

ALL-OBSERVER 1ST TEAM



Andrea Hum
Livonia Stevenson
Lindal McElean
North Farmington
Monica Glowki
Plymouth Salem



Katie Edwards
Livonia Stevenson
Katie Naglick
Farmington Hills Mercy
Caitlin Kelly
Farmington Hills Mercy



Kristin Loidas
Farmington Hills Mercy
Ashley Eilers
Livonia Stevenson
Elizabeth Garlow
Farmington Hills Mercy

FINAL OBSERVERLAND RANKINGS

300-YARD MIXED RELAY (Class A state out: 5:56.79) Farmington Hills Mercy 1:49.30 Livonia Stevenson 1:52.22 North Farmington 1:52.60 Plymouth Salem 2:00.19 Farmington Harrison 2:00.77 500-YARD FREESTYLE (Class A state out: 2:01.18) Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:54.40 Katie Benedict (Mercy) 1:58.90 Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 1:57.75 Lindal McElean (N. Farmington) 1:59.08 Katie Naglick (Mercy) 2:00.57 Jessica Liu (Stevenson) 2:01.01 Sasha Paske (N. Farmington) 2:01.07 Eloise Page (Mercy) 2:01.87 Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 2:04.01 Laura Gervick (Stevenson) 2:04.04 200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MIXED RELAY (Class A state out: 2:37.48) Lindal McElean (N. Farmington) 2:00.11 Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 2:09.52 Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 2:10.58 Annette Merchant (Mercy) 2:18.02 Erin Cook (Stevenson) 2:18.62 Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 2:18.75 Stephanie Cummings (Stevenson) 2:17.08 Kirstin Peterson (Stevenson) 2:17.39 Katie Sondergaard (Stevenson) 2:18.54 Eloise Page (Mercy) 2:18.55 50-YARD FREESTYLE (Class A state out: 25.39) Monica Glowki (Salem) 24.33 Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 24.43 Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 24.63 Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 24.64 Lindal McElean (N. Farmington) 24.78 Katie Benedict (Mercy) 24.98 Emily Howard (N. Farmington) 25.25 Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 25.88 Annette Merchant (Stevenson) 25.70 Katie Roda (Mercy) 25.80 DIVING Katie Edwards (Stevenson) 252.95 Angela Anelos (Churchill) 230.75 Allison Bentley (Lacywood) 228.00 Ashley Aquino (Salem) 207.50 Katie Giczewski (Stevenson) 203.65 Katie Stevens (Churchill) 195.00 Tiffi Dunn (Stevenson) 190.57 Amber Darling (Mercy) 188.85 Lisa Thompson (Stevenson) 177.55 Patty Ahern (Canton) 176.05 100-YARD BUTTERFLY (Class A state out: 1:02.29) Katie Naglick (Mercy) 58.21 Monica Glowki (Salem) 58.54 Eloise Page (Mercy) 1:00.15 Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 1:00.99 Valencia Smith (N. Farmington) 1:01.54 Jackie Smith (Mercy) 1:01.76 Emily Garlow (Mercy) 1:01.85 Allison Goldsmith (Canton) 1:02.09	100-YARD FREESTYLE (Class A state out: 1:02.20) Annette Merchant (Mercy) 58.89 Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 58.39 Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 58.39 Katie Benedict (Mercy) 58.75 Monica Glowki (Salem) 58.02 Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 58.48 Lindal McElean (N. Farmington) 58.80 Emily Howard (N. Farmington) 58.02 Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 58.99 Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 58.04 Katie Naglick (Mercy) 58.10 500-YARD FREESTYLE (Class A state out: 2:01.18) Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:54.40 Kristin Loidas (Mercy) 1:57.75 Erin Cook (Stevenson) 2:01.54 Annette Merchant (Mercy) 2:02.14 Eloise Page (Mercy) 2:02.22 Lindal McElean (N. Farmington) 2:02.91 Katie Benedict (Mercy) 2:03.55 Katie Weynaght (Mercy) 2:05.91 Katie Sturt (Stevenson) 2:06.06 Jessica Liu (Stevenson) 2:07.74 200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY (Class A state out: 5:43.99) Farmington Hills Mercy 1:37.45 Plymouth Salem 1:42.81 Livonia Stevenson 1:43.14 North Farmington 1:44.43 Farmington 1:49.05 100-YARD BACKSTROKE (Class A state out: 1:02.78) Lindal McElean (N. Farmington) 59.07 Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 1:00.21 Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 1:01.69 Lindal McElean (N. Farmington) 1:01.69 Eloise Page (Mercy) 1:01.98 Katie Naglick (Mercy) 1:02.23 Stephanie Cummings (Stevenson) 1:02.70 Monica Glowki (Mercy) 1:03.53 Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 1:04.31 Jackie Smith (Mercy) 1:05.05 Bree LaFurue (Mercy) 1:05.05 100-YARD BREASTSTROKE (Class A state out: 1:33.28) Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 1:00.38 Lindal McElean (N. Farmington) 1:08.41 Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:08.43 Elena Milewski (Mercy) 1:09.18 Katie Weynaght (Mercy) 1:10.26 Erin Cook (Stevenson) 1:12.22 Kristin Wolff (N. Farmington) 1:12.28 Monica Glowki (Mercy) 1:12.80 Jaki Wadewer (Harrison) 1:12.62 Alex Denan-Tot (Canton) 1:13.38 400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY (Class A state out: 8:48.89) Farmington Hills Mercy 3:34.71 North Farmington 3:39.48 Livonia Stevenson 3:40.28 Plymouth Salem 3:46.09 Farmington Harrison 3:57.70
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ALL-OBSERVER 2ND TEAM



