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## North Penn drubs Hatboro-Horsham

**SOL Continental swimming: North Penn 116, Hatboro-Horsham 64 (boys); North Penn 113, Hatboro-Horsham 72 (girls)**

### Girls: North Penn 113, Hatboro-Horsham 72

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. North Penn (Olivia DiStefano, Erin O'Neill, Tara Rogers, Leah Brown), 1:50.82; 2. Hatboro-Horsham, 1:55.58; 3. Hatboro-Horsham, 1:56.53; **200 freestyle:** 1. Aimee Baur (NP), 2:00.47; 2. Heather Hartmann (NP), 2:03.38; 3. Kat Perkins (NP), 2:04.23; **200 individual medley:** 1. Rogers (NP), 2:11.37; 2. Barb Schmele (HH), 2:17.56; 3. Perie Sumner (HH), 2:19.82; **50 free:** 1. DiStefano (NP), 25.18; 2. Brown (NP), 25.80; 3. Nicole Pellecchia (HH), 26.00; **Diving:** 1. Marie Yacopino (NP), 244.60; 2. Madison Tanis (NP), 235.35; 3. Gab Rudnitsky (HH), 181.95; **100 butterfly:** 1. Rogers (NP), 58.78; 2. Brown (NP),

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By **Bill Keen** Staff writer

HORSHAM — One would expect North Penn to “bring its A game” for Thursday’s much anticipated double dual swim meet against Hatboro-Horsham, but that was not the case.

Long before the teams lined up for the post-meet handshakes, it was obvious the showing by the Knights and Maidens was nothing short of A-plus-plus.

The Knights swam the final two events in exhibition and still recorded a 116-64 blowout win, while the Maidens competed head-to-head in every event en route to their 113-72 victory.

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1:03.35; 3. Grace Riemenschneider (HH), 1:03.82; **100 free:** 1. O'Neill (NP), 55.59; 2. Baur (NP), 55.82; 3. Pellicchia (HH), 56.77; **500 free:** 1. Hartmann (NP), 5:24.64; 2. Julie Krout (NP), 5:36.46; 3. Kara Killion (NP), 5:51.61; **200 free relay:** 1. North Penn (Brown, O'Neill, Baur, Rogers), 1:41.50; 2. Hatboro-Horsham, 1:43.43; 3. Hatboro-Horsham, 1:48.17; **100 backstroke:** 1. DiStefano (NP), 58.48; 2. Haley Sutton (HH), 1:03.02; 3. Schmele (HH), 1:06.01; **100 breaststroke:** 1. Maddy Wawrzyniak (HH), 1:10.16; 2. Sam Schmitt (HH), 1:10.57; 3. O'Neill (NP), 1:13.01; **400 free relay:** 1. North Penn (Baur, Hartmann, DiStefano, Perkins), 3:44.69; 2. Hatboro-Horsham, 3:49.75; 3. North Penn, 4:00.65

**Boys: North Penn 116, Hatboro-Horsham 64**

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. North Penn (Greg Neidlinger, Jonathan Krail, Jacob Schellinger, Shane Hennessey), 1:40.71; 2. North Penn, 1:42.48; 3. Hatboro-Horsham, 1:42.50; **200 freestyle:** 1. Brett Else (NP), 1:47.77; 2. Curtis Sumner (HH), 1:49.49; 3. Mike Kern (NP), 1:50.51; **200 individual medley:** 1. Michael Thomas (HH), 1:53.52; 2. Thanas Kountroubis (NP), 1:56.44; 3. Kyle Supko (NP), 2:02.96; **50 free:** 1. Liam Kelly (NP), 22.68; 2. Hennessey (NP), 23.11; 3. Tom Fisher (HH), 23.43; **Diving:** 1. Bryce Hoch (NP), 235.90; 2. Geoff Gagnon (NP), 222.95; 3. Nick Zampino (HH), 212.85; **100 butterfly:** 1. Thomas (HH), 51.61; 2. Schellinger (NP), 55.27; 3. Ryan Prater (NP), 58.49; **100 free:** 1. Kelly (NP), 49.75; 2. Else (NP), 50.33; 3. Hennessey (NP), 51.64; **500 free:** 1. Kountroubis (NP), 4:48.52; 2. Supko (NP), 4:50.67; 3. Kern (NP), 4:59.08; **200 free relay:** 1. North Penn (Neidlinger, Else, Kountroubis, Kelly), 1:29.86; 2. North Penn, 1:32.62; 3. Hatboro-Horsham, 1:38.40; **100 backstroke:** 1. DNeidlinger (NP), 55.12; 2. Corey Smith (NP), 56.50; 3. Cole Palumbo (NP), 59.70; **100 breaststroke:** 1. Jeremy Brosius (HH), 1:07.90; 2. Matt Schaeffer (HH), 1:10.60; 3. John Murphy (HH), 1:13.36; **400 free relay:** 1. Hatboro-Horsham

It was a good thing North Penn boys coach Jeff Faikish called a halt to the scoring after the backstroke; the Knights went 1-2-3 in the breaststroke and 1-2 in the 400 freestyle relay. But, in the book, all the points went to the Hatters.

“Right now, we’re working hard in practice, and dry land has been really tough, too; we’re running a lot in some high-intensity practices,” said Knights junior Liam Kelly, the winner of the 50- and 100-yard freestyle sprints. “There are not (many) personal bests, but seeing how hard we’re working, they’re good times for now.”

Kelly said he and the rest of the boys didn’t change anything in the way they prepared for the meet, especially considering who they were facing.

“We always expect a big meet with Hatboro-(Horsham); they have a very good lineup and some really fast kids,” Kelly said. “We never take any team lightly no matter who it is and, so far this year, it’s been high intensity for every meet and we’ve been ready.”

The Hatters had the only other double winner in Michael Thomas. He won the first of his two specialties, the individual medley, but swam the butterfly instead of his other traditional event, the backstroke. The change didn’t make any difference; not only did he win, but his time, 51.61 seconds, nearly broke his school record, 51.49, set two years ago.

Hatboro-Horsham’s girls finished second and third in all three relays, but their “B” foursome in the 400 free relay was disqualified for a false start. The lone win was Maddy Wawrzyniak’s victory in the breaststroke, with teammate Sam Schmitt taking second.

Ironically, Wawrzyniak was originally scheduled to swim the 500 free until coach Kip Emig told her he was making a change.

“It was at the end of diving; I’ve been swimming the 500

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and then going into breast a lot, so it's not that big of a deal," said the senior, whose 1:10.16 winning time made her smile. "It was nice not having to swim (the 500), so I could put all my effort into the breaststroke.

"I still approached the breast the same way. I just knew I was going to have a lot more energy, and I knew I could close better than I usually can.

"I honestly wasn't expecting to go 1:10 today, so that was a nice surprise. I've been going mostly 1:11 or 1:12, and that's typically after the 500."

The Maidens had a pair of double winners. Tara Rogers was first in the individual medley and the 500, while Olivia DiStefano was tops in the 50 and the backstroke.

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