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## BOYS WATER POLO: Unbeaten North Penn hosts state championship this weekend

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On the brink of perfection, the North Penn boys water polo team looks to complete its unbeaten season this weekend when it hosts the Pennsylvania Boys Water Polo State Championships at the Rick Carroll Natatorium.

North Penn opens the tournament against North Allegheny at 6 p.m. Friday, following Souderton Area's 5 p.m. clash with Wilson.

The Knights aim to make it a clean sweep for North Penn, as the Maidens claimed their sixth championship in nine years out at Wilson High School last weekend.

The North Penn boys enter states with a 24-0 record, having averaged more than 12 goals per game this season while limiting opponents to less than seven per contest.

The Knights grinded out a 7-5 win over Wilson to take the top spot at the Knight Invite two weeks ago, following up victories over Upper Dublin, La Salle and Governor Mifflin earlier in the tournament.

Senior Brett Else finds a variety of ways to score and has been a big part of a cohesive, well-designed offense for the Knights.

For a veteran group that includes fellow seniors Shane Hennessey, Cole Palumbo, Liam Kelly, Thanas Kountroubis and Skyler Trautz, winning a state championship would provide a fitting climax for a terrific four-year run.

This Knights group has been in contention every year, reaching states each of the past four seasons, including a fourth-place finish a year ago and a runner-spot in 2011.



Mark C Psoras/The Reporter Liam Kelly (5) and North Penn aim to keep their perfect record intact as the Knights host the state water polo championships Friday and Saturday. (Mark C Psoras)

They look to take the final step this weekend.

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The Knights did face North Allegheny this season, earning an 11-6 win at the Tiger Classic out in Pittsburgh. North Penn went a perfect 4-0 at that tournament, also

defeating Thomas Worthington of Ohio as well as Erie McDowell and Cathedral Prep.

With a win, North Penn would advance to a 10:30 a.m. game Saturday against the winner of the Perk Valley-Cumberland Valley matchup.

### Boys Water Polo State Championships

At North Penn

Friday

Game 1: Wilson vs. Souderton, 5 p.m.

Game 2: North Penn vs. North Allegheny, 6 p.m.

Game 3: Perk Valley vs. Cumberland Valley, 7 p.m.

Game 4: Cathedral Prep vs. Governor Mifflin, 8 p.m.

Saturday

Game 5: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 4, 8 a.m.

Game 6: Loser Game 2 vs. Loser Game 3, 9:15 a.m.

Game 7: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 2, 10:30 a.m.

Game 8: Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 1, 11:45 a.m.

Seventh Place Game: Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6, 4 p.m.

Fifth Place Game: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 5:15 p.m.

Third Place Game: Loser Game 7 vs. Loser Game 8, 6:30 p.m.

Championship: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 7:45 p.m.

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