

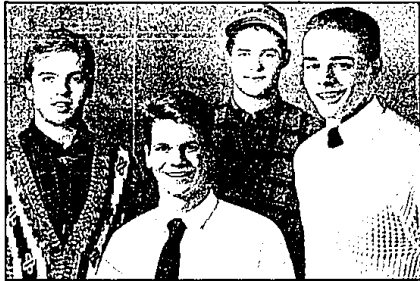
Falcons' Hawkins best in 50 freestyle

all-area swimming



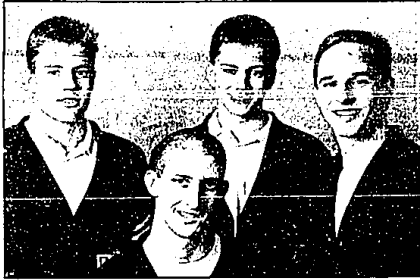
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Salem's freestyle relay team of (standing, from left) Rick Stehmetz, Mike Hill, Fred Seidelman and (seated) Ron Orris had the best time of any area unit and were placed on the All-Observer first team.



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Canton's medley relay team of (standing, from left) Bryce Anderson, Mitch Timberlake, Jim Hartnett and (seated) Jeff Homan posted the area's best time and are on the All-Observer first team.



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The medley relay unit of Mike Hill (standing, from left), Chris Butzta, Fred Seidelman and (seated) Rick Stehmetz, representing Plymouth Salem, had the second-best time in the area.

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"Ron Orris simply does it all — sprinter, distance, all strokes," Olson said. "He's a team leader and has a great practice attitude."

50 freestyle: Scott Hawkins, senior, Farmington: Hawkins claimed the WLLA league crown in the 50 freestyle and qualified for state. His best time of 22.41 in the 50 free was second only to Orris in the area.

Originally a backstroke, Hawkins has shown his versatility by becoming a freestyle swimmer.

"He developed into an excellent freestyle," coach Rosa Bandy said. "He was really a teammate. Anywhere we needed him he would swim."

Diving: Joe Bush, senior, John Glenn: Bush won the Western Wayne Invitational and was fourth at the WLLA meet. He placed sixth in the regional and 16th at the state meet. His best score was 245.0.

"Joe has done extremely well in his career as a diver for having only started as a sophomore with no previous experience," Glenn coach Jeff Pryor said.

100 butterfly: Bryce Anderson, junior, Canton: Even better things are expected out of Anderson next year, as he already has been named co-captain of the 1989-90 team.

The versatile swimmer was a part of Canton's medley relay team that captured a WLLA title and was 12th at state. He came in second in the butterfly at the league meet and seventh in the IM.

"Bryce is very strong with a good swimming background," Weisman said. "He's got another year to look forward to, and we look for more improvement."

100 freestyle: Mike Heimstadter, senior, Canton: The senior finished his career by taking second place in the 100 freestyle and fourth in the 200 freestyle at the WLLA meet. His best time in the 100 was 49.83.

"Mike is an outstanding team leader and has been a major factor in the success of the Canton swimming program for the last four years," Canton coach Hooker Weisman said.

500 freestyle: Troy Shumate, sophomore, Catholic Central: He had the area's best time in the 500 freestyle at 4:40.98. He was first in both the 200 and 500 freestyles at the Catholic League meet. His 200 time of 1:43.71 at the league meet broke a long-standing league record held by Rob Mackle.

Shumate also was seventh in the 200 and 500 freestyles at state, breaking Kirk Bonatz' 7-year-old varsity record.

"Troy swam well this year and has really grown as a team leader," CC coach Chuck McClune said. "I believe Troy is about to come into some of his best swimming those next two years."

100 backstroke: Mark Papleraki, senior, Churchill: Papleraki will take with him five individual school records when he graduates in June. He placed sixth at the state meet in the 100 backstroke (55.12) and also finished fifth in the 200 IM.

"Mark is an experienced, hard worker," Churchill coach Lawrence Hahn said, "and, as a result, can apply himself to more advanced and difficult training sets."

Mark has been one of the most versatile swimmers in the school's history. His overall best individual stroke is the backstroke, but as his 200 IM time reveals he is able to swim all four strokes with speed and proficiency.

100 breaststroke: Jeff Homan, senior, Canton: Homan was Canton's most valuable swimmer, claiming first at the WLLA meet in the breaststroke with a time of 1:01.67. His time also is a WLLA record.

He was second at the WLLA meet in the 200 IM, swimming a school-record time of 2:02.14. He also was a member of the winning 200 medley relay team at the league meet. Homan is a four-year letterman.

"Jeff is an outstanding team leader who is very hard working," Weisman said. "He has a future in swimming at the collegiate level if he pursues it. He was a great person to work with."

400 freestyle relay: Mike Hill, Fred Seidelman, Rick Stehmetz and Ron Orris, Salem: The team had the area's best time, 3:14.32, which also is a school record. It was good enough to give the Falcons third place at the state meet. All four are seniors who qualified for the state meet in some individual capacity.

AT-LARGE SELECTIONS

Diving: Carl Johnson, junior, Harrison: Johnson overcame injuries to finish seventh at the Class B state meet. Johnson will be one of the top returning divers in the area next year.

"He's really enthusiastic about next year," Harrison coach Peter Lehnardt said. "His goal is set on winning the state, Class B. That's what he told me he wants to do."

200 medley relay: Chris Butzta, Rick Stehmetz, Fred Seidelman and Mike Hill, Salem: The foursome came up with the area's second-best time in the medley, clocking 1:42.65 and qualifying for the state meet.

"Fred has been a four-year letter winner and has really led us in competition, practice and the classroom (3.40 grade point) in 1989," Olson said.

"Rick improved his times and strokes every year. He was one of our hardest workers and most-dedicated swimmers. Chris is one of the most improved swimmers on the team, and he worked very hard to become the No. 1 backstroke at Salem."

400 freestyle relay: Mike Hoeflein, Jim Kovach, Alan Atsari and Troy Shumate, Redford CC: The group was first at the Catholic League meet and 11th at state. Hoeflein, Atsari and Shumate are sophomores, so McClune is excited about next year's prospects.

"The free relay was one of the most exciting races at the Catholic League meet," McClune said. "The boys dropped four seconds from their prelim swim five hours earlier to beat Brother Rice."

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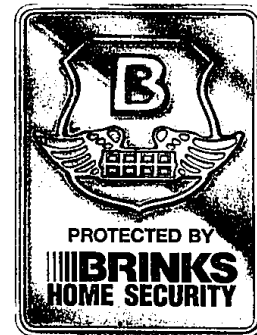
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