Salem claims 8th consecutive league crown

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It comes as no surprise that Plymouth Salem emerged on top at last Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association Swimming and Diving Championships, which the Rocks hosted.

And it's even less of a surprise that they did it while winning just one event.

"I told you it's going to be a close meet," said Salem coach Chuck Olson, whose Rocks won their eighth straight championship. "Yes, we were supposed to win, and that's what we did.

"As I recall, it doesn't have anything on any of these banners that says the score."

In other words, the victory was a bit of a nail-biter. Salem totaled 518.5 points; second-place Livonia Stevenson had 490, and third-place North Farmington netted 426 (see statistical summary).

"It wouldn't have taken much for me to be trying to explain to you what went wrong," Olson said.

What went right for Salem? Out of 36 entries, 33 of them scored points.

That was the difference for the Rocks.

"It was fun," Olson added, "but nerve-racking as well."

North and Stevenson were the top-runners in this meet; the Raiders got wins in five events, while the Spartans had four first-place finishes.

North's Brandon Digia and Stevenson's Joe Bublitz each won two individual events. Digia's came in the 200-yard freestyle (1:46.87) and the 100 free (48.19); Bublitz won the 200 individual medley (1:59.79) and the 100 backstroke (54.53).

SWIMMING

The Raiders also got a first from Adam Farber in the 100 breaststroke (1:01.18) and won two relays: Jim Gabriel, Farber, Chris Clayson and Jon Zeid in the 200 medley (1:38.88) and Sermet Alver, Clayson, Digia and Zeid in the 200 free (1:30.06).

Stevenson's other wins came from Brad Buckler in the 50 free (22.42) and from Bublitz, Buckler, Justin Ketterer and Bob Cambridge in the 400 free relay (3:19.72).

Salem's only winner was freshman Ben Dzialo, who was first in the 100 butterfly (55.13). He was also second in the 500 free (4:59.21), something not uncommon for the Rocks: They had four other second-place finishes in the meet, and three thirds.

Other wins went to Walled Lake's Chris Gawronski, who dedicated his win to living by a wild margin and to Northville's Scott Whitbeck in the 500 free.

"Talking with Chuck (Olson) about the position, and there were only about two or three of his swimmers where he didn't score," said North coach Pat Duthie. "They were kicked. It takes a number of kids scoring, and I think Stevenson and Salem were better balanced than we were.

"We had some points where we went obviously strong, but they heard pretty solid throughout the meet."

The Raiders and the Rocks were involved in the two closest races of the meet. In the 100 fly, Digia narrowly beat North's Farber, 55.13 to 55.18.

In the 200 free relay, North's foursome edged Salem's by two one-hundredths of a second, 1:20.06 to 1:20.08.

"When it's that close, you can't even tell who won without looking up at the scoreboard," said Duthie. "That (200 free relay) and the race Farber was in is the butterfly, it's just a matter of who's going to touch the wall first.

"That's always the case but when it's that close you wish you hadn't cut your fingernails the night before."

No doubt Olson shared Duthie's views. Eric Lynn placed second twice, in the 200 IM (2:01.87) and in the 100 back (55.33) — both times to Stevenson's Bublitz. And Mike Johnson was second in the 50 free (22.71) and third in the 100 free (50.00).

"Winning our conference meet means an awful lot to the guys on this team," said Olson. "We swam hard — and that's what we were looking for."

SWIM TIMES

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
North Farmington 1:38.88
Livonia Stevenson 1:39.33
Plymouth Salem 1:41.02
Redford Catholic Central 1:42.26
Plymouth Canton 1:44.25

200 FREESTYLE
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 1:46.87
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:48.36
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 1:48.83
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 1:50.82
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 1:51.13
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:51.93
Jon Ross (Salem) 1:51.96
Brad Nilson (Canton) 1:51.96
Don Price (Farm. Unified) 1:53.04
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:53.73

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:56.29
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:01.87
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:03.87
Brad Nilson (Canton) 2:04.21
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:05.20
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:06.43
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 2:06.54
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 2:06.75
Craig Paske (N. Farmington) 2:08.34
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 2:10.33

50 FREESTYLE
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.31
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 22.42
Ed Leenaui (Redford CC) 22.51
Mike Johnson (Salem) 22.61
Dan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 23.03
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 23.10
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 23.11
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 23.20
Eric Lynn (Salem) 23.22
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 23.24

