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By Bill Keen Staff writer

BUCKINGHAM — Three pool records came tumbling down Thursday when North Penn swept a Suburban One League Continental Conference double dual swimming meet from host Central Bucks East.

The Maidens' Aimee Baur, Olivia DiStefano, Erin O'Neill and Kailyn Evans closed out a 105-76 win by shattering the 400-yard freestyle relay time of 3:39.76 set by an East foursome in 2004.

"When we saw (the record), we told ourselves we had to beat it because we were really close to that time in our last few meets," said Evans, the anchor who capped the 3:35.77 effort. "We were doing 3:40 or 3:41, but going 3:35 this early in the season? I'm just so proud of all the girls."

The other two records were set as the Knights wrapped up a 97-84 victory. Thanas Kountroubis, Mike Kern, Liam Kelly and anchor Brett Else combined to win the 200 free relay in 1:28.87, topping the standard East set in 2010.

With Else swimming leadoff, the same four won the 400 free relay in 3:13.66, nearly four full seconds better than the mark a Hatboro-Horsham quartet established in 2013.

"The four of us are really close, so setting records together is what we were talking about before the 200. It's the first of many to come, hopefully," Else said. "On the 400, I hoped I could get out in front and then stay there. I did that and then left it up to the next three guys."

"Given my choice, I'd rather swim anchor because it's really exciting to bring it home, touch that wall and hear everyone cheering."

After Hannah Wittman easily beat Evans in the girls IM, sophomore Erin Lengel, who later finished second to DiStefano in the 100 free, made it two in a row for the Patriots, pulling away on the return leg to win with a 25.62 in the 50 free.

"I've always preferred shorter distances because I like going fast," Lengel said. "It challenges you to keep up your endurance, but it's also hard to work for it (in practice)."

"There are so many outstanding (sprinters) who have come through this program, and it's (a challenge) to follow in their footsteps."

East's Collin Villari stayed with Kountroubis on the opening leg of the IM before the Knights' standout

North Penn 97, Central Bucks East 84 (boys)

200-yard medley relay: 1. North Penn (Corey Smith, Alexander Holland, Aaron Jordan, Brett Else), 1:40.57; 2. Central Bucks East, 1:41.31; 3. North Penn, 1:47.28;

200 freestyle: 1. Mike Kern (NP), 1:47.26; 2. Evan Villafranca (CBE), 1:53.22; 3. Dan Powell (CBE), 1:55.15;

200 IM: 1. Thanas Kountroubis (NP), 1:56.11; 2. Collin Villari (CBE), 2:01.17; 3. Hunter McRee (CBE), 2:10.48;

50 freestyle: 1. Andrew Zhugayevich (CBE), 21.89; 2. Else (NP), 22.49; 3. Harrison Friel (NP), 23.26;

Diving: 1. Quinn Mitchell (NP), 286.30; 2. Jacob Trump (NP), 178.05; 3. Gavin Hennessey (NP), 167.25;

100 butterfly: 1. Jordan (NP), 55.96; 2. Villafranca (CBE), 57.51; 3. Riley Jongeneel (CBE), 1:03.52;

100 freestyle: 1. Zhugayevich (CBE), 47.20; 2. Kelly (NP), 49.59; 3. Cole Palumbo (NP), 51.43;

500 freestyle: 1. Kyle Supko (NP), 5:00.23; 2. Powell (CBE), 5:08.43; 3. Ryan Noseworthy (CBE), 5:26.30;

200 freestyle relay: 1. North Penn (Kountroubis, Kern, Kelly, Else), 1:28.87 (pool record); 2. North Penn, 1:32.72; 3. Central Bucks East, 1:40.41;

100 backstroke: 1. Villari (CBE), 55.76; 2. Zach Collester (CBE), 57.22; 3. David Grove (NP), 1:00.39;

100 breaststroke: 1. McRee (CBE), 1:03.63; 2. Nick Dilemma (CBE), 1:06.57; 3. Mark Dunigan (NP), 1:00.39;

400 freestyle relay: 1. North Penn (Else, Kern, Kelly, Kountroubis), 3:13.66 (pool record); 2. Central Bucks East, 3:20.37; 3. North Penn, 3:23.22.

Records: North Penn (5-0, 2-0 SOL Continental); Central Bucks East (1-3, 0-2 SOL Continental).

North Penn 105, Central Bucks East 76 (girls)

200-yard medley relay: 1. North Penn (Megan Zartman, Erin O'Neill, Anna Haggerty, Leah Brown), 1:52.60; 2. Central Bucks East, 1:54.55; 3. North Penn, 1:59.40;

200 freestyle: 1. Olivia DiStefano (NP), 2:02.42; 2. Heather Hartmann (NP), 2:04.72; 3. Iona Einset (CBE), 2:06.56;



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200 JM: 1. Hannah Wittman (CBE), 2:08.81; 2. Kailyn Evans (NP), 2:13.41; 3. Haggerty (NP), 2:18.76;

50 freestyle: 1. Erin Lengel (CBE), 25.62; 2. O'Neill (NP), 25.88; 3. Brown (NP), 25.90;

Diving: 1. Madison Tanis (NP), 252.15; 2. Rachael Fisher (NP), 215.50; 3. Kylene Gillick (CBE), 186.95;

100 butterfly: 1. Haggerty (NP), 1:01.29; 2. Caroline Cassidy (CBE), 1:03.13; 3. Lauren Griffith (CBE), 1:03.91;

100 freestyle: 1. DiStefano (NP), 54.17; 2. Lengel (CBE), 56.15; 3. O'Neill (NP), 56.61;

500 freestyle: 1. Evans (NP), 5:20.00; 2. Aimee Bauer (NP), 5:23.01; 3. Kirsten Mortimer (CBE), 5:33.00;

200 freestyle relay: 1. North Penn (Evans, Bauer, Brown, DiStefano), 1:40.10; 2. North Penn, 1:46.51; 3. Central Bucks East, 1:47.99;

100 backstroke: 1. Zartman (NP), 59.70; 2. Maeve Ellen Wydan (NP), 1:07.51; 3. Summer Holland (CBE), 1:08.92;

100 breaststroke: 1. Wittman (CBE), 1:09.58; 2. Shannon Quinn (NP), 1:15.10; 3. Sarah Sheahan (CBE), 1:15.22;

400 freestyle relay: 1. North Penn (Bauer, DiStefano, O'Neill, Evans), 3:35.77 (pool record); 2. Central Bucks East, 3:44.84; 3. North Penn, 4:00.62.

Records: North Penn (5-0, 2-0 SOL Continental); Central Bucks East (2-2, 0-2 SOL Continental).

pulled away to win easily. Villari came back to win his specialty, the backstroke, in 55.76, with teammate Zach Collester pushing him in second.

"I'm very happy with my backstroke time because that's my best this year," Villari said. "It surprised me when I touched the wall and saw how I did in an untapered meet.

"I guess I'm getting better because, in the practices, the coaches are working us really hard. I hoped I would eventually get here, but I never really thought I would get here this early in the schedule."

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Abington police are seeking the public's help in locating a man who robbed a 7-Eleven at gunpoint at about 9:20 p.m. Wednesday.



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