

Raiders, Hawks among top teams in Western Lakes

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It should have been just a warm-up, offering little more in way of competition than any of the league dual meets. Livonia Stevenson's girls swim team waded through.

But the Spartans didn't see it that way.

Sure, they were the heavy favorites to win a sixth-consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association championship last Saturday at Plymouth Salem. It would have taken some sort of miracle to upset them.

And that didn't happen. What did happen was a bunch of pretty good teams showed up and swam very well. And Stevenson, not just a pretty good team but a true challenger for best-in-the-state honors, did the same.

"I can't put my finger on it," admitted Stevenson coach Greg Phill. "We always try to go into that meet and swim well."

"Everything just worked out. It was one of those weekends -- everything went real well."

How well? Stevenson scored 650 points; runner-up Salem had 381.50. In third was North

Farmington (310), followed by Farmington Harrison (282), Northville (264) and Farmington (252) in the top six.

The Spartans truly did treat it like a dual meet, finishing first in eight of the 12 events. They swept all three relays, and in two of the five individual events they won, they had the second-place finisher as well. In four individual events they placed three swimmers in the top six.

That's a pretty good definition of domination.

"There was no reason for them to swim that fast," said Salem coach Chuck Olson of Stevenson's performance. "And they did. They just don't like to lose."

Really, all that was left for Olson to say about his team's performance was "Second in our conference is not real bad."

Julie Kern and Anne Aristo each won two individual events for the Spartans. Kern's name came in the 200-yard (1:59.32) and 500 (5:18.78) freestyles.

Aristo set a conference record in winning the 200 individual medley (2:04.82), breaking the record she set as a freshman by nearly four seconds.



League finals: Maureen Corcoran of Harrison competes in the breaststroke at the Western Lakes swimming and diving championships.

Aristo also won the 100 free with ease, finishing first in 51.99. Farmington Harrison's Lisa Richardson was second in 56.07.

The Spartans' other individual first place came in what was the most competitive event: the butterfly. Five of the six finalists bettered the state qualifying out of 1:02.59, and the sixth-place finisher, North's Kristen Burke, just missed it (1:02.61).

But it was Stevenson's Clark, a freshman, who won the event (59.66).

Harrison's Lindsey Fettes, a freshman, was first in the 100 breaststroke (1:08.93). The Hawks also got a pair of seconds from Donna Schwalm. Richardson, Julie Kluka and Fettes in the 200 and 400 free relays.

All that remains is the Class A state finals Nov. 22-23 at Eastern Michigan University.

BEST AREA TIMES

Following are the Observers' girls best swim times and diving scores. Coaches should report updates to coach Ken Stark from 4-6 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Churchill High School pool (313-523-9231).

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Uvona Stevenson 1:51.45
Farmington Mercy 1:54.15
Plymouth Salem 1:54.18
North Farmington 1:54.05

200 FREESTYLE

Anne Aristo (Stevenson) 1:49.90
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 1:58.53
Meghan Mocer (Stevenson) 1:58.74
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:59.42
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 1:59.76
Lisa Richardson (Harrison) 1:59.93
Teri Hanson (Salem) 2:02.18
Julie Kluka (Harrison) 2:02.07
Audrey Hale (Salem) 2:02.73
Betsy Lambert (Mercy) 2:03.50

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Anne Aristo (Stevenson) 2:04.82
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:11.09
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:13.41
Lindsay Fettes (Harrison) 2:15.29
Lisa Richardson (Harrison) 2:16.68
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:17.81
Meghan Mocer (Stevenson) 2:17.99
Teri Hanson (Salem) 2:19.18
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 2:19.60
Karen Coulter (Churchill) 2:19.77

50 FREESTYLE

Anne Aristo (Stevenson) 24.81
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 25.23
Kelliann Williams (Salem) 25.37
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 25.43
Danielle Clayton (Mercy) 25.46
Donna Schwalm (Harrison) 25.51
Teri Hanson (Salem) 25.53
Jordan Goddard (Stevenson) 25.62
Cheri Farber (N. Farmington) 25.64
Caroline Kenna (Mercy) 25.67

DIVING

Kasey Holt (Wayne) 254.00
Becca Gould (Mercy) 218.20
Lisa Sabatini (Canton) 217.75
Laural Dolin (Stevenson) 203.13
Bridget Christenson (Churchill) 200.25
Janice Pullum (Mercy) 195.05
Jennifer Marchand (Glenn) 185.80
Shiloh Wint (Franklin) 170.25
Kelly Misch (Farmington) 165.20
Kelly Dodd (Churchill) 164.70

300 BUTTERFLY

Anne Aristo (Stevenson) 57.98
Betsy Lambert (Mercy) 58.80
Kaitlin Jarzembowski (Mercy) 59.48
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 59.55
Teri Hanson (Canton) 1:00.66

Jennifer MacDonald (Mercy) 1:01.09
Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 1:01.46
Din Downs (Mercy) 1:02.06
Becky Hoeche (Stevenson) 1:02.27
Kristen Burke (N. Farmington) 1:02.61

100 FREESTYLE

Anne Aristo (Stevenson) 51.09
Lisa Richardson (Harrison) 55.05
Donna Schwalm (Harrison) 55.07
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 55.24
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 56.09
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 56.34
Kelliann Williams (Salem) 56.30
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 56.72
Jennifer MacDonald (Mercy) 56.84
Danielle Clayton (Mercy) 56.92

