I hope that runners will be gracious in forgiving the pope for wanting to come and be with the faithful when his schedule permits."

Janet Lewis, BCRR Winter Series director: "I'm sure that from a financial standpoint, R 'n R absolutely wants to hold this race, but I don't think taking a hiatus for one year would be all that bad. Perhaps they should even secure the date for 2016 now and offer people a huge discount to sign up a year in advance, thus possibly ensuring people return."

MaryAnn Connor,

Boston Marathon vet and triathlete: "As a Philly half veteran from many years ago, when the race was fun and not too crowded, I think they should just cancel. It has gotten too big."

Allyson Thompson, sub-3:00 in recent Philadelphia Marathon: "I'll be disappointed if it is canceled. I love all the big Philly races. But I understand why; the pope coming to town is a bigger deal. If they cancel for a year and bring it back in 2016, I would think people would understand."

Mike Clarke, veteran marathon runner and New Hope-Solebury High School cross country coach: "I would reschedule it to another month. Runners could also run the Half held in conjunction with the Philadelphia Marathon in November."

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SOL CONTINENTAL WRESTLING: CENTRAL BUCKS SOUTH 45, CENTRAL BUCKS EAST 25

CB South tops CB East

By TOM PFAFF
CORRESPONDENT

WARRINGTON — Central Bucks East senior Matt Cascioli and Central Bucks South junior Luke Kohler wrestled each other Wednesday night in a likely postseason preview.

Their matchup also loomed pivotal to the outcome of the dual match between the Patriots and Titans.

With about 30 seconds left in the 182-pound match and Cascioli clinging to a one-point lead, Kohler scored a two-point reversal and held on for a decision victory that forced East to need falls in the final three bouts to win match.

Instead, South won two of those matches for a 45-25 Suburban One League Continental Conference victory.

When the postseason arrives, Kohler and Cascioli expect to meet in the 170-pound weight class.

They wrestled at 182 for different reasons.

A linebacker in the fall,

Kohler was listed during football season at 188 pounds.

South coach Joe Rigous said Kohler should reach 170 pounds before the postseason.

“It’s not really a big deal,” said Kohler, who raised his record to 14-8 with the 4-3 decision. “I lose weight easily, and gain weight.”

“I’ve been wrestling at 182 the whole season, so I’m used to (facing strong opponents). When I move down to 170, I feel I’ll have an advantage with strength.”

Cascioli, however, had competed solely at 170 and had compiled a 14-4 record there, but he wrestled the first time this season at the next weight class — with seniors Evan Wilson (195) and Ryan Cornell (220) doing the same — trying to help East (1-8, 1-3 SOL), short-handed because of injuries, evident by a pair of forfeit victories for South (8-4 overall, 2-2 SOL).

“The injuries are

Central Bucks South 45, Central Bucks East 25

*106 pounds: Ray Calderaio (CBS) won by forfeit
113: Chris Eok (CBE) maj. dec. Dylan Peniston, 12-1
120: Ben Drummond (CBS) pinned Matt Ramjit, 2:54
126: Kyle Murphy (CBS) pinned Austin Cheesman, 1:32
132: Michael Driver (CBE) pinned Peter DeMalle, 2:36
136: Matt Zeitz (CBS) dec. David Ott, 8-1
145: Bobby Croasdale (CBS) won by forfeit
152: Geno Marrero (CBS) pinned Nick Smith, 1:07
160: Pablo Padin (CBE) dec. Kyle Monsalud, 9-6
170: Mike Melchiorre (CBE) pinned Brendan McCusker, 1:30
182: Luke Kohler (CBS) dec. Matt Cascioli, 4-3
195: Evan Wilson (CBE) pinned Jared Smith, 0:12
220: Dan Marks (CBS) dec. Ryan Cornell, 4-3
285: Noah Callachi (CBS) pinned Marshall Whinney, 4:48
Records: CBE (1-8, 1-3 SOL Continental); CBS (8-4, 2-2 SOL Continental).
*Match started here

bothering (some wrestlers), but they’re telling me they’re ready to go tomorrow,” East coach Dave Scarpill said. “Well, if you’re ready to go tomorrow, why aren’t you ready to go today? ... What’s a day’s rest going to do?”

“... I want somebody to say, ‘Tape me up and put me out there; I’m going to do this for you,’ and no one is doing it.”

Palisades

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highlight being a fall from impressive freshman Zack Wasser at 106 pounds.

Junior Tyler Marsh (145), senior Christian Gretzinger (160) and freshman Jack Donnelly (195) won decisions for the Pirates.

For Gretzinger, coming off another successful football season, the cold temperatures mean wrestling.

“I’m kind of getting back in my groove,” said Gretzinger, who picked up a 9-3 win over Blayne Hirschbeck.

“I’m getting in better shape, and that helps. Football shape and wrestling shape are two different kinds of conditioning. I’m just trying to go one match at a time, with the end goal trying to make it to the state tournament.”

For Wasser, his pin upped his season record to 17-4. He built a big lead over Paul Miller before Miller put Wasser on his back only to see the Pirate fight it off and get the fall midway through the second period.

“Zack’s only a freshman and he’s very good,” Miller said. “He wrestles tough every match.”

The Pirates will now regroup and get ready for the rest of their season.

“I don’t think the score reflected how the match went,” Miller said.

“The forfeits hurt us, but I told the kids after the match not to lose sight of our goal. And that goal is to try to improve with each match, and they’re going to do that. This team will keep working hard.”



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Palisades' Christian Grezinger (right) takes down Saucon Valley's Blayne Hirschbeck during the 160-pound match Wednesday.

Saucon Valley 54, Palisades 15

106 pounds: Zack Wasser (P) pinned Paul Miller, 3:14
113: Jack Hill (SV) won by forfeit
120: Angelo Mahaffy (SV) pinned Juan Araujo, 2:24
126: Ty Drunkenmiller (SV) pinned Hunter Bartone, 5:18
132: Jason Jones (SV) tech. fall Nick Vinciguerra, 4:15:6-1
*138: Nick Schneider (SV) won by forfeit

145: Tyler Marsh (P) dec. Dylan Yonney, 3-2
152: Nathan Harka (SV) dec. Liam Kelleher, 7-2
160: Christian Gretzinger (P) dec. Blayne Hirschbeck, 9-3
170: Nate Kehs (SV) pinned Kyle Maloney, 4:23
182: Jason Lynch (SV) maj. dec. Joe Rossi, 12-2
195: Jack Donnelly (P) dec. Devan Van Vleet, 5-2
220: Trey Polak (SV) won by forfeit
285: Sam Sheetz (SV) pinned Wyatt Schilling, 3:35
Records: Saucon Valley (4-0 CL); Palisades (1-3 CL)
*Match started here

Notes: Palisades junior standout Jacob Wasser is, according to Miller, likely to miss the rest of the season after sustaining a broken right leg at the Makasu

Duals at Unionville last weekend. “It’s a shame to see what happened to Jacob with the broken leg,” Miller said. “Most likely, with the tournaments being only six

ICE HOCKEY: WILLIAM TENNENT 5, CENTRAL BUCKS SOUTH 3

Tennent knocks off CB South

The Panthers scored three quick first-period goals to take charge.

By RICK WOELFEL
CORRESPONDENT

WARWICK — William Tennent found an open door Wednesday night and proceeded to walk right through it.

The Panthers scored three first-period goals in a span of half a minute and went on to defeat Central Bucks South 5-3 in a Suburban High School Hockey League showdown at the Bucks County Ice Sports Center.

It was Tennent’s biggest win in recent years and the first loss of the season for the defending Class AA state champions.

“I’ve been part of this team for eight years now,” said Panthers coach Nick D’Aurizio, “and I can’t think of anything that’s come this

close.

“What a team CB South is. To play 48 straight minutes of good hockey; I couldn’t be prouder.”

The Titans (10-1-2 overall, 6-1-1 SHSHL Continental Division) got on the board first when Damon DeLaurentis beat C.J. Line-man 1:28 into the opening period.

But then the door opened. Alec Dugan, John Dern and Jack McKeever scored goals in a span of exactly 30 seconds to put the Panthers (8-3, 7-3 SHSHL National) up 3-1 with 5:56 left in the first period.

The Tennent goals came as a direct result of defensive breakdowns. Dugan’s came on a partial breakaway, while Dern and McKeever both went in completely unchecked.

Tim White was in goal for the Titans; regular starter Aaron King was idle

William Tennent 5, Central Bucks South 3

William Tennent 3 11-5
CB South 1 11-3
First-period goals: Damon DeLaurentis (CBS) from Matt Stoll, 1:28; Alec Dugan (WT) from Charlie Feeney, 9:34; John Dern (WT) unassisted, 9:46; Jack McKeever (WT) from Sean Ovington, 10:04.
Second-period goals: Leo Flick (CBW) unassisted, 3:14; McKeever (WT) from Ovington and Feeney, 12:42.
Third-period goals: Tom Liberta (CBS) from Joe DeLaurentis and Stoll, 9:18 (pp); Dugan (WT), 12:15 (sh).
Shots: Tennent 26, CB South 29. **Saves:** C.J. Line-man (WT) 26; Tim White (CBS) 21.
Records: Tennent (8-3, 7-3 SHSHL National Division); CB South (10-1-2, 6-1-1 Continental Division)

due to a USA Hockey suspension. But White could in no way be faulted.

“You’ve got to be able to pick up the guy hanging behind you,” said South coach Tom Coyne. “No matter how many times you say it, you say it until you’re blue in the face. But you’ve got to pick them up.”

Leo Flick scored for the Titans to make it a one-goal game 2:42 into the second period, but McKeever

Among those East wrestlers who did step up was sophomore Mike Melchiorre (170), who moved into Cascioli’s usual slot and earned his first victory of the season with a fall at 1:30.

Despite a sprained thumb from the Central Dauphin Duals tournament last weekend, Wilson raised his season record to 14-1 by recording the fastest pin of the evening, in a mere 12 seconds.

Wilson was motivated by his pursuit of the prestigious 100-victory milestone. This victory was the 94th of his career, despite having missed much of last season with a broken thumb.

“It’s the same thumb I broke last year, but we have a tournament this weekend (Buckley Duals at Haverford School) with five matches, so I could be at 100 wins by next week,” Wilson said. “Last year, I had only 25 matches or so.

“I don’t want that be the same case this year — just keep my momentum and go through the season.”

weeks away, that’s probably just not enough time for him to come back.” Wasser (Zack Wasser is his cousin) is 15-1 this season and 90-14 for his career. Two years ago, as a freshman, he placed fourth in Hershey at the Class AA PIAA tournament at 106. ... Saucon Valley is ranked seventh in the state in Class AA by www.papowerwrestling.com.

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SWIMMING NOTEBOOK

Familiar faces duel again at CB East

In the 17 years that I’ve been covering swimming, I’ve had the pleasure of seeing many incredibly talented athletes — individuals who are so good you know they’re going to win long before they step up onto the blocks.

Unquestionably, they make a reporter’s job a lot easier because you can write their names after the “1” for first place as soon as you see which events they’re in.

Some are entered in the same two every meet, while others are just as likely to be found paired against the other team’s finest in different races, as the coaches try to maximize the accumulation of team points.

Unfortunately, these “best of the best” take away the element of surprise and the unexpected nail-biting finishes that generate ear-splitting decibel levels inside the natatorium.

Anyone who has ever seen one of these down-to-the-wire final laps knows I’m talking about a sound typically produced either by jumbo jets revving up their engines for takeoff, or most heavy metal rock bands of the 1980s and ‘90s.

Tuesday, there were six of these eardrum-busting battles when Hatboro-Horsham swept a double dual from Central Bucks East. One of them matched a pair of friendly enemies with a long history of similar races.

In the 100-yard butterfly, East’s Evan Villafranca turned on the afterburner on the final lap to win in 57.62 seconds. Less than an arm length away in second with a 57.81 was

the Hatters’ Nick Bannon, a rival Villafranca knows extremely well.

“Since, I think, we were in 8-and-unders, we’ve had a good rivalry,” Villafranca said.

“Both of us were with our respective clubs, and we’ve had a lot of close races before. I definitely know him. I know he’s very capable of doing very well, and this was very close.”

The Patriots’ senior didn’t need anything to fire him up for another meeting with Bannon; he was prepared physically, and thanks to the memory of a second-place finish last week against North Penn, he was also prepared mentally.

“I felt like I lost the race last week in my mind. It was a mental breakdown, so I made sure that, with a half-a-lap to go, I wasn’t going to let it happen again,” Villafranca said. “Swimming is very much a physical sport but it’s also very much a mental one.”

Then there was Michael Thomas

One of those aforementioned “sealed-in-stone, first-place finishers” capable of gliding through the water with the grace and speed of a dolphin is Hatboro-Horsham’s Michael Thomas.

Against the Patriots, he made sure the individual medley and the backstroke were over after the first length of the pool. He was so far ahead of the rest of the field, the only question was by how much would he break the pool records in each event.

This is a sport in which any record-breaking finish is cause to celebrate, whether it’s by a few hundredths of a second or a half-second or more.

Thomas was 2.51 seconds faster than the backstroke record North Penn grad Steve Fleming set in 2000, and 1.94 seconds better than the Knights’ Dominic Szabo was when he blistered the course in the IM three years before Fleming’s effort.

One more thing: In each race, he waited at the wall for more than nine seconds for the second-place finisher to join him.

So much for suspense.

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Keen’s Top 5 BOYS

1. North Penn
2. Germantown Academy
3. Souderton
4. Archbishop Wood
5. Hatboro-Horsham

GIRLS

1. Germantown Academy
2. North Penn
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5. Hatboro-Horsham

Local Scoreboard

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INDOOR TRACK NOTEBOOK

Pennsbury's Pressley impresses in DVGTCa debut



Dasia Pressley returned to the track on Friday but she is now with a new team. Pressley won the 60-meter dash at the Delaware Valley Girls Track & Field Coaches Association meet at Lehigh University in a time of 7.78 seconds. Pressley ran for Pennsbury after being with Neshaminy last year. Her new Falcons teammate, Husniyyah Rogers, won the 200 in 25.87 to win by over a second, and Pennsbury junior Olivia Sargent won the 800 in 2:19.62. The Falcons' Meredith Twomey came in second in the mile (5:17.91). Taylor Chapman of Pennridge was victorious in the 400 with a

time of 1:00.49. In the field events, the Rams' Ariana Przybylowski won the long jump with a leap of 17 feet, one-quarter inch. In the shot put, Bensalem senior Amelia Ali was second with a throw of 35-11 while Owls teammate Elayna Arsdale was third in 34-2.5. William Tennent's Ciera Romero (33-1.25) was fourth. Council Rock South senior Marissa Johnson won the pole vault at 10 feet, with Pennsbury's Alexis Mongiello (9-6) second. The high jump kept up CR South's Shannon Taub's winning streak, as she was first with a jump of 5-4. A close second was Villa Joseph Marie's Michaela Hollister at 5-3, with Souderton's Moira O'Malley (5-2) third and Abington's Victoria Collins (5-2) fourth.

Hannah Sexton of CB West won the triple jump at 35-1/4. Coming in third was Pennsbury's Uche Onuoha (35-0), and CR South's Emily Yemm (34-9) was fourth. The Distance Medley Relay was a local affair, as CB West (12:40.52) was first, just edging second-place North Penn (12:42.23) and Pennsbury (12:44.39) in third. Coming in fourth was CB East (12:49.53).

third was Tyji Mays of Bensalem (9:07.28), and Connor Sands of Central Bucks East (9:08.34) was fourth. Chris Welde of Council Rock North notched a big win, as his time of 6.71 beat Christian Brissett of Cheltenham (6.76) in the 55-meter dash. The 200 also featured close times but the top competitors were spread among different heats. Neshaminy's Sean Conway (23.50) was first, followed by Bobby Gablein of Hatboro-Horsham (23.58). Jason Tate of Bensalem (23.61) was third, and Adam Smoluk of Central Bucks South was fourth (24.48). Central Bucks East had a big day, as the Patriots won four gold medals. Gold medalists were Oliver

Boucher (400), Ata Shahideh (800), Jake Brophy (mile) and the Distance Medley Relay team of Josh Wood, Luke Harding, Louis Kettelberger and Josh Goetz. It was Brophy's first individual race in the state this season, and he had a time of 4:31.19. He got a challenge from Sam Webb of Pennsbury (4:32.13), Rock Fortna of Central Bucks West (4:33.33 2) and Joe Maguire of Council Rock South (4:33.87). Abington won the 4x400 relay in 3:34.18, with Neshaminy coming in third and Pennridge fourth. In the field events, Ryan Thomas of William Tennent won the high jump at 5-foot-10.

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Wrestling

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"I've never won something like this: I've had some weird trophies before, but I've never seen a (championship) belt," said Palmer, who remained undefeated this season with a 21-0 record. "It's different walking around with this, but I'm still as happy as I would be with a trophy." Palmer's victory became the highlight for the Golden Hawks, who finished fourth out of 41 squads from seven states for the two-day tournament. "This was the best field of (schools) that we've had at this tournament, and for our guys to take fourth overall, I couldn't be more pleased with our team's performance," South coach Brad Silimperi said. "This will give us momentum going into District Duals (this week)." As the top eight finishers earned medals in each weight class, South sent five other wrestlers to the podium: junior Dylan Schwartz (152), third place; senior Ben Kenis (195), fourth place; sophomore Zack Trampe (126), fifth place; and junior Luke Martoccio (145) and sophomore Joe Doyle (170), sixth place. Silimperi said he also was impressed by the perseverance of Schwartz and Kenis, who began this second day of the tournament in the consolation brackets but wrestled back to the consolation finals of their respective weight classes. Schwartz won a 6-5 decision over Stroudsburg senior Shane Jones, and Kenis dropped a 7-3 decision to Queen of Peace (New Jersey) senior Jeff Velez. Palmer's championship match, however, was a tactical masterpiece. After a scoreless first period, in which Palmer and Hanover Park (New Jersey) freshman Gerard Angelo spent most of the time in collar-and-elbow tieups, Palmer chose to begin



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Council Rock South's Riley Palmer defeated Hanover Park's Gerard Angelo during their 106-pound bout at the Escape the Rock Tournament on Sunday.

the second period in the down position. This enabled Palmer to score a point with an escape almost a minute into the period. With 54 seconds left in the period, the match was stopped for an injury timeout, as a trainer examined Angelo's right knee and leg. With 25 seconds remaining in the second period, Palmer increased his lead to 3-0 with a takedown, while apparently scissoring Angelo's right leg. With Angelo beginning the third period in the down position, Palmer

spent the first minute riding Angelo with his legs wrapped around Angelo's right leg. Angelo finally got a point for an escape in the final half-minute to avert a shutout, but Palmer earned a 3-1 decision victory. Palmer said he wasn't focusing on Angelo's likely injured leg. "Actually, I didn't even notice that was the one leg, maybe next time I would try to look at something like that," Palmer said. "I guess I did ride (Angelo) more to that side, but that's usually the side I'll ride on."

BOWLING NOTEBOOK

Conwell-Egan boys hope for solid second half



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The Conwell-Egan boys bowling team has been a regular fixture in the Philadelphia Catholic League playoffs, reaching the postseason every year since 2007. The Eagles won the league title in 2012 under the direction of the late Ron Cargan. Carl Hoffmire, CEC's current head coach, was Cargan's assistant that season and during the entire run of playoff seasons. Hoffmire is an upbeat person with a very positive coaching style. CEC is 17.5-14.5 after a split with St. Joseph's Prep on Thursday to start the second half of the season, and Hoffmire is hoping for good things the rest of the way. "The team as a whole is bowling well," Hoffmire said. "When one player is off, the other picks up the slack." But Hoffmire acknowledges that the team needs to be more consistent. "Thursday was bittersweet because the team amassed a 1,000-plus (game) with each varsity player shooting a 200 game," Hoffmire said. "This is the first time this year they were able to do this. They also bowled to their potential as a team and individuals. Unfortunately, they still need to learn to channel that energy into the following game and keep up the tempo and intensity." The Eagles' top bowler is senior Anthony Procaccino, who had a 628 series Thursday with games of 201, 210 and 217. "His effortless release produces tremendous power and off-pocket carry," Hoffmire said. "He deserves to be one of the elite players to represent the Catholic League in the (individual)

tournament and at states." Hoffmire said that senior Brian Carroll is having a good final season as well. Carroll is even a better golfer, Hoffmire said. "Brian has a bright future and will prosper in any endeavor that he chooses to pursue," Hoffmire said. Carroll's brother, Stephen, is Conwell-Egan's leadoff bowler and Hoffmire said that Bryan Daehling is one of his steadiest bowlers. Daehling posted his first 600-plus series of the season in the St. Joseph's Prep match, bowling a 616 with games of 203, 191 and 194. Rounding out Conwell-Egan's top five is sophomore Jake Temple. "Jake came to tryouts with no ball or shoes," Hoffmire said. "He learned basic fundamentals and threw a fingertip ball for the first time in his career at his first match with St. Joe's Prep. Jake had no idea how to throw it or how it was going to react. I can't say enough about his willingness to learn and how quickly he's become a staple varsity player. He'll only get better as time goes on."

Top averages

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Boys
1. A.J. Wolstenholme, Neshaminy, 223; 2. David Moffit, Neshaminy, 221; 3. Davante Davis, Pennsbury, 220; 4. David Callahan, Pennsbury, 218; 5. Holden Tisone, Neshaminy, 216.

Girls
1. Kelsey Hackbart, Harry S. Truman, 203; 2. Beccah Edelman, Neshaminy, 190; 3. Sara Shaffer, Bensalem, 188; 4. Melissa McGlone, Harry S. Truman, 187; 5. Kaeli McMaster, Neshaminy, 185.

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Allison Taub
COUNCIL ROCK SOUTH
Basketball

WHAT SHE DID: The senior had 16 points and 15 rebounds to help the Golden Hawks to a 47-29 win over Neshaminy.

WHAT SHE SAID: "My goal every game is to have a double-double. We played some really good team basketball. Everyone on the team played well."

OFF THE COURT: Plays soccer and is on outdoor track team. Also a peer mentor and member of Buddy Club.

PERSON SHE WOULD MOST WANT TO MEET: Andre Iguodala. "I like the way he plays basketball."

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INDOOR TRACK NOTEBOOK

East's Brophy impresses in debut



Central Bucks East had a big day, as the Patriots won four gold medals at the Track & Field Coaches Association of Greater Philadelphia meet at Lehigh on Saturday.

Gold medalists were Oliver Boucher (400), Ata Shahideh (800), Jake Brophy (mile) and the Distance Medley Relay team of Josh Wood, Luke Harding, Louis Kettelberger and Josh Goetz.

It was Brophy's first individual race in the state this season, and he had a time of 4:31.19. He got a challenge from Sam Webb of Pennsbury (4:32.13), Rock Fortna of Central Bucks West (4:33.33 2) and Joe Maguire of Council Rock South (4:33.87).

The 3,000 meters was the most competitive event.

Brian Arita of Council Rock North (8:58.09) was able to pull away to edge CR South's Andrew Hanna (8:59.45). Coming in third was Tyji Mays of Bensalem (9:07.28), and Connor Sands of Central Bucks East (9:08.34) was fourth.

Chris Welde of Council Rock North notched a big win, as his time of 6.71 beat Christian Brissett of Cheltenham (6.76) in the 55-meter dash.

The 200 also featured close times but the top competitors were spread among different heats. Neshaminy's Sean Conway (23.50) was first, followed by Bobby Gablein of Hatboro-Horsham (23.58). Jason Tate of Bensalem (23.61) was third, and Adam Smoluk of Central Bucks South was fourth (24.48).

Abington won the 4x400 relay in 3:34.18, with Neshaminy coming in

third and Pennridge fourth.

In the field events, Ryan Thomas of William Tennent won the high jump at 5-foot-10.

Girls at Lehigh

Dasia Pressley returned to the track on Friday but she is now with a new team.

Pressley won the 60-meter dash at the Delaware Valley Girls Track & Field Coaches Association meet at Lehigh University in a time of 7.78 seconds. Pressley ran for Pennsbury after being with Neshaminy last year.

Her new Falcons teammate, Husniyyah Rogers, won the 200 in 25.87 to win by over a second, and Pennsbury junior Olivia Sargent won the 800 in 2:19.62. The Falcons' Meredith Twomey came in second in the mile (5:17.91).

Taylor Chapman of Pennridge was victorious in the 400 with a time of 1:00.49.

In the field events, the Rams' Ariana Przybylowski won the long jump with a leap of 17 feet, one-quarter inch.

In the shot put, Bensalem senior Amelia Ali was second with a throw of 35-11 while Owls teammate Elayna Arsdale was third in 34-2.5. William Tennent's Ciera Romero (33-1.25) was fourth.

Council Rock South senior Marissa Johnson won the pole vault at 10 feet, with Pennsbury's Alexis Mongiello (9-6) second.

The high jump kept up CR South's Shannon Taub's winning streak, as she was first with a jump of 5-4. A close second was Villa Joseph Marie's Michaela Hollister at 5-3, with Souderton's Moira O'Malley (5-2) third and Abington's Victoria Collins (5-2)

fourth.

Hannah Sexton of CB West won the triple jump at 35-1/4. Coming in third was Pennsbury's Uche Onuoha (35-0), and CR South's Emily Yemm (34-9) was fourth.

The Distance Medley Relay was a local affair, as CB West (12:40.52) was first, just edging second-place North Penn (12:42.23) and Pennsbury (12:44.39) in third. Coming in fourth was CB East (12:49.53).

Millrose Games

The Millrose Games is one of the most tradition-laden indoor track meets in the country. Although most of the races are for college or Olympic-development athletes, there are a few spots for high schoolers.

The "Millrose Mile" is one of the most famous races in track, and to snag a spot in the high school race is highly prestigious.

The Millrose Games trials were held last Wednesday in New York City's Armory track. The winner of the mile race for boys and girls received an automatic bid to compete in the Millrose Games.

Four days earlier, Sam Ritz of Germantown Academy had finished fifth in the mile at the Hispanic Games on the same track the trials were being held.

This time, there was no stopping Ritz, as he won the race in a time of 4:16.99.

He will now be in the Millrose Mile on Feb. 14.

Pennridge's Marissa Sheva had already earned a spot in the girls Millrose mile by winning the mile at the Bishop Loughlin Games last month.

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BOWLING NOTEBOOK

Upper Moreland sweeps Upper Dublin



Upper Moreland swept both its boys and girls bowling matches with Upper Dublin last Wednesday.

Jon Searles had a 695 series for the Golden Bears. He had games of 191, 226 and 278.

Phoebe Park had a 502 series, including a 204 game.

Both the Upper Moreland boys and girls are having decent seasons, but neither is going to win a league championship, which will bring the girls' three-year stranglehold on the Suburban One League Continental Division to an end.

The Upper Moreland boys are 21-29 overall and 21-15 in the SOL Continental, good for fifth place.

Searles has a 197 average on the season, and Jarryd Goldstein has a 184 average.

The girls are 19-21 overall and 19-17 in the league, also good for fifth place.

substitutions that paid off.

Christian Stinson had a 244 game, and Stephen MacFarland rolled a 189 in just his third-ever varsity game.

Connor Ferris led the Hatters (5-31 overall and league) with a 569 series.

In the girls match, Stadenycki had to do some substituting, as the team struggled at Warminster's Thunderbird Lanes.

The Maidens (36-12, 33-3) were still able to pick up the sweep against the Hatters (1-34 overall and league).

Danielle Godshall led the way with a 505 series.

Hatboro-Horsham got a 506 series from Lauren Klein, including a match-high 212 game.

Top averages

Here are the top five averages in the area through the end of last week.

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McMullin is the head coach of the Council Rock South girls bowling team and keeps impeccable standings and statistics for the SOL National and Continental conferences.

North Penn sweeps Hatboro-Horsham

The North Penn boys and girls did not have their best performances of the season on Wednesday against Hatboro-Horsham, but both teams were able to come up with 4-0 victories and stay atop the SOL Continental Conference.

Tyler Sharpe had a 627 series, with games of 201, 223 and 201 for the Knights (35-13, 33-3).

Dylan Bailey-Smith added a 584 series with a 204 game, as coach Don Stadnycki made some

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Girls

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Wrestling

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"This is my first (belt) ever, and it's really exciting: It's something different from a trophy," said Gentile, who had finished fourth last year at this tournament. "Coming into this tournament, I thought, 'That's a really cool belt, I want to win that,' and it was one of the reasons that pushed me to win."

Gentile's victory was the crowning achievement for the Rams, who finished seventh out of 41 squads from seven states for the two-day tournament.

As the top-eight finishers earned medals in each weight class, Pennridge sent four other wrestlers to the podium: senior Joe Kracz (285), third place; junior Kordell Rush (113), fourth place; senior Ezra Outlaw (220), fifth place; and freshman Josh Stillings (132), seventh place.

