

Raiders splash to surprise second place in WLAA swim

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The Western Lakes Activities Association's girls swim meet was one for the book — the record book.

A pair of WLAA records went down the drain Nov. 3 when Livonia Stevenson swam away with the league championship at Plymouth Salem.

Stevenson finished first — for a record 1:11.4 time in a row — with 527.5 points. North Farmington barely beat out Northville for second place, 414-409.5. Plymouth Salem was fourth at 318.

"Northville and North Farmington keep closing the gap on us," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "North Farmington was spectacular to take second."

"I guess on paper it was a surprise to some, but to (Raiders' coach) Pat Duthie I'm sure it's not."

"Each team has a superstar, our front-line kids are all close — but neither one can stay with our depth."

It took a win in the 400 freestyle relay for North Farmington to edge out Northville for second place.

"Northville was 1 1/2 points ahead of us going into this relay," North coach Pat Duthie said. "We had to finish ahead of them to finish ahead of them at the meet."

"Each athlete on that team stepped up big. Emily Howard led off with a 55.11, just .01 off her open event time."

"Sarah Panke, who had a terrific meet for us, swam a 56.0 and Melissa Navas swam a 55.4. (Linda) McErlenn was at 52.8."



To the finish: Farmington's Erin Lennon gives her all in the butterfly in the Nov. 3 WLAA swimming and diving championships at Plymouth Salem. Lennon finished 15th, scoring four points, with a time of 1:07.62.

It's been awhile since North Farmington girls have been under 3:40 in 400 freestyle relay.

Almost a record

The winning time was 3:39.46, just a shade away the WLAA mark of 3:39.04 set last year by Stevenson.

"We were within a half-second of the conference record," Duthie said. "Northville and Stevenson were right there chasing us. It was one of the most exciting events to watch in the meet."

A pair of WLAA records fell along with another five meet marks.

Stevenson's Andrea Hurn lowered a record that had stayed afloat since 1989 (set by Michelle McKenzie) when she swam 1:55.57 in the 200-yard freestyle. The old record was 1:56.23.

Hurn also captured the 100 breaststroke with a clocking of 1:09.27.

Three stars

"She's very good," Phill said. "There are three swimmers in the league that are outstanding — and she's one of the three."

"Shannon Hogan (of Northville) and Linda McErlenn (of North Farmington) are way up there also. They both won two events, too."

"Shannon set a record in the 50 free."

"But Andrea is our best swimmer. She can swim a lot of different things, and that's very helpful to us. She's one of the hardest trainers I've worked with. She's a great kid all around."

Hogan smashed the WLAA record in the 50 freestyle, clocking 23.67 to become the first

league swimmer under 24 seconds. The old record was 24.19 set in 1997 by Laura Kaznecki of Walled Lake.

Hogan also bettered her time of a year ago (54.47) in the 100 freestyle when she was timed in 52.22.

In the 100 backstroke, McErlenn went under 1 minute with a win in 59.23. She also captured the 200 individual medley in 2:10.53.

Stevenson's quartet of Ashley Eilers, Giczewski, Hurn and Katy Sondergaard combined for a clocking of 1:52.21.

Flying in the 'Ty

In the 100 butterfly, Monica Glowksi of Plymouth Salem touched out Jenny Carr Northville for first place, 1:00.01 to 1:00.15. Glowksi went 1:00.32 in Thursday's preliminary heat.

Raiders meet challenge

"Our team was very pleased to finish second," North's Duthie said. "Quite honestly, anybody with a reasonable view on the meet knew that second place was going to about as good as anybody was going to get except for Stevenson."

"We wanted our kids to do just as well as they could. There are a lot of factors you can't control that determine what place you take."

"I was proud of our kids that qualified for state," Phill said. "Jessica Lis dropped over 4 1/2 seconds to qualify for states in the 200 free," Phill said, noting her 2:01.01 in the preliminaries got her into the state meet."

Teammate Stephanie Cummings qualified in two events, the 200 IM, where her 2:17.08 in the prelims got her in, and in the 100 backstroke, where she was clocked in 1:07.70 to make the meet.

"Erin Cook came from behind to win the 500 (freestyle, in 5:21.54) and qualified for the state."

Andrea Giczewski finished second to McErlenn in the 100 backstroke and her 1:01.69 qualified her for the state meet. Julie Ward was runner-up to Hurn in the 100 breaststroke, also qualifying for the state meet.

"We had four events where we had three in the top six and two more where we had two in the top six," Phill said. "We've got a pretty deep team."

"And when they swim well like that, we're tough to beat." Especially in the WLAA meet.

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1. Plymouth Salem (11-0, 20-0); 2. Farmington Harrison (9-2, 11-9); 3. Walled Lake Central (8-3, 13-7); 4. Northville (8-3, 13-7); 5. Walled Lake Western (7-4, 12-8); 6. Plymouth Canton (7-4, 14-6); 7. Livonia Churchill (4-7, 8-12); 8. Farmington (4-7, 8-11); 9. Livonia Franklin (4-7, 8-12); 10. North Farmington (2-9, 8-12); 11. Westland John Glenn (1-9, 2-17); 12. Livonia Stevenson (0-10, 5-14).

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