

Zone 6

Fall 2016

Zone 6 is comprised of teams from Southwest Michigan. The main conferences within our zone are the South Michigan Athletic Conference, and the Southwestern and Central Michigan Swim Conference. Competing in the South Michigan Athletic Conference (SMAC) is Battle Creek Central, Battle Creek Lakeview, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix, Bridgman (co-op), Mattawan (co-op), Kalamazoo Central, Portage Central, Portage Northern, and St. Joseph. The Southwestern and Central Michigan Swim Conference is comprised of: Allegan, Plainwell, Alma, South Haven, Otsego, Sturgis, Marshall and Harper Creek.

During this 2016 season, the girls from zone 6 had some young talent shine and great league meets. Portage Central and Marshall were all crowned team champions of their conferences and both winning by a considerable margin. At the state level, Bridgman had a great showing at the D1 Meet, Portage Central ended an outstanding season by placing 4th at the Division 2 State Championships and Harper Creek finished the highest with Marshall and Alma right behind at the D3 meet.

Zone Coach, Swimmer and Diver nominations-

Nominations for Coach of the Zone were Dave Karns, and Jim Shafer

David Karns-Marshall. This was his second consecutive and undefeated (league) girls team. Marshall won the girls league meet and placed 15th at the state meet. Marshall also won our league relay meet as well as their own invitational mid-season. Dave's kids are always competitive. They also are nice kids. They kick your butt with a friendly smile. Dave did a great job this year. Jim Schafer- Portage Central. 1st in SMAC and 4th at state. His team once again dominated the conference meet. Winning Zone Coach of the Year....is Dave Karns.

Nominations for Swimmer of the Zone Alyssa Riker and Lauren Kilgore

Alyssa Riker – (10) Portage Northern. The SMAC champion in the 200 free (1:53.94) and the 100 fly (59.17). At the D2 state meet, she finished fifth in both of her events: the 200 free (1:55.01) and the 100 fly (58.38). Lauren Kilgore (10) Bridgman. She qualified for Division 1 state in every event except the 50 and 200 free. She was on 2 winning relays and won the 200 IM, she was 2nd in the 500 with a 5:10 at conference. At State she bettered her IM time to a 2:06 and placed 9th. She also swam the 500 at state but did not make finals at a crazy fast event. She was on 2 relays- the medley and the 400 that broke team records, (and I believe the 400 was a new conference record). She broke team records in the 200 IM, 500 free and the 100 back as well. Winning Zone Swimmer of the Year.... is Lauren Kilgore!

Nominations for Diver of the Zone were Madeline Jump and Devon Larson.

Devon Larson (12) - Harper Creek top place in diving across all 3 divisions. League Champ in SCC. Broke Varsity record for 11 dives, 3 time All State and 2 time All American. Finished 3 at the state meet. Madeline Jump (12) - Portage Central 4 time SMAC Champion (1st year was SMAC West). Finished 8th at the D2 State meet. Winning Zone Diver of the Year.... Is Devon Larson!

Team Conference Scoring

SMAC East Team Results

1. Portage Central 833
2. Bridgman High School 528
3. Portage Northern High School 393
4. Battle Creek Lakeview 376
5. St Joseph High School 296
6. Mattawan High School 220
7. Battle Creek Central 202
8. Loy Norrix 186
9. Kalamazoo Central 117

Southwestern & Central Team Results

1. Marshall High School 493
2. Harper Creek High School 383
3. Plainwell High School 377
4. Alma High School 311.
5. Sturgis High School 217
6. Allegan High School 205
7. Otsego High School 178
8. South Haven High School 152

Champions of Each Event at the League Meets

SMAC Individual/Relay Champions

- 200 MR Bridgman (Kilgore, Orlando, Veldman, Ruppert) 1:50.14
200 Free Alyssa Riker, Portage Northern 1:53.94
200 IM Lauren Kilgore, Bridgman 2:08.91
50 Free Julia Semler, Portage Central 24.58
Diving Maddie Jump, Portage Central 439.45
100 Fly Alyssa Riker, Portage Northern 59.17
100 Free Vanya Ruppert, Bridgman 53.33
500 Free Emma Engle, Portage Central 5:09.96
200 Free Relay Portage Central (Seuss, Sunday, Sievers, Engle) 1:41.23
100 Back Lindsay Marohn, St.Joe 58.99
100 Breast Lillie Orlando, Bridgman 1:08.34
400 Free Relay Bridgman (Mackenzie, Kilgore, Orlando, Ruppert,) 3:36.11

Southwestern and Central Michigan Swim Conference

- 200 MR Harper Creek (Popps, Wager, Wager, Wolfe) 1:54.87
200 Free Tarah Lang, Marshall 1:58.72
200 IM Alissa Adams, Alma 2:18.18
50 Free, Alysa Wager Harper Creek 24.95
Diving Devon Larson Harper Creek, 466.75
100 Fly Alysa Wager Harper Creek 58.75 New Conference Record

100 Free Tarah Lang, Marshall 55.10
500 Free Evelyn Vandemark, Alma 5:21.48
200 Fr.Relay Marshall (Walker, Clup, Mathieu, Lang,) 1:43.11 New Conference Record
100 Back Sarah Lindenback, Plainwell 1:00.98
100 Breast Maria Ruedisueli, Marshall 1:11.01
400 Fr.Relay Marshall (Clup, Stiner, Mathieu, Lang,) 3:46.76

Team State Scoring

Division 1

Bridgman 19th Place 27

Division 2

Portage Central 4th Place 153pts.

Portage Northern 22nd Place 28 Pts.

Division3

Harper Creek 14th 44 Pts

Marshall 15th 38 pts

Alma 16th Place 34 Pts

St Joe 20th 18pts

Plainwell 28th Place 4 Pts

State Individual / Relay Scorers

Division 1

200 Medley Relay, Bridgman (Kilgore, Orlando, Knowlton, Ruppert) 14th Place 1:50.31

200 IM Lauren Kilgore, Bridgman 9th Place 2:06.98

400 Free Relay Bridgman (Knowlton Kilgore, Orlando, Ruppert) 12th Place 3:35.79

Division 2

200 Medley Relay Portage Central 8th Place (Maddux, Sondag, Ghazal, Sondag) 1:49.94

200 Free Alyssa Riker, Portage Northern 5th 1:55.33

Emma Engle, Portage Central 6th 1:56.03

Emily Lane, Portage Central 13th 1:57.80

200 IM Sophia Maddux Portage Central 11th Place 2:10.94

50 Free Julia Semler, Portage Central 10th Place 25.09

Diving Madeline Jump, Portage Central 8th 359.40

100 Fly Alyssa Riker, Portage Northern 5th 58.38

Farah Ghazal, Portage Central, 14th 59.82

100 Free Julia Semler, Portage Central 13th Place 53.89

500 Freestyle Emily Lane Portage Central 5th Place 5:09.23

Emma Engle, Portage Central 7th 5:13.48

Maggie Farrell, Portage Central 15th 5:22.66

200 Free Relay Portage Central 5th Place (Semler, Seuss, Sondag, Engle) 1:38.66

100 Back Sophia Maddux, Portage Central 12th Place 58.95

100 Breast Samatha Sondag, Portage Central 15th Place 1:09.46

400 Free Relay Portage Central 4th Place (Semler, Weber, Maddux, Engle) 3:36.28

Division 3

200 Medley Relay Harper Creek (Popps, Wager, Wager, Wolfe) 11th Place 1:53.82

Alma 12th Place (Adams, Rutkowski, Vandemark, Taylor) 1:57.02

200 Free Lindsey Marohn, St Joe 10th 1:57.43

Tarah Lang, Marshall 11th 1:57.49

Evelyn Vandemark, Alma 12th 1:57.63

200 IM Alissa Adams, Alma 13th 2:15.65

50 Free Alysa Wager Harper Creek 16th Place 25.30

Diving Devon Larson, Harper Creek 3rd 406.80

Emily Zimmer, Plainwell 13th Place 345.60

Ally Johnson, Marshall 14th 344.30

100 Fly Alysa Wager Harper Creek 12th Place 59.54

100 Free Tarah Lang, Marshall 11th 54.53

500 Free Evelyn Vandemark 4th 5:14.73

200 Free Relay Marshall (Walker, Clup, Mathieu, Lang,) 11th Place 1:42.19

Harper Creek (Wolfe, Wager, Root, Wager,) 12th Place 1:42.51

100 Back Lindsey Marohn, St Joe 9th 58.84

100 Breast Maria Ruedisueli, Marshall 16th 1:11.85

400 Free Relay Marshall (Clup, Stiner, Mathieu, Lang,) 12th 3:44.73

St Joe (Judge, Strickler, Schaffer, Marohn) 16th 3:50.16