

WaterHogs take plunge after winning NSSL 'A' crown

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The victory plunge is so much sweeter when your team takes it. And the ceremonial jump had to feel twice as nice for Forest Hills Swim Club - the defending Northwest Suburban Swim League champion - after the WaterHogs won the A championship meet Sunday in Troy.

The WaterHogs made sure it was a jump to remember as they beat out 15 other swim clubs,

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edging host BeachWood Recreation Association by a mere 28.5 points in one of the closest league finishes ever. Last year, Forest Hills won by default when it was declared the winner after unsanitary pool conditions postponed the finale.

This year, Forest Hills scored 709.60 points to BeachWood's 684 points. BeachWood had reigned over the NSSL for the

five years prior. In the process, Forest Hills set three league records.

"There was always second guessing if we could have pulled it off the second day last year," Forest Hills coach Karl Hodgson said. "So last year I felt sort of dead after it all. I didn't have any emotion. I just sat there with the wind out of my gut. It was like...it didn't seem like anything."

"But this was really sweet," Hodgson added. "I waited a long

time for this."

BeachWood coach George O'Brien said that Forest Hills "had the drive to win. They said, 'Let's prove what we got last year wasn't a fluke.'"

But what separated Forest Hills from BeachWood and the rest of the clubs was depth.

"(Forest Hills) had more qualifiers," O'Brien said. "Karl did a great job coaching. He put together superb relays. Every relay was in the top six. We had two in the bottom six and four in

the top six. They were very strong. They have 250 kids on the team, but he's a great coach. They just overwhelmed us."

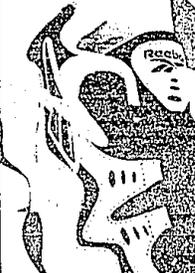
"We're a real deep team - we have our frontliners - but I tip my hat to BeachWood and Cranbrook," Hodgson said. "They both swam better than we did if you look at it from top to bottom, kid to kid. But our overall depth and our kids are so experienced, we were able to pull it off."

Cranbrook Athletic Club, Forest Hills and BeachWood

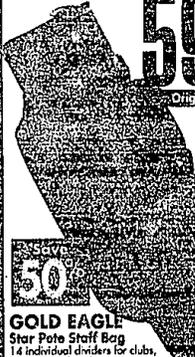
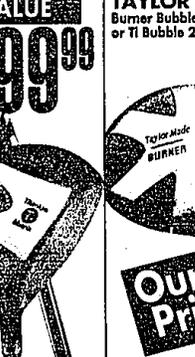
exchanged holding on to first during Sunday's competition with Cranbrook holding the lead for three or four events.

But it was Forest Hills' veterans that sparked the team. David Wilson set a league record in the boys 16-18 breaststroke with a time of 29.98. Anne Williams set a league record in the girls 15-18 100 freestyle in 68.24 and the mixed 40-and-under 200 medley team set a league record with a time of 2:28.19.

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KENDALLWOOD SWIM CLUB

Double event scorers: Jason Bank (11-12 boys), 11th place, 50 back, 39.87; eighth, 100 IM, 2:11.98; Brian Connor (9-10 boys), second, 50 back, 38.75; seventh, 50 fly, 43.79; Nevra Alvor (15-18 girls), third, 50 breast, 36.26; seventh, 100 IM, 2:11.95; Matt Jackson (11-12 girls), ninth, 50 fly, 37.46; 10th, 50 free, 33.24; Lyndsey Legocki (9-10 girls), third, 50 fly, 37.58; second, 50 free, 33.75.

Single-event scorers: Katie Purcell (11-12 girls), 11th, 50 back, 39.42; Mohamed Bachrouche (13-14 boys), 12th, 100 IM, 1:19.26; Sarah Switaj (11-12 girls), sixth, 50 fly, 35.79; Meghan Carroll (11-12 girls), 10th, 50 fly, 38.63; Karon Karoub (8-under girls), 12th, 25 free, 20.72; Angela Hanks (13-14 girls), 11th, 50 back, 36.68; Lauren Givens (9-10 girls), fifth, 50 breast, 45.53; Jamie Olen (10 girls), eighth, 50 breast, 46.17; Andrew Warnick (11-12 boys), 12th, 100 IM, 1:38.82; Cory Switaj (11-12 girls), 12th, 50 free, 32.74; Kately Bachrouche (9-10 girls), seventh, 50 free, 34.49; Tommy Webb (13-14 boys), 11th, 50 free, 29.78; Lauren Turner (15-18 girls), sixth, 50 fly, 32.79.

