

Raider Boys Swimmers Sink St. Peter's Prep Boys, 95-75

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Zack Peart was involved in four winning events and teammates Matt and Mike Miller in three winning events as the 5-2 Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys swimming team sank St. Peter's Prep, 95-75, at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Y in Scotch

the 200-freestyle with a time of 1:56.51 and placed first in the 500-freestyle at 5:16.08. In the 200-individual medley (IM) Peart placed first in 2:09.21 and finished ahead of the pack in the 100-backstroke at 58:42. Mike Miller took first in the 50-freestyle at 23:08 and touched first in the 100-butterfly with a time of

"The 200-freestyle proved really tough with Dan Livosi being in it. I wanted to go out really fast and not to die at the end, so I did that and I ended up winning along with Walker taking second, which is a really big win for us," said Matt Miller. "In the 500-freestyle, they had a tough competitor and I wanted to take him. I had the lead the whole time and held it."

"Our first seven meets have proved very promising," stated Kosenick. "We have a loss against town rival Westfield, which is a very good team, and suffered a loss against Pingry in our last meet. At this point of the season, our lineup looks really good, really strong, scores some good points and (can) make a splash coming into the county championship and state tournament later this season."

50-free: Mike Miller (SPF) 5:23.08
100-free: Panyh (SP) 52:81
200-free: Matt Miller (SPF) 1:56.51
500-free: Matt Miller (SPF) 5:16.08
100-fly: Mike Miller (SPF) 5:56.12
100-breast: Tully (SP) 55:30
100-back: Zach Peart (SPF) 58:42
200-IM: Zach Peart (SPF) 2:09.21
200-free relay: SP (LiVolsi, Cannizaro, Tanyag, Jimenez) 1:36.18
400-free relay: (SPF) Eric Walker, Dan Nieto, Matt Miller, Peart 3:37.89
200-medley relay: (SPF) Peart, Brian Pesin, Mike Miller, John Kosenick 1:46.53



STROKING TOWARD VICTORY...Raider Brian Pesin, above, follows Zach Peart. Mike Miller swam the third leg and John Kosenick anchored the team to win the 200-medley relay at 1:46.53.

Plains on January 11.

"Today was really a big landmark for us, not only with our fastest swimmers but for the team as a whole," said John Kosenick. "We had a lot of quick swims. Eric Walker pulling out a big one-two win in the 100-freestyle and Mike Miller, one of our captains, winning the 100-fly. We had a very quick medley relay and a bunch of lower key victories that included Andrew Higgins in his 100-breast stroke, going the best time for the season. Mike Bovard, one of our junior swimmers, who has not been swimming too much, going the best time and breaking the record."

The Raiders placed first in eight of the 11 events. Peart, Brian Pesin, Mike Miller and Kosenick won the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:46.53. Matt Miller touched first in

56:12. Eric Walker, Dan Nieto, Matt Miller and Peart combined to place first in the 400-freestyle relay with a time of 3:37.89.

Blue Devil Girls Place Third, Raiders 4th at Pirate Inv'tl

The second-ranked Westfield High School girls swim team placed third with 171 points and the 11th-ranked Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls finished fourth with 151 points at the Pirate Invitational in West Windsor on January 14. On January 13, the Raider boys placed 10th with 66 points and the Blue Devil boys finished 11th with 60 points.

Blue Devil Suzanne Lemberg touched second in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 55.14 followed by Raider Melissa Helock at 55.47 and Blue Devil Liz Hawkins at 56.36. Lemberg also touched third in the 50-free with a time of 25.55. Raider Mary Henkels tied for fifth with a time of 25.97. Helock took third in the 200-free with a time of 1:58.92. Henkels touched fourth in the 100-backstroke with a time of 1:03.4 followed by Hawkins at 1:03.92.

