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SWIMMING: Maidens settle for 2nd in Continental

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North Penn swimmer Caroline Miller competes in the 100 Yard Breaststroke event during the Suburban One League Continental Conference Girls Swimming Championships at Central Bucks South High School on Saturday morning February 18, 2012. Photo by Mark C Psoras\The Reporter

WARRINGTON — A pair of relay wins, a pool record, and a bunch of gold, silver and bronze medals from the conference championships signify a memorable postseason.

But to the North Penn girls, they're hoping all of those wonderful delights are just one big appetizer.

With bigger goals still ahead, the Maidens swam impressively at Central Bucks South on Saturday morning against some of the best competition in the state and came away with the runner-up trophy at the Suburban One League Continental Conference meet.

"I'm excited," North Penn sophomore Tara Rogers said of the start of a big month ahead for NP. "I think everyone's worked really hard all season, so it's gonna be good."

North Penn wasn't able to hold off rival Central Bucks East for a second time: the Maidens won the dual-meet battle by 10 points earlier in the year but the Patriots won by seven on Saturday in a back-and-forth battle.

East outscored North Penn 441-434 to take top honors, as the Pats took the lead for good in the second-to-last event by racking up a whopping 62 points in the 100-yard breaststroke.

For the Maidens, Rogers won the gold medal in the 200 freestyle and earned silver in the 100 free, and she was also on both of North Penn's winning relays, joining Eve Kosten, Olivia Distefano and Brooke Else on the 200 free, and then the Maidens capped off the day by setting a pool record in the 400 free relay. Rogers, Kosten, Anna Haggerty and Else went 3:38.0 to replace the previous record of 3:40.74 set by Souderton four years ago.

That's a pretty impressive record to beat since that Big Red relay was anchored by multiple-state-title winner Angela Severn (Ohio State).

Still, Saturday was not about getting season-best times, since most swimmers have not tapered yet, but rather just getting the postseason started in a solid fashion. Souderton, too, did just that.

"I was very proud of them. They did a good job," Indians coach Todd Bauer said. "We had a couple kids that were rested, and those kids swam great. We also had two or three girls who we thought could make districts today, and two of them made it, so that was good to see. Our best kids did not swim great, but that's to be expected. Right now, because of the training (for districts and states), they're a little bit sluggish, but they'll be good in two weeks."

Big Red earned three golds on Saturday, as Ann Fadden won the 50 free and Alyssa Santangelo won the 100 back and led off the winning 200 medley relay, helping the Indians finish third with 360 points.

A big part of the Maidens' success was the 58 points earned by the divers, who compete at districts next weekend at Upper Dublin. In two weeks, the swimmers go at it down at La Salle University.

“I have goal times but I can’t say them - superstition,” Rogers said smiling. “We’re not overconfident, but we think we’re in a good place right now - definitely.”

Suburban One League Continental Conference Championships

at CB South

Team Scoring: CB East 441; North Penn 434; Souderton 360; CB South 234; Hatboro-Horsham 222; CB West 211; Pennridge 115; Quakertown 64.

200 medley relay: Souderton Area (Alyssa Santangelo, RickiLee Hodges, Megan Furey, Erica Witoslawski), 1:53.23; 200 free: Tara Rogers (NP) 1:55.78; 200 IM: Hannah Wittman (CBE) 2:11.04; 50 free: Ann Fadden (Soud) 24.78; 100 fly: Andie Blaser (CBW) 59.49; 200 free relay: North Penn (Eve Kosten, Olivia Distefano, Tara Rogers, Brooke Else), 1:38.96; 100 free: Quinn MacMillan (CBW) 53.06; 500 free: Rachel Riemenschneider (HH) 5:17.36; 100 back: Alyssa Santangelo (Soud) 59.05; 100 breast: Hannah Wittman (CBE) 1:08.38; 400 free relay: North Penn (Rogers, Kosten, Anna Haggerty, Else), 3:38.0 (pool record; old: 3:40.74, Souderton, 2008).

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