

Swimming: NP boys and girls knock off Emmaus

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TOWAMENCIN — The Ghost of 2005 has been exorcised.

On Feb. 1 of that year, the North Penn's boys swimming team had its 251 consecutive dual-meet winning streak snapped by Emmaus and, ever since, the Green Hornets had been untouchable.

Tuesday, six years of frustration came to a wild, exciting, ear-splitting end, when Jason Deana anchored the Knights' 400-yard freestyle relay team to a pool record — 3 minutes, 12.28 seconds — capping a heart-stopping, 94-92 win and an undefeated regular season.

North Penn's girls also finished undefeated when they beat their District 11 rivals for the first time since 2006, 105-81. It was in stark contrast to the boys meet, which was tied, 86-86, when Deana left the blocks, trailing Emmaus anchor Evan Paules by half a body length.

"I knew I definitely had a shot when I went in, because I wasn't that far behind," said Deana, joined on the relay by Peter Kolokithias, Jacob Sisko and Matt Ortlieb. "We all did our best times and we got it; it was just all out because we knew we had to get first to win the meet."

Ortlieb and Deana were originally scheduled to swim the closing relay in a different lane until head coach Brian Daly shuffled the deck.

"We originally had it where the relays were split (between lanes 3 and 5)," Daly said. "During diving, we regrouped and reevaluated a little bit and had our four best guys — three seniors and a talented junior. There are those moments in sports where you have to rise to the occasion, and they did."

Josh Hoch, Tomas Gimenez, Sisko and Deana set another pool record when they won the 200 free relay in 1:27.80, even though Deana was a full body length behind in that one.

"His split was absolutely phenomenal, 20.8 seconds, which is swimming beyond his abilities just to get the meet won," Daly said. "We didn't anticipate winning the medley relay, and we did; Peter had a nice job in the 200 (free) to win it. ... Matt Ortlieb coming out of (1 1-2-3 sweep in) diving and (putting) up a 52.45 to win the 100 butterfly — you could see that got our guys really fired up."

The North Penn girls had too much quality depth and won easily, even though Emmaus won four of the final five events. The Maidens were led by senior Jan Ikeda and freshman Tara Rogers. Ikeda took the individual medley and the butterfly, while Rogers claimed her specialties, the 50 and 100 free.

"On the one end, you hate to lose (Ikeda to graduation), so I don't even want to think about that now," Maidens coach Matt Weiser said. "But to have someone like Tara come up and swim the way she has, that's awesome, because she's been great all year."

Weiser was smiling broadly as he talked about the way his girls won convincingly after close calls the last two seasons.

"Two years ago, we tied (93-93), and last year, we lost by two points to them (94-92)," Weiser said. "This year, this was one the seniors definitely wanted, especially on Senior Night, and also to go undefeated. They wanted this big time.

"I knew we had as good a shot as ever at beating them, because I knew our divers would come through the way they always do against Emmaus (a 1-2-3 North Penn sweep), and it just went from there."

Boys

North Penn 94, Emmaus 92

200-yard medley relay: 1. North Penn (Brandon Anders, Tomas Gimenez, Matt Ortlieb, Jacob Sisko), 1:39.10; 2. Emmaus, 1:42.90; 3. Emmaus, 1:48.14; **200 freestyle:** 1. Peter Kolokithias (NP), 1:46.37; 2. Evan Paules (E), 1:47.01; 3. Greg Ritchie (E), 1:48.48; **200 IM:** 1. Garrett Sharesky (E), 2:00.89; 2. Parker Edmonds (E), 2:01.67; 3. Patrick Dunigan (NP), 2:02.04; **50 freestyle:** 1. Alex Muraro (E), 21.87; 2. Jason Deana (NP), 22.22; 3. Josh Hoch (NP), 23.15; **Diving:** 1. A.J. Russo (NP), 238.75; 2. Hoch (NP), 225.00; 3. Geoffrey Gagnon (NP), 182.85; **100 butterfly:** 1. Ortlieb (NP), 52.45; 2. Romain DeCrop (E), NT; 3. Jack Morris (NP), 55.26; **100 freestyle:** 1. A. Muraro (E), 47.51; 2. Nick Poulin (NP), 47.86; 3. Deana (NP), 48.18; **500 freestyle:** 1. Sharesky (E), 4:49.84; 2. Dunigan (NP), 4:52.89; 3. Edmonds (E), 4:56.41; **200 freestyle relay:** 1. North Penn (Hoch, Gimenez, Sisko, Deana), 1:27.80 (Pool record); 2. Emmaus, 1:28.31; 3 (tie). North Penn and Emmaus, 1:31.60; **100 backstroke:** 1. DeCrop (E), 54.30; 2. Sisko (NP), 56.04; 3. Anders (NP), 57.45; **100 breaststroke:** 1. Paules (E), 59.58; 2. Gimenez (NP), 1:01.77; 3. Ryan Woltornist (E), 1:02.50; **400 freestyle relay:** 1. North Penn (Kolokithias, Sisko, Ortlieb, Deana), 3:12.28 (Pool Record); 2. Emmaus, 3:14.77; 3. Emmaus, 3:24.16.

Records: Emmaus (11-2); North Penn (11-0).

Girls

North Penn 105, Emmaus 81

200-yard medley relay: 1. North Penn (Katie Patterson, Mary Morris, Jan Ikeda, Tara Rogers), 1:52.72; 2. Emmaus, 1:54.27; 3. North Penn, 1:57.69; **200 freestyle:** 1. Taylor O'Brien (E), 1:54.38; 2 (dead heat). Brooke Else (NP) and Eeve Kosten (NP), 1:59.88; **200 IM:** 1. Ikeda (NP), 2:14.97; 2. Taylor Iobst (E), 2:15.90; 3. Danielle Thomas (E), 2:18.76 (NP), 2:02.04; **50 freestyle:** 1. Rogers (NP), 25.28; 2. Morris (NP), 25.52; 3. Maura Brennan (E), 26.03; **Diving:** 1. Ashley Liss (NP), 234.70; 2. Heather Paolone (NP), 220.70; 3. Erica Elias (NP), 219.10; **100 butterfly:** 1. Ikeda (NP), 57.74; 2. Allie Roberts (E), 59.07; 3. Patterson (NP), 1:04.21; **100 freestyle:** 1. Rogers (NP), 53.91; 2. Else (N), 54.46; 3. Brennan (E), 56.46; **500 freestyle:** 1. O'Brien (E), 5:02.89 (Pool Record); 2. Natalie Schaeffer (E), 5:21.37; 3. Kosten (NP), 5:28.21; **200 freestyle relay:** 1. North Penn (Kosten, Morris, Val Stearns, Else), 1:42.37; 2. Emmaus, 1:46/43; 3. North Penn, 1:46.91; **100 backstroke:** 1. Roberts (E), 57.86 (Pool Record); 2. Iobst (E), 1:02.04; 3. Patterson (NP), 1:03.99; **100 breaststroke:** 1. Thomas (E), 1:11.61; 2. Julie Krout (N), 1:11.68; 3. Morris (NP), 1:11.91; **400 freestyle relay:** 1. Emmaus (O'Brien, Brennan, Roberts, Iobst), 3:39.67; 2. North Penn, 3:39.87; 3. Emmaus, 3:57.30.

Records: Emmaus (8-5); North Penn (11-0).

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