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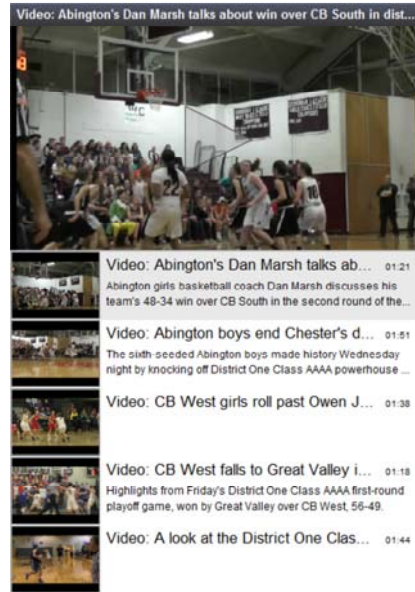
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### DIVING: North Penn sweeps conference diving titles

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#### SOL Continental diving championships

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By Tom Pfaff Correspondent

TOWAMENCIN — North Penn's Marie Yacopino and Quinton Mitchell each set records Wednesday night for their respective Suburban One League Continental Conference Championships in boys and girls diving.

#### Girls

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

#### Boys

1. Quinton Mitchell (North Penn), 498.00 points; 2. Nash Nickerson (CB South), 497.20; 3. Bryce Hoch (North Penn), 483.25

With 511.50 points, Yacopino, a junior, broke the SOL Continental mark she had set in winning last year as a sophomore (468.15) and became the first female diver to surpass 500 points in the North Penn pool.

With 498.00 points, Mitchell, a senior, broke the previous SOL Continental mark, set in 2011 by Souderton's Ozzie Moyer, by only 0.75 points.

Mitchell needed every last fraction of a point to hold off Central Bucks South junior Nash Nickerson, who finished second with 497.20 points.

Those were the biggest highlights for North Penn, as the Knights took four of the top five spots: Mitchell, then sophomore Bryce Hoch in third place (483.25); sophomore Ian Boland Bintner fourth (472.90); and junior Mason Smalls fifth (463.25).

The Maidens took three of the top six spots with Yacopino, then senior Madison Tanis in second place (468.60) and freshman Rachael Fisher sixth (417.90).

Yacopino said she was glad for her individual achievement, along with her teammates' solid finish, a good start to the postseason.

"It's cool to see progress throughout the season," Yacopino said. "It's also cool to see all the hard work paying off. ... This is my favorite part of the season, the most exciting."

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Tanis edged Quakertown freshman Taylor Bennett, who finished third (461.15).

Yacopino said she wasn't so surprised by Bennett's performance.

"I think (Bennett) is an awesome diver, and I think she is going to do really well in her high school career," Yacopino said. "If she is getting third place as a freshman, you can only imagine how well she'll do by her senior year."

Central Bucks West took the next two spots, as sophomore Sarah Stim finished fourth (435.15) and senior Kelly Magri placed fifth (419.80).

Mitchell was glad to have won a competition that became quite close at the end.

"I wish I could have scored a little higher, because I messed up on my last dive," Mitchell said of that challenging dive with a 2.8 degree of difficulty. "Thank God it didn't cost me."

Nickerson, who was fifth after the five-round preliminaries, had moved into second place by the end of the semifinals, trailing by less than 15 points.

"(Nickerson) is a great competitor, and I've dealt with Nash since I was 9 years old, so I know how great of a diver he is," Mitchell said.

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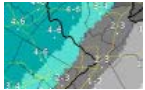
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