All the medal matches ended in close decisions, as Kracz (3-1), Outlaw (3-2) and Stillings (3-1) won theirs, and Rush (1-0) barely missed third place.

Pennridge coach R.P. Norley said that while the squad still has more work to do, he was proud of what everyone accomplished, especially without sophomore Matt Parker (106) and junior Christian Cooper (126) because of injuries.

"The success is Gentile's, but the whole team takes pride in that we have a champ on the top of the podium," Norley said. "... It's a big deal for our team, because everyone on this team is looking up to the upperclassmen, like (Gentile) and the seniors. For guys who are on the fringe of medaling, it's a huge deal to know that the guy they



CHLOE ELMER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Pennridge's Joe Kracz (top) defeated Boyertown's Tommy Killoran in a 285-pound match (3-1) at the Escape the Rock Tournament on Sunday.

do drills with every day can get there, and if he can do that and if they can take him down in practice, then maybe they also can make the podium."

Gentile's match was tightly contested.

Gentile opened the scoring with a two-point reversal just seconds before the first period ended.

The only second-period scoring came with a one-point escape by Peck with about 40 seconds remaining.

As Peck had done in the second period, Gentile started the third period in the down position and got an escape with about 1:20 left in regulation for a 3-1 lead. With about a minute left, Peck tied the score with a takedown, but then Gentile responded with an escape about 20 seconds later, which became the decisive point.

In earning a 3-1 decision over Boyertown junior Tommy Killoran, Kracz also fought through a low-scoring, high-intensity match.

It was the fourth time this season that Kracz had defeated Killoran, including in the quarterfinals Saturday before their rematch in the consolation finals.

Kracz bounced back nicely from a semifinal loss by pin in 1:12 to Hill School senior Kostya Golobokov, who expects to wrestle next year at the University of Michigan.

"Just being able to place, it's fantastic," Kracz said. "It's well worth the ride and any soreness I'm going to feel tomorrow. ... (Golobokov) is a great wrestler, and I felt I got better just from having the experience of wrestling him."

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INDOOR TRACK NOTEBOOK

Pennsbury's Sargent qualifies for Millrose Games

Stuart London



A long drive to New York in the Saturday morning snowstorm may have not been much fun but it proved to be worth it for Olivia Sargent.

A junior at Pennsbury, Sargent won the high school invitational mile at the New Balance Games held at the Armory in New York City. Sargent won by over three seconds with a time of four minutes, 55.17 seconds.

The victory gives Sargent an automatic berth in the Millrose Games, one of the top indoor meets in the country, to be held Feb. 14.

While this will be her first time in the famous "Millrose Mile," it will be the fourth year in a row someone from her family is in it.

Her sister, Sara Sargent, was in the race three times and is now a sophomore at Virginia.

That was not the only success the Falcons achieved in New York.

The Pennsbury girls won the 4x800 relay in 9:32.06 and third in the 4x200 (1:40.96). The Falcons' Dasia Pressley was second in the 55 dash (7.08) and Hannah Malloy (11:36.71) was sixth in the two mile.

The Pennsbury boys won the 4x800 relay in convincing fashion. Its time of 7 minutes, 57.76 seconds was

over six seconds faster than second-place Arlington (New York). Kornelius Klah was fifth in the 55 hurdles in 7.86 seconds.

Dare Invitational

The state championship meet will be held at Penn State so it did not take much incentive for many state contenders to take the trip to State College for the Kevin Dare Invitational held Saturday at Penn State's Multi-Purpose complex. With so much talent competing, elite athletes from other states also entered to make every race competitive.

The 3,000 brought out the best in Mady Clahane of Cumberland Valley. Having to take on Marissa Sheva of Pennridge and Lydia Olivere of Padua (Del.) Academy, who had won the mile earlier in the meet, Clahane ran a 9:59.60. It is not only the fastest time in the country so far this season, it is the only sub-10 minute time.

Sheva (10:27.39) defeated Olivere (10:31.03) for second place.

Pennridge's Ariana Przybylowski was the top Pennsylvanian in the long jump with a leap of 18-2 and she finished third overall.

On the boys side, Hatboro-Horsham's Casey Comber won the 3,000 in a time of 9:02.0.

Holy Ghost Prep made an impact in the shot put. Joseph Cleary was second with a throw of 45-5 and Eric

Kasperowicz (44-5) was sixth.

Girls at Lehigh

With some of the top names away, the Delaware Valley Girls Track & Field Coaches Association meet Friday at Lehigh University gave opportunities for some new names to earn some medals.

The high jump was a competitive battle between Conwell-Egan's Shelby Samuels, Villa Joseph Marie's Michaela Hollister and Souderton's Moira O'Malley. The Eagles' Samuels won with a clearance of 5-foot-4, with Hollister and O'Malley each reaching 5-2.

The pole vault was dominated by Council Rock South. The Golden Hawks' Savannah Wood won with a clearance of 10-9, with teammates Marissa Johnson (second) and Kaitlyn Deissler (fourth) each clearing 9 feet.

In the 60-meter hurdles, CB West's Chrissy Woods was third in 10.15 seconds.

In the 200, Quakertown's Janae Hickey (27.11) came in second, and CB South's Jasmine Noble (27.48) was fourth.

Lansdale Catholic's Elizabeth Reid was fourth in the 400 in 1:02.48. CB South's Amber Stratz won the 1,000.

Council Rock South was fourth in the 4x800 and 4x400 relays. Villa Joseph Marie was second in the 4x200.

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Joe Jones



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Falcons' last stand?

Pennsbury travels to Pennndel Lanes on Wednesday afternoon for boys and girls matches with Neshaminy.

The Neshaminy boys lead the SOL National Conference and have three fewer league losses than the Falcons, so this is a huge match in terms of Pennsbury's title stranglehold, currently at four years.

The Neshaminy and Pennsbury girls are second and third, respectively, in the SOL National and both probably will lose any chance to catch Harry S. Truman with a loss.

Pennsbury's four-year title reign would be all but over with a loss.

Abington improving

The Abington boys team will have its best season in the 11 years Brian Wenders has been head coach.

After going 7-57 last season, the team is 24-12 overall and 20-12 in the Suburban One League Continental Conference, good for third place.

The Ghosts are led by Dylan Barnett and his 181 average, according to Wenders.

"Newcomers Matt Dando and Jack Hunt both have 169 averages and are a big reason why we are so competitive this year," Wenders said.

Wenders said the team is rounded out by Neal Slobotkin, who is a returning starter, and Nick Turco.

Turco has improved his average by 24 pins to 155 and has grabbed the last starting position on varsity, Wenders said.

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Wood

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their next game Friday at La Salle College High School.

Until then, this relatively young Wood squad can savor already having two more wins than its total last year.

Wood can continue building confidence from making 24 of 29 free throws against the Friars (10-8, 3-6 PCL), who by contrast went 6-for-14, which prevented them from making a serious second-half run.

Wood's free-throw prowess surfaced at a crucial third-quarter moment when the Vikings held a 40-33 lead with less than 4 minutes remaining.

Funk was fouled while shooting with 3:29 left and a technical foul was called on the Friars for protesting the call. Funk calmly sank all four free throws, then he took a feed off the ensuing inbounds pass and scored a layup that stretched the



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Archbishop Wood's Tommy Funk shoots foul shots during Sunday's game.

Vikings' advantage to 13 points, 46-33.

"It was definitely big for us, since we were up 10 at the half (32-22), and we knew (the Friars) wanted to make it tight, and they started playing better," Funk said. "It took the momentum from them and we took that momentum into a win."

After that, the Friars never got any closer than

eight points, 62-54 with 2:58 left in the game.

The Vikings responded, as Pickron made both double-bonus free throws with 2:25 left.

Pickron already had helped the offense with a pair of 3-pointers, one from the left corner early in the fourth quarter and another from the top of the arc in the third.

The 6-foot-3 Pickron

said he has improved moving without the ball, which has helped him get open on the perimeter.

"That was the biggest adjustment I had to make, getting open (without the ball) instead of having the ball in my hands all the time," Pickron said. "Playing in the (PCL) has been more than I expected."

While Pickron credited the coaches, along with Funk and sophomore guard Collin Gillespie, for helping him get comfortable with Wood's offense, Funk sent most of the credit back to Pickron.

"(Pickron) is one of the more talented players in the city and the state, and he has been great," Funk said of Pickron, who played through eighth grade at the Gesu School in Philadelphia. "He has listened to me, he has listened to the coaches, he has listened to the seniors and he's not trying to do his own thing, he has been playing within the team's offense and his own talent, and the way he has been playing, it has been a huge help."

Local Scoreboard

Schedule

Monday
BOYS BASKETBALL
New Hope-Solebury at CR North, 7 p.m.
Girard College at Morrisville, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Morrisville at Bristol, 4 p.m.
New Hope-Solebury at Lower Moreland, 7 p.m.
Christopher Dock at Delco Christian, 7:30 p.m.
WRESTLING
Wilson at Palisades, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia Catholic League
Semifinal
La Salle at Archbishop Wood, 5 p.m.

BOWLING

Hatboro-Horsham at Abington, 3 p.m.
Norristown at Pennridge, 3 p.m.
CR North at Neshaminy, 3:15 p.m.
Upper Moreland at Plymouth Whitemarsh, 3:30 p.m.

Results

Sunday
BOYS BASKETBALL
Archbishop Wood 72, Bonner-Prendergast 58
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Blue Chip Basketball Super Showcase (at Spring-Ford)
Bethlehem Catholic 71, Lansdale Catholic 41
Archbishop Wood 61, Christ the King (N.Y.) 60
North Penn 45, Episcopal Academy 40

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Katharine Buliga ARCHBISHOP WOOD Swimming

WHAT SHE DID: Won the 200-yard and 500 freestyles and was on the winning 200 freestyle relay in Archbishop Wood's 91.5-84.5 victory over St. Hubert in a key Philadelphia Catholic League dual meet.

WHAT SHE SAID: "The first half of the meet, I was kind of nervous. They were beating us but we moved up after diving and by the 500 I thought we were in good shape. We were getting the fourth and fifth places and those are the ones that really matter in those close meets. We're really excited to still be undefeated in the Catholic League. We still have Little Flower and we're excited but nervous. They beat St. Hubert by a lot so we know we're going to have to swim really well to beat them."

OUT OF THE POOL: Spending time with friends and traveling. "I went to Chicago over the summer and also the Midwest. This summer, I'd like to go west to California and to the South."

COLLEGE: A junior, she would like to swim in college. She has not chosen a school or major but enjoys math and science.

PERSON SHE WOULD MOST WANT TO MEET: American swimmer Katie Ledecky, an Olympic gold medalist and world record holder. "She's accomplished so much at such a young age and she's a good role model."



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SWIMMING NOTEBOOK

Bensalem trying to build toward future

Karen Sangillo



Top 5 Boys
1. Pennsbury (7-0)
2. CR North (7-2)
3. CR South (7-2)
4. William Tennent (3-5)
5. Neshaminy (1-5-1)

Girls
1. CR North (5-3-1)
(tie) Pennsbury (6-0-1)
3. CR South (5-4)
4. Archbishop Wood (6-1)
5. William Tennent (2-7)

The Bensalem swim team is small.

But according to sisters Jess and Natalie Wiley, the swimmers the Owls have are full of spirit.

"We go to meets and the other teams are a lot

bigger than we are, but we have as much heart and passion to swim as they do," said Natalie, a freshman.

Being on a smaller team can provide opportunities that bigger programs can't offer. Though only a sophomore, Jess is already a team captain.

"It's a big responsibility," she said. "You have to be sure everyone knows what we're doing and really help the coaches as much as possible.

"Our numbers are low, so we go into meets knowing we don't have enough people to win, but we're trying to build it back up. And the people we do have are so dedicated, like Natalie. I love having her on the team and she's a really good swimmer."

Natalie enjoys having an older sister on the team.

"She introduced me to everyone, and last year I went to all her meets, so I knew what to expect this year," she said. "From watching her, I knew I wanted to be a part of Bensalem swimming. It's as much fun as I thought it would be."

Natalie has high hopes for the future, as Bensalem is slated to get a new pool.

"That's going to be great," she said. "I can really see us growing as a team

once that happens. Right now, it's frustrating because we swim at a middle school (Robert K. Shafer). I think once we have a pool at the high school, we'll have a whole bunch of new swimmers and we'll be able to turn this around.

"Hopefully I'm young enough that I'll still be here when that happens, because I'd love to be a part of it."

The Suburban One League National Conference championships will be the season finale for the Owls.

"We're really looking forward to it," Jess said. "It's exciting to swim against all of the teams at once. It's a really nice finish for the season. Hopefully we'll have a lot of personal-best times."

Wood tops St. Hubert

The Archbishop Wood girls team won a close Philadelphia Catholic League contest against St. Hubert 91.5-84.5 on Jan. 22.

"It was closer than I expected it to be," Wood coach Charlie Stillwell said. "It's a big win for us. At the beginning of the season I had no idea how things would go, but we're still in the mix, and I'm very happy about that."

The Vikings remained undefeated in the PCL with a record of 5-0 (6-1 overall) heading into Thursday's meet against defending champion Little Flower.

Meet to watch

Council Rock South at Council Rock North, Friday, 3:30 p.m.: It's the annual double meet between the Suburban One League National Conference and district rivals. Since the district split into two high schools in the fall of 2002, CR North girls have gone 14-0 against CR South, while the CR North boys are 13-1, losing in 2006.

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ICE HOCKEY: CENTRAL BUCKS WEST 3, WILLIAM TENNENT 2

Central Bucks West edges William Tennent

By RICK WOELFEL
CORRESPONDENT

HATFIELD — Call it a playoff prelude.

Scotty Cappuccio deposited a rebound in the back of the net with 3:37 remaining in the game to give Central Bucks West a very big win.

The Bucks' 3-2 decision over William Tennent on Thursday night at Hatfield Ice lifted them into first place in the Suburban High School Hockey League's National Division with a 7-1-5 record, both overall and in league play.

Tennent (8-4, 7-4 in SHSHL National) sits three points behind Council Rock South in the division standings; the Panthers and the Golden Hawks will meet Friday.

The decisive sequence began when the Bucks' Pat Smith dumped the puck in on net the net from his position on right wing. C.J. Lineman made the save and denied John McCreadie on the rebound, but Cappuccio was

Scotty On The Spot and put the puck in the net. It was his ninth goal of the season.

Cappuccio noted the Bucks and the Panthers have traveled the same road in recent seasons.

"Like Tennent, we've had rough years," he said. "Our team is finally getting back to where it was a few years ago.

"So, to have this win over Tennent, which is a team that is pretty even with us, really boosts our confidence."

The first period and a half was a goaltending duel between two of the area's best, the Panthers' Lineman and the Bucks' Jonah Brous. Both made some good saves in the early going.

West coach Dave Baun was pleased with the way his blueliners played in front of his senior netminder.

"Our defenseman did a great job angling out," he said. "Jonah plays solid, he's always square to the puck. But mostly what I liked about the way our (defense played) was we turned the

puck up ice. We made good defense calls."

The evening's first four goals came in a cluster; they occurred in a span of 4:45. Tennent got on the board, thanks to Alec Dugan's effort at the 8:40 mark, but Shawn Philipps answered for West just 12 seconds later.

Eddie Shields put the Bucks in front temporarily when he scored with 3:34 left in the period but, just 59 seconds later, the game was tied once more.

Dugan shot up the left wing and went in on net before crossing the puck to Mike Padgeon, who essentially had an open net at which to shoot.

Following Cappuccio's game-winner the Bucks kept up the pressure, in no small measure because Tennent's Blake Bagdon drew a tripping penalty with 2:05 left in the game. That circumstance gave West a power play, and Tennent was never able to get Lineman out of the net for an extra skater.

THURSDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Neshaminy's Moffitt rolls perfect game

Neshaminy's David Moffitt rolled a 300 game and had a 789 series as Neshaminy beat Council North, 4-0, in a Suburban One League National Conference boys bowling match Thursday at Penndel Lanes.

Moffitt, a senior, rolled his 300 in the second game after bowling a 246 in the first game. He finished off his series with a 243 third game.

The perfect game was the second for Moffitt as a Neshaminy bowler, having rolled the other at the Snowroller Classic at

Laurel Lanes last season.

His 300 game was the first by any Suburban One League bowler this season.

Girls basketball	
Archbishop Wood 52, Archbishop Carroll 49	
Archbishop Carroll (13-5, 7-3 PCL)	
Julia Gantz 4 3-5 13; Keara McNulty 2 3-3 8; Ann McKnight 2 1-1 5; Lexi Stover 3 2-3 11; Kristen Ryan 1 1-2 3; Theresa Kearney 1 0-0 3; Lexi Kusia 1 0-0 2; Bella Sorrentino 1 1-2 4. Totals: 15 11-16 49	
Archbishop Wood (15-3, 7-1 PCL)	
Cassie Sebald 1 0-0 2; Katie May 0 0-0 0; Kate Connolly 1 0-0 2; Claire Bassetti 3 2-3 9; Aubree Brown 3 1-1 7; Bailey Greenberg 7 3-4 17; Lexi Edwards 1 1-2 3; Karly Brown 2 0-0 6; Shannon May 2 1-3 6. Totals: 20 9-13 52	
Archbishop Carroll 11 15 7 14 24 9	
Archbishop Wood 16 10 11 10 5 52	
3-point goals: AC-Gantz 2, McNulty 3, Kearney, Sorrentino. AW-K. Brown 2, S. May 2	

Girls bowling	
Neshaminy 4, CR North 0	
CR North: Sam Myers 99-105-81-285; Katie Witzig 108-108-75-291; Vanessa Kattiyar-Aree 121-105-92-318; Julia Minakowski 116-121-74-311; Sarah Gifford 198-174-185-557.	

Neshaminy: Kaeli McMaster 181-216-213-610; Beccah Edelman 221-186-185-592; Breanna Morris 140-149-188-481; Athena Strippoli 169-215-177-561; Amanda Betson 147-164-190-501

Totals	
18 9-12 47	
Pennsbury (5-10, 3-7 SOL)	
A. Wick 0 1-2 1; A. Blazejewski 3 0-0 8; M. Webber 2 0-0 5; M. Kane 6 5-7 22; N. Boone 0 0-0 0. Totals: 11 6-11 36	
Neshaminy 10 7 9 21-47	
Pennsbury 7 8 16 5-36	
3-point goals: P- Kane 5, Blazejewski 2, Webber; N- McIlvaine, Storms	

Around campus
Bucknell senior Christian Lupica (Holy Ghost Prep) was named the Patriot League Male Track Athlete of the Week and the running event MVP at the Gulden Invitational. Lupica won the 60-meter hurdles, the 200m dash and ran the anchor leg of the winning 4 x 400m relay. To read more in Around Campus, visit www.buckscountycourier-times.com/sports/college.

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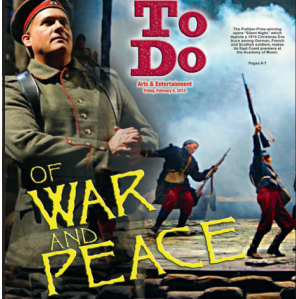
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 1 Kentucky defeats Missouri

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COLUMBIA, Mo. — Andrew Harrison scored 15 points to lead a balanced Kentucky attack, and the No. 1 Wildcats pulled away in the second half for a 69-53 victory over Missouri on Thursday night.

The Wildcats improved to 20-0 for the third time in school history, and closed within five wins of matching the record start achieved by Adolph Rupp's team in 1953-54.

No. 3 Gonzaga 64, Portland 46

SPOKANE, Wash. — Domantas Sabonis had 13 points and 11 rebounds as Gonzaga beat Portland, extending the nation's longest home winning streak to 37 games dating to 2012.

Przemek Karnowski added 10 points and 11

rebounds for Gonzaga (21-1, 10-0 West Coast Conference), whose only loss came in overtime at then-No. 3 Arizona. It is the best start in program history.

Ohio St. 80, No. 16 Maryland 56

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Marc Loving scored 19 points and D'Angelo Russell added 18 points and 14 rebounds to lead Ohio State over Maryland.

Jae'Sean Tate, starting his third game in a row, added 16 points and eight rebounds for the Buckeyes (17-5, 6-3 Big Ten), who have won three in a row — including the last two over ranked opponents at home.

Dez Wells had 12 points and Jake Layman 10 for Maryland (18-4, 6-3), which had won four of five.

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SWIMMING NOTEBOOK

CR North-CR South meet fun for competitors

The annual swim meet between Council Rock North and Council Rock South is a big one. For CR South freshman Mason Sjostedt, it was also quite an experience. “I was a little bit nervous,” he said. “When the season first started, we knew it was going to be a tough meet, but we thought that our team could pull it off.”

The Golden Hawks fell to the host Indians 107-78. “I think we did very well,” Sjostedt said. “It was a really fun meet, and I was really surprised with how well everyone swam. We would have liked to win, but we had a lot of guys to their best times. “We thought we had a chance to beat North, and that made it exciting. I’m really looking forward to my next three North-South meets.”

He is now gearing up for the Suburban One League National Conference championships. “The North meet was a great experience and a good way to get ready for the league meet,” he said. This year’s clash featured the return of the popular Coaches’ Relay, where the coaches from both teams square off in a relay race. CR South was the victor this year. The team of senior Emily Eastburn (swimming for her father, girls assistant coach George Eastburn), girls head coach Lauren Myers, boys assistant Brian Clay and boys head coach Bob Bagdon



Karen Sangillo

finished ahead of North girls head coach Tori Hall, assistant Casey Young, boys assistant Greg Parker and boys head coach Brian Johnson. “It was a lot of fun,” Clay said. “I was up against Parker and I was doing pretty well until I hit the flip turn. I was expecting to hit tile, and I hit vinyl, so I didn’t do a good turn at all, and, when I got out of it, I saw him in front of me. “My goals were to break a 30 and beat Parker, and I didn’t do either one, but we still won the race so I’m happy.”

Wood beats Little Flower

Archbishop Wood beat defending Philadelphia Catholic League girls team champion Little Flower 95-85 last Thursday at Klinger Middle School. Little Flower led for much of the meet, although Wood tied it twice, 15-15 after the 200 freestyle and again, 60-60 after the 500 freestyle. The Vikings took over the lead for good after winning the 200 freestyle relay, when Megan Cook, Caitlin Bedesem, MaryGrace Mac-Donand and Katharine Buliga clocked in at 1:53.00. The same foursome also won the 400 freestyle relay (4:05.83). Wood showed its depth in the meet. The Vikings won just two individual events. Dominique DiRienzo placed first in diving (199.05 points) and Buliga captured the 100 freestyle (59.43).

Sangillo’s Top 5

- Boys**
1. Pennsbury (7-0)
 2. Council Rock North (8-2)
 3. Council Rock South (7-3)
 4. William Tennent (4-5)
 5. Neshaminy (1-5-1)
- Girls**
1. Council Rock North (6-3-1) (tie). Pennsbury (6-0-1)
 3. Council Rock South (5-5)
 4. Archbishop Wood (7-1)
 5. William Tennent (3-7)

Record setters

The William Tennent boys foursome of Brennen Bastian, Tom Del Conte, Matt Patrick and Mark Preedy set a Tennent pool record in the 200 freestyle relay of 1:29.54 in the Panthers’ 103-82 nonleague win over Upper Moreland. The previous standard of 1:30.03 was set Jan. 6 by Pennsbury’s Collin Hanlon, Dan Lawton, Connor Doyle and Travis Venables.

Meets to watch

Villa Joseph Marie will participate in the Athletic Association of Catholic Academies championship meet at 1 p.m. at Upper Dublin. The Suburban One League National Conference diving championships will be held Wednesday at William Tennent at 4:30 p.m. Karen Sangillo, 215-345-3070; email, ksangillo@calkins.com

SWIM LEADERS

- Boys**
- 200 medley relay:** Pennsbury (Daniel Lawton, Connor Doyle, Collin Hanlon, Travis Venables), 1:40.27
- 200 freestyle:** Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 1:45.85
- 200 individual medley:** Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 1:54.34
- 50 freestyle:** Jake Goroshko, Council Rock North, 21.90
- Diving:** Matt Aronson, Council Rock North, 331.10 pts.
- 100 butterfly:** Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 53.24
- 100 freestyle:** David Kneiss, Neshaminy, 49.00
- 500 freestyle:** Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 4:43.49
- 200 freestyle relay:** William Tennent (Brennen Bastian, Tom Del Conte, Matt Patrick, Mark Preedy), 1:29.54
- 100 backstroke:** Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 52.63
- 100 breaststroke:** Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 1:00.27
- 400 freestyle relay:** Pennsbury (Nicholas Jeronis, Daniel Lawton, Connor Doyle, Travis Venables), 3:18.61

- Girls**
- 200 medley relay:** Council Rock South (Leah Barrett, Lindsay Robinson, Faye Melekos, Erika Shevchek) 1:54.63
- 200 freestyle:** Rachel Samson, Council Rock North, 2:00.30
- 200 individual medley:** Lauren Mitchell, Council Rock North, 2:16.82
- 50 freestyle:** Alexa Fabbri, Villa Joseph Marie, 23.54
- Diving:** Nicole Costello, Pennsbury, 297.55 pts.
- 100 butterfly:** Madison Schluchterer, Council Rock North, 59.85
- 100 freestyle:** Lauren Mitchell, Council Rock North, 54.63
- 500 freestyle:** Madison Schluchterer, Council Rock North, 5:19.33
- 200 freestyle relay:** Council Rock North (Rachel Samson, Beca Segel, Madison Schluchterer, Lauren Mitchell), 1:41.39
- 100 backstroke:** Elizabeth Miller, Neshaminy, 1:01.19
- 100 breaststroke:** Sammy Grogan, Council Rock North, 1:11.64
- 400 freestyle relay:** Council Rock North (Rachel Samson, Madison Schluchterer, Beca Segel, Lauren Mitchell), 3:42.70

WEDNESDAY’S HIGHLIGHTS



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Neshaminy’s Jenkins Kimber (left) and Pennridge’s Ryan Cuthbert vie for a rebound Wednesday. Pennridge won 54-39.



Neshaminy boys clinch league bowling crown

Holden Tisone bowled a 653 series as the Neshaminy boys bowling team clinched the Suburban One League National Conference championship with a 3-1 win over Council Rock South on Wednesday. Matt Boyle added a 622 series and David Moffitt a 604 series for Neshaminy (55-5 overall, 39-5 SOL). John Savoca bowled a 616 series for Council Rock South (36-28, 19-21 SOL). Truman wrapped up the girls title on Tuesday when it beat Neshaminy.

BAL WRESTLING: BRISTOL 60, VALLEY FORGE MILITARY ACADEMY 12

Bristol pins down dominant win

By **JOE JONES**
STAFF WRITER

BRISTOL — Bristol senior wrestler Phoenix Rodriguez started the Warriors’ 60-12 Senior Night victory over Valley Forge Military Academy on Wednesday night with a first-period pin. But Rodriguez did have a tense moment before he dispatched Ben Johnson in 1 minute, 42 seconds, in the Bicentennial Athletic League match. Rodriguez got taken down, and it appeared Johnson might be in a position to get Rodriguez on his back.

