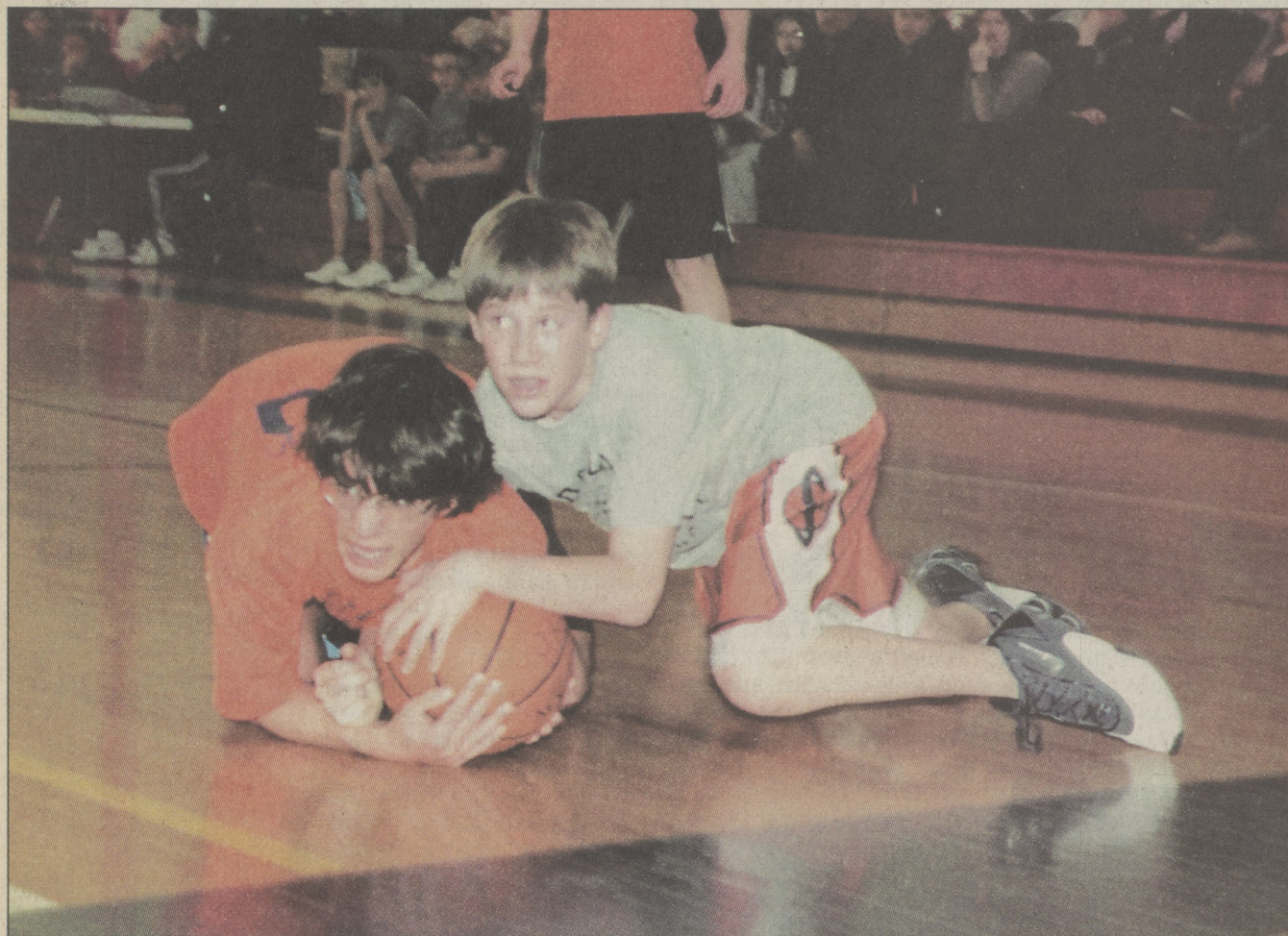


Sports Week



Jared Kern, left, and Pat Murray scrambled over a loose ball in the DYB 7-8 boys title game.

Burger boys have it their way in championship

Burger King defeated Lino's Pizza 60-46 to claim the DYB 7-8 boys championship. Steve Meskers led Burger King with 25 points, Mark Covert followed with 19 points. Brian Haughwout had 6 points, and Andy Besecker 5. D.J. Carey Chipped in 4 and Joe Kaiser added 3 points for the champions. Burger King was coached by Bob Besecker and Dave Carey. Pat Murray led Lino's Pizza with 44 points and Mike Gross added 2. Lino's Pizza was coached by Bruce Sobocinski.

