

North's Tumey scores in 2 events at state

Redford Catholic Central's swim team's 10th place finish in the Class A state meet Saturday may have been a prelude to the rest of the season.

Throughout the season, the Catholic League champions have been ranked behind either Livonia Stevenson or Plymouth Salem in the area. In the final analysis, CC placed itself above both.

The Shamrocks amassed 45 1/2 points Saturday to sneak into the top 10. North Farmington, ranked No. 4 in Stevenson, placed 15th with 26 points. Stevenson and Plymouth Canton placed a tie for 19th with 16 points. Salem didn't score.

Bloomfield Hills Andover won the meet with 177 points. (See statistical summary for complete results.)

John Kovach was the top scorer for CC. He placed third in the 100-yard butterfly (52.29) and third in the 100 backstroke (54.35). He also helped CC's 200 medley relay team place seventh with a 1:38.93.

Jim Surawicz earned a fifth place in the 100 breaststroke for CC with a 1:01.06.

OBSERVERLAND DID bring home a state champion. Plymouth Canton diver Andy Flower ousted longtime rival Mikael Bayerl of Ann Arbor Huron 465.35-460.65. Bayerl, who trains with Flower under the guidance of Eastern Michigan University coach Mike Laiden, had beaten Flower by 15 points at the regional.

"I feel real good for Andy," said Canton coach Hooker Wellman, who was named the state's diving coach of the year. "He's an outstanding young man, he's talented, very bright in school (3.7 grade point average) — just a real good person."

North Farmington's effort was spearheaded by Mike Tumey. He placed seventh in the 200 freestyle (1:44.18) and sixth in the 500 free (4:46.73). He anchored North's eighth-place 400 freestyle relay team (3:16.03).

Other Observerland state placers were: Livonia Stevenson, sixth in the 200 medley relay (1:40.20) and Westland John Glenn's John Jensen, ninth in the 200 individual medley (2:00.98).

— Chris McCosky

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STATE CLASS A BOYS SWIM MEET

Saturday at MSU

TEAM RESULTS: 1. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 177 points; 2. East Kentwood, 115 1/2; 3. East Lansing, 109; 4. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 80 1/2; 5. Grosse Pointe South, 78; 6. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 52 1/2; 7. Lansing Weaverly, 52; 8. Rochester Adams, 51 1/2; 9. Ann Arbor Huron, 51; 10. Redford Catholic Central, 45 1/2; 11. Southfield-Lathrup, 43 1/2; 12. Grand Haven, 33; 13. (tie) Grand Lehigh and Nova, 27; 14. North Farmington, 26; 15. Troy, 21; 16. Monroe, 20; 17. Livonia Stevenson, 16; 18. (tie) Rochester, Plymouth Canton and Flint Carmen, 16.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

200-yard Medley Relay: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer (Mark Oviatt, Peter Dewhirst, Kevin Corcoran, Scott VanKopple), 1:37.01; 2. Andover, 1:38.45; 3. Lehigh, 1:38.71; 4. East Lansing, 1:38.85; 5. East Kentwood, 1:39.01; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 1:40.20.

200 Freestyle: 1. Chuck Karlson (E. Kentwood), 1:43.05; 2. Rick Wickening (E. Lansing), 1:43.85; 3. Steve Pancratz (Andover), 1:44.14; 4. Steve Sharpe (Andover), 1:44.16; 5. Michael Schuler (Lathrup), 1:44.42; 6. Scott Seely (Flint Carmen), 1:45.34.

200 Individual Medley: 1. Mark Kohnmeier (L. Weaverly), 1:54.50; 2. Ed Weckert (Roch. Adams), 1:55.79; 3. Cary McQuigge (Andover), 1:58.25; 4. Jon Cohen (Huron), 1:57.93; 5. Tim Polack (Livonia), 1:57.72; 6. Mark Oviatt (Pioneer), 2:00.20.

