

PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC LEAGUE '99 SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

REPORT ON 1999 CHAMPS AT LASALLE UNIVERSITY'S 25 YARD 6 LANE POOL
11 EVENTS (8 INDIVIDUAL AND 3 RELAYS) X 2 = 22 EVENTS

PRELIMS BOYS	9:05AM TO 12:15PM = 3-10 hrs	2 DQ'S	59 IND + 6 RELAYS = 60 HEATS
SATURDAY			
MARCH 6 GIRLS	1:35PM TO 4:46PM = 3-16 "	1 " 49 " + 7 " = 56 "	
SUNDAY GIRLS			
MARCH 7 & 11:00AM TO 2:50PM	+ 3-50 " 2 " 24 " + 3 " = 57 "		
FINALS BOYS			
6 EVENTS + TEAM AWARDS TO 3:15PM		5	173

10:30 TO 10:50 = SENIORS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE START OF FINALS

3 TIMING SYSTEM USED, LASALLE'S ELECTRONIC PAD/BUTTON/WATCH + PRINTOUT MACHINE
ONLY 6 PARTIAL MALFUNCTIONS, 1 LANE ONLY, OCCURRED. BACKUP WATCH TIME USED.

TIME LOST PRELIMS BOYS = 30 MIN (3 X 10) BREAKS
" GIRLS = 30 " (3 X 10) "
INJURY = 10 " EMS ASSISTED
FINALS 55 " AWARDS, 8 EVENTS/20 MIN., 4/15, 4/20

RESULTS

BOYS	GIRLS	OFFICIALS	
902 LASALLE	615 CARD O'HARA	REFEREE	LOU FANTE PIAA
434 CARD O'HARA	600 AB WOOD	STARTER	TOM DORMER PIAA
388 MSG BONNER	379 AB RYAN	S / T	TRACEY McHUGH PIAA
378 ST JOS PREP	344 AB PRENDERGAST	INSPECTOR	BRUCE SMITH Y
319 FR JUDGE	342 ST HUBERT'S		
234 AB RYAN	278 AB CARROLL		
143 AB WOOD			
94 AB CARROLL			

ANOTHER VERY GOOD PLANNED AND RUN MEET E X C E P T

THE PCL CODE OF CONDUCT AND THE PCL SWIMMING CODE OF ETHICS WERE IGNORED BY THE AB WOOD MALE COACH AND 4 MALE VIKING SWIMMERS WHEN THEY SHOWED UP ON DECK WITH THEIR HAIR BLEACHED AND/OR DYED DIARRHEA YELLOW LIKE DENNIS RODMAN, THE 5 MISFITS SHOULD HAVE BEEN EJECTED OR MADE TO WEAR CAPS, BUT THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC RULE TO POINT TO.

PCL'S SWIM RULE STATES "NO BODY MARKINGS". TOO VAGUE AND DEFINABLE. NCAA AND NATIONAL FEDERATION HIGH SCHOOL CURRENT SWIM RULE BOOKS NO LONGER SHOW "NO BODY MARKINGS" -TOO HARD TO ENFORCE. THEY'VE SEEMINGLY GIVEN INTO THE "EVERYBODY DOES IT" CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE THINKING OF TO-DAY.

TRUE THERE WERE SHAVED HEADS AND WEIRD HAIRCUTS, BUT THAT SICKLY YELLOW SURE STOOD OUT, WHICH WAS WHAT THE WEARERS WANTED TO GET ATTENTION.

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN, THE AB WOOD GIRLS WERE MAKING US TAKE NOTICE - THE RIGHT WAY - WITH GREAT SWIMMING, FINISHING A CLOSE SECOND PLACE. VIKING JUNIOR CAROL CROUTHAMEL WAS SELECTED "GIRL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK" BY THE BUCKS COUNTY COURIER TIMES. HOWEVER THE WOOD GIRLS' 100% COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES WAS MARRED BY THE BACK OF A JACKET DISPLAYING C R O T C H M A M M A.

THE OFT QUOTED SAYING THAT "THE ATHLETIC ARENA IS BUT THE EXTENSION OF THE SCHOOLROOM" IS SO VERY TRUE. AND SINCE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE BETTER, THEN IT FOLLOWS THAT CATHOLIC SWIMMING SHOULD ALWAYS BE BETTER, CONDUCTED IN A SANE PROPER ATMOSPHERE - THAT NOTCH ABOVE.

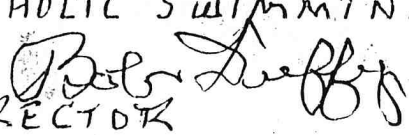
IN 25 YEARS OF PCL SWIM CHAMPS, THIS IS THE 4TH BAD HAPPENING, NOTABLY THE PRENDIE CLOWNS IN '92 AND THE FIST FIGHT IN THE BOYS' LOCKER ROOM IN '96. BUT THE FIRST WHERE ONE OF THE PERPETUATORS WAS A PAID COACH--AN AUTHORITY WITHIN THE COMMAND---LEADING SOME SWIMMERS TO SOIL OUR HALO. WE MUST NOT GO ALONG WITH THE DEGRADING OF VALUES IN THIS CLINTON ERA. NOTICE THE POPE DID BUCKLE UNDER TO SLICK WILLIE.

THE WOOD ANTICS MAY BE OK AT A PARTY OR HANGING AT THE MALL, BUT NOT AT PCL CHAMPS AT LASALLE UNIVERSITY, CERTAINLY WORTHY OF ALL OUR RESPECT.

THE COACHES' PRESIDENT NAILED IT RIGHT, ADVISING HIM "GROW UP CHARLIE".

ALWAYS FOR GOOD CATHOLIC SWIMMING

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