Semifinals

Lino's Pizza 56, Penn State Seed 53

Pat Murray led Lino's Pizza with 43 points, Mike Gross followed with 10 points while Peter Recchia chipped in 2 and A.J. Pugliese added 1.

Mike Kravitsky led Penn State Seed with 33 points, followed by Ryan Urzen with 9 and Kevin Buckman with 6. Harry Giacometti and Kyle Williams chipped in 2 points each and Chuck Youngman added 1. Penn State Seed was coached by Joe Giacometti

Burger King 62, Summit Pointe Builders 53

Steve Meskers led Burger King with 17 points followed by Mark Covert with 15 and Joe Kaiser with 14. Brian Haughwout chipped in 6 and Andy Besecker 4. Joey Evans, D.J. Carey and Jared Kern added 2 points each.

Josh Backes led Summit Pointe with 36 points. Bryan Weaver followed with 8 points while Alex Slocum had two 3-pointers. David Carey chipped in a three pointer and Zack Halbing added 2. Summit Pointe Builders was coached by Clyde Backes.

Gate of Heaven

GOH 56, St. Mary's Avoca 55

In a junior varsity game, Patrick DeRojas led Gate of Heaven with 16 points, Tom Horn scored 12 and Nick Latosek had 10.

The Gators lost the varsity game 58-40, with DeRojas and Latosek scoring eight points each.

GOH 54, Holy Rosary 30

Patrick DeRojas led all scorers with 16 points, Nick Latosek scored 10 and Tom Horn had nine.

GOH 39, Holy Rosary 24

The GOH junior varsity was led by Patrick DeRojas with 15 points, followed by Tom Horn with eight.

Holy Rosary won a high-scoring varsity game 71-62. Tom Horn led GOH with 21 points and Patrick DeRojas had 20.

Pat DeRojas hits 1,000

Patrick DeRojas scored his 1000th point as a Gator in the varsity game against Holy Rosary. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Juan DeRojas, Dallas.



15 - Marc Noyalis tried to keep control of the ball as Ryan McAndrew tried to swipe it away.

Unbeaten Goeringer wins title

D.J. Berley scored 30 points as Dr. Bruce Goeringer Family Dentistry completed a perfect season by defeating McCarthy Tire 33-24 in the championship game of the 5th/6th grade division. Dr. Goeringer was coached by Fred Berley. McCarthy Tire was led by Marc Noyalis and Andrew McCabe with 8 points each and Jason Crispell with 2. The team was

coached by Frank DeBona. Goeringer reached the finals with a 37-30 win over Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald. Ryan McAndrew led the way with 14 points while Griffin Adams added 2. Joey Murray led Rosenn with 14 points, while Drew Schaub added 6. The team was coached by Bob Schaub.

McCarthy Tire reached the finals

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Mariel Adams strikes gold at gymnastics championship

Mariel Adams, a seventh grader at Dallas Middle School, recently won the Level 7 All Around title at the Central Pennsylvania YMCA Gymnastic League Championships. Competing against other YMCA teams from Pottsville, Lebanon Valley, Hanover and York, Mariel won gold medals in floor exercise, vault and uneven bars, and the bronze medal on the balance beam. Her all-around score of 35.35 won her the championship. Mariel competes for the Wilkes Barre YMCA.



Caroline Byron logs fastest-ever 50 free

From staff reports

Bishop Hoban junior Caroline Byron won the 50 freestyle in record time on the opening day of the District 2 Class 2A Swimming Championships. Byron won in 23.52 seconds, breaking the meet record of 24.13 set by Kristin Stretanski of Wyoming Valley West in 1992. It was the fastest time ever recorded by an area high school swimmer in a district or state meet.

"I wasn't really expecting that," Byron said. "It hasn't sunk in yet, but I'm really excited."

On the second day of the event, Byron broke the meet record in the 100-yard freestyle that was previously held by her older sister Liz, now a sophomore at Boston College.

Caroline opened the competition on Saturday by winning in 51.47 seconds, breaking the mark of 52.41 that Liz had set in 2002.

"I'm really happy we're keeping the record in the family," Caroline Byron said. "I don't think my sister would want anybody else to break it. I know she's happy for me. I think it was more exciting for me because it was my sister's record."

Byron also anchored Hoban's winning 400 freestyle relay team that included senior Julie McLaughlin and juniors Julie Grilz and Bryn Mesko. Byron picked up a silver in her other event, the 200 freestyle relay, held Friday.

The top two finishers in each event at the District 2 meet automatically qualified for the PIAA State Championship meet on March 12 and 13 at Penn State's main campus. Byron won four state medals last year for top-six finishes, and has a great chance to bring home gold this year.