DIVING
Craig Totten (Garden City) 295.00
Greg Brasburas (Redford CC) 280.80
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 240.15
Dave Stanton (Redford Union) 225.60
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 219.45
Mark Moretto (Redford Union) 212.85
Scott Clark (John Glenn) 207.55
Lake Brunner (Canton) 204.50
Joe Salyde (Redford CC) 199.25
Derek Ball (John Glenn) 195.75

100 BACKSTROKE
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.53
Eric Lynn (Salem) 56.33
Jon Gabriel (N. Farmington) 56.47
Brad Nilson (Canton) 56.60
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 56.16
Jason Reeder (Canton) 56.96
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57.20
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 58.27
Kris Kim (N. Farmington) 58.57
Scott Stone (John Glenn) 58.87

100 BREASTSTROKE
Chris Tobler (N. Farmington) 1:00.80
Eric Nassif (Stevenson) 1:02.42
Mike Chong (Redford CC) 1:03.16
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:03.18
Ed Liegey (Canton) 1:05.48
Craig Paske (N. Farmington) 1:05.78
Ryan Chiles (Stevenson) 1:06.26
Chris Wisniewski (Redford CC) 1:06.86
Chris Clayson (N. Farmington) 1:06.96
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 1:07.10

400 FREESTYLE RELAY
Livonia Stevenson 3:19.72
North Farmington 3:20.09
Plymouth Salem 3:20.40
Redford Catholic Central 3:26.15
Stevenson/Harrison 3:26.88

WESTERN LAKES SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Feb. 26 at Plymouth Salem

Team standings: 1. Plymouth Salem, 518.5 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 490; 3. North Farmington, 426; 4. Northville, 341.5; 5. Plymouth Canton, 319; 6. Farmington Harrison/Farmington, 247; 7. Walled Lake, 203; 8. Westland John Glenn, 175; 9. Livonia Churchill, 94; 10. Livonia Franklin, 83.

EVENT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay

Championship heat: 1. North Farmington (Jim Gabriel, Adam Farber, Chris Clayson, Jon Zaid), 1:38.88 (state cut); 2. Livonia Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Mike Nemer, Brandon Truscott, Brad Buckler), 1:39.03 (state cut); 3. Plymouth Salem (Eric Lynn, Jason Reberchik, Ben Dzialo, Mike Johnson), 1:41.02 (state cut); 4. Plymouth Canton, 1:44.35; 5. Northville, 1:46.04; 6. Walled Lake, 1:46.71.

Consolations: 7. Livonia Churchill, 1:50.42; 8. Farmington Harrison/Farmington, 1:50.90; 9. Livonia Franklin, 2:08.96; Westland John Glenn, disqualified.

200-yard freestyle

Championship: 1. Brandon Digia (NF), 1:46.87 (state cut); 2. Devin Hopper (FHF), 1:48.83 (state cut); 3. David Whitbeck (N), 1:49.43; 4. Justin Ketterer (LS), 1:50.82; 5. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 1:51.13; 6. James Ross (PS), 1:51.96.

Consolation: 7. Don Price (FHF), 1:53.04; 8. Brian Mertens (PS), 1:53.81; 9. John Moors (N), 1:53.96; 10. Sermet Alver (NF), 1:54.73; 11. Pat Rodemeyer (LS), 1:55.24; 12. Mark Witthoff (PS), 1:55.93.

Bonus places: 13. Steve Rice (PC), 1:56.25; 14. Sean Wolf (WL), 1:57.27; 15. Loughlan Rycroft (NF), 1:57.29; 16. Mohamed Bachrouche (NF), 2:02.23; 17. Jeff Darby (LS), 2:03.47; 18. Brandon Truscott (LS), 2:03.84.

200-yard individual medley

Championship: 1. Joe Bublitz (LS), 1:59.79 (state cut); 2. Eric Lynn (PS), 2:01.87 (state cut); 3. Scott Whitbeck (N), 2:02.48 (state cut); 4. Mike Nemer (LS), 2:03.87 (state cut); 5. Kevin Van Tiem (LS), 2:06.75; 6. Brad Nilson (PC), 2:07.45.

Consolation: 7. Aaron Shelton (PS), 2:06.43; 8. Craig Paske (NF), 2:08.34; 9. John Kern (NF), 2:11.66; 10. Eric Dabkowski (LS), 2:12.80; 11. Steve Yutzy (N), 2:13.21; 12. Hugo Alvarez (PS), 2:14.14.

