

Spartan swimmers overpower WLAA

Livonia Stevenson paraded its band of All-American swimmers in front of the rest of the league at the Plymouth Salem pool Saturday and carried off an easy victory in the third annual Western Lakes Relay.

Led by All-Americans Mary Schoenle, Sherrie Sudek, Kathy Sullivan and Sheila Turmelina, the Spartans amassed 105 points. Second-place Salem had 87.

"I really didn't know what to ex-

pect," said Stevenson coach Lois McDonald. "But, everyone came through. Everybody cut down their times."

Of the 10 events, Stevenson won five. "STEVENSON IS better than ever," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "They swam awfully good. They didn't lose any state qualifiers."

"Our goal was to shoot for second and get as close as we could to Livonia Stevenson."

North baseball coach resigns

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"YES, LOSING is part of it. I simply abominate losing. I guess I shouldn't emphasize winning so much, but that's how I was raised. I cannot tolerate losing," he said.

The news of Maxwell's resignation will undoubtedly be met with thunderous applause throughout the NSL. To say that Maxwell was disliked by the five other NSL coaches would be an understatement.

"Tony Wenison (Farmington's baseball coach) once told me he was the only coach in the state that liked me," Maxwell said with a laugh. "Hey, when you win, people hate you."

It wasn't so much that Maxwell won, it was how he won.

"People have told me that I embarrass other coaches, make them look bad," he said. "I guess that's true."

Maxwell is an aggressive coach. His teams run, run, and run regardless of the situation.

"I remember one game, we were down by two runs in the last inning. We had guys on first and second with two out. My fastest runner was on second, so I had them steal. They did. I heard some scout say that what I did was stupid. You're not supposed to steal when you're behind. Hell with that. With guys on first and second, I had two hits to tie the game. They steal, all I need is one base hit," he said.

MAXWELL'S BRASH, outspoken manner has also infuriated other coaches, and even those at his own school.

"I speak my mind. I may not always be right, but if I feel I'm right, and I have the facts to back it up, I won't back down," Maxwell said. "I've had numerous run-ins with Ron Holland — and I have a ton of respect for him. But, we've had our disagreements."

He went out with a bang at last year's NSL league meeting. After announcing he was retiring, he promptly told the other coaches that they had no idea how to run a meeting, that they lied and policed, and that he felt it was a damn shame.

"I just don't like any of those guys," he said. Here's what he had to say about some of his fellow coaches:

• Fred Crissey, Plymouth Canton: "I hate him. I only played him one time, he beat me 3-1 on a wind-blown home run. After the game, he told some reporter that the reason his team won was because they played better fundamental baseball. I've never said that about another coach in my life and I've played against some poor fundamental teams."

• Emil Majeski, Redford Thurston: "A very nice guy. But, he turns into a snake at the all-league meetings. He's out for his players and nothing else. I told him that, too."

• Bob Dropp, Garden City: "He's a bleep. I told him that in the parking lot last year. He said he wouldn't vote for Jon Sonbay (North's third baseman last year) for all-league because he was on a losing team. I told him he was screwing the kid and that he was a bleep for doing it."

• John Harrington, Farmington Harrison: "A real gentleman. One of the few guys I like." FOR ALL HIS sass, however, one thing remains constant about Jerry Maxwell — he was a sound baseball coach. He knew the game. He was respected by his players and by most college scouts who watched his teams play. And most importantly, Maxwell built a winning baseball tradition at North.

Maxwell fielded his finest team in 1978. Led by such players as Barry Balbes and Gregg Hughes, the Raiders of that year went 19-3. In 1980, the Raiders survived a poor 5-4 start to win the league and district championships en route to an 18-6 record. Matt Rudd, Rich Nutter and Rex Baker were the key players on that team.

Maxwell, despite his clashes with area coaches, has always managed to win and keep the respect of his players. "That's what I'll miss most about coaching," he said.

Drew Mahalik is one of the best-known athletes ever to come out of North. The All-American starred at North and at Notre Dame before playing in the National Football League. He has been coached by some great men: Holland at North, A. Parschian at Notre Dame, and Dick Vermier with the Philadelphia Eagles. Yet, on the wall in Maxwell's home is a plaque given to him by Mahalik. On it is inscribed: "To Jerry Maxwell, the greatest football coach I ever had."

