

Wanna know the Continental meet champions?

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The Suburban One League Continental Conference Swimming Championships are set for this weekend, the boys at **Central Bucks South** Friday at 6 p.m. and the girls at **North Penn** Saturday morning at 9.

I'm not a fan of the way the SOL determines its champions. Basically, the league take the record in dual meets and multiplies the wins by the value of Pi, add in the number of months that end in "Y" minus 10 percent of the combined weight of the coaching staff and the team with the highest total is the champion.

All right, so that might be a bit of an exaggeration but there is a formula. Personally, I don't see why they just don't have a regular season champion and a championship meet champion; most of the time it's going to be the same team.

But I digress. For the first time, I'm going to predict the winners of each event, the eight individual events and the three relays.

The reason I've taken the easy way out in the past is because there have been years when coaches use their athletes the same way chess masters use their pawns. In an effort to maximize the team points to improve their chances of moving up in the standings based on that formula, backstroke specialists might swim the fly while middle distance freestylers swim the 500.

You see, I'm not much of a risk taker. Give me the choice of the unknown or the sure thing, and 99 times out of 100, I'll take the sure thing.

This is the 100th time. Instead of a general overview of the events, here is the list of winners determined by the tea leaves left over in the bottom of my morning cup of Oolong.

There's a chance each will be wrong if the individual doesn't swim the event, so with fingers crossed, here (hopefully) are the winners.

On the boys side, the 200 free belongs to Jack Morris of North Penn while Michael Thomas of **Hatboro-Horsham** will take the individual medley.

The 50 could be a cavalry charge; Kevin Muserait of **Souderton** has been getting better and better but David Zurmuhl of **Pennridge** will take the gold. In the fly, Muserait's teammate Triston Lous will win, with Muserait taking the 100 free.

Look for Jonathan Krail of North Penn to win the 500, Thomas to double in the backstroke while Thanas Kountroubis of North Penn takes the breaststroke.

In the relays, Hatboro-Horsham and North Penn will battle in all three; I see the Hatters winning the 400 free with the Knights taking the 200 free. The 200 medley relay? I tossed a coin, it came up North Penn.

The girls meet was even harder to predict because the top three or four individuals not only can and have competed in but also have won just about every event at one time or another this season.

Two girls will win twice, North Penn's Emily Kosten in the 100 and 200 free and **Central Bucks East** sophomore Hannah Wittman in the individual medley and the breaststroke.

The 50 goes to the Maidens' Eve Kosten, the fly to Souderton's Megan Furey while two of Furey's teammates will close out the individual winners, Laureana Zrada will take the 500 while Alyssa Santangelo wins the backstroke.

The relays should be a one-team affair — North Penn will win them all and should do so rather easily.

So there you go. Major League Baseball players who are successful 3 out of 10 times make it into the Hall of Fame, but I won't be satisfied with less than twice that; 60 percent would be fine, 70 percent even better. Getting all of them right won't happen so I won't even worry about that.

We'll see you at the pool.