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Pair Of Disqualifications Swing Victory To Owls

Romanaukas and Webster of Visitors Ruled Out of Backstroke at Vital Stage of Meet; Hilltoppers Finish League Season Without Defeat

BY WILLIAM NEWELL.

Hartford High's crack swimming team had luck on its side yesterday afternoon—and needed it—to beat a powerful Crosby of Waterbury tank combine, 39 to 35, and capture the championship of the Connecticut High School Swimming Association before a jam-packed gallery at the Hillside School pool.

The Owls, who went into the vital final meet on even terms in the league standing with the Brass City team, were beginning to trail the smooth-stroking Crosby outfit in the later stages but found themselves bounced back on top of the scoring when two visiting backstrokers were disqualified in the next to final race.

This entirely legitimate but unfortunate occurrence cost Crosby the victory and championship even though its free-style relay quartet handily took the last event.

Kulpanowski Stars.

Bob Kulpanowski with the individual star of the meet with first places in both the 100 and 200 free-style races, McCleary in the 40-yard freestyle and Lux in the breaststroke were the Crosby front runners although that school splashed to victory in both of the relay events.

The teams were deadlocked at 27-27 all going into the backstroke. Here Romanaukas had a clear-cut advantage over Yezziak of Hartford but turned over before touching at the finish and was disqualified by the judges. It then developed that Webster, Crosby's other entry in the race, failed to touch on his third turn and too was ruled out. Thus Hartford took eight points to total 35 to Crosby's 27 and took four more for placing second in the re-

Standing.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Hartford	7	0	1.000
Crosby	6	1	.857
Bassick	6	2	.750
Hillhouse	6	2	.750
Bristol	4	4	.500
Herdin	2	4	.333
Meriden	2	5	.286
Manchester	1	5	.167
West Haven	1	6	.143
Central	0	6	.000

lay for a final score of 39, the Brass City school's eight giving them 35.

Pierce In Upset.

Lowry Pierce, the Owls' slender diving star, scored one of the meet's upsets when he bettered the performance of Tom Spallone, Crosby ace. Times in general were far below the meet records.

Hartford, by winning wound up with a perfect record of seven wins and no losses in league competition. One more meet, a battle for second place, is scheduled next Saturday between Crosby and Hillhouse at New Haven. Summary:

100-yards medley relay: Won by Crosby (Lux, Romanaukas, Lombard); second, Hartford (Yezziak, Hanley, Bonee). Time, 1:08.4.

200-yards freestyle: Won by Kulpanowski (H); second, Jackson (C); third, Roberts (H). Time, 2:28.4.

40-yards free style: Won by McCleary (C); second, Bonee (H); third, Egan (C). Time, 1:02.2.

50-yards free style: Won by Pierce (H); second, Spallone (C); third, Holmes (C). Time, 1:07.2.

100-yards free style: Won by Kulpanowski (H); second, McCleary (C); third, Lundberg (H). Time, 1:57.4.

100-yards breaststroke: Won by Lux (C); second, Hanley (H); third, Hrzeta (H). Time, 1:10.7.

100-yards backstroke: Won by Yezziak (H); second, McManus (H); Romanaukas and Webster of Crosby disqualified. Time, 1:11.2.

160-yards free style relay: Won by Crosby (Lombard, Jackson, Holmes, Egan); second, Hartford (Davidowitz, Roberts, Bonee, Bloomquist). Time, 1:22.6.