

# SPLIT DECISION



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Cherry Hill West's Amy Stelmaszyk won the 100 fly in 1:00.76 during Monday's meet with rival Cherry Hill East.

## West girls, East boys win battle of Cherry Hill

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It wouldn't be right unless at least one of their meets was decided by the final relay.

That's what fans expect when the two Cherry Hill high schools — East and West — get together for their annual double-dual swimming showdown.

This year was no exception.

The girls' meet was tied 78-78 after Allyson Mitidieri and Kaitlyn Muscat finished 1-2 in the 100-meter breaststroke, setting the stage for a winner-take-all race in the 400-freestyle relay.

The Lions' leadoff swimmer, Amy Stelmaszyk, pulled away to a lead of almost three seconds, and team-

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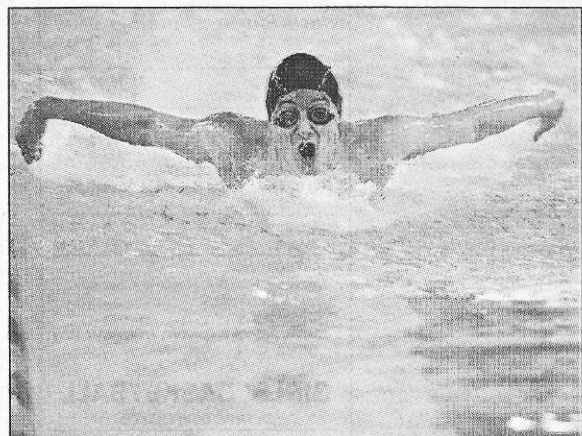
mates Caitlyn Howard, Mitidieri and Courtney Patterson maintained the advantage to give West the race and the meet.

Cherry Hill West, ranked No. 2 by the Courier-Post, took first and third in the race for an 88-82 victory over No. 5 East.

In the boys' meet, No. 2 Cherry Hill East received two wins apiece from Joe Petrone and Mike Krohn to easily defeat No. 11 West, 97-73.

The girls' meet went just about the way Cherry Hill West coach Scott Sweeten wanted it to go.

"All we wanted was to be



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Cherry Hill East's Alex Dintino swims to victory in 59.0 in the 100 fly during Monday's meet.

up one or two or tied going into the last race," Sweeten said. "Then all we had to do was win the last race to win the meet. That was the goal, and the girls accomplished it."

It certainly helped when Stelmaszyk swam out to a nice lead.

"It was a little nerve-racking standing before

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Cherry Hill East's Morgan Lawler was part of the winning 200 medley relay team, which clocked in at 1:54.02.

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the race," Patterson said. "Amy got a good lead, and the rest of us were able to hold it. We were excited about that relay all day."

Patterson was one of several West swimmers who turned in key performances. She held off the Cougars' Marlee Ehrlich to win the 200 free and did the same to Sam Sides to win the 100 free.

She was also part of the winning 200-freestyle relay with Muscat, Stelmaszyk and Kathleen McGlinn. The Lions finished first and third in the race after the Cougars' Ehrlich and Michelle Faykes had gone 1-2 in the 500 free. That effort cut the Cougars' lead from eight points to two.

"We were not supposed to go 1-3 in that race," Mitidieri said. "That was really key there."

After the 200-free relay, Jaimie Brookover won the 100 backstroke, and the Cherry Hill East lead was back up to four, 72-68.

But then Mitidieri and Muscat fin-

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■ **Key race:** Joe Petrone and Ford Scott went 1-2 in the 200 free to put Cherry Hill East up 12 points after just two events.

■ **Key swimmer:** The Cougars' Mike Krohn won the 50 free and 100 breaststroke and swam on the winning 200 medley and 400 free relays.

■ **Quote:** "These two (Petrone and Krohn) set the tone for the meet tonight," Cherry Hill coach Joe Cucinotti said.

ished 1-2 in the breaststroke, setting the stage for the exciting finish.

"I think we all swam really well tonight," Mitidieri said. "In fact, we probably swam a lot better than we were hoping to."

While it lacked the suspense of the girls' meet, the boys' meet produced some outstanding performances.

Petrone, swimming in this rivalry for the first time, won the 200- and 500-free events for the Cougars.

"This was my first year swim-

■ **Key race:** Cherry Hill West tied the meet heading into the final event when Allyson Mitidieri and Katelyn Muscat finished 1-2 in the 100 breaststroke.

■ **Key Swimmer:** Sophomore Courtney Paterson won the 200 and 100 freestyle individual events and anchored both winning free relays.

■ **Quote:** "Last year I was in the hospital and I got out the day of the meet," Courtney Patterson said. "I mostly just watched last year. I was excited to swim tonight."

ming East-West, and I liked the atmosphere in the place," Petrone said. "It really helped to motivate me."

Krohn was just as impressive winning the 50 free and the 100 breaststroke. He was also part of the winning 200-medley and 400-free relays.

"We knew coming in we were going to have to swim our best because this is always a tough meet," Krohn said.