

2018 Swimming and Diving SBISD Invitational

On Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8, Stratford hosted the annual SBISD Invitational at the W.W. Emmons Natatorium. The Stratford Spartans Men's and Women's squads each took 2nd place overall. The teams invited were Memorial High (fielding a White and Red team which placed 1st for the Men's/Women's and 6th for Men's/Women's, respectively), Montgomery (which took 3rd for the Women's and 4th for the Men's), Jersey Village (which took 4th for the Women's and 5th for the Men's), Houston Bellaire (which took 5th for the Women's and 3rd for the Men's), Houston Cypress Woods (which took 7th for the Women's and 7th for the Men's), Spring Woods High (which took 8th for the Women's and 8th for the Men's), and Northbrook which took 9th for the Women's. The Spartans' individual and relay showings are listed below. Due to the number of schools and competitors, the first 16 finishers in each event took home team points, and those points finalists and their relay/individual places are listed below.

In the Boys 1 meter diving the Spartans took home the 1st and 2nd places, with Kaivon Dixon leading the team with a 1st place finish and Robbie Howell finishing 2nd. For the Girls 1 meter diving squad Charlize Spiers finished 4th, with Vivianne Cornell finishing in 6th.

The meet started off with a 3rd and 4th place for the Girls in the 200 yard Medley Relays, with Kara Moss on Back, Katlin White on Breaststroke, Ava Wylie on Butterfly, and Rachel Harkins anchoring the Freestyle for the 3rd place squad, while Elise Easton, Cate Cerveny, Kristin Kight, and Artemisa De Jager filled out the 4th place squad.

The Boys also started very strong with a 1st and 5th place finish in the 200 yard Medley Relay with Keagan Firenza on Back, Dean Rathgeb on Breaststroke, Luke Reed on Butterfly, and Cole Oliphant anchoring the Freestyle Relay for the 1st place squad, while Gavin Beach, Jake Hyland, Will Moak and Andrew Askounis filled out the 5th place squad. In the other relays, the Girls took 2nd, 8th and 9th place in the 200 yard Freestyle Relays with Rachel Harkins, Kristin Kight, Kaitlyn White and Laura Powell in the 2nd place foursome, Jordan Kennedy, Ariana Zhuri, Ava Tummino and Leah Easton in the 8th place foursome, and Grace Stern, Cate Cerveny, Madi Baker and Artemisa De Jager rounding out the 9th place squad.

The Boys took 1st, 6th and 10th place in the 200 Free Relays with Cole Oliphant, Dean Rathgeb, Jake Hyland and Henry Genez in the 1st place foursome, Gavin Beach, Will Moak, Jack Brennan, and Cole Graydon in the 6th place foursome, and Chris Blundell, Eric Jackson, Ethan Everett and Callum Glover rounding out the 10th place squad. In the 400 Freestyle relays, the Boys also took 1st, 4th and 10th places with Henry Genez, Luke Reed, Dean Rathgeb and Keagan Firenza in the 1st place foursome, Jake Hyland, Andrew Askounis, Jack Brennan, and Cole Oliphant in the 4th place foursome, and Ethan Everett, Lucas Groves, Charlie Williams, and Jonathan Horton rounding out the 10th place squad. In the 400 yard Freestyle relays, the Girls took 3rd and 9th, with Kristin Kight, Ava Wylie, Laura Powell, and Kara Moss in the 3rd place foursome, and Eleanore Williams, Nicole Nop, Meggie Nop, and Jordan Kennedy rounding out the 9th place squad.

Individually, in the Girls' 200 Freestyle, Rachel Harkins took 6th, while Kaitlyn White, Elizabeth Baker, Elise Easton, and Jordan Kennedy took 9th, 12th, 13th and 14th places, respectively. In the Boys' 200 Freestyle, Henry Genez took 3rd, while Gavin Beach and Cole Graydon took the 11th and 12th places. In the grueling 200 Individual Medley Kristin Kight took 8th place, while Cate Cerveny, Ariana Zhuri, Ava Tummino took the 9th, 13th and 14th places, respectively. In the Men's 200 IM, Keagan Firenza took 4th, while Will Moak took 9th. In the 50 yard Freestyle, Kara Moss took 4th place, while Laura Powell finished

14th. On the Boy's side Lucas Groves took 8th in the 50 Freestyle, with Callum Glover, Scott Ashmore and Andrew Askounis finishing in the 10th, 11th and 15th spots.

For the 100 yard Butterfly, Kaitlyn White took 3rd place, while Ava Tummino and Artemisa De Jager took the 11th and 12th places. In the Boys 100 Butterfly, Callum Glover took 8th and Eric Jackson took 13th place. In the Girls 100 yard Freestyle Elise Easton took 12th place and Grace Stern took 15th place. On the Boys side in the 100 yard Freestyle, Luke Reed took 2nd place, with Jake Hyland in 6th, Scott Ashmore in 10th, Andrew Askounis in 12th, and Ethan Everett in 14th place.

In the grueling 500 yard Freestyle, Rachel Harkins finished strong with a 2nd place finish, while Madi Baker and Elizabeth Baker finished 5th and 8th. On the Boys side, in the 500 Freestyle, Henry Genez finished 3rd, with Keagan Firenza, Tyler Barber and Ethan Everett finishing 4th, 10th and 13th. In the Girls 100 yard Backstroke, Kara Moss finished 3rd, with Leah Easton finishing 8th. In the Boys 100 yard Backstroke, Luke Reed finished 8th, with Cole Oliphant and Cole Graydon finishing in the 10th and 13th places. In the Girls 100 yard Breaststroke, Meggie Nop finished 5th, with Grace Stern and Nicole Nop finishing in the 12th and 15th places. For the Boys 100 yard Breaststroke, Will Moak finished 4th, with Gavin Beach, Jonathan Horton and Chris Blundell finishing in 11th, 13th and 16th places, respectively.

Congratulations to all the Spartan Swimmers and Divers, a great match as we head into the final portions of the swim season and prepare for the Districts, Regions and State Championship.