50 Freestyle: 1. Jon Howell (Grand Haven), 21.70; 2. Mark Landry (Lansing), 21.80; 3. Mark Shapera (Andover), 21.74; 4. Brian Meyer (E. Kentwood), 21.78; 5. Taro Gerson (A.A. Huron), 21.81; 6. Dave Christl (E. Lansing), 22.07.

100 Butterfly: 1. Jake Penill (Grand Lehigh), 51.81; 2. Matt Dogan (Dorset), 52.10; 3. John Kovach (CC), 52.29; 4. Dan Hume (Pioneer), 52.31; 5. Chuck Karlson (E. Kentwood), 52.76; 6. Robb Scott (Hazel Park), 53.22.

100 Freestyle: 1. Jon Howell (Grand Haven), 46.72; 2. Mark Shapera (Andover), 47.22; 3. Michael Schuler (Lathrup), 47.42; 4. Mark Landry (Lansing), 47.42; 5. Brian Meyer (E. Kentwood), 47.43; 6. Taro Gerson (A.A. Huron), 48.40.

500 Freestyle: 1. Jon Howell (Novi), 4:38.34; 2. Richard Clark (Grosse Pointe South), 4:38.97; 3. Steve Pancratz (Andover), 4:39.74; 4. Eric Bailey (A.A. Huron), 4:43.40; 5. Steve Sharpe (Andover), 4:45.80; 6. Mike Tumey (N. Farmington), 4:46.73.

100 Backstroke: 1. Rick Wickening (E. Lansing), 52.50; 2. Tim Polack (E. Lansing), 53.04; 3. John Kovach (CC), 54.25; 4. Jake Penill (Grand Lehigh), 54.75; 5. Tim Hickey (Roch. Adams), 54.81; 6. Dan Holmes (Brighton), 55.40.

100 Breaststroke: 1. Mark Kohnmeier (L. Weaverly), 1:00.03; 2. Fred Leonard (Grosse Pointe South), 1:00.29; 3. Charlie Chung (Andover), 1:00.54; 4. Rob McEwan (Rochester), 1:00.90; 5. Jim Surawicz (CC), 1:01.06; 6. Pat McChickie (Adams), 1:01.06.

One-meter Diving: 1. Andy Flower (Canton), 400.35; 2. Mikael Bayerl (A.A. Huron), 398.65; 3. Mike Reynolds (Grosse Pointe South), 402.20; 4. Jay Hausenbuecher (E. Lansing), 400.95; 5. Scott Mayes (Livonia), 400.55; 6. Tim LeBlond (Andover), 397.80; 7. Bill Cole (Troy), 394.00; 8. Rich Frye (Belle Creek Central), 388.50; 9. Angus Bantel (Canton), 388.50; 10. Dan Rucker (Huron), 382.05; 11. Todd Bowden (W.L. Central), 375.55; 12. Mark Sparks (E. Lansing), 352.15.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY: 1. Andover (Steve Sharpe, Cary McQuigge, Steve Pancratz, Mark Shapera), 3:10.09; 2. E. Kentwood, 3:12.46; 3. A.A. Huron, 3:13.20; 4. Southfield-Lathrup, 3:14.00; 5. Grosse Pointe South, 3:15.27; 6. Lansing Weaverly, 3:15.79.

CONSOLATION FLIGHT (places 7-12)

200 Medley Relay: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 1:39.32; 2. Grosse Pointe South, 1:39.83; 3. Rochester Adams, 1:40.28; 10. Ann Arbor Huron, 1:40.32; 11. Bentley, 1:41.19; 12. Belleville, 1:42.84.

200 Freestyle: 7. Mike Tumey, 1:44.18; 8. Steven Seiler (Troy), 1:44.62; 9. Richard Clark (Grosse Pointe South), 1:44.80; 10. William Thompson (Grosse Pointe South), 1:45.08; 11. Chris Becker (E. Kentwood), 1:46.07; 12. Gregory Lynch (Belleme), 1:46.58.

Robb Scott (Hazel Park), 2:18.9; 9. Dave Hoyde (Morro), 2:19.5; 10. Ernie Duckman (Andover), 2:20.10; 11. Dave Lebrun (Andover), 2:20.12; 12. Eric Pansy (Eatonville), 2:22.42.

