

FSPY 8 & Under Teams Finish Strong at State Swim Meet

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA (FSPY) 8-and-Under girls and boys swim teams had a strong showing at the YMCA New Jersey State Championships held on February 5 at the Ocean County YMCA.

Six-year-old Maya Dunchus posted her best times while placing 10th in the 25-yard butterfly and 14th in the 25-yard breaststroke. In the seven-year-old 25-yard freestyle, Maddie Bebout and sisters Mariel, Melody and Mariah Weigel swam their best times, while Bella Bernado placed 19th in a field of 72 for that event. Cami Sullivan had her best time in the same event and also anchored the free relay team (Mariel Weigel, Bernado, Mariah Weigel, Sullivan) that placed 10th in a field of 22.

For eight-year-old girls, Asia Cadet, Kelly Bracuto and Maddie Ryan posted their best times in the 25-yard freestyle, while Tiffany Inacker finished 48th in the field of 122. Cadet also posted her best times in the 25-yard breaststroke and 25-yard butterfly. Ameila Markey and Zoe Verrico posted their best times in the 25-yard backstroke and, in the 50-yard freestyle, Verrico and Ryan had best times. Emma Jaczko proved a strong closer for the free relay team (Verrico, Bracuto, Ryan, Jaczko), which placed 24th out of 47 teams.

For the boys, six-year-old Colin Sullivan and seven-year-old Matthew Auda placed in the top 10 in three events. For the six and unders, Sullivan posted his best times of the year, finishing second in the 25-yard freestyle, seventh in the 25-yard breaststroke and ninth in the 25-yard backstroke. Auda placed fifth in the 50-yard and 25-yard freestyle and third in the 25-yard butterfly. Eric Chang, another seven-year-old, posted his best times in the 25-yard freestyle and 25-yard breaststroke.

For the eight-year-old boys, Alex Skoog posted two 22nd-place finishes in the 25-yard backstroke and 25-yard butterfly. Posting their best times were Thomas Lestkowi in the 25-yard freestyle and Kevin Kerby in

all his events (25-yard free, 50-yard free and 25-yard butterfly). Jason Steinberg also had his best times of the season in all his events (25-yard free, 25-yard backstroke and 25-yard breaststroke), while placing 16th out of 54 in the breaststroke.

The boys medley relay (Skoog, Steinberg; Auda, Walling) placed eighth out of 32 teams and the freestyle relay (Auda, Walling, Kerby, Skoog) placed eighth out of 35 teams, capping off a host of strong performances by both teams throughout the season.

Lady Devils Advance To Public A Finals

The Westfield High School girls swim team advanced to the New Jersey Public A championship by defeating Lawrence, 93-77, in the semifinals on February 23.

50 free: Julia Wrobel (L) 25.85
100 free: Wrobel (L) 55.38
200 free: Alexi Kuska (W) 2:00.72
500 free: Kylie Fraser (W) 5:23.94
100 breast: Julie Senerth (L) 1:11.99
100 fly: Maddie Emde (L) 1:02.75
100 back: Lauren McCurdy (W) 1:03.92
200 IM: DarrellAnn Smith (W) 2:16.66
200 free relay: W (Kuska, Catherine Maguire, Liz Hawkins, Brittany Reyes) 1:45.76
400 free relay: L (Kim Greenfield, Stephanie Greenfield, Senerth, Wrobel) 3:50.6
200 medley relay: W (McCurdy, Katie Morgan, Reyes, Julie Cederroth) 1:57.15

CHW Swim Girls Top Westfield in NJSIAA

No. 2 ranked Cherry Hill West won 10 of 11 events to defeat No. 7 Westfield, 102-68, for the NJSIAA Public A title at The College of New Jersey in Ewing on February 26. Alexi Kuska was the only Blue Devil to touch first in an event, winning the 500-freestyle in a time of 5:22.4.

Lauren McCurdy, Katie Morgan, Brittany Reyes and Liz Hawkins, who finished second in the 200-yard medley relay, recorded the third-fastest time in Westfield history at 1:53.87. Kuska, who finished second in the 200-freestyle, recorded the fifth-fastest time in school history at 1:58.55. Kylie Fraser, who finished third in the 200-IM, recorded the eighth-fastest time at 2:14.99 and the four-some of Kuska, Morgan, Fraser and Reyes finished second in the 200-freestyle relay with a time of 1:44.46 to record Westfield High School's eighth-fastest time.

