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North Penn at its best against CB West

Knights, Maidens impressive

By KEV HUNTER

WARRINGTON — The North Penn boys swim team stayed perfect in conference meets, and the North Penn girls quickly put Wednesday's loss to Souderton Area behind in their wake.

Jack Else won two individual events and swam on the winning 200 free relay to lead the Knights to a 97-80 win over CB West on the boys side, and Nicole DiBonaventura's two individual wins and her leadoff leg on the 200 free relay helped the Maidens defeat the Bucks 98-84 Friday afternoon.

With wins locked up early on both sides, North Penn swam the final three events as exhibitions. the 100 free for the Knights (5-1

"It's been a long week, with overall and 3-0 in the Suburban SWIMMING the Souderton meet, this meet, and then we go to the Wilson Relays (today), and when the guys get back from that they go to the aquatic club meet," Knights coach Brian Daly said. "So I was pleased overall with the swims that we had here today.'

North Penn won seven of the first nine events on the boys side, and had several seconds and One League's Continental Conference), who came out in strong fashion at CB South High School.

"Jack's just a talented athlete," Daly said. "He's kind of known for his ability in the distance events, but I think he a team player." showed today and all season that he has the ability to get up and swim. He's one of the guys that always sets the tone at practice. thirds. Else won both the 50 and He's always challenging himself, he's always challenging the

other guys, and he's fun - he definitely sets the right tone for our team. He keeps everything in perspective and he's very much

Else joined C.J. Millonig, Peter Kolokithias and Stephan Hoch on a potent 200 free relay for the Knights - Millonig was a winner in the 200 IM, and Kolokithias (200 free) and Hoch (100

fly) each had seconds.

The Bucks' Sean Cook beat out Kolokithias in the 200 free, and West's Antonio Dovali beat out Hoch by less than a second in the 100 fly. The Bucks (4-3 overall) are having a good season themselves, but North Penn was on its

So too were the Maidens (5-1 overall and 2-1 in the conference), who actually won eight of

Phillies

re-sign Dobbs

Give league's top

PHILADELPHIA — Nearly

every time the Phillies needed a

pinch hit, Greg Dobbs delivered. The 30-year-old, sweet-swinging lefthander broke a single-

season team record by collecting

Friday night. Assistant general manager Scott Proefrock an-

nounced the club and the part-

time third baseman have agreed

to a two-year, \$2.5 million con-

"Over the past two seasons,

Greg has been one of the best pinch-hitters in the game and has also contributed signifi-

cantly as a third baseman,"

Dobbs hit .301 with nine home

runs and 40 RBIs in 128 games

last season. His 22 pinch hits

moved him ahead of Doc Miller,

who previously set the single-

season club record in 1913.

Dobbs led all major leaguers by

batting .355 in the pinch in 2008.

Phillies, Dobbs, who shared time

with right-handed hitting Pedro

Feliz at third base, has hit .327 as a pinch hitter with four home

Dobbs, who was claimed off waivers by the Phillies in Janua-

ry of 2007, was one of eight play-

ers on the defending World

Champions to file to salary arbi-

tration Thursday. No team had

According to a report the first

surfaced on foxsports.com, Ryan

Madson turned down a three-

vear, \$12 million offer made by

the Phillies. Madson, who is rep-

resented by Scott Boras, can be a

The Phillies should have their

work cut out for them in the next

month. Although Dobbs can be crossed off the list, Ryan How-

ard, Cole Hamels, Shane Victori-

no, Jayson Werth, Joe Blanton

and Chad Durbin joined Madson

in filing for arbitration, and will

all be looking for healthy pay in-

free agent after the season.

more file than the Phillies.

In his two seasons with the

Proefrock said.

The Phillies rewarded Dobbs

pinch hitter a

two-year deal

By RYAN LAWRENCE

22 pinch hits in 2008.

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Slipping through their hands

LC squanders lead in fourth

By MIKE CABREY

LANSDALE — A potential Philadelphia Catholic League upset for the Lansdale Catholic girls basketball team came undone in the fourth quarter Friday night.

The Crusaders led visiting Archbishop Prendergast by eight points after 24 minutes, but the Pandas quickly pulled to within a basket less than 60 seconds into the final period. Prendergast would then outscore LC 12-5 in the last 7:10 of the game including some critical foul shots late — to claim a 44-39 vic-

"Considering we had not played real well the first two games this week, I was pleased with our effort," Lansdale Catho-lic coach Bob Walsh said. "But Prendergast hung strong and they made the right plays at the end of the game. And they made their foul shots, so that's a credit

Prendergast took the lead for good on a Érin McBride jumper following a scrum for the ball at the top of the lane. The ball came out to McBride, whose basket made it 39-38 Pandas.

