

MIAA DIVISION 1 GIRLS' SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

With Maisey in their hearts, Concord-Carlisle girls' swimming dives back in with a Division 1 three-peat

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Concord Carlisle freshman Audrey Herz won the 1-meter diving with 465.85 points for the Division 1 champion Patriots. TAYLOR COESTER FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

When Concord-Carlisle freshman Audrey Herz dives into the pool, she thinks of [Maisey O'Donnell](#), the Patriots' two-time All-American who died in a Florida car crash last April.

O'Donnell was a mentor. The two dove together for years with Boston Area Diving. Last February, as a senior, O'Donnell repeated as the Division 1 diving champion. On Saturday, Herz won the same event with 465.85 points at MIT's Zesiger Pool.

"I do think she would be very proud," Herz said through tears. "She did so well last year and it's just great being able to win for her."

Behind individual wins from Herz and senior Sarah Fortier (1:08.88 in the 100-yard breaststroke), Concord-Carlisle three-peated as the MIAA Division 1 girls champion, piling up 283 points to outdistance Amherst-Pelham (244) and Marblehead (176).

Before the presentation of the championship trophy, the Patriots huddled to hear from coach Matt Goldberg.

"I'm at a loss for words today," said Goldberg. "I'm so proud of the work that you've done."

After the huddle, Concord-Carlisle stood for pictures in pink cowboy hats with a "Believe" sign, a tradition the past few years. The girls held up a pink swim cap adorned with a heart, representing O'Donnell. And after pictures, the coaches and girls all jumped into the pool together.

"Even though I knew this was going to be a tougher matchup, having been here before, I was able to come in a little bit more calm," Goldberg said. "We've got our seniors that are leaving and you want them to go out on a high note after all this, so I felt like that pressure is what you want to do for them."



Concord Carlisle's Audrey Herz hugged coach Kim Donovan after winning the 1-meter diving title at MIT. TAYLOR COESTER FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Fortier, who also swims club for the Concord Otters, will play lacrosse at Middlebury. Saturday was her last competitive swim meet.

“It’s so emotional,” Fortier said. “My thought was, have fun. All my teammates are there watching me and they want me to do well. And so it just feels so great to end well on that note.”

Concord-Carlisle will take another run next winter with returnees and newcomers, but for now, it’s about savoring this season.

“We wanted to swim for [Maisey],” Fortier said. “This season is dedicated to her. We wanted to represent her name, knowing everything we do is for her.”

Runner-up Amherst-Pelham opened with a win in the 200 medley relay, with senior Rowan Albertson getting it started and her sister, Emory, an eighth grader, clocking a

24.43 anchor.

Sharon senior Feining Huang, who is committed to Bryant, won the 100 backstroke (personal-best 55.81) and the 200 free (1:52.19).

Longmeadow senior Lilah Doherty, headed to New Hampshire, captured the 50 free (23.73) and the 100 butterfly (55.65).



Concord-Carlisle dove into the Zesiger pool at MIT to celebrate its Division 1 title. TAYLOR COESTER FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE