

East girls swimming opens season 2-0

Williamsville East girls swimming opened its defense of the ECIC Division II title with wins at Iroquois, 63-38 and Starpoint, 109-76, last week.

Double winners for East against Starpoint were senior Jennifer Anthonie (200-yard freestyle, 2:00.59; 100 free, 55.15), junior Janelle Munroe (200 IM, 220.38, broke own school record in 100 back, 102.81), and freshman Bailey

Woodling (50 free, 25.41; 100 butterfly, 101.36). East also won all three relays: 200 medley- Munroe, Ostanski, Kelsey Bradbury, Woodling, 157.72; 200 free - Anthonie, Tori Mayer, Ostanski, Woodling, 146.01; and 400 free- Anthonie, Munroe, Bradbury, Mayer, 351.34.

East coach Mike Doerfler said Mayer swam a personal best 204.80 to place second in the 200 free and Ostanski won

the 100 breast with a personal best time of 118.40.

Doerfler also said Taylor Castle and Jessica McNulty helped East win valuable points in diving.

Against Iroquois, Ostanski swam personal best swims in the 100 free (103.3) and at the time, the 100 breast (118.91). Mayer swam personal best times in the 200 IM (226.72) and 100 fly (105.85).

At a quad meet at Clarence earlier this season, East's 400 free relay of Munroe, Woodling, Mayer and Anthonie set a school record with a time of 345.20. The old record was 345.23.

East swam at Maryvale Tuesday but results were unavailable before The Bee went to press. They host Amherst at 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 29 at Transit Middle School.

Amherst beats South, evens record at 1-1

The Amherst Central varsity girls swimming won their first dual meet of the year, splashing to a close 52-49 victory over Williamsville South on Tuesday, Sept. 19. The win evens Amherst's record at 1-1.

Amherst's Michelle Niblock had two impressive victories, winning the 200 IM and touching first in the 100-yard butterfly in a fast 1:05.6. The other double winner for the Lady Tigers was Brianne Burton (500 free, 100 breaststroke).

Sarah Masters picked up where she left off last year,

winning the diving competition and easily qualifying for the Section VI Championships in November.

The foursome of Burton, Niblock, Kaelyn Sullivan and Ellie Poleon teamed up to win the 200 medley and free relays. The 400 free relay team of Betsy Winkler, Emma O'Connor, Poleon and Sullivan turned in a fine performance, finishing second.

"We were a bit surprised by the strength of the South team this year," said Amherst coach Kim Skomra. "They are definitely a team on the rise."

Personal best times were recorded by Melissa Tschamler (100 fly), Emilie Byrd (100 free), Jen Burke (100 back), Allie Bauer (100 breast) and Kristin Scaringi (200 free).

"To have so many girls swim best times so early in the season is a good sign, said Skomra. "We look for this to continue."

Amherst faced Pioneer Tuesday but results were unavailable before The Bee went to press. They face Williamsville East at 6 p.m. Friday at Transit Middle School.

St. Benedict's defeats St. Edmund's, wins first of year

St. Benedict's swim team defeated St. Edmund's on Sept. 17 in the first meet of the 2006 Newman Catholic Swim League season.

St. Benedict's 8-and-under group dominated with seven first places. Winners included:

medley relay - Katie Fickhesen, Connor Parish, Sean Andrews and David Matthew;

individual medley - Andrews; 25 free - Mackenzie Mcdermid; 25 fly - Andrews; 50 free - Anthony Maisano; 25 back - Fickhesen; free relay - Maisano, Hanna Floss, Parish and Elizabeth Phinney.

St. Benedict's 9-10 group had three first place finishes. They were: medley relay - Sarah Parish, Grace Garlick, Patricia Andrews and Kyra Sweeney; 50 free -

Sweeney; 50 breast - Andrews.

The 11-and-older group had two wins - individual medley - Julian Cavanaugh; 100 free - Mary O'Rourke.

St. Edmund's first place finishers included - 8-and-under: H. Skoney (25 breast), 9-10: Daniel Fleming (IM, 50 free), David Hazelet (25 fly, 25 back), free relay (Julie Flemming, Jeremy Richardo, Victoria

Knobloch and Daniel Flemming); 11-and-older: L. Gennaro (200 free); T. Greene, A. Skoney, B. Demchick and E. Park (medley relay), A. Skoney (50 free, breast), Christine Hazlett (50 fly), T. Greene (50 back), L. Gennaro, A. Skoney, B. Demchick and E. Park (free relay).