Bonus places: 13. Brian Clayson (NF), 2:15.15; 14. Adam Sonnenstine (PS), 2:15.93; 15. Ryan Ahern (PC), 2:16.45; 16. Jon Burmeister (LS), 2:18.11; 17. Kyle Chamberlin (FHF), 2:21.16; 18. Brian McNeff (WL), 2:27.41.

50-yard freestyle

Championship: 1. Brad Buckler (LS), 22.42 (state cut); 2. Mike Johnson (PS), 22.71; 3. Dan Zoumbaris (JG), 23.03; 4. Aaron Reeder (PC), 23.20; 5. Max Suttles (NF), 23.24; 6. Jon Zeid (NF), 23.38.

Consolation: 7. Chris Clayson (NF), 23.32; 8. Dan Jones (PS), 23.35; 9. Chris Gawronski (WL), 23.53; 10. (tie) Jason Reberchik (PS), Kevin Stuart (N), 23.77; 12. Mark Benvegna (NF), 23.90.

Bonus places: 13. Dan Myers (N), 24.05; 14. Ryan Keppler (PS), 24.09; 15. Dave Carson (PS), 24.12; 16. Trey Gercak (PC), 24.20; 17. Mike Mueller (N), 24.43; 18. George Earhart (LS), 24.50.

Diving

1. Chris Gawronski (WL), 468.95 points; 2. Chris McFarland (JG), 395.90; 3. Stephen Zerber (WL), 317.80; 4. Greg Kubitski (PS), 317.35; 5. Jason Alboste (N), 312.35; 6. Scott Clark (JG), 307.75; 7. Ken Douglass (LF), 291.40; 8. Andrew Brissette (LS), 281.85; 9. Blake Brunner (PC), 278.95; 10. Brian Chrzanowski (WL), 273.95; 11. Pat Tondreau (JG), 268.55; 12. Derek Bell (JG), 265.60; 13. Ryan Henry (PC), 256.25; 14. Gerald Bennett (PC), 256.05; 15. Jason Zykowski (LS), 251.20; 16. Bobby Gulewich (N), 244.05; 17. Adam Sinkus (N), 220.15; 18. Jared Goldman (NF), 217.50.

100-yard butterfly

Championship: 1. Ben Dzialo (PS), 55.13 (state cut); 2. Adam Farber (NF), 55.18 (state cut); 3. Brandon Truscott (LS), 57.28; 4. Rob Cambridge (LS), 57.78; 5. Garrett Stone (JG), 58.07; 6. Hugo Alvarez (PS), 58.09.

Consolation: 7. Geoff Lowes (LS), 57.87; 8. Will Gevers (WL), 58.51; 9. Brandon Goad (FHF), 1:00.13; 10. Pat Rodemeyer (LS), 1:00.69; 11. Yuhei Uno (PC), 1:00.78; 12. Kevin Schoperay (PS), 1:02.53.

Bonus places: 13. Derek Ohlgren (N), 58.53; 14. Jeff Nevi (PS), 1:00.58; 15. Brad Baron (LC), 1:00.96; 16. Matt Schacht (PC), 1:01.19; 17. Dave Carson (PS), 1:01.54; 18. Kris Wong (FHF), 1:04.68.

100-yard freestyle

Championship: 1. Brandon Digia (NF), 48.19 (state cut); 2. Brad Buckler (LS), 49.80; 3. Mike Johnson (PS), 50.00; 4. David Whitbeck (N), 50.58; 5. Mark Witthoff (PS), 51.38; 6. Brad Nilson (PC), 51.39.

Consolation: 7. Jim Gabriel (NF), 49.96; 8. Dan Zoumbaris (JG), 51.81; 9. Sermet Alver (NF), 51.94; 10. John Moore (N), 52.14; 11. Kevin Stuart (N), 52.21; 12. Max Suttles (FHF), 52.62.

Bonus places: 13. Dan Jones (PS), 51.34; 14. Mark Benvegna (FHF), 52.96; 15. Mike Mueller (N), 53.96; 16. Ryan Keppler (PC), 54.06; 17. Dave Woodard (PS), 54.79; 18. George Earhart (LS), 54.90.

500-yard freestyle

Championship: 1. Scott Whitbeck (N), 4:52.07 (state cut); 2. Ben Dzialo (PS), 4:59.21; 3. Justin Ketterer (LS), 5:01.05; 4. Brian Mertens (PS), 5:01.42; 5. Rob Cambridge (LS), 5:03.58; 6. James Ross (PS), 5:06.90.

