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SWIMMING: North Penn looks to defend conference titles

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Andy Stettler/The Reporter North Penn's Patrick Dunigan swims freestyle during the team's meet against Souderton Area High School earlier this season.

The Suburban One League Continental Conference Swimming and Diving Championships get under way tonight, with the North Penn boys and girls teams each trying to defend their conference titles.

The boys and girls diving will be held this evening at Central Bucks South High School, and then the boys swimming will be held Friday night at North Penn followed by the girls Saturday morning back at CB South.

The Knights and Maidens both went 7-0 against conference competition this winter, capped off by victories over rival Souderton Area back on

Feb. 1.

“This is where swimming becomes fun,” Knights coach Brian Daly said of the start of the postseason. “This is where we get into the meat of the season, with league championships and then districts at the end of the month. This is where it’s challenging as a coach, to try to orchestrate everything and put all the pieces together in the right spot. Just hope we do it the right way.”

The Knights will look for key points from swimmers Jason Deana (50 free/100 fly/relays), Jack Morris (200 free), Pat Dunigan (200 IM/500 free), Brandon Anders (100 free), Greg Neidlinger (100 back), Kevin Dunigan (freestyle) and Tomas Gimenez (100 breast) in attempting to hold off rival Big Red and the rest of the Continental competition. Nick Gallagher could also be vital for the Knights up on the board.

Sophomore Tara Rogers starred at the conference championships last year for NP, as she won the 100 free and the 50 free individually and also swam on the gold medal 200 medley and 400 free relays.

The Maidens are also loaded with plenty of good divers this year, as Ashley Liss, Erica Elias and Heather Paolone should be in the mix for the gold. Central Bucks West’s Rachel Sauders won the bronze last year at the event and is again one of the favorites.

Souderton Area’s Ozzie Moyer is looking to pull off a three-peat in the diving tonight, and the Indians are also trying to go one and two again - last year Tyler Wenzel was able to earn the silver.

Many individuals will stand out in the pool and on the board this week, and as a team, the North Penn boys look to continue their mastery. The Knights have won a league title every year since 1973 - a victory here would make it 40 in a row.

Next up will be the District One Diving Championships at Upper Dublin High School on Feb. 24 and 25 - the boys compete Friday followed by the girls on Saturday.

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