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By Bill Keen Staff writer

TOWAMANCIN — A senior and a freshman walked into Rick Carroll Natatorium Saturday and both walked out with a pair of record-setting performances.

North Penn's Olivia DiStefano and Pennridge's Morgan Scott each won two events in pool-record times at the Suburban One League Continental Conference girls swimming championships.

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DiStefano made Scott's teammate, Hannah Zurmuhl, a former record-holder when she won the 50-yard freestyle in 23.85 seconds, but her 56.40 in the backstroke was nearly two seconds better than Hatboro-Horsham senior Haley Sutton. It also erased a 2011 mark set by a swimmer from Emmaus.

"I've been trying for that record all season," the senior said. "It was my last race here at this pool, so I was aiming for that. It definitely feels good taking another team rival's (record) down.

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Diving: 1. Marie Yacopino (North Penn), 511.50; 2. Madison Tanis (North Penn), 468.60; 3. Taylor Bennett (Quakertown), 461.15;

100 butterfly: 1. Brittany Weiss (Pennridge), 56.77; 2. Anna Haggerty (North Penn), 59.19; 3. Natalie Keck (Central Bucks South), 1:00.80;

100 freestyle: 1. Kailyn Evans (North Penn), 51.49; 2. Hannah Zurmuhl (Pennridge), 52.90; 3. Aimee Baur (North Penn), 53.08;

500 freestyle: 1. Morgan Scott (Pennridge), 5:00.01 (pool record); 2. Heather Hartmann (North Penn), 5:13.12; 3. Caroline Gillespie (North Penn), 5:17.56;

200 freestyle relay: 1. North Penn (Kailyn Evans, Aimee Baur, Leah Brown, Olivia DiStefano), 1:35.96 (pool record); 2. Central Bucks East, 1:37.63; 3. Central Bucks South, 1:41.36;

100 backstroke: 1. Olivia DiStefano (North Penn), 56.40 (pool record); 2. Haley Sutton (Hatboro-Horsham), 58.48; 3. Megan Zartman (North Penn), 58.49;

100 breaststroke: 1. Brittany Weiss (Pennridge), 1:04.38 (pool record); 2. Hannah Wittman (Central Bucks East), 1:05.53; 3. Erin O'Neill (North Penn), 1:07.03;

400 freestyle relay: 1. North Penn (Aimee Baur, Olivia DiStefano, Erin O'Neill, Kailyn Evans), 3:28.24 (pool record); 2. Pennridge, 3:31.97; 3. Central Bucks East, 3:36.13.

"In the 50, I was definitely thinking about Hannah Zurmuhl right next to me, because I know she's really fast. I wanted to get off the blocks quickly, and that was the key."

Both of Scott's victories also broke marks held by girls from Emmaus.

"The (200 free) record was on my mind, but I just wanted to get my best time as a high school swimmer," said the freshman, whose 1:50.51 brought cheers from an excellent crowd. "If I got the record, I would be happy with it. I could feel it on my last lap. At that point, I wanted it."

She admitted her 5:00.01 in the 500 was just a tiny bit frustrating because she didn't break 5 minutes, considering how she brought it home.

"Once you hit a pace, you just keep it, and I had extra gas at the end," she said. "I'm really super confident because I didn't think I would do well at this meet and, now that I have, I'm excited for districts."

Pennridge's Brittany Weiss just missed the record in the butterfly held by Souderton great Paige Whitmire, but beat Central Bucks East's Hannah Wittman in the breaststroke and snapped Wittman's 2013 mark.

"I just wanted to go out there and try to do my best," Weiss said. "I wasn't expecting (the record), because I wasn't tapered and I wasn't feeling good, so I was really happy with it."

Wittman missed her own 2013 record while winning the individual medley. She took the lead from North Penn



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freshman Megan Zartman on the breaststroke despite trailing by three body lengths going in.

"I was concerned because I saw the lead she had, and I didn't know if I was going to have time to make it all up," Wittman said. "I knew breaststroke is where I usually have to kick it in, and I went into overdrive to catch up to her."

The race for the team title of the meet and the overall season was no surprise. North Penn was a dominating first in both, with Hatboro-Horsham second.

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Four family members and their three cats escaped a fire in their Warrington home Thursday night, township fire officials said.



Council Rock students talk to astronaut aboard International Space Station

From almost 250 miles in space, the voice of Italian astronaut Samantha Christoforetti resonated Thursday afternoon through the auditorium of Council Rock High School South in Northampton.



After the cold, several inches of snow expected for Saturday

Once we get through the potentially record-breaking cold, some areas could receive up to 6 inches of snow on Saturday.

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Oh, and no mention to NP breaking the 200 free relay record! Pretty incomplete reporting of an awesome event!

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So sad that kudos was not given to Pennridge breaking the pool record in the 200 MR, Weiss from Pennridge breaking the pool record in the 100 breast and NP breaking the pool record in the 400 Free Relay! There were more fantastic swims by all today...so sad you only focused on two swimmers!

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