Consolation: 7. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 5:08.93; 8. Anthony Serge (N), 5:09.57; 9. Dan Price (FHF), 5:11.74; 10. Craig Paske (NF), 5:13.70; 11. Sean Wolf (WL), 5:13.86; 12. Steve Rice (PC), 5:19.09.

Bonus places: 13. Loughlan Rycroft (NF), 5:16.08; 14. Rob Gundlach (FHF), 5:21.64; 15. Kevin Hagedorn (N), 5:21.74; 16. Mike Horgan (PS), 5:22.56; 17. Ryan Ahern (PC), 5:25.94; 18. Mohamed Bachrouche (NF), 5:36.72.

200-yard freestyle relay

Championship: 1. North Farmington (Sermet Alver, Chris Clayson, Brandon Digia, Jon Zaid), 1:30.06 (state cut); 2. Plymouth Salem (Aaron Shelton, Mark Witthoff, Dan Jones, Mike Johnson), 1:30.08 (state cut); 3. Livonia Stevenson (Justin Ketterer, Rob Cambridge, Pat Rodemeyer, Brandon Truscott), 1:31.59 (state cut); 4. Harrison/Farmington, 1:32.03; 5. Northville, 1:32.28; 6. Canton, 1:35.47.

Consolation: 7. Walled Lake, 1:37.13; 8. Livonia Churchill, 1:39.15; 9. Westland John Glenn, 1:43.27; 10. Livonia Franklin, 1:47.30.

100-yard backstroke

Championship: 1. Joe Bublitz (LS), 54.53 (state cut); 2. Eric Lynn (PS), 55.33 (state cut); 3. Jim Gabriel (NF), 55.47 (state cut); 4. Devin Hopper (FHF), 56.16 (state cut); 5. Aaron Reeder (PC), 56.96; 6. Aaron Shelton (PS), 58.54.

Consolation: 7. John Kern (NF), 58.57; 8. Garrett Stone (JG), 58.67; 9. Anthony Serge (N), 1:00.04; 10. Trey Gercak (PC), 1:00.65; 11. Kyle Grant (LC), 1:01.85; 12. Jeff Nevi (PS), 1:02.37.

Bonus places: 13. Derek Ohlgren (N), 1:01.58; 14. Brian Dorogi (PS), 1:02.27; 15. Rob Gundlach (FHF), 1:02.49; 16. Kyle Chamberlin (FHF), 1:02.97; 17. Steve Neighbors (WL), 1:03.51; 18. Jon Burmeister (LS), 1:03.94.

100-yard breaststroke

Championship: 1. Adam Farber (NF), 1:01.18 (state cut); 2. Mike Nemer (LS), 1:02.42 (state cut); 3. Kevin Van Tiem (LS), 1:03.18; 4. Eddie Lindow (PC), 1:05.45; 5. Jon Zeid (NF), 1:05.78; 6. Geoff Lowes (LS), 1:06.26.

Consolation: 7. Ryan Conroy (WL), 1:05.62; 8. Chris Clayson (NF), 1:06.95; 9. Brandon Goad (FHF), 1:07.23; 10. Steve Yutzy (N), 1:07.76; 11. Jon Heiss (PC), 1:07.82; 12. Jason Reberchik (PS), 1:08.28.

Bonus places: 13. Matt Showalter (PS), 1:09.00; 14. Matt Schacht (PC), 1:09.40; 15. Dan Myers (N), 1:09.45; 16. Eric Dabkowski (LS), 1:10.02; 17. Dennis Speck (PC), 1:10.74; 18. Joe Valerian (N), 1:10.87.

400-yard freestyle relay

Championship: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Brad Buckler, Justin Ketterer, Rob Cambridge), 3:19.72 (state cut); 2. North Farmington (Brandon Digia, Adam Farber, Jim Gabriel, Craig Paske), 3:20.09 (state cut); 3. Plymouth Salem (Dan Jones, Mark Witthoff, Ben Dzialo, Eric Lynn), 3:20.40 (state cut); 4. Northville, 3:21.81 (state cut); 5. Farmington Harrison/Farmington, 3:26.68; 6. Plymouth Canton, 3:27.44.

Consolation: 7. Westland John Glenn, 3:38.46; 8. Walled Lake, 3:38.65; 9. Livonia Churchill, 3:43.78; 10. Livonia Franklin, 4:05.76.

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