100 Butterfly: 7. Matt Smith (Grosse Pointe South), 52.00; 8. Ed Weckert (Roch. Adams), 53.19; 9. Steve Hoyde (Morro), 53.51; 10. Todd Young (Lansing), 53.60; 11. Kevin Corcoran (Pioneer), 53.87; 12. Ian Thompson (Grosse Pointe South), 53.88.

100 Freestyle: 7. Scott Seely (Flint Carmen), 48.02; 8. Scott Seiler (Troy), 48.04; 9. Dave Hoyde (Morro), 48.10; 10. Dan Holmes (Brighton), 48.24; 11. Scott VanKopple (Pioneer), 48.60; 12. Jason Winkler (Rochester), 49.10.

500 Freestyle: 7. Chris Becker (E. Kentwood), 4:45.05; 8. Robert Rowland (Royal Oak Kimball), 4:45.53; 9. Furo Rios (Andover), 4:45.95; 10. Brandon Schatz (Portage Northern), 4:47.44; 11. Duane Simon (L. Weaverly), 4:51.51; 12. Pat McChickie (Roch. Adams), 4:54.39.

100 Backstroke: 7. David DeWitt (Holand), 54.60; 8. William Thompson (Grosse Pointe South), 55.16; 9. David Nick (Fennville), 55.54; 10. Jim Druart (E. Kentwood), 55.74; 11. Greg Cooksey (Grosse Pointe North), 55.78; 12. Kevin Lane (Bentley), 57.01.

100 Breaststroke: 7. Greg Geiger (Andover), 1:02.28; 8. Gregory Lynch (Belleme), 1:02.40; 9. Jay Ince (Bentley), 1:02.82; 10. Zak Rogalski (Shelby Heights High School), 1:02.85; 11. Brad Good (E. Kentwood), 1:02.87; 12. Mark Leonard (Livonia), 1:03.08.

400 Freestyle Relay: 7. East Lansing, 3:13.44; 8. North Farmington, 3:10.02; 9. Monroe, 3:16.55; 10. Rockford, 3:16.76; 11. Grand Haven, 3:10.47; 12. Belle Creek Central, 3:20.35.

Canton's Flower blooms on board

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

This must be how legends get started.

Plymouth Canton senior Andy Flower won the state Class A diving championship last Saturday at Michigan State University. His coach, Hooker Wellman, was named the state's diving coach of the year.

But Wellman wasn't around on Saturday when his diver was amassing 466.35 points to oust longtime rival and close friend Mikael Bayerl of Ann Arbor Huron.

Wellman's wife gave birth Saturday to their first child, Charles Reginald (named after Charles Dudley, founder of the youth baseball program in the Plymouth-Canton community).

"It was just an incredible day," Wellman said. "It was like God was doing this for me. I had always thought of Andy as my son. It's like I've lost one son and gained another in the same day. I've had nine hours of sleep in the last three days, but I'm still flying."

Andy Flower is Charles Reginald Wellman's godfather.

AS YOU may have guessed, the relationship between Andy Flower and Hooker Wellman goes a bit deeper than the typical coach-athlete relationship.

Although Hooker and Flower never hooked up until Flower began diving, the two families have been close for a long time. Both Flower and Hooker were raised in the same Canton Township neighborhood. Both of their mothers were close friends. Hooker claims that Flower's mother used to baby-sit him. The two families attend the same church.

"He's always been there for me," Andy Flower said of his coach. "He's like a real good friend. We've always gotten along well."

Wellman saw potential in Flower immediately, even though as a seventh and eighth grader Flower was less than impressive. He finished dead last in the conference in seventh grade and not much better in eighth grade.

"He told me as a freshman that I could win it all some day," Flower said. "I just looked at him like, 'yeah, right.'"

SAID WELLMAN: "I told his mother that if Andy worked hard, he would have a chance at getting a college scholarship through diving. She didn't

think that was possible, but she came up to me last week and said, 'You know, you were right.'"