Katie Benedict
Farmington Hills Mercy
Annette Merchant
Farmington Hills Mercy
Andrea Giczewski
Livonia Stevenson



Angela Anelos
Livonia Churchhill
Valencia Smith
North Farmington
Emily Howard
North Farmington



Erin Cook
Livonia Stevenson
Eloise Page
Farmington Hills Mercy
Elena Milewski
Farmington Hills Mercy

Marlins, Spartans dominate swim honors

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Farmington Hills Mercy remains the undisputed queen of Observerland girls swimming, and that explains why the Marlins have the greatest share of all-area team members.

The Marlins finished among the top five teams in Class A for the fourth consecutive year. The 1998 state champs were second in 1999, fourth in 2000 and fifth in 2001.

Mercy also won the Catholic League crown for the 11th year in a row and a fifth consecutive Oakland County championship.

Of the 18 girls on this year's All-Observer team, eight hail from Mercy, which claimed all three first-team relay positions.

Livonia Stevenson is a solid second behind Mercy, and North Farmington had the third-best program in the area this year.

Stevenson also won its 11th straight Western Lakes Activities Association title and was 11th in the state. North Farmington was the WLAA runner-up and tied for 19th in Class A.

The Spartans have four swimmers, a diver and a relay swimmer on the All-Observer squad, and the Raiders have three swimmers and one relay.

The all-area team has a lot of familiar faces, too. Ten exactly.

Stevenson's Andrea Hum and Katie Edwards and Mercy's Caitlin Kelly, Katie Naglick and Elizabeth Garlow are repeat, first-team selections.

Mercy's Katie Benedict and Kristin Loidas, North Farmington's Lindal McElean, Stevenson's Ashley Eilers and Plymouth Salem's Monica Glowki were on the second team.

FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS
Andrea Hum, 200 freestyle, Stevenson: Hum finished sixth in the Class A state meet in the 200 freestyle. She went 1:54.4 in the prelims and 1:55.51 in the finals. In the 500 freestyle, Hum took fifth in 5:06.32.

In the WLAA meet, Hum took first in the 200 freestyle with a meet record of 1:55.57. She also won the 100 breaststroke (1:08.43). She had state qualifying cuts in every individual event with the exception of the 100 backstroke.

"Andrea is the best all-around swimmer on our team," Stevenson coach Greg Phil said. "She had an injury at the end of the year, but still swam very well. We're looking forward to her senior year."

