

## Top 5 Boys teams

### 1. GEORGETOWN PREP

Prep (10-0) won its most competitive meet so far Saturday at Collegiate, 102-80, as senior Robert Grimmett-Norris won two events.

### 2. ROBINSON

The Rams (7-0) finished off the regular season with a 230.5-84.5 victory over Concorde District rival Fairfax.

### 3. GONZAGA

Purple Eagles (8-2) lost to Loyola-Blakefield, 118-68, Saturday. Gonzaga will compete in the National Catholics.

### 4. DEMATHA

After a 12-day layoff, Stags (7-2) faced St. Albans yesterday. Next up is the National Catholics, this weekend at Villanova.

### 5. WALTER JOHNSON

Lone loss for the Wildcats (3-1) came last month to Churchill when several top swimmers were at Tom Dolan Invitational.

## Top 5 Girls teams

### 1. GOOD COUNSEL

Led by Colleen Haase, Falcons go for their 10th straight National Catholic Championship this weekend at Villanova University.

### 2. O'CONNELL

Knights were idle last weekend. Last night was their anticipated dual meet showdown with No. 1 Good Counsel.

### 3. HOLTON-ARMS

Panthers (8-0) can finish with a perfect dual meet record Thursday vs. St. Stephen's/SA, their last outing in preparation for the ISL meet.

### 4. ROBINSON

Rams (7-0) ended regular season with a clean sweep of Fairfax (5-2) on Senior Night last Friday in 180-135 victory.

### 5. RICHARD MONTGOMERY

Two-time defending Montgomery County champion Rockets (4-0) had a close call, edging Churchill, 87-84, Saturday.

# Weekly notebook ■ SWIMMING

by Kevin Dunleavy and Brian McNally

## Yorktown aims to repeat feat

### Hinkle and Co. undermanned but not undeterred

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Yorktown swimmer Katy Hinkle and her teammates could only watch as the final relay went on without them at last year's Group AAA state meet.

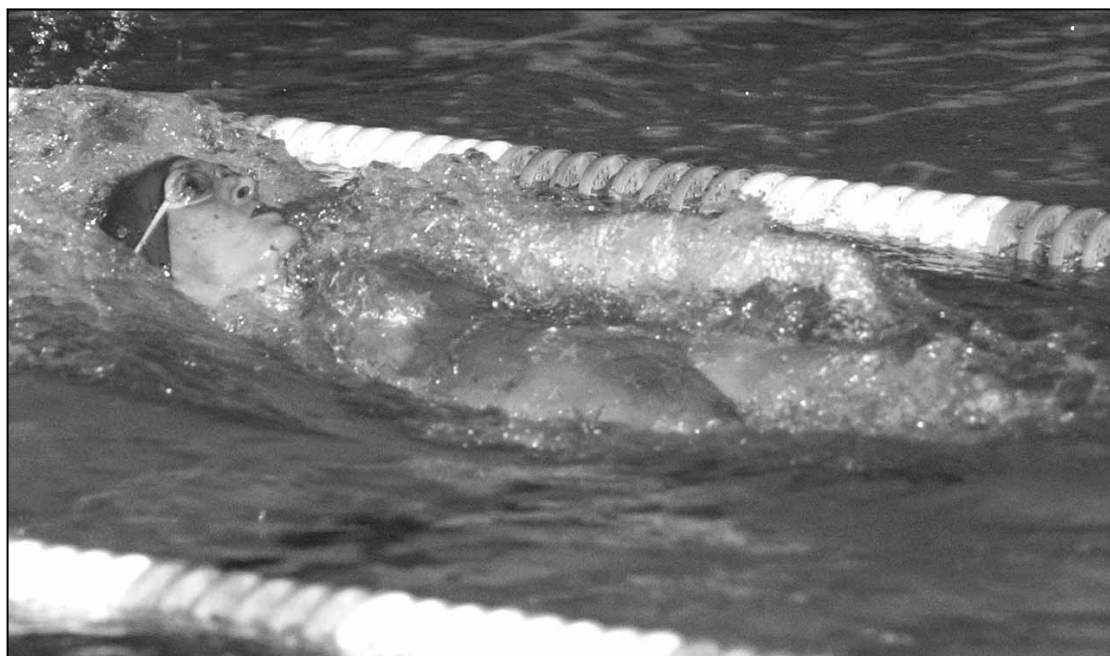
With only nine swimmers available and each having used her two allotted race entries the Patriots couldn't enter a team in the 400-yard free relay. Most top teams had double that number of swimmers competing.

But when both Fairfax and Robinson failed to win the 400 free relay the championship trophy was headed home to Arlington with the Patriots for the first time.

"I refused to believe it until they actually announced it over the speakers," said Hinkle, part of state-title winning relay teams in the 200-yard freestyle and 200 medley. "It said so much about our team to win it all with fewer kids to race than the bigger schools. It was very gratifying."

Hinkle and her Yorktown teammates will take to the road to defend their championship. The Virginia High School League confirmed last week the state meet has been moved from Manassas to Virginia Beach. Normally, leaving home would be a disadvantage. But the Patriots are actually excited to take their show on the road.

