

Top 5 Boys teams

1. GEORGETOWN PREP

The Little Hoyas (11-0) won the WMPSSDL championships as seniors Robert Grimmett-Norris (200 free, 500 free) and Josh Hafkin (100 back, 50 free) won two events each, while freshman Won Ho Chang (100 fly) and junior Andrew Relihan (200 IM) captured one apiece. The Little Hoyas also won two relays.

2. ROBINSON

Five straight Virginia Group AAA state titles for the Rams, who finished with 274 points, well ahead of second-place Oakton (158 points). Sophomores Geoff Bobsin and Joe Zanella-to, junior Derek Bui and senior Jonathan Dee won the 200 medley relay in 1:48.65, setting a national record in a meter pool.

3. GONZAGA

The defending WMPSSDL champion Purple Eagles (10-2) placed second this time. Senior Brendan Murphy won the 100 free and helped Gonzaga set a meet record (1:26.45) in the 200 free relay, combining with sophomore Brian Whipkey, junior Kenny Newcomer and senior Ryan Shipley.

4. DEMATHA

Stags (10-2) were third in the WMPSSDL as sophomore Evan Wollman won the 100 breast and junior Alex Smith was second in the 200 free. Wollman also combined with junior Ross McClurg (back) and seniors Kevin Koon (fly) and Solomon Robinson (free) for second place in the 200 medley relay.

5. BLAIR

Blair (6-0) rolled to first place in the Montgomery County Division II meet behind juniors Yang Yang, who won the 100 breast, and Eddie Qian, who was second in two races. Both swam legs in the victorious 200 medley relay, combining junior Sam Bullard-Sisken (back) and Robert Feasley (fly).

Top 5 Girls teams

1. GOOD COUNSEL

The Falcons won their third consecutive Washington Metropolitan Prep School Swimming and Diving League championship as senior Colleen Haase broke her own meet record in the 100 breast (1:03.31). Senior Megan Waters won the 100 back. Falcons also won the 200 medley and 200 free relays.

2. O'CONNELL

Only top-ranked Good Counsel was better than the Knights at the WMPSSDL championships. O'Connell finished second with 323.5 points. Junior Caitlin Marsilii won the 200 free and 500 free titles and swam a leg on O'Connell's first-place 400 free relay team. Junior Maggie Macedonia won the 50 free.

3. YORKTOWN

Back-to-back Virginia Group AAA state championships for the Patriots, who won with 249 points despite earning no individual titles. It was Yorktown's depth that did it with eight swimmers and two divers reaching the finals. Senior diver Meg Alderman placed fifth behind teammate and champ Maren Taylor.

4. HOLTON-ARMS

The four-time ISL champion Panthers (11-0) finished fourth in the WMPSSDL championships as senior Emily Kelly (1000 fly) and junior Reagan Thompson (100 breast) had third-place finishes. Junior Chelsea Bryan swam legs on the third-place 200 medley relay and second-place 200 free relay teams.

5. RICHARD MONTGOMERY

After going undefeated in the regular season, the Rockets (6-0) finished a close third in the Montgomery County Division I meet behind Walter Johnson and Whitman. Senior Katura Harvey (500 free, 200 free) and freshman Cara Chuang (200 IM, 100 back) won two races each.

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by Kevin Dunleavy and Brian McNally

Taylor maximizes second chance

Sophomore helps Yorktown girls defend state title

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Yorktown sophomore Maren Taylor remembered the bitter-sweet feeling. A year earlier she celebrated a Group AAA state championship with her teammates, but Taylor's pride was tinged with disappointment after she couldn't contribute because of a dislocated elbow.

Last weekend in Virginia Beach, Taylor was back with her teammates, helping the Patriots successfully defend their state title. She won the state dive competition with 420.93 points and, in a rarity for a high school diver, also swam her way to a medal with Yorktown's 200-meter free relay.

