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Fairfield Prep swimmers suffer 1st loss of season to Greenwich

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GREENWICH -- Revenge has been a word seldom used in the vocabulary of the Greenwich boys swim team.

After nearly four decades of dominance over Fairfield Prep, it was the **Jesuits** who recently held the upper hand over the Cardinals -- beating them three consecutive years. In fact, no Greenwich senior had ever defeated Fairfield Prep.

Greenwich, which had never lost to a school three straight years, exacted its revenge with a 100-86 victory over Fairfield Prep Saturday.

"It was a lot of motivation," senior tri-captain **Tom Sorenson** said. "We wanted to break their streak against us, and I'm glad we beat them."

Sorenson was among the group of Cardinals freestyle swimmers who helped carry Greenwich (11-0) to victory over Class LL rival Fairfield Prep (11-1). While Greenwich remained undefeated behind its depth, the Jesuits proved they will be stiff competition in the Class LL and State Open championships. Fairfield Prep won six of the 12 events as stalwarts **Andrew Golankiewicz**, Tyler Pramer and Ed Becker shined.

"The kids swam brilliantly, top to bottom," Fairfield Prep coach **Bruce Jaffe** said. "I knew we were behind coming in and the kids swam marvelously."

Pramer produced the meet's biggest upset in the 1-meter diving. Pramer, a senior, posted a 292.25 to edge Greenwich senior **Mark O'Connell** (291.05) and junior All-American Connor Brisson (279.95).

"He dove brilliantly. And those were points I didn't expect to get," Jaffe said.

Pramer, who trailed O'Connell entering the final dive, garnered 61.1 points with his forward one-and-a-half sommersault, two twists in the free position to steal first place.

"It was a bit jaw-dropping to see our divers struggle like that," Lowe said. "It should be a reminder that if they want to beat Pramer at LL and (State) Open they better have 11

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consistent dives."

Pramer's victory on the diving board, coupled with Becker's win in the 100 butterfly (:52.27), gave the Jesuits five first-place finishes in the first six events. Both Pramer and Becker recently committed to Yale, according to Jaffe, a former Bulldog himself.

Fairfield Prep opened the meet with an all-star team in the 200 medley relay. The combination of Golankiewicz, Pramer, Becker and [Kris Toth](#) gave the Jesuits a quick lead with a victory in 1:39.18.

"When they put Golankiewicz, Pramer, Becker and Toth, that's as good as it gets," Lowe said. "It told me they were really ready for this meet."

Fairfield Prep then received first-place finishes in the 200 freestyle from Becker (1:46.47) and 200 individual medley from Golankiewicz (2:01.75) before Greenwich posted its first victory.

Eric Minowitz, a junior, held onto a tight lead in the final 25 yards of the 50 freestyle to give the Greenwich its first win.

"Prep came out strong in the first three events," said Minowitz, who took first in :22.41. "I just tried to step it up and get the momentum back."

Although Fairfield Prep continued to claim top-finishes, the Cardinals were racking up seconds and thirds, trailing the Jesuits by just two points, 48-46, with six events remaining.

"They have more swimmers farther down the line than I have," Jaffe said. "Good swimming deeper down the line and that's where the difference was."

Greenwich 100, Fairfield Prep 86 (at Greenwich): 200 medley relay: Fairfield Prep (Andrew Golankiewicz, Tyler Pramer, [Edward Becker](#), Kris Toth) 1:39.18; 200 freestyle relay: Greenwich ([John Nietzel](#), Tom Sorenson, [Andrew Dillinger](#), [Michael Dustin](#)) 1:32.16; 400 freestyle relay: Greenwich (Sorenson, Dillinger, [Eric Minowitz](#), Dustin) 3:16.11; 200 freestyle: Becker (FP) 1:46.47; 200 IM: Golankiewicz (FP) 2:01.75; 50 freestyle: Minowitz (G) 22.41; Diving: Pramer (FP) 292.25; 100 butterfly: Becker (FP) 52.27; 100 freestyle: Minowitz (G) 49.1; 500 freestyle: Dillinger (G) 4:57.5; 100 backstroke: Golankiewicz (FP) 56.19; 100 breaststroke: [Tony Martir](#) (G) 1:01.67. Records: Greenwich 11-0. Fairfield Prep 11-1.

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