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SWIMMING: Kelley, Howard make Senior Day unforgettable

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Haverford — They've been teammates at the Karakung Swim Club for more than 10 years. Saturday, they ended their last home meet on Senior Day on the best note possible — with a championship.

Other than that, recent graduates Christopher Kelley and John Howard couldn't be more different. Howard is the more recognizable one with second-team All-Catholic League and first-team All-Delco honors as a senior at Archbishop Carroll. He was one of seven triple winners who fueled Karakung's 269-201 win over Lawrence Park to seal a 5-0 mark in the Delco League and the league title.

Kelley isn't bad himself. He's racked up more than 100 medals in the pool, but on a different level of competition.

Kelley has Down syndrome and routinely competes in the Special Olympics. Actually, compete might be the wrong word — dominates might be more appropriate. Along with his 100-plus medals, he qualified for the Pennsylvania Special Olympics Summer Games at Penn State 10 consecutive years and will serve as an intern at Haverford College next year.

Bonds like the one between Kelley and Howard have helped Karakung become one of the closest-knit swim clubs in the area, and not surprisingly, the Delco League champions. It's a connection, Kelley's mother Debbie said, that developed early for the two swimmers.

"John gave Chris his first ribbon that he won at Karakung quite a few years ago, and today, Chris gave John one of his gold medals to return the favor," Debbie Kelley said. "Everyone here has been so supportive, and it's really meant a lot."

"I'm happy to win," Chris Kelley said of his team's title. "John helps me out with swimming."

Not every club can claim to be as team-oriented as Karakung. For Howard, it keeps him coming back for more.

"Ever since I started here, we've always just hung out here," said Howard, who will attend the University of Texas this fall. "When practice is over, people just love spending time here and doing a bunch of stuff together. It's been really great, and Chris and I have become good friends."

Yet on a day that honored the seniors, it was a 12-year-old gobbling up the spotlight. Joseph O'Brien, who was a triple winner in the individual medley, butterfly and backstroke, broke a team record for the back that stood since 1994 with a time of 35.38. The previous record holder? Olympic gold medalist and Haverford High graduate Brendan Hansen.

"I worked on this for three years, and I'm proud that I finally reached the record," O'Brien said. "I just made sure that I always practiced perfecting my starts, turns and finishes and making sure that everything was perfect."

Emily Wolfe also enjoyed a record-setting day for KSC. Wolfe set a pool and team mark in the 14U fly with a time of 30.48 as part of her three wins. Will Higson (8U fly, freestyle, relay) set a team record with a 20.55 in the fly as part of his three-win day.

Ryan Wolfe (18U IM, breaststroke, relay), Abby Krissing (8U fly, back, free) and Kellie McIntyre (12U back, free, relay) also were KSC triple winners.

Audrey Orange didn't let a team loss get in the way of setting records. The 10U swimmer set a pool record in the fly with a time of 15.89 and also won the breast and free as part of a three-win day. Cullen McShane (14U IM, breast and free) was LP's other triple winner.

LP's Allison Stewart set a team record with a 24.12 in the 8U breast.

In other Delco League action:

Creekside 244, Broomall's Lake 231

Eight triple winners helped make the difference for Creekside in a narrow victory over Broomall's Lake.

Aidan and Justin Malley and Mia and Oliver Yancey were some of the headliners for Creekside. Aidan Malley won the 8U breast and free and helped Justin and the 10U relay attain victory. In addition to his relay win, Justin Malley grabbed wins in the 10U fly and breast. Austin McLaughlin was another member of that triumphant 10U relay, and he snagged wins in the back and free.

Mia and Oliver Yancey snared victories in the 8U and 12U breast and free, respectively, while Mia was tops in the 8U fly and Oliver touched the wall first in the 12U IM.

Grace Magerr won the 18U IM, fly and back, while Tom Platt (14U IM, fly and free) and Katie Willis (14U fly, free and relay) rounded out the triple winners for Creekside.

Conestoga 314, Glenolden 162

McKenzie Street couldn't help her team get a win, but that was about all she wasn't able to do.

