

Swimming & Diving Highlights 2012-13

Swimming & Diving is Class LL Runner-Up 2013

Prep's Bjorn Davis finishes in tie for state title

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MIDDLETOWN — Fairfield Prep swimmer Bjorn Davis' facial expression was one of joy and disbelief after touching the wall and looking up at the scoreboard following the 50-yard freestyle race. Davis, a junior from Shelton, finished first and set the Class LL record. So did Greenwich's Edward Moss. Yes, a tie. It was one of the more memorable moments at a record-setting Class LL championship meet Tuesday at Wesleyan University.

Davis and Moss finished in 20.98 seconds, eclipsing the mark of 21.02 that Greenwich's Dan Freddino set in 1994. The state record of 20.47 has been held by Wilton's Jeffrey Sudbury since 2005. "I am pretty good friends with Ed," Davis said, "so to be able to tie for first and get the state record with him is pretty unbelievable."

Prep's Bryce Keblish and Greenwich's Kevin Parker tied for fourth in the event.

The victory, though, wasn't even the highlight of Davis' day. Davis swam the freestyle portion of the 200 medley relay in 19.93 seconds. Prep finished second in that event. Davis would later win the 100 freestyle and was a member of the 200 freestyle relay that placed second. "I think the relay might be more memorable than (the 50 freestyle) because I went (19 seconds) for the first time," Davis said. "That was a great start to the day."

Greenwich recaptured the team title after placing second behind Fairfield Prep, this year's runner-up, last season. Staples was third and Amity was fourth on Tuesday.

“I was thrilled,” Fairfield Prep coach Rick Hutchinson said. “I thought we had a fantastic day.”

Fairfield Prep’s Nick Wargo stunned defending champion Thomas Dillinger of Greenwich in the 200 freestyle by four-tenths of a second. Wargo finished in 1:42.47. “I’m very excited,” Wargo said. “I came into the meet with high expectations. I knew some guys like Thomas Dillinger, and some of the other guys, were doing very well this season. I was kind of falling behind them a little bit, so I knew I had to step it up a little bit. I came back with the win, which was great. These kids that were next to me definitely pushed me throughout the season. It definitely was a shock, I wasn’t expecting it, but it was definitely a thrilling race.”

Wargo also placed third in the 100 freestyle. Keblish was second in the 100 butterfly, while Brandon Cole was third in the 100 freestyle and fourth in the 500 freestyle.

Jake Bowtell wins State Open Diving Championship



Jake Bowtell '14 won the State Open Diving Championship with a score of 491.10 at Middletown High School on Thursday, March 14th. He is the first Fairfield Prep diver to win a State Open Championship since Thomas Thomas '94 in 1994. Jake capped off a stellar season going undefeated in dual meets, winning the SCC Championship, taking 2nd at the LL Championships and then claiming the State Open title. He also broke the 6 and 11 dive Fairfield Prep team records. Prep divers Tanner Blank '14 and Robert McCrory '15 also qualified for the State Open finishing 14th and 16th respectively. It was the first time 3 Prep Divers qualified for the State Open in the same year.

The State Open concludes on Saturday, March 16th with the Swimming competition at Yale @ 2:30pm. Fairfield Prep Swimming & Diving heads into the State Open Championship coming off a SCC Championship and a strong Runner-Up finish at the LL Championships.

Read [Darien Times](#) article.

LL STATE DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS



DIVING: The Prep Divers had a spectacular night at the LL Diving Championships on Monday, March 11 at Middletown High School. Jake Bowtell was runner -up with a score of 510.00, which re-set his own school record in the event. Tanner Blank (7th), Robert McCrory (8th), and DJ Rowley (13th) also placed. Bowtell, Blank and McCrory all qualified for the State Open; first time ever that 3 Prep divers have qualified for the State Open in the same year.

Fairfield Prep captured its 9th straight SCC Swimming & Diving Championship at Southern Connecticut State University

Prep used its depth across all events to secure the victory. A total of 30 swimmers and divers scored at the meet. The diving squad led off with six individual scorers. Jake Bowtell would win the event and also set set the 11 dive school record. Prep won all three relays on the night. Bjorn Davis (50 freestyle), Bryce Keblish (100 butterfly) and Ed Stolarski (100 backstroke) were all individual winners and made the All-SCC team. Other All-SCC members include: Jaker Hoin, Brandon Cole, Andres Ramos, Nick Wargo, Guido Balderrama and Jake Bowtell.

Fairfield Prep dominates SCC boys swimming championships

Bowtell '14 wins SCC Diving Championship - breaks 11 dive school record!



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NEW HAVEN -- The Fairfield Prep boys swimming team led from wire-to-wire at the SCC title meet at Southern Connecticut University on Wednesday night to win the school's ninth straight title, a record streak for the SCC. The Jesuits used their depth to roll through the 11 events en route to accumulating 1,510.5 points. Second place Amity finished with 815.

"Starting off early with a big win really helps the team get going," Bjorn Davis said about the lead his team secured with a victory in the 200 yard medley relay (1:39.39). "When that happens, everyone is mentally ready to give it their all. And once the team gets going, there's not really anything that can stop it."

Jesuit swimmers placed first in six events and captured second in the meet's remaining five races. Sophomore Bryce Keblish and junior Bjorn Davis each finished with four medals -- three firsts and one second -- to lead the way for Fairfield Prep.

Both were both members of the team's winning 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays. Keblish also won the 100 butterfly (53.76) and placed second in the 200 yard IM, while Davis captured gold in the 50 yard freestyle (21.58) and placed second in the 100 freestyle. Ed Stolarski also turned in a solid performance for Prep, winning the 100 backstroke (55.71) and contributing to two relay golds. Brandon Cole finished with two first-place relay victories while adding a second in the 500 freestyle.

"We had a lot of freshmen and a lot of guys who aren't the top end," Keblish said. "But we need guys to get those fifths, sixths and seventh places, and they did that perfectly. We were pumped up coming into it and they delivered."

"We certainly have the advantage of numbers going," Prep coach Rick Hutchinson said. "We have a big team and that certainly helped us today -- that depth all the way down the line. Swim after swim after swim, we started accumulating those points and we came out on top. So we're very thrilled, it's an honor to win it."

Dylan Swanepoel and Alan Pite each won two events for Amity, Swanepoel taking the 200 freestyle (1:46.39) and 500 freestyle (4:49.76), and Pite the 200 IM (1:57.92) and the 100 breaststroke (1:01.06).

Bowtell '14 breaks 19 year school record and takes 1st in SCC Diving



On February 26 at the SCC Diving Championship, Jake Bowtell '14 won first place, and in the process set Fairfield Prep's 11 dive school record with a score of 493. It was a 19 year old record. Also see [Darien Times](#), January 18, 2013

At Southern Connecticut

Team scores: 1. Fairfield Prep 1510.5, 2. Amity 815, 3. Xavier 602, 4. Branford 590, 5. Cheshire 536, 6. ND-West Haven 465, 7. Lyman Hall 457, 8. Sheehan 408, 9. Hand 400, 10. Shelton 312, 11. Hamden 278, 12. Foran 195, 13. North Haven/North Branford 243.5, 14. West Haven 195, 15. Guilford 93, 16. Law 82.