St. Benedict's takes on Nardin on Sept. 24.

St. Gregory the Great swimmers roar past St. Mary's of Lancaster

St. Gregory the Great's swim team showed talent and depth with a decisive 196-53 victory over St. Mary's of Lancaster last Sunday.

The highlights of the meet were five broken school records. In the 11-and-older division, the medley relay team of Patrick Munroe, Jeff Ahrens, Alec Pokornowski and Leia Federiconi smashed the old school record by 6.5 seconds to finish in first place with a 2:04.52. Federiconi was on fire in the 50 breaststroke, breaking the girls' record with a 35.79.

Ahrens broke the boys' 50 breast record with an impressive 36.23. Pokornowski broke an 11-year old 200 freestyle record last week with a 2:05.66 and the 200 freestyle relay team of Pokornowski, Ahrens, Federiconi and Munroe slashed the school record with a fantastic 1:49.58 first place finish.

In the 9-10 division, Daniel Dirrigl showed his strength by breaking the boys' 50 butterfly

record in 39.41.

The 8-and-under division had great success with many first and second place finishes. Abby Shanahan took a first in the 100 IM and a second in the 25 fly. Alexa Bradley had first in the 25 fly and second in the 100 IM. Michael Tierney added two second places in the 25 and 50 free. Madeline Stamm took first in the 25 breast with Maeve Christ taking first in the 50 free and 25 back.

The medley relay of Christ, Stamm, Bradley and Tierney put up a first place win with second place finishers Caitlin Dwyer, Ryan Downing, Abby Shanahan and Olivia Vasquez close behind. The freestyle relay of Downing, Dwyer, Vasquez and Margaret Niederpruem finished first and Emma Murphy, Kendal Rehak, Julia Tudor and Emma Gervase came in second.

St. Gregory's 9-10 division starred Anna Rubino in two first place finishes - 100 IM and 50

back. Dirrigl took first in the 50 fly with Rena Steinig taking first in the 100 free and second in the 50 fly. Billy Christ and Allan Collins finished with a 1,2 punch in the 50 free. Both 9-10 relays took first place with the medley relay of Rubino, Olivia Macdonald, Steinig and Christ followed by the freestyle relay of Christ, Allan Collins, James Pokornowski and Dirrigl.

The 11-and-over division could not be beat, finishing first and second in every event. Patrick Munroe and Stephen Tramosch

put up strong first and second place finishes in the 200 free.

Federiconi and Theresa Munroe coasted to a first and second in the 200 IM. Ahrens and Mike Arena followed up with a first and second in the 50 free. Caroline Niederpruem and Diana Donnarumma teamed up to take the top spots in the 50 fly with Alec Pokornowski and Margaret Christ finishing first and second in the 100 free. Christina Seminara and Taylore Passero touched .3 seconds apart to win the 50 back. Christ and Kristen

Hennessey took top points in the 50 breast. In addition to the two record breaking first place finishes in the medley and freestyle relays, there was the second place medley relay of Munroe, Christ, Niederpruem and Donnarumma. Rounding out the very successful day was a second place for the freestyle relay of Niederpruem, Munroe, Donnarumma and Arena.

St. Gregory the Great takes on SS. Peter and Paul at 3 p.m. Sunday, October 1 at Sweet Home High School.

DeSales overwhelms SSPP in Catholic League meet

Don't look now but there's a new powerhouse in the Neuman Catholic Swim League.

SS. Peter & Paul of Williamsville on Sunday felt the full brunt of DeSales Catholic's emergence as a legitimate contender as the best all-around team in the NCSL as the Lockport team

overwhelmed SSPP, 166-83.

Not only did DeSales win 17 of 25 events, it also took second place in 16 races, underscoring the team's tremendous depth and talent.

SSPP won four of seven individual races in the 11-ups, with Rachel Kuechle taking the

200-yard free, Maury Fields (100 free), Laura Brick (50 back), and Max Roehmholdt (50 breast).

Fields (200 individual medley), Brick (50 free) and Kuechle (50 butterfly) also earned second place finishes while third-place finishes were recorded by Kath-

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