"It hurt because I knew I could have helped us last year," said Taylor, who has won the last two Northern Region diving titles. "So it wasn't hard to stay focused. I was just glad to be here, knew I had a great chance to win. It was awesome to be a bigger part of it this time."

Taylor dislocated her elbow last February after falling from the bars during gymnastics practice. The injury came just days before the state meet and kept Taylor out of the pool and away from the gym for four months.

"I told Maren all week I was going to put her in some bubble wrap to protect her," said Yorktown coach Dave Lassiter. "But it was great to have her this time. She and the girls put a lot of pressure on themselves to win another one and they got it done."

The 400 free relay quartet of junior Edmi Ramos-Vasquez, sophomore Hilary Stetekluh and freshmen Abby Ortmyer and Kaitlin Wolla had finished seventh at the region meet. But they gained the Patriots a valuable 22 points at states by swimming their best



Yorktown was losing the 200 free relay before senior Katy Hinkle, center, took the lead in the final 50 meters at last weekend's Group AAA state championship in Virginia Beach. — Jeff Mankie/Examiner

GROUP AAA SWIM & DIVE MEET

» As expected, Robinson's boys team won its fifth state championship with 274 points. Senior **Zach Holmes** (Virginia Tech) won both the 50 and 100-yard free and swam on state-title winning 200 free and 400 free relay teams. Robinson also won the 200 medley relay.

» Robinson junior **Derek Bui** won his second straight 100 breaststroke title. Sophomore **Amanda Kendall** won two titles for the Rams — the 50 free and the 100 free.

» Lake Braddock junior **Molly Emery** and Robinson junior **Lauren Kranz** earned a rare co-championship in the 200 IM. Both swimmers finished in 2:22.45.

time of the season in the preliminary race and qualifying for the final. Yorktown again won relay titles in the 200 free and 200 medley and set national records in both events, although most high school

swim meets are held in yard pools, not meter pools like Bayside Recreation Center. Yorktown was losing the 200 free relay before senior Katy Hinkle took the lead in the final 50 meters.

"This was our goal to get another state title," said senior Kristen Wolla, part of the 200 meter relay teams. "To win two years in a row with most of the same girls makes you feel lucky just to be part of it."

PREP ROUNDUP

» **PATRIOT FALLS BEHIND:** The decision to move district basketball tournament games in the Northern Region up a day paid off after schools in Fairfax County and Arlington County closed early Tuesday. Alexandria City Public Schools did not close early, but did cancel all after-school activities. All four district tournaments in the Northern Region had been scheduled for Tuesday night, but the Concorde, Liberty and National districts moved games to Monday instead. The Patriot District now must play catch-up after keeping to the original schedule and seeing first-round games cancelled Tuesday.

"I would have liked to have stayed on schedule with everyone else," said T.C. Williams boys coach Ivan Thomas. "Everyone knew something like this could happen. It's just absurd that we didn't play [Monday]. But we'll just have to deal with it."

Patriot District activities directors made the decision to stay on schedule over the weekend. First-round games were slated for tonight, although the weather forecast wasn't promising. If school systems are closed today then the Patriot District will hold its tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday. With the Northern Region Tournament scheduled for next Monday

and Tuesday that would mean playing five games in six days.

» **MARSHALL MILESTONE:** Marshall senior guard Nicole Harrison scored



Harrison

her 1,000th career point on Monday in a 61-33 win over Jefferson in the first round of the Liberty District Tournament. The district player of the year, Harrison (1,011 points) is now fifth on school's the all-time scoring list. Next up is former

teammate Amanda Brown (1,291). The top-seeded Statesmen (18-4) will play No. 5 Stone Bridge (13-10) in a semifinal on Thursday at South Lakes.

» **PRINCE WILLIAM MOVES:** Basketball teams in Prince William County played first-round district tournament and playback games on Monday night as scheduled. But the school system was closed yesterday, leaving surviving teams unable to practice. The Cardinal District and Cedar Run district tournament semifinals have been moved to Thursday with championship games on Friday.