

Sports

PIAA SWIMMING: Locals take shot at states

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The PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships get underway today at Bucknell University in Lewisburg.

Several local individuals and teams will be making the trip, with the Class 2A competition being held today and tomorrow, and the Class 3A events taking place on Friday and Saturday.

The North Penn boys, fresh off a first-place finish at the District One Class 3A Championships, will make a run at the team title — their last state crown came in 2004. District gold medalist Jason Deana has the sixth fastest seed time in the 50-yard freestyle for the Knights, who are also seeded highly in all three relays.

The North Penn girls are also well-represented, and have Jan Ikeda seeded fourth in the 100 butterfly.

Following is a team-by-team look at who's competing at Kinney Natatorium this week.

Class 2A

Lansdale Catholic girls: Jessica Gidzinski will be swimming two events for the Crusaders — she is seeded 10th in the 200 IM and the senior is also seeded 15th in the 100 freestyle.

Lansdale Catholic boys: Dylan Yurasits, just a freshman, has the highest seed of any Crusader boy, as he is ninth in the diving competition. LC also has Nick Augustine seeded 17th in the 500 free, the 200 free relay seeded 22nd, and Alexander Marshall grabbed the last spot in the 100 back.

Class 3A

North Penn girls: The Maidens have a tandem competing in the diving competition, as Erica Elias and Ashley Liss give it a go, seeded seventh and eighth, and the Maidens' top-seeded swimmer is Ikeda, who has the fourth fastest time in the 100 butterfly.

North Penn has all three relay teams going — the Maidens are 10th in the medley, seventh in the 200 free and eighth in the 400 free. Tara Rogers, just a freshman, is seeded 18th in the 100 free for NP.

Methacton girls: The Warriors are seeded 20th in the medley relay to get things started, and then Blaire Kinsey will be doing two individual events — she is seeded 14th in the 200 IM and sixth in the 500 free.

Souderton Area girls: The Indians will have a foursome in the 200 free relay — Big Red has the 12th-seeded time going in.

CB West girls: Rachel Saunders will be competing up on the diving board for the Bucks, seeded 13th, and West also has Andie Blaser seeded 11th in the 100 butterfly.

Wissahickon girls: Liz McKenna gives the Trojans some representation at states, as she is seeded 26th in the 100 back.

North Penn boys: The Knights are hoping to get points in a lot of events, just like they did in winning the district crown at La Salle University.

NP has all three relay teams competing — the Knights are seeded seventh in the medley, sixth in the 200 free and sixth in the 400 free.

NP's highest-seeded individual is Deana, who is sixth in the 50 free and also eighth in the 100 free. The Knights also have Peter Kolokithias seeded 16th in the 200 free, Pat Dunigan seeded 18th in the 200 IM and 14th in the 500 free, Matt Ortlieb 13th in the 100 butterfly, Jacob Sisko 22nd in the 100 back and Tomas Gimenez 24th in the 100 breast.

Souderton Area boys: Diver Ozzie Moyer has a solid shot at a state diving title, as he is seeded fourth, and teammate Tyler Wenzel is seeded 15th on the board.

Methacton boys: Kyle Magee will be pulling double duty at Bucknell — he is seeded 12th in the 100 butterfly and 26th in the 100 free.

Wissahickon boys: Chris Chiodo Ortiz will be hoping to surprise some people in the 50 freestyle — he is seeded 21st in that event for the Trojans.

PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships

Schedule

Today

2-4:30 p.m.: Class 2A Girls Diving Championship

5:30-7: Class 2A Girls Swimming Consolations and Finals

8-9:30: Class 2A Boys Swimming Consolations and Finals

Thursday

2-4:30 p.m.: Class 2A Boys Diving Championship

5:30-7: Class 2A Girls Swimming Consolations and Finals

8-9:30: Class 2A Boys Swimming Consolations and Finals

Friday

2-4:30 p.m.: Class 3A Girls Diving Championship

5:30-7: Class 3A Girls Swimming Consolations and Finals

8-9:30: Class 3A Boys Swimming Consolations and Finals

Saturday

2-4:30 p.m.: Class 3A Boys Diving Championship

5:30-7: Class 3A Girls Swimming Consolations and Finals

8-9:30: Class 3A Boys Swimming Consolations and Finals

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