Lindal McElean, 200 IM, N. Farmington: McElean is the Oakland County and WLAA champion in the individual medley, as well as the backstroke.

She placed ninth in the IM at the state meet and fifth in the backstroke. She earned all-state honors and All-America consideration in both events.

McElean, who also qualified for state in four other events, posted best time of 2:00.11 in the IM and 59.07 in the backstroke.

She broke Sheila Taormine's IM pool

record at North Farmington this year and also holds pool records at Northville and West Bloomfield.

Monica Glowki, 50 freestyle, Salem: Glowki finished first in the 100-yard butterfly at the WLAA finals and was second in the 50 free. At the state finals, Glowki placed 12th in the 50 free and finished eighth in the 100 free. She received All-America consideration in both events.

Glowki holds Salem team records in the 50 free (24.55), the 100 free (58.54) and the 100 free (54.02). She has been named the team's MVP the past two seasons.

"Monica has had an outstanding high school career," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "This has been due to her determination and competitiveness. Monica is an example of the student athlete who deserves the accolades of her achievements."

Katie Edwards, diving, Stevenson: The junior finished fourth in the WLAA meet (233.7 points), followed by a top five regional finish and a sixth at the state Class A meet (356.3).

"Not in my 10 years have I ever had a diver place in the top six at the state meet," Phil said. "Katie dove when it counted the most. She's one of the better divers we've ever had at this school."

Katie Naglick, 500 butterfly, Mercy: Naglick finished ninth in the butterfly at the Class A championships and was 23rd in the backstroke.

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"Katie Naglick is a great swimmer and will point toward the top six next year," coach Jim Downs said.

Caitlin Kelly, 100 freestyle, Mercy: Kelly finished 15th in the 100 freestyle at the state meet and was a member of all three Mercy relay teams that scored at state.

She is the Catholic League and Oakland County champion in the 100 freestyle, and she was second in the 50 at both meets.

"Caitlin always tapers well and did so again this year," Downs said. "She put her speed to use in three relays for one fifth place and two third places at state."

Kristin Loidas, 500 freestyle, Mercy: Loidas was ninth in the 500 freestyle at the state meet, moving up from 12th place with a three-second drop to 5:12.7 in the finals. She also qualified in four other events.

She is the Catholic League champ in the 500 and was fifth in the 50 freestyle. In the Oakland County meet, Loidas placed third in the 500 and fourth in the 200 freestyle. She scored in every state meet the last four years and is a four-time, all-area swimmer.

"She showed us what she is made of at the state meet in the finals of the 500—determination and courage," Downs said. "The Mercy Advanced Placement Biology class has an ongoing project—clone a Kristin Loidas every four years."

Ashley Eilers, 100 backstroke, Stevenson: The junior took eighth in Class A with a time of 1:00.51 after finishing third in the WLAA meet in 1:02.36.

"Ashley is a great kid who gets up for the big meets," Phil said. "She loves to compete and does it well. She's a real team player. We put her in all three relays."

Liz Garlow, breaststroke, Mercy: As an individual swimmer, Garlow had the most individual state meet of any Mercy girl, placing sixth in the breaststroke and 10th in the IM. She accounted for 25 team points, which included two relay swims.

ALL-AREA GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

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FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

200-yard freestyle

Andrea Hum, junior, Livonia Stevenson

500-yard individual medley

Lindal McElean, senior, N. Farmington

50-yard freestyle

Monica Glowki, senior, Plymouth Salem

Diving

Katie Edwards, junior, Livonia Stevenson

100-yard butterfly

Katie Naglick, sophomore, F.H. Mercy

100-yard freestyle

Caitlin Kelly, junior, Farm. Hills Mercy

500-yard freestyle

Kristin Loidas, senior, F.H. Mercy

100-yard backstroke

Ashley Eilers, junior, Livonia Stevenson

200-yard breaststroke

Elizabeth Garlow, junior, F.H. Mercy

SECOND-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

200-yard freestyle

Katie Benedict, senior, F.H. Mercy

500-yard individual medley

Annette Merchant, junior, F.H. Mercy

50-yard freestyle

Andrea Giczewski, soph., Stevenson

Diving

Angela Anelos, senior, Liv. Churchill

100-yard butterfly

Valencia Smith, sophomore, N. Farm.

