

Sports Notebook

PCL swim final is likely to be end of an era

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La Salle is heavily favored to win its 20th consecutive Catholic League swim championship next weekend, continuing one of the longest league championship runs in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

But the league title likely will be the last in its present form. As a result of the league's move to District 12 next year, the two-day Catholic League championship format may not work.

"Because of deadlines for the District 12 championships, we may have to move some things back," in terms of the dual-meet season, said La Salle coach Frank Lichtner, president of the league's coaches' association. "We may not be able to find the facilities for a two-day meet.

"There are tons of fields for football playoffs, but we have to scramble to find a pool for two days," said Lichtner, whose Explorers have not lost a league dual meet in two decades.

As it is, the league is holding the championship meet at two different locations this year. The trials will be March 1 at Drexel University, with the boys swimming at 9 a.m. and the girls at 1 p.m. The finals will begin the next day at 11 a.m. at La Salle University.

The league has used Widener for its championship meet, but the Widener facility is unavailable.

"It will absolutely change things," Lichtner said, referring to the shift to District 12. "The big meet has been the Catholic League championships. Now it will be the district meet, with the hope of going on to the state championship."

La Salle and the other Catholic League schools that have competed in the National Catholic Championships at Villanova and the Eastern Interscholastic championships at La Salle are expected to bypass those meets next year. La Salle, which is competing in the Eastern meet today and tomorrow, finished third in the National Catholic meet this year.

Boys swimming

LA SALLE 57, ARCHBISHOP WOOD 31

200-yard medley relay: 1. LS (Rhoads Worster, Greg Woods, Phil LeTeavage, Brendan McGoldrick), 1:43.92; 2. LS, 1:56.57; 3. AW, 2:09.86. 200 freestyle: 1. Ted Walker, LS, 1:53.67; 2. Joe Houldin, LS, 1:57.35; 3. David Keller, AW, 2:11.56. 200 individual medley: 1. Michael McGee, LS, 2:13.15; 2. Gregory Oprendeck, AW, 2:14.05; 3. Conor Bracken, LS, 2:18.07. 50 freestyle: 1. Todd Domanski, LS, 23.48; 2. Paul McGee, LS, 25.62; 3. Gary Bone, AW, 29.05. 100 butterfly: 1. James Mahoney, LS, 58.39; 2. Robert Cohen, AW, 1:05.01; 3. Kyle Finlay, LS, 1:05.31. 100 freestyle: 1. Keller, AW, 57.71; 2. Tim Jeffers, LS, 58.02; 3. Brendan Stone, LS, 59.01. 500 freestyle: 1. Walker, LS, 5:19.29; 2. Tom Knab, LS, 5:21.09; 3. Andre Delvalle, AW, 6:35.09. 200 freestyle relay: 1. LS (Mahoney, Finlay, Bracken, P. McGee), 1:36.71; 2. AW, 1:49.98. 100 backstroke: 1. Worster, LS, 59.04; 2. Domanski, LS, 59.17; 3. Cohen, AW, 1:04.78. 100 breaststroke: 1. Oprendeck, AW, 1:09.40; 2. Andrew Gnias, AW, 1:29.11. 400 freestyle relay: 1. AW (Keller, Bone, Gnias, Delvalle), 4:32.08.

The results

GIRLS

Team scoring: Archbishop Wood 694, Cardinal O'Hara 571, Archbishop Ryan 563, Archbishop Carroll 324, St. Hubert 274, Little Flower 161, Archbishop Prendergast 144.

200-yard Medley Relay: 1. Archbishop Ryan (Sara Kuhn, Julianne Staskel, Bridget Hennessey, Allison Chiardio), 1:57.37. 2. Wood, 1:57.68. 3. Carroll, 2:01.52.

200 Freestyle: 1. Taylor Kane, Archbishop Wood, 1:59.28. 2. Amy Finn, Wood, 2:05.45. 3. Emily Smith, Wood, 2:08.97.

200 IM: 1. Sara Kuhn, Archbishop Ryan, 2:16.24. 2. Kelly Fleagle, O'Hara, 2:17.34. 3. Grace Cochrane, Wood, 2:18.90.

50 Freestyle: 1. Katie Erikson, Cardinal O'Hara, 25.91. 2. Megan Corliss, Carroll, 26.07. 3. Allison Chiardio, Ryan, 26.66.

100 Butterfly: 1. Grace Cochrane, Archbishop Wood, 1:00.87. 2. Mollie Walsh, Carroll, 1:03.20. 3. Bridget Hennessey, Ryan, 1:04.22.

100 Freestyle: 1. Christina Rios, Archbishop Wood, 56.16. 2. Emily Smith, Wood, 57.72. 3. Katie Erikson, O'Hara, 58.58.

500 Freestyle: 1. Taylor Kane, Archbishop Wood, 5:17.95. 2. Bridget Hennessey, Ryan, 5:25.72. 3. Amy Finn, Wood, 5:40.71.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. Cardinal O'Hara (Katie Erikson, Jamie Seifried, Katie Harnish, Kelly Fleagle), 1:45.16. 2. Carroll, 1:45.20. 3. Wood, 1:46.60.

