

Team-By-Team Boys Swim Capsules

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Abington

Coach: Joe Lennon (eighth year)

Last year: 7-5 (2-4 SOL National)

Key performers: Sr. Tom Gerrity (distance free); Sr. Alexi Dubrunfaut (freestyle, individual medley); Jr. Liam Sweeney (backstroke, individual medley); Jr. Dakota Korn (individual medley, butterfly); Jr. Juan Munoz (sprint free, individual medley); So. Artem Peshenko (breaststroke, freestyle)

The season: The Ghosts lost only one individual from the group that advanced to districts, which means this year's team is a lot better off than the one that began last season. There isn't one "hammer" to score points each meet, but superior depth should take care of that. Competing in the SOL National, the goal is to qualify as many individuals as possible for the district meet.

Archbishop Wood

Coach: Charlie Stillwell (14th year)

Last year: 1-9 (1-6 PCL)

Key performers: Sr. Chris Conway (freestyle, backstroke); Fr. Reid Henzel (utility); Jr. Chris Atras (distance free)

The season: Eight seniors graduated from the team that struggled in dual meets but won the AA team title in the District 12 meet. This season's lineup is young and in many cases inexperienced. The Vikings should again in the regular season while as many individuals as possible try to top district qualifying standards.

Central Bucks East

Coach: Ed Walsh (30th year)

Last year: 8-3 (fourth SOL Continental)

Key performers: Sr. Clay Clemens (freestyle, breaststroke, individual medley); Sr. Ty Kooser (freestyle, breaststroke, individual medley); Sr. Riley Weber (sprint free); Jr. Alex Butler (freestyle, butterfly, individual medley); Jr. Kevin Jongeneel (butterfly, freestyle); Jr. Pat Zalesky (freestyle, backstroke); Fr. Zach Collester (freestyle); Fr. Evan Villafranca (freestyle, butterfly)

The season: A talented core of swimmers with district experience leads the Patriots into the SOL Continental Conference season. The problem will be replacing the team points lost when Kevin Magee and Kerry Thompson graduated. Another strong team record depends on how quickly individuals are found to fill the gap.

Central Bucks South

Coach: Jeff Lake (eighth year)

Last year: 8-4 (fifth SOL Continental)

Key performers: Sr. Ian Scullion (freestyle); Sr. Alex Sicilia (backstroke); Sr. CJ Gimple (diving); Jr. Ryan Troy (individual medley); So. Patrick Brogan (distance free)

The season: The loss of several key point scorers to graduation means this year's team needs to find individuals to step up and fill the gap. However there is help on the way in nine freshmen who joined the program, several with the kind of talent to fill the bill. Bettering last season's record could be tough but the Titans will be well represented at districts.

Central Bucks West

Coach: Rich Reshetar (fifth year)

Last year: 4-11 (sixth SOL Continental)

Key performers: Sr. Mike Chen (freestyle, butterfly); Sr. Sam Byers (freestyle, backstroke); So. Pat Blaser (freestyle, breaststroke)

The season: Depth will be a problem on a roster that is as green as Kermit. The Bucks will struggle in the league unless members of this season's freshmen class can make immediate contributions. That said, there is enough veteran talent to show the newcomers the ropes as all of them try to meet district qualifying standards.

Germantown Academy

Coach: Richard Shoulberg (44th year)

Last year: 10-0 (Inter-Ac champions, second at Easterns)

Key performers: Sr. Arthur Frayler (utility); Sr. Bryan Draganosky (distance free, breaststroke); Sr. Nelson Glendinning (sprint free); Sr. Adam Sjöholm (freestyle); Sr. Justin Tang (individual medley, butterfly); Sr. Carl Dowziky (individual medley, backstroke); Fr. Alex Lebed (utility)

The season: Start with Pan Am Games gold medallist Arthur Frayler and fellow Olympic Trials qualifier Bryan Draganosky and the top of the Patriots roster is as talented as any scholastic team in the nation. If there is a weakness starting the season it's depth but GA should still top the Inter-Ac and again contend for the team title at Easterns.

Hatboro-Horsham

Coach: Kip Emig (sixth year)

Last year: 10-3 (third SOL Continental)

Key performers: Sr. Tim Janyszek (breaststroke); Sr. Duane Adler (butterfly); Sr. Chris Giorno (breaststroke); Sr. John Nellet (freestyle); Sr. Chris Moore (backstroke, butterfly)

The season: There were a lot of surprised people outside the Hatboro-Horsham School District who were surprised when the Hatters had the kind of season they did last year. Several extremely talented seniors graduated but this season's roster is the largest in school history, so don't be surprised if this season's team has another very good year.