500-yard freestyle

Emily Howard, junior, N. Farmington

500-yard freestyle

Erin Cook, junior, Liv. Stevenson

100-yard backstroke

Eloise Page, junior, Farm. Hills Mercy

100-yard breaststroke

Elena Milewski, sophomore, Mercy

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

200 medley: Farmington Hills Mercy

(Eloise Page, Elizabeth Garlow, Katie Naglick, Caitlin Kelly)

500 freestyle: Farmington Hills Mercy

(Elizabeth Garlow, Katie Benedict, Kristin Loidas, Caitlin Kelly)

400 freestyle: Farmington Hills Mercy

(Kristin Loidas, Katie Naglick, Katie Benedict, Caitlin Kelly)

SECOND-TEAM RELAYS

200 medley: Livonia Stevenson

(Ashley Eilers, Andrea Hum, Katie Sondergaard, Andrea Giczewski)

200 freestyle: Plymouth Salem

(Danielle Powers, Jenni Kelly, Nicole Genrich, Monica Glowki)

400 freestyle: North Farmington

(Emily Howard, Sarah Paske, Melissa Navas, Lindal McElean)

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Wendy Jacobs Smith, Emily Garlow, Amanda Darling, N. Farmington; Kristin Wolff, Harrison Jaki Wadewer; Farmington; Katie Fleck; Salem; Ashley Aquino; Canton; Allison Goldsmith; Stevenson; Julie Ward, Stephanie Cummings, Katie Sondergaard, Jessica Liu, Jessica Koch, Laura Gervick; Churchill; Magda Stawikowska; Franklin; Lauren Kmet; Ladywood; Allison Bentley; John Gies; Kristin Peterson; Wayne Ure LaFurue; Rufford; Leland; Kyrin Nye; Theodos; Jenni Tardiff; Hanson; Leitch; Garden City; Katie Grant.

Garlow was second in the breaststroke and third in the IM in the Catholic League; she was second and sixth in Oakland County, respectively.

"Everyone is shopping for the hottest holiday item," Downs said. "How about an Elizabeth Garlow wind-up doll swimming the breaststroke? Wind it up and it finishes in the top six. Even if it is sick and seamed 150, never count her out!"

SECOND-TEAM INDIVIDUALS
Katie Benedict, 200 freestyle, Mercy: Benedict qualified for state in every freestyle event. She placed 15th in the 200 and 18th in the 100 with excellent time drops in both, according to Downs.

She won the 200 freestyle title in the Catholic League and was second in the 100. Benedict was fourth in the 50 and fifth in the 100 in Oakland County.

"A senior tri-captain, Katie provided leadership and enthusiasm," Downs said. "She plans to continue swimming in college—hopefully at Boston University with a journalism major."

Annette Merchant, 200 IM, Mercy: Merchant was a state qualifier in the IM, as well as the butterfly and 500 freestyle.

She was fourth in the Catholic League and fifth in Oakland County in the 500. Merchant placed seventh in the IM in the league and eighth in the butterfly in the county meet.

"Annette will take her versatile talents into her senior year with the hope of scoring in the state meet," Downs said.

Andrea Giczewski, 60 freestyle, Stevenson: The sophomore took fifth in the WLAA (25.7). She also finished second in the 100 backstroke (1:01.09).

"Andrea has loads of potential and we hope she has two good years ahead of her," Phil said. "She was on all three relay teams."

Angela Anelos, diving, Churchill: The senior took third in the WLAA meet (354.50) and missed going to the state meet by only one point after placing 13th at the regional. Her dual meet personal best was 230.75.

"Angela is a real hard worker and our captain," Churchill coach Ken Stark said. "She was a real leader for our divers, especially our first-year divers. She's been a long swimmer since her freshman year. She sat out our sophomore year with a broken ankle, but bounced back as a junior to place in the top six in the league."

