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## Local Sports

### Local divers facing stiff competition

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#### TOWAMENCIN – Individual and team honors are on the line this weekend and next at the District 1-2A and 3A swimming tournament.

First up is diving, which will be held at North Penn High School. The boys competition is today at 5:30, and the girls will be in action Saturday morning at 10:30.

The swimming portion is March 3 at La Salle University.

#### Class AAA

“It’s a tough field,” said Sue McDonald, diving coach at the host school. “There weren’t a whole lot of kids who graduated last year.”

There was, of course, one major graduation on the boys side – North Penn’s Josh Myers, who finished second in districts and third in states in 2005. He moved on to Penn State. But last year’s state champion, Dave Roberts from Perkiomen Valley, is back and is the favorite to win District 1.

Pennsbury’s David Giambra is also among the region’s top divers.

“I expect it to be a photo finish between Roberts and Giambra,” McDonald said.

Neshaminy should also make a strong showing.

North Penn has freshman Zac Nees and sophomore Dan Schowendorfer in the competition. Last year, Schowendorfer advanced to states.

“I just want us to give the swimmers all the points we can,” McDonald said.

Ridley’s Erin Saunders and Council Rock North’s Jen Betz are the favorites for the girls. Souderton also will be represented well. But North Penn has an impressive trio itself in junior Katie Detwieler and sophomores Laurie McLaughlin and Kayla Kengle.





The three Maidens took the top three spots in North Penn's 95-91 upset of Emmaus. They earned 13 points compared to Emmaus's three.

"That 10-point swing was really the difference in the meet," North Penn swimming coach Kristen Bartlewitz said. "All three of these girls should do very well in districts."

Detwieler is favored to advance to states. Against Penridge this season, she broke a school record in a six-dive meet, notching a score of 246.25.

McLaughlin will dive with a brace on her knee. She has had a bad knee all year, but tweaked it recently.

"She had an MRI (Wednesday) and it didn't show a tear, but she's only about 75 percent," McDonald said. **Class AA**

Two local divers, Lansdale Catholic's Kathleen Schoenberger and Gwynedd Mercy Academy's Julia Rothwell, are among the 2A frontrunners.

Schoenberger finished fourth last year and has steadily improved, while Rothwell was right behind her in fifth place.

Unfortunately, the top three girls from the 2005 districts – Lower Merion's Hana Ceises, Kristin Seradinski of Springfield (Montgomery County) and Harrington's Margo Apothaker – are all back this year.

"There are some really good divers in it," LC coach Bob Birnbrauer said. "All the girls at the top are just juniors this year."

No boys from local schools are in the District 1 meet.

## Scoring

This is an 11-dive meet and there is a panel of three judges.

Each diver receives three scores per dive. Each of those scores is multiplied by the degree of difficulty (a number assigned to a particular type of dive) to come up with a final score for each dive. The diver's final scores for each dive are then added together to get his or her total score.

In Class 3A, the top seven individuals qualify for states.

After each 3A diver completes five dives in districts, the judges will eliminate the bottom group of divers – cutting the field of nearly 30 down to 16. After three more dives, they'll cut the field to 12.

In 2A, which is a smaller field, only the top two finishers qualify for states.

In all classes of swimming and diving, in both districts and states, individuals from each school who have qualified make up that school's team score – because the entire team isn't actually participating. Some schools have more representatives who



have qualified than others.

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