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## A special time for North Penn

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Who's spoiled? Philly fans are, that's who.

I know the city deserves a championship, but the Sixers have one of the most talented players in the game, the Phillies are headed in the right direction, most franchises would kill for a player of McNabb's caliber and the Flyers are always in contention for a Cup.

I was just wondering how the North Penn swimming fans don't get spoiled, how each district title seems a little more special to them.

The Knights have now won 18 straight titles. That's every year since 1989. Now, that's officially a full-fledged dynasty.

Yet, each district title seems a little different. This one was done with a swimmer named Brendan Fanslau leading the charge under the direction of a new coach.

And it's not like this is some pathetic district for swimming, it's one of the best in the state. Sure, Emmaus and Parkland are always good. Some squad from Pittsburgh will probably be decent, but North Penn is in line for a state title every year.

Somehow, the Knights always peak at this time of year. With quality relay teams and two studs in Fanslau and Tim McKeever, North Penn may be celebrating another title next week.

On the other hand, the Maidens are already drawing comparisons to the 1990 squad that last won a state title.

North Penn hadn't won a district title in 15 years. That is until last weekend.

The Maidens didn't run away with the competition, but courtesy of some work in the relays won by three points over Boyertown.

North Penn took third in the 400 free relay to clinch the title, anchored by the performance of Allison Warwick. Warwick also took third in the 100 free.

This has certainly been a special ride for both North Penn swimming teams. The undefeated Maidens don't want the ride to end just yet.

They will certainly be in contention for a state title even though Emmaus will be gunning for them.

I just hope all the swimming fans of North Penn understand how special this accomplishment is. The Knights and Maidens are powerhouses in the pool and proved that at LaSalle.

Not to be outdone by her crosstown rivals, Lansdale Catholic's Ashley Gidzinski put on a show in the pool in the AA Meet. Gidzinski took second in the 500 freestyle and third in the 200 freestyle.

There weren't too many individuals who placed top-three in two different events.

Gidzinski should've drawn more consideration for swimmer of the meet and certainly is looking to come through big in Bucknell.

One thing I don't understand are these district seeding games. When you lose three games after the semifinals, do you then really want to compete in states?

I think the seedings out of the district should just come from the overall records. To play all these meaningless games with nothing on the line seems silly to me.

Watching the tournament unfold from my desk, I have a hard time thinking anyone will stop Chester. Even without Jameer Nelson, Chester continues to be the dominant basketball program in the state.

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