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## The postseason begins

KNIGHTS AND MAIDENS LOOK TO NAIL DOWN POSSIBLE SOL NATIONAL TITLES THIS WEEK

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REPORTER FILE PHOTO North Penn diver Laurie McLaughlin has her eyes on a possible SOL National title.

in the 200 free and 500 free, and also anchor the 200 free relay.

Other North Penn guys among the favorites are Nico Gimenez (200 IM), Stephen Hoch (50 free and 100 free), Jeff Smallwood (100 fly), Jack Else (500 free), and Ryan Coupe (100 back).

The North Penn girls are looking to defend their National crown, and have Lauren French to bolster their hopes.

French has a great shot of taking home titles in the 50 free and the 100 free, and she will also anchor a couple relays.

Becca Hannings is one of the top IM'ers, and could also be one of the top finishers in the 100 breast.

Both the Knights and the Maidens look to get a head start in the scoring with the diving. The boys have one of the favorites in Zac Nees, and also have Frankie Murray and Mike Kohler up on the board, and the Maidens will have Laurie McLaughlin, Shauna Hannings and Diana Vose.

North Penn's top diver, Julia Tate, is expected to miss the meet with a knee injury, but they're hoping to get her back for districts. Advertisement

Indians looking to sweep Continental

The Souderton Area boys and girls are both looking to defend their Continental Conference titles - the boys are going for 11 conference crowns in a row.

Both teams finished with perfect 7-0 conference records, and are looking to finish things off Friday and Saturday at CB South. The boys are Friday, followed by the girls the next day.

Diving is Wednesday and Thursday at South.

The Souderton boys have some big guns going for them - Tim Dorsch is the top seed in the 100 breast; Jake Radcliff is the top guy in the 200 free and the third seed in the 500 free; Sean Corcoran is in the top five in the 100 breast; Joe Reynolds is seeded third in the 50 free; and all three of the relays are seeded high.

"Those guys are certainly capable - they're tapering for districts, but we still expect some big swims out of them," Indians coach Todd Bauer said. "They've carried us all year, and we're looking for that to continue."

The Indians are loaded on the girls side, with Angela Severn seeded No. 1 in the 200 free and 100 free, and Paige Whitmire seeded No. 1 in the 50 free and 100 fly.

Souderton is also expecting some big swims out of Mariel Kush in the 500 free; Missy Doll in the 100 free; C.J. Corcoran in the 100 breast; and Ashley Kichline in the 100 back.

"The girls team is really strong. We have quite a few junior girls, and we're still really young," Bauer said. "I think the last two years the girls were still kind of learning, and they've been getting better and better. Now, they're in their prime, and the expectations are higher."

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