

AMERICAN RELAY

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CALIFORNIA

Pleasanton Sea Hawks won the combined team title at the Far Western Long Course Championships, July 31-Aug. 2, in San Jose. Competing against teams from Canada and Mexico as well as several teams throughout the United States, the Sea Hawks scored 733.5 points to beat runners-up Palo Alto Stanford (621) and Santa Clara (591). The top international team was the University of British Columbia Dolphins, which placed sixth (357.5).

Pleasanton's high-point champions included **Bryan Hughes** (13-14 boys), **Catherine Breed** (15-16 girls), **Karen Wang** (17-18 girls) and **Joshua Meints** (17-18 boys). Also winning high-point awards were **McKenna Meyer**, Reno, and **Alex Liang**, Palo Alto Stanford (10-and-under); **Brittany Usinger**, unattached; and **Justin Lynch**, Terrapins (11-12); **Devon Bibault**, Edmonton Keyano (13-14 girls); and **Cody Vitez**, Scottsdale (15-16 boys).

Lynch set four meet records in the 11-12 boys' competition: 50 back (29.87) plus the 50, 100 and 200 fly (27.36, 1:00.83 and 2:16.65). Conroe's **Cannon Clifton** posted standards in the 13-14 boys 100 and 400 free (52.37 and 4:03.53) and 200 IM (2:10.87).

KENTUCKY

The Lakeside SeaHawks dominated the Class A State Championships, July 23-26, in Elizabethtown, accumulating 7,759 points to outdistance Triton Swimming (2,193) and Wildcat Aquatics (1,316).

Lakeside won all but two of the high-point awards: **Taylor Eceleberry** (9-10 girls), **Leah Stevens** and **Noah Johnston** (11-12), **Kelly Rogers** and **Jake Schultz** (13-14) and **Nate Bond** (open men). Other high-point winners were Triton's **Aaron Gabriel** (9-10 boys) and Thoroughbred Nautical Team's **Kirsten Nitz** (open women).

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A week earlier in Louisville, Lakeside also dominated the Class B State Championships, finishing first with 1,456 points over Elizabethtown Dolphins (578) and Cardinal (530.5).

High-point winners included **Nicole McGrath**, Lakeside, and **Mark Bryan**, Thoroughbred (9-10); **Manuela Sampaio**, unattached, and **Ben Bryan**, Thoroughbred (11-12); **Rachel Hill**, Lakeside (13-14 girls); **Joshua LeClair**, Lakeside, and **Naethan Mundkur**, Triton (tie, 13-14 boys);

and **Haley Miller**, Shelby, and **Mason Turlington**, Cardinal (15-and-over).

OREGON

Besides the NAG record-setting effort of Lake Oswego Swim Club's (LOSC) 15-16 boys 200 meter free relay (see page 42), team members rewrote Oregon Swimming records in several events during the summer-ending meets.

The LOSC 13-14 quartet of **Grace Carlson**, **Cassidy Robinson**, **Brenda Cha** and **Celia Keany** lowered two LSC marks—both set by Lake Oswego last year—at the Speedo Champions Series Western Region Section Championship, July 21-25, in Mt. Hood. The 200 meter free relay record was lowered from 1:50.41 to 1:48.38—just 52-hundredths off the NAG mark—and the 400 free relay mark went from 4:05.11 to 4:00.76.

During the Oregon Swimming 11-and-Over Long Course Championships, July 30-Aug. 2, also at Mt. Hood, LOSC's 17-18 boys squad bettered three Oregon Swimming relay records. **Sean Malinoski**, **Timothy Engvall**, **Brian Cha** and **Nicholas Gipe** took down Tualatin Hills' 1992 200 free relay record of 1:39.05 with their 1:37.97. **Brendan Liu** replaced Gipe on the 400 free relay team that stopped the clock at 3:37.83. The former record of

3:38.97 was set by Corvallis in 2006. **Cooper Langdahl** joined Malinoski, Cha and Engvall in the 200 medley relay and finished in 1:49.78 to better Tualatin Hill's 1992 mark of 1:49.87.

TEXAS

The North Texas Nadadores completed a sweep of the Texas Age Group Swimming Championships this year, winning both the short course meet in March and the long course championships, July 29-Aug. 2, in College Station. North Texas scored 660 points, followed by The Woodlands (560.5) and Cypress Fairbanks (488).

The Academy of Texas Aquatic Champions, which finished 28th with 44 points, received the Horizon Award as the most improved team. A year ago, the club scored five points for 47th place.

Victoria Edwards, Longhorn, and **Grant Norgan**, Cypress Fairbanks, were the top 10-and-under swimmers. Also finishing at the top of their age groups were **Catherine Wu**, Pearland, and **David Morejon**, Eagle (11 years); **Quinn Carrozza**, Longhorn, and **Walter Jones**, Aggie (12); **Abigail Meyer**, Longhorn, and **Austin Van Overdam**, Cypress Fairbanks (13); and **Alexandria Smith**, Dallas Mustangs, and **Thomas Norman**, Hays (14).

Wu set TAGS standards in the 11-year-old girls 50, 100 and 200 back (33.13, 1:08.96 and 2:28.11). **Benjamin Walker**, Nitro, set meet records in the 11-year-old boys 100 and 200 breast (1:20.39 and 2:52.86). **Jonathan Tybur**, The Woodlands,

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