

Hartford High Natators Win State Loop Honors

Owls Take Six of Eight First Places to Down Crosby High of Waterbury By 40-35 at Hillside School Pool

Faced with their stiffest test of the season and perhaps their most difficult task in several years, the Hartford High ducks copped the championship of the Connecticut High School Swimming League yesterday by downing Crosby of Waterbury, 40 to 35, at the Hillside school pool.

The Owls, with a host of outstanding performers but lacking depth especially in the freestyle events, captured six of the eight firsts, but didn't clinch victory until Campbell beat out two Crosby natators in the 100-yard backstroke, the next to final event. This first place gave the Owls 36 points so that even a disqualification in the relay could not help the visitors.

Phil Costa, Owl sprinter, was the scoring ace by winning both the 40 and the 100. Other Hartford victors were Macauley in the 220, Riccio in the dive and Campbell in addition to the 120-yard medley relay trio.

Skiff won the breast stroke and the relay foursome beat the Owls for Crosby's two firsts, but the visitors picked up six seconds to test Coach Larry Amann's squad to the limit.

It was the thirty-second consecutive dual meet triumph for Hartford and established the local squad as a favorite to reap most of the honors in the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference championships at New Haven next month. It was also Hartford's ninth in a row this winter.

The summary:

120-yard medley relay won by Hartford (campbell, Breay and Macauley) second Crosby. Time 4:07.5

220-yard freestyle won by Macauley Hartford, second Dixon Crosby. Time 2:29.0

100-yard freestyle won by Costa Hartford, second Kelly Crosby. Time 1:14.6

100-yard dive won by Riccio Hartford, second Greenka Crosby. Winners' points 56.

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100-yard breast stroke won by W. Skiff Crosby, second F. Lux, Crosby. Time 1:22.6

100-yard backstroke won by Campbell Hartford, second D. Skiff Crosby. Time 1:05.8

150-yard freestyle relay won by Crosby (Kelly, Bates, Miller and Gibeon) second Hartford. Time 4:22.7