100 Backstroke: 1. Sara Kuhn, Archbishop Ryan, 1:00.69. 2. Christina Rios, Wood, 1:01.59. 3. Samantha Greiner, O'Hara, 1:07.08.

100 Breaststroke: 1. Kelly Fleagle, Cardinal O'Hara, 1:13.27. 2. Kelsey Homont, St. Hubert, 1:13.62. 3. Julianne Staskel, Ryan, 1:13.88.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Archbishop Wood (Amy Finn, Grace Cochrane, Taylor Kane, Christina Rios), 3:49.89. 2. O'Hara, 3:52.12. 3. Ryan, 3:56.93.

BOYS

Team scoring: La Salle 965, St. Joseph's Prep 625.5, Archbishop Ryan 294.5, Father Judge 285, Monsignor Bonner 253, Roman Catholic 230, Cardinal O'Hara 185, Archbishop Carroll 170, Archbishop Wood 94.

200-yard Medley Relay: 1. La Salle (Rhodes Worster, Blase Szyszko, Phil Letcavage, James Mahoney), 1:37.94. 2. St. Joseph's Prep, 1:41.16. 3. Father Judge, 1:44.22.

200 Freestyle: 1. Ted Walker, La Salle, 1:45.23. 2. Michael McGee, La Salle, 1:47.82. 3. Andrew Gogola, St. Joseph's Prep, 1:49.36.

200 IM: 1. Greg Mahon, St. Joseph's Prep, 1:56.91. 2. Greg Woods, La Salle, 2:00.40. 3. Andrew Gillespie, Roman Catholic, 2:01.99.

50 Freestyle: 1. James Mahoney, La Salle, 21.75. 2. Andrew Sideras, La Salle, 22.21. 3. Todd Domanski, La Salle, 22.23.

100 Butterfly: 1. Phil Letcavage, La Salle, 53.92. 2. Andrew Kelly, St. Joseph's Prep, 54.00. Andrew Speese, La Salle, 54.25.

100 Freestyle: 1. Ted Walker, La Salle, 47.10. 2. Andrew Sideras, La Salle, 48.97. 3. Andrew Gogola, St. Joseph's Prep, 49.38.

500 Freestyle: 1. Michael McGee, La Salle, 4:54.44. 2. Tom O'Neill, La Salle, 4:59.87. 3. Brandon Rapone, Ryan, 5:00.15.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. La Salle (Andrew Sideras, James Mahoney, Ted Walker, Todd Domanski), 1:26.61. 2. St. Joseph's Prep, 1:31.60. 3. O'Hara, 1:34.68.

100 Backstroke: 1. Greg Mahon, St. Joseph's Prep, 53.06. 2. Andrew Gillespie, Roman Catholic, 53.24. 3. Pat McDevitt, Monsignor Bonner, 55.76.

100 Breaststroke: 1. Blase Szyszko, La Salle, 59.77. 2. Greg Woods, La Salle, 1:00.84. 3. Michael Maerz, Carroll, 1:03.64.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. La Salle (Andrew Sideras, Kyle Finlay, Todd Domanski, Ted Walker), 3:15.06. 2. St. Joseph's Prep, 3:17.32. 3. Monsignor Bonner, 3:24.33.

Boys swimming

(Wednesday meet)

CARDINAL O'HARA 92, ARCHBISHOP WOOD 51

200-yard medley relay: 1. CO, 1:54.63; 2. AW, 2:03.60. 200 freestyle: 1. Tom Dinit, CO, 2:06.35; 2. Andrew Gnias, AW, 2:20.41; 3. Pasquale Cippoloni, CO, 2:24.94. 200 individual medley: 1. Ryan Mattson, CO, 2:33.91; 2. Andre Delvalle, AW, 2:35.13. 50 freestyle: 1. Nate Oropollo, CO, 23.95; 2. Dave Keller, AW, 24.56; 3. Casey Strus, CO, 24.90. 100 butterfly: 1. Tom Hawkins, CO, 58.74; 2. Gregory Oprendeck, AW, 1:01.59; 3. Dinit, CO, 1:05.47. 100 freestyle: 1. Oropollo, CO, 58.16; 2. Gary Bone, AW, 1:00.94; 3. Cippoloni, CO, 1:05.28. 500 freestyle: 1. Delvalle, AW, 6:03.41; 2. James Bulicki, CO, 6:14.47; 3. Kevin Connolly, CO, 7:43.03. 200 freestyle relay: 1. CO, 1:45.47; 2. AW, 1:52.12; 3. CO, 2:01.50. 100 backstroke: 1. Hawkins, CO, 59.11; 2. Strus, CO, 1:03.63; 3. Oprendeck, AW, 1:05.69. 100 breaststroke: 1. Keller, AW, 1:11.27; 2. Mattson, CO, 1:14.06; 3. Connolly, CO, 1:40.03. 400 freestyle relay: exhibition.