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Kiel won nine of the 12 events, but Two Rivers was able to keep things tight with several second, third and fourth place finishes in a 95-90 Kiel Eastern Wisconsin Conference girls swimming dual victory at TR last week Thursday.

Kiel trailed only briefly, at 24-22, and used a win by the 400 freestyle relay team of Courtney Matthias, Danise Esswein, Breanna Coleman and Elizabeth Buchholz, to secure the win. Their time was 4:39.83. Buchholz set a new Two Rivers pool record winning the 500 yard freestyle in 5:22.15 to highlight the evening for the Raiders. She also swam to first place in the 50 freestyle at 27.13 seconds. Kiel also got double wins from Lauren Casper and Kiley Van Lanen. Casper won the 200 individual medley in 2:52.23 and the 100 yard freestyle at 1:07.58. Van Lanen's wins came in the 200 freestyle (2:21.33) and 100 backstroke (1:16.22). Makala Ninneman finished second for Kiel behind Van Lanen in the backstroke. Gabrielle Draxler and Danise Esswein went 1-2 in diving. Draxler totaled 147.85 points and Esswein 120.90.

The Kiel 200 medley relay team of Beth Dreger, Kristi Holzmann, Erin Barrette and Matthias won in 2:12.25.

Erin Barrette won the JV diving for Kiel's lone points in that portion of the meet.

Chilton hosts the Eastern Wisconsin Conference Meet this Saturday. Diving starts at 10 a.m. and swimming is at 2 p.m. Plymouth, the dending champ, is the heavy favorite coming in.