

Area swimmers in Big Ten meet

A number of former high school standouts competed Saturday in the Big Ten women's swimming and diving championships, including six who previously swam with the Michigan Stingrays.

Allison Gowing, Joan Huellmantel and Gwen Rowlands competed for Michigan State, Kerry Doran and Danielle Frotter for Northwestern and Katie Knipper for the host University of Michigan.

"It's great to see so many swimmers staying with the sport in college and continuing to swim lifetime bests," Stingrays assistant coach Peter Leonhardt said.

"The meet was fast, but just seeing many of our former Stingrays compete speaks well for the sport."

The Wolverines held off a challenge from Northwestern to win the meet in which eight pool records were set and several Overland swimmers had personal bests.

Doran (North Farmington) placed in three events, swimming 4:27 in the 400 individual medley, 2:05 in the 200 IM and 2:05 in the 200 butterfly.

Knipper (Farmington Hills) exceeded her previous best times by swimming 2:11 in

OU men, women repeat champions

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Stop us if you've heard this one before: The Oakland University men's and women's swim teams each won Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships last weekend. . . stop.

Of course you've heard it before. For the men, who outscored their nearest competitor (Ferris State) by 358 points Sunday at Saginaw Valley, it was their 16th straight GLIAC title. For the women, who beat second-place Northern Michigan by 44.5 points, it was their fourth title in five years.

"It would be nice to have more competition," said OU men's coach Pete Hovland. "I wish we'd get more of a challenge. I think we really need it at this time of the season."

What the league meet has become for Oakland is a measuring stick, a final chance to qualify swimmers and gauge its potential for the NCAA Division II Championships, which will take place March 10-13 at the C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton, Ohio.

"It was a good meet in a sense that we got three more swimmers qualified," Hovland said. "Those guys are keys to our success at the nationals. We needed them desperately and they came through."

The men, who last won the Division II title in 1980 and have finished either second or third in 11 of the last 12 years, will send 10 swimmers to the nationals.

The women, who are seeking their fourth straight Division II crown, will send 10 swimmers and

two divers.

No guarantees for women

Lady Pioneers' coach Tracy Huth, who was voted women's coach of the year in the GLIAC, likes his talent heading into the nationals, but not his numbers.

"Last year we had 13 swimmers and one diver qualify, so from that standpoint, we're down," he said. "We won't have the advantage depth-wise like we've had. But talent-wise, we're at least as strong, if not stronger."

Of the Lady Pioneers' six first-place finishes at the GLIAC meet, four were claimed by freshmen. Debby Nickels won both the 1,650-yard freestyle (17:51.47) and the 400 individual medley (4:45.95). Diver Becki Bach won both the one-meter and three-meter events.

Junior Amy Comerford won the 100 backstroke (57.34) and OU took the 200 freestyle relay (1:36.87).

Of OU's 12 national qualifiers, five are freshmen: Nickels, Bach, Ellen Lessig, Kristen Nagelkirch and Molly Clifford.

"That's the key," Huth said. "If those people can perform under the gun, we'll be OK."

Also qualifying for nationals were Comerford, senior Laura Fischer, junior Angie Johnson, sophomore Danni Lentine, sophomore Jodi Parker, senior Beth Surowiec and senior Shannon Taylor.

"There will be four or five teams that should have a chance to win (the nationals) on the last

day," Huth said. "Whoever wins will have to swim a great meet."

Huth likes the Lady Pioneers' chances.

"I thought we've been progressing extremely well," he said. "It is a situation where all our swimmers are progressing at the same level. That's a good sign."

Men still 3rd best

Hovland will take two defending champions (seniors Doug Allen and Carl Boyd), six other swimmers who currently rank among the top five in the nation in 10 events, three relay teams that rank No. 1 and two others that rank No. 2 to the Division II nationals.

Yet, he predicts a third-place finish for his Pioneers.

"Our 10 swimmers are as good as anybody's, but we just don't have the depth to challenge the top two teams," Hovland said. "Cal State-Bakersfield, who has won the title the last seven years, qualified 19 swimmers. University of California-Davis has 17 individuals qualified. But I am really pleased with the way our guys came through at the league meet."

OU won all 18 swimming events, losing only the two diving events. Freshman Chris Zoltak (Pala, Ok.) was named male GLIAC swimmer of the year after he won the 100 butterfly (51.33) and 100 backstroke (51.64).

Other two-event winners for Oakland were junior Sean Peters (100 free in 46.16, 200 free in 1:43.60), sophomore Steve Traube (500 free in 4:41.63 and the 200

butterfly in 1:57.01) and senior Jeff Van Norman (200 breaststroke in 2:10.68 and the 200 individual medley (1:56.80)).

Senior Enos Pritchett qualified for nationals and set a GLIAC record with his 20:87 clocking in the 50 free. Peters and senior Jon Stump also gained their qualification at the GLIAC meet.

"Those guys came through big time," Hovland said. "We'd been waiting for them and they really stepped up."

Here are the 10 swimmers who will represent OU at the nationals:

■ Doug Allen, defending champion and currently ranked No. 5 in the 200 IM. He is also ranked No. 5 in the 400 IM.

■ Carl Boyd, defending champion and currently ranked No. 3 in the 100 backstroke. He is No. 2 in the 200 free and 200 back.

