

Sports

## BOYS SWIMMING: North Penn reaches 500

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TOWAMENCIN — With an effort worthy of its legacy, the North Penn boys swim team earned a 113-29 victory over Quakertown on Wednesday evening to give the program its 500th win.

Multiple coaches and swimmers from North Penn's proud history were in attendance at The Rick Carroll Natatorium to watch the North Penn swimmers of the present put on a good show.

Neither the Panthers or Mother Nature herself could keep the Knights from accomplishing their ultimate goal on Wednesday at their home pool. The North Penn girls also won their meet with Quakertown, giving NP a sweep of the Suburban One League Continental Conference meet.

"We got snowed out (Tuesday) and (Wednesday morning) so you never know how the guys are gonna come back after two days off," Knights coach Brian Daly said. "Sometimes they come back with a little spring in their step, sometimes they come back a little lethargic. But it seems like the rest worked out pretty well for our guys."

The Knights (8-0 overall and 5-0 in the conference) dominated the meet, going one-two-three in all but two events before swimming the final three races as exhibitions.

Eugene Feeley dropped time in the 200 free, placing third, as he continues to show his potential in the sprints.

It was a particularly good day for North Penn's butterflyers, as Connor Hatfield (third) and Jonah Kim both broke a minute for the first time, and Kevin Dunigan (second) cracked 59 seconds to stand out in the event.

"I think with us going for win number 500, the guys wanted to do something a little exciting, something to mark the meet by, and they accomplished that," Daly said.

Jacob Sisko was strong individually and in the relay swims, and he gives the Knights another great option to go to in the 400 free relay — he anchored the foursome to a win against the Panthers.

The Knights continue to look like a district championship squad, a feat they have accomplished a slew of times in their history, along with 11 state championships. It's all added up to 500 wins.

"I've only been here for a sliver of it — I inherited a great program with great coaches, and we've had great support from our families and such, so it makes my job easier," Daly said. "North Penn is a program that is always competing for a district championship and trying to make a statement at the state level, and that's what keeps the program moving. It's fun."

Typical of North Penn's depth, the Knights have seven swimmers with district cuts in the 500 free, all vying for one of the four district spots.

North Penn is in action again on Tuesday, when the Knights and Maidens host rival Souderton Area.

## Boys Swimming

### Suburban One League Continental Conference

#### North Penn 113, Quakertown 29

200 medley relay: 1. North Penn (Anders, Gimenez, Deana, J. Sisko), 1:40.21; 2. North Penn, 1:55.20; 3. Quakertown, 2:02.99.

200 free: 1. Pat Dunigan (NP) 1:50.25; 2. Jack Morris (NP) 1:50.28; 3. Eugene Feeley 1:50.96.

200 IM: 1. Tomas Gimenez (NP) 2:04.17; 2. Matt Ortlieb (NP) 2:06.07; 3. Nick Poulin (NP) 2:13.16

50 freestyle: 1. Jason Deana (NP) 23.31; 2. Josh Hoch (NP) 23.35; 3. Wayne Hailstone (Q) 25.12

Diving: 1. A.J. Russo (NP) 221.25; 2. Josh Hoch (NP) 204.85; 3. Geoffrey Gagnon (NP) 170.40

100 butterfly: 1. Matt Ortlieb (NP) 55.37; 2. Kevin Dunigan (NP) 58.94; 3. Connor Hatfield (NP) 59.68

100 free: 1. Jacob Sisko (NP) 49.70; 2. Jack Morris (NP) 51.06; 3. Spencer Collopy (NP) 52.92

500 free: 1. Jonathan Krail (NP) 5:12.68; 2. Nick Pulli (NP) 5:15.82; 3. Parker Vivian (Q) 5:40.46

200 free relay: 1. North Penn (Anders, J. Sisko, Gimenez, Deana), 1:28.91; 2. North Penn, 1:45.08; 3. Quakertown, 1:46.38

\* North Penn swam the following events as exhibitions.

100 back: 1. Peter Kolokithias (NP) 57.44; 2. Greg Neidlinger (NP) 1:05.48; 3. Alex Kron (NP) 1:07

100 breast: 1. Nick Poulin (NP) 1:05.22; 2. Scott Christy (NP) 1:09; 3. Colin Kelly (NP) 1:10.63

400 free relay: 1. North Penn (Feeley, Ortlieb, Kolokithias, J. Sisko), 3:18.40; 2. North Penn, 3:35.25



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