Scoring relay teams: 48-year mixed 200 medley (Brian Connor, Lauren Givens, Lyndsey Legocki, Sarah Ring), sixth, 2:39.83; 52-year boys 200 medley (Jason Bank, Mohamed Bachrouche, Matt Jackson, Tommy Webb), 12th, 2:31.12; 84-year girls 200 freestyle (Nevra Alvor, Christy Stockton, Lauren Turner, Danielle Clayton), eighth, 2:01.73.

WOODBROOKE HILLS SWIM CLUB
Double-event scorers: Keith Jones (9-10 boys), 50 back, third place, 39.71; 50 free, second, 32.41; Thomas Naughton (11-12 boys), 50 back, 12th, 40.26; 50 free, ninth, 32.97; Katie Matous (15-18 girls), 50 fly, third, 31.10; 100 free, sixth, 1:02.85; Jenny Matous (13-14 girls), 100 IM, eighth, 1:18.01; 50 fly, eighth, 33.89; Haley Imhoff (9-10 girls), 50 back, fifth, 40.80; 50 free, sixth, 36.30.

Single-event scorers: Jessica Sepick (13-14 girls), 50 back, fifth, 35.50; Beth Danielewicz (13-14 girls), 50 back, sixth, 35.98; Mory Podlaski (8-under girls), 25 back, fifth, 22.85; Kyle Lambert (11-12 boys), 50 breast, 12th, 44.88; Michael Sepick (8-under boys), 25 breast, eighth, 25.22; Brandon Eick (9-10 boys), 50 free, 11th, 38.32; Aissa Melvin (13-14 girls), 50 breast, 12th, 41.14.

Consolation relay teams: 40-year mixed 200 freestyle (Chris Best, Haley Imhoff, Ian Gatward, Keith Jones), 2:22.62; 68-year girls 200 freestyle (Jenny Matous, Beth Danielewicz, Sarah Reading, Katie Matous), 2:02.41.

FARMINGTON OLEN AQUATIC CLUB
Kristin Loidas paced FGAC as a double winner. Loidas won the 13-14 girls 50-meter freestyle (28.54) and 50 butterfly (31.59).

Contributing to the Glen performance was Ryan Booms with a first-place finish in the 11-12 boys 50 breaststroke (38.78) and a sixth-place finish in the 100 IM (1:19.31).

Also scoring for Farmington Glen were: Courtney Green (11-12 girls), second, 50 breast; fourth, 50 back; Lindsay Loidas (9-10 girls), fifth, 50 breast; 11th, 50 free; Sarah Gauer (8-under girls), ninth, 25 breast; Sarah Fredericks (8-under girls), eighth, 25 back; Jill Fleck (9-10 girls), 10th, 50 back.

The girls 52-and-under medley relay team (Katie Fleck, Courtney Green, Erin Lennon, Kristin Loidas) was seventh, and the mixed 40-and-under medley relay team (Jill Fleck, Ryan Booms, Chitsey Fleck, Sarah Gauer) was 10th.

B Highlights: Pacing the Gators at the NSSL B Championships was Mike Piskrowski, who placed second in the 13-14 boys 100 IM (1:26.57) and fourth in the 50 freestyle (32.09).

Also scoring for the Gators were: Cam Murlin (13-14 boys), second, 50 breast; 50 free; Meghan McInerney (13-14 girls), eighth, 100 IM; and Lauren Sundquist (13-14 girls), 12th, 50 breast.

BEACHVIEW SWIM CLUB
Linda McElean was first in the 13-14 girls 100 IM, swimming a team-record time of 1:08.40, and she was third in the 13-14 girls 50 breaststroke (38.30).

Also scoring for the Beachview girls were Ronnie Jones (9-10), sixth, 50 fly, 41.52; Kristen Kluka (11-12), eighth, 50 back, 37.47; seventh, 50 free, 33.01; Katie Sten (11-12), eighth, 100 IM, 1:22.50; seventh, 50 back, 36.99; Catherine Munaco (11-12), ninth, 50 free, 32.45; Sarah Paske (13-14), 10th, 100 IM, 1:16.93; fifth, 50 free, 30.48; Julie Kluka (15-18), 10th, 50 back, 34.13; 12th, 100 free, 1:05.95.

David Steff (9-10) was the lone Beachview boy to score in the finals, taking fourth place in the 50 freestyle (35.80) and swimming 45.78 in the 50 butterfly.

The 52-year girls 200 medley relay team (Katie Steff, Linda McElean, Sarah Paske, Kristin Kluka) was fifth.