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## DIVING: North Penn's Yacopino wins district title

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By Karen Sangillo Staff writer

TOWAMENCIN — North Penn junior Marie Yacopino led from start to finish Monday to capture her first District One Class AAA diving title at North Penn's Rick Carroll Natatorium.

Yacopino posted a score of 512.50 points over 11 dives to break the district record of 483.25, set last year by Corey Johnson of Upper Dublin. She also broke her own school and pool record of 511.50, set on Feb. 11.

For her efforts she received the Roy Moose award for posting the highest overall score of the meet. But her strong performance belied her true feelings.

"I was actually pretty nervous," said Yacopino, who was the runner-up last year. "I don't know why but I always get nervous for these 11 dive meets.

"I know I'm capable but I also know there's always something that could come up that could change the outcome, so it's important to do your best every time. I love that the meet was at my home pool because that's an awesome advantage. I'm so familiar with the boards.

"Now I'm really looking forward to states. I have confidence from winning this but I know I'll still be nervous."

She will be joined at the state competition by two of her teammates. Maidens' senior Madison Tanis finished fifth (450.25) and freshman Rachael Fisher was eighth (458.05).

Quakertown freshman Taylor Bennett will be going to her first state meet by virtue of her fourth-place finish (458.55).

Central Bucks West has a pair of state qualifiers. Sophomore Sarah Stim finished sixth (419.75) and senior Kelly Magri took seventh (412.25).

In Class AA, Upper Moreland senior Shannon Chambers took the district crown (338.60). She was third after the preliminaries and second after the semifinals.

"I'm definitely looking forward to states now," Chambers said. "My goal was to get back there. I was getting nervous because I had to finish in the top two so that was stressful but I made it. Last year I went to states and it was a good experience so I'm excited to be going back."

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Teammate Colleen Rodrigues, a sophomore, took second (337.10) and freshman Kaylee Hermann was fourth (320.15).

The top eight finishers in Class AAA and the top two in Class AA advance to the PIAA meet, to be held March 11-14 at Bucknell University's Kinney Natatorium.

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