The 14U phenom set a trio of pool records as part of her three-win day. Street's times of 29.95 in the fly, 34.81 in the breast and 28.56 in the free ensured that she had three more records to add to her collection.

Dan McGrath (18U back, breast and free) was Glenolden's other triple winner.

Tim Caufield, Madison Gaffney, Sasha Smolyansky, Cara Gibson, Kyle Addis, Steven Chen and Grace Wakiyama were the triple winners for Conestoga.

Knowlton 251, Lansdowne 226

Paul and Sally Stockett made it a family affair as they each won three races to lead Knowlton to a tight win over Lansdowne.

Paul Stockett won the 18U IM, breast and relay, while Sally won the 12U IM, breast and free.

Paul Stockett's relay teammate Chris Pompilii also won the 18U fly and free, while Philip Nawn was tops in the 14U IM, fly and back.

Max Bruette and Kyle Davis combined to help the 10U relay team win after Bruette added wins in the breast and free and Davis won the fly and back.

Steven Woolery rounded out the triple winners with wins in the 8U fly, free and relay.

Makaela Somma, usually a 14U swimmer, jumped up to 18U with great success as she won the 18U IM, fly and back for Lansdowne.

Brookhaven 245, Ridley Park 227

Brookhaven had three triple winners to Ridley Park's seven, but that was enough to get the win thanks to Emma Atkinson, Ryan Olshefski and Danielle DelGiorno.

Atkinson won the 10U back, fly and free, Olshefski won the 12U IM, breast and free and DelGiorno dominated the senior circuit with wins in the IM, back and breast.

Trista Ermilio won the 8U fly, breast and relay, while Erin Lynch claimed the No. 1 spot in the 12U IM, free and relay. Kiera Wadsworth touched the wall first in the 14U IM, fly and free, Eric Tanzosh won the 8U back, free and relay and Mario Costa won the 10U back, free and relay.

Kevin Durning and Shane Dugan rounded out the triple winners for Ridley Park. Durning won the 14U IM, breast and relay while Dugan triumphed in the 18U fly, free and relay.

Clifton Heights 305, Collingdale 150

Josie Karas, Veronica Monroe, Risa latesta, Erika Fimble, Thomas Brennan and Kevin Colgan led the way for Clifton Heights with three wins apiece.

Karas won the 8U fly, breast and mixed relay, Monroe claimed the 10U fly, free and relay, latesta won the 12U IM, breast and relay and Fimble triumphed in the 18U IM, free and relay.

Brennan was No. 1 in the 18U back, free and relay, while Colgan won the 14U IM, breast and relay.

Daniel Jones, Riley Street and Brandon Street replied for Collingdale. Jones was tops in the 12U fly, free and relay, Riley Street claimed the 12U breast, back and free and Brandon Street grabbed the top spot in the 10U back, free and relay.

Springfield 257, Hilltop 220

Another day, another three-win meet and record for Kylene Ronayne and John Quagliariello.

The pair won the IM, back and free at the 14U and 18U levels, respectively, and set a pool and team record in the back. Ronayne's time of 30.35 is the standard for the 14U girls and Quagliariello, the three-time All-Delco, set the bar at 25.43 for the 18U boys.

Tommy Ronayne and Ethan Byrne helped the 8U relay team get the win after Ronayne claimed the fly and breast and Byrne snagged the No. 1 spot in the back and free.

Joe Canuso and Matt Haigh tag-teamed to help Springfield win the 14U relay, while Canuso added wins in the IM and fly and Haigh chipped in victories in the back and free.

Erin Cutcliff (10U fly, breast and free) was the other triple winner for Springfield.

Hilltop's duo of Morgan Griffith and Christine Loughery combined to help Hilltop win the 18U relay. Griffith also won individual races in the back and breast while Loughery won the fly and free.

Steve Szathmary won the 12U breast, free and relay and Cassandra Reed set a pool record with a time of 34.45 in the 12U breast.

Aldan 266, Riddlewood 166

Siena Oropollo again highlighted a strong group of triple winners for Aldan, one that featured eight champions.