50 free: Maureen O'Neill (C) 24.64
100 free: Amanda Waldner (C) 54.84
200 free: Waldner (C) 1:58.4
500 free: Kuska (W) 5:22.5
100 breast: Emily Bart (C) 1:10.06
100 fly: Leigh Ann Patterson (C) 1:00.28
100 back: Allison Rolish (C) 1:01.34
200 IM: Rolish (C) 2:14.15
200 free relay: C (Heather Lee, Laura Pierce, Waldner, O'Neill) 1:42.51
400 free relay: C (Patterson, Jen Rashti, Rolish, Waldner) 3:48
200 medley relay: C (Rolish, Bart, Pierce, O'Neill) 1:53.11

Joe DeCampo Shines On Muhlenberg Mats

ALLENTOWN, PA.—Sophomore Joe DeCampo (Westfield) of the Muhlenberg College wrestling team contributed to the team's successful season.

DeCampo, competing in the 149-pound weight class, went 20-11 with four major decisions and a team-best four technical falls. The 20 wins were third best on the Mules and a career high. DeCampo's 88 takedowns led the team, and he was second with 18 near-falls.

"Joseph very much improved over his freshman season," said Head Coach Tom Schleicher. "He worked hard over the off-season, and his work ethic in the practice room paid off."

Muhlenberg finished 8-4 overall and 5-2 in the Centennial Conference (CC). The Mules finished third at the CC Championships, their best finish in four years.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
HAVING A SENIOR MOMENT...Blue Devil senior Terron Rogers, No. 31, hit it big on Senior Day with 18 points, including four 3-pointers.

Blue Devils' 'Trips to Win' Defeat Cougar Cagers, 85-71

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The game, however, was not without miscues, and each team had its share.

"To be honest, starting off, I played pretty sloppy. I forced a couple of passes but, once I made my first shot, I was confident. Everything was falling for us. Once I hit more shots I knew today was going to be the day that we all were hitting," said Bonard.

"We did come out running a lot but we made a lot of mistakes, looking too fast for other people," commented Rogers.

After the 26-19 first-quarter lead, the Blue Devils ran off 12 straight points to go ahead, 38-19, midway through the second quarter, but the Cougars later answered with a 9-0 run, sparked by Smith's three lay-ups and Ciencin's three-banger. By half-time, the Blue Devils led, 46-33.

In the third quarter, the Blue Devils had success passing inside, which not only led to several lay-ups but also several fouls. Venezia went to the line and cashed in on five of eight free throws, while Pritsker and Rogers each sank both of their free throws. The Blue Devils increased their lead to 70-51.

The victory marked the second time this season that the Blue Devils took top honors over the Cougars — a rare

event between the two rivals. On January 6, the Blue Devils prevailed, with Venezia sinking 21 points and Rogers bucketing 16.

"I can't remember the last time we beat them twice in the same year," said Bonard. "This is the way to end the last home game, beating Cranford. That's the way we wanted!"

With a state sectional game with Bridgewater-Raritan on the horizon, Bonard said, "This was really a big game that we need to prove that we can shoot the ball. We know that Bridgewater is scouting us. We need to make sure that they respect our jump shots."

Cranford	19	14	18	20	71
Westfield	26	20	24	15	85

St. Helen's Boys Rock MMOG Blue Saints

The St. Helen's High School boys basketball team improved to 11-0 with an 85-65 triumph over Hillsboro's MMOG Blue Saints at Hillsboro High School on February 26. Maintaining their blistering shooting pace St. Helen's was for the third time this season perfect from the free throw line and shot 37-for-57 from the floor to register a 65 percent shooting percentage for the game, which included six three-pointers.

Mike Manders and Dan Meliello made every shot they attempted. Woody Handza led the scoring with 35 points, followed by Mike Amjody who netted his personal best for the season with 20 points. Scott Dyer was hampered by foul trouble but still scored 12 points followed by Eric Scudato with seven and Bobby Molson with five. Manders led the team in rebounds followed by Meliello, with Manders blocking four shots and Meliello registering three blocks.

