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DIVING: Souderton's Moyer wins third straight SOL Continental title

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Souderton diver Ozzie Moyer spins through the air as he competes during the Suburban One League Continental Conference Diving Championships held at Central Bucks South High School on Wednesday February 15, 2012.

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WARRINGTON - Souderton Area's Ozzie Moyer won his third consecutive Suburban One League Continental Conference diving title Wednesday night at Central Bucks South High School, in record-breaking fashion.

The Big Red senior racked up a pool-record score of 506.10, out-doing second-place C.J. Gimpel of CB South (445.40). Moyer had a comfortable lead going into the finals and finished things off with three solid dives to win in commanding fashion and break his own pool record.

"It feels pretty good, but the only thing that doesn't feel good is that I was only 10 points better than my record last year," Moyer said. "I can do way better. I'll take it with a grain of salt. The fact that it was a pool record doesn't really change my mind about the meet - it was a bit rough. I had a couple bad hurdles, but overall it was alright."

Moyer's teammate, Tyler Wenzel, earned the bronze, finishing with an impressive score of 418, and Big Red's Matt Evers got fourth with a 413.10 to give the Indians 51 points at the event.

In the girls portion, Central Bucks West's Rachel Saunders earned the silver with a score of 421, second only to CB South's Lindsay Schmidt (425.05). North Penn's Erica Elias took home the bronze, diving to a score of 416.35.

Moyer's back dive in the fourth round earned him high scores, including a pair of 8's, and he also pulled off a nice inward two and a half with his 11th and final dive of the meet.

"Even though it didn't score too well, it was probably one of the best ones I've ever done," the senior said. "I got it done above the board. I could have just dropped it in - it was right there, and it makes me so mad to think about how close it was. I love having that dive last. I need the adrenaline for it."

Moyer finished atop the Continental for the third straight year. His freshman season, he was second only to North Penn's Zac Nees (Indiana University).

"It's definitely a good start to the postseason," Moyer said of Wednesday's performance. "I only want to go up from here. As a team we did okay, but as a team we can do a lot better."

The conference championships resume on Friday evening, as the boys swimming events will be held at North Penn, and then on Saturday morning, the girls swimming events will be held at CB South.

Next up for the divers is the District One Championships, which will be held Feb. 24 and 25 at Upper Dublin. The boys compete Friday evening and then the girls compete on Saturday.

Suburban One League Continental Conference

Diving Championships

at Central Bucks South

Boys

1. Ozzie Moyer (Souderton) 506.10; 2. C.J. Gimpel (CB South) 445.40; 3. Tyler Wenzel (Souderton) 418.0; 4. Matt Evers (Souderton) 413.10; 5. Collin Dallesandro (CBS) 410.70; 6. Nick Gallagher (NP) 384.35; 7. Mike Kern (NP) 261.55; 8. Matthew Kolosick (CBE) 245.0; 9. Jack Korch (CBS) 234.20.

Girls

1. Lindsay Schmidt (CBS) 425.05; 2. Rachel Saunders (CBW) 421.0; 3. Erica Elias (NP) 416.35; 4. Ashley Liss (NP) 413.75; 5. Heather Paolone (NP) 378.90; 6. Madison Tanis (NP) 362.25; 7. Kelly Kater (CBE) 357.0; 8. Gabrielle Rudnitsky (HH) 331.50; 9. Lauren Billy (Souderton) 316.25; 10. Katie Green (Penn) 308.10; 11. Nicky Laderer (Penn) 306.35; 12. Hanne Genyn (CBE) 305.10; 13. Kelly Magri (CBW) 300.55; 14. Julia Norek (CBE) 280.0; 15. Carly Files (Penn) 261.80; 16. Morgan Brozena (Souderton) 188.25.

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