

## WLAA SWIMMING & DIVING

**WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSN. DOTS SWIMMING & DIVING FINALS**  
Feb. 27 at Plymouth Salem

**1. Plymouth Salem, 438.2; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 477; 3. North Farmington, 411; 4. Plymouth Canton, 317; 5. Northville, 284; 6. Walled Lake, 250; 7. Westland John Glenn, 194; 8. Farmington, 144; 9. Livonia Churchill, 124; 10. (tie) Farmington Harrison, Livonia Franklin, 123.**

**200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY** — 1. North Farmington (Jim Gabriel, Adam Farber, Mark Wachberg, Matt Zald), 1:40.27; 2. Plymouth Salem (Eric Lynn, Andrew Locke, Paul Perez, Aaron Shelton), 1:41.33 (state cut); 3. Livonia Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Mike Hemen, Keith Falk, Brad Buckler), 1:41.35 (state cut); 4. Plymouth Canton, 1:43.30; 5. Walled Lake, 1:44.21; 6. Northville, 1:44.64.

**Consolations:** 7. Farmington, 1:40.27; 8. Westland John Glenn, 1:40.55; 9. Livonia Franklin, 1:53.09; 10. Farmington Harrison, 1:50.64; 11. Livonia Churchill, 2:02.67.

**200 FREESTYLE** — 1. Keith Falk (LS), 1:44.71 (state cut); 2. Brandon Digla (NF), 1:48.79 (state cut); 3. Matt Casillas (PS), 1:49.10 (state cut); 4. James McPartlin (JO), 1:52.62; 5. Jim Gabriel (NF), 1:53.37; 6. Don LeClair (PC), 1:53.98.

**Consolations:** 7. David Whitbeck (NV), 1:53.14; 8. Brian Mertens (PS), 1:53.25; 9. Danny Price (FH), 1:54.00; 10. Justin Katterer (LS), 1:55.44; 11. Dan Jones (PS), 1:58.70; 12. Aaron Rycroft (NF), 1:57.85.

**Bonus consolations:** 13. Pat Rodemeyer (LS), 1:54.37; 14. Mark Withloff (PS), 1:55.14; 15. Matt Winkiewicz (PC), 1:56.99; 16. James Ross (PS), 1:57.18; 17. Brandon Truscott (LS), 1:57.95; 18. Bill Stewart (LS), 1:58.46.

**200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY** — 1. Joe Bublitz (LS), 1:59.22 (state cut); 2. Derek Zerber (WL), 1:59.54 (state cut); 3. Paul Perez (PS), 2:04.28; 4. Mike Malik (LS), 2:05.53; 5. Scott Whitbeck (NV), 2:06.59; 6. Aaron Reader (PC), 2:06.75.

**Consolations:** 7. Eric Lynn (PS), 2:07.56; 8. Aaron Shelton (PS), 2:08.70; 9. Mike Hemen (LS), 2:09.44; 10. Brad Nelson (PC), 2:10.91; 11. Craig Paske (NF), 2:12.76; 12. Devin Hopper (F), 2:14.63.

**Bonus consolations:** 13. Geoffrey Lowes (LS), 2:10.98; 14. John Kern (NF), 2:12.30; 15. Anthony Sarge (NF), 2:13.82; 16. Kevin VanTiem (LS), 2:13.85; 17. Garrett Stone (JO), 2:15.11; 18. Eric Dabkowski (LS), 2:15.55.

**50 FREESTYLE** — 1. Matt Zald (NF), 21.81 (state cut); 2. Andrew Locke (PS), 22.21 (state cut); 3. Kurtis Hornick (PS), 22.59 (state cut); 4. Mike Johnson (PS), 22.74; 5. Mark Wachberg (NF), 23.07; 6. Brad Buckler (LS), 23.19.

**Consolations:** 7. Bill Randall (LC), 23.02; 8. Chris Supplee (LF), 23.22; 9. Dan Zoumbakis (JO), 23.22; 10. Jason

Rebachich (PS), 23.53; 11. Oz Pestman (NF), 23.57; 12. Chad Williams (PC), 23.89.