“I was afraid I was going to get pinned,” Rodriguez said. “He decided to move to the other side and jump on top of me. I knew then all I needed to do was do a little bear crawl, and I would be able to turn him and pin him.” Which is exactly what Rodriguez did. “It felt great,” Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez, at 132 pounds, was the only senior of the four on the Bristol wrestling team to get on the mat in the varsity match. Josh Maldonado (120), Jeremiah Hayward (220) and Moussa Kone (285) all picked up forfeit wins. Bristol (7-12 overall, 1-2 BAL) picked up four wins via forfeit, and also had to forfeit a match to VFMA (1-4, 1-3 BAL). The Warriors won five of the seven matches contested by fall. Besides Rodriguez, Austin Knox (138), Shaun O’Brien (145), Weslee Marshall (152) and Cameron Beckett (160) all picked up pins for Bristol. Jacere Morris won his 106-pound bout by injury default midway through the second period when

VFMA’s Blaise Coghlan could not continue. Coghlan was leading the match 14-8 but it is no given that he would have won had he’d been able to continue, as Morris was battling and came close a couple times to turning Coghlan on his back. Bristol coach Enrique Velez said he was happy with the way his team performed. “We went back to the drawing board after we lost to Lower Moreland and fixed a number of things,” Velez said. Joe Jones: 215-949-4215; email: jones@calkins.com; Twitter: @courierjj

Bristol 60, Valley Forge Military Academy 12

106 pounds: Jacere Morris (B) inj. def. Blaise Coghlan, 2:56
113: Timothy Ewing (VFMA) pinned Tom Cramp, 5:40
120: Josh Maldonado (B) won by forfeit
126: Rick Patterson (B) won by forfeit
*132: Phoenix Rodriguez (B) pinned Ben Johnson, 1:42
138: Austin Knox (B) pinned Anthony Zavareukha, 2:53
145: Shaun O'Brien (B) pinned Armani Resto, :39
152: Weslee Marshall (B) pinned Miles Vando, 1:25
160: Cameron Beckett (B) pinned Xia Bin Shen, :35
170: Emmanuel Ahoua (VFMA) won by forfeit
182: Double forfeit
195: Double forfeit
220: Jeremiah Hayward (B) won by forfeit
285: Moussa Kone (B) won by forfeit
Records: VFMA (1-4, 1-3 BAL); Bristol (7-12, 1-2 BAL).
*Match started here

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Boys basketball	
Pennridge 54, Neshaminy 39 Pennridge (19-2)	Neshaminy (4-15) Houses 1 0-0 2: Warren 8 1-2 17; Kimber 3 3-3 9; Treadway 2 0-0 4; Springer 2 0-0 4; Arcidiacono 1 0-0 3. Totals 17 4-5 39
Joe Molettieri 4 0-0 9; Dan Long 4 2-2 10; Zach Muredda 7 2-3 18; Stephen Lowry 2 0-1 4; Joe Unangst 3 0-0 7; James White 2 0-0 4; Ryan Galloway 1 0-0 2. Totals 23 4-6 54	Pennridge 9 13 19 13-54 Neshaminy 11 11 5 12-39 3-point goals: P- Muredda 2, Molettieri, Unangst; N- Arcidiacono

Local Scoreboard	
Schedule	Results
Thursday BOYS BASKETBALL Council Rock North at Bensalem, 7 p.m. Harry S. Truman at Abington, 7 p.m. Hatboro-Horsham at North Penn, 7 p.m. Holy Ghost Prep at Neshaminy, 7 p.m. Quakertown at Pennridge, 7 p.m. William Tennent at Pennsbury, 7 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Bensalem at Council Rock North, 7 p.m. Christopher Dock at New Hope-Solebury, 7 p.m. Neshaminy at Council Rock South, 7 p.m. North Penn at Hatboro-Horsham, 7 p.m. WRESTLING Souderton at Bishop McDevitt Dual, 6 p.m. PIAA Class AAA State Duals Council Rock South vs. General McLane, 8 p.m. BOYS SWIMMING Holy Ghost Prep, Nazareth and Springfield, 3:30 p.m. GIRLS SWIMMING Holy Ghost Prep, Nazareth and Springfield, 3:30 p.m. ICE HOCKEY Hatboro-Horsham vs. Upper Moreland (at Bucks County Ice), 6:30 p.m. Central Bucks East vs. Pennridge (at Warwick), 7 p.m. Council Rock North vs. Pennridge (at Grundy), 7:20 p.m. Neshaminy vs. Abington (Wintersports), 7:20 p.m. Roman Catholic vs. Lansdale Catholic (at Hatfield Ice), 7:20 p.m. Harry S. Truman vs. Upper Dublin (at Warwick), 8:45 p.m. Souderton vs. North Penn (at Hatfield Ice), 9 p.m.	Wednesday BOYS BASKETBALL Pennsbury 66, Central Bucks South 53 Pennridge 54, Neshaminy 39 GIRLS BASKETBALL CB South 52, Pennsbury 12 Morrisville 46, Christopher Dock 39 Quakertown 57, Pottstown 28 WRESTLING Harry S. Truman at Council Rock South Neshaminy 45, Bensalem 20 North Penn at Central Bucks South, ppd. (Feb. 10) Pennridge 55, Central Bucks East 9 Pennsbury at Abington Quakertown 48, Central Bucks West 22 Hatboro-Horsham 48, Souderton 27 Plymouth White Marsh 49, Upper Moreland 22 Bristol 60, Valley Forge Military Academy 12 Council Rock North 68, William Tennent 12 Archbishop Ryan 72, Conwell-Egan 3 New Hope-Solebury 51, Church Farm School 27 ICE HOCKEY Central Bucks South 6, Pennsbury 2 Central Bucks West 4, Pennridge 2 COLLEGE SPORTS MEN'S BASKETBALL Cain 58, Centenary (NJ) 55 Delaware Valley 72, Manhattanville 68 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Immaculata 81, Cain 33 Delaware Valley 75, Manhattanville 53

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Girls swimming: Wood wins league, district titles

Posted: Sunday, February 15, 2015 8:15 pm

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ICE HOCKEY NOTEBOOK

League playoff matchups about to be set

Rick Woelfel



Top 5
1. Holy Ghost Prep 11-7-1
2. CR South 9-5-1
3. William Tennent 11-5-0
4. Pennsbury 11-6
5. Neshaminy 6-9

With the final week of the regular season at hand, there is a lot for area hockey teams to play for.

One SHSHL Class AA division title is still to be decided, along with league playoff and Flyers Cup tournament seedings.

In the National Division, Council Rock South controls its own destiny. The Golden Hawks face Neshaminy on Wednesday and Council Rock North on Thursday. If they win both games, they are the divisional champions regardless of how William Tennent fares in its regular season final against Pennsbury on Wednesday. Tennent actually starts the week with a one-point lead in the standings.

Defending state champion Central Bucks South will clinch the outright Continental Division title with a win or a tie against Central Bucks West on Thursday. If the Titans fall, they would need a win or a tie against North Penn on Friday.

Seven of the eight playoff qualifiers have been determined, although

not necessarily the seedings. Central Bucks South, Central Bucks West and North Penn have earned the three automatic bids out of the Continental Division, while William Tennent, Council Rock South and Pennsbury will advance from the National. Central Bucks East is assured of one wild-card bid, while Abington, Neshaminy and Council Rock North are mathematically alive for the other. Neshaminy, which closes against Pennsbury on Thursday, will get the last spot if it wins one of its two remaining games. The Galloping Ghosts, who are already finished with their season, and the Indians, who will face Council Rock South on Thursday, would both need some help.

Seedings for the Flyers Cup tournament will be announced Sunday. League playoffs commence the following night.

Wissahickon leads the Class A American Division, followed by Tru-man, Hatboro-Horsham and Plymouth Whitmarsh. Upper Dublin is within two points of the fourth and final playoff spot, but is not playoff eligible.

The Class AAA playoffs and Flyers Cup tournament are one and the same. The bracket will include the four Pennsylvania schools in the Private Red Division (Holy Ghost Prep,

La Salle, Malvern Prep, St. Joseph's Prep) plus four teams to be determined from PCL Blue.

Grundy Arena was packed as usual for the fifth annual Pink Game. Last Friday's matchup between Pennsbury and Truman raised some \$9,000 for Pennsbury's Pink Ribbon Club, which assists area breast cancer patients. The dollars raised cover costs that insurance does not. Past beneficiaries have included relatives of students in the two participating school districts as well as faculty members.

Karen Wisen, a science teacher at Pennsbury, is the club adviser. She noted that many attendees were students at one of the two schools.

"It was standing room-only," she said. "It was great to see them showing school spirit, supporting one another and supporting their peers."

Some of the funds raised from the game have already been donated to the family of an area cancer patient who has been unable to work because of her illness.

Wisen says that in an era when many teenagers communicate mostly by texting, it was good to see students from different schools assembling in person for a worthy cause.

For the record, the Falcons emerged victorious 9-5.

INDOOR TRACK NOTEBOOK

Sargent second in Millrose; Snorweah wins three events

Stuart London



The indoor track season is beginning to head into the home stretch but it

is certainly not winding down.

The weekly coaches association meets finished last week. The main objective this past weekend was to qualify for the upcoming big state meets or participate in a big meet.

The biggest meet of all was the Millrose Games, held at the Armory on Saturday in New York and televised live by the NBC Sports Network.

Unfortunately, the TV audience missed the girls mile, which was held right before the broadcast began.

Going against many of the top milers in the country, Olivia Sargent of Pennsbury finished second, and if the race had been 100 more feet probably would have won it.

Sargent was 3.5 seconds behind leader Catherine Pagano of Northern Highlands (New Jersey) with a lap to go. The Pennsbury junior put on a big finishing kick, and her time of 4:51.02 was just four-tenths of a second behind Pagano.

Marissa Sheva of Pennridge was scheduled to be in the mile but withdrew due to injury.

In the boys mile, Sam Ritz of Germantown Academy was sixth in a time of 4:15.44.

The finals of the 55-meter dash was a semi-preview of what should be an exciting state championship race.

Taylor Chapman of Pennridge and Chanel Brissett of Cheltenham were both timed in 7.07 seconds, although Brissett was awarded third place and Chapman fourth. Pennsbury's Dasia Pressley was fifth in 7.12.

PTFCA Track Carnival

As usual, a number of local athletes went up to Lehigh on Saturday.

However, instead of the regular coaches association meet that just involved those from the Philadelphia area, it was for the Pennsylvania Track & Field Coaches Association Carnival.

That brought a whole new batch of competitors from around the state to go against.

Pennsbury's Charles Snorweah had no problem with the newcomers.

Fresh off signing his Letter of Intent to play football at Rutgers, Snorweah won the 60-meter dash in 7.02 and also won the 200 in 22.59. He also anchored the Falcons' victorious 4x200 relay team, which had a time of 1:32.62.

In other boys events, Neshaminy won the 4x400 relay in 3:26.76 and was third in the 4x800. CB South was fourth in the 4x800. Holy Ghost Prep was third in the Distance Medley Relay.

Kornelius Klah of Pennsbury was second in the 60-meter hurdles in 8.27.

Quakertown's Brett Wolfinger was fifth in the 800 in 2:00.57.

In the girls races, Pennsbury's Hannah Molloy was second in the 3,000, and CB East's Jackie Kinkead was fifth.

CB West's Maddie Villalba was third in the 400 (58.53) and helped the Bucks to a second-place finish in the 4x400 (4:05.95). Abington was third in the 4x800 relay in 9:50.58.

In the 800, Pennsbury's Erin O'Connell was second (2:19.40), and Sommers Moyer of CB East (2:20.38) was third.

The Patriots won the Distance Medley Relay in a time of 12:46.24. CB West was fourth.

The high jump was a battle between Grace Becker of CB East and Shannon Taub of CR South. Each cleared 5-foot-5 but Becker won on a tiebreaker. Hanna Sexton of CB West was third in the long jump (17-8 1/4).

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Sara Shaffer
BENSALEM
Bowling

What she did: Shaffer, a junior, bowled games of 235, 212 and 219 for a 666 series to win the Suburban One League National Conference girls individual championship Thursday at Brunswick Zone.

What she said: "There was a lot of competition, but I was confident that I could do it. And I did it."

On overcoming a 33-pin deficit after two games: "It's really great. I thought (Harry S. Truman's) Kelsey (Hackbart) was going to win, because she's great. It was great that I could come in here and win."

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Girls Basketball			Coach of the year		
Bicentennial Athletic League			NHS		
All League Team			Constitution Division		
Independence Division			First Team		
Name	School	Grade	Name	School	Grade
Sami McNeil	Delco Christian	11th	Denise Sacco	Morrisville	11th
Lanae Hunsberger	Christopher Dock	11th	Emma Dorshimer	Jenkintown	12th
Kelly Hyland	New-Hope Solebury	10th	Keyen Green	Phil-Mont Christian	11th
Tori Suler	New-Hope Solebury	11th	Tracey Goodman	Phil-Mont Christian	11th
Lauren Killian	Lower Moreland	11th	Ashley Forker	Faith Christian	10th
Rachel Millan	Lower Moreland	10th			
Second Team			Second Team		
Shirley Piotrowski	Delco Christian	9th	J. Wooten-Davis	Bristol	11th
Olivia Longacre	Christopher Dock	11th	Lauren Tipton	Phil-Mont	10th
Maddie Shisler	Christopher Dock	12th	Della Mena	Morrisville	12th
Bella DeVito	New-Hope-Solebury	10th	Nina Lindholm-Grsbird	Jenkintown	10th
Erica Fleck	Lower Moreland	11th	Monica Ervin	Faith Christian	11th
Bridgette Alexander	Lower Moreland	11th	Ashley Porylok	Faith Christian	10th
Honorable Mention			Honorable Mention		
Paige Thompson	Delco Christian		Ali Kent	Plumstead Christian	
Claudia Norton	Delco Christian		Ruth Thurston	Plumstead Christian	
Jen Summers	MAST Charter		Ashley Kremp	Jenkintown	
Carley Fuhrmeister	MAST Charter		Morin McSherry	Jenkintown	
Mary Pelluso	Calvary Christian		Jennifer Kremp	Jenkintown	
Meghan Barish	Calvary Christian		Gabrielle Fogg	Morrisville	
Leah Morse	New-Hope-Solebury		Kate Santana	Bristol	
Megan Swintoski	Christopher Dock		Tiana Brewington	Phil-Mont Christian	
			Kathrina Olinger	Bristol	
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BOWLING NOTEBOOK

Pennsbury's Susko bowls 810 series



Joe Jones

There is one last bit of business to take care of from the Suburban One League National and Continental

American regular season.

Pennsbury's Mike Susko became the only bowler from either conference to top the 800-series plateau when he rolled an 810 series on Feb. 4 at Levittown Lanes during the Falcons' SOL National matchup with William Tennent.

Susko, who has a 214 average this season, bowled games of 264, 299 and 247 against the Panthers.

Area regional qualifiers

Here are the bowlers from Suburban One League schools covered by the Intelligencer and Courier Times who are going to the Pennsylvania Eastern Regional High School Bowling Championships on March 6-7.

The singles championships will be March 6 and the team championships will be March 7.

The boys will compete at Leisure Lanes in Lancaster and the girls will be at Dutch Lanes in Ephrata.

Boys

SOL National: AJ Wolstenholme, David Moffitt, Holden Tisone, Erich Hansen, Matt Boyle, Neshaminy; Davante Davis, Mike Susko, David Callahan, Joe Barrett, Pennsbury; Greg Williams, Doug Buchanan, James Ryan, Joey Valeri, Eric Schulz, Harry S. Truman; Eric Miller, Council Rock North.

SOL Continental American: Mike Pine, Benjamin

Anderson, Chris Ciliberto, Pennridge; Tyler Sharpe, Colin Nast, Jimmy Ullman, Ryan Lowery, Lucas Denton, North Penn; Jon Searles, Jar-ryd Goldstein, Upper Moreland; Jack Hunt, Abington.

Girls

SOL National: Kelsey Hackbart, Casey Schaffer, Melissa McGlone, Harry S. Truman; Kellie Frain, Aurora Erdly, Saige Osterhout, Brittany Sinclair, Lizzie Bruner, Pennsbury; Sara Shaffer, Bensalem; Beccah Edelman, Athena Strippoli, Kaeli McMaster, Amanda Betson, Katelyn Calvert, Neshaminy; Jackie Schneider, Council Rock South.

SOL Continental American: Kara Wireman, Emily Kircher, Allison Wilms, Casey Barnes, Pennridge; Dana Dahling, Abington; Lauren Marrone, Gabby Verillo, Kristina Turner, Danielle Godshall, Kelci Beatty, North Penn; Lauren Klein, Hatboro-Horsham; Kayla Balcerak, Upper Moreland.

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Boys' Swimming

DISTRICT 12 CHAMPIONSHIP

At La Salle University

Class AAA

Team Scores: 1. La Salle, 637; 2. St. Joseph's Prep, 456; 3. Father Judge, 307; 4. Archbishop Wood, 175; 5. Roman Catholic, 119; 6. Archbishop Ryan, 84; 7. Northeast, 1.

200 Medley Relay: 1. La Salle (Kyle Shurmur, Sean Finlay, Greg Brocato, Nick Stachel), 1:32.25; 2. St. Joseph's Prep, 1:36.40; 3. Father Judge, 1:47.58.

200 Freestyle: 1. Jake Sannem, La Salle, 1:38.39; 2. Joseph Vizza, La Salle, 1:41.13; 3. Kyle McElwee, La Salle, 1:41.56.

200 IM: 1. Vince Everman, La Salle, 1:50.79; 2. Brandon McKenzie, St. Joseph's Prep, 1:54.57; 3. Sean Finlay, La Salle, 1:57.49.

50 Freestyle: 1. Greg Brocato, La Salle, 20.95; 2. Nick Stachel, La Salle, 21.45; 3. Kyle Schumur, La Salle, 21.56.

100 Butterfly: 1. Jacob Lubinski, La Salle, 50.90; 2. Nicholas Belecanech, St. Joseph's Prep, 51.87; 3. Luke Chadwick, 52.60.

100 Freestyle: 1. Greg Brocato, La Salle, 45.47; 2. Jackson Green, La Salle, 48.41; 3. Colin Reilly, Father Judge, 48.52.

500 Freestyle: 1. Jake Sannem, La Salle, 4:32.12; 2. Joseph Vizza, La Salle, 4:36.94; 3. Kyle McElwee, La Salle, 4:38.84.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. La Salle (Vince Everman, Jake Sannem, Kyle McElwee, Joseph Vizza), 1:25.70; 2. Father Judge, 1:28.13; 3. St. Joseph's Prep, 1:33.19.

100 Backstroke: 1. Vince Everman, La Salle, 50.25; 2. Kyle Shurmur, La Salle, 51.59; 3. Joseph Furze, St. Joseph's Prep, 51.84.

100 Breaststroke: 1. Nick Satchel, La Salle, 56.77; 2. Sean Finlay, La Salle, 57.36; Brandon McKenzie, St. Joseph's Prep, 58.44.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. La Salle (Jake Sannem, Vince Everman, Jackson Green, Greg Brocato), 3:06.85; 2. St. Joseph's Prep, 3:13.48; 3. Father Judge, 3:17.57.

Class AA

Team Scores: 1. Bonner-Prendergast, 285; 2. Cardinal O'Hara, 249; 3. Lansdale Catholic, 184; 4. Archbishop Carroll, 152.

200 Medley Relay: 1. Cardinal O'Hara (Conor Hassard, Cullen Boyle, Jack Gibson, Philip Boyle), 1:52.28; 2. Bonner-Prendergast, 1:58.94; 3. Lansdale Catholic, 2:00.20.

200 Freestyle: 1. Daniel Dwyer, Bonner-Prendergast, 1:59.12; 2. Garhett Moore, Lansdale Catholic, 2:05.31; 3. Theodore Greiner, Bonner-Prendergast, 2:07.07.

200 IM: 1. John Ellis, Bonner-Prendergast, 2:21.81.

50 Freestyle: 1. Luke McDevitt, Bonner-Prendergast, 24.36; 2. Jack Gibson, Cardinal O'Hara, 24.44; 3. Sincere Gibbs, Archbishop Carroll, 25.12.

100 Butterfly: 1. Conor Hassard, Cardinal O'Hara, 56.93; 2. Sincere Gibbs, Archbishop Carroll, 58.35; 3. Brian Lockhart, Lansdale Catholic, 1:00.20.

100 Freestyle: 1. Cullen Boyle, Cardinal O'Hara, 52.28; 2. Daniel Dwyer, Bonner-Prendergast, 54.74; 3. Jack Gibson, Cardinal O'Hara, 56.17.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. Cardinal O'Hara (Jack Gibson, Conor Hassard, Philip Boyle, Cullen Boyle), 1:36.70; 2. Bonner-Prendergast, 1:37.13; 3. Lansdale Catholic, 1:45.19.

100 Backstroke: 1. Conor Hassard, Cardinal O'Hara, 50.25; 2. Luke McDevitt, Bonner-Prendergast, 1:03.78.

100 Breaststroke: 1. Cullen Boyle, Cardinal O'Hara, 1:07.92; 2. Nicholas Picozzi, Lansdale Catholic, 1:12.74.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Bonner-Prendergast (John Ellis, Theodore Greiner, Luke McDevitt, Daniel Dwyer), 3:41.93; 2. Lansdale Catholic, 4:00.15; 3. Archbishop Carroll, 4:03.03.

Girls' Swimming

DISTRICT 12 CHAMPIONSHIP

Class AAA

Team Scores: 1. Archbishop Ryan, 440; 2. Little Flower, 394; 3. St. Hubert, 353; 4. Cardinal O'Hara, 270; 5. Hallahan, 84; 6. Girls High, 19; 7. Central, 15.

200 Medley Relay: 1. Little Flower (Megan Campbell, Allyson McHugh, Kelley McHugh, Jillian Blaney), 1:54.94; 2. Archbishop Ryan, 1:56.57; 3. St. Hubert, 1:57.98.

200 Freestyle: 1. Kelley McHugh, Little Flower, 2:00.63; 2. Paige Cameron, St. Hubert, 2:12.04; 3. Nadhia Engle, Archbishop Ryan, 2:15.28.

200 IM: 1. Allyson McHugh, Little Flower, 2:06.35; 2. Kaelyn Dougherty, St. Hubert, 2:10.87; 3. Amanda Devers, Cardinal O'Hara, 2:29.09.

50 Freestyle: 1. Hanna Blewett, Cardinal O'Hara, 24.18; 2. Julia Boyle, Cardinal O'Hara, 26.08; 3. Jillian Blaney, Little Flower, 26.16.

100 Butterfly: 1. Shea McKinstry, Archbishop Ryan, 1:00.99; 2. Brianna O'Donnell, St. Hubert, 1:03.37; 3. Jennifer Campbell, Little Flower, 1:08.37.

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100 Backstroke: 1. Kelley McHugh, Little Flower, 1:02.45; 2. Jenna Sheffold, Archbishop Ryan, 1:04.10; 3. Julia Boyle, Cardinal O'Hara, 1:06.33.

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400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Little Flower (Kelley McHugh, Jennifer Campbell, Jillian Blaney, Allyson McHugh), 3:49.12; 2. St. Hubert, 3:52.66; 3. Cardinal O'Hara, 3:52.70.

100 Breaststroke: 1. Cassidy Fries, Lansdale Catholic, 1:09.54; 2. Zoie Octviano, Archbishop Carroll, 1:16.31; 3. Molly Prior, Archbishop Wood, 1:21.97.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Archbishop Wood (Megan Cook, Caitlin Bedesem, Mary Grace MacDonald, Katharine Bulgia), 3:52.34; 2. Lansdale Catholic, 3:54.14; 3. Bonner-Prendergast, 4:06.65.

Class AA

Team Scores: 1. Archbishop Wood, 565.5; 2. Bonner-Prendergast, 322; 3. Archbishop Carroll, 263.50; 4. Lansdale Catholic, 229; 5. Masterman, 52; 6. Saul, 2.

200 Medley Relay: 1. Lansdale Catholic (Courtney Fries, Cassidy Fries, Mary Anne Wietecha, Mary Cate Coyle), 1:59.51; 2. Archbishop Wood, 2:00.19; 3. Archbishop Carroll, 2:00.51.

200 Freestyle: 1. Katharine Bulgia, Archbishop Wood, 2:02.33; 2. Kaeleigh Mahon, Archbishop Wood, 2:13.82; 3. Tara McBlain, Bonner-Prendergast, 2:14.52.

200 IM: 1. Hailey Gianoni, Lansdale Catholic, 2:29.71; 2. Megan Cook, Archbishop Wood, 2:31.33; 3. Juliann Fanelli, Bonner-Prendergast, 2:32.66.

50 Freestyle: 1. Victoria Brooks, Bonner-Prendergast, 26.26; 2. Olivia Snyder, Archbishop Carroll, 26.34; 2. Mary Grace MacDonald, Archbishop Wood, 26.34; 4. Courtney Fries, Lansdale Catholic, 27.63.

1 Meter Diving: 1. Dominique DiRenzo, Archbishop Wood, 428.90.

100 Butterfly: 1. Caitlin Bedesem, Archbishop Wood, 1:05.93; 2. Brigid Grant, Archbishop Wood, 1:06.23; 3. Molly Santoro, Archbishop Carroll, 1:06.98.

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100 Backstroke: 1. Olivia Snyder, Archbishop Carroll, 1:05.48; 2. Tara McBlain, Bonner-Prendergast, 1:08.02; 3. Stephanie Connor, Archbishop Carroll, 1:09.18.

INDOOR TRACK NOTEBOOK

Getting ready for nationals



While most local track competitors are now focused on getting ready for the outdoor season, as soon as the snow and ice can be scraped off the track, a select few are extending their seasons past the state championship meet.

The New Balance Indoor Nationals will be held from March 13-15 at The Armory in New York City.

The first day will be for the Emerging Elite, where up-and-coming athletes get a chance to show what they have. On Saturday and Sunday, the national championship competitions will be held. The top six in each race will be declared All-America.

Of course, athletes are not required to go to nationals even if they post a qualifying mark. Last year, after his amazing performance in winning the state 800, Kyle Francis of Bensalem did not go to nationals even though he had the fastest time in the country. But there are some ready to head to New York.

According to the latest published performance lists (and athletes could register up to midnight Sunday, so this is not a final list), here are some of the locals qualified to go to New York.

Girls

In the 60-meter dash, Pennridge's Taylor Chapman will face her in-state rival Chanel Brissett of Cheltenham. Chapman will also compete in the 200.

The mile will feature a rematch, as Pennsbury's Olivia Sargent will be in the field along with Pennridge's Marissa Sheva. At the state meet, Sheva edged Sargent but Sargent has done well on the Armory track, finishing second at the Millrose Games a few weeks ago.

Souderton's Moira O'Malley and Council Rock South's Shannon Taub will

compete in the high jump. In the Emerging Elite, Uchechi Onuoha of Pennsbury will be in the 60-meter hurdles. CR North's Dominique Franco will be in the pole vault, and Pennridge's Ariana Przybylowski in the high jump.

Boys

After a third-place finish at states in the 3,000, Casey Comber of Hatboro-Horsham will be in the 5,000 at nationals.

Sam Ritz of Germantown Academy will be looking to make his mark nationally after setting a state record in the mile.

Isiah Smith of Abington will be in the Emerging Elite 400. The Ghosts will also be in the 4x400 Emerging Elite relay.

For more information on New Balance nationals, go to www.nationalscholastic.org/nbin.

Dashing through the snow

While the indoor track meets are, obviously, conducted on a big track indoors, most schools do not have large indoor tracks so athletes still have to do much of their training outdoors.

Even the ones that do have indoor lanes usually are not full length. That means the sprinters might be OK, but for those who run middle or long distances, they usually have to go out into the cold to get the mileage they need.

That sometimes can cause runners to take risks.

When a school is closed because of bad weather, the runner does not help himself sitting at home. But to take a run with cars skidding, like on an ice rink, is not the best move, either. The snowy past weeks have left runners trying to balance safety and keeping in top shape.

Now that the temperatures this week are supposed to be in the balmy mid-40s, runners will hopefully have less trouble getting their miles in.

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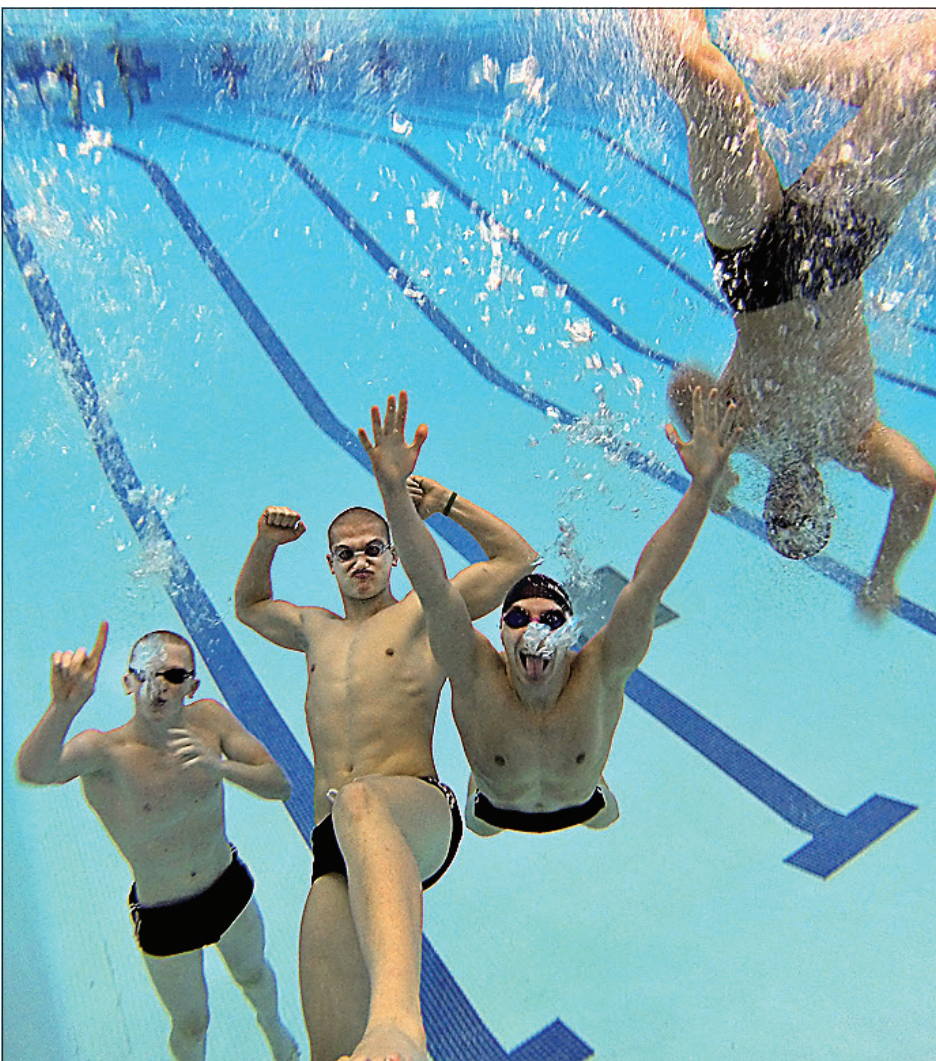
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SWIMMING

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Class AAA

Pennsbury: Nicole Costello (diving).

