

Pittsford Swimming unbeaten



Pittsford Swimming and Diving seniors Genny Tripler and Katie McPherson (in blue) with a group of juniors on Senior Day.

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Pittsford Swimming and Diving finished its regular season with a big victory in their Senior Meet over Class B champions Canandaigua (106-69). The last two dual meets of the season were against Victor and CA.

Victor was the last team that defeated Pittsford in 2011, and Canandaigua defeated them in 2010. Both teams are strong performers in Section V and the schedule was set to help Pittsford peak at the end of the season. Pittsford, though, is unmatched in Section V and has not lost in several years. They are now preparing for Sectionals at Webster on Nov. 6 for preliminaries, and Nov. 8 for finals.

Pittsford led off with a 1-2 finish in the 200 medley relay with the team of Stephanie Riley, Becca Evans, Katie Drake and Katie McPherson (1:53.65) out-touching the team of Bianca Lopez, Sarah Minnigh, Anne Marie Mozrall and Katie Smith (1:54.32).

Pittsford went 1-2-3 in the 200 free with Lindsay Stone (1:54.10), Emma Corby (1:55.82) and Kelly Knickerbocker (2:01.25). It was another 1-2-3 in the 200 individual medley with Becca Evans (2:12.43), Maddie Holodnik (2:21.36) and Anna Dawson (2:23.28).

In the 50 free All-American, Katie Smith won easily in 23.76 with senior Katie McPherson in third (26.01).

Diving was very competitive with Maddie Schaefer and Canandaigua's Serica Hallstead spinning and tumbling through their dives, captivating the spectators. After six dives, Schaefer was victorious with 301.05 versus 291.35, with Abby Ling finishing in third at 182.35.

It was another 1-2-3 sweep in the 100 butterfly with Stone (1:00.75), Corby (1:01.67) and Mozrall (1:03.60). In the 100 free it was a 1-3-4 with Katie Smith leading the way at 52.12, and seniors McPherson (57.10) and Genny Tripler (57.72) Knickerbocker (5:18.59) won the 500 free with team members Drake (5:22.67) and Annie Birmingham (5:24.23) close behind.

The 200 free relay was another sweep. The first team was Evans, Corby, Stone and Holodnik (1:41.19), next was Drake, Mozrall, Minnigh and Birmingham (1:44.87). The third team was Lopez, Maggie Brennan, Tripler and Maddie Knight (1:48.11). Riley then won the 100 back (1:01.33) with Lopez (1:04.25) and Sarah Smith (1:04.68) completing the sweep. Evans then won the 100 breast in 1:09.66 to complete the individual events.

The meet closed with the 400 free relay with Stone, Corby, Holodnik and Katie Smith (3:39.55) followed by McPherson, Birmingham, Minnigh and Drake (3:50.60). Third place was Brennan, Knight, Dawson and Knickerbocker (3:58.65).

Next up are sectionals, and Pittsford are favorites for a 13th consecutive Class A title.