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Souderton Area eyes state title at Bucknell STATE

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The PIAA State Swim Championships get under way on Wednesday, and will take place for four days at Bucknell University in Lewisburg.

The Class AA events will be held Wednesday and Thursday this year, with the Class AAA events following on Friday and Saturday.

Souderton Area will be well-represented in the Class AAA girls events, as the District One champs have a good shot at their first state title. Angela Severn is the top seed in the 500 free, and she also does the 200 IM. Paige Whitmire will also do two individual events, swimming the 50 free and the 100 back.

Souderton has two other girls in the 50 free — Missy Doll and Chloe Thomas, and Doll will also do the 100 free. Mariel Kush does the 500 free, giving the Indians two swimmers in the distance event. Also, Souderton's robust state roster is filled out by Ashley Kichline in the 100 back, and Lauren Peachey in the 100 breast.

Souderton will try to score major points in the relays - they have a team in all three races.

North Penn also has multiple girls competing in Lewisburg — Nicole DiBonaventura in the 200 free and 500 free, Sam Deana in the 50 free, Jan Ikeda in the 100 fly, Julia Tate in the diving, and all three relays qualified.

Also of local interest, CB West's Ali Roth will swim the 50 free and Methacton's Blaire Kinsey will do the 100 breast. Hatboro-Horsham has a pair of divers competing - Kelsey Tennett and Chelsea Adlam.

There are also three locals in the boys diving as well, as North Penn's Zac Nees, Souderton's Ozzie Moyer, and North Penn's Michael Kohler will be up on the board.

The Knights will also have Stephan Hoch doing two individual events — the 50 free and the 100 fly, and North Penn also has Jack Else (500 free) and Nick Ortlieb (100 breast) competing. The Knights qualified in all three relays.

There are three other local guys doing two individual events each — CB West's Sean Cook (200 free and 100 back), Souderton's Jake Radcliff (200 free and 500 free), and Wissahickon's Andrew Nagelberg (50 free and 100 back).

Wissahickon also has Adam Bossert competing in the 100 breast. And local relay teams also include Wissahickon's 200 medley and 200 free, and Methacton is sending a 200 free relay squad.

The Lansdale Catholic girls will have two swimmers competing, and each will

be doing two events in AA action. Sophomore Jess Gidzinski will swim in the 200 IM and the 500 freestyle, and junior Bridgette Augustine will swim the 50 free and the 100 breaststroke.

LC has a 400 freestyle relay in the final event of the night.

The Lansdale Catholic boys will have three guys swimming at states, as Andrew Urban will compete in the 200 free, and Al Augustine and Pat Augustine will each do two events. Al Augustine does the 50 free and the 100 free, and Pat Augustine is looking for medals in the 100 fly and 100 breast.

The Crusader boys also have a pair of relays — both the 200 free and 400 free qualified for the meet at Bucknell.

Also in the Class AA boys events, Christopher Dock's Michael Kramer does the 100 fly and the 100 free.

Directions: Take 476 North to Route 80. Take Route 80 West to Exit 210A, Route 15 South. At the ninth traffic light, turn left onto Moore Avenue and look for the Bucknell Athletic Stadium on the left. Follow to pool.

PIAA Swim Championships

Schedule

Wednesday

8-9:30 a.m.: Class AA Girls Prelims

10:30-12 p.m.: Class AA Boys Prelims

2-4:30 p.m.: Class AA Girls Diving Championships

5:30-7 p.m.: Class AA Girls Consolations and Finals

8-9:30 p.m.: Class AA Boys Consolations and Finals

* Swimming events for Wednesday include the 200 medley relay, 200 free, 200 IM, 50 free, 100 fly, and 200 free relay

Thursday

8-9:30 a.m.: Class AA Girls Prelims

10:30-12 p.m.: Class AA Boys Prelims

2-4:30 p.m.: Class AA Boys Diving Championship

5:30-7 p.m.: Class AA Girls Consolations and Finals

8-9:30 p.m.: Class AA Boys Consolations and Finals

* Swimming events for Thursday include the 100 free, 500 free, 100 back, 100 breast and 400 free relay

Friday

8-9:30 a.m.: Class AAA Girls Prelims

10:30-12 p.m.: Class AAA Boys Prelims

2-4:30 p.m.: Class AAA Girls Diving Championships

5:30-7 p.m.: Class AAA Girls Consolations and Finals

8-9:30 p.m.: Class AAA Boys Consolations and Finals

* Swimming events for Friday include the 200 medley relay, 200 free, 200 IM, 50 free, 100 fly, and 200 free relay

Saturday

8-9:30 a.m.: Class AAA Girls Prelims

10:30-12 p.m.: Class AAA Boys Prelims

2-4:30 p.m.: Class AAA Boys Diving Championship

5:30-7 p.m.: Class AAA Girls Consolations and Finals

8-9:30 p.m.: Class AAA Boys Consolations and Finals

* Swimming events for Saturday include the 100 free, 500 free, 100 back, 100 breast and 400 free relay

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