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Central Connecticut State Maintains Lead After Day Two *Blue Devils Victorious In Another Six Events*

New Haven, CT -- Central Connecticut State maintains its first-place standing after the second day of the 2009 NEC Swimming and Diving Championships as the Blue Devils captured another six events to total 365 points. Wagner remains in second with 347 points, followed by Saint Francis (PA) in third (271) and Sacred Heart in fourth (150). Bryant moved into fifth with 126 points, as Mount St. Mary's (97) and St. Francis (NY) (83) round out the field of seven.

CCSU started the night off with a victory in the 200 yard medley relay as the combination of **Alex Czaplicki (North Haven, CT/North Haven)**, **Kristen Malski (Stratford, CT/Laurton Hall)**, **Megan McGorry (West Haven, CT/West Haven)** and **Erin Crowley (Plainville, CT/Plainville)** touched in at 1:46.73, narrowly edging out Wagner. The Seahawks' **Jakki Guenther (South Hadley, MA/South Hadley)**, **Bethny Brown (Enfield, CT/Ennco Fermi)**, **Jessica Hart (Summerfield, NC/Northwest)** and **Lindsey Rodgers (Anaheim Hills, CA/Canyon)** finished with a time of 1:47.18, while Saint Francis (PA) captured third place as **Elise Merrill (Carlisle, PA/Big Spring)**, **Elyse Peterman (Lock Haven, PA/Central Mountain)**, **Elyse Dobrick (Zelienople, PA/Seneca Valley)** and **Angela Marino (Hollidaysburg, PA/Hollidaysburg Area)** clocked in at 1:49.28.

The Blue Devils continued its success as McGorry and senior **Heather Vendetta (South Windsor, CT/South Windsor)** took first and second place, respectively, in the 400 IM. McGorry finished in 4:29.55 to earn her second individual victory of the meet and Vendetta touched the wall at 4:32.68, while Saint Francis (PA)'s **Kristen Low (Mississauga, Ontario/Cawthra Park SS)** took home the bronze with a time of 4:40.04.

Wagner's Hart, who set a new Northeast Conference record and pool record in the 100 fly during the preliminary round (54.07), continued her dominance in the event as she won the finals with a time of 54.23, besting the field by over four seconds. Hart's prelim time also met the NCAA B standard. Sacred Heart's **Katie Marshall (Cumberland, RI/Saint Mary Academy-Bay View)** finished with the silver (58.68), while **Abi May (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler Area)** of Saint Francis (PA) took third in 59.24.

CCSU's Crowley, the defending champion in the 200 free, eclipsed her mark from a year ago (1:52.31) as she swam the event in 1:51.45 to take home the gold for the second consecutive year. WC's **Chelsea Beck (Reading, PA/Wilson)** earned the silver with a time of 1:53.82 and CCSU's **Kandra Kane (Coram, NY/Newfield)** rounded out the top three by clocking in at 1:54.19. Picking up the Blue Devils' fourth win of day two was sophomore **Alyssa Carlucci (Danbury, CT/Danbury)** in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.37). The Seahawks' Brown earned her second silver medal of the day with a second-place time of 1:06.86, while CCSU's Malski captured third in 1:07.10.

The 100 backstroke saw CCSU's Czaplicki capture her second gold medal of the 2009 NEC Swimming and Diving Championships as she clocked in at 1:06.37. WC's Guenther took the number-two spot in 58.44, while SFPA's Merrill finished in third place (58.66). Winning the final event of day two, the 800 yard freestyle relay, was the CCSU quartet of McGorry, Kane, Czaplicki and Crowley with a time of 7:32.99. Placing second (7:46.88) was WC's squad of Beck, **Sarah Plucinsky (Allentown, PA/Allentown Central**

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Catholic), Lauren French (Colmar, PA/North Penn) and Alexandra Tomlinson (Telford, PA/Souderton) and racing for the bronze medal was Saint Francis (PA)'s Melissa Heintz (Boyertown, PA/Oley Valley), Jessica Dunn (Bristow, VA/Seton School), McKenzie Madore (State College, PA/State College) and Kaitlin MacDonald (Olney, MD/Academy of the Holy Cross), clocking in at 7:59.52. The final day of the 2009 NEC Swimming and Diving Championships will begin tomorrow, February 14, at 10:00 am.

2009 NEC Swimming and Diving Individual Champions

200 FR:		WC		1:35.98
500 Free:	Megan McGorry	CCSU	FR	4:53.78
200 IM:	Alex Czaplicki	CCSU	FR	2:03.68
50 Free:	Erin Crowley	CCSU	SR	23.87
1M Dive:	Mallory Miller	CCSU	FR	219.05
400 MR:		CCSU		3:51.30
200 MR:		CCSU		1:46.73
400 IM:	Megan McGorry	CCSU	SO	4:29.55
100 Fly:	Jessica Hart	WC	JR	54.23
200 Free:	Erin Crowley	CCSU	SR	1:51.02
100 Breast:	Alyssa Carlucci	CCSU	FR	1:06.37
100 Back:	Alex Czaplicki	CCSU	FR	57.79
800 FR:		CCSU		7:32.99

Team Standings (13 Events Scored)

1. Central Conn. St.	365
2. Wagner	347
3. Saint Francis (PA)	271
4. Sacred Heart	150
5. Bryant	126
6. Mount St. Mary's	97
7. St. Francis (NY)	83