In both the 50 and 100 freestyle, her time from this year's district meet is significantly better than the winning time at last year's PIAA Class 2A meet. She'll head to states

Next up

PIAA State Championship

March 12-13
Penn State's main campus
Caroline Byron won four medals last year, and is swimming at a pace well below last year's winning times in the 50 and 100 freestyle

almost one second faster than last year's winning time in the 100 freestyle, which was 52.39. Byron's winning time in the 50 freestyle on Friday was 23.52, and the winning time at last year's 2A state meet was 24.29.

"I always go down to states hoping for gold," said Byron, who won silver in the 50 freestyle and bronze in the 100 freestyle last year. "Having the times that I do have makes me more confident."



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Bishop Hoban junior Caroline Byron reacts after breaking the 50-yard freestyle record on Friday during the District 2 Class 2A swimming championships at the Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center.

Swimmers place at district meet

Here's how swimmers from local high schools placed at the District 2 championships. The top two finishers in each event qualified for the state championship meet, March 12-13 at Penn State main campus.

Class 2A boys

- 100 Freestyle
- 2. Sean Gilroy, Dallas, :51.22*
- 200 Freestyle
- 7. Sean Gilroy, Dallas, 1:58.47
- 100 Backstroke
- 5. Mike Fasulka, Dallas, 1:02.54
- 100 Breaststroke
- 8. Allen Gonczol, Dallas, 1:10.67
- 100 Butterfly
- Andrew VanLoon, Dallas, 1:07.53
- 200 Individual Medley
- 7. Allen Gonczol, Dallas, 2:26.52
- 200 Medley Relay
- 5. Dallas, 1:51.10
- 200 Freestyle Relay
- 7. Dallas, 1:52.79
- 400 Freestyle Relay
- 5. Dallas, 3:49.51

Class 2A girls

- 50 Freestyle
- 1. Caroline Byron, Bishop Hoban, :23.52*
- 5. Kira Szulborski, Dallas, :26.36
- 100 Freestyle
- 1. Caroline Byron, Bishop Hoban, :51.47*
- 9. Jessica Shaw, Tunkhannock, 1:00.75
- 200 Freestyle
- 9. Hillary Smith, Dallas, 2:12.88
- 11. Jessica Shaw, Tunkhannock, 2:13.56
- 500 Freestyle
- 10. Hillary Smith, Dallas, 6:00.02
- 100 Backstroke
- 8. Kira Szulborski, Dallas, 1:06.59
- 11. Julie Novack, Tunkhannock, 1:09.22

100 Breaststroke

- 6. Courtney Austin, Tunkhannock, 1:11.68
- 8. Alyssa Retzena, Dallas, 1:13.93
- 10. Mauri Anderson, Tunkhannock, 1:14.91
- 12. Sam O'Brien, Dallas, 1:16.55

100 Butterfly

- 7. Julie Novack, Tunkhannock, 1:06.20
- 10. Kyle Paige, Dallas, 1:08.17
- 12. Courtney Austin, Tunkhannock, 1:11.47

200 Individual Medley

- 9. Kyle Paige, Dallas, 2:32.49
- 11. Mauri Anderson, Tunkhannock, 2:36.03

200 Medley Relay

- 4. Tunkhannock, 2:00.75
- 5. Dallas, 2:02.59
- 200 Freestyle Relay
- 2. Bishop Hoban, 1:39.86*
- 9. Dallas, 1:59.79
- 400 Freestyle Relay
- 1. Bishop Hoban, 3:40.27*
- 5. Dallas, 4:04.84

Class 3A boys

- 100 Freestyle
- 3. Steve Vanduzer, Tunkhannock, :51.13
- 200 Freestyle
- 7. Steve Vanduzer, Tunkhannock, 1:55.67
- 500 Freestyle
- 11. Ryan Goble, Tunkhannock, 5:45.02
- 100 Backstroke
- 4. Chris Veety, Tunkhannock, :59.45
- 7. Garret Lech, Tunkhannock, 1:02.88
- 100 Butterfly
- 10. Aaron Barton, Tunkhannock, 1:03.97
- 200 Freestyle Relay
- 6. Tunkhannock, 1:36.71
- 400 Freestyle Relay
- 6. Tunkhannock, 3:43.18

Pearlman bowling tournament for children

The Jewish Community Center of Wyoming Valley will hold the annual I. Malcolm Pearlman Memorial Bowling Tournament on Sunday, March 14, beginning at 1 p.m. The tournament will be held at the JCC Bowling Lanes for children ages 4-12.

Each participant will receive a t-shirt, trophy and refreshments. The annual event is sponsored by Debbie and Stanley Pearlman of Kingston. For more information, contact Rick Evans, Assistant Executive Director at 824-4646.