**Bonus consolations:** 13. Dave Carson (PS), 23.87; 14. Chris Gawronski (WL), 23.99; 15. Chris Clayson (NF), 24.26; 16. Max Suttles (FH), 24.26; 17. Mike McPartlin (LS), 24.35; 18. Kyle Grant (LC), 24.56.

**DIVING** — 1. Chris Gawronski (WL), 422.05 points; 2. Elliott Myers (WL), 372.00; 3. Chris McFarland (JO), 349.20; 4. Stephen Zerber (WL), 304.25; 5. Greg Kubitski (PS), 275.05; 6. Mike Baskin (LS), 269.20; 7. Ken Douglas (LF), 257.28; 8. Blake Brunner (PC), 250.30; 9. Scott Clark (JO), 249.15; 10. Ryan Henry (PC), 245.85; 11. Johnathon Chate (PS), 245.60; 12. Jason Zykowski (LS), 239.90; 13. Jared Goldman (NF), 231.70; 14. Bobby Kowunen (LC), 218.55; 15. Tony Matta (LF), 215.00; 16. Carol Bennett (PC), 203.40; 17. Tom Morbitzer (PC), 194.50; 18. Jordan Ford (LC), 180.00.

**100 BUTTERFLY** — 1. James McPartlin (JO), 54.57 (state cut); 2. Paul Perez (PS), 55.64; 3. Kurtis Hornick (PC), 56.00; 4. Mark Wachberg (NF), 57.29; 5. Adam Farber (NF), 57.50; 6. Scott Whitbeck (NV), 59.00.

**Consolations:** 7. Brandon Truscott (LS), 58.66; 8. Robert Cambridge (LS), 59.75; 9. Geoffrey Lowes (LS), 1:00.37; 10. Justin Allen (PC), 1:00.77; 11. Matt Winkiewicz (PC), 1:00.83; 12. Kevin Crabill (PS), 1:01.02.

**Bonus consolations:** 13. William Givens (WL), 1:00.90; 14. Matt Schachy (PC), 1:00.98; 15. Pat Rodemeyer (LS), 1:02.11; 16. Eric Ryden (WL), 1:02.53; 17. Dave Carson (PS), 1:03.10; 18. Dan Fowler (JO), 1:04.24.

**400 FREESTYLE** — 1. Matt Zald (NF), 48.50 (state cut); 2. Brandon Digla (NF), 48.85 (state cut); 3. Andrew Locke (PS), 49.34 (state cut); 4. Bill Randall (LC), 50.61; 5. Brad Buckler (LS), 51.68; 6. Don LeClair (PC), 51.92.

**Consolations:** 7. Dan Jones (PS), 51.09; 8. Mike Johnson (PS), 51.10; 9. Mark Withloff (PS), 51.72; 10. Oz Pestman (NF), 51.91; 11. Chris Supplee (LF), 52.89; 12. Max Suttles (FH), 54.99.

**Bonus consolations:** 13. Mark Kowalski (NF), 53.12; 14. Kevin Stuart (NF), 53.73; 15. Dan Bowman (NF), 54.13; 16. Chad Williams (PC), 54.21; 17. Rob Walker (WL), 54.23; 18. David Hartmann (F), 56.00.

**500 FREESTYLE** — 1. Keith Falk (LS), 44.50 (state cut); 2. David Whitbeck (NV), 45.63 (state cut); 3. Brian Mertens (PS), 50.17; 4. Mike Malik (LS), 51.12; 5. Justin Katterer (LS), 51.44; 6. Danny Price (FH), 51.47.

**Consolations:** 7. Matt Casillas (PS), 50.06; 8. Adam Melvin (NF), 51.44; 9. Craig Paske (NF), 51.72; 10. Brad Nelson

(PC), 52.04; 11. Loch Rycroft (NF), 52.47; 12. Andy Kee (PC), 52.48.

