

# Stevenson girls still No. 1 in WLAA

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More of the same.  
For more than a decade now, Livonia Stevenson has dominated the Western Lakes Activities Association in girls swimming. Last Saturday, the Spartans took their first step toward continuing that domination by winning the WLAA Relays, hosted by Plymouth Salem.

However, if scores mean anything, it appears it won't be quite as easy for the Spartans this season.

Stevenson scored 267 points, winning four of 10 relays. The Spartans also finished second four times and third twice.

Northville wasn't out of reach, however, scoring 232 points with two first-place finishes. North Farmington, also winner of two events, placed third with 226, and host Salem took fourth with 211. See statistical summary.

## SWIMMING

"It was a good meet, but really no surprises on our end," said Stevenson coach Greg Phill, whose team has won the last 11 WLAA Relays and 10-straight conference championships. "Right now the league looks a lot stronger and more balanced. It looks like things are turning around again in this league."

"Northville, North Farmington, Salem and Churchill all looked good. Harrison also has a couple of good swimmers. Farmington and Walled Lake Central also looked improved."

"I thought we swam well, better than we swam in our first meet (in 108-90 victory over Grose Pointe North last Thursday)."

Phill's views were shared by other coaches in the WLAA. "Stevenson was pretty dominant," said Salem's Chuck Olson.

"But Northville hung right in there, with North Farmington and us."

"There's good talent throughout the league. Most of the times in the meet were just as fast or faster this year."

Only one meet record was broken, however. Northville's Anna Black, Deirdre Schwirmer, Jenny Carr and Shannon Hogan set it in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:54.18, breaking their own mark of 1:54.98 set two years ago.

The Spartans got off to a fast start, all right — they won the first three relays. Stephanie Cummings, Julie Ward, Katy Sondergaard and Jessica Lia combined for a first in the 400 medley relay (4:17.38); Andrea Giczewski, Ashley Eilers, Laura Herman and Jessica Koch won the 400 free relay (3:51.59); and Andrea Hurn, Christine Perko, Stephanie Turlo and Erin Cook were best in the 200 breast-

stroke relay (2:16.55).

Stevenson's fourth win came from the 200 butterfly relay team of Ward, Sondergaard, Monica Fershtman and Laura Geverink (1:58.71).

North was first in the 200 backstroke relay, with Angela Hanks, Melissa Navas, Jessica Spick and Linda McElrean (1:57.04), and in the 400 individual medley relay, with Kristeen Wolff, Emily Howard, Valencia Smith and McElrean (4:22.10).

Northville's other victory came from Jenny Carr, Kathryn Kusupis, Rebecca Kurtz and Erin Schubert in the 500 creosote free relay (4:58.45, distances of 50, 100, 160 and 200 yards).

Salem got a win in the last race of the relays, The Rocks' Jaclyn Brandt, Nicole Gonick, Katie Truesdell and Jenny Kelly were first in the 200 free relay (1:51.73). The other win went to Walled Lake Central in diving (4:22.70 points).

## WESTERN LAKES RELAYS

### WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSN. GIRLS SWIMMING RELAYS

Sept. 8 at Plymouth Salem

Team standings: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 267 points; 2. Northville, 232; 3. North Farmington, 226; 4. Plymouth Salem, 211; 5. Walled Lake Central, 205; 6. Livonia Churchill, 137; 7. Farmington Harrison, 122; 8. Plymouth Canton, 121; 9. Walled Lake Western, 100; 10. Westland John Glenn, 87; 11. Farmington, 74; 12. Livonia Franklin, 42.

### FINAL RELAY RESULTS

400-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Stephanie Cummings, Julie Ward, Katy Sondergaard, Jessica Lia), 4:17.38; 2. Northville, 4:18.84; 3. North Farmington, 4:23.98; 4. Salem, 4:32.52; 5. Canton, 4:34.48; 6. Western, 4:51.13; 7. Churchill, 4:56.59; 8. Central, 4:59.70; 9. Farmington, 5:01.93; 10. Harrison, 5:02.67; 11. John Glenn, 4:38.12; 12. Franklin, 5:48.84.

