

Intelligencer girls swimming team capsules

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Coach: Joe Lennon (14th year)

Last year: 6-6 (2-4 SOL National)

Key performers: So. Frances Erney (butterfly, backstroke, freestyle); Jr. Olivia Harris (freestyle, butterfly); So. Aiofe Garvey (breaststroke, freestyle); So. Taylor Spitko (freestyle, backstroke); Fr. Emma O'Neil (freestyle, butterfly); Fr. Brooke Johnson (freestyle, butterfly)

The season: A veteran nucleus will lead a team that includes six newcomers who will add to team depth. Freestyle remains the strongest stroke, breaststroke and butterfly are thin. This team has a great shot at a winning record.

Archbishop Wood

Coach: Charlie Stillwell (15th year)

Last year: 7-2 (6-1 PCL)

Key performers: Jr. Hannah Cochrane (backstroke, butterfly); So. Dominique DiRienzo (diving); Fr. Katharine Buliga (distance freestyle); Fr. Caitlin Bedesem (breaststroke, individual medley); Jr. Claire Cochrane (butterfly, backstroke); So. Keara Cole (backstroke).

The season: A great freshman and sophomore class offsets the loss of 10 seniors. Archbishop Carroll and Bonner-Prendergast are new to District 12 AA, but this team should be in the thick of the title chase.

Central Bucks East

Coach: Tom Kane (37th year)

Last year: 9-3 (second SOL Continental)

Key performers: So. Hannah Wittman (breaststroke, individual medley); Sr. Ellie O'Brien (distance freestyle, individual medley, breaststroke); Sr. Nicole Guss (sprint freestyle, butterfly); Jr. Jess Jozefiak (butterfly, backstroke, sprint freestyle); Jr. Louise Huuki (distance freestyle); Sr. Marissa Ferrari (sprint freestyle); Sr. Kelly Gavel (backstroke, butterfly); Sr. Morgan Sattler (distance freestyle)

The season: Nineteen freshmen swell the roster to 44 strong. With a boatload of talent and a ton of depth, the Patriots could contend for the league title.

Central Bucks South

Coach: Kevin Murray (eighth year)

Last year: 7-5 (fifth SOL Continental)

Key performers: Sr. Stephanie Nickerson (individual medley, distance freestyle, backstroke); Sr. Sydney Mrozinski (individual medley, breaststroke); Jr. Isabelle DiNallo (individual medley, freestyle, backstroke); Jr. Cali Corbett (freestyle); So. Samantha Towle (freestyle); So. Caitlin Connor (individual medley, freestyle, backstroke)

The season: Several key performers return from a team that was better than its record would indicate. Talent is there to fill backstroke and butterfly vacancies, sprint free and fly will be tougher but there won't be any open lanes.