

2006 MIAC Men's Swimming & Diving Championship

Saturday Recap

The St. Olaf women and Gustavus men repeated as MIAC team champions on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center in Minneapolis. The title is St. Olaf's second straight and 14th since 1987. The MIAC crown for the Gusties is their fifth consecutive and 19th in school history.

Macalester's Heather Lendway (500-yard freestyle & 400-yard individual medley) won her third MIAC event and defended her MIAC crown in the 1650-yard freestyle with a provisional qualifying time of 17:32.24. Ben Hanson of Gustavus also won his third MIAC event by defending his MIAC crown in the 1650-yard freestyle by breaking the meet record with a provisional qualifying time of 15:54.62. Carleton's Ted Marschall and the St. Olaf duo of Eric Tvedt and Joe Anderson also recorded provisional qualifying times.

Becky Alexander of Carleton won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 53.35. St. Olaf's Jacob Koch won the men's 100-yard freestyle with a provisional qualifying time of 45.76. Gustavus' Scott Hagemeyer and Brian Amundson also collected provisional qualifying times.

Kaelly Simpson of Saint Benedict won the 200-yard breaststroke with a provisional qualifying time of 2:26.18. St. Olaf's Ben Wareham won the men's 200-yard breaststroke with a provisional qualifying time of 2:07.92.

Lainie Cassel of St. Olaf won the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:11.48. On the men's side, Gustavus' Connor Ziegler won the 200-yard butterfly by setting a new meet record and provisional qualifying time in 1:53.73. Jonathan Tapia of Hamline and Ole teammates Matt Stewart and Billy Cuevas also reached in provisional qualifying time.

In other events, St. Olaf's Carly Knoell won the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:10.01, while Gustavus' Jeff Pearson won the men's side with a provisional qualifying time of 1:52.51. St. Olaf's Christian Lorentzen won the 3-meter diving event for the third consecutive year with an NCAA qualifying score of 285.75. Annie Cullen of Concordia won the women's 1-meter diving competition with an NCAA qualifying score of 261.00.

Gustavus' Matt Stewart, Tyler Wakefield, Brian Amundson and Scott Hagemeyer won the 400-yard freestyle relay an NCAA automatic qualifying and MIAC record time of 3:03.72. The Saint John's team consisting of Casey Larson, Joey Chapman, Sam Christianson and Kerry O'Neill earned a provisional qualifying time of 3:07.91. The Carleton group of Jen Gratz, Karin Brown, Elise Knoche and Becky Alexander won the women's 400-yard freestyle relay with a provisional qualifying time of 3:35.03.

Friday Recap

Both the women's and men's standings remain intact following the second day of the 2006 MIAC Swimming and Diving Championships at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center in Minneapolis.

Members of the Gustavus men's swim team took the top four places in the 200-yard freestyle to solidify their lead in the men's standings as Ben Hanson defended his 2005 crown with a provisional qualifying time of 1:41.64. Teammate Billy Cuevas also sported a provisional qualifying time for second place honors.

Gustavus' Katie Haynes, Sara Pfau, Yoshi Ludwig and Laura Watkins won the 200-yard medley relay with a provisional qualifying time of 1:49.45. Mikayla Meyer, Julia Roog, Hannah Berg and Emily Love of St. Olaf also provided a provisional qualifying time at 1:50.12. Meyer went on to win the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:56.37, while Haynes won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:00.52, edging Sara Skrbec of Saint Benedict by .47 of a second.

The St. Olaf team of Tom Kukla, Ben Wareham, JC Chambers and Jacob Koch won the 200-yard medley relay with a provisional qualifying time of 1:32.91. Gustavus' Scott Hagemeyer, Ben Hanson, Connor Ziegler and Brian Amundson also recorded a provisional qualifying time of 1:33.89.

Freshman Ted Marschall of Carleton won the 400-yard individual medley with a meet record and provisional qualifying time of 4:02.28. Ole teammates Mark Glineburg and Joe Anderson posted provisional qualifying times while finishing second and third, respectively.

St. Olaf's Nelson Westby won the 100-yard butterfly with a provisional qualifying time of 50.01 while Matt Stewart recorded a provisional qualifying time with a second place finish at 51.16 for the Gusties. Hannah Berg won the women's side of the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 58.90.

