

York Daily Record/Sunday News YAIAA Division II Girls' Swimming All-Stars

SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Erin Merkle, York Suburban: The junior won District 3 Class AA championships in both the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke before capping her terrific season with a PIAA bronze in the 100 butterfly and a sixth-place medal in the backstroke. Merkle also swam the best 500 freestyle time during the dual meet season and was an integral part of the Trojans' 400 free relay team that placed seventh in the state.

ALL-STARS

Regan Chalk, New Oxford: Only a freshman, Chalk posted fast times all season, earned a bronze medal in the 200 individual medley and was fourth in the backstroke at the YAIAA championships.

Summer Dacheux, Dover: The perfect replacement for her sister who graduated, the sophomore won a bronze in the YAIAA 100 backstroke and led off the Eagles' dynamite 200 medley relay that won silver at the league meet.

Zowie Day, York Suburban: The junior won two medals at the YAIAA meet, placed fifth in the 200 and sixth in the 100 freestyles. The repeat all-star selection also was part of the Trojans' district championship 400 free relay team.

Becca Gross, Northeastern: The YAIAA diving champ placed second at the District 3 Class AA competition before her second straight trip to states, where the junior two-time all-star placed sixth.

Helen Gunn, York Suburban: An individual race standout, Gunn medaled at the league meet, but her performance on the Trojans' 400 free relay garnered attention when she swam anchor in the District 3 Class AA championship winning race.

Aniella Janosky, Dover: It's hard to say how high the two-time all-star junior and past Division II YAIAA girls' Swimmer of the Year would place if the Eagles were in Class AA. Still, she finished fifth in the butterfly at districts after winning YAIAA bronze in the fly and 100 free.

Bree Link, Dover: The junior repeat all-star earned the YAIAA breaststroke championship and went on to place 11th at the District 3 Class AAA meet. She also won a fifth-place medal in the individual medley at the league meet.

Renae Luckenbaugh, Northeastern: The now three-time all-star junior has been a model of consistency for the Bobcats and won a fifth-place medal in the 50 free at the YAIAA meet.

Meghan McCurdy, Northeastern: Amazingly, the senior just took up the sport this season and made it all the way to states after a bronze medal-winning performance at the District 3 Class AA meet.

Emily Schmittle, York Suburban: Two seasons and two all-star nods for the sophomore, who adds a great deal of versatility to the Trojan lineup. After placing eighth in the YAIAA 100 butterfly, Schmittle jumped to fourth at the District 3 meet.

Nicole Smith, Dover: The talented sophomore is an important part of the all-underclassmen Dover squad, which won the YAIAA Division II title. The repeat all-star selection scored bronze (200 free) and sixth-place (100 back) medals at the YAIAA meet.

Rachel Spaulding, Dover: Only in her second year, the 2011 all-star was another versatile component for the champion Eagles, as indicated by her fourth place in individual medley and bronze in the 500 free at the YAIAA.

Morgan Stambaugh, Dover: The junior spent much of the season recovering from injury and improved gradually on the diving board en route to a YAIAA silver medal. She was fourth at the district meet, which helped the two-time star qualified for states.

Katherine Triggs, York Suburban: Triggs had a great finish to her standout career by qualifying for the PIAA meet after dropping nearly 14 seconds off her seed time in the 500 free at the District 3 meet, where she earned a seventh-place medal.

HONORABLE MENTION

Devan Bateman, New Oxford, Morgan McCurdy, Northeastern, Jordan McGee, Susquehannock, Katie Stines, Susquehannock, Lauren Fink, West York, Amber Updegraff, West York, Anna Schmittle, York Suburban.