

Shamrocks sail past Chargers

Good quality depth helped Redford Catholic Central sink Livonia Churchill in swimming.

Catholic Central defeated host Livonia Churchill, 138-46, in a non-league swim meet Tuesday with depth providing the Shamrocks with a good deal of their points.

"My hat is off to our depth swimmers," coach Jeff Baker said. "We gave them the opportunity to swim different events, and they really came through with some great swims."

Jeff Andonian made a rare appearance in the 200-yard individual medley and uncorked a 2:16.99.

"I don't know where that came from at all," Baker said. "That's a competitive time. And I threw him in there in a lark."

Dan Dziekan dropped three seconds in his best 200 freestyle time, down to 2:00.83, while Mark Oliver turned in a lifetime best in the 100 backstroke and Tim Ryan did the same in the 100 breaststroke.

Brandon Schmandt lowered his 500 freestyle time by 11 seconds and Chris Kuneman shaved 12 seconds off his best 500 free time.

The foursome of Bryant Steele, Chris LaFond, Brett Meconis and Ed Lesnau set a new Catholic Central pool record with a time

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of 1:33.32 in the 200 freestyle relay. Tim Ryan's 2:14.91 was a lifetime best as he won the 200 individual medley.

In the 200 medley relay, Meconis, LaFond, Steele and Lesnau combined for a winning 1:44.10. Churchill took just one first place in the meet, in the 500 freestyle where Nathan Ford swam 5:38.96 to win.

Kory Stevens won the diving for Catholic Central, scoring 179.8, but also made a surprise appearance in another event.

"I'd like to give a special mention to my divers," Baker said. "Four of my five divers swam the 200 free relay (they finished last)."

"They thought I was crazy but they had a ball. They want to do it again. I might give them the chance."

Divers Chris Darrig, Joe Rhode, Stevens and Greg Brazunas teamed for a 1:52.20.

Andrew Carlin won the 200 freestyle for Catholic Central, now 8-1 in dual meets, with a time of 1:56.31. Meconis took the 50 freestyle in 23.84 and Lesnau won the 100 with a time of 50.29.

Nick Markou took the 100 butterfly in 59.10, then came back for the backstroke in 59.41.

LaFond won the 100 breaststroke with a clocking of 1:06.81 and the Shamrocks won the 400 freestyle relay at 3:38.26 with the team of Steele, Dan Jones, Mike Krusowski and Andonian.

Cubs swamp Shamrocks

The University of Detroit-Jesuit limited Redford Catholic Central to just a pair of first-place finishes Saturday in sinking the Shamrocks, 108-78, in the Redford Union pool.

The loss left the Shamrocks 1-1 in the Detroit Catholic League.

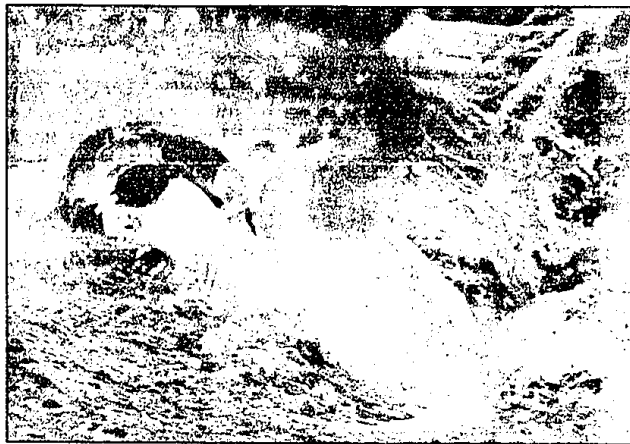
The only first-place finishes Catholic Central had came in diving, where Greg Brazunas totaled 242.60 points, and the 100-yard butterfly, where Bryant Steele clocked a 56.43.

"(The Cubs) have two potential state champions in two events and they spread them out," Coach Jeff Baker said. "They went 1-3 in almost everything."

"Still, we were within shouting distance until the last four events, then things just opened up."

The divers had the bulk of the CC points with a 1-2-3 finish. Joe Rhode scored 145.65 and Kory Stevens 138.60.

Nick Markou took second in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke, timing 1:52.83 in the first and 58.06 in the second.



Shamrock winner: Ed Lesnau won the 100 freestyle and helped Catholic Central set a pool record in the 200 freestyle relay Tuesday in a dual-meet win over Churchill.

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The selected excerpt from Stamboulis' essay on the importance of sportsmanship reads: "One must learn to play fairly, try diligently and accept defeat to become a proper sportsman. Athletes need to take responsibility and refrain from crossing boundaries of violence, gloating and cheating."

Horr earned three letters in soccer and was the team MVP all three years. He was a member of the All-WLAA and All-Observers teams last fall.

He participated in American Legion Boys State and the WLAA leadership conference, student diversity round table, Multi-Cultural Club, many school vocal and instrumental music activities, including men's chorus, Northern Lights, mixed

chorus, orchestra and percussion ensemble.

Horr also volunteered for the Salvation Army Bed and Breakfast Truck, Raider-Rake and Habitat for Humanity. He intends to study biology/pre-med at the University of Michigan.

Here is an excerpt from Horr's essay: "I always think of sportsmanship as being contagious. If you display a positive attitude, you will more times than not receive the same in return."

Horr also was honored at the National Athletic Awards banquet to benefit the March of Dimes Jan. 31 at the Fox Theatre.

He was nominated for the Detroit Athletic Club Michigan High School Athlete of the Year Award based on his sports and

scholastic achievements and his community involvement.

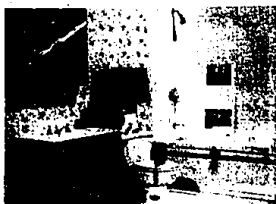
Some of the awards and their recipients: Lifetime Achievement, Archie Manning and Tom Osborne; Female Athlete of the Year, U.S. women's World Cup soccer team; Socrates Award, Drew Bros, Purdue University; Award of Inspiration, Larry Dierker, Houston Astros manager; and Andy Lowry, coach of the Columbine (Colo.) football team; Heather Farr Award, Jan Stephenson; NCAA football Offensive Player of the Year, Ron Dayne, Wisconsin; Defensive Player, Corey Moore, Virginia Tech; Coach of the Year, Glen Mason, Minnesota; Physically Challenged Athlete of the Year, Julia Werner.



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