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SWIMMING: North Penn handles Hatboro-Horsham

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North Penn swimmer Emily Kosten competes in a 200 Freestyle event during the teams meet against Hatboro-Horsham at North Penn High School on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013. (Photo by Mark C Psoras\The Reporter)

TOWAMENCIN — The North Penn boys and girls swim teams battled past Hatboro-Horsham on Tuesday and drew closer to an undefeated conference season, as the Knights and Maidens each earned victories over the Hatters at the Rick Carroll Natatorium.

Emily Kosten, Eve Kosten and Tara Rogers each won two individual events on the girls side to lead North Penn to a 104-74 win and Jack Morris won a pair on the boys side to power a 106-68 victory for the Knights.

“We’re looking pretty strong. I’m very comfortable with how we’re looking overall,” said Knights coach Jeff Faikish, whose team improved to 6-0 in SOL Continental meets. “We have a tough couple weeks coming up so we’re starting to get them prepared for the end of the season. We’re getting them prepared, physically and mentally.”

Morris' wins in the 200 free and 100 fly were complemented by a long-distance victory by Jonathan Krail in the 500 free. The Knights (8-1) were particularly strong in the 100 breaststroke, going 1-2-3, led by Thanas Kountroubis' first-place finish in 1:03.30.

The Hatboro-Horsham girls brought a group of strong breaststrokers to North Penn, with Kayla Connell (second), Maddy Wawrzymak (third) and Sam Schmitt (fourth) all performing well, but Erin O'Neill was able to grab the victory, touching first in 1:10.95.

It was quite a day for Emily Kosten (200 free/100 fly), Eve Kosten (50 free/500 free) and Rogers (200 IM/100 free), who, along with their individual events, each were on a pair of winning relays.

The Maidens (9-0), still in the midst of their hard January training, pushed themselves to the victory.

"I think what we've been doing at practice is really good and I think it's gonna lend itself to what happens at the end of the year," said Maidens coach Matt Weiser, whose team is now 6-0 in the SOL Continental. "We're still running through as hard as we've been all year — it's that time of year."

North Penn has its final conference meet at home on Tuesday against Central Bucks West, on Senior Recognition Night, and then hosts state rival Emmaus on Feb. 12 in the regular-season finale.

Boys Swimming
North Penn 106,

Hatboro-Horsham 68

200 medley relay: 1. North Penn (G. Neidlinger, S. Kolokithias, Schellinger, Collopy), 1:45.16; 2. North Penn, 1:46.96; 3. Hatboro-Horsham, 1:47.27

200 free: 1. Jack Morris (NP) 1:45.31; 2. Thanas Kountroubis (NP) 1:46.79; 3. Kyle Finn (HH) 1:49.61

200 IM: 1. Michael Thomas (HH) 1:57.18; 2. Jonathan Krail (NP) 2:04.46; 3. Colin Kelly (NP) 2:06.49

50 free: 1. Pat Stasio (HH) 22.66; 2. Brandon Anders (NP) 22.73; 3. Liam Kelly (NP) 22.89

Diving: 1. Geoffroy Gagnon (NP) 215.20

100 fly: 1. Jack Morris (NP) 52.30; 2. Kyle Finn (HH) 56.35; 3. Colin Kelly (NP) 57.58

100 free: 1. Pat Stasio (HH) 50.15; 2. Liam Kelly (NP) 50.30; 3. Brett Else (NP) 50.60

500 free: 1. Jonathan Krail (NP) 4:51.38; 2. Kyle Supko (NP) 4:54.02; 3. Curtis Sumner (HH) 5:03.03

200 free relay: 1. Hatboro-Horsham (P. Stasio, M. Thomas, T. Fisher, K. Finn), 1:29.82; 2. North Penn (B. Anders, T. Kountroubis, L. Kelly, J. Morris), 1:29.98; 3. North Penn, 1:34.34

100 back: 1. Michael Thomas (HH) 52.90; 2. Greg Neidlinger (NP) 56.29; 3. Corey Smith (NP) 58.05

100 breast: 1. Thanas Kountroubis (NP) 1:03.30; 2. Mark Dunigan (NP) 1:05.34; 3. Harrison Friel (NP) 1:07.35

400 free relay: 1. Hatboro-Horsham (P. Stasio, C. Sumner, M. Thomas, K. Finn), 3:17.03; 2. North Penn, 3:18.68; 3. North Penn, 3:27.37

Girls Swimming
North Penn 104,

Hatboro-Horsham 74

200 medley relay: 1. North Penn (O. DiStefano, E. O'Neill, B. Patterson, T. Rogers), 1:54.33; 2. Hatboro-Horsham, 1:57.92; 3. Hatboro-Horsham, 2:01.50

200 free: 1. Emily Kosten (NP) 1:54.09; 2. Kat Perkins (NP) 2:02.88; 3. Elizabeth Schmele (HH) 2:03.18

200 IM: 1. Tara Rogers (NP) 2:12.82; 2. Perie Sumner (HH) 2:22.09; 3. Erin O'Neill (NP) 2:23.14

50 free: 1. Eve Kosten (NP) 24.59; 2. Olivia DiStefano (NP) 25.47; 3. Nicole Pellecchia (HH) 26.14

Diving: 1. Marie Yacopino (NP) 221.65; 2. Gab Rudnitsky (HH) 194.75; 3. Brittany Patterson (NP) 155.85

100 fly: 1. Emily Kosten (NP) 1:00.31; 2. Brittany Patterson (NP) 1:05.12; 3. Perie Sumner (HH) 1:05.78

100 free: 1. Tara Rogers (NP) 54.56; 2. Nicole Pellecchia (HH) 56.33; 3. Elizabeth Schmele (HH) 57.08

500 free: 1. Eve Kosten (NP) 5:22.24; 2. Aspen Trautz (NP) 5:35.34; 3. Kat Perkins (NP) 5:42.40

200 free relay: 1. North Penn (Eve Kosten, Rogers, O'Neill, Emily Kosten), 1:41.55; 2. Hatboro-Horsham, 1:45.97; 3. North Penn, 1:52.80

100 back: 1. Olivia DiStefano (NP) 59.83; 2. Becca Hoch (NP) 1:05.11; 3. Haley Sutton (HH) 1:06.34

100 breast: 1. Erin O'Neill (NP) 1:10.95; 2. Kayla Connell (HH) 1:11.81; 3. Maddy Wawrzymak (HH) 1:12.31

400 free relay: 1. North Penn (Emily Kosten, Eve Kosten, Kat Perkins, Olivia DiStefano), 3:42.62; 2. Hatboro-Horsham, 3:59.12; 3. North Penn, 4:03.66

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