Boys

Class AA

Holy Ghost Prep: Eric Fenstermaker (400 freestyle relay); Eli Gibbins (400 freestyle relay); Bobby McLoughlin (100 backstroke, 400 freestyle relay); John Polidoro (400 freestyle relay); Thomas Theurer (100 breaststroke).

Class AAA

Council Rock North: Matt Aronson (diving); Jack Donnelly (200 medley relay); Jake Goroshko (50 freestyle, 200 medley relay); Joseph Segel (200 medley relay); Allen Shmurak (200 medley relay); Council Rock South: Matt O'Donnell (100 breaststroke); Neshaminy: David Kneiss (50 freestyle, 100 freestyle).

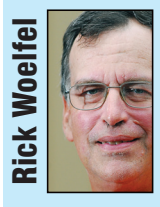
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INDOOR TRACK

Pennridge's Sheva, GA's Ritz now running for nationals

By **STUART LONDON**
STAFF WRITER

Neither Marissa Sheva of Pennridge nor Germantown Academy's Sam Ritz was coming into the state indoor track championships with a whole lot of momentum.

Both had been seen as contenders two weeks earlier in the mile at the prestigious Millrose Games. However, Ritz finished sixth in the boys race while Sheva had to withdraw from the girls race due to illness.

That turned out to be little help to their opponents as each won their respective mile championships at the Horace Ashenfelter Track at Penn State on March 1.

Ritz, an Abington resident, blitzed the field, winning in a state record time of four minutes, 9.56 seconds.

Sheva won a virtual-match race with her old rival Olivia Sargent of Pennsbury. Sheva ran a 4:54.46 to Sargent's 4:55.95.

Now that they are the best milers in the state, Sheva and Ritz will find out how they stack up in the country at the New Balance Nationals on Sunday at The Armory in New York City.

"I am super excited for nationals," said Ritz, a senior headed to Columbia University. "I'm the number four seed. It should be a pretty exciting race. States was awesome. For maybe a day I was upset about Millrose but then I had an amazing workout the day before states."

"I had no competition. If push came to shove, I thought I could do a 4:05. I know if I'm in a real good race, I'll be in position to do something special. It should be fun."

Sheva is looking forward to what she knows will be rugged competition.

"I am excited because this year is the first time I think I'll be competitive," she said. "The top six are named All-America and that is my

goal. I've been respectable there before but I want to do well."

"The race is just stacked. The girls who went 1-2 at Millrose and 1-2 in Boston will be there."

Ritz broke his own state record at Penn State. He had run a 4:10.5 at the New Balance Grand Prix in Boston last month.

Boston was no fun for Sheva. Already beginning to feel under the weather, she finished last.

"I raced in Boston and had a really bad race," said Sheva, who will play soccer and run track at Penn State next year. "I had not been working out because I was feeling sick."

"I was feeling a lot better by the time I went to states. I'll be 100 percent back from illness by the time nationals comes around. My workouts are much better now than they were leading up to states."

Sheva has a lot of history with the Sargent family.

Olivia's older sister, Sara Sargent, and Sheva had some epic duels before she graduated from Pennsbury two years ago.

In 2012, Sheva seemed to have the state 1,600 outdoor title wrapped up only to have Sargent nip her at the wire in a late burst. Sheva got her revenge in 2013 at Penn State as she beat Sargent for the indoor mile title.

Sheva missed last year's indoor state championships due to a back injury.



Marissa Sheva



Sam Ritz

"I'm actually more accustomed to racing Olivia," said Sheva. "We've been racing against each other since we were 9-10 years old. I kind of like racing her. In grade school it went back and forth between us. I ran for SASH and she was St. Ignatius."

"It is a really friendly rivalry. We were chatting going up to the (starting) line. I don't even remember what we were talking about. I doubt it was even race related."

While Ritz dispatched his competition with ease, Sheva knew she would have a battle with Sargent, who had finished a close second at the Millrose Games.

"I knew I didn't want to lead the race," said Sheva. "I took it slow and then Olivia took the lead with five laps to go. I sat on her until two laps to go and then made my move. I knew my last quarter (mile) had to be fast, Olivia went 4:51 at Millrose."

"With 200 to go, I was tired but I knew I had to keep going."

Sheva's time was not a record breaker. It was actually four seconds slower than her time in the first race of the season. But she expects to be ready for a fast time Sunday when she faces the nation's elite.

"States was a tactical race, you don't get a fast time in that kind of race," she said. "The mentality there is to win the state title, you don't worry about the time."

"I'm in shape to go better than 4:50 (her time in her first race), that's for sure. That was the week after cross country ended. I was running solely on strength. Now, I've done speed work. I definitely think I can do a 4:45 and I will have to do at least that to do well."

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FLYERS CUP:
RIDLEY 5,
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in Flyers Cup

Michael Descio scored two goals as the 10th-seeded Green Raiders downed the seventh-seeded Patriots in a Class AA Flyers Cup first-round game Sunday night at Revolution Gardens. Ridley scored three times in the third period, twice on power plays and once into an empty net.

The Green Raiders will play Central Bucks West in a Monday quarterfinal at Hatfield (6:30). Austin Chase scored both East goals.

Haverford 7, Perkiomen Valley 2 — The eighth-seeded Fords earned a place opposite Central Bucks South in Monday's Class AA Flyers Cup quarterfinals (6 p.m. at Bucks County Ice Sports Center) with the win over ninth-seeded Perkiomen Valley Sunday night at the Haverford Skatium. Shane Moran scored three goals for the Fords.

— Rick Woelfel

Local Scoreboard

Schedule

MONDAY

Ice hockey

Flyers Cup

Class A

Hatboro-Horsham vs. Wissahickon at Revolution Ice Gardens, 6:30 p.m.

Class AA

Central Bucks South vs. Haverford at Bucks County Ice Sports Center, 6 p.m.

Central Bucks West vs. Ridley at Hatfield, 6:30 p.m.

William Tennent vs. Downingtown East at Bucks County Ice Sports Center, 7:40 p.m.

North Penn vs. Pennsbury at Hatfield, 8:10 p.m.

Class AAA

Holy Ghost Prep vs. Archbishop Carroll at Flyers Skate Zone-Northeast, 7:10 p.m.

Results

SUNDAY

Ice Hockey

Flyers Cup

Ridley 5, Central Bucks East 2

Boys Basketball

PIAA playoffs

Class AAAA

First round

J.P. McCaskey 71, Abington 66

Methacton 47, Whitehall 39

La Salle 58, Ridley 54

Abington Heights 47, Central York 40

Parkland 53, Conestoga 42

Pennsbury 73, Cedar Cliff 53

Cedar Crest 63, Lower Merion 47

Roman Catholic 68, Downingtown West 52

York 66, Penncrest 57

Martin Luther King 69, William Allen 37

Plymouth Whitemarsh 71, Northeastern 46

Pennridge 61, Reading 59

Harrisburg 80, State College 63

North Allegheny 65, North Hills 57

Mount Lebanon 50, Charters Valley 48

Allderdice 57, Fox Chapel 46

Second round

Wednesday

(3-8) J.P. McCaskey vs. (1-7) Methacton

(12-3) La Salle vs. (2-1) Abington Heights

(1-3) Pennsbury vs. (11-1) Parkland

(12-1) Roman Catholic vs. (3-2) Cedar Crest

(12-2) Martin Luther King vs. (3-1) York

(1-2) Plymouth Whitemarsh vs. (1-5) Pennridge

(3-5) Harrisburg vs. (7-2) North Allegheny

(7-5) Mount Lebanon vs. (8-1) Allderdice

Class AAA

First round

Conwell-Egan 71, Camp Hill 54

Mahanoy Area 42, Wellsboro 40

Columbia 49, Parkway Center City 47

Mid Valley 48, Towanda 36

Loyalsock Township 61, Holy Cross 45

Minersville 64, Freire Charter 52

Mastery Charter North 75, Bristol 54

Trinity 64, Holy Redeemer 56

Alquippa 63, Central Cambria 49

Fairview 52, Quaker Valley 49

West Branch 69, Mercyrhurst Prep 66

Redbank Valley 60, Bellwood-Antis 53

West Middlesex 76, Lincoln Park 63

Seton LaSalle 70, Cranberry 32

Greensburg Central Catholic 65, Chestnut Ridge 34

Neshannock 71, Blairsville 51

Second round

Wednesday

(12-1) Conwell-Egan vs. (11-1) Mahanoy Area

(3-2) Columbia vs. (2-1) Mid Valley

(4-1) Loyalsock Township vs. (11-2) Minersville

(12-3) Mastery Charter North vs. (3-1) Trinity

(7-1) Aliquippa vs. (10-2) Fairview

(6-2) West Branch vs. (9-1) Redbank Valley

(10-1) West Middlesex vs. (7-2) Seton LaSalle

(7-3) Greensburg Central Catholic vs. (7-6) Neshannock

Girls Basketball

PIAA playoffs

Class AAAA

First round

Central Bucks West 63, Hemphield 27

Upper Dublin 42, Central 24

Archbishop Carroll 57, Spring-Ford 37

North Penn 53, Pittston 37

Mount St. Joseph 48, Nazareth 45

Palmyra 48, Garnet Valley 35

Central Dauphin East 50, Parkland 34

Cardinal O'Hara 54, Radnor 36

Cumberland Valley 48, Boyertown 23

Cedar Crest 53, Downingtown East 44

Abington 67, Red Lion 46

Mechanicsburg 37, Easton 35

Nowlin 52, Pine-Richland 51

Bethel Park 66, Altoona 55

Penn Hills 39, Obama Academy 26

North Allegheny 70, Central Tech 23

Second round

Tuesday

(1-1) Central Bucks West vs. (1-5) Upper Dublin

(1-7) North Penn vs. (12-3) Archbishop Carroll

(1-8) Mount St. Joseph vs. (3-2) Palmyra

(3-3) Central Dauphin East vs. (12-1) Cardinal O'Hara

(3-1) Cumberland Valley vs. (3-4) Cedar Crest

(1-2) Abington vs. (3-5) Mechanicsburg

(7-1) Norwin vs. (7-4) Bethel Park

(7-2) Penn Hills vs. (7-3) North Allegheny

Class AAA

First round

Archbishop Wood 62, Northeastern 41

Scranton Prep 64, Lewisburg 37

West York 64, North Pocono 51

Bonner-Prendergast 46, Gwynedd Mercy 39

Honesdale 33, Allentown Central Catholic 31

Merion Mercy 54, Mastery Charter North 47

Conrad Weiser 33, Athens 30

Bethlehem Catholic 56, Lancaster Catholic 36

Greencastle-Antrim 55, Audenried Charter 33

Berks Catholic 56, Pope John Paul 36

West Perry 45, Forest Hills 27

McGuire 59, South Fayette 46

Blackhawk 73, South Park 49

Mercyrhurst Prep 53, Elizabeth Forward 47

Charters Valley 33, Punxsutawney 14

Beaver Area 34, Villa Maria 33

Second round

Wednesday

(12-1) Archbishop Wood vs. (2-3) Scranton Prep

(3-3) West York vs. (12-3) Bonner-Prendergast

(2-1) Honesdale vs. (1-3) Merion Mercy

(3-2) Conrad Weiser vs. (11-1) Bethlehem Catholic

(3-1) Greencastle-Antrim vs. (3-5) Berks Catholic

(3-4) West Perry vs. (7-7) McGuire

(7-1) Blackhawk vs. (10-2) Mercyrhurst Prep

(7-3) Charters Valley vs. (7-5) Beaver Area

Class AA

First round

Neumann-Goretti 79, Trinity 37

Minersville 53, Montoursville 43

Camp Hill 60, Bodine 39

Dummore 51, Mount Carmel 28

Holy Redeemer 57, Central Columbia 17

North Schuylkill 53, Imhotep 51

St. Basil 52, Philadelphia Academy 34

York Catholic 63, Holy Cross 46

Seton-La Salle 55, Westmount Hilltop 36

Greensburg 60, West Middlesex 38

Bellwood-Antis 50, Everett 48

Burrell 55, Kams City 45

Our Lady of Sacred Heart 52, Bishop McCort 46

Bishop Canevin 46, Cambridge Springs 12

WRESTLING NOTEBOOK

Neshaminy to host All-Star Challenge

The 26th Delaware Valley Wrestling Officials All-Star Challenge will take place on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Neshaminy.

The match will feature seniors from Southeastern Pennsylvania against 12th-graders from New Jersey. Proceeds will benefit scholarships for selected senior wrestlers.

The Southeastern Pennsylvania lineup consists of Lower Moreland's Jimmy McGuigan (113), Harry S. Truman's Dylan Nuttall (120), Neshaminy's Justin Kramer (126) and Dominic Stabilito (152), Sun Valley's Sean Donohue (132), Father Judge's Kyle Mallon (138), Central Bucks West's Riley Barth (145), Pennsbury's Luke Kowal (160), Bensalem's Donavin Williams (170), Council Rock South's Scott Mackin (182) and Kyle Thorpe (220), Council Rock South's Ben Kenis (195) and

Pennridge's Joe Kracz (285). Neshaminy's Kayla Bidick will wrestle a girl from Hillsborough, New Jersey. The scholarship winners are CR North's Mike Rademacher and Abington's Alex Winshel.

The Jack Donohue Memorial Sportsmanship Award will be given to Central Bucks East's Evan Wilson.

The Most Improved Team award will go to Pennsbury.

Haynes to nationals

Senior Zac Haynes, a Council Rock North graduate, placed third at the NCAA East Regional, qualifying for the NCAA Division III championships.

Haynes is a 133-pounder for Delaware Valley College, which captured the regional championship. He went 4-1 with three pins to improve to 26-7 on the season.

Teammate Josh DiSanto, a sophomore who graduated from Pennsbury, went 2-2 with two technical falls at 141 pounds at the regional. The Division III

championships will be March 14-15 at the Giant Center in Hershey.

Tennent holding tourney

The William Tennent Panther Outdoor Challenge will take place May 16 on the football field.

The tournament is open to middle and high school wrestlers. For more information, contact Tennent coach Anthony Tamburrino at 215-480-7831 or bcwa_wrestling@yahoo.com

Martoccio qualifies

Kutztown's Matt Martoccio, a Council Rock South graduate, placed third at the NCAA Division II Super Region I Championships.

Martoccio, a 157-pounder, will compete at the NCAA Division II championships, March 13-14 in St. Louis.

PIAA Class AAA team champs

1976 Saucon Valley; 1977 Council Rock; 1978 Wilkes-Barre Myers; 1979 Bethlehem Catholic; 1980 Jersey Shore; 1981 Easton; 1982 Chartiers-Houston; 1983 Easton; 1984

Shikellamy; 1985 Shikellamy; 1986 Clearfield; 1987 North Allegheny, North Penn; 1988 North Allegheny; 1989 North Allegheny; 1990 North Allegheny; 1991 Shikellamy; 1992 Canon-McMillan; 1993 Northampton; 1994 Northampton; 1995 Northampton; 1996 Easton; 1997 Easton; 1998 Northampton; 1999 Bald Eagle Area; 2000 Northampton; 2001 Easton; 2002 Easton; 2003 Northampton; 2004 Northampton; 2005 Council Rock South, Connellsville; 2006 Nazareth; 2007 Central Dauphin; 2008 Central Dauphin; 2009 Central Dauphin; 2010 Central Mountain; 2011 Canon-McMillan; 2012 Canon-McMillan; 2013 Canon-McMillan; 2014 Franklin Regional; 2015 Franklin Regional.

Meet to watch

The Delaware Valley Wrestling Officials All-Star Challenge will take place on Wednesday, 7 p.m., at Neshaminy.

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Local Scoreboard

Schedule

Wednesday
BOYS BASKETBALL
PIAA
Class AAAA
Second round

Conwell-Egan vs. Mahanoy Area (at Geigle Complex, Reading), 6 p.m.
Pennridge vs. Plymouth Whitemarsh (at Spring-Ford), 7 p.m.
Pennsbury vs. Parkland (at Souderton), 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
PIAA Class AAA
Second round playoffs

Archbishop Wood vs. Scranton Prep (at William Allen), 6 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
PIAA
Class AA
Championships

At Bucknell University, 10:30 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING
PIAA
Class AA
Championships

At Bucknell University, 8 a.m.

ICE HOCKEY
Flyers Cup
Class AAA
Semifinals

Holy Ghost Prep vs. Malvern Prep (at Flyers Skate Zone), 7 p.m.

Class AA
Semifinals

North Penn vs. Ridley (at Hatfield Ice), 6:20 p.m.

Central Bucks South vs. Downingtown East (at Bucks County Ice), 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE SPORTS
WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
(at Myrtle Beach, S.C.)

Delaware Valley vs. Dickinson, 9:30 a.m.

Delaware Valley vs. SUNYIT, 1:30 p.m.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Delaware Valley at Elizabethtown, 4 p.m.

Results

Tuesday

GIRLS BASKETBALL
PIAA
Class AAAA
Second round

Archbishop Carroll 39, North Penn 31
CB West 57, Upper Dublin 28
Abington 35, Mechanicsburg 31

COLLEGE SPORTS
WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Pennsylvania College of Technology 8, Delaware Valley 2

Ursinus 5, Delaware Valley 1

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Rutgers-Camden 12, Delaware Valley 5

Boys Basketball
PIAA playoffs
Class AAAA
First round

J.P. McCaskey 71, Abington 66

Methacton 47, Whitehall 39

La Salle 58, Ridley 54

Abington Heights 47, Central York 40

Parkland 53, Conestoga 42
Pennsbury 73, Cedar Cliff 53
Cedar Crest 63, Lower Merion 47
Rohan Catholic 68, Downingtown West 52
York 66, Penncrest 57
Martin Luther King 69, William Allen 37
Plymouth Whitemarsh 71, Northeastern 46
Pennridge 61, Reading 59
Harrisburg 80, State College 63
North Allegheny 65, North Hills 57
Mount Lebanon 50, Chartiers Valley 48
Alderside 57, Fox Chapel 46

Second round
Wednesday

(3-8) J.P. McCaskey vs. (1-7) Methacton (at Garden Spot), 7:30 p.m.

(12-3) La Salle vs. (2-1) Abington Heights (at Freedom), 7:30 p.m.

(1-3) Pennsbury vs. (11-1) Parkland (at Souderton), 7:30 p.m.

(12-1) Roman Catholic vs. (3-2) Cedar Crest (at Coatesville), 7:30 p.m.

(12-2) Martin Luther King vs. (3-1) York (at Geigle Complex), 7:30 p.m.

(1-2) Plymouth Whitemarsh vs. (1-5) Pennridge (at Spring-Ford), 7 p.m.

(3-5) Harrisburg vs. (7-2) North Allegheny (at Altoona), 7:30 p.m.

(7-5) Mount Lebanon vs. (8-1) Alderside (at North Allegheny), 8 p.m.

Class AAA
First round

Neumann-Goretti 77, Gettysburg 29

Manheim Central 35, Wilkes-Barre GAR 32

Bishop McDevitt 80, Audenried Charter 71

Allentown Central Catholic 71, Milton 36

Scranston Prep 88, Shamokin 58

Imhotep Charter 74, Berks Catholic 35

Susquehanna 73, Glen Mills 53

Pottsville 63, Valley View 37

Steelton-Highspire 64, Tamaqua 51

Archbishop Carroll 83, Octorara 48

New Castle 55, Strong Vincent 52

Indiana 42, South Fayette 38

Beaver Falls 76, Meadville 50

Mars 78, Somerset 48

Ambridge 46, Obama Academy 44

Cathedral Prep 86, Hampton 70

Second round

Neumann-Goretti 72, Manheim Central 44

Bishop McDevitt 73, Allentown Central Catholic 52

Imhotep Charter 73, Scranston Prep 54

Susquehanna 44, Pottsville 37

Archbishop Carroll 83, Steelton-Highspire 54

New Castle 50, Indiana 43

Mars 69, Beaver Falls 66

Cathedral Prep 53, Ambridge 39

Class AA
First round

Conwell-Egan 71, Camp Hill 54

Mahanoy Area 42, Wellsboro 40

Columbia 49, Parkway Center City 47

Mid Valley 48, Towanda 36

Loyalsock Township 61, Holy Cross 45

Minersville 64, Freire Charter 52

Mastery Charter North 75, Bristol 54

Trinity 64, Holy Redeemer 56

Aliquippa 83, Central Cambria 49

Fairview 52, Quaker Valley 49

West Branch 69, Mercyhurst Prep 66

Redbank Valley 60, Bellwood-Antis 53

West Middlesex 76, Lincoln Park 63

Seton LaSalle 70, Cranberry 32
Greensburg Central Catholic 65, Chestnut Ridge 34
Neshannock 71, Blairsville 51

Second round
Wednesday

(12-1) Conwell-Egan vs. (11-1) Mahanoy Area (at Geigle Complex), 6 p.m.

(3-2) Columbia vs. (2-1) Mid Valley (at Martz Hall), 7:30 p.m.

(4-1) Loyalsock Township vs. (11-2) Minersville (at Danville), 7:30 p.m.

(12-3) Mastery Charter North vs. (3-1) Trinity (at Garden Spot), 6 p.m.

(7-1) Aliquippa vs. (10-2) Fairview (at Sharon), 7:30 p.m.

(6-2) West Branch vs. (8-1) Redbank Valley (at DuBois), 7:30 p.m.

(7-3) Greensburg Central Catholic vs. (7-6) Neshannock (at Canon McMillan), 7:30 p.m.

Class A
Second round
Tuesday

Millersburg 67, DelCo County Christian 64

Math, Civics & Science 65, Meadowbrook 41

St. John Neumann 68, Halifax 59

Constitution 86, Sharpsville 43

Monessen 69, Portage 49

Kennedy Catholic 53, Cameron County 29

Farrell 79, Elk County Catholic 49

Clarion-Limestone 97, Vincentian 90

GIRLS Basketball

PIAA
Class AAAA
Second round
Tuesday

Central Bucks West 57, Upper Dublin 28

Archbishop Carroll 39, North Penn 31

Palmyra 57, Mount St. Joseph 38

Cardinal O'Hara 53, Central Dauphin East 48

Cumberland Valley 55, Cedar Crest 28

Abington 35, Mechanicsburg 31

Norwin 54, Bethel Park 46

North Allegheny 65, Penn Hills 48

Class AAA
First round

Archbishop Wood 62, Northeastern 41

Scranton Prep 64, Lewisburg 37

West York 64, North Pocono 51

Bonner-Prendergast 48, Gwynedd Mercy 39

Honesdale 33, Allentown Central Catholic 31

Merion Mercy 54, Mastery Charter North 47

Conrad Weiser 33, Athens 30

Bethlehem Catholic 56, Lancaster Catholic 36

Greencastle-Antrim 55, Audenried Charter 33

Berks Catholic 56, Pope John Paul 36

West Perry 45, Forest Hills 27

McGuire 59, South Fayette 46

Blackhawk 73, South Park 49

Mercyhurst Prep 53, Elizabeth Forward 47

Chartiers Valley 33, Punxsutawney 14

Beaver Area 34, Villa Maria 33

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Diving

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University's Kinney Natatorium.

Last year as a freshman, Costello finished eighth, earning a state medal.

"Another medal would be great," Costello said. "But if I do my best and I don't get one, that's fine, too."

"I really just want to do my best and hopefully get my best score and have fun. Getting to go last year was a great experience for me because I know what to expect."

"I've been having a pretty good season so far, and that does give me confidence. States is the last meet of the season and I'm hoping it will go well for me. I'm still a little nervous, but I'm excited, too."

She began diving seven years ago, the same time as older sister Alex, now diving at Boston University.

"She was the one who really wanted to do it," Costello said. "I was just along for the ride. But I

really liked it and wanted to continue."

Alex was a senior at Pennsbury when Nicole was a freshman.

"It was great to have that one year together as teammates," Costello said. "Of course I had been to all of her meets, so I was very familiar with everything, but it was so nice to have her there with me."

"She's a good example for me. She's smart, she gets good grades, she works hard. I look up to her."

She would like to follow in her sister's footsteps.

"I've been up to see her dive and I'd like to dive in college, too," she said. "I don't have a school picked out yet, but I think I want to go somewhere warm. I don't have a major picked out, either, but maybe photography."

At Pennsbury, she is coached by her father, Joe.

"People ask me about that all the time, but the truth is that I'm comfortable with him as my coach, so it's fine," she said.

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PIAA swimming and diving championships

Courier Times-Area State Qualifiers

Girls

Class AA

Archbishop Wood: Caitlin Bedesem (100 butterfly, 200 freestyle relay, 400 freestyle relay); Katharine Buliga (200 freestyle, 500 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay, 400 freestyle relay); Megan Cook (200 individual medley, 200 freestyle relay, 400 freestyle relay); Dominique DiRienzo (diving); MaryGrace MacDonand (200 freestyle relay, 400 freestyle relay).

Villa Joseph Marie: Alexa Fabbri (100 butterfly, 100 freestyle); Emily Messina (100 butterfly, 100 freestyle).

Class AAA

Pennsbury: Nicole Costello (diving).

Boys

Class AA

Holy Ghost Prep: Eric Fenstermaker (400 freestyle relay); Eli Gibbins (400 freestyle relay); Bobby McLoughlin (100 backstroke, 400 freestyle relay); John Polidoro (400 freestyle relay); Thomas Theuer (100 breaststroke).

Class AAA

Council Rock North: Matt Aronson (diving); Jack Donnelly (200 medley relay); Jake Goroshko (50 freestyle, 200 medley relay); Joseph Segel (200 medley relay); Allen Shmurak (200 medley relay).

Council Rock South: Matt O'Donnell (100 breaststroke).

Neshaminy: David Kneiss (50 freestyle, 100 freestyle).

Pennsbury: Connor Doyle (200 individual medley, 100 backstroke, 200 medley relay, 400 freestyle relay); Collin Hanlon (500 freestyle, 200 medley relay, 400 freestyle relay); Daniel Lawton (100 backstroke, 200 medley relay, 400 freestyle relay); Travis Venables (200 medley relay, 400 freestyle relay).

St. Joe's Prep: Brandon McKenzie (Newtown resident), (200 individual medley, 100 breaststroke, 200 medley relay, 400 freestyle relay).

William Tennent: Brennan Bastian (200 freestyle relay); Tom Del Conte (200 freestyle relay); Matt Patrick (200 freestyle relay); Mark Preedy (200 freestyle relay).

SWIMMING NOTEBOOK

Wood's Cook enjoying first state meet

There's nothing as exciting or nerve-wracking as competing in your first PIAA championship swim meet.



when she swam in the first day of Class AA competition at Bucknell University's Kinney Natatorium.

Cook competed in two events, swimming the 200-yard individual medley and anchoring the 200 freestyle relay for teammates and fellow juniors MaryGrace MacDonald, Caitlin Bedesem and Katharine Buliga.

She finished 32nd in the 200 IM (2:34.14), and the relay was 23rd (1:48.52). "It was really a great opportunity to come up here and experience everything," said Cook, who lives in Southampton. "I was nervous in my first swim and, in the relay, I didn't watch anyone else. I was just in the zone preparing myself for my swim."

