

Marian advances to state tourney

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Mike Lindstrom managed a meek smile, but the disappointment was written all over his face.

The Walled Lake Central girls volleyball coach had just watched his team drop a 15-7, 15-7 decision to Birmingham Marian in the championship match of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Class A regional tournament at West Bloomfield. It was the second defeat in the regional final in two years for the Vikings, who lost to West Bloomfield in the finals last year.

"I thought we'd be going to Kalamazoo (site of the Class A state finals)," admitted Lindstrom, whose team finished the season with a 27-12 overall record. "We've been getting better all-around team play lately, but today was just not a good day for us. We weren't mentally tough. There was a lot of pressure today and we didn't deal with it real well."

Central's hard-hitting senior middle-hitter Bridget Norris opened the match with back-to-back kills helping the Vikings off to a quick 4-0 lead in the first game. Marian stormed right back though and took the lead for good at 6-5 on an ace by Stephanie Storen. Storen took change of the game for Marian and finished with eight kills (she had 19 in the match) including a rare smash that gave Marian a commanding 11-5 lead.

"At first, I think we were kind of intimidated by Norris," said Marian coach Tracey Jones. "We made some great digs on her in the first game and started to get more confidence."

The Vikings got off to a quick start once again in the second game and led 3-0 after a tip and a kill by Norris. But behind the net play of Stephanie Storen, Julie Storen, Ann Dubay and Mary Helen Diegel, the Mustangs once again came roaring back. A kill from the corner by Dubay put Marian ahead to stay, 5-4. Central then turned into its own worst enemy committing six errors, including two on the serve, in the closing minutes of the match.

"They were really tough," said Jones. "We had some really long rallies and a lot of good play. They're a great team, but today they just made some errors."

Central advanced to the finals by defeating Clarkson, 15-8, 15-12, in the semi's. Norris, who will take her talents to Western Michigan University next year, paced the Vikings with 23 kills on the day in a 57-of-67 hitting performance. Toni Flood added nine kills in a 14-of-20 performance and Cindy Muha was 20-of-27 with seven kills.

"I'm real proud of the girls and the season we've had," added Lindstrom. "We struggled with adversity and had a couple injuries, but the girls always gave it their all."

Norris, Muha, Flood and Jodi Osburn are all seniors and will be gone next year.

"We've got more height coming back than we've ever had at Central, so we'll have to see how things work out."

Marian, 45-8, advances to the state finals and meets Grosse Pointe South 35-2-3 at 7 p.m. Friday in the state quarterfinals at Portage Central High School.



Jonathan Kershaw
N. Farmington swimmer

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Karl Beck next year and try to do it again."

Kozicki and Kershaw teamed with Adam Kammer and Steve Bocknek to place eighth in the medley relay (1:38.92) and seventh in the 400 freestyle relay (3:14.05). Dearborn won the medley (1:36.02) and Ann Arbor Pioneer the freestyle (3:07.71).

Teal was not happy with the performance of either relay in the preliminary round, but both came back and did better in the finals. However, the first-day swim put them in the consolation heat and denied the Raiders team points.

North was only six points out of fifth place as it was. Grand Haven was fifth (76), and sixth-place Livonia Stevenson (73) had the best area finish.

Martin, Goecke capture state swimming honors

BY CHRIS MCCOSKY
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It was a good year for area swimmers competing at the state level. Two Observersland boys — Matt Martin of Westland John Glenn and Alex Goecke of Livonia Stevenson — won individual Class A championships Saturday at Eastern Michigan University.

Seven Observersland teams finished among the state's top 15, six from the Western Lakes — Stevenson, sixth; North Farmington, eighth; Northville, 11th; Redford Catholic Central and Plymouth Canton, 13th; Glenn and Plymouth Salem, 15th.

"I was just amazed at our league and how well we did," said Stevenson coach Doug Buckler. "We showed that we are the best league in the state, by far. It was a proud day for the Western Lakes and for Observersland."

For Martin, it was a good-bad day. He established a state record by winning the 100-yard butterfly in 49.49, and he had set another record in the prelims of the 100 backstroke. But that mark fell in the finals, when Dearborn's Jeff Neumeyer touched at 49.97, 0.42 before Martin.