Westfield 'Y' Swimmers Excel At 8 & Under Championships

The 8-and-under Westfield YMCA swimmers competed in the state-wide championship meet, featuring 24 YMCA teams, at the Ocean County YMCA on February 5. The following are the individual results by age.

6 and Under: Shannon Pyle placed second in the 25-back, third in the 25-free and sixth in the 25-fly, while Emily Oster placed second in the 25-free and 10th in the 25-back. Colin Daniel placed second in the 25-back, seventh in the 25-fly and ninth in the 25-free, while Jake Lessner placed third in the 25-breast, eighth in the 25-fly and 12th in the 25-free.

7 Year Olds: Caroline Felix placed seventh in the 50-free and 15th in the 25-fly, while Jamie Thomas placed seventh in the 25-breast. Oster, Thomas, Pyle and Felix placed fifth in the 100-free relay and sixth in the 100-medley relay. Ryan Daniel touched first in the 50-free and 25-back and placed second in the 25-free.

8 Year Olds: Courtney Day placed

11th in the 25-back. Katherine Duffy, Johanna Mermer, Courtney Day and Caitlin Collins placed 18th in the 100-free relay, while the foursome of Day, Mermer, Julia Meyers and Duffy placed 21st in the event. Jack Rose placed 12th in the 100-IM and 13th in the 25-breast. Rose, Jordan Livolsi, Jordan Hickman and Ryan Daniel placed fourth in the 100-free relay and ninth in the 100-medley relay.

Emma Phillips, Marina DeCotiis, Meredith Bagger, Angelo Dente, Kevin Clauss and Nicholas Cannone recorded strong performances.

"The 8/Unders are the foundation of the Westfield Area YMCA and I look forward to guiding them to many more successful seasons," said swim coach Paul Casazza.

SP-F School One

Schedules Golf Outing

SCOTCH PLAINS—A golf outing to benefit School One playground, science fair, reading incentives, student/parent program and cultural arts has been set for Monday, April 24, at Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains.

There will be an 8 a.m. registration, an 8:15-9:15 a.m. continental breakfast and a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start (beverages will be provided while playing), a 2:30 p.m. cocktail reception (cash bar) followed by a BBQ lunch and prizes. Cost is \$195 per golfer and registration is due by March 17. Make the check payable to School One PTA.

For more information on the outing, please contact Jim Lambert atlambo2126@hotmail.com or call (908) 322-1356

St. Helen's Boys Top

St. James Cagers, 73-49

The St. Helen's High School boys basketball team defeated St. James of Basking Ridge, 73-49, on February 25 to push their record to 10-0. St. Helen's shot 32-for-58 from the field and 5-for-6 from the free throw line.

Senior Woody Handza and junior Scott Dyer combined for 54 points, with each player netting 27 points. The remaining 19 points were distributed evenly between Mike Manders, Eric Scudato, Dan Meliello, Mike Amjody and Bobby Molson.



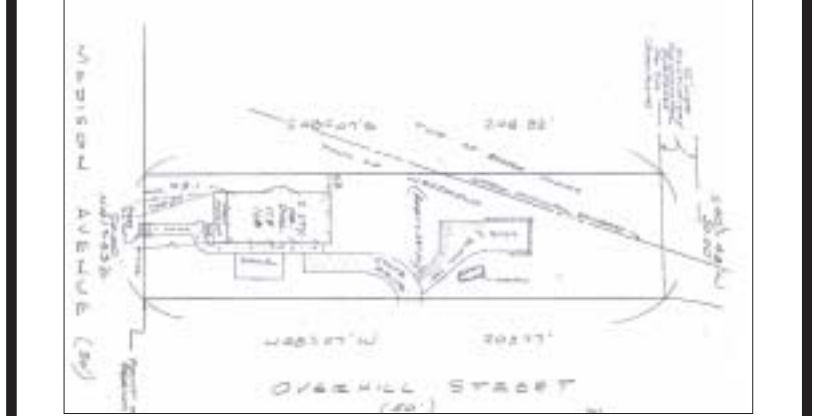
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