She will compete in the 400 freestyle relay Thursday, along with Bedesem,

Swimming leaders			
Boys		Girls	
200 medley relay: Council Rock North (Jake Goroshko, Jack Donnelly, Joseph Segel, Allen Shmurak), 1:37.93	Council Rock North, 331.10 pts.	100 breaststroke: Matt O'Donnell, Council Rock South, 58.98	200 individual medley: Lauren Mitchell, Council Rock North, 2:16.82
200 freestyle: Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 1:45.85	100 butterfly: Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 53.24	400 freestyle relay: Pennsbury (Daniel Lawton, Nicholas Jeronis, Travis Venables, Connor Doyle), 3:11.58	50 freestyle: Alexa Fabbri, Villa Joseph Marie, 23.54
200 individual medley: Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 1:53.71	500 freestyle: Collin Hanlon, Pennsbury, 4:42.58	Diving: Nicole Costello, Pennsbury, 297.55 pts.	100 butterfly: Alexa Fabbri, Villa Joseph Marie, 55.04
50 freestyle: Jake Goroshko, Council Rock North, 21.56	200 freestyle relay: William Tennent (Brennen Bastian, Tom Del Conte, Matt Patrick, Mark Preedy), 1:27.86	100 breaststroke: Madi Crognale, William Tennent, 1:10.88	400 freestyle relay: Council Rock North (Rachel Samson, Madison Schluchterer, Becca Segel, Lauren Mitchell), 3:42.70
Diving: Matt Aronson,	100 backstroke: Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 50.54	200 medley relay: Pennsbury (Maura Donnelly, Hannah Maslow, Deanna Shuster, Kathryn Deitch), 1:52.65	500 freestyle: Madison Schluchterer, Council Rock North, 5:19.33

MacDonand and Bulia. "I think the 400 will be a lot easier, because now I know what I'm doing," Cook said. "I'm looking forward to it. I can't wait to see what we do."

"It was really great for the relays to get here. The four of us swim together all year in the relay, and it's nice to finish off the season together here at states."

Teammates with state experience told Cook what to expect.

"Coming up here for the first time was a little much, but some of the other girls have been here before and they told me a lot," she said. "They told me how big the pool was and what to expect when I got here, so that was nice and helped me to

prepare myself a little." She is hoping for a return trip next year. "Definitely, that's a goal," she said. "It's really fun here. I'm having a good time." "There are so many teams. It's so big and it's such an exciting meet. It's

a great meet to end the year with and I want to come back next year."

Meet to watch
The PIAA championships continue until Saturday at Bucknell University's Kinney Natatorium. Class AA will conclude

Thursday, and Class AAA competition will be held Friday and Saturday. Girls preliminaries for the 100 freestyle, 500 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke and 400 freestyle relay begin at 8 a.m. Boys prelims begin at 10:30 a.m., and the boys

diving will be at 2:30 p.m. Girls finals begin at 5:45 p.m. and the boys at 8:15 p.m.

On Friday, girls prelims for the 200 medley relay, 200 freestyle, 200 individual medley, 50 freestyle, 100 butterfly and 200 freestyle relay are at 8 a.m. and boys at 10:30 a.m. Girls diving begins at 1:30 p.m. Girls finals will begin at 5 p.m. and boys finals at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, girls prelims for the 100 freestyle, 500 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke and 400 freestyle relay are at 8 a.m. and boys at 10:30 a.m. Boys diving begins at 2:30 p.m. Girls finals will begin at 5:45 p.m. and boys finals at 8:15 p.m.

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Fabbri

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"Hopefully, this will set the tone for Villa," she said. "We came so far, so fast, and I think it's looking good for the future for them."

She will attempt to add a second medal Thursday, when she swims the 100 freestyle. She finished third in that event last year.

"I can't wait for that race," she said. "I'm very excited to end my high school career on what I know is going to be a good note."

Teammate Emily Messina finished 19th in the 100 butterfly (1:01.05).

Villa Joseph Marie is tied with Mars Area for 18th in team scoring with 20 points. Villa Maria leads the team competition (153).

Archbishop Wood diver Dominique DiRienzo, a senior, had her best-ever finish, taking 15th (331.05 points).

The Vikings' 200 freestyle relay of MaryGrace MacDonald, Caitlin Bedesem, Katharine Buliga and Megan Cook finished 23rd (1:48.52).

Buliga was 31st in the 200 freestyle (2:01.80), Cook was 32nd in the 200 individual medley (2:34.14) and Bedesem took 32nd in the 100 butterfly (1:07.38).

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PIAA swimming championships

LEWISBURG (AP) — Final results from the PIAA Class AA Swimming and Diving Championships at Bucknell University:

CLASS AA GIRLS

200 medley relay: 1, Malvern Villa Maria Academy (District 1), 1:45.52. PIAA record. Old: 1:45.81, Malvern Villa Maria Academy, 1:45.81, 2014 (Emily Cornell, Katelyn Chick, Olivia Giampietro, Julie Dobson); 2, Gwynedd Mercy Academy 1:49.18; 3, Fairview 1:49.51; 4, Twin Valley 1:50.65; 5, Schuylkill Valley 1:51.49; 6, York Suburban 1:51.58; 7, Shady Side Academy 1:52.53; 8, Ellwood City Riverside (District 7) 1:52.86.

9, St. Marys 1:52.48; 10, Quaker Valley 1:52.86; 11, Southern Lehigh 1:52.87; 12, Grove City 1:53.65; 13, Derry Area 1:55.14; 14, Lewisburg 1:55.90. Disqualified, Nazareth Academy and Bloomsburg

200 freestyle: 1, Carson Gross, York Suburban, 1:51.71; 2, Emily Ginecke, Pottsgrove, 1:51.81; 3, Sydnee Karam, Bethlehem Catholic, 1:51.86; 4, Hannah Schlegel, Twin Valley, 1:53.34; 5, Hanna Everhart, Bloomsburg, 1:53.40; 6, Madison Nalls, Eastern York, 1:54.29; 7, Maddie Bartrug, South Fayette, 1:55.01; 8, Sydney Mercer, Millville, 1:55.23; 9, Maura Molmanus, Malvern Villa Maria Academy, 1:54.20; 10, Madison Oster, Octorara, 1:54.33; 11, Paige Mikesell, Clearfield, 1:54.59; 12, Stephanie Szekeley, Gwynedd Mercy Academy, 1:54.85; 13, Bria Otwell, Freeport, 1:56.59; 14, Kirsten Siwy, Upper Perkiomen, 1:56.88; 15, Emma Butzler, Jersey Shore, 1:57.30; 16, Katie Votik, Scranton Prep, 1:59.11.

200 individual medley: 1, Lauren Barber, Wilmington Area, 1:57.76 (PIAA record. Old: 1:59.51, Allie Szekeley, Gwynedd Mercy Academy, 2014); 2, Allie Szekeley, Gwynedd Mercy Academy, 1:59.46; 3, Bailey Bonnett, Highlands, 2:03.49; 4, Brooke Zukowski, Knoch, 2:09.67; 5, Mary Harrington, Nazareth Academy, 2:10.53; 6, Caitlin Foley, Lewisburg, 2:10.60; 7, Hope Reynolds, Malvern Villa Maria Academy, 2:11.15; 8, Paige Kupsky, Wyoming Seminary, 2:12.03; 9, Rachel Rehrig, Schuylkill Valley, 2:12.17; 10, Nikolette Nolte, Kutztown, 2:12.43; 11, Erin Russionello, Quaker Valley, 2:13.37; 12, Sami Stoner, Donegal, 2:13.55; 13, Samantha Schlegel, Twin Valley, 2:13.58; 14, Nicole Saladino, Malvern Villa Maria Academy, 2:14.33; 15, Abby Zolner, Dallas, 2:14.42; 16, Katie Madden, Central Columbia, 2:16.58.

50 freestyle: 1, Taylor Petrak, Ellwood City, 23.62; 2, Claire Mikesell, Clearfield, 24.03; 3, Annalise Cheshire, Dallas, 24.36; 4, Jenna Forrester, Southern Lehigh, 24.45; 5, Mikayla Bisignani, Greensburg Central Catholic, 24.49; 6, Olivia Giampietro, Malvern Villa Maria Academy, 24.59; 7, Zoe Pawlak, Freeport, 24.80; 8, Lizzie Nadolski, Springfield Twp., 24.83; 9, Alex McKeane, Delaware County

Christian, 24.83; 10, Sarah Wyant, Camp Hill Trinity, 24.88; 11, Nicole Stengel, Carlinton, 24.99; 12, Renee Decker, Grove City, 25.14; 13, Lindsey Aman, Westmont Hilltop, 25.40; 14, Madie Devaney, York Suburban, 25.48; 15, Madi Heintzelman, Central Columbia, 25.51; 16, Anna Schmittle, York Suburban, 25.58.

100 butterfly: 1, Alexa Fabbri, Villa Joseph Marie, 55.04; 2, Sabrina Bowman, Saint Joseph, 56.71; 3, Molly Phillips, Mercyhurst Prep, 57.19; 4, Jessica Cochran, Yough, 57.49; 5, Julie Dobson, Malvern Villa Maria Academy, 58.17; 6, Kaitlyn Agger, Villa Maria Academy, 58.38; 7, Emma Butzler, Jersey Shore, 59.15; 8, Abby German, Fairview, 59.36; 9, Mary Katherine Clark, Malvern Villa Maria Academy, 59.23; 10, Ashley Azzarello, Shady Side Academy, 59.38; 11, Alexis Glassmire, Schuylkill Valley, 59.47; 12, Danielle Jellison, Derry Area, 1:00.22; 13, Abby Zolner, Dallas, 1:00.32; 14, Catherine Donlon, Scranton Prep, 1:00.45; 15, Amelia Besterman, Quaker Valley, 1:00.56; 16, Jenna Madden, Central Columbia, 1:00.67.

200 freestyle relay: 1, Malvern Villa Maria Academy 1:37.20 (Maura Molmanus, Olivia Giampietro, Emily Cornell, Julie Dobson); 2, Fairview 1:40.05; 3, Camp Hill Trinity 1:40.16; 4, Schuylkill Valley 1:40.41; 5, Dallas 1:41.32; 6, York Suburban 1:41.78; 7, Bloomsburg 1:41.79; 8, St. Marys 1:42.86; 9, Southern Lehigh 1:41.31; 10, Springfield Twp. 1:41.43; 11, Ellwood City Riverside 1:41.69; 12, Scranton Prep 1:41.89; 13, Erie Villa Maria Academy 1:42.26; 14, Clearfield 1:42.47; 15, Indiana 1:42.54; 16, Derry Area 1:43.66.

Diving: 1, Taylor Hockenberry, Mars, 426.75; 2, Brittany Hart, Ellwood City Riverside, 411.30; 3, Erica Sarver, West York, 411.20; 4, Nicole Sagi, Allentown Central Catholic, 410.60; 5, Allison Brownlee, Derry Area, 387.20; 6, Allie Wonderling, St. Marys, 385.95; 7, Morgan Elrick, Derry Area, 385.70; 8, Maggie Steibick, Union City, 381.40.

9, Reilly Diggins, Quaker Valley, 381.00; 10, Lindsey Pope, Northeastern, 380.10; 11, Tiffany Melani, South Park, 350.70; 12, Shannon Chambers, Upper Moreland, 350.30; 13, Ashley Van Horn, Harbor Creek, 345.45; 14, Erin Donnelly, Southern Lehigh, 332.90; 15, Dominique DiRienzo, Archbishop Wood, 331.05; 16, Riley Williams, Holy Redeemer, 316.25; 17, Bethanie Meharey, Ligonier Valley, 221.15; 18, Reagan Radel, Bloomsburg, 219.05; 19, Shannon Laubach, Bloomsburg, 214.80; 20, Colleen Rodrigues, Upper Moreland, 206.95; 21, Shannon McCabe, Big Spring, 129.35; 22, Desiree Margari, Berwick, 127.85; 23, Olivia Brown, Harbor Creek, 115.00.

Team scoring (top five): 1, Malvern Villa Maria Academy 153 points; 2, Fairview 77; 3, York Suburban 76; 4, Schuylkill Valley 73; 5, Gwynedd Mercy Academy 56.

Local Scoreboard

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SPORTS



Running back DeMarco Murray arrives with his fiancée, Heidi Mueller, at the Eagles' practice facility Thursday. Murray signed a five-year, \$42 million deal with \$21 million guaranteed with the team.

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SWIMMING: PIAA CLASS AA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Another gold for VJM's Fabbri

The senior took her second state title in as many days for the Jems.

By KAREN SANGILLO
STAFF WRITER

LEWISBURG — It was almost more than Alexa Fabbri could have dreamed of.

But it's a reality. The Villa Joseph Marie senior won her second gold medal in an individual event at Thursday's conclusion of the PIAA Class AA meet, held at Bucknell University's Kinney Natatorium.

Fabbri captured the 100-yard freestyle in 50.64.

"I knew I could win, but I also knew it wasn't going to be easy," Fabbri said. "It was definitely tough but, at the third length when I saw that I was a little bit ahead, I was just going for the wall."

She was seeded third in the event after the preliminaries.

"The prelims are a good way to just see where you are," she said. "It just gets you started. My coach always characterized me as a night swimmer, so my goal was to just get to the finals and take it from there. It's what you do at night that really matters."

Fabbri won the 100 butterfly on Wednesday.

"I like both events equally," she said. "It's just so nice to get two."

The victory made Fabbri only the fourth girl from Lower Bucks to win two state swim titles in a single year, joining Alison Nemeth (1991, 200 individual medley, 100 breaststroke), Jacqui Schoppe (1996, 200 freestyle, 500 freestyle) and Tricia Harm (2002, 200 freestyle, 200 individual medley). All three swam for Council Rock.

Also for VJM, Emily Messina took 22nd in the 100 freestyle (55.29).

The Jems finished 18th in team scoring with 40 points. Villa Maria won the team title (267).

For Archbishop Wood, Katharine Buliga was 21st in the 500 freestyle (5:22.34).

Buliga, Caitlin Bedesem, MaryGrace MacDormand and Megan Cook finished 23rd in the 400 freestyle relay (3:57.38) for the Vikings.

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Alexa Fabbri

Backfield Bonanza

The Eagles bolstered the running back position by signing the reigning NFL rushing champion, DeMarco Murray, and former San Diego Charger Ryan Mathews on Thursday.

By ED KRACZ
STAFF WRITER

PHILADELPHIA — Pope Francis isn't scheduled to visit Philadelphia until next September, but the region's news stations gave their helicopters a nice test run shortly after 3 p.m. on Thursday.

It was around then that the private plane carrying DeMarco Murray landed at Philadelphia International Airport. He deplaned with his agent and fiancé and was handed an Eagles hat. Above him, choppers whirled as they followed Murray and his entourage along the short route from the airport to the Eagles' NovaCare Complex. Upon his arrival, he was photographed and videotaped by more reporters. It all seemed like the sort of greeting a pontiff would receive, not the National Football League's defending rushing champion and reigning

Offensive Player of the Year.

Perhaps much of the hoopla had to do with the fact that Murray is joining forces with the Eagles after spending his first four years in the league with the Dallas Cowboys, the Birds' NFC East rival and hated by everyone who calls him or herself an Eagles fan. That sort of team change just doesn't happen often.

About four hours after his arrival, Murray signed a five-year contract reportedly worth \$42 million with \$21 million guaranteed.

Meanwhile, those helicopters were nowhere to be seen when Ryan Mathews arrived at the team's headquarters earlier in the day. He walked right through the front door with no muss or fuss.

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DeMarco Murray

Age: 27 Years in NFL: 4

Height: 6-0 Weight: 214

College: Oklahoma

Murray's career vs. Eagles

(5 games)

Carries: 99
Rushing yards: 359
Touchdowns: 4

vs. NFC East

(18 games)

Carries: 322
Rushing yards: 1,457
Touchdowns: 8



Ryan Mathews

Age: 27 Years in NFL: 5

Height: 6-0 Weight: 220

College: Fresno St.

76ERS

Kings' Cousins should be good test for Noel

By TOM MOORE
STAFF WRITER

PHILADELPHIA — Two nights after missing a chance to be matched up against first-rate Eastern Conference center Joakim Noah due to a minor Noah injury, Nerlens Noel has formidable Western Conference big man DeMarcus Cousins on tap Friday evening.

Cousins, a fifth-year pro who earned his first all-star spot this season, is averaging 23.3 points (sixth in the league) and 12.2 rebounds (third) for the 22-41 Kings. He is big — listed at 270 pounds to Noel's 217 — and skilled.

"You're dealing with an elite



interior presence," said 76ers coach Brett Brown after Thursday's short practice. "It's a fantastic challenge for Nerlens. He's going to need a lot of help with just team defense. It's not going to be a 1-on-1 battle, at all."

Noel is playing his best basketball of late, moving into the NBA's top 10 in blocked shots (1.9, sixth) and steals (1.8, ninth). He's had at least 10 rebounds and four steals in each of the past four games, making him the first player since the Rockets' Hakeem Olajuwon (Nov. 5-11, 1988) to

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76ers center Nerlens Noel seems likely to finish second in the NBA Rookie of the Year balloting, behind Timberwolves forward Andrew Wiggins.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

'Nova proves it's learned from last March's failures



a chance to take a big eraser to that awful Thursday afternoon against Seton Hall in New York last March.

The spot was eerily similar with the same realistic goal — the Big East championship and a top seed in next week's NCAA Tournament. It was at the same spot on the clock: that noon quarterfinal Thursday that can catch a high-ranking team sleepwalking. The only difference was the opponent — Marquette was there

NEW YORK — The best lessons are the ones you learn the hard way.

And so, 12 months later, fate and the Big East schedule-makers had given Villanova

instead of the Pirates, who were vanquished by the Golden Eagles the night before.

"We knew that we were playing at the same time and against an opponent that shot the lights out the night before (in the first round)," Villanova guard and Neshaminy graduate Ryan Arcidiacono said. "But we knew that we had to start making shots early and really get out there on defense."

All major college basketball programs are judged by March — fairly or not. And in its first visible test, Villanova passed it with flying colors. It shot the lights out from beyond the 3-point arc (17-for-29) and rolled to an 84-49 win over

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GIRLS BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Wood facing familiar foe in quarterfinal



It's not surprising that Archbishop Wood is facing a Philadelphia Catholic League rival Saturday in the PIAA Class AAA girls basketball quarterfinals.

The PCL has truly come to play in these state playoffs, losing only one of the six girls teams that qualified in all four classifications, as of Wednesday's second-round games.

West Catholic bowed out in the first round of the Class A tournament, but Neumann-Goretti (AA), Cardinal O'Hara and Archbishop Carroll (AAAA), and Wood and Bonner-Prendergast (AAA) are all still alive and well.

Bonner-Prendergast, or "Prendie," is Wood's opponent in a 4 p.m. game Saturday at Carroll. The Pandas are a tough, scrappy team — evidenced both by their performance in a close 43-38 loss to Wood on Jan. 19 and by their big comeback on Wednesday to beat West York, 59-53, in double overtime just to make it to this Wood rematch.

"It will be a nice atmosphere because of (the PCL connection)," Wood coach Mike McDonald said. "Obviously, both teams will be familiar with each other.

"We're just looking forward to playing in the next round, no matter who it is. But it's special for the Catholic League, and I think it shows how hard it is to get here.

"Everybody in the Catholic League is playing against tough teams. Whether it's in the league or out of the league, they make sure it's a battle all year long."

McDonald's Vikings beat both Cardinal O'Hara and Archbishop Carroll during the regular season and lost twice to Neumann-Goretti — once in the league championship game.

After this weekend, the PCL will be down to a maximum of four teams in the tournament, because either Wood or Prendie has to go. Carroll is facing local juggernaut Central Bucks West on Friday in the Class AAAA quarters, while O'Hara has Palmyra out of District Three.

"I think the PCL has been well represented regardless of what happens," McDonald said, "but I definitely think the Catholic League is the best league around. I'm biased."

Win Saturday, and Wood (24-4) would get either Honesdale or Conrad Weiser in Tuesday's semifinals.

Brown's career winding down

Aubree Brown, one of two seniors on the Wood roster and the only senior starter, has — at most — three more games wearing white, gold and hunter green before she heads off to play at Drexel University.

"It's so sad knowing I'm not going to play with any of them again," said Brown, who played in the state championship game last year as a junior. "But if we end with a win, it's a lot easier to end the

career here."

Brown means a lot to the Wood program, and not just because she's experienced or because she averages 12 points per game with 40 3-pointers. She is an expert passer whose assists are a big reason why so many younger players have shone throughout the season.

And she brings a lot of intangibles to the court and to the huddle.

"She's just a competitor," McDonald said. "She wants to win. She always has, and sometimes, she makes frustrating plays, sometimes she makes incredible plays, but she's always going to give it everything she has because she wants to win."

"Aubree and I are really close," added junior Bailey Greenberg. "I want to win a state title for her."

Bassetti breaks through

Junior Claire Bassetti picked a great time for a career game, pouring in 18 points against Scranton Prep in Wood's second-round win.

McDonald wasn't surprised to see Bassetti come up big on a grand stage.

"She's tough, gritty," he said. "Last year, I had her on the JV team, and we do a lot of full-court press, and she's fast.

"She's actually a soccer player, which I think helps with her feet defensively, but she's just tough. She gives you everything she has."



CHLOE ELMER / STAFF FILE PHOTO
Archbishop Wood's Aubree Brown drives to the basket in a game earlier this season. The Vikings face Bonner-Prendergast in the PIAA quarterfinals Saturday at Archbishop Carroll.

Local Scoreboard

Schedule

Friday

GIRLS BASKETBALL
PIAA Championships
Class AAAA
Quarterfinals

Central Bucks West vs. Archbishop Carroll (at Plymouth-Whitemarsh), 7 p.m.
Cumberland Valley vs. Abington (at Garden Spot HS, New Holland), 7:30 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY
Flyers Cup
Class AAA
Championship

Holy Ghost Prep vs. La Salle (at Hatfield Ice), 6:20 p.m.

Class AA
Championship

North Penn vs. Downingtown East (at Hatfield Ice), 6:20 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
PIAA Championships
Class AAA

At Bucknell University

GIRLS SWIMMING
PIAA Championships
Class AAA

At Bucknell University

COLLEGE SPORTS
BASEBALL

Hilbert College vs. Delaware Valley (DH) (at Fort Pierce, FL), 11:30 a.m.

WRESTLING

Delaware Valley at NCAA Division III Championships (at Hershey), 11 a.m.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Delaware Valley at NCAA Division III Championships (at Winston, NC), 2:30 p.m.

Saturday

BOYS BASKETBALL
PIAA Championships
Class AAAA
Quarterfinals

Pennsbury vs. Roman Catholic (at Norristown), 3 p.m.

Class AAA
Quarterfinals

Conwell-Egan vs. Mid Valley (at William Allen), 4 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
PIAA Championships
Class AAA
Quarterfinals

Archbishop Wood vs. Bonner-Prendergast (at Archbishop Carroll), 4 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
PIAA Championships
Class AAA

At Bucknell University

GIRLS SWIMMING
PIAA Championships
Class AAA

At Bucknell University

COLLEGE SPORTS
BASEBALL

Western Connecticut vs. Delaware Valley (at Fort Pierce, FL), 10 a.m.



BILL FRASER / STAFF FILE PHOTO
Pennsbury's Derrick Woods drives to the basket in a game earlier this season. Pennsbury plays Roman Catholic on Saturday at Norristown High School in the Class AAAA boys basketball quarterfinals.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Rosemont at Delaware Valley, 1 p.m.

WRESTLING

Delaware Valley at NCAA Division III Championships (at Hershey), 2:30 p.m.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Delaware Valley at Stockton, 10 a.m.

Results

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GIRLS SWIMMING
PIAA Championships
Class AA

At Bucknell University

COLLEGE SPORTS
BASEBALL
(at Fort Pierce, FL)

Bethany 8, Delaware Valley 0
Bethany 5, Delaware Valley 3

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
(at Myrtle Beach, S.C.)

Iowa Wesleyan 9, Delaware Valley 2
Bridgewater 15, Delaware Valley 1

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Arcadia 16, Delaware Valley 5

Quarterfinals
Friday

(12-1) Neumann-Goretti vs. (3-2) Bishop McDevitt (at Geigle Complex, Reading), 7:30 p.m.
(12-2) Imhotep Charter vs. (3-3) Susquehanna (at Geigle Complex, Reading), 6 p.m.
(12-3) Archbishop Carroll vs. (7-4) New Castle (at Chambersburg Area HS), 7 p.m.
(7-5) Mars vs. (10-1) Cathedral Prep (at Sharon HS), 7 p.m.

Class AA
Second round

Conwell-Egan 82, Mahanoy Area 31
Mid Valley 49, Columbia 44
Loyalsock Township 69, Minersville 55
Mastery Charter North 67, Trinity 61
Aliquippa 58, Fairview 28
Redbank Valley 62, West Branch 46
West Middlesex 54, Seton LaSalle 47
Greensburg Central Catholic 74, Neshannock 58

Quarterfinals
Saturday

(12-1) Conwell-Egan vs. (2-1) Mid Valley (at William Allen), 4 p.m.
(4-1) Loyalsock Township vs. (12-3) Mastery Charter North (at Central Dauphin), 5:30 p.m.
(7-1) Aliquippa vs. (9-1) Redbank Valley (at Plum), 4:30 p.m.
(10-1) West Middlesex vs. (7-3) Greensburg Central Catholic, (at North Allegheny), 4:30 p.m.

Class A
Second round

Millersburg 67, DeCo County Christian 64 (OT)
Math, Civics & Science 65, Meadowbrook 41
St. John Neumann 68, Halifax 59
Constitution 86, Shanksville 43
Monessen 69, Portage 49
Kennedy Catholic 53, Cameron County 29
Farrell 79, Elk County Catholic 49
Clarion-Limestone 97, Vincentian 90

Quarterfinals
Friday

(3-2) Millersburg vs. (12-2) Math, Civics & Science (at Hamburg Area HS), 7:30 p.m.
(4-1) St. John Neumann vs. (12-1) Constitution (at Hamburg Area HS), 6 p.m.
(7-1) Monessen vs. (10-1) Kennedy Catholic (at Moon Area, Coraopolis), 7:30 p.m.
(10-2) Farrell vs. (9-1) Clarion-Limestone (at Clarion University), 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball

PIAA
Class AAAA
Second round

Central Bucks West 39, Upper Dublin 28
Archbishop Carroll 39, North Penn 31
Palmyra 57, Mount St. Joseph 38
Cardinal O'Hara 53, Central Dauphin East 48
Cumberland Valley 55, Cedar Crest 28
Abington 35, Mechanicsburg 31
Norwin 54, Bethel Park 46
North Allegheny 65, Penn Hills 48

Quarterfinals
Friday

(1-1) Central Bucks West vs.

(12-3) Archbishop Carroll (at Plymouth-Whitemarsh), 7 p.m.
(3-2) Palmyra vs. (12-1) Cardinal O'Hara (at Garden Spot HS, New Holland), 6 p.m.
(3-1) Cumberland Valley vs. (1-2) Abington (at Garden Spot HS, New Holland), 7:30 p.m.
(7-1) Norwin vs. (7-3) North Allegheny (at Hempfield Area HS, Greensburg), 7:30 p.m.

Class AAA
Second round

Archbishop Wood 45, Scranton Prep 28
Bonner-Prendergast 59, West York 53
Honesdale 49, Merion Mercy 25
Conrad Weiser 48, Bethlehem Catholic 44
Berks Catholic 53, Greencastle-Antrim 45
West Perry 52, McGuffey 51
Blackhawk 50, Mercyhurst Prep 35
Chartiers Valley 47, Beaver Area 29

Quarterfinals
Saturday

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(2-1) Honesdale vs. (3-2) Conrad Weiser (at Hazleton), 5:30 p.m.
(3-5) Berks Catholic vs. (3-4) West Perry (at Central Dauphin), 4 p.m.
(7-1) Blackhawk vs. (7-3) Chartiers Valley (at North Allegheny), 6 p.m.

Class AA
Second round

Neumann-Goretti 56, Minersville 21
Dunmore 70, Camp Hill 45
Holy Redeemer 61, North Schuylkill 48
St. Basil 46, York Catholic 42
Seton-La Salle 54, Greensburg 52
Bellwood-Antis 59, Burrell 53
Bishop Canevan 46, Our Lady of Sacred Heart 40
Chartiers Houston 57, Carlynton 49

Quarterfinals
Friday

(12-1) Neumann-Goretti vs. (2-1) Dunmore (at Freedom HS, Bethlehem), 6 p.m.
(2-2) Holy Redeemer vs. (1-1) St. Basil (at Freedom HS, Bethlehem), 7:30 p.m.
(7-1) Seton-La Salle vs. (6-2) Bellwood-Antis (at Hempfield Area HS, Greensburg), 7:30 p.m.
(7-2) Bishop Canevan vs. (7-7) Chartiers Houston (at Moon Area, Coraopolis), 6 p.m.

