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## [Intelligencer swimming notebook: East's Weber confident for districts](#)

By **Bill Keen**

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He's a freshman on a very good **Central Bucks East** team whose only losses all season were to the top two teams in the weekly Top 5, 101-77 to No. 1 **North Penn**, and 96-90 to No. 2 **Souderton**.

Riley Weber's baptism of fire was quite a ride as the Patriots fashioned a 9-2 record to nail down the third spot in the final rankings.

Saturday, the top-seeded Weber was a little nervous as he won the 100-yard freestyle at the Suburban One League Continental Conference championships with a time of 49.10 seconds.

"I felt like I just needed to get in, swim my heart out and get into the race," Weber said. "My first lap wasn't as strong as it should have been, but then I realized that and I picked it up the last three laps."

His time was more than a half-second faster than his previous best and the third-fastest overall in the three SOL Conference meets; only the top two finishers in the National Conference - Pennsbury's Matt Chrzanowski (48.51) and Council Rock North's Dave Boodey (49.03) - were faster.

Next up, the PIAA District One Class AAA championships and the win gives Weber an added boost of confidence.

"Yeah, it definitely does," he said. "I'm going into districts with high hopes of placing well and hopefully moving on to states."

### The Most Happy Fellas

The final heats of each event at the SOL Continental boys championships were the fastest, but earlier heats produced a bevy of district-qualifying times.

Rick Sutton of **Hatboro-Horsham** (1:53.40) trimmed more than 2.5 seconds from his seeding time, as did teammate T.J. Guminski and Adam Myzal of North Penn in the 200 IM (2:09.37 and 2:09.94, respectively).

**Souderton's** Michael Trout and Alex Evers advanced in the 50 free, as did **CB East's** David Taylor in the same event; **CB West's** Pat Keane moved on in the 100 freestyle, along with CB East's Peter Lindner while CB East's Ryan Canney and CB West's Tyler Washington made it in the 100 backstroke, along with East's Sam Rosenthal in the 500 free.

Easily the happiest athlete had to be Hatboro-Horsham senior Andy Rigotti. District-qualifying time in the 500 free is 5:18. Rigotti didn't just qualify - he hit the wall in 5:16.15 to obliterate his previous best of 5:31.49 by more than *15 seconds*.

### Call her Michelle Phelps

Every once in a while, a former area high school standout whose name was featured in these weekly visits does something so outstanding in a college

meet that it absolutely merits a curtain call.

At the Capital Athletic Conference championships, Hatboro-Horsham grad Brie McDowell, now a senior at NCAA Division III member St. Mary's College of Maryland, had the greatest single women's swimming performance in league history. On her own and as part of relays, she won seven gold medals and set seven meet records, four of which were automatic qualifiers for the NCAA Division III meet.

To cap it off, she was named the conference's female Swimmer of the Year.

Just the facts

**Keen's Top 5 (final):**

**Boys**

1. North Penn (9-2)
2. Souderton (9-2)
3. Central Bucks East (9-2)
4. Germantown Academy (5-2)
5. Central Bucks South (8-4)

**Girls**

1. Souderton (10-1)
2. North Penn (10-1)
3. Germantown Academy (8-1)
4. Central Bucks East (7-4)
5. Archbishop Wood (8-1)

**Meet to watch:**

Germantown Academy once again hosts the oldest high school national championship meet, the 109th Eastern Interscholastic Swimming and Division Championships, Friday and Saturday at La Salle University.

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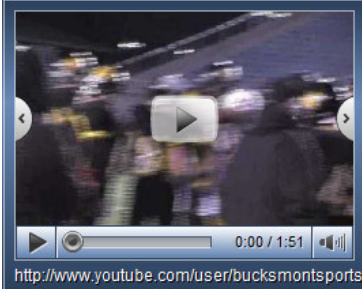
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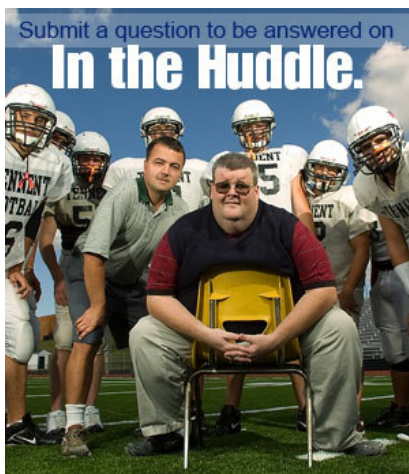
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