

GIRLS SWIMMING



Pittsford's Maggie Brennan competes in the 100 freestyle at the Webster Fall Classic last weekend at the Webster Aquatic Center.

Pittsford excels at Webster Fall Classic

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Pittsford swam the Webster Fall Classic, formerly known as the Monroe County Coaches Invitational, on Saturday. This event is the season ending meet for swimmers not intending to swim sectionals, this includes nearly all of the junior varsity team and some of the varsity team.

The Panthers are very strong this year and they are in the enviable position that a lot of the swimmers have swum sectional qualifying times. However, there are not enough spots for all of them to swim at the Section 5 Class A championship next month.

This meet is an opportunity for the younger swimmers to showcase their talents and wrap up their season.

Pittsford started off 1-2 in the Medley Relay with the team of Anna Dawson, Sarah Minnigh, Maddie Knight and Sarah Smith winning in 2:03.67, the team of Jamie Bowler, Cammie Hughes, Callie Coffey and Kate Winebrake were second in 2:11.53.

The best race of the

meet was in the 200 free; Pittsford took the first four positions with Kelly Knickerbocker (first in 2:06.26), Olivia Roche (second, 2:06.93), Maggie Brennan (third, 2:08.23), Kathryn Burke (fourth, 2:16.26). Knickerbocker narrowly beat Roche in a close race and broke the Pittsford JV 200 Free record.

Sarah Krysan also swam a personal best time in the event dropping more than four seconds off her seed time.

In the 200 individual medley Pittsford finished 1-2-4-5 with Dawson (2:24.84), Minnigh (2:26.63), Coffey (2:36.81), Chie Xu (2:36.91). In the 50 Free it was 1-2-3 with Knight, Megan Mayall and Smith with great performance by their team mates Grace Martinez (29.26), Winebrake (29.67), Joyce Bi (31.89), Shreya Mishra (32.85) and Danielle Groggin (35.05) following close behind.

In the 100 butterfly it was Knight, Coffey and Juliet Aycock going 1-2-3.

In the 100 free Maggie Brennan broke through the one minute barrier

with 58.83. Her team mates Mayall, Grace Martinez and Liz Bullard were second, fifth and sixth. In the gruelling 500 Free Pittsford finished 1-2-3-6 with Knickerbocker, Roche, Burke and Sarah Krysan.

Next up was the 200 free relay and Pittsford again went 1-2 with the team of Knight, Minnigh, Smith and Knickerbocker, plus the second team of Winebrake, Xu, Bullard and Brennan.

In the 100 backstroke Pittsford went 1-2-4 with Dawson, Smith and Jamie Bowler and then in the final individual event it was 1-2-3-6 with Minnigh, Xu, Hughes and Maddie Hobika. The final 400 Free Relay finished in a predictable 1-2 finish with the teams of Brennan, Dawson, Xu and Knickerbocker, plus Burke, Aycock, Martinez and Bowler.

At the end of the meet, JV coach Beth Dobberstein remarked, "the girls swam great. We had a lot of best times. It's nice for them to see how hard work does pay off."

The Pittsford varsity team is preparing for sectional prelims Nov. 6.

FIELD HOCKEY

Sutherland wins regular season finale

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The Pittsford Sutherland varsity field hockey team wrapped up its regular season with games against Webster Thomas and Webster Schroeder last week.

On Tuesday, the Knights faced the Titans. Three times in the first half, Sutherland hit the post but was unable to connect with the goal.

The game was scoreless at halftime. The Knights defended several corner plays including one late in the game that involved a card on Thomas. But the Titans played tough and were able to sneak a late goal past the Sutherland defense with less than four minutes remaining in the game for the 1-0 win.

Mother nature joined the Thursday game against the Warriors. The low temperatures were a reminder that this was the end of the regular season.

Just 12 minutes into the game, the Knights were awarded a corner play during which Jamie Palmer passed the ball to Maggie Cottrell who got it to Kelsie Schindler for the goal. Schroeder quickly responded two minutes later with a goal of its own.

The first half ended with a tied game, a rainbow in the sky and raindrops beginning to fall. As the rain picked up, so did the strength of Sutherland.

Just five minutes into the second half, Aubrie Bleier carried the ball down the field, crossed the ball to a teammate, then recovered the ball and scored to put the



Pittsford Sutherland's Kelsie Schindler, right, battles for a loose ball during the Knights match against Webster Schroeder on Oct. 24.

Knights ahead. At 18:24 remaining in the game, Christine Molinari passed the ball to Allison Robinson for the goal.

The crowd was hidden by umbrellas as the players battled the downpour on the field. With five minutes left in the game, Adele Fairbrother gave Sutherland its final goal for the 4-1 win. The

Knights ended the regular season 10-4-2.

The team gathered for a team breakfast last Saturday and then headed off to the Blessed Sacrament Soup Kitchen to carve pumpkins and create Halloween spirit for others. Next up: The Knights face Pittsford Mendon in the sectional semifinals Thursday at Fairport.