Class A
Second round

Lourdes Regional 47, Williams Valley 34
Old Forge 49, Phil-Mont Christian 34
North Penn-Mansfield 42, Shenandoah Valley 22
Portage 72, Christian School of York 37
Vincentian 56, Bishop Carroll 25
Kennedy Catholic 61, Bishop Guilfoyle 50
Blairsville 51, Quigley Catholic 39
CW North Catholic 36, California 26

Quarterfinals
Saturday

(4-3) Lourdes Regional vs. (2-1) Old Forge (at Hazleton), 4 p.m.
(4-1) North Penn-Mansfield vs. (6-4) Portage (at Bellefonte), 4 p.m.
(7-1) Vincentian vs. (10-1) Kennedy Catholic (at North Allegheny), 3 p.m.
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For the boys, Holy Ghost Prep made it back to the consolation final of the 400 freestyle relay. Eli Gibbins, Bobby McLoughlin, John Polidoro and Eric Fenstermaker took 15th (3:21.86).

McLoughlin finished in a tie for 25th place in the 100 backstroke with Nick Veihdeffer of Clearfield (57.10), and Thomas Theuer was 28th in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.67) for the Firebirds.

It was the first state appearance for Holy Ghost Prep since 2011.

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TENNIS

Serena ends 14-year boycott at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Serena Williams returned to the BNP Paribas Open on Thursday, ending a 14-year personal boycott of the \$5 million tournament that began when she was booed as a teenager on her way to winning the title in 2001.

Williams took questions for 10 minutes a day before the world's top-ranked women's player is to compete in her first match.

She never thought she would return to the two-week tournament in the Southern California desert. She even stayed in Los Angeles an extra day because she wasn't yet ready to start the journey.

"I was a little nervous to come out here," she said. "In the beginning, I was like, 'What was I thinking?'

I kind of had to overcome that hurdle."

In 2001, she was just 19 and matches between Serena and older sister Venus were still a novelty. Fans were tantalized by the prospect of two siblings dueling in a semifinal.

When Venus pulled out of the match 20 minutes before the start with tendinitis, boos rained down on stadium court, startling Serena. She was offended by later accusations that the sisters' matches were fixed.

"I think everyone knows that's not necessarily a true statement. But I guess you do have to ask those questions," Williams said. "I have had nothing but integrity for my whole career."

Serena went on to win the final.

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SWIMMING NOTEBOOK

Predicting area winners at state meet



Like Dorothy, Toto and the gang reaching the end of The Yellow Brick Road, the finest Class AAA swimmers and divers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have made it to the end of The Road To Lewisburg. For the next 48 hours, the decibel level inside Bucknell University's Kinney Natatorium will make a jet engine sound like a cell phone on airplane mode. Area fans are still buzzing over Gwynedd Mercy Academy taking the silver in the team standings of the Class AA meet that ended Thursday. The Monarchs' Allie Szekeley repeated as champion in the 100-yard backstroke, although

her winning time of 54.02 seconds was off her own 53.80 state record set last season. On Wednesday, she finished second in the 200 individual medley and helped the medley relay finish second. Thursday, she and younger sister Stephanie, Mary Kate Curley and Hannah Blaser finished second in the 400 free relay. Blaser had the unusual distinction of swimming both her individual events Thursday. She was fourth in the breaststroke after starting the day by taking the silver in the 100 free. Stephanie Szekeley reached the final of the 500 free and was sixth. With the look back on the Class AA championships complete, it's time to go out on a limb and make some predictions about the Class

AAA championships — relays and individual events. First, the favorites for gold and we'll start on the girls' side, where Pennridge is going to explode on the scene. The Rams are seeded third in the medley relay and first in the 400 free relay. It says here they'll win them both. Pennridge's outstanding freshman Morgan Scott is seeded fourth in the 200 free but is a mere 0.15 behind the top seed. She is also seeded second, 4 behind the top seed in the 200 free. She'll be a double gold medalist. In diving, North Penn's Marie Yacopino is seeded second, with Quakertown's Taylor Bennett 12th, North Penn's Madison Tanis 15th, Central Bucks West teammates Sarah Stim and Kelly Magri 18th

and 20th, and North Penn's Rachel Fisher 21st. Yacopino will win gold. Pennridge's Brittany Weiss is seeded second in the butterfly, and teammate Hannah Zurmuhl is third in the 50 free. Both will take home silver. Then there are the North Penn girls, third place in the team standings the last two years. They have the firepower to win it all, but I'll err on the safe side and predict a silver — because Pennridge will win it. On the boys' side, Hatboro-Horsham's Michael Thomas will make it two straight state titles in the backstroke, and he'll finally win the IM, where he's top seed. The other is North Penn's Thanos Kountroubis, whose family and friends will shout, "Opa,"

when he takes the gold in the breaststroke. Both he and Thomas are top-seeded in those events. Finally we have the North Penn boys, like the girls, carrying a perfect record into the state meet. They each won all their dual meets, the SOL Continental and District One team titles. The Knights have even more individuals in shooting distance of the final eight than do the girls. Ian Boland Bitner is seeded second in diving, where teammates Bryce Hoch and Quinn Mitchell are eighth and ninth. Like the Maidens, the Knights will make a run at the team title, but I think the guys will win it. Now, let's see how close I am to reality. Bill Keen: 215-345-3185; e-mail bkeen@calkins.com

GIRLS SWIMMING: PIAA CLASS AAA CHAMPIONSHIPS



EYES ON THE PRIZE

Olivia DiStefano is hoping to lead North Penn to a state team title this weekend.

By BILL KEEN
STAFF WRITER

Enough is enough. Olivia DiStefano and her North Penn teammates have capped their last two seasons with third-place finishes in the team standings at the PIAA Class AAA girls swimming and diving state championships. While each will admit it's nice to be one of the top three teams in a talent-rich state like Pennsylvania, it's also been frustrating because Hershey and North Allegheny have finished first and second both times. This time, with the help of one of the deepest squads North Penn coach Matt Weiser has had in many years, DiStefano is determined the Suburban One League Continental Conference and District One champions won't take a backseat to anybody. "There is definitely a possibility we could be up there in some events," the senior said before the buses left for Bucknell University in Lewisburg. "We've been third the last two years,

but I'm looking to push us up there in individual events and relays to get us more points and hopefully get us to first." For her own part, DiStefano is seeded 11th in the 50-yard freestyle and 16th in the backstroke, with freshman teammate Megan Zartman seeded 17th. "Having Megan next to me at states in the backstroke is definitely a relief because I'm not alone," said DiStefano, who is quite content looking at the roof of the natatorium instead of the bottom of the pool. "I've been doing (the backstroke) since my freshman year, so I've been doing it for a while and I feel very comfortable. It's one of my favorite individual events." Maidens can be found among the top seeds in 10 of the 12 events; three are in the field in diving, where junior Marie Yacopino is seeded second. For Friday's first day at Bucknell, the Maidens are seeded seventh in the opening medley relay, but they're a

close second behind North Allegheny in the event that will close the first day's action, the 200 freestyle relay. DiStefano chalked that up to a group of girls who were loaded with confidence right from the start of camp. "Early on, I knew the girls coming up were good, and we didn't lose many girls from last year," she said. "Most of the girls who went to states stayed, and I was excited about that. "The freshmen this year are amazing; there's so much talent in every one of them. The sophomores are great and the juniors are fantastic. "More and more going into states — because it's so important — we've been working hard making sure our starts are fast and our underwater fly kicks are fast." Those are the things a lot of teams stress only in camp, but the Maidens are leaving nothing to chance in their push to finally win a state team championship. Bill Keen: 215-345-3185; e-mail bkeen@calkins.com

States

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me. It's a great school and I'm enjoying it. I'm really looking forward to next year." Stephanie Szekeley finished sixth in the 500 freestyle (5:04.70). The Monarchs ended the meet in fine style, taking second in the 400 freestyle relay. Blaser, Mary Kate Curley, Stephanie Szekeley and Allie Szekeley touched in 3:29.70. Curley was 28th in the 500 freestyle (5:24.75). Upper Moreland senior Dan Wilcox earned a medal in his third and final try, taking seventh in diving with his score of 398.80 points. "I felt good coming into it, that this was my year,"

he said. "This year was different; I knew this was my year to get a medal. "I can't think of a better way to end my high school career than with this. This is what I wanted and what I worked so hard for." Dylan Walker, also competing for Upper Moreland, was 16th in diving (326.85). For Archbishop Wood, Katharine Buliga was 21st in the 500 freestyle (5:22.34). Buliga, Caitlin Bedesem, MaryGrace MacDormand and Megan Cook finished 23rd in the 400 freestyle relay (3:57.38) for the Vikings. Lansdale Catholic's Cassidy Fries was 28th in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.62). Karen Sangillo, 215-345-3070; email, ksangillo@calkins.com

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COLLEGE WRESTLING: NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS

DelVal wrestlers set for national tournament

Six Delaware Valley College wrestlers will look to capture individual titles and lead the Aggies to a national championship when they compete at the 2015 NCAA Division III Championships at the Giant Center in Hershey on Friday and Saturday. Returning All-Americans Vinny Fava, Aaron Karns and Zach Roseberry will look to return to the podium at 149, 197 and 285 pounds respectively. Also, 133-pounder Zac Haynes (Council Rock North), 165-pounder Alec Horan and 184-pounder Connor Gabriel will make their first trip to the NCAAAs. The six Aggies qualified for the NCAA Championships by placing in the top three at the East Regionals on March 1. Karns and Roseberry were regional champions, and Fava was a runner-up. Haynes, Gabriel and Horan each took third at the event. DelVal, as a team, captured the East Regional championship as they edged

runner-up New York University by just one point. In fact, the Aggies have won each invitational or championship in which team scoring took place this year. They took the title at the York College/New Standard Corporation Invitational on Dec. 6 and also took top honors at the Middle Atlantic Conference Championships on Jan. 24.

With six national qualifiers, head coach Steve Cantrell and the Aggies have the sixth-highest total of competitors for the upcoming championships. Only Augsburg

(10), Concordia-Moorhead (nine), five-time defending champion Wartburg (nine), Luther (seven) and Wisconsin-Whitewater (seven) have more qualifiers than DelVal.

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SWIMMING: PIAA CLASS AAA CHAMPIONSHIPS (FRIDAY)

Goroshko, Costello win medals

The CR North senior placed sixth in the boys 50-yard freestyle, and the Pennsbury sophomore was sixth in girls diving.

By KAREN SANGILLO
STAFF WRITER

LEWISBURG — Jake Goroshko of Council Rock North earned his first individual medal at Friday's first night of Class AAA competition at the PIAA swimming and diving championships, held at Bucknell University's Kinney Natatorium.

Goroshko, a senior, posted a time of 20.95 seconds to finish sixth in the 50-yard freestyle.

"I'm so happy," he said. "I broke a 21 for the first time ever and I got my first individual medal."

He was seeded eighth after the preliminaries.

"Once I got that eighth place spot, and I knew I was in the finals I relaxed," he said. "I knew I could only go up, and that's what I did."

"This was a great way for me to end my high school swimming career."

He also led off the 200 medley relay for Jack Donnelly, Joseph Segel and Allen Shmurak. The four-some finished 15th (1:37.20).

Nicole Costello, the area's lone female qualifier in Class AAA,

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9, Oakland Catholic 1:47.60; 10, Bethlehem Freedom and Souderton 1:47.83; 12, State College 1:48.00; 13, Radnor 1:48.09; 14, Norwin 1:48.38; 15, Easton 1:49.05; 16, Cocalico 1:49.58.
200 freestyle: 1, Allie Raab, Hershey, 1:48.01; 2, Morgan Scott, Pennridge, 1:48.26; 3, Monica Sorwinski, Greater Latrobe, 1:49.95; 4, Morgan Soula, North Allegheny, 1:50.95; 5, Frances Resweber, Strath Haven, 1:51.37; 6, Maggie Lee, Hershey, 1:51.83; 7, Summer Martin, Strath Haven, 1:52.79; 8, Kailyn Evans, North Penn, 1:56.25.
9, Laura Barthold, Unionville, 1:52.13; 10, Bailey Robertson, Hershey, 1:53.29; 11, Lauren McGrath, North Allegheny, 1:53.42; 12, Madeline Blair, Nazareth, 1:53.60; 13, Hannah Bumpgarner, Mount Lebanon, 1:53.67; 14, Abby Matheny, Upper St. Clair, 1:54.01; 15, Samantha Marino, Cocalico, 1:55.02; 16, Charlie Bricker, North Allegheny, 1:55.20.
200 individual medley: 1, Vini Taluto, Hershey, 2:01.09; 2, Abby Stauffer, Chambersburg, 2:02.52; 3, Olivia Paoletti, Avon Grove, 2:02.85; 4, Kathryn Painter, Norwin, 2:03.00; 5, Ann Juneau, North Allegheny, 2:03.54; 6, Hannah Wittman, Central Bucks East, 2:04.77; 7, Allyson McHugh, Little Flower, 2:04.94; 8, Helen Hsu, Bethlehem Freedom, 2:07.87; 9, Peyton Konds, Oakland Catholic, 2:05.72; 10, Emma Brinton, Avon Grove, 2:05.83; 11, Gianna Caputo, North Allegheny, 2:05.93; 12, Gab Rudy, Ridley, 2:07.10; 13, Megan Zartman, North Penn, 2:07.60; 14, Erika Freeman, Parkland, 2:08.25; 15, Abby Kosc, B. Reed Henderson, 2:08.59; 16, Feyten Lyons, Palmyra, 2:08.75.
50 freestyle: 1, Siena Salvaggio, Parkland, 23.10; 2, Hannah Zummhl, Pennridge, 23.23; 3, Jacquelyn Du, North Allegheny and Maddie Cooke, Phoenixville, 23.30; 5, Meredith Newman, Manheim Twp., 23.56; 6, Victoria Palochik, Nazareth, 23.73; 7, Rickie Hodges, Souderton, 23.95; 8, Kaitlyn Nicholson, Mount Lebanon, 24.15.
9, Olivia Distefano, North Penn, 24.01; 10, Kristin McKnight, Hampton, 24.12; 11, Mackenzie Gring, Muhlenberg, 24.20; 12, Kaylee Hollenbach, Lower Dauphin, 24.27; 13, Angela Gyulain, Fisher

Friday's results
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Lebanon, 24.35; 14, Autumn Shaffer, Garden Spot, 24.39; 15, Olivia Duck, Hershey, 24.48; 16, Lindsey Coate, Upper St. Clair, 24.52.
100 butterfly: 1, Maddie Hart, Haverford Twp., 54.14; 2, Brittany Weiss, Pennridge, 54.45; 3, Julia Cullen, Radnor, 55.06; 4, Kaley Buchanan, Hershey, 55.70; 5, Kayla Churman, North Allegheny, 55.95; 6, Jenna Johns, Upper Dublin, 56.19; 7, Mina Feyrer, Whitehall, 56.58; 8, Morgan Hansen, Owen J. Roberts, 56.85.
9, Caylee Rippin, Hershey and Caroline Apathy, Conestoga, 56.45; 11, Cami Cook, Cedar Cliff, 56.76; 12, Emily Sykes, Methacton, 56.81; 13, Morgan Curi, Oxford, 57.50; 14, Stephanie Sipple, Penn Hills, 57.51; 15, Maggie Root, North Allegheny, 57.61; 16, Kate Cooper, State College, 58.11.
200 freestyle relay: 1, North Penn 1:34.40 (Kaitlyn Evans, Ames Bair, Leah Brown, Olivia Distefano); 2, Hershey 1:35.23; 3, Mount Lebanon 1:35.62; 4, North Allegheny 1:35.92; 5, Unionville 1:37.59; 6, Reading 1:37.84; 7, Central Bucks East 1:37.93. Disqualified, Upper St. Clair.
9, B. Reed Henderson 1:37.65; 10, Nazareth 1:38.09; 11, Methacton 1:38.49; 12, Phoenixville 1:38.52; 13, Franklin Regional 1:38.75; 14, Parkland 1:38.91; 15, Strath Haven 1:38.95; 16, Conestoga 1:40.03.
Diving: 1, Maria Lohman, Chartiers Valley, 508.35; 2, Marie Yacopino, North Penn, 506.05; 3, Jess Hurburt, Emmaus, 437.90; 4, Christina Sather, Cumberland Valley, 435.25; 5, Carle Perkins, Avon Grove, 429.00; 6, Nicole Costello, Pennsbury, 418.10; 7, Mallory Charles, Pine-Richland, 414.65; 8, Adrienne White, Hampton, 408.60.
9, Taylor Bennett, Quakertown, 408.40; 10, Nadia Mulder, Hershey, 389.45; 11, Sarah Stim, Central Bucks West, 398.35; 12, Paige Schoelkopf, Landisville Hemphield, 396.60; 13, Mary Warner, West Lawn Wilson, 385.45; 14, Julie Vespini, North Allegheny, 391.15; 15, Kelly Magri, Central Bucks West, 386.55; 16, Brianna Ulrich, Palmyra, 384.70.
17, Kelsey German, Parkland, 383.65; 18, Rachael Fisher, North Penn, 272.70; 19, Katie Frank, Williamsport, 266.75; 20, Tally Brown, State College, 257.35;
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200 medley relay: 1, Upper St. Clair 1:29.47 (Ryan Dutzinski, Kevin Liu, Jake Johnsen, Fynn Minuth) PIAA record, Old: 1:30.26; La Salle College High School, 1:30.29; 2, La Salle College HS 1:30.97; 3, North Penn 1:32.18; 4, Upper Dublin 1:32.46; 5, North Allegheny 1:32.98; 6, Mount Lebanon 1:33.25; 7, Hershey 1:33.82; 8, Cathedral Prep 1:34.20.
9, St. Joseph's Prep 1:35.41; 10, Dallastown 1:35.95; 11, Muhlenberg 1:36.03; 12, Cumberland Valley 1:36.46; 13, Landisville Hemphield 1:36.46; 14, Pennsbury 1:36.99; 15, Council Rock North 1:37.20; 16, State College 1:37.35.
200 freestyle: 1, Michael Jensen, Upper Dublin, 1:35.21 (PIAA record, Old: 1:36.05, Matthew Belecanech, St. Joseph's Prep, 2009); 2, Jake Sannem, La Salle College, 1:37.36; 3, Brian Lovaski, North Hills, 1:37.75; 4, Joseph Vizza, La Salle College HS, 1:39.29; 5, Sam Mangan, Bethlehem Freedom, 1:40.21; 6, Mason Gonzalez, North Allegheny, 1:41.16; 7, Eben Krigger, North Allegheny, 1:41.29; 8, Vince Filippini, Muhlenberg, 1:41.55.
9, Drew Damich, Chartiers Valley, 1:39.92; 10, Kyle McElwee, La Salle College HS, 1:41.52; 11, Robert Fenstermacher, Dubois, 1:41.99; 12, Josh Clarke, Northern York, 1:42.33; 13, Noah Cagley, Fox Chapel, 1:42.42; 14, Zach Ceneviva, Hershey, 1:42.44; 15, Matt Guenter, West Lawn Wilson, 1:42.54; 16, Mike Kern, North Penn, 1:42.60.
200 individual medley: 1, Michael Thomas, Hatboro-Horsham, 1:44.50; 2, Fynn Minuth, Upper St. Clair, 1:48.32; 3, Casey Melzer, North Allegheny, 1:50.37; 4, Vincent Everman, La Salle College HS, 1:50.30; 5, Thanas Kountouris, North Penn, 1:50.96; 6, Tre Fissella, Landisville Hemphield, 1:52.54; 7, Will Drexler, Hershey, 1:52.84; 8, Carter Paules, Emmaus, 1:54.23.
9, Carter Hardy, State College, 1:52.54; 10, Connor

Doyle, Pennsbury, 1:53.14; 11, Jack Kushner, Hershey, 1:53.37; 12, Brandon McKenzie, St. Joseph's Prep, 1:54.17; 13, Ivan Michalovic, Garnet Valley, 1:55.33; 14, Corey Smith, North Penn, 1:55.40; 15, Mark Miller, Downingtown West, 1:55.84; 16, Kyle Supko, North Penn, 1:56.51.
50 freestyle: 1, Greg Brocato, La Salle College HS, 20.27; 2, Ed Zawatski, Wyoming Valley West, 20.54; 3, Danny Knoll, Wissahickon, 20.70; 4, Kyle Dix, Perkiomen Valley, 20.76; 5, Liam Kelly, North Penn, 20.83; 6, Jake Goroshko, Council Rock North, 20.95; 7, Andrew Zhugayevich, Central Bucks East, 21.02; 8, Tim Raab, Hershey, 21.15.
9, Norman Gregory, Penn Hills, 21.05; 10, Nicholas Stachel, La Salle College HS, 21.09; 11, Reid Mercators-Morrison, Cathedral Prep, 21.27; 12, Kyle Shurmur, La Salle College HS and Chris Paynter, Hershey, 21.35; 14, Patrick Cobb, Bangor, 21.45; 15, Adam Scinski, Parkland, 21.49; 16, Cristian Mustarait, Souderton, 22.01.
100 butterfly: 1, Ryan Dutzinski, Upper St. Clair, 47.26; 2, Andrei Mihailescu, Mount Lebanon, 48.91; 3, Brian McKennrick, Conestoga, 49.94; 4, Braedon Wong, Upper St. Clair, 50.08; 5, Eli Avari, Radnor, 50.74; 6, Noah Wechter, Mount Lebanon, 50.99; 7, Josh Williams, Stroudsburg, 51.23; 8, Spencer Hill, Dallastown, 51.35.
9, Jake Johnsen, Upper St. Clair, 50.32; 10, Greg Arnold, North Allegheny, 50.50; 11, Ben Francis, Cumberland Valley, 50.57; 12, Vinny Tavolletti, Bethel Park, 50.83; 13, Jacob Lubinski, La Salle College HS and Nicholas Belecanech, St. Joseph's Prep, 51.15; 15, John Libert, Kennett, 51.22; 16, Kyle Usbeck, Wallenpaupack, 52.36.
200 freestyle relay: 1, La Salle College High School 1:22.70 (Nicholas Stachel, Vincent Everman, Jake Sannem, Kyle Shurmur); 2, Upper St. Clair 1:22.99; 3, Hershey 1:23.45; 4, North Allegheny 1:24.61; 5, Dallastown 1:25.84; 6, Cathedral Prep 1:26.36; 7, Perkiomen Valley 1:27.05; 8, McDowell 1:27.16; 9, Hatboro-Horsham 1:26.33; 10, Landisville Hemphield 1:26.39; 11, Mount Lebanon 1:26.71; 12, Radnor 1:27.21; 13, William Tennent 1:27.51; 14, West Lawn Wilson 1:27.58; 15, Franklin Regional 1:28.28; 16, Bethlehem Liberty 1:28.49.
Team scoring (top five): 1, La Salle College High School 163; 2, Upper St. Clair 135; 3, North Allegheny 106; 4, Hershey 92.5; 5, Mount Lebanon 68

the preliminaries.

"That did put the pressure on me," she said. "I'd rather not know where I am, and, once I heard it, I thought too much about it."

"There was a lot of competition, which is good, but it also puts the pressure on me because I try too hard. But I'm really happy with where I finished, and it's made me very excited for next year."

For the Pennsbury boys, Connor Doyle finished 10th in the 200 individual medley (1:53.14).

Pennsbury's 200 medley relay of Daniel Lawton, Doyle, Collin Hanlon and Travis Venables was 14th (1:36.99).

William Tennent's 200 freestyle relay of Brennan Bastian, Tom Del Conte, Matt Patrick and Mark Preedy finished 13th (1:27.51).

David Kneiss, the only representative from Neshaminy, finished in a tie for 19th with Bryson Hunter of Hempfield in the 50 freestyle. His time if 21.65 is a school record, lowering his own standard of 21.69.

Newtown resident Brandon McKenzie, swimming for St. Joe's Prep, finished 12th in the 200 individual medley (1:54.17). He was also on the ninth place 200 medley relay (1:35.41).

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Saturday's results

CLASS AAA BOYS
100 freestyle: 1, Michael Jensen, Upper Dublin, 43.29; 2, Greg Brocato, La Salle College HS, 43.91; 3, Brian Lovaski, North Hills, 44.75; 4, Ed Zawatski, Wyoming Valley West, 45.11; 5, Norman Gregory, Penn Hills, 45.45; 6, Andrew Zhugayevich, Central Bucks East, 45.65; 7, Mason Gonzalez, North Allegheny, 46.21; 8, Danny Knoll, Wissahickon, 46.39.
9, Patrick Cobb, Bangor, 46.05; 10, Quentin Cody, Downingtown East, 46.97; 11, Jacob Deckman, Cumberland Valley, 47.00; 12, Kyle Dix, Perkiomen Valley, 47.14; 13, Patrick Lersch, Upper St. Clair, 47.15; 14, Adam Scinski, Parkland, 47.20; 15, Mike Palaski, Seneca Valley, 47.21; 16, Jake Rice, Mount Lebanon, 47.50.
500 freestyle: 1, Sam Mangan, Bethlehem Freedom, 4:23.92; 2, Fynn Minuth, Upper St. Clair, 4:26.53; 3, Jake Sannem, La Salle College HS, 4:28.25; 4, Joseph Vizza, La Salle College HS, 4:31.70; 5, Drew Damich, Chartiers Valley, 4:32.76; 6, Matthew Dinunzio, Pittsburgh Central Catholic, 4:33.70; 7, Kyle McElwee, La Salle College HS, 4:36.40; 8, Mike Kern, North Penn, 4:40.80.
9, Vince Filippini, Muhlenberg, 4:30.83; 10, Eben Krigger, North Allegheny, 4:35.07; 11, Spencer Trefter, Seneca Valley, 4:36.37; 12, Mark Miller, Downingtown West, 4:37.13; 13, Ryan Anderson, Pine-Richland, 4:39.20; 14, Kair Uhin, Warwick, 4:39.37; 15, Dylan North, Red Lion, 4:40.03; 16, Matt Guenter, West Lawn Wilson, 4:41.55.
100 backstroke: 1, Michael Thomas, Hatboro-Horsham, 46.19; 2, Kevin Liu, Upper St. Clair, 49.57; 3, Brian McKennrick, Conestoga, 49.73;

4, Vincent Everman, La Salle College, 49.86; 5, Connor Doyle, Pennsbury, 50.26; 6, Braedon Wong, Upper St. Clair, 50.36; 7, Andrei Mihailescu, Mount Lebanon, 50.63; 8, Corey Smith, North Penn, 51.11.
9, Kyle Shurmur, La Salle College HS, 51.23; 10, Noah Brockway, Dallastown, 51.24; 11, Greg Arnold, North Allegheny, 51.51; 12, Ben Francis, Cumberland Valley, 51.52; 13, Joseph Furze, St. Joseph's Prep, 51.68; 14, Koltie Kerchner, Muhlenberg, 51.93; 15, Eli Avari, Radnor, 52.42; 16, Martin Back, Upper St. Clair, 52.50.
100 breaststroke: 1, Thanas Kountouris, North Penn, 55.16; 2, Wyatt Amdor, Upper Dublin, 55.28; 3, Casey Melzer, North Allegheny, 55.58; 4, Rex Riley, Cathedral Prep, 56.00; 5, Carter Paules, Emmaus, 57.26; 6, Zach Ceneviva, Hershey, 57.33; 7, Brian Ramsey, Mount Lebanon, 57.51; 8, Jack Lanphear, Mount Lebanon, 57.88.
9, Harrison Schultz, La Salle College HS, 57.30; 10, Jack Kushner, Hershey, 57.42; 11, Sean Finley, La Salle College HS, 57.44; 12, Tre Fissella, Landisville Hemphield, 57.65; 13, Isaiah Gregory, Penn Hills, 57.72; 14, Ryan Witoslawski, Souderton, 57.76; 15, Brandon McKenzie, St. Joseph's Prep, 57.88; 16, Carter Hardy, State College, 58.42.
400 freestyle relay: 1, La Salle College High School 3:00.93 (Jake Sannem, Vincent Everman, Joseph Vizza, Greg Brocato); 2, Upper St. Clair 3:03.04; 3, North Penn 3:04.94; 4, Upper Dublin 3:05.72; 5, North Allegheny 3:07.57; 6, Hershey 3:07.70; 7, Mount Lebanon 3:09.67; 8, Cumberland Valley 3:09.97.
9, Dallastown 3:11.49; 10, Central Bucks East

3:11.73; 11, Cathedral Prep 3:12.05; 12, McDowell 3:12.12; 13, Pennsbury 3:12.31; 14, St. Joseph's Prep 3:13.26; 15, Landisville Hemphield 3:13.91; 16, West Lawn Wilson 3:14.58.
Diving: 1, Joe Florence, Penn-Trafford, 542.85; 2, Joe Warner, West Lawn Wilson, 458.80; 3, Jake Hedrick, Hershey, 453.00; 4, Nash Nickerson, Central Bucks South, 452.25; 5, Bryce Hoch, Lansdale North Penn, 443.80; 6, Matt Aronson, Council Rock North, 440.55; 7, Ian Boland Brfner, Lansdale North Penn, 438.15; 8, John Warner, West Lawn Wilson, 428.25.
9, Andrew Doerfler, North Allegheny and Nick Cover, Chambersburg, 419.75; 11, Nick Zumpino, Hatboro-Horsham, 419.35; 12, Quinn Mitchell, Lansdale North Penn, 413.55; 13, Cary Johns, Mount Lebanon, 393.05; 14, Christopher Lehman, Parkland, 392.20; 15, Nicholas Tomczyk, Exeter Twp., 384.70; 16, Andrew Vanim, Emmaus, 389.10.
17, Mike Bertoni, Penn-Trafford, 284.30; 18, Steven Stasola, Nazareth, 283.10; 19, Andrew Sederholm, Franklin Regional, 275.05; 20, Brian Layden, Springfield-Delco, 274.50; 21, Matthew Werner, Cheltenham, 167.55; 22, Patrick Woltemate, St. Joseph's Prep, 142.10; 23, Jonathan Bauer, McDowell, 125.75; 24, Colin Florey, Abington Heights, 122.10.
Team standings (top 10): 1, La Salle College High School 302; 2, Upper St. Clair 221; 3, North Allegheny 183; 4, North Penn 170; 5, Hershey 154.50; 6, Mount Lebanon 132; 7, Upper Dublin 117; 8, Cathedral Prep 81; 9, Dallastown 78; 10, Hatboro-Horsham 64.

