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## NP starting in style

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North Penn Swim Coach Jeff Faikish and members of the team root on their competitors during their meet at North Penn High School on Friday December 7, 2012. Photo by Mark C Psoras\The Reporter

TOWAMENCIN — North Penn did a little bit of everything and scored a lot of points in the process on Friday, as both the Knights and Maidens swam to impressive opening-day wins over visiting St. Joe's Prep and Mount Saint Joe's.

Jack Morris won both the 200 freestyle and the 100 butterfly and also swam on the winning 200 and 400 free relays to lead the North Penn boys to a 109-64 victory over the Hawks while Tara Rogers and Olivia DiStefano each won two individual events and both swam on the winning 200 medley and 200 free relays to power a 104-72 win over Mount.

Versatile senior Brittney Patterson had some solid splits on the relays, swam her fastest ever butterfly for this time of the season (1:04.94, second), and she also made a rare appearance up on the diving board, actually winning the event with a score of 169.0.

"It was good to get back up on the board," said Patterson, who won a league diving title in summer swimming back when she was 12. "It was awesome. I always loved diving. It was great to get back up there and show everybody what I can do. This team definitely brought it today. We had really good underwater - that's what I noticed. We've been working on that really hard, and we've just been practicing really hard."

The Maidens placed first in eight of 11 events, and then swam the 400 free relay as an exhibition.

"It was much better than I anticipated," coach Matt Weiser said. "You never know what you're gonna get the first day, and I was pretty pleased with how we did. I think everybody handled everything pretty well today."

It was also a productive day for the Knights, as first-year coach Jeff Faikish guided the team to the non-league victory in his first meet at the helm.

“I’m having a great time,” he said. “This was a fantastic start. It’s what I was looking for, but there is a lot of room for improvement. Plenty of room for improvement and a lot of work for us still.”

Corey Smith, just a freshman, got things started for the Knights, leading off the winning 200 medley relay before racing to wins in both the 200 IM and the 100 back.

North Penn is back in action Thursday when the Knights and Maidens host Methacton.

#### Boys Swimming

North Penn 109,

St. Joe’s Prep 64

200 Medley Relay: 1. North Penn (Smith, Kelly, Schellinger, Anders), 1:44.81; 2. St. Joe’s Prep, 1:47.25; 3. North Penn, 1:49.13

200 Freestyle: 1. Jack Morris (NP) 1:45.44; 2. Jason Himes (NP) 1:50.30; 3. Jonathan Krail (NP) 1:51.24

200 Individual Medley: 1. Corey Smith (NP) 2:02.06; 2. Brandon McKenzie (SJ) 2:06.47; 3. Kyle Supko (NP) 2:07.69

50 Freestyle: 1. Liam Kelley (NP) and Brandon Anders (NP) 22.57; 3. Spencer Collopy (NP) 23.22

Diving: 1. Geoffrey G. (NP) 241.30; 2. Keilan Rademaher (SJ) 188.95; 3. Josh Stearsman (NP) 118.15

100 Butterfly: 1. Jack Morris (NP) 54.46; 2. Colin Kelly (NP) 57.12; 3. Jacob Schellinger (NP) 59.39

100 Freestyle: 1. Pat McVan (SJ) 50.14; 2. Liam Kelly (NP) 50.34; 3. Spencer Collopy (NP) 51.68

500 Freestyle: 1. Jonathan Krail (NP) 4:50.57; 2. Kyle Supko (NP) 4:59.07; 3. Brandon McKenzie (SJ) 5:10.85

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. North Penn (Kountroubis, Kelly, Morris, Anders), 1:30.60; 2. St. Joe’s Prep, 1:33.93; 3. North Penn, 1:35.46

100 Backstroke: 1. Cory Smith (NP) 57.15; 2. Joseph Kurze (SJ) 58.47; 3. Michael Zwaan (NP) 1:01.94

100 Breaststroke: 1. Thanas Kountroubis (NP) 1:01.99; 2. Colin Kelly (NP) 1:06.73; 3. Harrison Friel (NP) 1:08.83

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. North Penn (Anders, Kelly, Morris, Kountroubis), 3:20.03; 2. St. Joe’s, 3:28.21; 3. North Penn, 3:30.59

#### Girls Swimming

North Penn 104,

Mount Saint Joe’s 72

200 Medley Relay: 1. North Penn (O. DiStefano, E. O’Neill, T. Rogers, A. Tate), 1:53.88; 2. North Penn, 1:59.63; 3. St. Joe’s Prep, 1:59.83

200 Freestyle: 1. Tara Rogers (NP) 1:56.19; 2. Steph Eble (SJ) 2:02.76; 3. Aspen Trautz (NP) 2:07.13

200 Individual Medley: 1. Christina Formica (SJ) 2:22.19; 2. Liz DeGroat (SJ) 2:23.16; 3. Julie Krout (NP) 2:25.36

50 Freestyle: 1. Olivia DiStefano (NP) 24.76; 2. Leah Brown (NP) 26.87; 3. Jen Lehman (SJ) 27.66

Diving: 1. Brittney Patterson (NP) 169.0; 2. Emily McMullen (SJ) 97.25

100 Butterfly: 1. Christina Formica (SJ) 1:03.20; 2. Brittney Patterson (NP) 1:04.94; 3. Christine Sipos (SJ) 1:04.94

100 Freestyle: 1. Tara Rogers (NP) 52.88; 2. Haley Sannem (SJ) 58.74; 3. Jessie Dolan (SJ) 1:00.25

500 Freestyle: 1. Steph Eble (SJ) 5:20.82; 2. Aspen Trautz (NP) 5:38.90; 3. Kat Perkins (NP) 5:46.21

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. North Penn (DiStefano, Brown, Tate, Rogers), 1:43.61; 2. North Penn, 1:46.93; 3. St. Joe's Prep, 1:48.49

100 Backstroke: 1. DiStefano (NP) 1:00.52; 2. Becca Hoch (NP) 1:06.14; 3. Haley Sannam (SJ) 1:07.21

100 Breaststroke: 1. O'Neill (NP) 1:10.65; 2. DeGroat (SJ) 1:15.34; 3. Krout (NP) 1:15.65

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. St. Joe's Prep, 3:55.22; 2. North Penn, 3:56.01; 3. St. Joe's Prep, 4:06.82

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