Radnor leads field in District AA swimming

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Springfield of Montgomery County won both relays contested yesterday on the opening day of the PIAA District 1 Class AA swimming and diving championships, but still trailed defending champion Radnor going into today's final five events.

> The Spartans picked up 80 points in winning the 200-yard medley and 200 freestyle relays, but found themselves behind the Red Raiders by 25 points, 154-129. Radnor beat Springfield, 303-298, last year for the district title.

> North Penn, looking for its 20th straight Class AAA district crown, appears to be headed in that direction. The Knights were leading the AAA field with 159 points, although they did not have a winner in yesterday's six events.

> West Chester Henderson, with 133 points, trails the Knights by 26 points, followed by Upper Dublin with 129 and Boyertown with 106.

> Lansdale Catholic's Al Augustine set the only record of the day when he won the Class AA 50 freestyle with a time of 21.48 seconds. That broke Todd Albert's mark of 21.51, which had stood since 1997. Alberts attended Owen J. Roberts.

> "It's always a goal to go as fast as I can," he said. "I had some good competition today."

> Augustine finished ahead of Hugh Pedley (22.10) of Springfield (Montco) and Robert Schwartz (22.17) of Upper Moreland.

> "I've had some good races with Schwartz," said Augustine, a junior. "I'm really looking forward to states."

> Augustine was third at the PIAA championships last year, with a time of 21.51.

> The Spartans' medley relay team, of which Pedley is a member, is on a roll. Last year, the team took gold at both districts and states, setting a record at states. Pedley and Ben Clark are holdovers from that winning foursome. This season, Jack Oeschger and Ben Fallon joined the group.

> "Our times are almost the same," Fallon said. "We'd like to repeat at states, but we know there's some serious competition."
The top four finishers in AAA events earn a berth at the PIAA championships March 12-15 at Bucknell. Only the winner is guaranteed a spot in AA.

The Results

Class AA

Team scoring (after six events) Radnor 169, Springfield (M) 154, Upper Moreland 129, Harriton 123, Lansdale Catholic 115, Holy Ghost Prep 99, Sun Valley 90, Springfield (D) 84, Upper Merion 75, Upper Perkiomen 69.

200-yard medley relay: 1, Springfield (M) (Ben Clark, Jake Oeschger, Ben Fallon, Hugh Pedley), 1:39.15. 2, Radnor, 1:40.47. 3, Lansdale Catholic, 1:42.30. 4, Springfield (D), 1:44.7. 5, Harriton, 1:47.39. 6, Upper Merion, 1:49.06.

200 freestyle: 1, Ryan Lynn, Kennett, 1:45.73. 2, Steve Rowland, Upper Moreland, 1:46.41. Joseph Dimino, New Hope, 1:49.68. 4, Andrew Urban, Lansdale Catholic, 1:50.41. 5, Fallon, Springfield (D), 1:51.32. 6, Patrick Musselman, Radnor, 1:51.45.

200 individual medley: 1, John Hauser, St. Pius 1:59.91. 2, Alex Ziev, Phoenixville, 2:03.74. 3, Stew Conrad, Upper Moreland, 2:04.27. 4, Robert Wagner, Harriton, 2:04.98. 5, Carson Bowes, Radnor, 2:06.75. 6, Mike O'Hanlon, Springfield (D), 2:07.58.


100 butterfly: 1, Robbie Norton, Radnor, 52.58. 2, Patrick Mannion, Devon Prep, 54.58. 3, Patrick Augustine, Lansdale Catholic, 54.74. 4, Derek Donato, Springfield (D), 55.92. 5, Charlie Gibson, Radnor, 56.43. 6, Michael Kramer, Christopher Dock, 57.51.

200 freestyle relay: 1, Springfield (M) (Clark, Charlie Pritchard, Oeschger, Pedley), 1:28.28. 2, Upper Moreland, 1:29.38. 3, Lansdale Catholic, 1:32.38. 4, Radnor, 1:32.40. 5, Harriton, 1:32.77. 6, Upper Merion, 1:34.67.

Class AAA

Team scoring


200 yard medley relay: 1, Upper Dublin (Dan Fitzgerald, Tim Garrard, Steve Crane, Calvin Starosta), 1:35.68. 2, Owen J. Roberts, 1:38.42. 3, West Chester Henderson, 1:38.48. 4, North Penn, 1:39.36. 5, Boyertown, 1:39.41. 6, Wissahickon, 1:39.75.

200 freestyle: 1, Jordan Hartman, Boyertown, 1:42.32. 2, Andrew Fink, West Chester Henderson, 1:42.37. 3, Dingman, North Penn, 1:43.62. 4, Austin Shane, Unionville, 1:43.88. 5, Ralph Clayton, Upper Dublin, 1:44.54. 6, Rich Deley, Pennsbury, 1:44.84.
> **200 individual medley:** 1, Mitch Scherer, Owen J. Roberts, 1:57.00. 2, Matt Selig, Downingtown East, 1:57.12. 3, Patrick Dougherty, Downingtown West, 1:57.66. 4, Jeremy Frey, Central Bucks East, 1:57.72. 5, Andrew Kosic, West Chester Henderson, 1:57.88. Matt Dello Buono, Bayard Rustin, 1:58.21.

> **50 freestyle:** 1, Doug Murray, Perkiomen Valley, 21.15. 2, Joe Bickel, Hatboro-Horsham, 21.82. 3, David Baldino, West Chester Henderson, 22.08. 4, Tom Rhoads, Academy Park, 22.13. 5, Matthew Duffy, Boyertown, 23.23. 6, Shawn Seguin, Garnet Valley, 22.27.

> **100 butterfly:** 1, Rick Deley, Pennsbury, 51.82. 2, Andrew Gerland, Methacton, 52.41. 3, Jeff Smallwood, North Penn, 52.50. 4, Wesley Trumbauer, Boyertown, 52.52. 5, Alex Cushman, Spring-Ford, 52.93. 6, Evan Denard, Central Bucks West, 53.46.

> **200 freestyle relay:** 1, Upper Dublin (Starosta, Dave Derr, Kyle Rooney, Clayton), 1:26.25. 2, North Penn, 1:27.64. 3, West Chester Henderson, 1:27.68. 4, Hatboro-Horsham, 1:27.80. 5, Wissahickon, 1:28.28. 6, Owen J. Roberts, 1:29.37.

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