**Bonus consolations:** 13. Robert Cambridge (LS), 52.62; 14. Aaron Rycroft (NF), 52.42; 15. James Ross (PS), 52.45; 16. David Bowman (LF), 52.81; 17. Smet Alver (NF), 52.84; 18. Steve Rice (PS), 53.00.

**200 FREESTYLE RELAY** — 1. Plymouth Salem (Dan Jones, Mike Johnson, Mark Withloff, Matt Casillas), 1:30.61 (state cut); 2. Walled Lake, 1:31.72; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 1:34.49; 4. North Farmington, 1:34.51; 5. Westland John Glenn, 1:35.00; 6. Farmington Harrison, 1:36.06.

**Consolations:** 7. Northville, 1:38.74; 8. Farmington, 1:37.05; 9. Livonia Churchill, 1:38.51; 10. Livonia Franklin, 1:52.50.

**100 BACKSTROKE** — 1. Derek Zerber (WL), 54.46 (state cut); 2. Bublitz (LS), 54.78 (state cut); 3. Devin Hopper (F), 56.07 (state cut); 4. Aaron Reader (PC), 56.35 (state cut); 5. Jim Gabriel (NF), 56.62; 6. Eric Lynn (PS), 58.40.

**Consolations:** 7. Aaron Shelton (PS), 57.33; 8. Justin Allen (PC), 1:00.08; 9. John Kern (NF), 1:00.56; 10. Anthony Sarge (NV), 1:01.00; 11. Garrett Stone (JO), 1:01.19; 12. Kyle Grant (LC), 1:01.76.

**Bonus consolations:** 13. Mark Colombo (LF), 1:03.06; 14. Robbie Gundlach (F), 1:03.14; 15. Dan Bowman (NF), 1:03.38; 16. Brian Dorogi (PS), 1:03.56; 17. Andrew Koritnik (LS), 1:04.52; 18. Tony Palmeri (LS), 1:04.84.

**100 BREASTSTROKE** — 1. Mark Kowalski (NF), 1:01.46 (state cut); 2. Adam Farber (NF), 1:03.34; 3. Mike Hemen (LS), 1:05.12; 4. Ryan Corney (WL), 1:05.59; 5. Jon Zald (NF), 1:05.52; 6. David Hartmann (F), 1:06.06.

**Consolations:** 7. Jason Rebachich (PS), 1:06.78; 8. Kevin VanTiem (LS), 1:06.88; 9. Matt Schachy (PC), 1:06.91; 10. Jason Ballou (NV), 1:07.45; 11. Dan Zoumbakis (JO), 1:07.50; 12. Jon Heiss (PC), 1:07.68.

**Bonus consolations:** 13. Mike McCowan (LS), 1:08.15; 14. David Bowman (LF), 1:08.00; 15. Brett Johnson (NV), 1:08.98; 16. Brian McNeil (WL), 1:09.14; 17. Kevin Crabill (PS), 1:09.58; 18. Eddie Lindow (PC), 1:09.60.

**400 FREESTYLE RELAY** — 1. Livonia Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Mike Malik, Brad Buckler, Keith Falk), 3:18.60 (state cut); 2. Plymouth Canton (Kurtis Hornick, Don LeClair, Brad Nelson, Aaron Reader), 3:20.57 (state cut); 3. Plymouth Salem (Dan Jones, Paul Perez, Mark Withloff, Andrew Locke), 3:20.73 (state cut); 4. Northville, 3:31.80; 5. Farmington, 3:34.70; North Farmington, 3:34.70.

**Consolations:** 7. Livonia Churchill, 3:35.64; 8. Farmington Harrison, 3:36.81; 9. Walled Lake, 3:42.30; 10. John Glenn, 3:47.09; 11. Livonia Franklin, 3:49.76.



League champion: North Farmington senior Matt Zald was a double individual winner at the Western Lakes swim meet in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events.

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don't like to see happen, and officials don't like to have to call it, either.