Blue Devil Darrell Ann Smith finished fourth in the 200-Individual Medley with a time of 2:18.88. Raider Brittany Larkin took fourth in the

100-butterfly with a time of 1:03.11 followed by Blue Devil Brittany Reyes at 1:04.23. Blue Devils Catherine McGuire and Katie Morgan placed 5-6 in the 100-breaststroke with respective times of 1:12.36 and 1:12.73. Raider Kelly Gajdzisz touched sixth in the 500-free with a time of 5:37.98.

The Raider girls finished third in the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:55.41 and fourth in the 200-free relay at 1:43.54 followed by the Blue Devils at 1:45.62. The Blue Devils touched second in the 400-free relay with a time of 3:45.56 and the Raiders were fourth at 3:54.45.

Blue Devil Matt Meserole touched second in the 100-backstroke with a time of 56.59. Raider Mike Miller touched fourth in the 50-free with a time of 22.89 and Blue Devil Matt Green finished sixth at 23.47. Miller also took fourth in the 100-butterfly at 54.83. The Blue Devils also finished fourth in the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:44.86.



PULLING OFF A STUNNING UPSET...Raider heavyweight John Loomis, top, whipped Brearley Bear Eric DuBeau to the mat with a head throw. Loomis went on to win the bout, 10-8.

LOOMIS UPSETS DUBEAU, DENICHILO GETS BIG WIN

Brearley Matmen Hold Down Spirited Raiders' Effort, 40-25

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Ranked 10th, the David Brearley High School wrestling team has been rolling easily over its Union County and Region 3 opponents this season but the Bears faced stiffer competition in their 40-25 victory over a spirited Scotch Plains-Fanwood team at the Hanover Park Quad meet on January 13. The match featured two upsets and several close bouts.

The first shocker came in the first bout of the afternoon when Raider heavyweight John Loomis won a 10-8 war over Bear Eric DuBeau. In the first period, Loomis tossed DuBeau to the mat with a headlock but DuBeau wiggled free, escaped and added a takedown and a nearfall to carry a 6-5 lead into the second period. Loomis added an escape and a takedown in the second period and another takedown in the third period.

"It's going to give me a good seed (Union County Tournament). He took third last year. I think," said Loomis who added, "I think I need to work on getting out on bottom and riding people on top a little bit."

State-ranked Bear Kenny Knapp received a forfeit at 103-lbs then, at 112-lbs, Raider Tristan Bundy was locked in a 2-2 tie and controlling Bear Al Phillips, but, with 38 seconds remaining, decided to let him escape in an effort to get a takedown for the win. The takedown never came.

Raider Jawan Gaines was trailing

John Calderone, 4-3, but got baited into a spladle in 3:34 at 119-lbs, putting the Bears in front, 15-3. Raider Sal Gano, however, became the predator in a cat-and-mouse contest with Rob Piper and grabbed a 16-4, majority decision. Gano's great sense of action-reaction moves earned him five takedowns to go with his Mallory nearfall and Merkle maneuver.

Raider Mike Ferrara narrowed the team score to 15-13 when he settled Jem Vigilante in 2:35 with a power half nelson but the next showdown at 135-lbs went in the Bears' favor

when Joe Mraz pulled out a 5-3 decision over Ricky Olsson. Mraz was awarded a takedown at the end of the first period. After Mraz escaped in the second, Olsson recorded a takedown but was riding too high with his legs, allowing Mraz to grab a reversal. Olsson escaped in the third period but failed to get a needed takedown.

Raider Mike Ridge was trailing, 2-0, in the third period at 140-lbs until Joe Lospinoso exploded with a standup and followed with a cradle in

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IN DOUBLE TROUBLE...Raider Dave DeNichilo, top, pinned Bear Anthony Evans in 1:13 with a tight double arm bar in the 160-lb. bout.

Raider Hoop Girls Nip Elizabeth in OT, 57-53

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls basketball team outlasted host Elizabeth in overtime to pull out a 57-53 victory on January 13. Jackie Law hit seven of her 17 points in the fourth quarter and Allie Zazzali, who had 14 points, nailed a 3-pointer in the waning seconds to help force overtime.

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