

Swimming and Diving Stratford Challenge

On Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10, Stratford hosted several schools in the Annual Stratford Challenge Swim Meet at the Natatorium. The Stratford Spartan's Men and Women's squads each took 3rd place overall. The five teams invited were Kingwood Park (which placed 2nd for the Women's meet and 1st for the Men's), Memorial (which took 1st for the Women's and 5th for the Men's), Clements (which took 2nd for the Men's and 4th for the Women's), Richmond Foster (which took 4th for the Men's and 5th for the Women's), and Churchill Fulshear that took 6th's. The Spartan's individual and relay showings are listed below.

In the Boys 1 meter diving the Spartans took home 1st, 2nd and 4th places, with Kaivon Dixon leading the team with a 1st place finish, and Robbie Howell and Sam Jones finishing 2nd and 4th, respectively. For the Girls 1 meter diving squad Charlize Spiers finished 4th in a very competitive fields, with Vivianne Cornell finishing in the points with an 8th place finish.

The meet started off with a 6th and 7th place for the Girls in the 200 yard Medley Relay, with Elise Easton on Back, Katlin White on Breaststroke, Kristin Kight on Butterfly, and Rachel Harkins anchoring the Freestyle for the 6th place squad, while Leah Easton, Cate Cerveny, Ava Wylie and Grace Stern filled out the 7th place squad. The Boys started very strong with a 1st place finish in the 200 yard Medley Relay with Max Zuanich on Back, Dean Rathgeb on Breaststroke, Luke Reed on Butterfly, and Cole Oliphant anchoring the Freestyle.

In other relays of note, the Girls took 1st and 8th in the 200 yard Freestyle Relay with Emma Stephenson leading off and Laura Powell, Kristin Kight, and Kara Moss finishing out the foursome, while the 8th place relay had Madi Baker leading off, with Leah Easton, Grace Stern and Cate Cerveny rounding out the squad. The Boys took 4th and 7th place in the 200 Free Relay with Henry Genez leading off, and Keagan Firenza, Cole Oliphant, and Dean Rathgeb anchoring the 4th place group, while Ethan Everett led off the 7th place squad and was followed by Will Moak, Scott Ashmore, and Andrew Askounis.

In the final 400 yard Freestyle relays the Girls took 1st and 7th, while the Boys took 5th and 7th. For the Girls 1st place squad, Emma Stephenson led off with Kaitlyn White, Rachel Harkins, and Kara Moss finishing, the Girls 7th place squad consisted of Ava Wylie, Madi Baker, Elise Easton and Laura Powell. For the 5th place Boys 400 Free Relay Keagan Firenza led off, with Luke Reed and Henry Genez following and Max Zuanich anchoring the group. The 7th place Boys 400 Relay squad consisted off Gavin Beach, Jack Brennan, Will Moak and Jake Hyland.

Individually, on the Girls team, Emma Stephenson took 1st place in the 50 yard Freestyle, and Emma also took 1st place in the 100 yard Butterfly, with Ava Wylie and Kristin Kight finishing 3rd and 8th in the 100 Butterfly, respectively. Kara Moss took 1st place in the grueling 500 yard Freestyle. Elise Easton took 7th place in the 100 yard Backstroke and Kaitlyn White took 8th place in the 100 yard Breaststroke.

Individually, for the Boys team, in the 50 Freestyle, Dean Rathgeb, Henry Genez, and Keagan Firenza took 4th, 5th and 8th places, respectively. Henry Genez swam to a 4th place finish in the Boys 100 yard Butterfly, with Luke Reed coming in 7th. Keagan Firenza took 4th in the grueling 500 yard Freestyle. Dean Rathgeb took 2nd place in the 100 yard Breaststroke, with Luke Reed right behind him with a 3rd place finish. In the 200 yard Freestyle, Max Zuanich finished 2nd and in the Boys 100 yard Backstroke Max Zuanich also finished in 2nd place. Great Meet Spartans. Go Green!