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Boys Swimming: NP's Ortlieb reaches states in breaststroke

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PHILADELPHIA - In the first event of the PIAA District One boys swimming championships Friday, Nick Ortlieb swam the breaststroke leg of the Class AAA 200-yard medley relay and earned an automatic trip to states when North Penn finished fourth.

Saturday, he did it for himself, matching that fourth-place finish in the individual 100 breaststroke. When he hit the wall in 59.51 seconds, he fulfilled a promise he made to himself late in November.

"I definitely wanted to qualify for states and now I've reached that goal," said Ortlieb, whose finish made him the area's lone automatic qualifier on the closing day of the meet at La Salle University's Kirk Natatorium. "Breaststroke is my stroke, so it's really exciting to be able to go.

"My start was all right, my pullouts could have been better, so that's something that can be improved on (before states) - something that can be fixed so I'll be able to go faster."

Ortlieb and his North Penn teammates were leading the team standings after Day 1, but were passed by three teams and finished fourth behind West Chester Henderson, Boyertown and Upper Dublin.

In Class AA, Christopher Dock's 100 butterfly champion from Friday, Michael Kramer, was fifth Saturday in the 100 freestyle.

The other athlete to win gold Friday, Upper Moreland's Stephen Rowland, almost pulled it off again. The 200 freestyle champion was second in the 500 free behind Springfield-Montco's John Hauser, in 4:52.40. Along with Kramer, he must wait to see if his time is good enough to clinch one of 16 at-large spots in each event.

"I was feeling pretty sick (Friday) night, so I'm just happy (if I) make states and I have another chance to show what I can do," Rowland said. "I knew John (Hauser) was a good swimmer, but you never go into a race thinking somebody is going to beat you … because anything can happen."

Meanwhile, Central Bucks East, which finished sixth in the team standings, should see senior Colson Ferrari qualify for states after his sixth place in the breaststroke.

"I was planning to go under a minute, but 1:00.67 is my best time, so I'm just looking to do even better if I make states," Ferrari said. "I was right next to the (starter), so I heard the beeper just fine, but I guess my turnover could have been faster."

PIAA District One Championships
Class AAA

Team standings: 1. West Chester Henderson, 231.5; 2. Boyertown, 225.5; 3. Upper Dublin, 208; 4. North Penn, 199; 5. Downingtown West, 133. Also: 15. Council Rock North, 59; 25. Pennsbury, 20; 29. Council Rock South, 14; 32. William Tennent, 12.
100-yard freestyle: 1. Shane Austin (Unionville), 44.64 (meet record); 2. Shane Ryan (Haverford), 46.76; 3. Tyler Early (Garnet Valley), 47.24; 4. Dave Baldino (West Chester Henderson), 47.60;
500 freestyle: 1. Wes Trumbauer (Boyertown), 4:37.75; 2. Jordan Hartman (Boyertown), 4:37.94; 3. Stephen Miller (Downingtown West), 4:39.05; 4. Parker Baisden (West Chester Henderson), 4:40.12;
100 backstroke: 1. Andrew Kosic (West Chester Henderson), 50.52; 2. Dan Fitzgerald (Upper Dublin), 51.07; 3. Calvin Starosta (Upper Dublin), 51.75; 4. Patrick Dougherty (Downingtown West), 52.15;
100 breaststroke: 1. David McCormick (West Chester Henderson), 57.39; 2. Ryan Westhafer (Bayard Rustin), 59.46; 3. Andrew Seiler (Spring-Ford),

59.49; 4. Nick Ortlieb (North Penn), 59.51;
400 freestyle relay: 1. West Chester Henderson (Kosic, John Maza, Baldino, McCormick), 3:07.93 (district record); 2. Upper Dublin, 3:09.05; 3. North Penn, 3:10.80; 4. Boyertown, 3:11.06.

Class AA

Team standings: 1. Springfield-Montco, 334; 2. Harriton, 268; 3. Strath Haven, 240; 4. Springfield-Delco, 218; 5. Bishop Shanahan, 181; Also: 10. Holy Ghost Prep, 89.
100-yard freestyle: 1 Hugh Pedley (Springfield-Montco), 47.86; 2. Pat Dignazio (Strath Haven), 48.84; 3. Hunter Harrison (Harriton), 48.96; **500 freestyle:** 1. John Hauser (St. Pius X), 4:40.42; 2. Stephen Rowland (Upper Moreland), 4:52.40; 3. Will Schlosser (Harriton), 4:54.23;
100 backstroke: 1. Matt McCarthy (Bishop Shanahan), 54.05; 2. John Quagliariello (Springfield-Delco), 54.14; 3. Liam Smith (Upper Perkiomen), 58.42;
100 breaststroke: 1. Matt Heverly (Phoenixville), 1:00.65; 2. R.J. Langlois (Springfield-Montco), 1:03.20; 3. Mike O'Hanlon (Springfield-Delco), 1:03.36;
400 freestyle relay: 1. Springfield-Montco (John Hacking, Sakl Giordano, Jake Oeschger, Pedley), 3:18.18; 2. Strath Haven, 3:18.64; 3. Harriton, 3:19.41.

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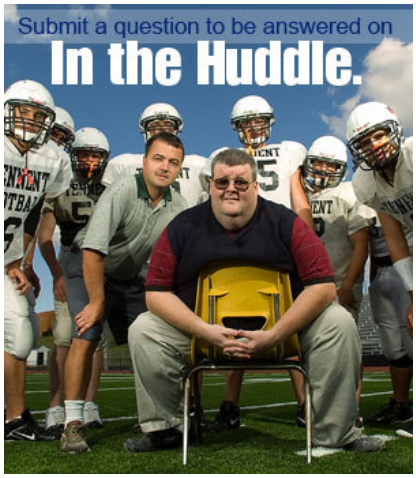

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