

**Top 5 teams • Boys**

**1. GEORGETOWN PREP**

The Little Hoyas (7-0) demonstrated their power Saturday at the school's new Center for Athletic Excellence, routing nemesis DeMatha, 118-68, and rival Gonzaga, 110-76, behind senior Josh Hafkin and sophomore Brady Fox.

**2. GONZAGA**

The Purple Eagles (7-1), losers to Georgetown Prep Saturday, will try to get revenge at the Washington Metropolitan Private School Swimming and Diving League meet, Feb. 8-10. Gonzaga won the WMPSSDL relay carnival last month.

**3. ROBINSON**

The Rams (5-0) appear well on their way to yet another Virginia Group AAA state title. Robinson has won four in a row and remained unbeaten this season with a decisive win vs. Oakton last Friday.

**4. DEMATHA**

The Stags (5-2), who lost to Georgetown Prep and Gonzaga Saturday, faced Good Counsel and St. Albans last night. Next big meet will be the National Catholics at Villanova (Pa.), Jan 27-28.

**5. CHURCHILL**

Toppled defending Montgomery County boys champion Walter Johnson, 90-81, and faces defending Division I champ Whitman Saturday. Team is powered by senior Greg Reutershan, junior Chris Pham, and sophomore diver Michael Stanton.

**Top 5 teams • Girls**

**1. GOOD COUNSEL**

Falcons are gunning for their 11th straight Metros title, but with a different coach, former Good Counsel star Rachael Burke, a 2002 graduate, who went on to earn All-America honors at Maryland. Colleen Haase leads team.

**2. O'CONNELL**

The loss of All-American Kate Zeigler hasn't depleted O'Connell's program. The Knights were 5-0 entering last night's meet at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, including a third-place finish at the WMPSSDL relay carnival on Dec. 9.

**3. HOLTON-ARMS**

The Panthers (6-0) have dominated four Independent School League teams in quest of their fourth straight conference title. Seniors Emily Kelly, Molly Moulton, Alexis Smith and Tina Rayburn have been mainstays through the reign.

**4. ROBINSON**

The Rams head a strong contingent of public school programs in Northern Virginia, including Fairfax, Lake Braddock, Langley and Yorktown, the defending Group AAA state champion whom Robinson defeated on Dec. 15.

**5. RICHARD MONTGOMERY**

The two-time defending Montgomery County champion Rockets (2-0) haven't lost a dual meet in three years, but were challenged last month, edging B-CC, 88-83. Leaders include seniors Sandra Lee and Katura Harvey.

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by Kevin Dunleavy and Brian McNally

**Danners doing it together**

**Lake Braddock teammates far from sibling rivals**

By Brian McNally  
Examiner Staff Writer

They arrived at school recently wearing almost the exact same outfit. Maybe another pair of teenage sisters, separated by just one year, would have started sniping at each other, especially when their friends began some good-natured ribbing.

But Lake Braddock senior Danielle Danner and younger sister, Ashley, a junior, shrugged off the miscommunication. Not much causes friction between the two self-described "best friends."

In a sport where top performers often seek individual accolades and records for their club teams, swimming at the high school level provides a chance for some much-needed camaraderie. The Danner sisters take full advantage.

"We've just always been like that," said Ashley Danner, 16, who won a Virginia Group AAA state title in the 100 breaststroke as a sophomore. "Danielle is just a year older so we have the same friends. We have the same interests. I love being on the same team with her."

Each sister excels in a sport of her own. Ashley has built off her state championship win last winter. Last year at age 15 she finished 38th in the 100 breaststroke at a United States Olympic Qualifying event that included swimmers several years older. She also competes for Sea Devils Swimming, a Springfield, Va.-based club.

Danielle Danner, 17, swam for the



Lake Braddock junior Ashley Danner won the Virginia Group AAA state title in the 100 breaststroke last season. Her sister Danielle, a senior, is also a member of the Bruins' swim and crew team and hopes to row in college. — Jeff Mankie/Examiner

Sea Devils for several years before giving up club swimming last winter. She instead competes for Lake Braddock's crew team in the spring and hopes to row in college. Danielle Danner is just now returning to the pool after enduring a dislocated left shoulder last month while rowing.

"Crew is my focus, but I love both sports and I definitely didn't want to give up swimming completely," Danielle Danner said. "Getting the chance to be on a team with my sister is a perfect way to stay involved."

**SISTER ACT**

» The Danner sisters aren't the only siblings plying their trade for the Bruins.

There are five pairs of sisters on the team, including **Meg** and **Molly Emery**, **Jessica** and **Sara Hwang**, **Brittany** and **Lindsay Myrick** and **Sarah Lynch**, younger sister of Lake Braddock head coach **Miriam Lynch**.

» Lake Braddock is off to a 5-0 start with two Patriot District meets remaining against West Potomac and South County before postseason meets begin on Jan. 26.

» **Ashley Danner** holds the Virginia Group AAA state record in the 100 breaststroke (1:02.68) and was second at the state meet in the 200 individual medley.

**PREP BOYS BASKETBALL » FLINT HILL 58, LANDON 56, OT**

**Huskies make adjustment, hold on for overtime win**

By Brian McNally  
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Flint Hill junior Calvin Croskey had seen enough. So during a timeout midway through the second half of Tuesday's game with Landon he requested to defend Bears sophomore guard Christian Webster, who was busy torching the Huskies in a tight contest.

Croskey didn't exactly stop Webster. But he at least made him fight for his points. That was exactly the boost Flint Hill needed to scrap its way to a 58-56 overtime win at home.

Croskey scored the first three points of overtime to give the Huskies

**HUSKIES BITE**

» Flint Hill struggled from the free throw line. The Huskies made just 17 of 28 free throws in the second half and overtime.

» Only four players scored for Landon, which dropped to 3-6 with the loss.

some breathing room in a game that saw nine ties and seven lead changes in the second half alone. Neither team led by more than four points. Webster scored 21 of his game-high 28 points in the second half and overtime for Landon.

"I looked at it like a challenge that

I wanted to take," said Croskey, who also led Flint Hill with 14 points. "He was playing great and me and [teammate Orlandis Harvey] just tried to stay in front of him."

Webster tied the game at 46 after two free throws with 20 seconds left in regulation. Moments later Croskey just missed a bank shot at the buzzer to win it.

It was a big win for the young Huskies, who improved to 5-8 with the victory. Flint Hill at times played a lineup with three sophomores and two juniors and has just three seniors on the roster.

"It wasn't our best effort at all," Croskey said. "But we had enough different people contribute that we held on. That's all that matters."



Landon's Christian Webster finished with a game-high 28 points, but it wasn't enough to come out with a win.

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