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SOL CONTINENTAL DIVING: Moyer defends title; Wenzel takes 2nd

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WARRINGTON — At all of their practices and at all of their meets this year, Ozzie Moyer and Tyler Wenzel's main competition was each other. The Suburban One League Continental Conference Diving Championships on Wednesday night proved to be no different.

The Souderton Area duo finished first and second at Central Bucks South High School, with Moyer setting a pool record with a score of 497.25 and Wenzel earning the silver with a score of 412.05, leading a group of four Indians divers to earn points at the event.

"Tyler really pushes me, and even our practices are very competitive," Moyer said of the fellow junior. "We're good friends, but we always have that competition together."

Moyer defended his title in commanding fashion, and now has three conference diving medals in his collection, including the silver he earned as a freshman. He always seems to have a good night at CB South.

"I guess this is my lucky pool because I got the record here earlier in the year," he said happily.

Moyer's reverse two and a half evoked plenty of cheers from the crowd, and pointed him in the right direction heading towards districts and states.

"We've been working towards that dive, it being a big one on the district and state level," Big Red diving coach Bill Hence said. "Hopefully next week, it will be a little bit better, and a couple weeks later hopefully we'll be right where we need to be."

Moyer called the meet "a nice warmup for districts," and that philosophy was shared by the rest of his team.

"We wanted to come out, be relaxed and enjoy ourselves, and that's what the kids did," Hence said.

Souderton also got a sixth-place finish from Matt Evers and a 12th-place finish from Holden Kudla, as the Indians racked up 55 points heading into the swimming portion Friday.

Wenzel, who had a pretty reverse half pike on his seventh dive, was able to push past CB South's C.J. Gimpel (402.95) for the silver.

"That dive, I really rode the board nicely and when I put it in and came up and saw sevens, I was really happy for myself right there, but I felt I performed well overall," Wenzel said.

It takes a good overall performance to earn a medal at a meet like this. There were plenty of strong divers, including a trio from conference favorite North Penn, which snagged fifth, seventh and ninth place to earn 35 points at the meet.

As many good divers as there were, it still wound up being a dual between Moyer and Wenzel.

"I always wanna be just as good or better than him, but Ozzie is one of my best friends at the same time," Wenzel said. "It's really competitive at

practice, but to be honest, we make each other better every day. If I learn a new dive or if he learns a new dive, then it just drives us to be better. Diving with him this much definitely has made me the diver I am today.”

Both left with plenty of confidence for districts, and Moyer left something behind as well.

“It’s a nice thing to have that good a kid up on the school record board,” Hence said. “Souderton is proud to have his name up there.”

Boys Diving

Suburban One League

Continental Conference Championships

at Central Bucks South

1. Ozzie Moyer (Souderton) 497.25 (pool record); 2. Tyler Wenzel (Souderton) 412.05; 3. C.J. Gimpel (CBS) 402.95; 4. Collin Dalessandro (CBS) 382.90; 5. A.J. Russo (NP) 372.45; 6. Matt Evers (Souderton) 357.95; 7. Geoffrey Gagnon (NP) 341.20; 8. Austin Loving (CBW) 305.40; 9. Nick Gallagher (NP) 300.0; 10. Josh Jones (HH) 267.0; 11. Kyle Parkinson (HH) 259.90; 12. Holden Kudla (Souderton) 248.05; 13. Jake Korch (CBS) 221.10; 14. Steve Huh (CBS) 215.55.

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