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## Knights in hunt again DISTRICT 1 DIVING

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The North Penn boys swim team can take a big step toward recapturing the District One Class AAA title when the diving championships are held Friday night at North Penn's Rick Carroll Natatorium.

The diving begins at 5:30 p.m.

The Knights have a chance to get a nice lead heading into the swim portion of the championships, which will be held next Friday and Saturday at LaSalle University. North Penn has maybe its best crop of male divers in years.

Zac Nees is coming off a first-place finish at the Suburban One League Continental Conference Championships last week at CB South, as the senior was able to out-saavy freshman surprise Ozzie Moyer of Souderton Area. Nees finished with a first-place score of 473, topping Moyer's 421.75, and Nees was one of three Knights in the top four.

North Penn's Michael Kohler and Caleb Hill also will be diving at districts on Friday. They were on top of their game at CB South on Thursday, as Kohler placed third in the conference, and Hill was just behind in fourth. John Hoch is another North Penn diver in the mix - he placed ninth at CB South.

District diving is definitely a step up in competition, but Nees and Kohler have the experience. Nees came within just three points of winning the title last year, and Kohler earned a solid fifth-place finish to also earn a trip to states.

The top eight qualify for the state championships in Class AAA, and the top two move on in Class AA.

The Knights look to send multiple divers to states, and that would also be a big help in the district team scoring — last year NP had its 19-year reign as districts champs come to an so the Knights want to get back on top in '09.

There are some other local divers that will be going at it on Friday, including Moyer, who has helped bring strong diving back to Souderton in just his first year. The Indians also have Tyler Wensel competing at the district championships.

Penridge has a duo that will be at the meet — Brody Workheiser and Richie Fly.

There will be five rounds of diving, followed by semifinals and finals. The District One Girls Diving Championships will also be held at North Penn, starting at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

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