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## Third time's the charm?

MAIDENS SEEKING THIRD CONSECUTIVE DISTRICT SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

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REPORTER FILE PHOTO North Penn's 200 medley relay team (L-R) Becca Hannings, Sam Deana, Mary Morris and Jan Ikeda pose together as they receive their medals during the Suburban One League National Conference Girl's Swimming and Diving Championships.

The North Penn girls swim team will try to win three straight district championships for the first time in the program's history when the team travels to LaSalle University on Friday and Saturday.

The Maidens go into the meet with a good head start, having racked up some points from first- and third-place finishes at the district diving last weekend. But winning the Class AAA title will not be easy, as plenty of worthy teams with outstanding individuals will make the trip down to Philly on Friday.

Souderton Area will come to LaSalle with a who are seeded high in

double threat in Paige Whitmire and Angela Severn, both of their individual events.

Whitmire looks to challenge for the gold in the 50 free and the 100 fly, as the junior has dominated those events for most of the season. Severn was steady early in the year, and then really turned it on at the midway point, setting high standards in the 200 free and the 100 free.

The duo will also team up on a stellar 200 free relay team for the Big Red, and Severn will again get back into the pool to anchor the 400 free relay.

Maiden senior Lauren French may go against Whitmire in the 50 free and Severn in the 100 free in what could be two of the best races of the meet.

The Maidens also look to get a big meet out of Becca Hannings, who will swim in the 200 IM and go against Souderton's C.J. Corcoran and Mariel Kush.

In last year's meet, Conestoga finished just 11 points behind North Penn, and it could be just as tight this year. Souderton could be closer in the team scoring this year - last winter the Indians finished third but 63.5 points out of first. Ashley Kichline is another standout for the Indians, and she will be doing battle in the 100 back.

For the Maidens to come through, their depth will have to play a big part. Girls like Nicole DiBonaventura (200 and 500 free) and Sam Deana (50 free and 100 back) could add key points.

And freshman Jan Ikeda could be the wild card for the Maidens, as she really came on in the 100 fly late in the season.

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