Oropollo set a team record in the 18U back with a time of 31.00 and won in the IM and relay. Relay teammate Megan Callahan was a triple winner as she claimed the fly and free. Rob Lowery was the third of the Aldan 18U triple winners as he claimed the top spot in the fly, back and free.

Noelle Morriseey won the 14U fly, back and free, while Shannon Jackson (12U IM and back) and Laura DiLucia (12U fly and breast)_helped Aldan win the 12U relay.

Claire McBlain couldn't be beat in the 10U fly, breast and free and Ryan Novelli triumphed in the 8U fly, back and free.

Ridley Township 277, Briarcliffe 200

The two Gabrielles, Rudy and Loudon, were half of Ridley Township's triple winners en route to a big win over Briarcliffe.

Rudy, Loudon and Quinton Beck posted matching victories in the 12U, 18U and 14U, respectively, in the IM, breast and free. Rudy's time of 36.63 in the breast was a Briarcliffe pool record.

Alex Boeckx nearly matched that trifecta at the 10U level but claimed his third victory in the fly, not the IM.

Despite the loss, Briarcliffe still featured five triple winners of its own, including one at every age level. Frank Jirak was the youngest of the crew with wins in the 8U fly, breast and free, while Danielle Balogh won the 10U fly, free and relay. Patrick James was tops in the 12U IM, fly and free and Colleen King was No. 1 in the 14U IM, back and free.

Casey Struss rounded out the triple winners for Briarcliffe with victories in the fly, back and relay.

Intra-County League

De La Salle 329, Drexel 153

For the 16th consecutive season, the Intra-County League championship will stay in the De La Salle trophy case.

Rosalie Murphy, Joe Vannucci, Kaitlyn Hay, Emily McAleer, Jack Booth, Megan Burns and Ceire Hay all won three

races to make sure DLS maintained its title streak, which began in 1996.

Murphy won the 12U IM, back and relay, Vannucci was tops in the 14U IM, fly and relay and Hay bested the field in the 18U IM, back and relay.

McAteer touched the wall first in the 10U fly, back and breast, Booth won the 12U fly, relay and free, Burns triumphed in the 14U fly, free and relay and Hay won the 18U fly, free and relay.

Laura Seavey was Drexel's lone triple winner as she notched wins in the 8U fly, back and breast.

Primos-Secane 244, Tincum 165

Like it has all summer, the Ciavarelli clan came up big for Primos-Secane.

David Ciavarelli won the 18U back, free and relay and his little sister Kara couldn't be topped in the 10U fly, back and relay to lead PSSC to a win.

David Ciavarelli's teammate Tim Rockenback also played a role in the 18U relay win after Rockenback claimed triumphs in the 18U fly and free.

Kayla Nespoli won the 12U IM, back and free, Jack Gibson won the 12U IM, breast and free, Kaitlyn Johnson was tops in the 8U fly, breast and relay while Ricky Lusch raced past the field in the 8U fly, breast and relay.

Tyler Cummings didn't let a team loss get in the way of another strong day. Cummings, Tincum's tremendous 14U swimmer, won the IM, fly and free as Tincum's lone triple winner.

Aquatic 243, Prospect Park 218

Dougan McGrath led the way as one of five Aquatic triple winners needed to down PPSC.

McGrath set a team and pool record, which stood since 2002, with a blistering time of 28.89 in the 18U back and also won the fly and relay. His relay teammate Eddie Donovan also had three victories as he added wins in the 18U IM and breast.

Danny Geibler (14U fly, free and relay), Felicia Santilla (12U back, breast and relay) and Lanie Staniskis (8U fly, free and relay) rounded out the triple winners for the victors.

Prospect Park's Donnie Taziolo caused a trio of records to fall. Taziolo set Prospect Park team marks in the IM, back and free and his time in the IM was good enough for an Aquatic pool record.

Taziolo's sister, Melissa, won the 14U IM, fly and back while Samantha Brown won the 18U fly, back and relay.

