

GIRLS SWIMMING

Pittsford hands CA first loss

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Pittsford Swimming started the meet against Canandaigua with a 9-0 record, CA came in with an unblemished 8-0 record. Three years ago the Braves had won to break the Panthers previous unbeaten streak, this time the result was never in doubt.

Pittsford led by 40-22 going into Diving and closed out the meet with a huge 118-68 victory and great preparation for Sectionals next month. CA are the perennial Class B Sectionals, since 2005, they are the favorites to repeat again but they were no match for the Panthers. Pittsford are the Class A favorites to win their 12th consecutive Sectional title.

The meet was the Braves Senior Meet and there was a large raucous crowd in attendance. At the start of the meet there was a constant chanting of "CA, CA, CA".

In the first event the Medley Relay the first three legs were very close, the race was tied when Katie Smith dove in to start the last leg. The chanting subsided as the Panthers quickly pulled away winning in a new pool record of 1:51.08, breaking the 2006 record of 1:52.77.

The first three legs were swum by Stephanie Riley, Becca Evans, Anne Marie Mozrall. CA consoled themselves with second (1:54.02) and third (1:59.32), narrowly beating Pittsford in to fourth (Bianca Lopez, Emma Corby, Maddie Holodnik and Katie



Upper classmen of the Pittsford girls swim team, from left to right: Katie McPherson, Steph Andrews, Olivia Roche, Leslie Davidoff, Genny Tripler and Megan Mayall.

McPherson - 1:59.95).

In the 200 Free the Panthers placed 1-3-4 with Lindsay Stone, Annie Birmingham and Katie Drake. In the 200 IM Pittsford went 1-2-5 with Corby, Evans and Holodnik.

In the 50 Free Smith and Steph Andrews went 1-2 with Smith breaking another pool record at 23.70, breaking Heather Savage's 2008 record. Savage is now swimming at Virginia Tech, coincidentally her father was the head official for the meet.

The Braves have an excellent diver (Serrica Hallstead - 231.20) and the competition helped the Panther divers excel with Maddie Schaefer (second) scoring 206 points and Kirsten Fleming (third, 155.10); Katie Mullin (fifth, 132.05). Diving resulted in an 8-8 tie.

After the diving break Pittsford reasserted their dominance going 1-2-4

in the 100 Fly with Mozrall, Riley and Lopez. The next two events ended in pool records with Smith and Stone.

In the 100 Free Smith swam 52.32, breaking Brittney Kurras' 2007 record. Kurras is currently a senior at UB. Stone broke the 500 Free record of Irondequoit's Gardner at 5:03.77, swimming a 5:01.96.

In the 200 Free Relay Andrews, Corby, Stone and Smith won in 1:39.38. Another pool record, breaking the Canandaigua record of 1:39.78.

In the 100 Back Riley and Mozrall went 1-2 and in the closing 100 Breast Evans and Corby went 2-3. The meet closed out with the 400 Free Relay where Stone, Andrews, Evans and McPherson won in 3:44.14. At the end of the meet the Panthers had rewritten the record board with five pool records.

On Tuesday Pittsford

had their Senior Meet recognizing captains Steph Andrews, Leslie Davidoff and Megan Mayall. During the meet juniors McPherson, Olivia Roche and Genny Tripler spoke about each of the seniors and recognized their accomplishments.

The Panthers were easy winners with a 143-43 scoreline. Pittsford won all of the individual and relay events, with one exception the 100 Fly.

The relay winners were Medley (Riley, Evans, Mozrall and McPherson), 200 Free (Andrews, Corby, Stone and Smith) and 400 Free (Stone, Andrews, Evans and Smith). Individual winners were Stone (200 and 500 Free), Corby (200 IM), Smith (50 and 100 Free), Riley (100 Back), Schaefer (Diving) and Evans (100 Breast).

Pittsford now prepares for Sectionals on Nov. 6 and 8, with MCCI's on Saturday.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Sutherland scores wins over Mercy, Penfield

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The Pittsford Sutherland's girls volleyball team is peaking at the right time. They faced some of the toughest competition in the area with matches against 2011 AA State Champions Penfield and 2012 AA State Champions Mercy.

The Knights beat Penfield on their home court 3-0 (25-19, 26-24, 25-19). The Patriots beat Sutherland in the first match of the season last year.

Senior outside hitter, Luisa Schirmer had a monster match with 24 kills, two aces, two blocks and 14 digs.

"Tonight's game was an accomplishment on many levels - redemption from last year, continuously learning and improving, and keeping composure throughout the match," Schirmer said.

It was a big night for the front line as Taylor Kells, Lauren McManus, Lauren Blowers and Santita Ebangwese combined for 20 kills and two digs. Setter Andrea Allen added two blocks of her own to go with 40 assists.

Aliah Bowllan led the defense with 15 digs and the back row of Maegan Bothner, Sarah Blowers and Mackenzie Kaufman added 19 digs.

Greece Arcadia came to town but were turned away by a determined Sutherland team. Monica Sanna sparked the victory with four aces, seven digs and eight assists.

Ann Bisognano added

to the scoring with four kills. Michelle Hollenberg had one kill, two aces and three digs.

Jessie Marini pitched in with two assists and two digs. Bridget Stahlecker added one kill, one ace and one dig.

Mackenzie Kaufman continued her solid serving with two aces to go along with two assists.

Friendly arch-rival Mercy was Sutherland's competition for Seniors Night. The Knights ended their regular season with a solid showing beating the Monarchs 3-0 (25-14, 25-17, 25-17).

The seniors led the victory as Luisa Schirmer, Lauren McManus, Lauren Blowers and Maegan Bothner combined for 18 kills, seven aces, 25 digs and seven blocks. Aliah Bowllan had 17 digs and Andrea Allen provided 25 assists.

The night began with honors being paid to the four seniors; all have a 4.0 grade point average. Schirmer's uniform number nine was honored with a plaque as part of the ceremony.

"I could not have asked for a better game than our match against Mercy," McManus said. "It was great competition. The crowd was amazing and it was the perfect Senior Night."

Our whole team came to play and contributed.

It was great to see them rise up and support the seniors on a night all about them. For my last regular match at Sutherland, I couldn't have asked for better teammates to share it with."