500 FREESTYLE

Anne Aristo (Stevenson) 4:53.47
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 5:12.40
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 5:20.44
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 5:20.94
Julie Kluka (Harrison) 5:22.10
Meghan Mocer (Stevenson) 5:22.87
Betsy Lambert (Mercy) 5:27.07
Jennifer MacDonald (Mercy) 5:27.25
Audrey Hale (Salem) 5:27.63
Adrienne Doyle (Churchill) 5:28.75

200 BREASTSTROKE

Livonia Stevenson 1:40.74
Farmington Harrison 1:42.52
Farmington 1:43.05
North Farmington 1:43.46
Plymouth Salem 1:44.10
Anne Aristo (Stevenson) 56.92
Yvonne Lynn (Salem) 58.81
Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 1:00.38
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:01.95
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 1:02.84
Caroline Kenna (Mercy) 1:03.04
Cheri Farber (N. Farmington) 1:03.94
Tara Grider (N. Farmington) 1:04.45
Maria McKenzie (Stevenson) 1:05.08
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:05.40

100 BREASTSTROKE

Lindsay Fettes (Harrison) 1:08.03
Neve Alver (N. Farmington) 1:10.72
Becky Hoeche (Stevenson) 1:11.52
Marti McKenzie (Stevenson) 1:11.61
Meredith Spiegel (Mercy) 1:11.73
Janice Pullum (Mercy) 1:12.39
Jordan Goddard (Stevenson) 1:12.53
Shiloh Wint (Franklin) 1:13.34
Katherine Dochter (Mercy) 1:14.94

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 3:39.52
Farmington Mercy 3:44.48
Farmington Harrison 3:46.23
Plymouth Salem 3:47.19
Plymouth Canton 3:51.56

WESTERN LAKES SWIM RESULTS

1:59.32; 2. Meghan Mocer (LS), 1:59.62; 3. Lisa Richardson (FH), 2:00.04; 4. Julie Kluka (FH), 2:02.07; 5. Audrey Hale (PS), 2:02.91; 6. Marie McKenzie (LS), 2:03.79.
200-yard individual medley: 1. Anne Aristo (LS), 2:04.82 (new WLAA record; old record 2:08.63 by Aristo in 1993); 2. Katie Clark (LS), 2:11.09; 3. Lindsay Fettes (FH), 2:15.29; 4. Kristen Burke (NF), 2:16.30; 5. Karen Coulter (FH), 2:19.77; 6. Kelliann Williams (PS), 2:20.23.
500-yard freestyle: 1. Teri Hanson (PC), 5:18.78; 2. Julie Kluka (FH), 5:22.10; 3. Meghan Mocer (LS), 5:22.87; 4. Adrienne Doyle (LC), 5:29.75; 5. Audrey Hale (PS), 5:31.77; 6. Meghan Mocer (LS), 5:36.43.
300-yard freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Anne Aristo, Julie Kluka, Adrienne Doyle, Marti McKenzie), 1:40.74 (new WLAA record; old record 1:41.66 by Churchill, 1991); 2.

Misch (F), 2:29.95.
400-yard backstroke: 1. Katie Clark (LS), 5:59.56; 2. Teri Hanson (PC), 1:00.06; 3. Adrienne Turri (LS), 1:01.46; 4. Kristen Burke (NF), 1:01.75; 5. Becky Hoeche (LS), 1:02.27; 6. Kristen Burke (NF), 1:02.61.
100-yard freestyle: 1. Anne Aristo (LS), 51.99; 2. Lisa Richardson (FH), 56.07; 3. Kelliann Williams (PS), 56.36; 4. Donna Schwalm (FH), 56.94; 5. Jessica Makowski (LS), 56.72; 6. Stephanie Sabo (NV), 56.86.
800-yard freestyle: 1. Julie Kern (LS), 5:18.78; 2. Julie Kluka (FH), 5:22.10; 3. Meghan Mocer (LS), 5:22.87; 4. Adrienne Doyle (LC), 5:29.75; 5. Audrey Hale (PS), 5:31.77; 6. Meghan Mocer (LS), 5:36.43.
300-yard freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Anne Aristo, Julie Kluka, Adrienne Doyle, Marti McKenzie), 1:40.74 (new WLAA record; old record 1:41.66 by Churchill, 1991); 2.

Harrison, 1:42.52; 3. North Farmington, 1:43.46; 4. Salem, 1:44.10; 5. Canton, 1:45.31; 6. Northville, 1:45.01.
100-yard backstroke: 1. Yvonne Lynn (PS), 59.81; 2. Adrienne Turri (LS), 1:00.38; 3. Laura Koznecki (WL), 1:00.84; 4. Jessica Makowski (LS), 1:02.84; 5. Tara Grider (FH), 1:04.45; 6. Kristen Burke (NF), 1:05.59.
300-yard backstroke: 1. Lindsay Fettes (FH), 1:08.93; 2. Neve Alver (NF), 1:11.23; 3. Becky Hoeche (LS), 1:11.52; 4. Marti McKenzie (LS), 1:11.61; 5. Jordan Goddard (LS), 1:12.53; 6. Katie Bonner (PS), 1:14.95.
400-yard freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Anne Aristo, Katie Clark, Julie Kern, Meghan Mocer), 3:39.52 (new WLAA record; old record 3:42.10 by Stevenson, 1995); 2. Harrison, 3:46.23; 3. Salem, 3:47.19; 4. Canton, 3:51.56; 5. Churchill, 3:58.27; 6. North Farmington, 3:59.18.

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