

Dec. 6 Swimming



Nottingham's swimmers warm-up in Hightstown's pool prior to today's season opener with the Rams (Photo by Mike Dill/purchase photos at www.michaeldillphotography.com).

Maloney, Wright, Diefenbach pace Spartan boys past Robbinsville

Billy Maloney, Tommy Wright and Kevin Diefenbach each won two individual events to pace the Steinert boys swimming team to a 114-56 win over Robbinsville.

The meet was the Ravens' first as a boys' team, as it competed as a co-ed squad in previous seasons.

Wright won the 200 free (2:00) and 100 fly (1:04.33), Maloney claimed the 500 free (5:47.14) and 100 back and Diefenbach won the 50 free (24.12) and 100 free (54.54). Maloney and Diefenbach were also part of the winning 200 medley relay (1:48.07) along with Zach Mabin and Tyler Gulsby, while Mabin won the 200 IM.

Second-place finishers included Tyler Gulsby (200 IM, 100 back), Steve Hule (100 fly) and Frank Sun (100 breast), while third-place finishers were Gary Liedtka-Bizuga (100 breast), Matt Jensen (500 free), Sun (100 free), Kyle Gulsby (100 fly, 200 free) and Steve Chronowski (50 free).

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The Robbinsville girls, also swimming their first meet as strictly a girls team, came up victorious with a 97-73 win over the Spartans.

Sara DeAngelo was a triple winner for Steinert in the 100 breast (1:16.89), 200 IM and 400 free relay, while Lauren Cruz won twice in the 100 back (1:07.60) and 400 free relay. Taylor Kwok and Tess Dalton rounded out the relay team.

Cruz took second in the 50 free and Jessica Cocroft was second in the 100 back. Third-place finishers were Dalton (500 free, 200 free), Kwok (100 free), Hailey Thayer (100 back) and Sarah Sacco (50 free).

West boys and girls fall to Princeton, but Hutton has strong day for boys

Hamilton West had a tough opener against talented Princeton, as the girls fell 129-41 while the boys lost, 128-42.

In the boys meet, Griffin Hutton had a strong outing by winning the 200 freestyle and taking second in the 100 butterfly.

Jacob Torres was second in the 500 free, while the 200 medley relay team of Torres, Aleks Henson, Hutton and Ed Kitner and the 400 free relay of Sam Markos, Henson, Torres and Hutton both took second.

For the girls, the 200 free relay team of Stephanie Sparano, Autumn Sharkey, Christine Carbone and Abi Wagner took second, as did the 400 free relay of Sofi Walter, Alyson Courtney, Maddie Uram and Wagner. Walter was third in the 500 free and Uram third in the 100 breast.

"I was pleased with the swims of my returning girls," coach Kyle Schulke said. "We compared their times from this meet to the beginning of last season and every girl had big improvements."

Williams, Cougan, John have nice efforts in 'Stars losses to Hightstown

Nottingham dropped their meets to Hightstown, with the girls losing 117-54 and the boys falling 118-51.

In the girls meet, the Northstars got individual second-place finishes from Sam Williams (200 free, 400 free), Alex Morante (50 free) and Lisa Mazukewicz (100 back); and also got seconds from the 200 medley (Mazukewicz, Theresa Henry, Williams, Morante); 400 free (Williams, Victoria Navarro, Bridget Doolittle, Mazukewicz).

In the boys meet, Eric Cougan was second in the 400 free, and Michael John took second in the 100 breast. The 200 medley was second behind Tom Padulchick, John, Jeremy Oiler, Mark Kieffer), 200 free relay (Frank Gonzalez, Kieffer, Joe Oliver, Cougan), 400 free relay (Oiler, Oliver, Cougan, John).