"It was disappointing not to hold on to the state record," Martin said. "But it's just one race. It isn't the first time I've lost a race and it won't be my last. It's just kind of disappointing because I didn't swim as well as I could have. I missed up my second turn and that cost me the race."

Still, Martin's times in both the butterfly and backstroke were well under All-American qualifying standards. His butterfly time is currently the fastest in the nation and he is expected to be invited to the National High School Mythical Meet — which features the eight best swimmers in the nation — in Indianapolis in June.

Martin, who will attend either Stanford, Florida State or Michigan State next fall, will compete at the junior nationals in Gainesville, Fla., next week and at the senior nationals in Nashville the following week.

First for Stevenson

Before the season started, Alex Goecke told his coaches at Stevenson that he was going to swim a 25-second breaststroke split in the medley relay and a 56-second 100-yard breaststroke. Nobody laughed.

On Saturday, Goecke became the first Spartan boy to win a state swim title, taking the 100 breaststroke in 56.89, an All-American qualifying time that would have scored in last week's Big Ten meet. And, he swam a 25.2 split in the 200 medley relay, teaming with Ryan Freeborn, Gordy Gatewood and Jeff Buckler on a second-place time of 1:38.57.

"It was the best feeling I've had in a long time," Goecke said. "It was quite a relief. I felt a lot of pressure from everyone to win it."

It was pressure that almost drove Goecke out of the sport before he entered high school.

"I had been swimming since I was real young and I was getting sick of it," he said.

A talk with Buckler helped

keep Goecke involved in swimming.

"He told us what he needed out of swimming and we gave it to him," Buckler said. "He's repaid us in full."

What Goecke needed was to cut back on competitive swimming. He eventually gave up U.S.S. age-group competition.

"He is one of the few state champions you'll see who swims only in high school and not for the U.S.S.," Buckler said.

Goecke is in the process of picking a college. His choices include Florida State, Oakland University, Eastern Michigan, Michigan State and Georgia.

CC's Leslie takes 2nd

For a while it looked like Observersland would have three champions. Catholic Central junior James Leslie swam the 500 freestyle in 4:35.73, which would end up being the fastest time recorded in the state. But in the finals, Leslie swam one second slower and he was touched out by Kyle Richardson of Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"He was upset," said first-year CC assistant coach Bob Kravtchuk. "He knew he could have won it and he knew he should have won it. But, he went out too slow and he knows when you do that, you get in trouble."

The Shamrock also got a seventh-place effort from Steve Reinke in the 100 butterfly (2:23.38). Stevenson's Gordy Gatewood was sixth in the 1M (1:59.38) and the Spartans fourth in the 200 freestyle relay (1:27.33).

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NPDES PERMIT NO. MI 0037427

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Office of the Oakland County Drain Commissioner will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 1, 1993 at 7:30 P.M. in the Berkshire Middle School, located at 31707 Fourteen Mile Road, to present information on the Acacia Park CSO Area Project Plan, including estimated project costs, and receive comments and views of interested persons. The Project Plan contains alternate solutions to control the pollution in the Rouge River caused by Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) from the Acacia Park CSO Area.

THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING IS TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND INTERESTED PERSONS ON THE PROJECT PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF PROPOSED ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: That copies of the Draft Project Plan will be available for public inspection on or after March 4, 1993 at the following locations:

Oakland County Drain Commissioner's Office
No. 1 Public Works Drive
Waterford, Michigan 48328-1907

City of Birmingham
151 Martin Street
Birmingham, Michigan 48012

Village of Beverly Hills
18500 W. 13 Mile Road
Beverly Hills, Michigan 48023

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: That the alternatives proposed and contained in the Draft Project Plan are:

Alternative 1
Collection, storage and treatment of overflow - Construction of one (1) Retention Treatment Basin (RTB) and required collection sewers to comply with the requirements of the Acacia Park CSO Area, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. MI 0037427. This RTB is located adjacent to Beverly Road, north of Thirteen Mile Road. Probable future requirements of the NPDES Permit will be discussed.

Alternative 2
Sewer Separation - Construction of sanitary and/or storm sewers in all Village/City streets to separate combined sewers.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: That written communications will be accepted up to and including seven (7) days after the date of the Public Hearing. All written communication shall be addressed to:

OAKLAND COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
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