

Swim finds success at State



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In a sport where milliseconds matter, every little detail can make a huge difference. With a total of six state records broken at this year's meet, it's pretty obvious that teams figured out every key to speed.

On Feb. 20-21, the OSSAA State Meet was held at the Mitch Park YMCA in Edmond. Both the girls' and boys' teams for Edmond Memorial did very well, taking

second and fourth, respectively. Being in the largest division, 6A, any finish near the top of the leaderboard is something to be proud of.

"It was a huge blessing to see all of the swimmers' hard work this year pay off," head coach Steve Riggs said.

On the boys' side, things were extremely competitive and fast, with several Memorial swimmers standing out. Junior Jonathan Ye was the state runner-up in the 200 Individual Medley. The 200 Freestyle relay team of Ye, seniors Francisco Ochoa and Tory Scott, and sophomore Solomon Harrison finished third, setting a new school record in the process.

"As a team, we did exceptionally well," junior Joel Bowman said. "As always, if you don't win, you feel a little disappointed, but fourth place is still a great result."

On the girls' side, the team was the runner-up, losing only to Bartlesville. Individually, the girls found success. Freshman Katie Callahan finished as state champion in the 500 Freestyle. The girls 400 Freestyle Relay team of Callahan, junior Natalie Vorel, sophomore Kelsey Kersgieter and freshman Kellie Fischer broke the school record as well, finishing runner up in the event. The girls' team also was awarded the title of Academic State champions.

"We didn't do as well as we hoped, but we are extremely proud of the result," Vorel said.

Overall, this was a very successful season for the Bulldog swimmers.

"Many people who worked hard all year swam the best they had this year at state," Riggs said.

Next year, the girls expect to one up this year's results and take state, as they are very young and hungry for a state title.

"I can't wait for next year," Vorel said. "Winning state my senior year would mean so much to me."

Notable Finishes at State

Katie Callahan- State
Champion-500 Freestyle

Kellie Fischer- Runner-Up-100
Freestyle and 100 Backstroke

Katie Callahan, Kellie Fischer,
Natalie Vorel, Kelsey
Kersgieter- Runner-Up-400
Freestyle Relay (new school
record)

Jonathan Ye- Runner Up-200
Individual Medley and 3rd
Place-100 Freestyle

Francisco Ochoa, Tory Scott,
Solomon Harrison, Jonathan
Ye-Third Place-200 Freestyle
Relay (new school record)

Francisco Ochoa- Third Place-
200 Freestyle

Braden Davis- Fourth Place-100
Breaststroke