"It's just something none of us have ever done before because the



Katy Hinkle and Yorktown look to defend their state championship. Familiar Northern Region foes Fairfax, Lake Braddock, Langley and Robinson will likely send better numbers to the state meet, but the Patriots have more depth this season. — Jeff Mankie/Examiner

state meet is always [in Northern Virginia]," said Hinkle. "But none of us really know what to expect, either. There are so many good teams out there this year."

The Northern Region is crawling with state championship contenders, led by No. 3 Robinson, which handed the Patriots their lone loss of the season on Dec. 13. Yorktown was missing several key performers, including Hinkle, who was at a championship club meet.

But the Patriots also must hold off Langley, Lake Braddock and Fairfax, which tied Robinson for second at the state meet last year with 180 points — just five behind Yorktown (185).

Yorktown is again unlikely to match the bodies its rivals will bring to the state meet. But Hinkle and senior teammates Kristen Wolla and Thea Kromer return from those two state championship relay teams. And while the fourth member, Katie Radloff (Washington-Lee), graduated, there are several talented freshmen that provide depth — something sorely lacking in 2006.

Freshmen Abby Ortmayer, Kaitlin Wolla, Shelby Tarkenton and younger sister Carly Hinkle should all contribute. And the Patriots can count on sophomore diver Maren Taylor, the defending region champion who missed states last year with a dislocated elbow.

### RECORD-BREAKER

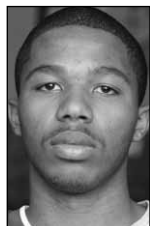
» Yorktown senior **Katy Hinkle** has her name all over the program record books, including in the 50 free (23.71) and the 100 free (51.43).

» Hinkle will swim in college at Harvard. The Crimson has won two straight Ivy League dual meet titles.

» The Group AAA state meet is now scheduled for Feb. 9-10 at Bayside Recreation Center in Virginia Beach. The original site at Freedom Aquatic Center in Manassas fell through when no host school from Northern Virginia could be found.

## PREP NOTES

» **STAGS' PETERSON RE-OPENS RECRUITMENT:** DeMatha point guard **Jeff Peterson** has de-committed to Princeton, re-opening the recruiting process. Peterson, a 6-foot senior, verbally committed to Princeton in October.



Peterson

"I think he might have felt a little pressure to commit to Princeton, with everybody telling him how great an opportunity it was," said DeMatha coach **Mike Jones**. "He may go to Princeton after all. But right now he wants to know what his options are." Peterson, who averaged eight points per game last year as a wing guard, moved to the point this season and has averaged 14 points. Peterson was particularly impressive in the Nike Academy National Invitational in Tex-

as last month. In the title game, he sparked the Stags to a 58-49 victory over St. Patrick's (N.J.), then ranked No. 2 in the nation (USA Today). "Ever since Jeff announced, he's heard how much of a steal Princeton got," said Jones. "I think he just wants to make sure he's going to the school that best suits him."

» **PRINCE WILLIAM TRIO COM-MITS:** Three Prince William County football players will continue their rivalry at the college level next fall. Woodbridge coach **Keith King** said senior offensive lineman **Justin Hairston** and senior wide receiver **Andre Crier** have both verbally committed to Division I-AA Hampton, where former Landstown coach and Chantilly graduate **Chris Beatty** is the offensive coordinator. Hylton senior defensive lineman/fullback **Tommy Moore** is headed to Norfolk State, according to coach **Lou Sorrentino**. Moore was recruited to play offense for the Spartans.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL » WOOTTON 63, DAMASCUS 45

# Feldman shows the way, historically

### Wootton beats Damascus for first time in decade

By Kevin Dunleavy  
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Early in the third quarter Tuesday night, after Wootton hit its sixth 3-pointer, Damascus coach Steve Pisarski called timeout and scolded his girls.

"Their whole game is shooting three-pointers," barked Pisarski.

But the Hornets' coach should have issued another warning, "Don't foul."

In the fourth quarter, Wootton proved adept from the free throw line as well, hitting all 17 attempts in the final 4 minutes, 21 seconds, pulling away for a 63-45 victory at home. It



Kara Vetrano (20) of Wootton, center, scored 11 points and had five assists Tuesday night against Damascus.

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was Pisarski's first loss to Wootton in his 10 years as the Hornets' coach.

"There is no question they can shoot," said Pisarski. "They can hit their threes and their foul shots. You can't let them get those opportunities. They took advantage."

Taking the most advantage was junior Becca Feldman, who matched her career high all in one quarter, scoring 13 of her 18 points in the final period, hitting all 10 of her free throw tries in the final three minutes.

"I flip it twice, bounce it once, and just shoot it," said Feldman.

Also making it look easy was sophomore Kara Vetrano, who made a key 3-point play in the fourth quarter after Damascus had pulled to within four points. Vetrano (11 points, five assists) then added five straight free throws.

Feldman and Vetrano illustrated Wootton's depth. Both came off the bench Tuesday in coach Maggie Dyer's nine-girl rotation as were among the five Patriots who combined for seven 3-pointers.

"We have five, six, seven players who can shoot threes," said Feldman. "It's just a lot of shooting practice."