

Swimming

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will now be able to reach its full potential. "We're finally able to practice the way we need to," the coach says, "because of the amount of time available at the new facility."

Stretanski said it was hassle for his team to move around so much. "This year, I walk from my classroom after teaching and it's 400 feet to the pool."

The squad this year consists of 44 competitors, 16 of whom are returning seniors. "We have a lot

of good people," says the coach. "We really look forward to a great season." Swimmers this season include 25 girls and 19 boys. Last year the boys finished 10-4 and the girls 8-8. After working hard through the season, the boys ended up fourth in districts and the girls were fifth.

When districts are over, winners and other qualifiers move on to states. Last year a diver, Arie VanKuyke, finished in the top 18 among divers and Doug Yeager tied at 11th in the backstroke. Stretanski says between 300 and 500 competitors usually make districts in each event, and

36 or so make it into states.

The boys won their first meet of this season against Abington Heights but the girls lost. But the girls then went to Coughlin and were victorious. "We look forward to our meet with Valley West," said Stretanski, "because they've only lost about four times in the last 10 years in league meets."

Whatever happens though, Matt Stretanski feels his team will do well. "Our kids have worked really hard and done everything they should be doing," he says. "It will be interesting to see how it goes no matter how it ends up."

Roundup

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BOYS SWIMMING WVW 101, Dallas 83

DALLAS — James Kane won an outstanding diving competition and Wyoming Valley West won four of the final five events to pull out a 101-83 victory over Dallas December 10 in a boys swimming meet.

Kane won diving with 225.05 points, while Alaric Eby of Dallas finished second with 204.65.

The Mountaineers led 55-53 after the seventh event, the 100 freestyle.

Dallas won six of the first seven events, as Bobby Murphy (50 and 100 Free) and Joe Stredney (200 IM and 100 Fly) won two individual events apiece. The Mountaineers, however, never

led by more than two points because the Spartans dominated the second-, third- and fourth-place finishes.

Mark O'Brien won the 200 freestyle and the 100 backstroke.

Dallas 105, H 82

DALLAS — Joe Stredney and Bob Murphy recorded four first-place finishes apiece to lead Dallas past Abington Heights. Stredney won the 200 individual medley and the 100 fly. Murphy won the 50 and 100 freestyles. Both were on the winning 200 medley and 400 free relay teams.

Mark O'Brien won the 200 freestyle.

GIRLS SWIMMING

WVW 103, Dallas 83

DALLAS — Annie Savage recorded a pair of firsts for the

Mountaineers, in the 500 freestyle and 200 free relay, but the Spartans won every other event.

Dallas 126, Coughlin 65

WILKES-BARRE — Dallas won 11 of 12 events in its rout of Coughlin at Kistler Elementary School. Individual wins were recorded by Lacey Cooper (200 IM), Sarah Stredney (50 Free), Whitney Bolton (Diving), Lynn Kirkwood (100 Fly), Kira Szulborski (100 Free), Annie Savage (500 Free), Lacey Cooper (100 Back) and Alyssa Retenza (100 Breast). Dallas also won the 200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle Relay and 400 Freestyle Relay.

AH 114, Dallas 71

DALLAS — Annie Savage won the 500 freestyle. Whitney Bolton won diving and Sarah Rupert was second.

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