Boys

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He was fifth after both the preliminaries and semifinals. "I didn't expect to be there so, when I saw the scores, I felt good," he said. "Going into this week, I didn't think I was going to get a medal, so I'm so excited."

For Council Rock South, Matt O'Donnell was 19th in the 100 breaststroke (59.05).

Neshaminy's David Kneiss was 21st in the 100 freestyle (47.72).

Newtown resident Brandon McKenzie, swimming for St. Joseph's Prep, was 15th in the 100 breast (57.88) and was on



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Pennsbury's 400-yard freestyle team of Daniel Lawton, Nicholas Jeronis, Travis Venables and Connor Doyle get ready for their event Saturday.

the 14th-place 400 free relay (3:13.26). Karen Sangillo, 215-345-3070; email, ksangillo@calkins.com

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Father Van Thillo Steps Down As Principal

by Larry Mueller

After twelve years of dedicated service, Father Marcel Van Thillo is leaving Archbishop Wood. His order, the Missionhurst Fathers, has reassigned him elsewhere.

Father Van Thillo came to Wood in 1964 when the school first opened its doors. He became principal in December 1969.

Father Van Thillo had originally planned to go to China when he was a seminarian in Belgium in the early 1950's. His plans were changed when it

became clear that Red China would no longer accept foreign missionaries. Preparation for the United States preceded his arrival in this country in 1957.

Since the Missionhurst Fathers were highly involved in education, John Cardinal O'Hara wanted this order to administer and staff a high school in the Philadelphia area when one became available.

During the interim, Father Van Thillo and many of his colleagues received temporary assignments. A Spanish-speaking parish in San

Antonio, Texas was his first assignment. He then came to the Philadelphia area and taught at Monsignor Bonner High School.

In 1963, the Missionhurst priests were invited to take over a school the archdiocese was intending to build in Warminster. The order accepted this invitation and Father Van Thillo began preparing for his new job.

Many Sunday afternoons, Father would drive up from Delaware County to view the superstructure that was to be Archbishop Wood High School for Boys.

The subsequent opening of "that high school at the crossroads" drew many of the order's priests in America together for the first time. They finally got their school and Father received his first big assignment.

Both as vice-principal and principal, always striven to make this school achieve academic excellence. Believing education is not a static



Fr. Marcel Van Thillo

process, he always reevaluated school programs and policies.

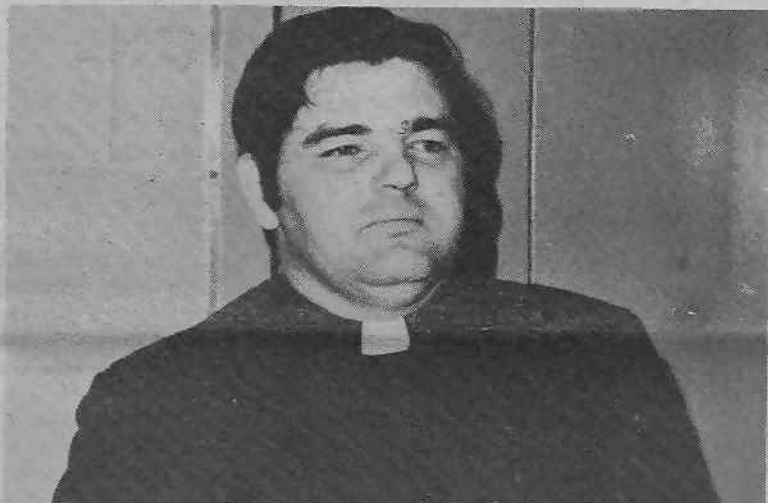
Father Van Thillo has seen a stark new high school, set amid cornfields near two quiet highways, mature into a well-known and respected institution.

He saw the Cross Country team soon establish itself in the Catholic League when it won the championships in 1969. He saw the football and basketball teams put this school on the map last year.

Father does not feel that his success should be judged on the material gains of this school. The important thing in his mind is whether the students have achieved a self awareness and have obtained certain basic God-oriented values.

The editors and the staff of this paper extend their thanks to Father Van Thillo for the fine job he has done and wish him the best of luck in his next assignment. Ave atque vale!

Father Quinn Receives CARE Award



Fr. Quinn CAREs

Each year, the editors of Crossroads present The Crossroads Annual Recognition of Excellence Award to an individual whose spirit and dedication has been invaluable to the students of Archbishop Wood. The '75-'76 editorial staff is proud to announce that Father Edward Quinn has been selected to receive the C.A.R.E. Award this year.

Father Quinn was ordained at Saint Charles Seminary in 1969, and then was sent to Rome for additional study. After a short stay in an area parish, Fr. Quinn was assigned as a chaplain at Philadelphia General Hospital. He came to Wood in 1973.

Father Quinn has always been involved with the students since his arrival. In his first job, he replaced Mr. Dick Bedesem as Athletic Director and held that

position for two years. This year he became Activities Director, replacing Father Tom Flanigan. He took on these extra responsibilities despite his duties as a marriage counselor, a resident at Our Lady of the Sacred Hearts parish in Hilltown and a religion teacher.

Although criticized at times, Father Quinn has gained the friendship and respect of students, parents, and fellow teachers because of his true, genuine concern for people as people. Though sometimes this concern is masked behind a two day growth, those students who have seen his warm smile and heard his gregarious chuckle, know that it is there.

Crossroads recognizes and congratulates Father Quinn for his devotion to the students. May it continue as long as he is here.

Bicentennial Class Graduates

Graduation exercises for Archbishop Wood's Class of 1976 will take place Thursday and Friday.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 3 at 8 p.m. in Doylestown's Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

Faculty members who will celebrate are Father Edward Quinn, Father James Melle, Father Gerald Moore, and Father Andrew Robberecht, C.I.C.M.

Also concelebrating are two relatives of graduating seniors. Father Bothwell and Father Gerald Ronan.

Father Leo Blanchard, C.I.C.M. and Father James Fischler, C.I.C.M., the first graduates of Archbishop Wood to be ordained priests, will also concelebrate.

Father Marcel Van Thillo, C.I.C.M. will preach the homily.

The school's Commencement will take place on June 4 at 8 p.m. at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown.

Monsignor Charles B. Mynaugh will address the graduates. The Class of 1976 Salutatorian will be William Cherry and Ronald Triolo will be Valedictorian.

Monsignor Mynaugh is pastor of St. David's parish in Willow Grove. He formerly headed the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program and helped organize the communication's office for the

Archdiocese.

Father Van Thillo will present awards for outstanding achievements in both academics non-academic areas to some of the seniors who are members of Wood's tenth graduating class.

Guerin Elected President

Bill Guerin, presently treasurer of Student Council, swept past Mark McMillen to be elected 1976-77 S.C. president. In other races, Joe Klinger, now Jr. activities co-chairman, was elected Vice President, Bob Hasson, secretary and Tom Lee, Treasurer.

This followed active campaigning by all the candidates. They visited homerooms, spoke over the television, and put up posters. Campaigning was wrapped up with the convocation in the gym on May 13.

Even preceding this was the nominating convention, held May 5 in the library. After Fr. Van Thillo's opening prayer, and the convention rules outlined, the convention began.

The nominations for Treasurer were held first. Tom Lee, the eventual winner, was nominated

on the first ballot. He was followed on the second ballot by John Von Leer.

Nominations for Secretary saw Bob Hasson elected on the initial ballot and Mike Murawski was chosen next.

After Joe Klinger was chosen on the first ballot, a lengthy balloting session followed in which no candidate got a sufficient number of votes.

On the fifth ballot, Joe Shockey was chosen, followed by Harry Brooks on the eighth, and Dan Troilo on the ninth. Joe Shockey withdrew before the convention was over, and Harry Brooks did the same a few days into the campaigning.

Bill Guerin was nominated on the first ballot and Mark McMillen, a candidate last year, was nominated on the second ballot for President.



New Officers — Hasson, Guerin, Klinger, Lee

Vincentians Coming To Wood

After 12 years of dedicated service to our school, the C.I.C.M. Fathers are stepping down from their administrative posts, and the Vincentian Order formerly of St. Thomas More H.S. will take over starting July 1.

The Vincentians have served the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for 135 years, and have established themselves as a teaching order of the highest caliber. The order presently staffs Immaculate Conception parish in Germantown, St.

Vincent De Paul parish and the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, in addition to conducting St. John's University, Jamaica, N.Y., and Niagara University, Niagara, N.Y.

Cardinal Krol officially commended the Missionhurst Fathers (C.I.C.M.) on their outstanding achievements at Wood, and in particular Fr. Van Thillo for his effective leadership in the educational programs here at school.

Of the five Belgian priests still on staff, only Fr. Van Thillo will be leaving. Fr. Dewale, Fr. Robberecht, Fr. DeCris, and Fr. DeCorte will drop down from their administrative posts and remain on staff as teachers.

Many thanks to the Missionhurst Fathers for their guidance in the formative period of our school, and good luck and continued success to the Vincentians.

People, Prayer, Most Important

As I was filling out one of the many forms that seniors must fill out — college applications, job applications — most of the forms seemed to ask the same questions. One type of question that stuck in my mind was, "What do you think is the most urgent problem facing society?" or "What do you want to do to make the world better?"

Talking among my friends, thoughts on the economy and the poverty level seemed to be the most frequently mentioned. I thought to myself, "Is this really what is important?" I contemplated the question for a long time and thought even longer about writing this editorial.

My answer . . . well, is different than most kids would write, or even admit publicly.

I think that people are too concerned with money, cars and images, etc. and are not worried enough about being a person. I'm not saying that money is not important. I think that is very important to lead a comfortable, happy life.

In my opinion, however, the driving pressures of our society and the obsession people have for material goods is ridiculous.

These ideas are not really as idealistic as it may sound. People can have a comfortable life without constantly grabbing for more and more and still show concern for others. If people cared

more, the world would be a better place to live. If people stopped to really listen, they might find that someone is saying something.

If people . . . Well, it all comes down to people.

People can find internal happiness in God, through prayer. Prayer is often talked about, yet much neglected. Prayer is important to me now.

A little less than a year ago, I was working my way towards an ulcer as a present for my seventeenth birthday. I was tired, working hard, with only more work in sight. I was running service programs (before anybody ever heard of Operation SIGN), but for all the wrong reasons. I was working only for myself, not for others or most importantly, for God.

I had my priorities mixed up, I was heading in the wrong direction. I was confused and didn't know where my future was.

A friend of mine (who, incidentally, is a priest) told me that I should try praying. Whereupon I promptly queried "How?" After a lengthy conversation, the answer was simply talk to God and then do what comes naturally.

I began to pray and do what comes naturally. It helped me to realize God and His principles are important, everything else is secondary.

Think about it. Pray about it.



"The Long and Winding Road" the theme for this year's senior class, is captured in an aerial photo by Joe Garvin.

Eucharistic Congress Plans Youth Programs

by Bill Guerin

By now, most of the plans for the upcoming Eucharistic Congress have been finalized. Since the Congress is designed for all Catholics, many programs have been scheduled for youth. These programs include:

- "Godspell." This is a special performance of the famous rock opera which will be presented at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, August 6th, at the Spectrum.
- "Miracle of the Bread." This is an original pageant to be performed at the Robin Hood Dell East on Thursday evening, August 5th, by the Dance Theatre of Harlem.
- Serendipity Workshop. The workshop is a unique com-

munity-building experience to be conducted by Lyman Coleman on both Friday and Saturday of the Eucharistic Congress week. These workshops will be held from nine to five at the Civic Center.

- Youth Mass. This is the official liturgy for young adults which will be held at the Spectrum on Friday, August 6th, at 7:00 p.m. During the offertory of this Mass all the pledge cards received for Operation SIGN will be presented.
- Statio Orbis. This Mass will mark the close of the 41st International Eucharistic Congress. Health permitting, Pope Paul will celebrate the Mass to be held at 5:00 p.m. on August 8th, at JFK Stadium.

Wood Happenings

by Joe Klinger

The Chess Club wrapped up their most successful season to date with a number of victories in the later stages of the season. Coaches Hedegus is highly optimistic about next years team due to the fact that this squad was laden with underclassmen.

The activities committee ended an otherwise terrific year on a sour note because of the cancellation of the Spring Fling.

The Forensics Team ended its first year of competition at St. Huberts invitational tournament. With no seniors graduating Mr. Kline is looking to a great year next year Joe Klinger was top scorer on the team.



Fr. J. Fischler and Fr. L. Blanchard; 1st Wood Grads ordained

Register Early For Fall Elections

by Mike Bartunek

The registration deadline for the Pennsylvania primary elections was March 29. Hopefully most of the eighteen-year olds here at Wood registered by then (whether it was Democrat, Republican, or Mugwump) and voted in the April 27 primaries.

The general election in November requires that an eligible voter must register by October 2nd if he has not done so before then. The only qualifications to register and vote is that a person be eighteen and has lived in this state for six months. The county courthouses in Doylestown and Norristown have registration offices.

Voting in the primaries is the best way of indicating which candidates you want to run for various offices. Voting for a particular candidate shows that you agree with his stand on certain issues. These issues may effect you in one way or another so it is important that the person you voted for represents your views.

Millions of Americans do not exercise their right to vote. The percentage of eligible voters who fail to cast their ballots in elections is very high. A good turnout figure for primary elections is only 50% General elections fare somewhat better because the "big

names" are up for the vote.

After the Constitutional Convention concluded in 1787, Benjamin Franklin was asked whether this country was to be republic or a monarchy. Franklin replied, "A republic, if you can keep it."

Participation in the election process has kept the United States

a republic for two hundred years. Such participation is just as important now to keep this country a republic in the years to come.

This summer, follow the campaigns of all the candidates and get to know them. Analyze the voting records of incumbents. Find out what they all stand for.

Student Council President Reflects

With the election of Bill Guerin, Joe Klinger, Bob Hasson and Tom Lee as the 1976-1977 Student Council officers, I feel that Council will be in fine shape next year.

In order for a student government to function effectively and take care of the needs of the student body, they must have the support of YOU! Student Council, if given full backing, can achieve any goal that they set.

A perfect example of a project which received student support was the W.I.F.I. School Spirit Contest. Wood entered this contest two weeks late but succeeded in coming in third place to get \$200.

The students hold the key to their own fate by the cooperation they give their school and their

Student Council. How next year's senior class reacts to the new administration will set the standards for others to follow.

It's your ball now You can decide that you want to continue programs like Involvement Day, Viking Weekend, Homecoming, Spirit Week and others or you can forget about them and suffer the consequences of your folly.

Good Luck. I know you guys have the potential to make Wood a tremendous place. Give these new officers a break. Give yourself a break. Give a damn for Wood — it's your school and it's what you make it.

Farewell,
Ed Barr, Student Council President

Beavermania Hits Wood

by Vince Rogers

Nobody knows how it came about. Nobody knows when it began, nobody seems to know how to curb it. There seems to be no stopping it. What is it? Beavermania. Some call it a simple fad, while others consider it a dangerous problem which must be stopped at all costs.

First let us discuss Beavermania itself. It is a sort of mini-culture which seems to have a serious hold on many of our students. Nobody seems to know why, but it is found primarily in seniors who have Accounting One or Marketing and Sales. These students who are involved in Beavermania have an incredible preoccupation with Monopoly, the baseball team, and the stock market. They have nicknames for each other like "nitwit," "goof-ball," and "Mr. Intelligence."

The figureheads of this cult are two imaginary characters. One is a playful little fellow named Bucky Beaver, who has freckles and an enormous college ring which he allegedly uses to wake up sleeping nitwits.

Beavermania has reached such

proportions at Wood that the cultists have established an annual Beaver Day, during which ceremonies are held which exalt the almighty Beaver, as well as other members of the rodent family.

Some people fear that if Beavermania is not nipped in the bud, it will become a dangerous deterrent to our morals and our education.

Others consider it a harmless pastime, like streaking, which will die as abruptly as it came about. Either way, the Beavermaniacs are not worried. When this reporter asked a self-proclaimed Beavermaniac why he had become one, he received a cold stare and the reply "You trying to play silly games with me, Nitwit?"

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Bugs Bunny Superstar Is Worth The Carrots

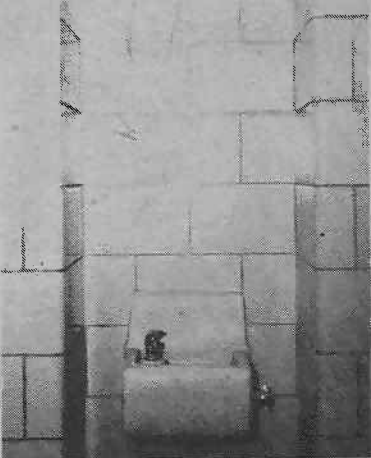
by Karl Horvath

For a good time and lots of laughs you should see "Bugs Bunny, Superstar." The film opens with Bugs Bunny losing an Oscar for "Best Actor." After getting over an angry fit he proceeded to show us some of his best films.

The movie is mainly made up of old and new cartoons. In between the animated segments is a lot of information on how they made the

films, told to you by the artists themselves.

Perhaps the funniest cartoon in the whole movie is the one with Tweety and Sylvester. The most interesting part is when they show you age old films of "Termite Terrace" the small, crackerjack building where they made the very first Bugs Bunny cartoon. All in all the movie is very entertaining for young and old and is well worth the money to see it today.



Secret Weapon???

Frampton Comes Alive

by Vince Rogers

The greatest contribution England gave to the world of Rock is the electric guitarist. From that nation have come some of the most talented guitarists in the world: Jeff Beck, George Harrison, Eric Clapton, Led Zepplin's Jimmy Page, the Who's Peter Townshend and Steve Howe of Yes are a few of them.

The most recent addition to this fraternity is a young man, formerly of Humble Pie named, Peter Frampton. His latest album, **FRAMPTON COMES ALIVE** is a live double set which captures a rising superstar in concert.

The album was recorded last summer at a time when Frampton was the opening act for more popular performers.

Frampton's songwriting talents are especially evident in his ballads "All I Want to Be (Is By Your Side)" and "Baby I Love Your Way" both of which feature Frampton on the acoustic guitar.

The last song on the album is a fourteen minute track called "Do You Feel Like We Feel." It again features Frampton on the electric guitar as well as the talkbox. Perhaps it is exciting live, but on record this type of jamming tends

to get a bit dull.

Despite this, **FRAMPTON COMES ALIVE** is an excellent live album. It captures Peter

Frampton at his best, on stage, where he relies upon talent and musical ability rather than on theatrics and showmanship.

Chapin Releases A Double

by Vince Rogers

In Europe in the Middle Ages there were travelling musicians called troubadours who specialized in story-songs. In modern times this type of performer has almost become extinct due to advanced media and communications. But there is still one specimen of troubadour, a man named Harry Chapin, who has been making people laugh and cry for years with his brand of storytelling. His latest effort is a double live album called **GREATEST STORIES LIVE** and contains some of the most heart-breaking tales of loneliness and rejection ever written.

While his singing and guitar playing talents are limited, Chapin makes up for these shortcomings with his song-writing talents and his backup band. The band consists of Chapin's brothers, Tom on guitar and banjo and Steve on keyboards. John Wallace on bass, Mike Masters on cello, Doug

Walker on electric guitar and Howie Fields on drums fill out the group.

The album contains many of Chapin's greatest tales, most notably "W*O*L*D" which is a tragic song that laments the fate of disc jockeys growing old. "Mr. Tanner" is a song about a cleaner who becomes a singer, only to end up a cleaner again. Chapin uses a cab driver as a metaphor in "Taxi" which is about selling out. A peculiar love triangle between a stranger, a night watchman and a waitress is sung about in "A Better Place To Be." "I Wanna Learn A Love Song" is about a guitar teacher and a lonely housewife. The album also contains the brilliant "Cat's In The Cradle" which was Chapin's only big hit single.

Chapin has an ability for relating with his audience as evidenced by their participation in such songs as "Dreams Go By", "Circle" and "30,000 Pounds of

Across The Lawn (If You Can Make It)

by Dave Miller

Assistant Editor's note: This article was originally submitted to the rag, then to this year's version of c. roads, and twice rejected! NO TASTE!!!! Now this article has been requested by Playgirl, Good Housekeeping and Seventeen and that was for the article alone! So this is your last chance to print it. Editor-in-Chief's note: While this article was not in keeping with the high standards of scholastic journalism which this paper adheres to, an empty space on this page forced me to use it.

Remember that long canyon that separated the boy's school from the girl's division? They said it was for pies or something like

that but we know the real story. The Girls were planning to build a moat around their school.

A moat??? Yes, a moat. They planned to fill it with Dannon Yogurt and Piranha fish to discourage "unwanted visitors". Unfortunately the Superintendent of Schools nixed the idea and the ditch was filled.

Now, our devious next-door neighbors have planted birdseed on the dirt. This has a two-fold purpose. On a rainy day, one will find his Hush Puppies drowning in two feet of seedy mud. When the skis are clear, a S.W.A.T. team of pigeons guard the seed from any trespassers. This, of course, has an adverse effect on car windshields in the parking lot.

These are not the only defenses one can find across the lawn. If a student can find his way inside, he becomes quickly blinded by the glaring pink that surrounds the hallways. (It is rumored that females are hereditarily immune to this).

If this obstacle can be passed, the girls have mechanical wonders that pose as water fountains but dispense a Lysol-tasting mixture that will clear your sinuses, brains, and/or kidneys at the same time.

A shrill noise will announce the final, fatal defense. Walking in the school between classes or after 2:15 has the safety factor of driving down the middle lane of a two-lane highway in Chalfont. The only way to change direction in these halls is either to be shoved left or pushed right.

So my advice about going over to the girl's school at this time is DON'T! Any poor victim will be literally stampeded by a tremendous mass of green-plaid humanity for the remaining four minutes of his existence.

Cruising: Pro And Con

Cruising Harmless Pastime

by Dave Miller

It's Friday night and here I am doing an American Graffiti number for the school paper with my girl friend.

Enter Hatboro one warm evening in May. Three hitchhikers looking for a ride, ending up nowhere for sure, are passed. Bike-riding kids, trying to look rough with those extra long smokes, wind their way through the stagnant traffic of the borough.

McDonalds and the M & C seem to be doing the only business at 8:30 p.m. The trash cans on both sides of the street overflow with hamburger wrappers and french fry bags. One finds good friends, good food and good talk in Hatboro.

On a warm night such as this, some of the girls of the borough are seen wearing halter tops, jeans and either too much or too little make-up. Invariably they're sitting next to their guys while cruising. He's showing off his car and she's showing off him.

A girl comes by in a car "Hi Joe. Was that Donna? Oh my god — Donna comes here?" She's gone.

The guys have their own unique style of dress. Some will be neat and clean. Others won't even be

shaved. Jeans and an open collar or a t-shirt classifies the male cruiser. He is also judged by his car, the music playing on his radio and the girl he is with.

At Castella's Restaurant, the road gets darker and the traffic becomes thinner. So we turn around and start all over again.

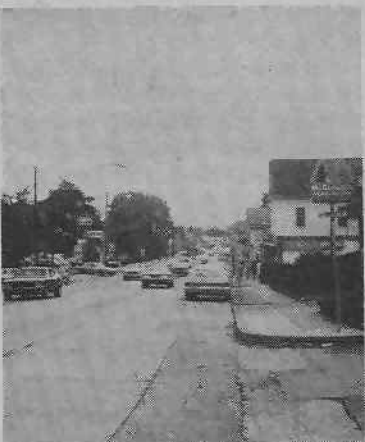
Getting up and down the borough is no problem. Fast looking, fast sounding cars are the basic mode of transportation. They drive in them, they sit in them; they park them and walk.

Young couples are all over the place. Some will go home early tonight, some will grab a bite to eat and still others will go to the Navy base or some other dark spot in the area.

The cops seem like a couple of nice guys who may not be overly enthused with their work but they do it anyway. Calm, cool "No hassles, please" seem to be the general rule.

And so we wrap up the night and head home.

Cruising is a pastime and should be treated as such. The question facing those who oppose cruising is two-fold. Will cruising eliminate itself in time like hula hoops and greasy hair or is cruising here to stay?



A Cruiser on his way to Hatboro

Youths Upset Borough

The community of Hatboro has had a problem with youths for years. Some people have associated this with the Billiard Ball, which was a pool hall in Hatboro a while back. It was recognized then as a drug trafficking site. Despite the Billiard Ball's demise, gangs of kids continue to cruise the borough and hang out on street corners.

The situation came to a boiling point earlier this year when the

borough called a meeting and invited young people to attend. The formation of a committee of business men and youth began, hoping this would aid the tense situation.

Mr. Robert Duffy, of Hatboro Chamber of Commerce, explained that the family trade is being scared away by the cruisers and large gatherings of kids. He further stated that the Chamber is attending to the problems of the young people through this businessmen-youth committee.

A spokesman for McDonalds said that the restaurant has a guard seven nights a week. Too many people buy a coke and park their cars in the lot. Finishing one coke, they go inside and buy another instead of moving on.

Hatboro's police have issued citations to people from such far-off places as Allentown and New Jersey. The borough has acquired two policemen to patrol the streets on weekends. Their effectiveness is yet to be assessed.

Hatboro is working hard to alleviate its youth problem, instead of sending it elsewhere like Willow Grove. A solution won't come quickly, but as a borough spokesman stated, one is being worked on.

Senior Popularity Poll

Best Athlete	Greg Bedesem	Tim Kane
Best Scholar	Ron Triolo	Len Spearing
Most Popular	Ed Barr	Joe Thiers
Most Ambitious	Ed Barr	Tim Haggerty
Most Spirited	Dave Miller	Ed Barr
Most Likely to Succeed	Ron Triolo	Chuck Glosson
Best Dressed	Jim Whelan	Charlie Stillwell
Biggest Dirt	Hugh Monaghan	Football Field
Most Paranoid	Andy Siplak	Mr. White
Biggest Jock	Jim Barry	X-Large
Biggest Greaser	Bob Charleton	Mr. Velten
Best Smoker	Jerry Schmidt	Father Quinn
Best Drinker	Jim Fleming	Vinny Schrier
Biggest Stud	Walt Simon	Father Moore
Biggest Pseudo Stud	Mark Irwin	Junior Class
Best Car	Schlotter's Vette	Schisslebaur's Volvo
Sleeps the Most	Kevin Gribbon	Joey Heatherton
Wittiest	Joe Thiers	Phil Priore
Best Teacher	P.J.K.	Experience
Most Dedicated		
Faculty Member	Doug Burns	Fr Quinn
Best Coach	Skip Duffy	Bucky
Foxiest Chick	Lindenger, Hines, Ryan	Miss Hurst
Best Party Given	Moffa's	Camp Neumann
Best Party Giver	Savero	Father Ed
Favorite Drink	Beer	Milk
Favorite Lunch Lady	Mrs. Quinn	Donut and Ice Cream Lady
		Eileen
Best Natured Senior	Hugh Goettner	Tastykake
Biggest Brownie	Len Spearing	Doreen Gates
Biggest Clown	Tim Haggerty	B.F. and St. Valentine
Lover Boy	Jim Waddington	Greg Bedesem
Married Boy	John Lyons	Coed Religion
Best Joke Heard	Automatic Arm	

Senior Music Poll

Best Group	Yes
Best Male Artist	Bruce Springsteen
Best Female Artist	Joni Mitchell
Best New Group	Starcastle
Best Concert	Bruce Springsteen
Best Rock Album	"Born To Run", "A Night At The Opera"
Best Vocal Album	"A Night At The Opera"
Best on Guitar	Steve Howe
On Bass	Paul McCartney
On Drums	Bill Bruford
On Brass	Clarence Clemons (saxophone)
On Piano	Keith Emerson
On Organ	Keith Emerson
Best Other Instrument	Ian Anderson (flute)
Best All Around Musician	Paul McCartney, Todd Rundgren
Worst group or Artist	Kiss
Most overrated Artist	Kiss
Most underrated Artist	Queen
Best Songwriter	Bob Dylan

Senior Class College Bound

The following statistics are results from a survey taken among this year's seniors. A total of 115 responses were received out of 192 '76'ers.