Walsh thought a jump ball or a ree-seconds could called during the pile-up, yet didn't lay blame on the officiat-

ing.
"Tough calls hurt you, but it's not the referee's fault," he said. "We put ourselves in that situa-

A Katie Kirk foul shot put the Pandas up by two with 1:02 remaining. Angie Palmerio's three attempt for the lead was just off. With 22.5 seconds, Kate Durkin, who missed a pair of free throws earlier in the quarter, hit a pair for a 42-38 lead.

Colleen King went one-of-two at the line to cut the margin to three, but Kirk sealed the Panda win by hitting another pair from the line with 10.3 seconds left.

"We had it, but we couldn't pull it through," King said. Shea Wassel had a team-high

13 points for the Crusaders (4-11 overall, 2-6 PCL), who have dropped their last three and seven of their past eight. King



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Please see LC on C5 LANSDALE CATHOLIC'S Colleen King (left) has the ball stolen away by leaping Prendergrast defender Lindsay Cras.

Souderton girls beat Hatters

By MARY JANE SOUDER For The Reporter

SOUDERTON --- Averie Brittin used the word 'timid' to describe her team's offensive performance in Friday night's game against Hatboro-Horsham.

"We just had a hard time finishing on offense," Souderton's junior point guard said. "We had a hard time taking our shots and getting them in. We were timid."

But with the outcome still very much in doubt and 25 seconds was anything but timid. The Inbut net on a trey from the top of the circle, knotting the score 43-43 and setting the stage for over-

"Oh my god, it was amazing," teammate Brittany Sandone said. "Averie is so good at those shots. When she's under pressure, you can count on her.

'We all had confidence. I was

just in total shock.' That shock still hadn't worn off after the Indians, who trailed for the better part of 32 minutes, dominated overtime to earn a 54remaining in regulation, Brittin 46 win that halted a three-game losing streak. The win was a far dians' floor general hit nothing cry from the initial meeting be-

tween the two teams that saw Souderton jump out to a 32-6 halftime lead on its way to a 54-

21 win. "This was frustrating, very frustrating," Sandone said. "The last time we played Horsham we won by 30, but we couldn't let that interfere because they have improved more than any other team I've seen in a while.

"We needed a win, and we finally got one.

It took nothing less than a collapse by the Hatters — in the final 1:42, they misfired on the front end of two one-and-one's and were just one-of-six with the penalty in effect – and a heroic

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Indians win in OT Maidens fall to CB East

By ANTHONY FUCINARI

TOWAMENCIN — Jaime Donovan, at all of 5-foot-7, looks harmless. But, the Central Bucks East senior is deadly from 3-

point range. With every inch of momentum ovan quickly answered by launching a shot well beyond the arc. When Taylour Alston, one of North Penn's two 6-foot forwards, covered her, all Donovan did was increase the level of dif-

ficulty. coach Maggie deMarteleire said.

she's still hitting them. That was lacked any height advantage, but the difference, and you can't make mistakes against that team. You make mistakes, and they'll make you pay. I was proud of the kids' effort, but some loose-balls and then the 3point shooting just killed us."

Behind Donovan's team-high North Penn seemed to gain, Don- 20 points and game-high five 3pointers, the Patriots snapped the Maidens' two-game win streak in a 54-38 victory in a Suburban One League Continental Conference game Friday night.

The Patriots, who are threatening to break into the state "She just took another step out rankings, are on the right path to and hit it. Taylour is following repeating as conference champs her all around," North Penn after upping their record to 12-1 overall and 7-0 in league play. "We had people in her face and Coach Tom Lonergan's team

the Patriots had a group of shoot-

"North Penn is obviously a big and physical team. Our biggest kid is 5-foot-9," Lonergan said. "There is no way you can match that. It's just being aggressive, and I thought we did a good job of that tonight."

That aggressiveness turned into 15 steals for the Patriots, who won most scrambles for loose-balls, forced 22 turnovers and committed nine turnovers.

Oh, and those perimeter shots helped.

North Penn (5-8, 4-3 SOL Continental) had three turnovers by the time Donovan sank two treys

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