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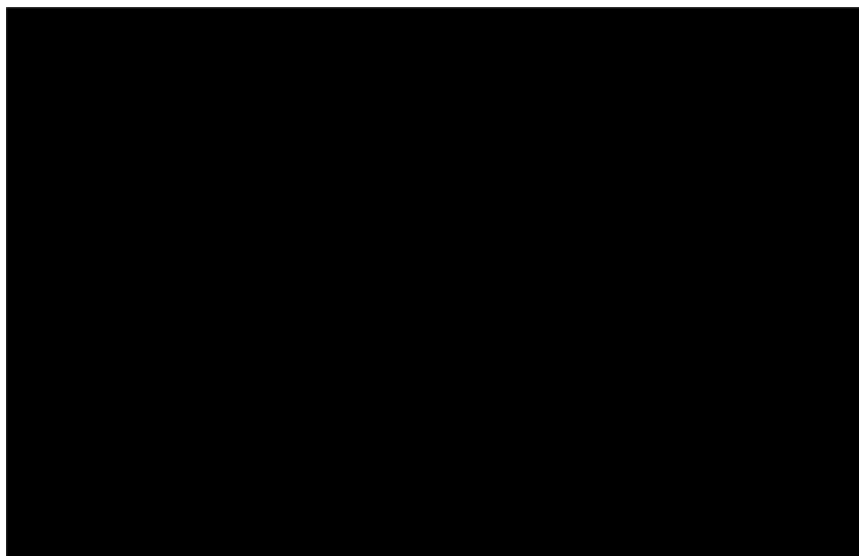
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By Bill Keen Staff writer

PHILADELPHIA — One could attend the District One Class AAA boys swimming championships for a lot of years and not see a more dramatic Day 1 finish.

The instant Perkiomen Valley anchor Kyle Dix touched the wall to close out his team's win in the fourth and final heat of the 200-yard freestyle relay, everyone connected to North Penn went ballistic.

The Knights, whose 1-minute, 29.74-second seed time was only eighth best in the field, won heat No. 3 with a blistering 1:26.07. Perk Valley's 1:27.21 left the Vikings in second and had North Penn coach Jeff Faikish jumping for joy.

"I was watching every split go by and comparing them to us," said Faikish, whose team holds a commanding lead in the team standings with 242 points to the 102 for second-place Upper Dublin. "As (the last heat's teams) are coming in, I'm like, 'Oh my gosh, oh my gosh,' and as the last kids are diving in, I realized mathematically it was possible.

"I looked at their (final) time and turned around to (North Penn girls coach) Matt Weiser and (assistant) Jason Grubb and I go, 'What was our time? Was the best time our 1:26?' and they said, 'Yes, we won that from that heat.'



Chloe Elmer/Staff Photographer

AAA boys 200 yard individual medley winner Michael Thomas, Hatboro-Horsham, middle, stands with runners-up Thanas Kountroubis, North Penn, right, and third placer Connor Doyle, left, of Pennsbury, during the District One boys swimming championships at La Salle University in Philadelphia on Thursday, February 26, 2015.

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**Team scores (through Thursday)**

1. Lower Moreland, 187 points; 2. Upper Moreland, 170; 3. Springfield (Montco), 189; 4. Bishop Shanahan, 135; 5. Holy Ghost Prep, 134; 6. Pottsgrove, 108; 7. Upper Perkiomen, 86; 7. Pottstown, 20; 9. Calvary Christian, 17; 10. Sun Valley, 8.

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Springfield (Montco) (Jake Corcoran, Tyler Chamberlin, Ben Wiley, Wyatt Ford), 1:40.99; 2. Lower Moreland, 1:44.87; 3. Holy Ghost Prep, 1:45.20; 4. Bishop Shanahan, 1:45.30; 5. Upper Moreland, 1:52.56; 6. Pottsgrove, 1:53.60;

**200 freestyle:** 1. Connor Killion (Lower Moreland), 1:44.88; 2. Owen Robinson (Calvary Christian), 1:47.83; 3. Kevin Basch (Pottsgrove), 1:47.89; 4. Danny Giampietro (Springfield Montco), 1:48/40; 5. John Polidoro (Holy Ghost Prep), 1:50.33; 6. Dan Maxian (New Hope-Solebury), 1:50.97; 7. Tom Powell (Bishop Shanahan), 1:51.25; 8. Ben Van Meter (Springfield Montco), 1:52.41;

**200 individual medley:** 1. Brandon Umstead (Upper Perkiomen), 2:00.79; 2. Chamberlin (Springfield Montco), 2:05.12; 3. Michael Prior (Pottsgrove), 2:05.26; 4. Andrew Gorr (Bishop Shanahan), 2:09.09; 5. Chris Kelly (Lower Moreland), 2:10.57; 6. Thomas Theuer (Holy Ghost Prep), 2:13.01; 7. Connor Pietro (Lower Moreland), 2:16.19; 8. Anthony Slepsov (Lower Moreland), 2:16.30;

**50 freestyle:** 1. Anthony Gazzillo (Pottstown), 22.69; 2. Ford (Springfield Montco), 23.03; 3. Alex Perkins (Upper Moreland), 23.04; 4. Tom Seefried (Lower Moreland), 23.22; 5. Gibbins (Holy Ghost Prep), 23.28; 6. Mark Ivensky (Lower Moreland), 23.37; 7. Eric Fenstermaker (Holy Ghost Prep), 23.41; 8. Alan Sht raks (Lower Moreland), 23.48;

**100 butterfly:** 1. Olivier Nguyen (Bishop Shanahan), 53.58; 2. Ivan Escott (Pope John Paul II), 56.07; 3. Daniel Shevelev (Lower Moreland), 56.66; 4. Gorr (Bishop Shanahan), 57.04; 5. Ben Wiley (Springfield Montco), 57.57; 6. Ryan Mercado (Upper Perkiomen), 58.42; 7. Tyler Reed (Upper Perkiomen), 58.76; 8. Brenden Eagen (Holy Ghost Prep), 58.97;

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Springfield (Montco) (Ford, Wiley, Corcoran, Giampietro), 1:30.41; 2. Bishop Shanahan, 1:33.21; 3. Upper Moreland, 1:33.29; 4. Upper Perkiomen, 1:35.15; 5. Lower Moreland, 1:35.35; 6. Pottsgrove, 1:35.70; 7. Holy Ghost Prep, 1:37.60.