Carleton's Molly Miller edged Sara Pfau from Gustavus by .70 of a second to win the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:08.25. The men's 100-yard breaststroke was a battle between two Ole teammates as Ben Wareham beat out Nelson Westby by .06 of a second with a time of 57.53. Both swimmers also claimed provisional qualifying times.

St. Olaf's Kate Blum, Mikayla Meyer, Christina Roberts and Kelly Dolan won the 800-yard freestyle relay with a provisional qualifying time of 7:51.59. Gustavus' Matt Stewart, Greg Pokorski, Billy Cuevas and Ben Hanson won the men's side with a meet record and provisional qualifying time of 6:50.40. The St. Olaf group of Joe Anderson, Jacob Koch, Nelson Westby and Paul Evensen swam a provisional qualifying time of 6:50.73 for second place honors.

In other men's events, Saint John's Casey Larson won the men's 100-yard backstroke with a provisional qualifying time of 51.76. Two members from both Gustavus (Scott Hagemeyer & Jeff Pearson) and St. Olaf (Tom Kukla & Adam Meyer) recorded provisional qualifying times. Christian Lorentzen of St. Olaf won the men's 1-meter diving competition with a NCAA qualifying score of 281.35, while Macalester's Heather Lendway won the 400-yard individual medley with a provisional qualifying time of 4:38.94.

Thursday Recap

The first day of the MIAC Swimming and Diving Championships at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center went as expected, as the reigning 2005 MIAC champions in both the women's and men's competition are atop the overall standings.

The defending MIAC champion St. Olaf women's swimming and diving team jumped into first place with 234 points followed by Gustavus Adolphus (179), Carleton (165), Saint Benedict (145.5) and Macalester (113). On the men's side, defending MIAC champion Gustavus Adolphus earned 221 points to claim the lead, closely followed by St. Olaf with 206 points, Saint John's (158), Carleton (107) and St. Thomas (83).

The Gustavus Adolphus men's swimming and diving team opened the MIAC championships with a bang, as Gustavus' Ben Hanson and Matt Stewart each broke the meet record of 4:36.90 set by Hanson last year in the 500-yard freestyle. Hanson earned his second consecutive MIAC crown and automatic qualifying time while setting a new meet record at 4:32.46. Stewart and Joe Anderson of St. Olaf each collected provisional qualifying times. Meanwhile, Gustavus' Brian Amundson, Clement Auyeung, Tyler Wakefield and Scott Hagemeyer set a new MIAC record and provided an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 1:22.77 in the 200-yard freestyle relay. St. Olaf (Jacob Koch, Nelson Westby, Paul Evensen, JC Chambers) and Saint John's (Sam Christianson, Joey Chapman, Casey Larson, Kerry O'Neill) finished second and third, respectively, but both recorded provisional qualifying times. Hagemeyer then went on to win the 50-yard freestyle with a provisional qualifying time of 20.88, followed by four others that also set provisional qualifying times: St. Olaf's Koch (20.94), Gustavus' Amundson (21.10), Saint John's Christianson (21.24) and St. Thomas' TJ Hardy (21.29).

In the women's competition, Concordia's Annie Cullen won her second consecutive MIAC title in 3-meter diving with a score of 228.70, while Heather Lendway of Macalester won her second consecutive MIAC title in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:04.65 and gained a provisional qualifying time. Gustavus' Krista Koenen, Emma Espel, Emily Degnan and Laura Watkins won the women's 200-yard freestyle relay with a provisional qualifying time of 1:38.56.

Ted Marschall of Carleton broke the meet record of 1:53.43 and received an automatic bid in the men's 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:52.23. St. Olaf's Nelson Westby took second place honors in addition to a provisional qualifying time. Tom Kukla, Ben Wareham, Nelson Westby and Jacob Koch of St. Olaf set a new MIAC record and achieved a provisional qualifying time in the 400-yard medley relay with a time of 3:24.39.

Other event champions included Carleton's Jen Gratz winning the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.62, and Sara Pfau of Gustavus taking the 200-yard individual medley at 2:11.96. Carleton's Jenny Grover, Molly Miller, Kaarin Taylor and Becky Alexander won the 400-yard medley relay with a time of 4:01.74.