400 freestyle: 1. Stevenson (Andrea Giczewski, Ashley Eilers, Laura Herman, Jessica Koch), 3:51.59; 2. Central, 3:51.73; 3. Salem, 3:53.75; 4. Northville, 3:55.59; 5. North Farmington, 4:10.02; 6. Canton, 4:20.84; 7. Franklin, 4:27.74; 8. Churchill, 4:43.82; 9. Harrison, 4:45.14; 10. Farmington, 4:58.54; 11. John Glenn, 5:08.07; 12. Western, 5:11.17.

200 breaststroke: 1. Stevenson (Andrea Hum, Christine Perko, Stephanie Turlo, Erin Cook), 2:10.55; 2. North Farmington, 2:23.29; 3. John Glenn, 2:24.51; 4. Northville, 2:26.72; 5. Churchill, 2:33.20; 6. Salem, 2:35.88; 7. Western, 2:36.50; 8. Harrison, 2:42.05; 9. Central, 2:44.25; 10. Franklin, 3:00.14; Canton, Farmington disqualified.

200 backstroke: 1. North Farmington (Angela Hanks, Melissa Navas, Jessica Spick, Linda McElrean), 1:57.04; 2. Stevenson, 1:58.55; 3. Northville, 2:02.05; 4. Salem, 2:07.24; 5. Harrison, 2:09.40; 6. Farmington, 2:09.55; 7. Canton, 2:12.59; 8. Canton, 2:17.40; 9. Central, 2:20.59; 10. Western, 2:25.18; 11. John Glenn, 2:33.58; 12. Franklin, 3:27.53.

200 butterfly: 1. Stevenson (Julie Ward, Katy Sondergaard, Monica Fershtman, Laura Geverink), 1:58.71; 2. Salem,

2:00.27; 3. Northville, 2:03.77; 4. Canton, 2:05.97; 5. Churchill, 2:08.71; 6. Harrison, 2:09.54; 7. North Farmington, 2:14.20; 8. Western, 2:13.37; 9. Farmington, 2:23.23; 10. Central, 2:25.57; 11. John Glenn, 2:49.23; 12. Franklin, 2:54.87.

Diving: 1. Central, 422.70 points; 2. Stevenson, 379.95; 3. Western, 343.30; 4. Churchill, 339.05; 5. Northville, 293.00; 6. North Farmington, 262.45; 7. Salem, 252.00; 8. Canton, 239.05; 9. Farmington, 221.80; 10. Glenn, 221.00; 11. Franklin, 144.30; Harrison, 90.

400 individual medley: 1. North Farmington (Kristeen Wolff, Emily Howard, Valencia Smith, Linda McElrean), 4:22.10; 2. Harrison, 4:38.45; 3. Stevenson, 4:41.07; 4. Churchill, 4:44.51; 5. John Glenn, 4:46.04; 6. Salem, 4:56.04; 7. Northville, 5:01.97; 8. Canton, 5:08.50; 9. Western, 5:19.58; 10. Farmington, 5:22.55; 11. Central, 5:24.78; Franklin, 5:48.84.

800-yard creosote relay (50, 100, 160, 200 yards): 1. Northville (Jenny Carr, Kathryn Kusupis, Rebecca Kurtz, Erin Schubert), 4:58.45; 2. Stevenson, 4:58.50; 3. North Farmington, 5:01.24; 4. Central, 5:02.54; 5. Farmington, 5:21.03; 6. Salem, 5:26.33; 7. Canton, 5:46.00; 8. Harrison, 5:50.81; 9. John Glenn, 6:11.42; 10. Churchill, 6:14.73; 11. Western, 6:18.10; 12. Franklin, 6:50.50.

200 medley: 1. Northville (Amy Black, Deirdre Schwirmer, Jenny Carr, Shannon Hogan), 1:54.18 (new meet record; old record, Northville, 1:54.98, 1999); 2. Stevenson, 2:02.54; 3. Salem, 2:02.31; 4. North Farmington, 2:12.12; 5. Central, 2:13.01; 6. Western, 2:19.03; 7. Canton, 2:18.97; 8. Churchill, 2:16.78; 9. Franklin, 2:22.87; 10. Western, 2:42.85; 11. Farmington, 2:44.42; 12. John Glenn, 2:46.33.