Valencia Smith, 100 butterfly, N. Farmington: Smith swam a best time of 1:01.54 at the state meet. She was fourth in the butterfly at the WLAA and Oakland County championships.

Smith won the IM and butterfly in Group A and assisted in two relay victories at the West Bloomfield Invitational. She also contributed to an 11th-place finish in the medley relay at state.

Emily Howard, 200 freestyle, N. Farmington: Howard excelled in the 100 and 50 freestyle races, finishing second at the WLAA meet and qualifying for state in both.

Her season bests were 55.02 in the 100 freestyle and 25.25 in the 50 freestyle. Howard was fifth in the 50 at the Oakland County championships, and she had three first places in the West Bloomfield Invitational.

Erin Cook, 500 freestyle, Stevenson: The junior was WLAA champion with a time of 5:21.54. She also went to the state meet and posted a time of 5:22.89, good enough for 29th overall.

"She had a great league meet and we're looking forward to a good state meet her senior year," Phil said. "She's a good kid and a good swimmer."

Eloise Page, backstroke, Mercy: Page was 23rd in the backstroke at the Class

A finals and 15th in the butterfly. She also qualified in the 500 freestyle.

"She was third in the backstroke and fourth in the 200 freestyle at the Catholic League meet. In the Oakland County finals, Page earned sixth place in the 200 and 500 freestyle races."

"Eloise has great range in her ability," Downs said. "She's strong in the freestyle from 100 through 1,000 yards, the backstroke, IM and fly. She will score at state in 2002."

Elena Milewski, breaststroke, Mercy: Milewski qualified and placed 17th in the breaststroke in her first trip to the state meet. She also was fifth in the breaststroke at the Oakland County and Catholic League championships.

"Elena has a great finish this season and is setting her sights to break into the top 12 and score in the breaststroke at the state meet next year," Downs said.

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS
200-yard medley: Mercy's Eloise Page (backstroke), Elizabeth Garlow (breaststroke), Katie Naglick (butterfly) and Caitlin Kelly (freestyle) were fifth in the Class A finals (1:49.3) and are high on the list for All-America honors.

The Marlins were second in the Catholic League, too. It will be a strong event for Mercy next year since all four juniors except Naglick, a sophomore.

200-yard freestyle: Garlow, Katie Benedict, Kristin Loidas and Kelly set a Mercy relay record, finished third in the state, and received automatic bids to the All-America meet with a 1:37.45 time in the season finale. The Marlins also set a Catholic League record with a winning time of 1:40.02.

"The state meet time was a great performance, making it the fastest 200 freestyle relay time in the free tradition of Mercy swimming," Downs said.

400-yard freestyle: The Mercy foursome of Loidas, Naglick, Benedict and Kelly entered the state meet with a seed time of 3:39.98.

The Marlins knocked more than five seconds off that time, going 3:34.71 to finish third in the state and place themselves high on the list of All-America candidates.

"It was a great swim and time drop by four determined athletes," Downs said.

SECOND-TEAM RELAYS
200-yard medley: The Spartans won the WLAA time in 1:52.21 and took 12th in Class A with the same time.

Hum and Eilers are first-team all-area individual selections; Giczewski made second team. Sondergaard is a junior and state qualifier who appeared on the Observer top-10 list in the 100 butterfly (1:02.23) and 200 IM (2:18.54).

"This group went at it pretty hard and competed with every one," Phil said. "They're all back next year and they need to have three or four seconds off to move up, which they are very capable of doing."

200-yard freestyle: Three of the four members of this Salem team will return. Danielle Powers and Jenni Kelly are sophomores and Nicole Genrich is a junior; only Monica Glowki is a senior.

The foursome finished third in the WLAA and was 21st in the state in 4:42.81. "Every time the meet got bigger and more important, the faster these four teammates swam," said Salem coach Chuck Olson.

400-yard freestyle: North Farmington's Sarah Paske, Lindal McElean, Emily Howard and Melissa Navas had the second fastest time in the area. The Raiders were 12th in the state, first in the West Lakes and third in Oakland County.

The North team will be considered for All-America recognition, too.