Maxwell coached him in eighth grade. Kind of says something about Maxwell, doesn't it.

Mission accomplished. Salem got a first from its 200 breaststroke team — Cindy Elliott, Sue Bennett, Kirsten Laderach and Mary Sow — with a 2:28.94. The Rocks got another first from its 200 freestyle team. Jenny Barr, Laderach, Heather Bunch and Sow went 1:59.31.

Salem's divers, Lynette Poole and Cory Silver took first with 32.10 points. The area's premier diver of a year ago, Farmington's Katie Macintosh, didn't compete. Her partner was unable to dive, thus disqualifying Farmington in the event.

Plymouth Canton won two events. Kelly Kirk, Michelle Stackpole, Mar-

garet Gilligan and Glinnie Johnson won the 200 backstroke in 2:03.70. And Julie Reimenschneider, Bridget Dally, Johnson and Lynn Massey went 2:04.94 to take the 200 medley.

THIRD ANNUAL WESTERN LAKES CONFERENCE GIRLS SWIM RELAYS

Started at Plymouth Salem

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 105 points; 2. Plymouth Salem, 87; 3. Plymouth Canton, 82; 4. Farmington Harrison, 41; 5. Northville, 38; 6. Livonia Churchill, 35; 7. Livonia Bentley, 24; 8. Farmington, 20; 9. Walled Lake Central, 14.

RELAY RESULTS

400-yard medley: 1. Stevenson (K. Sullivan, M. Schoenle, C. Schwartz and A. Harrison), 4:24.82; 2. Salem, 4:38.58; 3. Churchville, 4:47.17; 4. Northville, 5:01.97; 5. Central, 5:04.66.

400 freestyle: 1. Stevenson (J. Dunham, M. McKenzie, M. Budek and E. Budek), 3:48.73 (best record); 2. Harrison, 4:01.00; 3. Bentley, 4:06.45; 4. Salem, 4:09.35; 5. Northville, 4:34.46; 6. Canton, 4:39.09.

200 breaststroke: 1. Salem (C. Elliott, B. Bennett, K. Laderach and M. Sow), 2:28.94; 2. Stevenson, 2:32.21; 3. Canton, 2:32.72; 4. Northville, 2:35.33; 5. Harrison, 2:44.87; 6. Farmington, 2:48.60.

200 backstroke: 1. Canton (K. Kirk, M. Bunch, M. Gilligan and G. Johnson), 2:13.72; 2. Farmington, 2:17.11; 3. Stevenson, 2:18.57; 4. Harrison, 2:20.75; 5. Northville, 2:38.22; 6. Central, 2:44.78.

200 butterfly: 1. Stevenson (K. Sullivan, H. Jackson, B. Turmelina and J. Dunham), 1:52.84; 2. Salem, 2:00.68; 3. Northville, 2:11.55; 4. Bentley, 2:19.02; 5. Churchville, 2:22.82.

Diving: 1. Salem (L. Poole and C. Gill), 332.10 points; 2. Churchville, 300.00; 3. Central,

203.65; 4. Stevenson, 290.65; 5. Canton, 278.65; 6. Harrison, 248.05.

400 individual medley: 1. Stevenson (A. Harrison, M. McKenzie, M. Budek and E. Budek), 4:28.47; 2. Salem, 4:40.02; 3. Churchville, 4:47.36; 4. Canton, 4:51.90; 5. Northville, 4:53.71; 6. Farmington, 5:07.76.

Cross-country: 1. Stevenson (H. Harrington, A. Jackson, B. Budek and M. Schoenle), 4:54.73; 2. Harrison, 5:10.31; 3. Bentley, 5:15.02; 4. Salem, 5:20.75; 5. Central, 5:37.24; 6. Churchville, 5:56.72.

200 medley: 1. Canton (J. Reimenschneider, B. Dally, G. Johnson and L. Massey), 2:04.94; 2. Bentley, 2:11.54; 3. Churchville, 2:18.25; 4. Stevenson, 2:19.97; 5. Farmington, 2:24.12; 6. Bentley, 2:29.20.

200 freestyle: 1. Salem (J. Barr, K. Laderach, H. Jackson, and M. Sow), 1:59.51; 2. Harrison, 2:01.77; 3. Stevenson, 2:04.33; 4. Northville, 2:06.59; 6. Canton, 2:13.80; 5. Farmington, 2:18.62.

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