"At least we were at the point it didn't cost us the meet or our position in the meet."

Duthie added he thought the Raiders surprised some people, noting Stevenson coach Doug Buckler told his relay swimmers, if they swam 3:18, he didn't think North would go faster.

"But we went substantially faster," Duthie said.

The Raiders also were minus their top two divers, Joe Lebovic and Justin Goodman, Lebovic was ill and Goodman was injured in practice Feb. 25.

"One of the places we thought we were stronger than Salem and Stevenson was diving," Duthie said. "Had we had our divers there, the meet would

have been a lot more interesting than it was."

"I thought Salem would be difficult to beat in the meet because of their depth. Diving for us was one of those events we were better and one of those spots we were hoping to pull ahead."

"There hasn't been a coach I've talked with whose team hasn't been affected by illness and even injuries. That's part of the game. It's just unfortunate it came at that time. It was unfortunate for both kids, because they're seniors and it was their last chance."

The Raiders, led by senior double winner Matt Zald, performed well in the swimming portion, according to Duthie.

Zald won the 50 and 100 freestyle races, and Digla was second in both. Adam Farber was second in the breaststroke and Wachberg fourth in the butterfly.

Also scoring in the top six were Jim Gabriel, Wachberg, Farber and Jon Zald, as well as Devin Hopper and David Hartmann of Farmington and Harrison's Danny Price.

North also won the medley

relay with the team of Gabriel, Farber, Wachberg and Matt Zald.

"(Matt Zald) was once again a real key in getting the team pumped up and ready to go," Duthie said. "I think he did everything you could ask him to do. He was fast on both relays with a 47.4 split in the 400 freestyle."

"Digla qualified in both (200 and 100) for the first time and both days went faster. He made the state cut each day and improved on his times."

Faber, who had been sidelined by illness for three weeks, "had a very good meet," he added. "He hadn't been in the water since the Salem meet. He had some nice performances for us, including a good breaststroke leg in the medley relay."

"We knew, without our divers, it was going to be very difficult to push for first place," Duthie said. "As a team (the Raiders) never let down; they didn't quit."

"I told them before the finals Saturday, they could do one of two things — go all out and give 100 percent or hang it up and go home. I said 'We're not going to go home. They did a nice job.'"

Olson of the opposition. "Obviously, we were going to have to step it up."

Such challenges are not swept aside at Salem. Last Saturday, the Rocks proved just that by capturing yet another WLAA championship.

"Everything is right in the world," Olson said.

Salem won using that tried-and-true formula: more depth. The Rocks had just one first-place finish — their 200-yard freestyle relay team. Stevenson had four firsts and North three.

But Salem finished in the top three in all three relays and had at least one individual in the top six in every event but the 100 breaststroke. The Rocks averaged more than three scorers in each individual event.

Their best performances came in the four freestyle events. "You've got to swim to your strengths," Olson said. "We've got good freestylers; we out-freestyled everybody."

Indeed, the Rocks were outscored in just one freestyle individual event (the 500, by Stevenson). They ended up scoring 208 points in the four individual free events, compared to North's 193 and Stevenson's 164.

## Superior depth allows Salem to retain crown

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And this was the year everything was going to be different.

"The king is dead! Long live the king!"

An old refrain, it's true — but one that certainly seemed suitable as the Western Lakes Activities Association Swim Championships approached. Long-time league kingpin Plymouth Salem was stumbling; the Rocks, who had relied on superior depth fueled by superior numbers to win six consecutive WLAA titles, had a smaller roster this season (only 36 swimmers).

A crack in the defending champions once seemingly impregnable armor? That seemed to be the case when Salem lost a pair of dual meets to North Farmington and Livonia Stevenson.

Which meant there wasn't just one legitimate challenger to Salem's supremacy, but two. And Plymouth Canton, which the Rocks had beaten early in the dual-meet season by a mere 13 points, wasn't far behind.

So there was more than a little trepidation for the Rocks and their coach, Chuck Olson. "We knew they were good," said




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