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North Penn the district swim favorite

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MARK C. PSORAS / THE REPORTER North Penn's Dan Dingman won league titles in the 200 individual medley and the 100 freestyle, and is expected to do well at districts.

stands out a little bit more than the rest. This year that person is Dan Dingman, who won league titles in the 200 IM and 100 free, and should be up on the medal stand this weekend.

His versatility allows coach Brian Daly to plug him in wherever he is needed, a big key to getting points out of every event.

Dingman will also be big on the relays, which all have a shot of taking gold.

Where there is Dingman, Nico Gimenez is usually not far behind, and Gimenez is coming off strong performances in the 100 breast and the IM at leagues.

The Knights are strong in the 500 free, led by Brandon Ward. Further versatility is provided by Ryan Coupe, who swam on two gold-medal-winning relays at leagues.

If the Knights are to continue their epic streak, they will have to once again hold off a strong Souderton Area team.

The Indians have state hopefuls in Tim Dorsch, Jake Radcliff, Sean Corcoran and Joe Reynolds.

Dorsch is one of the high seeds in the 100 breast, and Radcliff is a top freestyler, expected to go in the 200 and 500.

The Big Red have another top breaststroker in Sean Corcoran, and Joe Reynolds has had a good season in the 50 free.

Methacton, Pennridge, Wissahickon and CB West will also have representatives in the AAA competition, with Lansdale Catholic sending some swimmers in Class AA.

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The original Die Hard premiered in theatres. Barry Sanders won the Heisman trophy. Tiffany was one of the most popular singers. And get this — Notre Dame football went a perfect 12-0.

The year was 1988, the last time the North Penn boys swim team did not win the district title. Another movie from '88 describes perfectly the streak that was about to unfold — Big. As in 19 straight district titles for the Knights.

They go for an even 20 today and tomorrow on the campus of LaSalle University.


As always, the Knights have a robust district lineup and one guy who

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