

# Souderton's Moyer wins Continental title

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The junior broke Central Bucks South's pool record in rolling to the championship.

WARRINGTON - There is a reason why Souderton's Ozzie Moyer is known as "The Wizard."

Wednesday, the junior weaved a magic spell that mesmerized everybody who gathered at the Central Bucks South pool - fans, coaches and fellow competitors - for the Suburban One League Continental Conference Boys Diving Championships.

When the 11 rounds were complete, Moyer had a pool record with 497.25 points, despite the fact he really wasn't trying to break the former mark.

"It's always in the back of your (mind), but I was just trying to focus on doing each dive the best that I could," said Moyer, who always seems to have a good day at South. "I guess this is my lucky pool, because I got (the six-dive record) here earlier in the year, but I really wasn't aiming for it."

Finishing second was another Indians junior, Tyler Wenzel with 412.05, while South's C.J. Gimpel went wire-to-wire in third as he, too, topped the 400 point mark, scoring 402.95. Completing the top five were CB South's Collin Dalessandro (382.90) and North Penn's A.J. Russo (372.45).

While each was extremely pleased with at least one dive on his card, nobody could match Moyer for sheer consistency.

The five judges rewarded him with more than 50 points on three of his dives; two of them - a forward 2 1/2 somersault pike and a forward 1 1/2 somersault with two twists - had identical 2.6 degrees-of-difficulty and earned him the same score, 55.90.

"Throughout the year, those were my most consistent optional dives," Moyer said. "They were better today than most of the season but, for the most part, I'm very consistent with them."

A lot of the credit for Moyer's success is because he has Wenzel pushing him every day in practice.

"Ozzie's one of my best friends," Wenzel said, agreeing the two of them make an imposing combination. "It's really competitive in practice, but to be honest, we make each other better every day. If I learn a new dive or he learns a new one, it just drives us (both) to be better.

"Diving with him this much definitely has made me the diver I am today."

Wenzel pointed to his seventh dive of the day as his best.

"My reverse and-a-half pike, I really rode the board nicely," he said. "When I put it in, came up and saw sevens, I was definitely happy with myself. I've been seeing a lot of those scores on some of my dives; I just performed well today, and that's why I finished second."

Gimpel's total was a personal goal that he set at the start of preseason practice.

"My goal was to get above 400 this year, so I felt pretty good," Gimpel said. "I haven't been feeling good lately, and I was expecting little, so I thought I did well. The first round was dives where I felt good, while the middle round was my hardest, so when I got through with that, I felt good for the finals."

Wenzel and Gimpel may have been happy with their performance, but The Wizard holds himself to higher standards. Is he where he wants to be?

"Definitely not," Moyer said in all sincerity. "I can always get better, so I'm still working hard because I can always improve on each and every dive."

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## Boys Diving Championships

(at Central Bucks South)

1. Ozzie Moyer (Souderton), 497.25; 2. Tyler Wenzel (Souderton), 412.05; 3. C.J. Gimpel (Central Bucks South), 402.95; 4. Collin Dalessandro (Central Bucks South), 382.90; 5. A.J. Russo (North Penn), 372.45; 6. Matt Evers (Souderton), 357.95; 7. Geoffrey Gagnon (North Penn), 341.20; 8. Austin Loving (Central Bucks West), 305.40; 9. Nick Gallagher (North Penn), 300.00; 10. Josh Jones (Hatboro-Horsham), 267.00; 11. Kyle Parkinson (Hatboro-Horsham), 259.90; 12. Holden Kudla (Souderton), 248.05; 13. Jake Korch (Central Bucks South), 221.10; 14. Steve Huh (Central Bucks South), 215.55

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