200 freestyle: 1. Salem (Jaclyn Brandt, Nicole Gonick, Katie Truesdell, Jenny Kelly), 1:51.73; 2. Northville, 1:52.30; 3. Stevenson, 1:53.60; 4. North Farmington, 1:58.77; 5. Western, 1:59.03; 6. Central, 2:01.87; 7. John Glenn, 2:07.51; 8. Churchill, 2:07.88; 9. Canton, 2:12.49; 10. Harrison, 2:17.16; 11. Franklin, 2:43.91; Farmington, DQ.

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"We were supposed to go to Flint Powers and play tonight," said Livonia Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek. "We had a lot of parents calling and they were concerned. This is only a game."

City athletic director Bob Dropp agreed with the decision to cancel events and practices, saying "Parents want their kids with them. It's a touchstone for them."

"Right now, most parents want their kids at home," Plymouth Area Christian athletic director Deborah Comer said. "The phones were ringing off the hook

this morning. It slowed down in the afternoon, but several families came to get their kids early." Madonna University athletic director Ray Summers canceled his school's lone event — a volleyball match at Concordia College. But the ban on nationwide air travel created another problem. The men's soccer team was due to leave Wednesday for two games in Florida.

"It's still wait and see," Summers said. "Things are still unsettled. The flight was booked for 12:40 p.m. (Wednesday), but that doesn't look good."

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ul state qualifier and will play an important role in relays.

Taub is another key swimmer who was 15th in the breaststroke in the league finals. Karros, Reading and Ryan are sprint freestylers; Ulewicz, Johnson and Rosenhaus are divers.

"Ten of the 12 have been with us four years," Duthie said. "I think there's a lot of good, quality leadership there. We have outstanding captains and other seniors who are doing a good job leadership wise, which is always

critical."

The Raiders also have a big junior class that has 11 members.

One of the best in that group, Beth Danielewicz, is out indefinitely after being involved in a car accident last week, however.

Danielewicz, who is also a star softball pitcher for the Raiders, didn't suffer any broken bones but was sore and unable to practice, according to Duthie.

"Hopefully, we'll get her back real soon, but it's not certain

how soon," he said.

Juniors who scored in the WLAA meet include Danielewicz, who was ninth in the back; Kristian Wolff, 17th IM and 16th breast; Lauren Sundquist, 11th 50 free and 18th 100 free; and Angela Hanks, 13th 50 free and 10th back.

Juniors Sari Addelean, Emily Howard (a transfer from Mercy High School who sat out last season) and twins Carrie and Chris Gubriel swim sprint freestyle and Rachel Expose distance freestyle. The Gabriels also swim backstroke. Ashley Levine and Jodi Orloff are divers.

Sophomore Valencia Smith is the team's best butterfly and another freestyle sprinter. She was sixth in the 50 free and fifth in the fly at the WLAA meet. Smith just missed qualifying for state in the fly but swam 1:01.5 in the medley relay Saturday.

Catherine Munroe was 18th in the 50 free and 16th in the 100 free, and Jessica Spick was 15th in the 100 free and 13th in the back. Lenora Hanks and Dana Sheridan complete the sophomore class.

The freshmen members are Shayna Farber, Anne Gabriel, Megan Halaubarda, Cindy Karros, Katie Purcell and Lindsey Scher.

"Individually, I hope everyone in our program makes it to the point they're swimming or diving as well as they can and being as good as they can be," Duthie said. "If everyone does that, you have a winning program."

"I think we'll be tested in a whole bunch of dual meets. I'm sure we'll be challenged, and that's what makes you better."

"If we finish in the top three or four in our conference, that would be a real positive thing. We hope to get as many individual and relays qualified for state and see if we can't score there."

Duthie, who begins his 31st year of coaching, will be assisted by Mike Harfoot, and Dan Rimer will coach the divers at all three Farmington public high schools.

The Raiders have their first dual meet tonight at Northville and will be at West Bloomfield for an invitational Saturday.

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