

2003 MIAC Swimming & Diving Championships Recap

SATURDAY RECAP

Day 3 of 3

After three years away, the women's championship trophy in MIAC women's swimming & diving will return to the St. Olaf campus.

The Oles (764.5) edged crosstown rival Carleton (755.5) by a mere nine points and topped defending champion Gustavus (737) by 27.5 points. St. Olaf had won 11 in row from 1987-97 and also won in 1999.

Macalester (301), St. Thomas (233), Concordia (219), St. Ben's (218), Hamline (212), St. Catherine (118) and St. Mary's 979) rounded out the team scoring.

On the men's side, Gustavus repeated as team champion. The Gusties (860), St. John's (678.5) and St. Olaf (648.5) claimed the top three spots. St. John's moved up one spot after it placed third for four consecutive years.

Carleton (398), St. Thomas (267), Macalester (233), St. Mary's (229) and Hamline (131) finished fourth through eighth.

Carleton junior phenom Marie Marsman added an NCAA Division III record to her five meet and all-time MIAC records. In Saturday's finals of the 100 freestyle, she became the first Division III woman to break 50 seconds from a flat start. Her time of 49.73 bettered her prelim time of 50.20 recorded earlier in the day. That beat her old record of 50.21 from the 2002 MIAC Championships.

Marsman had a hand in seven victories, two more than in 2002, and she was named the MIAC women's Swimmer of the Year. She also anchored the Knights' winning 400 free relay to close the meet.

Marsman earlier set meet/MIAC all-time records in the 50 free, 100 butterfly and on the Knights' 400 medley and 800 free relays.

The men's Swimmer of the Year for the second year in a row is Carleton's Jason Brown.

The Women's Coach of the Year is Macalester's Bob Pearson, while the Men's Coach of the Year is SJU's Bill Saxton.

The Divers of the Year are Emily Hall of Concordia and Charlie Kimball of Gustavus.

FRIDAY RECAP

Day 2 of 3/Team Scores (13 of 20 events completed)

Women's Team Leaders

St. Olaf 498.5; Carleton 490.5; Gustavus 486; Macalester 200; St. Thomas 184; St. Benedict 156; Hamline 146; Concordia-Moorhead 132; St. Catherine 88; St. Mary's 72

Men's Team Leaders

Gustavus 583.5; St. John's 474; St. Olaf 454; Carleton 277.5; St. Thomas 194; Macalester 187; St. Mary's 181; Hamline 108

Thursday Women's recap

Carleton junior All-American Marie Marsman had a hand in two record-setting victories for the Knights to highlight Thursday night's finals at the MIAC Swimming & Diving Championships.

With six of 20 events completed and two more days of competition, defending champion Gustavus has a slight lead in the women's race with 236 points. St. Olaf (216) and Carleton (212) are also in the title race with Macalester (91) leading the race for fourth.

Marsman was a repeat champ in the 50 freestyle in a meet and conference all-time best of 23.24, breaking her old record of 23.66. That also bettered the automatic qualifying time for the March Division III national meet. Marsman later anchored Carleton's winning 400 medley relay to a time of 3:58.27, which broke a five-year old MIAC meet and all-time record of 3:59 held by St. Ben's. Jenny Grover, Molly Miller and Emily Monloh joined Marsman on the winning relay.

Carleton also got big points in the 500 free as Elise Knoche (5:06.27) and Grover (5:08.0) finished 1-2, and in the 200 IM with a 2-3 finish by Mondloh and Heidi Branz.

Gustavus won the 200 free relay in a time of 1:36.30, which eclipsed the NCAA automatic qualifying standard. Beth DeLaRosby, Jessica Coleman, Melissa Brasel and Katie Garvey comprised the winning relay. DeLaRosby, Brasel and Garvey also swam on the Gusties' winning 200 free relay in 2002.

DeLaRosby and Garvey placed 2-3 in the 50 free. DeLaRosby's time of 23.85 also hit the NCAA automatic qualifying standard.

Thursday's other winners were St. Olaf's Katie Detwiler in the 200 IM (2:12.82) and Concordia's Emily Hall in three-meter diving (417.45).

Men's Day One Recap

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The Johnnies, seeking their first ever MIAC swimming championship, have 241 points to Gustavus' 239.5. St. Olaf (176) and Carleton (107.5) appear to be battling for third, with Macalester (91) taking a slight lead on St. Thomas and St. Mary's in the battle for fifth.

Arnold won the 50 free in 21.10. He joined Luke Vestrom, David Williams and Kery O'Neill on the winning 200 free relay (1:24.45), and joined Vestrum, Luke Prokup and Williams on the winning 400 medley relay (3:28.85). Vestrum and Arnold were also members of SJU's winning 200 free relay in 2002.

Gustavus won three events to keep pace -- senior Charlie Kimball in one-meter diving (488.95), Chris Kramer, a repeat champ in the 500 free (4:42.64) and Will Sutor in the 200 IM (1:54.14). Sutor moved up from a fourth-place finish in 2002.

THURSDAY RECAP

Day 1 of 3/Team Scores (6 of 20 events completed)

Women's Team Leaders

Gustavus 236, St. Olaf 216, Carleton 212, Macalester 91, Hamline 80, St. Thomas 79, St. Benedict 77, Concordia-Moorhead 63, St. Catherine 44, St. Mary's 44

Men's Team Leaders

St. John's 241, Gustavus 239.5, St. Olaf 176, Carleton 107.5, Macalester 91, St. Thomas 88, St. Mary's 84, Hamline 55

Women's Day 1 Wrap

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