**Class AAA**

**Team scores (through Thursday)**

1. North Penn, 242; 2. Upper Dublin, 102; 3. Council Rock North, 91; 4. Radnor, 85; 5. Wissahickon, 71; 6. Perkiomen Valley, 65; 7. (tie) Hatboro-Horsham and Souderton, 71; 9. Pennsbury, 58; 10. Owen J. Roberts, 56.

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. North Penn (Corey Smith, Thanas Kountroubis, Liam Kelly, Brett Else), 1:34.35; 2. Upper Dublin, 1:34.54; 3. Owen J. Roberts, 1:37.91; 4. Council Rock North, 1:37.93; 5. Pennsbury, 1:38.13; 6. Methacton, 1:38.28; 7. Conestoga, 1:38.42; 8. Souderton, 1:38.44;

**200 freestyle:** 1. Michael Jensen (Upper Dublin), 1:38.85 (meet record, previous record 1:39.40 by Shane P. Ryan, Haverford, 2011); 2. Mike Kern (North Penn), 1:42.26; 3. Tim Caulfield (Radnor), 1:43.27; 4. Doug Boehme (Wissahickon), 1:43.73; 5. Else (North Penn), 1:44.31; 6. Logan Thorneloe

"All the parents and the kids started chanting, 'North Penn. On man, it was an incredible feeling.'"

The stunning win competed a day that included victory in the opening medley relay, Liam Kelly's gold in the 50 freestyle and second-place finishes by Mike Kern in the 200 free and Thanas Kountroubis in the individual medley.

Senior Brett Else swam the anchor in the medley relay and held off Upper Dublin's Alex Flynn.

"I let Liam take over the butterfly (leg) and he brought it home," Else said. "The last lap, I breathed once to my left and I didn't get to see (Flynn), so I didn't know where he was. I just touched that wall and hoped I touched first."

Kelly had an outstanding start in the 50 and pulled away from a three-man pack with 10 yards remaining.

"I've been (practicing) explosive starts all day, and I felt I had a great start," said Kelly, who might have been the shortest starter in the heat. "I have a mind-set where height doesn't matter. Just give everything you have, and hopefully you'll get to the wall first."

Kountroubis was a distant second behind the 1:48.50 posted by Hatboro-Horsham's Michael Thomas, who just missed breaking his 1:48.21 district record set last year.

"My coach (Kip Emig) told me my opening leg was a 23.1," Thomas said. "I wasn't really planning on any specific splits coming in, I just wanted to swim my race and feel good, feel dominant, and that's what I did."

In Class AA, Upper Moreland's 170 points has the Golden Bears a close second behind Lower Moreland's 187, but just one point ahead of third-place Springfield Montco. The Bears' best finishes were thirds by Alex Perkins in the 50 free and the 200 free relay.

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(Perkiomen Valley), 1:44.40; 7. Quentin Cody (Downingtown East), 1:44.76; 8. Aiden Daly (North Penn), 1:45.51;

**200 individual medley:** 1. Michael Thomas (Hatboro-Horsham), 1:48.50; 2. Kountroubis (North Penn), 1:53.29; 3. Connor Doyle (Pennsbury), 1:53.71; 4. Mark Miller (Downingtown East), 1:54.00; 5. Smith (North Penn), 1:56.61; 6. Ivan Michalovic (Garnet Valley), 1:56.67; 7. Kyle Supko (North Penn), 1:56.83; 8. Collin Villari (Central Bucks East), 1:56.86;

**50 freestyle:** 1. Kelly (North Penn), 21.09; 2. Danny Knoll (Wissahickon), 21.12; 3. Kyle Dix (Perkiomen Valley), 21.17; 4. Andrew Zhugayevich (Central Bucks East), 21.22; 5. Cristian Musterait (Souderton), 21.47; 6. Jake Goroshko (Council Rock North), 21.56; 7. Colin Bauer (Owen J.Roberts), 21.64; 8. David Kneiss (Neshaminy), 21.69;

**100 butterfly:** 1. Brian McKenrick (Conestoga), 50.99; 2. EliAvart (Radnor), 51.21; 3. Andrew Woerth (Garnet Valley), 51.50; 4. Tyler Cummings (West Chester Rustin), 51.77; 5. Wyatt Amdor (Upper Dublin), 51.77; 6. Justin Carey (Avon Grove), 51.94; 7. Patrick Lance (Boyetown), 52.00; 8. (tie) Henry Mackensen, Central Bucks West, and John Libert, Kennett, 52.13;


**200 freestyle relay:** 1. North Penn (Ryan Yocum, Kelly, Kern, Harrison Friel), 1:26.07; 2. Perkiomen Valley, 1:27.21; 3. Wissahickon, 1:27.49; 4. Radnor, 1:27.85; 5. William Tennent, 1:27.86; 6. Hatboro-Horsham, 1:27.92; 7. Central Bucks East, 1:28.10; 8. Council Rock North, 1:28.28.


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