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Jason Deana captures the gold in the 100-yd freestyle at the 2011 state championships held at Bucknell University. Deana's graduation is one major void the knights will look to fill this season.

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Following a 7-0 regular season finish in 2011, the boys swim team added another trophy to the rapidly growing pile of the league championships. After missing the District Championship by only a few points last year, the swimmers are motivated by their goal of “being undefeated and winning back districts from Upper Dublin” as senior Jack Morris explained. Under the leadership of head coach Jeff Faikish in his inaugural season, the knights look to accomplish this goal while continuing their tradition of excellence and winning that has grown into an expectation of North Penn Swimming.

Head Coach: Jeff Faikish

2011 Finish: District One league champs, 2nd place at district competition, 12th place at state competition

Key Swimmers Lost to Graduation: Jason Deana (state gold in 100-yd free), Tomas Gimenez

Key Returners: Colin Kelly (senior), Jack Morris (senior), Brandon Anders (senior), Jon Krail (junior)

Promising Newcomers: Corey Smith (freshman)

What the Coach Said: “I don’t like to look specifically at records, but my goal is to reach personal performance goals for each individual kid. If you achieve personal performance goals, then the records come along with that.”

What Senior Colin Kelly Said: “As a team our goals would be to win leagues and districts and maybe top 5 at states. We haven’t had any meets yet so I can’t really say how we stack up at the state level, but upper Dublin has a phenomenal team that will be hard to beat at districts. We’ll just have to put the work in and do everything that we can do.”