

Deana gets silver at state meet

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LEWISBURG — Jason Deana was the happiest silver medalist in town.

The North Penn senior clocked in at 20.59 to take second in the 50-yard freestyle at the PIAA Class AAA swim championships on Wednesday at Bucknell University's Kinney Natatorium.

He fell to Haverford's Shane Ryan, who posted a 19.91.

"I wanted to get second," Deana said. "I thought it was possible but that race is a total crap shoot.

"I knew a lot of the guys in the race and they were all good so this is by far my favorite race."

He anchored the Knights' 200 freestyle relay of Brandon Anders, Tomas Gimenez and Jack Morris, which finished third (1:23.93).

"We all said at the beginning of the year that we wanted to do a 1:23 but I don't think we actually thought it was possible," Deana said. "This just pumps me up for the rest of the meet."

He has just one race on Thursday, the 100 freestyle.

"I got the bulk of my swimming done," he said. "Doing six races in one day is tough but now I'll have one in the morning and hopefully one more at night."

He was also a member of North Penn's fourth place 200 medley relay (1:34.65) along with Anders, Gimenez and Spencer Collopy.

Morris was 11th in the 200 freestyle (1:42.31) and Patrick Dunigan was 15th in the 200 individual medley (1:56.83) for the Knights.

North Penn is currently in third place in team scoring with 87 points. La Salle leads the competition with 182.50 and Hershey is second (95).

Riley Weber of Central Bucks East was thrilled with his fourth place finish in the 50 freestyle (20.69).

"I wasn't expecting to finish that high or go that fast," Weber said. "The fact that I got fourth place and went my best time by .4, I'm pretty amazed.

"It was such a fast race. I went into it knowing it was going to be awesome no matter what and went with it.

"I'm really looking forward to the 100. I've been feeling pretty good and the 100 is usually my best race anyway so I can't wait."

Connor Forlini of William Tennent was 13th in the 200 freestyle (1:42.64).

He also led off the 200 freestyle relay for teammates Brennen Bastian, Dylan Cooper and Andrew Richey, which finished 15th (1:28.82).

Pennridge's David Zurmuhl took 14th in the 50 freestyle (21.37).

The Hatboro-Horsham 200 freestyle relay of Pat Stasio, Tom Fisher, Michael Thomas and Tim Janyszek took 14th (1:28.05) and the 200 medley relay of Bobby Lenahan, Janyszek, Fisher and Thomas was 15th (1:38.81).

For the girls, North Penn's 200 freestyle relay of Eve Kosten, Olivia DiStefano, Tara Rogers and Brooke Else got to the podium, finishing fifth (1:36.41).

Souderton's Ann Fadden won the consolation heat of the 50 freestyle, finishing ninth (23.67).

Hannah Whittman of Central Bucks East finished 10th in the 200 individual medley (2:07.08).

Central Bucks West's Andie Blaser was 14th in the 100 butterfly (57.66).