Indeed he was. Flower is being actively pursued by the University of Kansas, University of Pennsylvania and Yale. Wellman expects some of the state universities to come around now that Flower is the state champion.

Wellman, former holder of the old Plymouth High diving record and pole vaulting record, is a little skittish about taking credit for Flower's success. "Being named diving coach of the year is a great honor and I'm pleased, but there have been so many others who have worked with Andy," Wellman said.

WELLMAN GIVES a large share of the credit to Eastern Michigan University diving coach Mike Laiden, who coaches Flower in a year-round program.

Ironically, Laiden also coaches Bayerl. That made for a rather unique situation at the state meet.

"We're friends," Flower said of Bayerl. "We sat together during the meet and we talked."

Until Saturday, Flower had never beaten Bayerl in competition. Bayerl had bested him by 15 points at the regional meet. But Flower had some cautionary words for his pal prior to Saturday.

"I told him, 'You'd better be consistent or I'll get you,'" Flower said.

Everybody's a prophet in this story. The two were virtually deadlocked until the eighth dive. Bayerl missed his, Flower didn't. Flower won by less than six points.

"I could tell that Andy was the crowd favorite on Friday," Wellman said. "He was real casual and real relaxed. He talked to everyone — I mean, he looked like he was having a real good time."

SAID FLOWER: "I was nervous but I thought I composed myself well. I just put the old car phones on and listened to some music."

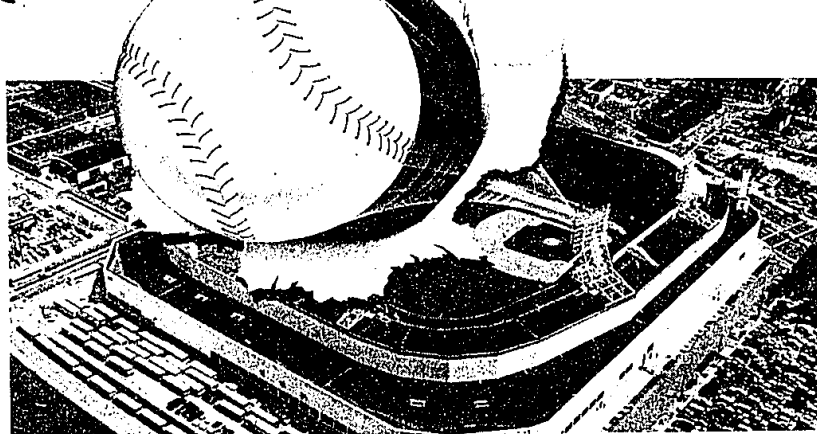
What did he listen to? Prince, what else?

Flower attempted to put on a calm front after winning the title, too. But he couldn't quite pull it off.

"For about three hours after the meet I hardly knew where I was at," he said. "I was kind of on Cloud 12."

He probably saw Hooker Wellman up there.

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Jul 26	Saturday	K.C.	7:35		
Jul 27	Sunday	K.C.	1:35		
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Aug 21	Thursday	Cal	7:35		
Aug 22	Friday	Sea	7:35		
Aug 23	Saturday	Sea	7:35		
Aug 24	Sunday	Sea	7:35		
Aug 25	Monday	Oak	7:35		
Aug 26	Tuesday	Oak	7:35		
Sep 9	Tuesday	Mil	7:35		
Sep 10	Wednesday	Mil	7:35		
Sep 11	Thursday	Mil	7:35		
Sep 12	Friday	Bal	7:35		
Sep 13	Saturday	Bal	1:15		
Sep 14	Sunday	Bal	1:35		
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Hall of Famers

Ralph Temby (right) and John Herrington (left), longtime coaches in the Farmington Public School District, will be inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame Saturday, April 12, at Crysler Arena in Ann Arbor. Both coaches have coached more than 20 years and have amassed at least 100 victories. Temby, former head coach at Clarenceville, served as North Holland's assistant at North Farmington from 1967-1982. Herrington has been the head man at Harrison since the school opened in 1970.