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Swimming: North Penn 99, Emmaus 79 (boys); North Penn 104, Emmaus 73 (girls)

SWIMMING: North Penn boys and girls clobber Emmaus

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By Bill Keen Staff writer

TOWAMENCIN — They say numbers don't lie, but, in this case, they did.

Tuesday's annual end-of-the-regular season, non-league swimming double dual between North Penn and Emmaus was no contest.



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When the teams lined up for the traditional handshakes, the visitors didn't have a single first place. North Penn's boys captured 23 of the 36 spots in the top three, and the girls took 24.

Both the Knights and Maidens were so far ahead after the 200-yard freestyle relay, they each swam the final three events only for time. Without that, the boys' 99-79 win and the girls' 104-73 victory would have been more one-sided.

The girls got the blowout off in fine fashion when Megan Zartman, Erin O'Neill, Anne Haggerty and Leah Brown won the medley relay in 1:51.36. Zartman, who won the individual medley two events later, swam the opening backstroke leg.

"We wanted to start the meet off on a high note, and we were telling each other to try our hardest to get our best time," said the freshman, who nearly pulled off a huge upset in the individual backstroke when she finished second by .1 of a second behind senior ace Olivia DiStefano.

"I felt good; she has the (school) record, so that made me nervous to race her, but I was pumped up," Zartman said. "I think this is the closest we've been, so I'm excited to swim it again against her to see if I can do better."

The next time the two could meet is at the Suburban One League Continental Conference championships. Regardless of how Zartman does between that meet and districts, Maidens coach Matt Weiser couldn't be happier with Zartman's season.

"The best thing about Megan is her versatility; she can swim anything, and any event we've put her in this year, she's done a fantastic job," Weiser said. "She's really not

North Penn 99, Emmaus 79 (boys)

200-yard medley relay: 1. North Penn (Corey Smith, Thanas Kountroubis, Liam Kelly, Shane Hennessey), 1:37.28; 2. Emmaus, 1:38.81; 3. North Penn, 1:43.24;

200 freestyle: 1. Mike kern (NP), 1:46.05; 2. Brett Else (NP), 1:46.63; 3. John Woltonist (E), 1:47.35;

200 IM: 1. T. Kountroubis (NP), 1:53.61; 2. Carter Paules (E), 1:56.34; 3. Smith (NP), 1:59.78;

50 freestyle: 1. Hennessey (NP), 23.03; 2. Ryan Yocum (NP), 23.05; 3. Connor DeJohn (E), 23.09;

Diving: 1. Quinn Mitchell (NP), 333.50; 2. Bryce Hoch (NP), 312.85; 3. Ian Boland Bintner (NP), 284.40;

100 butterfly: 1. Kelly (NP), 53.76; 2. Ethan Carr (E), 55.19; 3. Aaron Jordan (NP), 55.09;

100 freestyle: 1. Else (NP), 48.72; 2. DeJohn (E), 49.57; 3. Hennessey (NP), 49.64;

500 freestyle: 1. Kern (NP), 4:50.91; 2. Woltonist (E), 4:55.80; 3. Tom Schklecter (E), 4:57.61;

200 freestyle relay: 1. North Penn (David Grove, Nico Kountroubis, Kern, Else), 1:30.37; 2. North Penn, 1:30.99; 3. Emmaus, 1:33.72;

100 backstroke: 1. Smith (NP), 53.37; 2. Carr (E), 54.66; 3. Pat McAllister (E), 56.45;

100 breaststroke: 1. T. Kountroubis (NP), 56.53; 2. Paules (E), 58.83; 3. Harrison Friel (NP), 1:02.57;

400 freestyle relay: 1. North Penn (Else, Kelly, Kern, T. Kountroubis), 3:13.55; 2. Emmaus, 3:19.12; 3. North Penn, 3:19.34.

Records: Emmaus (9-1); North Penn (12-0).

North Penn 104, Emmaus 73 (girls)

200-yard medley relay: 1. North Penn (Megan Zartman, Erin O'Neill, Anna Haggerty, Leah Brown), 1:51.36; 2. Emmaus, 1:56.42; 3. North Penn, 1:58.74;

200 freestyle: 1. Kailyn Evans (NP), 1:56.55; 2. Aimee Baur (NP), 1:57.74; 3. Casey Young (E), 2:04.99;

200 IM: 1. Zartman (NP), 2:11.57; 2. Haggerty (NP), 2:15.02; 3. O'Neill (NP), 2:16.64;

50 freestyle: 1. Olivia DiStefano (NP), 24.63; 2. Brown (NP), 25.45; 3. Claire Frank (E), 25.61;

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Diving: 1. Marie Yacopino (NP), 300.70; 2. Jess Hurlburt (E), 290.20; 3. Madison Tanis (NP), 286.00;

100 butterfly: 1. Haggerty (NP), 1:00.57; 2. Brown (NP), 1:02.60; 3. Frank (E), 1:02.89;

100 freestyle: 1. Evans (NP), 53.85; 2. Baur (NP), 54.50; 3. Young (E), 57.06;

500 freestyle: 1. Hartmann (NP), 5:24.71; 2. Caroline Gillespie (NP), 5:31.67; 3. Samantha Mull (E), 5:36.61;

200 freestyle relay: 1. North Penn (DiStefano, Baur, O'Neill, Evans), 1:39.40; 2. Emmaus, 1:44.93; 3. North Penn, 1:47.55;

100 backstroke: 1. DiStefano (NP), 59.44; 2. Zartman (NP), 59.54; 3. Kaitlin Hur (E), 1:03.06;

100 breaststroke: 1. Shannon Quinn (NP), 1:14.32; 2. Caroline Miller (NP), 1:14.81; 3. Lydia Garton (E), 1:14.82;

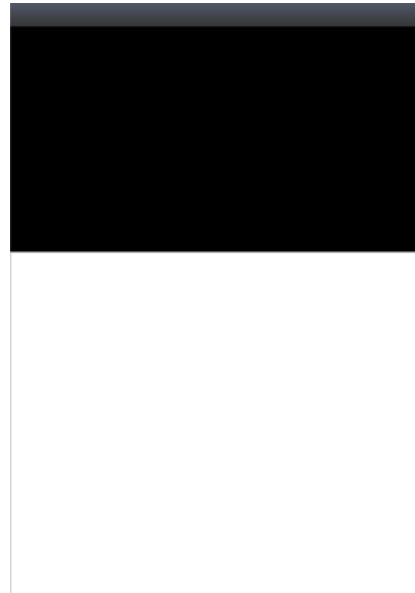
400 freestyle relay: 1. North Penn (Baur, DiStefano, Zartman, Evans), 3:43.12; 2. Emmaus, 3:49.67; 3. Emmaus, 4:00.73.

Records: Emmaus (7-3); North Penn (12-0).

afraid (and won't) shy away from any kind of competition. Olivia won districts last year and finished in the top eight at states in the back, and Megan went right at her."

The Knights' win included a near record in diving, as senior Quinn Mitchell missed by less than a point of breaking the mark that's been on the books since 1998. He finished with 333.5 points and was awarded four 9s along the way.

"I was a little disappointed being so close; I would much rather have been at 320 instead of 333.5, but I still thought I had a great meet," Mitchell said. "Last year, we had four boys who were state qualifiers, and I happened to be one of them. About halfway through last season, it started coming together for me. But this performance really boosts my confidence. There are still records up there, and I'm going to keep trying to get them."



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