The following number of students will attend each of the following schools:

Bucks Co. C.C.	19
La Salle	12
Temple	10
Penn State	9
Drexel	6
Bloomsburg	5
St. Joseph's	4
Villanova	4
Montco	3
Penn	2
Del Val	2
Slippery Rock	2

One student will attend each of the following schools: Ursinus, Lebanon Valley, Maryland, Kings, Widener, Columbia, West

Chester, Lycoming, Wilkes, Moravian, Ohio U., Penco Tech., Illinois Institute of Technology, University of Virginia, University of Miami, East Stroudsburg, S. Eastern Airline Travel Academy.

The following numbers of students will be taking each of the following majors:

Business	17
Accounting	21
Science	15
Engineering	8
Fine Arts	8
Criminology	4
Two each in:	Psychology, Political Science, Architecture.
One each in:	Physical Education, Journalism, Forestry, Insurance.

The following students have received full scholarships:

Bill Cherry	La Salle
Mike Petrei	La Salle, St. Joseph

Paul Reibold	La Salle
Greg Bedesem	Villanova
Len Spearing	La Salle, St. Joseph
Ron Triolo	St. Joseph, La Salle, Penn State, Villanova

The following people received partial scholarships:

Larry Mueller	Penn
Mike Petrei	Temple, Penn
Ray Mountain	La Salle
Hank Fox	Delaware Valley
Joe Donis	Penn
Chuck Rongione	Moravian
Jim Beck	Wilkes
Brian Binczewski	Penn
Terry Byrne	Villanova
Joe Rowley	J. Wood Platt Caddie Scholarship
Joe Savaro	Kings
Bob Wosewick	Dickinson
Ron Triolo	Penn, Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Students Travel To Great Adventure



Ed Barr having a Great Adventure

On April 20th, the Trips Committee ran a student excursion to Great Adventure Amusement Park in New Jersey. The trip was marred slightly by a delay at the entrance to the park and the less than angelic voices of the freshmen girls serenading the turnpike traffic on the return trip. Nonetheless, it was enjoyed by all.

Fair weather with the temperature in the 80's allowed all rides and programs to be open.

This was a welcome sight to the people who rode 90 minutes to get there.

Particularly popular things during the day were the Log Flume, the Giant Flume, the run-a-way train and the halter tops.

Many thanks to Mr. Steve Peters and Mr. Rich Kelly, the

chaperones, and all those who made the trip possible.



Going Around in Circles . . .

Science Fair Held; Winners Journey To Philadelphia

by Dan Troilo

Archbishop Wood possesses one of the best science programs in the area. The number and quality of projects entered in the annual Science Fair illustrates this fact.

This year's fair, held back in April, was the third to take place between the boy's and girl's divisions. Over 65 projects won a medal or an honorable mention.

In the senior high division, a gold medal was awarded to Len Spearing for his chemistry project, "Clone Specific Alarm Responses in Sea Anemones." Anton Geisz took a gold medal for his physics-project dealing with solar reflectors. In animal biology, Bill Stubits placed first for his project in cerebral retention and the senses.

Bill Cherry not only took a gold medal, but had his project named best overall from the boy's division. This recognition was given for his "Phosphate Removal Through Controlled Algae Growth and Harvesting."

Top prizes in the junior high division were Paul Krebs (physics), Bill Monacci (animal biology), Janet Gricoski (plant biology) and Kevin McLaughlin (chemistry).

Many winners from Wood's Science Fair travelled to Philadelphia to participate in the 28th



Science Fair '76

annual Delaware Valley Science Fair. The Fair was held recently at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

Ken Stewart took top prize in the senior division of botany. With this project, Ken finished third overall. He also got an all-expense paid trip to Denver, Colorado where he participated in the National Science Fair.

A gold medal in earth and space expense paid trip to Denver, Colorado where he participated in the National Science Fair.

A gold medal in earth and space science was awarded to Bill Cherry. John Dougherty, a sophomore, received a bronze

medal in behavioral and social science. Len Spearing gathered an honorable mention in biochemistry and a U.S. Army Commendation. His project was also recognized as the best with significance for naval sciences.

Jim Whelan received an honorable mention and an Army Commendation. Honorable mentions were also given out to Bill Stubits and Anton Geisz.

In the junior high division, both Kevin McLaughlin and Paul Krebs were awarded bronze medals. Bill Monacci, a freshman as were McLaughlin and Krebs, got an honorable mention in medicine and health.

Parents Association Fleamarket Draws Crowd

The Parents Association Flea Market, held on April 4th, was a big success, in the words of chairperson Mrs. Bernadette Barry. "Everybody who was there worked," said Mrs. Barry. "The merchants were extremely pleased with the profits they made."

The Parents Association made \$1350 on the fair themselves. The sale of tables and spaces netted \$400. The White Elephant table gathered \$130, the Chance table gained \$120 and the Wine and Cheese table took in about \$60. All of the other tables announced profits.

There were about 500 people at

the market at its height, reported Mrs. Barry. Some merchants stated profits of \$40 to \$50. Many groups had tables, ranging from Jaycees to Student Council.

Cheerleaders and Wood's band furnished entertainment and were enjoyed by the crowd.

Mrs. Barry hopes to have a flea market next year. The date has not been set, but it is one event you can look forward to from the Parents Association.

"76"



Involvement Day Draws Many Speakers To Wood

The Student Council of Archbishop Wood sponsored Involvement Day '76 in April. That day the entire student body listened to individuals from the area who spoke about various jobs, organizations, and issues. Each member of the school was rostered into a schedule that best suited his preference for speakers.

Since its initiation, Involvement Day has proved to be a happening highly anticipated by everyone. As in the past, this year's Involvement Day was an event well worth remembering.

Gwen Scott, here at Wood for a second time this year related her experiences as a co-anchor person for Channel 6. Shelly Harmon, a public relations person for the Hurst Company in Warminster, was a big attraction that day.

Jim O'Brien, also from Channel 6, leveled with the students about the real world. He told his audiences to take advantage of the opportunities open to them and gave some insight into his television career.

Mr. Bedesem won the attention of those who were fortunate enough to hear him. He discussed his job as head football coach at Villanova University.

A pair of local sports writers, Paul Schneider of Today's Spirit and Bruce Beans of the Daily Intelligencer, spoke about their respective newspaper jobs to a number of classes.

Bill Marsh, owner of a Ford dealership in Newtown, talked about the many aspects of running a car sales business.

The Engineering field was described by James Fullam and

Louis Plunkett gave an interesting talk on his job as a funeral director.

Tom Smith related some of the finer points of golf and his experiences on the pro golf tour. Senator Wilmont Fleming expressed the importance of becoming politically involved.

The British Consulate General in Philadelphia, the Honorable Dennis Richard, lent a touch of culture to the day. This school was also fortunate to have Elkins Weatherill, who is the president of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Stock Exchange.

The local and state police were represented at Involvement Day. Rowan Kelly, chief of the Warminster police department, and Trooper Robert Glosson discussed law enforcement. Representatives from the armed forces talked to interested students in the library.

Rabbi Novoseller of the Beth

Chaim congregation informed his audiences on aspects of the Jewish faith.

Dr. Richard James gave an interesting lecture on the ups and downs of today's ecology movement. Dr. James is the director of the Schuylkill Valley Nature Center in Philadelphia.

The author of several English textbooks, Dr. Allen Glatthorn, addressed a freshman assembly about the importance of knowing the English language. He is also a former principal at Abington High School and presently lectures at the University of Pennsylvania.

Other speakers representing a variety of jobs and organizations were present at Involvement Day. Each gave interesting presentations by adding interesting observations and personal experiences.

Regardless of the value placed on Involvement Day by the

student, appreciation and thanks ought to be extended to the day's speakers. They gave the students an idea of what the outside world is like and what job opportunities are open to them after they finish

school.

Credit should also be given to the Student Council officers and the Involvement Day committee members for making Involvement Day '76 the big success it was.

Velten Visits W.I.P.

Mr. Velten won WIP's April Fools Contest and proved that Mr. Gary has nothing to worry about. Sorry, Joe, but radio announcing isn't for you.

WIP said that all you had to do was send them a post card and the winners would get to spend an hour on the air. Sure enough, Mr. Velten entered and won.

Mr. Velten's shift, 11 to midnight, is regularly held by Tom Lamaine. Lamaine helped Mr. Velten throughout the night. "My wife talked to them," Mr. Velten said, "I never talked to them until I got to the studio."

When asked about his nervousness, he said "Sure, but I calmed down with about ten minutes to go." The station looked very professional, he explained. He compared it to the FM station in "Play Misty For Me."

Lamaine, the DJ who helped him on the air, was complimented by Mr. Velten, who said he was a professional, personable man. Mr. Velten was not allowed to work record controls or cue commercials, due to FCC licensing regulations. WIP presented him with a tape of his performance

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Office of the Cardinal

Very Reverend Leo Zonneveld, C.I.C.M.
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4651 North 25th Street
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Dear Father Zonneveld:

I am writing to express the gratitude of the entire Archdiocese and my personal thanks to you and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mission Society for the Administration of Archbishop Wood High School for Boys, Warminster, from its founding in 1964.

"The work of the Missionhurst Fathers at Archbishop Wood in establishing a new Catholic high school has been of immense value to the mission of the Church in that area.

I realize the sacrifices made by the priests in coming into this apostolate, and I am very grateful that four of the priests will continue on the faculty of Archbishop Wood.

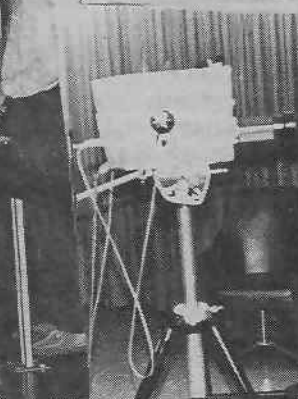
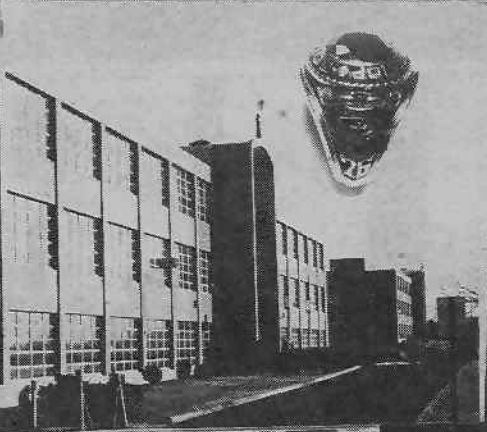
Please convey to all the members of your Community who are presently serving or who have served on the faculty of Archbishop Wood my deep appreciation and the appreciation of the entire Church of Philadelphia.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

John Cardinal Krol
Archbishop of Philadelphia

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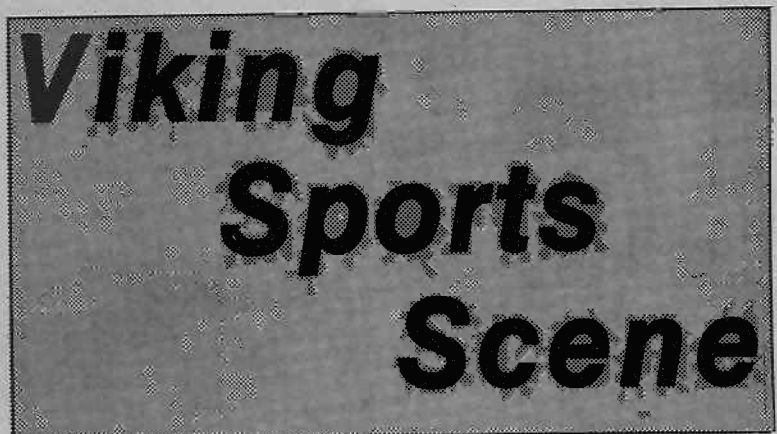
Vikings Roll On: 75-76 Sports Year A Success

Coming off the most successful sports campaign ever seen at Wood, this year's Vikings had something to prove; namely, to show their respective loop opponents that last year's successes weren't flukes.

In a "rebuilding year" for most Wood squads, the Vikes had to go into competition with many inexperienced underclassmen in key

positions. All this made the total outlook for Wood sports rather bleak for this school year, although much better for the future.

But the young and spirited Vikings showed their courage and determination as they surprised the skeptics with many successes during their campaigns in 1975 and 1976.



Senior Athlete Spotlight Paul Reibold

BY Matt Slovick

When the Archbishop Wood swimming team trailed opponents in meets this season, it was always assured of pulling ahead or catching up during diving. The prime reason for this was Paul Reibold.

In four years of diving, Paul has received All-Catholic honors in his junior and senior years, shared the team MVP award with All-American Dennis Wallrath for going undefeated in dual meets last year, and topped it all by winning the Catholic League Championship in 1976.

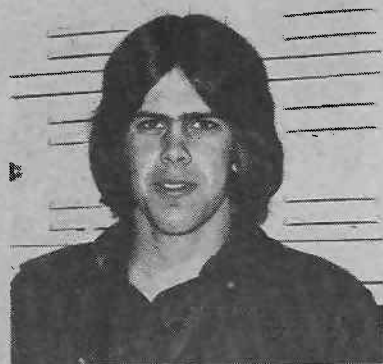
His record setting point total of 388.63 bested the old standard by over 93 points. This achievement is more extraordinary when one considers that Paul did not have a diving coach this year.

Whenever swimmers and divers cross each other's paths, constant kidding can be expected. During a meet however, everyone competes as one team with a spirit of togetherness. The entire squad respects Paul, knowing that he is the best at his specialty and will always come through when called upon. (Paul even swam in a few meets this season.)

Some of Paul's most memorable moments this year were the group trips to Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and West Point Military Academy. There Paul experienced competition on the college level.

Hideaway Swim Club was Paul Reibold's summer haven for three years where he added a Most Valuable Diver award to his collection. This summer will see Paul diving in A.A.U. meets and competing in the area Junior Olympics.

Paul's fine skill rewarded him with a full scholarship to LaSalle College for the next four years. Business and accounting will be his major and basis for his future. Meets at LaSalle will consist of a 3-meter event as well as the more familiar one-meter event. Paul believes that there will be little trouble adjusting to the new height. Some of Paul's early goals are to dive in the NCAA championships and make All-American. With his great ability and the assistance of an experienced diving coach, Paul's dreams are sure to become a reality.



Paul Reibold

Chuck Rongione

by Bill Cherry

Chuck Rongione is the second oldest of four children, and has resided in Feasterville for the past fifteen years. He is a member of Assumption parish and is vice-president of that parish's CYO.

Although not physically large (5'7") Chuck has always displayed athletic abilities and the desire to succeed. He has competed in football for all four years he has been at Wood. Before that, he had four additional years of organized football in grade school.

Chuck has also showed his ability in swimming (six years), baseball (three years), and in

track this year. In his first year of competition, Chuck has aided the trackmen by scoring in the javelin, his specialty. Nicknamed "spear-chucker", he has a best throw of 140 feet.

His future plans include Moravian College, where he plans to be a physics major. He also plans to continue his football career. He has received a \$1500 partial scholarship from Moravian.

Beyond college, Chuck's plans are unclear, but whatever he does, he will be successful if he carries the same attitudes through his life that he has displayed here at Wood.

Football

Led by senior co-captains Greg Bedesem and Tim Kane, the Wood gridders once again emerged as a power in the Catholic League. The Vikings combined a steady, grind-it-out offense with a begrudging defense to jump out to seven victories in their first seven outings. A victory over Delaware State Champion St. Marks highlighted the season, as Wood snapped the Spartans' 27-game winning streak.

But Wood failed to make the playoffs because of two tough losses (to Father Judge and Bishop Kenrick) near the end of the season. Nevertheless, the junior laden squad still compiled the best regular season record in Wood history (8-2). With strong J.V. and Frosh teams coming up.

Wood looks to rip through the Catholic League in years to come.



Tim Kane

Soccer

A strong senior nucleus carried the soccer team to a most successful 7-4-3 season. The booters were in the race as late as Nov. 4, when they suffered a 2-0 defeat to Archbishop Ryan. But Coach Morris still has some very talented underclassmen returning and is optimistic about next year's squad.

Cross Country

A beautiful combination of experienced seniors and talented newcomers enabled the Wood harriers to race to an 18-2 log in their regular season. But a PCL official ruling against junior ace Mike Ludovici (who had to sit out one year because he is a transfer student from LaSalle), and an injury to Vince Prendergast limited the Vikings' strength as they



Vince Prendergast

finished fifth in the champs. But with Ludovici eligible and All-Catholic Ed Waddington along with junior Frank Hart and many others, next year could mean a championship in X-Country for Archbishop Wood next year.

Basketball

Coming off a 20-8 season, the Viking hoopsters had to replace the entire starting five from the '74-'75 campaign. The young, inexperienced B-ballers dropped their first five league contests, but showed their class by fighting back in the second half to finish with a 7-9 league record (second best ever at Wood). Juniors Ber-



Jeff Plunkett

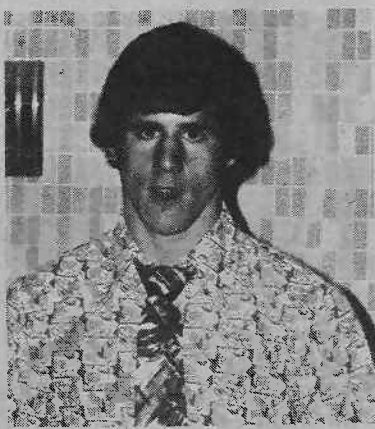
nie Lajeunesse and Paul Hanks were major factors in Wood's turnaround and will lead the team next year in their quest for a playoff berth.

Wrestling

The grapplers enjoyed their best season ever as their 5-2 record was third best in the Catholic League. Senior Greg Bedesem was All-Catholic for the second straight time, as he went undefeated again this year. Other standouts to watch next year are: Steve Walker at 98 lbs. (13-4), Joe McCann at 108 lbs., and Don Perkins at 188 lbs.

Swimming

Wood's swimmers compiled a 7-2 mark during the regular season; losing only to powerhouses LaSalle and Cardinal O'Hara. Paul Reibold, who set a Catholic League diving standard in the Champs, along with Paul Boyce (school record in the 100 butterfly) led the deep Viking squad to victory after victory. The season was highlighted by a 123-56 trouncing of arch-rival St. Joe's Prep.



Charlie Stillwell

Track

With many young runners, the Wood tracksters struggled hard to achieve a 7-5 record (improving on 1975's 3-7 log). Soph Kevin Kelly scored heavily in the sprint events, with senior Walt Simon handling the hurdles. The distance squad, again strong, was led by Len Spearing, Jim Whelan, Ed Waddington and Frank Hart. With only seven seniors leaving, and a very strong freshman team coming up, the thinclads look to improve with the coming years.

Golf

With a new coach, the 1976 golf team took to the courses with high expectations. Led by junior Jack Bonner and seniors Rick Amberick and Joe Rowley, the Viking linksters compiled an 8-4 record in the Catholic League.

Tennis Team Winds Up Second Season

The Viking Tennis Team is a member of the Northern Division of the Philadelphia Catholic League. The Division consists of Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop Ryan, LaSalle, Father Judge, North Catholic, Bishop Egan, Bishop Kenrick. There is a great deal of competitiveness within the league, and it is expected that the Vikings will continue to respond to the challenges.

Mr. Klein is the team's new coach. The team has drastically improved over the last year. Coach Klein employs a vast knowledge in the game, and he still hopes to instill the drive to win within his young team. In addition to the coaching of Mr. Klein, Mr. Ciao has provided some insight along with some advice from our new guidance counsellor Mr. Ken Benner.

Returnees from last year's team are Michael Bartunek, Joe Miles, John Schisselbauer and Dennis Welsh. There is also a good turn-

out on this year's team from the freshmen. Some of the frosh include Paul Graff, Paul O'Donnell, and Jim Donovan.

At deadline date the Vikings were winless in league matches, however things were looking good for them as they were using the gym for extra practice at night.



Coach Klein leads team in riotous celebration.

Wood Nine Ends On Winning Note

by Bill Wilkinson

The Archbishop Wood baseball team has come on to make good of what looked like a potential lost season. The Vikings have recently streaked to win four of their last six games. This sudden surge has put the Vikings at 5 and 9 as it came only after a horrendous 1 and 7 start.

Life began when the Wood nine upset Father Judge 6-5 in extra in-

nings. Bob Carroll picked up his second league win, the earlier being a 7-0 whitewash of Cardinal Dougherty. Tom Newman provided the winning margin by poking a run scoring single to break the tie.

Against the Raiders of Ryan, Wood was again the victor as they drubbed their opponents by an 8-3 margin. Mike Bergauer earned his first league win, while Tom

Newman garnered three more hits.

To complete the three game winning streak the Vikes topped Dougherty 10-8. Tom Newman and winning pitcher Rich Pickering homered in the contest. Bob Kviklyls also punched three hits.

Their success was halted at the hands of the mighty Explorers of LaSalle. Wood fell to defeat in the eighth inning by a 4-1 margin. Mike Bergauer was the losing

hurler.

When the Vikes met the first place Falcons of North Catholic they got back on the right track by winning 3-2. The winning run came across on a wild pitch, however the game was won on defense and good pitching. The hot Vikings were recently cooled by the Bishop Kenrick team who have beaten them for the second time this year.

With a 5-9 record the playoffs are no longer a reality, but the future looks good. Bob Carroll a sophomore hurler owns two Viking wins. Sophomores Tom Newman and Mike Franzcak, are also bright spots. Junior first-basemen Bob Kviklyls will also be back for another campaign. Presently there are no seniors in the starting lineup and this has been responsible for the Vikings lack of experience on the diamond.

This year has not been a disappointment but rather a year of preparation for things to come.



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Golf Team On Par

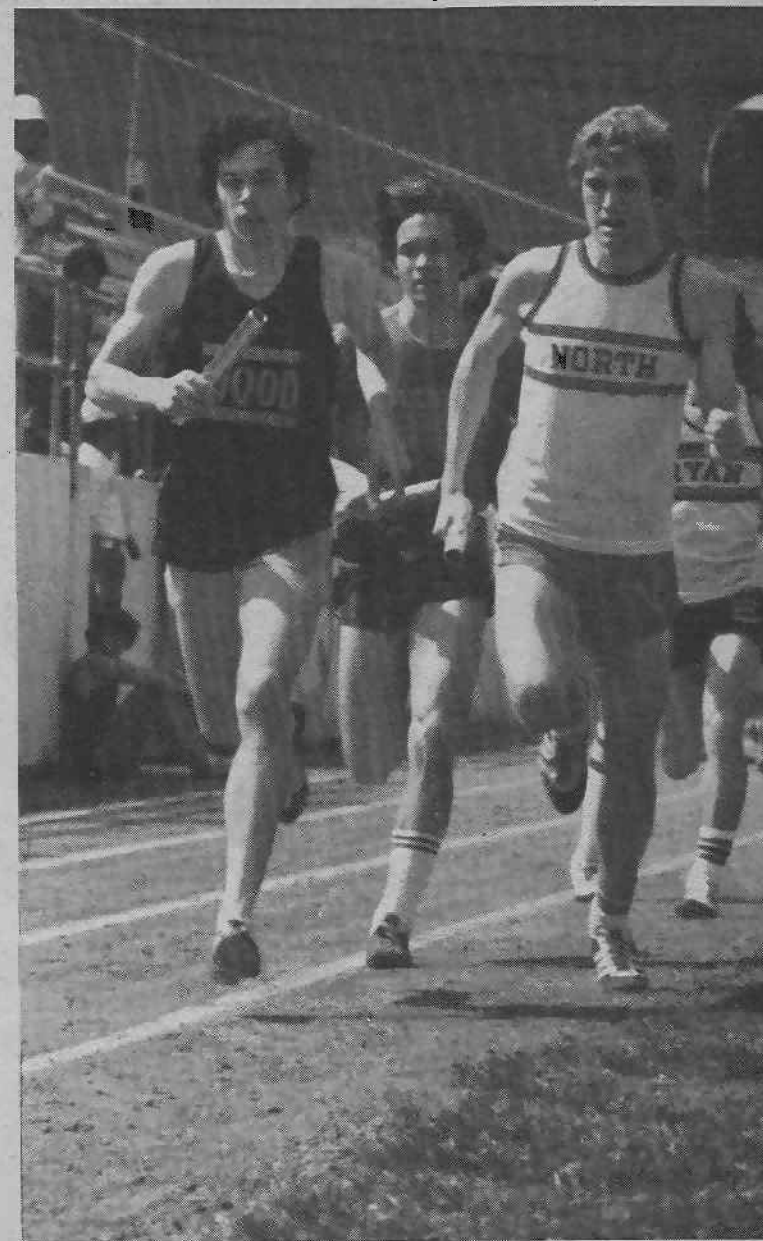
Father DeCris has retired as coach, but the golf team lives on. This year's mentor is Mr. Franchella of the guidance office. Coach Franchella and his assistant, Mr. Erb, also of the guidance office, have worked hard and have presented the school with a fine golf team.

On the fairways, the team is led by junior Jack Bonner, who has been recently teeing off on his Catholic League opponents. He holds the lowest handicap on the squad with a 13.

Other key linksters include senior Rick Amberick and his

brother Dave, a junior, who holds handicaps of 17 and 16 respectively. Rounding out the consistent, well balanced squad are senior Joe Rowley, along with frosh Bill Black, Kevin Walsh and John Taylor. As there are only two seniors in the top seven competitors, the team looks to get stronger in the coming years.

With consistency a key weapon in the Viking attack, the linksters have an 8-4 record and are playoff bound. Top rivals in the upcoming playoffs which are to be held on June third will be Archbishop Ryan and Bishop Egan.



Ludovici, surging ahead



Spectator throws to first

Cindermen Run To 7-5 Season

This year's edition of the Spring Track Team was composed largely of underclassmen. Despite strong signs, the thin clads have been plagued by inconsistency.

Senior members Bill Cherry, Walt Simon, Mike Soldo, and Rich Krebs along with distance men Len Spearing and Jim Whelan have worked to steady the young squad.

Track season opened with a non-league confrontation against Delhaas. The Viking's strength was evident as they scored heavily

in both the sprints and distance events.

Many first place finishes put Wood on top by a score of 75-65. Jim Whelan in the 880 individual, Ed Waddington in the mile run, and Mike Ludovici in the two mile run came in first in their events.

The 440 and 220 sprints were taken by Kevin Kelly and Walt Simon did the same in the 330 intermediate hurdles. The one mile relay team (Soldo, O'Dwyer, Boyce, and Simon) and the two mile relay (Whelan, Hart,

Spearing, and Ludovici) finished first as well.

The Viking cindermen swept past their next opponent, Lansdale Catholic, by a score of 88-49. Sophomore, Kevin Kelly again took the 220 and 440 events while Jim Whelan (880) and Mike Ludovici (one mile run) placed first in their respective events. The two mile relay team of Whelan, Hart, Trotter, and Spearing continued their success with a first place finish.

A split against Archbishop Ryan and North Catholic opened Catholic League competition. Strong performances were turned in by Kevin Kelly, Dave Manion in the triple jump, and our spear-chuckers, Chuck Rongione and Tom Miller. Finishing second to Ryan was disappointing but Coach Waskie told the team to look ahead and learn from their mistakes.

The following week, on April 26, Wood traveled to La Salle where they topped both the Little Explorers and the Eagles of Bishop Egan. Good performances were recorded all around the track that afternoon.

The next triangular meet saw Wood top Kenrick but lose to Judge. The score was Judge-93, Wood-60, and Kenrick-32. Dougherty and McDevitt trounced our trackmen in their last regular season confrontation.

Invitational relay meets, however, have been the Viking runners specialty. At the Temple Invitational, the four mile relay of Whelan, Hart, Spearing, and Ludovici copped two second place finishes. The sprint and distance medley teams also put in medal winning performances.



Ed Waddington, far ahead