

# The Intell boys swimming High 5s

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Teams to Watch

**(listed in order of strength)**

**Germantown Academy:** The Patriots fell short of their goal to win the team title at Easterns last spring but that's about the only thing that didn't go their way. They lost some quality seniors, but there is more than enough talent returning to keep the victory train on track.

**North Penn:** It's a no-brainer picking the Knights to win the SOL Continental, but it will also take a very talented team to defeat them in any dual meet this season. Even with the graduation of several very good seniors, this team might be even better.

**Souderton:** The roster is loaded with talented swimmers and two of the best divers in the state. Winning dual meets will not be a problem, but the key to the post-season is whether the Indians can find a few hammers to bring in a bucket of team points.

**Central Bucks East:** The Patriots have a nucleus of individuals who have faced the pressure of districts and some promising newcomers are ready to step up and contribute early. How quickly they do will determine whether East can equal or better last season's record.

**Hatboro-Horsham:** The Hatters may be deeper in freestyle and the breaststroke than any team in the area. While that bodes well for the 200 and 400 free relays, individuals have to step up to score points in the other strokes for the team to come close to last season's regular season record.

Swimmers to Watch

**(listed alphabetically)**

**Jason Deana, North Penn:** Won the 50 and 100 free at the SOL Continentals and the 50 at districts. His disappointing trip to states, 21st in the 50, 12th in the 100, is why he has been working extra hard in the off-season.

**Ian Forlini, William Tennent:** Just a freshman last season, he had a sensational district meet and won the title. He went on to finish fifth at states; with three more years ahead of him he could be a multiple gold medalist before he's through.

**Arthur Frayler, Germantown Academy:** There's no telling how good he could be. Won the 200 and 500 at Easterns and in October, won the Pan Am Games gold in the 1500 meters and missed gold by 0.03 in the 10 K open ocean swim.

**Ozzie Moyer, Souderton:** Many were stunned when he finished second at districts, but he redeemed himself at states and finished fourth for the second year in a row. This is his final season and he won't be content with anything less than gold across the board.

**Riley Weber, Central Bucks East:** He may be the area's best freestyler never to win an individual gold at districts. Third in the 50, fourth in the 100 last season, finished eighth and 10th, respectively, at states. Has accepted an appointment to the US Naval Academy.

Meets to Watch

**Malvern Prep at Germantown Academy, Dec. 14, 3:45 p.m.:** Prep is the only team in the Inter-Ac with a legitimate chance to beat the Patriots. An early season blue-chipper.

**Pennsbury at Central Bucks East, Jan. 20, 3:45 p.m.:** SOL National meets SOL Continental in a meet that will give competitors a chance to see how they stack up against a different league.

**Souderton at Upper Dublin, Jan. 27, 7 p.m.:** The fact this one is at night is an indication of how important it is to each school. A great one to mark on your calendar.

**Lansdale Catholic at Upper Moreland, Feb. 3, 3:30 p.m.:** Neither team is favored in its respective league but this duel between two evenly matched AA schools is one to watch.

**North Penn at Emmaus, Feb. 14, 4 p.m.:** Don't let the fact it is Valentine's Day fool you. There is no love lost between these bitter rivals, especially after the Knights won last season's thriller.