Lansdale Catholic

Coach: Bob Birnbrauer (17th year)

Last year: 2-7 (second District 12 AA)

Key Performers: So. Dylan Yurasits (diving); Sr. Nick Augustine (sprint free, distance free); So. Dang Khoa Tran (Breaststroke, individual medley); So. Conor McCann (freestyle)

The season: When it comes to dual meets the Crusaders should again find victories hard to come by. While the team is small in number, each one of the individuals on the roster has been working hard to maximize the chances that most if not all of them will qualify for the District 12 championship meet.

North Penn

Coach: Bryan Daly (seventh year)

Last year: 11-0 (SOL Continental champion)

Key performers: Sr. Jason Deana (sprint free); Sr. Kevin Dunigan (individual medley, butterfly); Sr. Patrick Dunigan (distance free, individual medley); Sr. Tomas Gimenez (individual medley, breaststroke); Jr. Brandon Anders (sprint free, backstroke); Jr. Jack Morris (freestyle, butterfly); Jon Krail (breaststroke, freestyle); Geoffroy Gagnon (diving)

The season: Evaluating North Penn's chances of winning the SOL Continental title is a lot like predicting whether the sun will rise in the east tomorrow morning. Lately the Knights' chances of winning the district title have been a little iffier, but given the talent on this season's roster you can probably count on that happening as well.

Pennridge

Coach: Ryan Griffiths (sixth year)

Last year: 3-9 (seventh SOL Continental)

Key performers: Jr. David Zurmuhl (sprint free, backstroke); Jr. Jon Spehar (distance freestyle, backstroke); Sr. Chris Bashaar (individual medley, butterfly)

The season: When you join the Rams' program you have to be realistic about your chances of winning the league title. That's why the focus has been on having as many individuals as possible qualify for districts where a spot high in

the team standings is not out of reach. With only two seniors lost to graduation, this is a veteran-studded team intent on winning together.

Quakertown

Coach: Wendy Yons (fourth year)

Last year: 0-7

Key performers: Jr. George Claghorn (distance free, breaststroke)

The season: The lack of warm bodies has reached crisis proportions for the Panthers. With an extremely small roster there is only one thing to shoot for and that's qualifying for the district tournament. Knowing that from the start of the preseason has given each member of the squad reason to work hard in practice and that in itself is a positive sign.

Souderton

Coach: Todd Bauer (sixth year)

Last year: 11-3 (5-2 SOL Continental)

Key performers: Sr. Ozzie Moyer (diving); Sr. Tyler Wenzel (diving); Sr. Elliott Miller (freestyle, backstroke); Sr. Michael Hay (sprint free); Sr. Alex Paparella (breaststroke, freestyle)

The season: This will be the deepest team head coach Todd Bauer has had since taking over the program. While that's one of the strengths, indications are it is very much a dual meet team as opposed to a tournament team. That's why the focus will be working hard to drop times to present the strongest possible team for the league and district championships.

Upper Moreland

Coach: Melanie Rowland (fourth year)

Last year: 2-7 (0-6 SOL American)

Key performers: Jr. Alex Pronzato (backstroke, freestyle); Jr. Petro Sokirny (sprint free); So. Kane Nelson (butterfly); Sr. Jordan Matlaga (freestyle); So. Mike Freeman (freestyle, backstroke)

The season: There will be times this season when the Golden Bears will have to struggle to fill all their blocks in dual meets. However there is a lot of talent on a roster that is short on numbers but deep on determination to qualify as many individuals and relays as possible for districts and, hopefully, for states.

William Tennent

Coach: Lisa Forlini (19th year)

Last year: 8-4 (3-3 SOL National)

Key performers: Sr. Ryan Coyle (diving); Sr. Connor Forlini (utility); Jr. Dylan Cooper (freestyle, backstroke, butterfly); Jr. Andrew Richey (freestyle, backstroke); So. Ian Forlini (diving, breaststroke, butterfly); So. Ryan Leneghan (butterfly, freestyle, individual medley); Fr. Brennan Bastian (freestyle, breaststroke).

The season: On paper, a bigger roster numbers-wise from a year ago is a positive sign, but nine of them are newcomers and many have never faced the pressure they'll see in the SOL National. Still there is a wealth of talent at the top of the lineup so look for the Panthers to have a strong presence at districts.

– **Bill Keen**