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WATER POLO: North Penn doubles up Wiss

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LOWER GYWNEDD — The North Penn girls water polo team had several players become scoring threats on Tuesday evening, even the Maidens' own goalie.

By the time Katie Patterson fired in a shot from across the length of the Wissahickon pool to beat the third-quarter buzzer, the Maidens were well on their way to a 13-4 win over the Trojans in an impressive display.

The North Penn boys followed that effort up by holding off a tough challenge from the Wissahickon boys, to the final count of 14-8.

"We're getting there," the Maidens' Mary Morris said. "We have a lot of new up-and-coming people, so there's a lot of potential there. It will just take a lot of focus. We're getting there."

The two-time defending state champion Maidens got a pair of goals from Morris, a senior, a hat trick from junior Brooke Else, and — like Morris said — some youngsters also contributed in the victory that pushed NP's record to 8-1.

Sophomores Tess O'Neill and Jenn Halcovage each scored twice, helping the Maidens build a commanding 10-1 lead. The defense - keyed by Aspen Trautz and Morris - allowed few scoring opportunities for Wiss.

Trautz, a sophomore, and Morris each had four steals to make things easier for Patterson, who made six saves to go along with her goal.

The North Penn boys jumped out to a 6-0 lead in their contest, which wound up being the difference against a high-powered Wiss attack. Jack Morris' six goals were a game-high for the Knights (7-2).

"Any time you can leave Wissahickon with a win, it's a good day," North Penn coach Jason Grubb said. "We knew Carl (Krause) was their best shooter, and if you give him space, he's gonna score. He's a good shooter...We've had a decent week. We still have some things to clean up, but we're hoping to keep improving and do well at the Beast of the East (this weekend)."

The Knights got a boost from senior Cris Anton, who was playing his first game of the season. Kevin Dunigan's shooting also gave the attack a lift.

Krause helped the Trojans keep coming back, getting to within 6-3 and 7-4 before North Penn pulled away.

"He had an awesome game," Trojans coach John High said. "He has a brother that plays college water polo, so Carl was playing against a lot of college players over the summer and really putting a lot of time in. And with Evan Hutsell, he and Carl provide a great combination for us."

Hutsell chipped in with a goal for the Trojans, who will also compete at Beast of the East this weekend. Both the NP and Wiss girls squads will be making the trip as well.

Boys Water Polo

North Penn 14, Wissahickon 8

North Penn 6 0 6 2 — 14

Wissahickon 0 2 4 2 — 8

Multiple scorers: NP-Jack Morris 6; Jason Deana 3; Kevin Dunigan 2; W-Carl Krause 5.

Saves: Jeremy Smith (NP) 7; Tom Ruser (W) 7.

Girls Water Polo

North Penn 13, Wissahickon 4

North Penn 1 5 4 3 — 13

Wissahickon 1 0 0 3 — 4

Multiple scorers: NP-Brooke Else 3; Tess O'Neill 2; Mary Morris 2; Jenn Halcovage 2.

Saves: NP-Katie Patterson 6; Jen Barrett 1.

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