

# GIRLS' SWIMMING PREVIEW

## Story Lines

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**Can Yorktown repeat its Virginia AAA title and stave off some stiff**

**competition?** The Patriots return the core of last year's championship team, including senior All-Met Katy Hinkle, who swam on their victorious 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay teams. Seniors Kristen Wolla and Thea Kromer also return.

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**Will Osborn Park make it three straight AAA Northwestern**

**Region championships?** The Yellow Jackets won last year's title without an individual winner, but that could change this season. Junior Caitlyn Harrison, senior Kristen Haudenschild and sophomore Gabrielle Mizerak each had top five finishes a year ago.

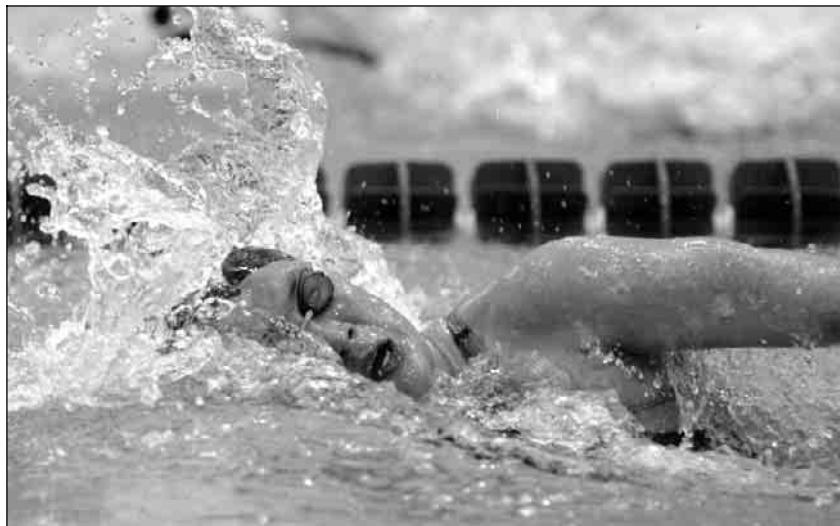
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**Can Potomac Falls repeat as AA Dulles District champs and parlay that into a strong showing at**

**states?** Although the Panthers' boys' team has won five straight district titles, Coach Holly Ward thinks her girls might have passed the boys. Sophomore Kirby Shook placed second and third at states in the 100 backstroke and 50 freestyle, respectively. She leads a talented group that includes senior Courtney Daczkowski and sophomore Caylyn Tate.

— Rich Campbell

## Swimmer to Watch *Ashley Danner, Lake Braddock, Jr.*



BY JOHN MCDONNELL — THE WASHINGTON POST

**Danner, a two-time All-Met, defended her Virginia AAA 100 breaststroke championship last season with a state record and automatic all-American time of 1 minute 2.68 seconds. Danner is "broadening her horizon" this season, according to first year coach Miriam Lynch, and she recently broke the school's 12-year old record in the 50-yard freestyle (24.06).**

## Around the Area

Sophomore All-Met Amanda Kendall leads a deep **Robinson** team that will contend for the AAA championship. Kendall, the state record holder in the 100-yard freestyle, is joined by Lauren Kranz, who placed second at states in the 500 freestyle and fourth in the 200 individual medley. . . .

Junior Emily Ferguson, the Northern Region 200 freestyle champion, and sophomore Ellyn Baumgardner, the region champion in the 100 breaststroke, are back for defending region champion **Fairfax**. . . .

**Hylton** junior Kali Gaskill holds AAA Cardinal District meet records in the 50 and 100 freestyle. She and junior Kasey Bushmire lead a Bulldogs team on which there are five sets of siblings on the boys and girls sides combined. . . .

**Stone Bridge** junior All-Met Suzanne Schwee

returns after winning the state AAA 100 butterfly title with a state-record 55.43 seconds. Junior Emily Winland is the reigning Liberty District 100 breaststroke champion. . . .

**Liberty** had gone four years without losing a district dual meet until **Brentsville** won a 12-point decision on Dec. 12. Liberty senior Jennifer Norman is the reigning AA Northwestern District champion in the 200 and 500 freestyle. . . . **Dominion** senior Lauren Ritter, the three-time defending AA state 500 freestyle champion, will swim for Virginia Tech next season.

Senior Allison Marocco, defending AAA Cardinal District 100 butterfly champion, will lead **Forest Park's** quest to defend its district crown. **Gar-Field**, led by district 100 breaststroke and 200 IM champion Brittany Fox, will try to knock off the Bruins.

— Rich Campbell