Springfield Country Club 264, Nassau 218

Sean Swartz had a day to remember for SCC as he set team records in all three of his races to lead the way to a victory over Nassau.

Swartz set SCC marks in the 18U IM, fly and back, but only won the fly and back. Carly Swartz won the 12U IM, back and relay.

Ryan Smith set a team record with a time of 40.48 in the 12U breast and also won the IM and free. Natalie Orlando was No. 1 in the 14U IM, back and relay.

Frankie McGann, Olivia Dumont and Kristin Roberts-O'Brien were the other triple winners for SCC. McGann triumphed in the 10U fly, breast and free, Roberts-O'Brien claimed the 14U fly, free and relay and Dumont won the 8U breast, free and relay.

Brandon Decker and Alexa Naughton set team records for SCC. Decker's time of 22.12 was a team best in the 8U fly and Naughton's 34.07 in the 18U back also set a record.

All-Delcos Connor and Tara O'Prey continued strong summers with three victories apiece. Tara O'Prey won the 18U IM, breast and free by setting pool records in all three, while Connor O'Prey set a pool record in the 18U IM and also won the fly and free.

Riley Thompson was Nassau's other triple winner with victories in the 10U back, breast and free.

Springfield Country Club 226, Tincum 224

Natalie Orlando, Ryan Smith, Olivia Dumont, Olivia Paces, Alexa Naughton, Brandon Decker, Frankie McGann, Marissa Peña and Kristin Roberts-O'Brien were triple winners for Springfield CC.

Smith and Dumont won the 12U and 8U back, breast and free, respectively, while Pace won the 10U fly, free and relay. Roberts-O'Brien (14U fly and free) and Orlando (14U IM and back) helped SCC win the 14U relay, while Naughton won the 18U back, free and relay.

Decker claimed the top spot in the 8U free, fly and relay, McGann won the 10U fly, breast and free and Peña touched the wall first in the 10U back, breast and relay.

Tyler Cummings was Tincum's lone triple winner with triumphs in the 14U IM, fly and free.

Suburban League

Swarthmore 274, Atlantic Coast 219

Frances, Will and Clay Resweber were part of Swarthmore's list of quadruple winners en route to a win over AC to clinch the Suburban League Gold Division title Wednesday night.

Frances Resweber won the 14U fly, free and two relays, Will Resweber claimed the 10U back, free and two relays and Clay Resweber was No. 1 in the 14U breast, free, fly and medley relay, set a record in the breast and was part of a record-setting medley relay team.

Alex Sumner (10U breast, free, fly and medley relay), Ana Mashek (10U back, fly, two relays) and Michael Scott (12U back, fly and two relays) were the other quadruple winners.

Devon Maillet (8U back and relays), Hadley DeBruyn (8U breast and relays), Charlie Shankweiler (8U breast and relays), Nick Restrepo (10U fly and relays), Dean Maola (12U free and relays), Matthew Restrepo (12U breast and relays), Alena Volz (14U back and relays), Sam Niu (14U back and relays), Drew Resweber (18U fly and relays) and Peter Heinbockel (18U free and relays) were triple winners for Swarthmore. DeBruyn set a record in the breast and was part of a record-setting free relay team with Maillet, Annie Mutz and Sydney Bergstrom.

Clay Resweber, Drew Resweber, Heinbockel and Adam Ginzberg set the record in the 18U relay team.

Atlantic Coast got three victories apiece from Erika Marlin (12U back, free and free relay), Kim Bemiller (18U back, free and free relay), Susie McQuinston (18U fly and relays) and Ali McQuinston (18U breast and relays).

Wallingford 261, Hidden Hollow 231

Ryan Heib, Ben Wolters, Collin Brennan and Abby Townend were all quadruple winners to lead Wallingford.

Blayden Reid, Liam Carney, Emily Ross, Zach Laubscher, Austin Heib, Alice Roberts, Sheila Finley, Allie Wilson and Kelsey Cheng were the triple winners for the victors.

Madison Breiner and Trey Pompetti were Hidden Hollow's two triple winners.

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