

It's official: Raiders win Lakes title

North Farmington captured its second straight Lakes Division boys dual-meet swimming championship Thursday.

Having already beaten Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem, the Raiders polished off their last challenger, Westland John Glenn, 106-66 at North.

The Raiders, who had their meet because of the Feb. 14 snowstorm, finish 4-0 in the division and 6-2 overall.

"It's pretty exciting," North coach Sue Gedron said. "Like I said at the beginning of the year, I don't know what to expect, but things are looking good and we hope to keep making it go our way."

North's next challenge comes this week in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet. Salem is the defending champ, but the Raiders, Northville and Livonia Stevenson are expected to contend.

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C'VILLE GYMNASTICS

Westland John Glenn gymnast Chris Prough won the all-around individual competition (33.05) Thursday, but Livonia Clarenceville earned the dual meet win against the visiting Rockets, 124.45 to 112.1.

The win gives Clarenceville a 13-1 overall record.

Prough took firsts in vault (8.2), beam (9.0) and floor exercise (8.8).

But Erin Maguire led a Clarenceville sweep on uneven parallel bars, taking first with a score of 7.9. Right behind were teammates, Christy Nagurka (7.7), Jennifer Kalipio (7.55) and Tricia Dunkle (7.55).

Clarenceville took places 2-4 in the vault led by Robert Wiggle (8.1), Nagurka (7.85) and Joey DeWater (7.8). The same (2-4 spots) took place on beam: Wiggle (8.1), Kalipio (8.05) and Nagurka (7.8).

The floor exercise, Kalipio was second (8.4), while Glenn's Buffy Schuck took third (8.4). Tanya Holtzman of Clarenceville finished fourth (7.8).

Kalipio was second in the all-around (31.7), while Glenn's Jen Oliver was third (24.05).

The Trojans will try for their 14th dual meet win Wednesday at Fraser.

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The swimming preliminaries will be Wednesday at 2 p.m., the diving prelims Thursday at 3:30 p.m., and the finals Friday at 6 p.m. Salem will be the host each day.

"The league meet will be real exciting," Gedron said. "Our kids are training hard, so I expect some good things out of them next week."

North won eight events Thursday, with the highlight being John Julian's diving victory with a career-high 243.45 points.

Mike Drelles, Chris Knoche, Keith Lee and Chuck Chuba claimed victory in the 200-yard medley relay (1:47.44), and Knoche and Chuba also contributed to North's success in the freestyle relay.

Knoche, Jerry Jehle, Dan Knipper and Chuba, who was first in the 100 freestyle with a 51.74 time, swam the freestyle relay in 3:29.8.

Knipper also won an individual event, taking first in the 50 freestyle at 24.2. North's

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other wins were achieved by Jim Nicholas in the butterfly (59.47), David Gerts in the 500 freestyle (5:26.55) and Grant Shively in the breast stroke (1:08.4).

FARMINGTON HILLS Harrison finished the dual-meet season Thursday with a 94-76 defeat of visiting Livonia Churchill.

The Hawks, who end with a 3-8 record, had three double winners in Jason Schwalm, Jason Barringer and Chad Hughes. Carl Johnson had Harrison's other individual first with a diving total of 27.00 points.

Schwalm had a pair of freestyle wins, taking first in 200 with a 2:00.84 time and the

100 with a 54.69 effort.

Barringer qualified for the Class B meet with his 1:05.51 time in the breast stroke after he already had won the individual medley with a 2:14.1 time.

Hughes touched first in the 50 freestyle, stopping the clock at 24.46, and he later added to his pool with the butterfly in which he posted a 1:07.74 time.

Ed Serao, Barringer, Hughes and Mike Wright gave Harrison the victory in the medley relay (1:50.78), and Roger Stadler, Ryan Osterbeck, Jeff Hurley and Schwalm comprised the winning freestyle relay team (3:53.75).

Churchill's Zach Kasperek won the 500 freestyle in 5:47.08 and Ken Marrs the 100 backstroke in 1:07.79.

G.T. MEILI WON two events for Farmington, but Plymouth Salem won all the rest Thursday as the host Rocks claimed a 106-

66 victory in the Lakes Division finale for both schools.

Meili won the 200 freestyle in 1:54.68 and the 500 freestyle in 5:13.84.

Salem's Ron Orris, Bryan Keppen, Albert Sneath and Chris Calola won the medley relay (1:45.24), and Joe Pawluska, Jack Lupo, Ben Sovereign and Eric Bunch won the freestyle relay (3:32.37).

Orris also captured the breast stroke with a pool and varsity record of 59.95, which is close to Corunna swimmer Buch Yerian's state-best time of 59.54.

Orris already has the state's fastest time in the individual medley at 1:55.03.

Bunch won the IM (2:11.69) in Thursday's meet, Calua the 50 freestyle (24.05), Pat McManaman the diving (25.85), Gary Bergman the butterfly (1:00.96), Pawluska the 100 freestyle (52.95) and Sneath the backstroke (1:01.85).

North finishes with win streak intact

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match point Thursday to clinch the victory against Salem. That was indicative of the kind of effort the Raiders got when others had to step to the foreground, Lubieniecki said.

The Raiders needed four games to beat Glenn (15-10, 15-8, 6-15, 15-13), but the Salem match went to a fifth game before North pulled out a 15-10, 15-7, 5-15, 9-15, 15-2 victory.

North finished at 6-4 in the division and 8-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Raiders were 15-6 overall and 10-5 in the league tournament Saturday.

"We were 2-3 the first time around in the division and then had to play (Livonia Stevenson)," North coach Sandy Lubieniecki said. "We were 2-4 and had our backs to the wall, but we came back and won four in a row and finished in second place."

STEVENSON was the Lakes champion at 10-0 with the Raiders just behind in 11th. Salem and Central tied for third with 5-5 records, and Farmington was 0-10.

"We had so many injury problems and kids filling in, they deserve second place at least," Lubieniecki said. "It was one of those seasons. We never had all the girls except for the very first match."

Karen Miller, at 5-foot-3, replaced the injured Julie Whiteman at outside hitter and made a kill block on

Sarah Lunger played well in the back row where she was 7-of-7 digging, Lubieniecki said, and on the service line where she had three aces. Bowtwick and Post also played well, the coach added.

"We're still struggling a bit," Lubieniecki said, pointing to the five games with Salem. "But this is a class group of girls. So many times they would have said 'Oh, well, it's not meant to be.'

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