■ Adrie Arndt, freshman, No. 4 in the 200 breaststroke, also qualified in the 200 IM, 400 IM and 100 breast.

■ Morgan Bailey, sophomore, No. 1 in 100 free, No. 3 in the 50 free and No. 4 in the 100 back.

■ Eric Newton, sophomore, No. 6 in 1,650 free.

■ Peters, No. 3 in the 100 free, No. 5 in the 50 free.

■ Pritchett, No. 4 in the 50.

■ Stump, No. 2 in the 50, No. 5 in the 100 free.

■ Van Norman, No. 2 in the 100 breaststroke.

■ Zoltak, No. 2 in the 100 back, No. 3 in the 200 back, No. 3 in the 100 butterfly and No. 6 in the 100 free.

SPORTS SHORTS

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (for the Monday edition).

CORTKOWN RACES

Serious runners and fun-loving walkers can demonstrate how well they've stayed in shape during the winter at the 11th Annual Cortkown Races Sunday, March 14.

The races begin at 12:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium. The annual St. Patrick's Parade will follow at 2 p.m.

The main race is a four-mile run through Detroit's historic Corktown community. Other events are 1/4-mile walk and a quarter-mile walk/run for children 12 and under.

The early entry deadline is Friday, March 5, for a \$10 fee. The late registration fee is \$14. Final registration will take place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on race day at the start line.

The quarter-mile kids run begins at 12:30. Parents may run with their children at no addi-

tional cost. The four-mile and 1/4-mile runs start at 1.

The races are conducted by the Motor City Striders and sponsored by the Fraternal Order of United Irishmen. Proceeds will be used to add the food programs at St. Patrick's Church in the Cass Corridor.

Entry forms can be obtained by writing to the race director at 10144 Lincoln, Huntington Woods, MI 48070. For information call 544-9099.

YOUTH GYMNASTICS

Andrea Burch of Farmington Hills scored 33.05 in all-around gymnastics competition at a meet Feb. 6 in Midland.

Burch competes in the Level 6 Child Division (ages 9-11). She scored 8.9 on floor exercise, 8.6 on vault, 7.75 on bars and 7.8 on beam.

At the Winterfest meet in Farmington Jan. 30-31, she scored 33.75 as an all-arounder. Her individual scores were 8.9 (vault), 8.15 (bars), 7.9 (beam) and 8.0 (floor).

CANTON BASEBALL

Former Plymouth Canton baseball coach Fred Crissey will be honored Friday, April 2, at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth.

All former players and students are welcome. Crissey has taught and/or coached at Detroit St. Benedict, Our Lady of Good Counsel, East and Central middle schools, Plymouth High and Canton High.

The cost is \$15 per person. There will be a social hour 6-7 p.m., dinner 7-8:30 and the evening program at 8:30.

Anyone interested in attending can call Mark LaPointe (469-3791) or Kay Paupers (469-5564).

BASEBALL PLAYERS

There are still a few openings for a newly established area travel baseball team for 11 and 12 year olds.

The Bloomfield Bulls Federation team will have tryouts this week. Interested players should call Dennis Patterson at 553-8119.

CRACKERBOX SPORTS

Crackerbox Sports in Farmington Hills is organizing men's, women's and coed softball and volleyball leagues. For information, call Michael Callahan at 474-6176.

SPONSORS SOUGHT

The Farmington Bandits, an under-14 boys select soccer team coached by Tom Fero, is seeking sponsors for the spring season to help with tournament fees and other team expenses.

Individuals or area companies interested in supporting the Bandits should call team manager Linda Wentin at 477-7438.

PLAYERS WANTED

Girls premier soccer players who have no team to play for in the spring season should call Tom Coyne (427-3338). Linda Hamilton of the U.S. women's national team, and Coyne will provide an opportunity for girls to train and compete.

CC ties Rice in hockey

Redford Catholic Central and Birmingham Brother Rice played to a 1-1 tie Saturday in a Michigan Metro Hockey League game at Redford Ice Arena.

The Shamrocks, who are 12-5-4 overall and 6-4-3 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League, had 24 shots on goal to Rice's 16.

The game was unlike the first matchup between the two teams, Feb. 5, when CC beat Rice 3-0 despite being outshot 38-13.

After a scoreless first period, CC took a 1-0 lead at 5:38 of the second period on a goal by Jeff

Lachapelle, assisted by Jason Ballinger. Rice tied the score at 10:31 with a power play goal by Tim Kurrumi, with assists to Josh Fryer and Matt Riker.

The Shamrocks tried to break the tie in the second period but Chris Gonzalez hit the goal post on a breakaway and Jon Heady hit the side of the net on a good opportunity, according to coach Jack Gumbleton.

The third period didn't feature much offense with CC taking only five shots on goal and Rice two.

Ladywood whips Cass

The Livonia Ladywood volleyball team won the Operation Friendship championship Monday, 15-9, 15-7 over Detroit Cass Tech at Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher.

The Blazers, who won the Catholic League crown four days earlier with a victory over Dearborn Divine Child, improved to 28-6-2 overall. Cass Tech was

the Detroit Public School League champion.

Liz Gunn led Ladywood with eight kills. Anna Foglia had six kills, Mary Jo Kelly five and Andrea Putti and Tara Overatilla had four each.

Kristie Walker led the Blazers with four serving aces and Val Adzima added three. Erin LeSage had a pair of digs.

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