

**Press Release for Ausin High Swimming
Westlake High School District Preview Sprint Meet
& Dripping Springs Fall Tri-Meet**

The Austin High School Swimming & Diving team recently started their season with two swim meets, the Westlake HS District Preview Sprint Meet on September 27 and the annual Dripping Springs Fall Tri Meet on October 3.

The AHS teams finished in fifth place in the WHS Sprint Meet. In Dripping Springs, the Austin boys finished in third while the girls finished in 2nd place. Austin head coach Ryan Goodwyn said he was extremely pleased with his team's performance in the first two competitions of the year, acknowledging that team scores were not the focus of either meet for his squad.

“At both meets, we had several key swimmers who were going to be out for a water polo tournament and some pre-planned vacations that families had scheduled for the four-day weekend. So, we knew going in that we weren't going to have our strongest line-up for these meets. But in a lot of ways, that freed us up to just race the lineups we had to the best of our abilities and see where we are to start the season without any pressure.”

That's exactly what the Maroons did. Goodwyn pointed out that at the Westlake meet, the Maroons had 52 individual races (not counting relays), 40 of which were new personal best times. For the Dripping Springs meet, they turned in 29 new personal best times out of 51 swims.

“67% of our swims at our first two meets were new personal best times, faster than anything those kids have swum before,” Goodwyn said. “That's a phenomenal way to start the season. It shows me that a lot of

these kids spent their summer working hard with their club and summer league teams. I'm excited to see what they achieve this year.”

Goodwyn was also quick to point out an achievement that might not show up on most meet result stat sheets. “We've made it through our first two meets of the year without having a single missed race. Usually, it takes some of our younger, newer swimmers a couple of meets to get the hang of keeping up with the schedule, knowing when they race, and showing up behind the blocks on time. We haven't had a single missed race yet. That shows me the older, more experienced kids are doing a great job of looking out for their new teammates, showing them the ropes, and taking care of each other. That's intangible stat that shows me a lot about this group as a coach, and I love it!”

The Maroons next competition will be the Belton ISD Quad Meet on October 8 at the Belton ISD Natatorium.

The following athletes were top 8 finalists in the Westlake Sprint Preview Meet

Georgia Henry (FR) – diving (2nd)
Mia Corbin (JR) – 200 medley relay (7th), 200 freestyle relay (4th)
Sora Jenkins (SR) – 200 medley relay (7th), 200 freestyle relay (4th), 50 breaststroke (6th)
Coco Crosby (JR) – 200 medley relay (7th), 50 backstroke (7th)
Madeleine Griebel (SR) – 200 medley relay (7th), 200 freestyle relay (4th)
Skylar Jones (SO) – 50 butterfly (4th)
Keelan Christman (SO) – 200 freestyle relay (4th)
Clyde Cowan (JR) – 200 freestyle relay (8th)
Keegan Holland (SO) – 200 freestyle relay (8th)
Pable del Riego (FR) – 200 freestyle relay (8th)
Davis Butler (JR) – 200 freestyle relay (8th)

The following athletes turned in top 3 finishes at the Dripping Springs Tri-Meet

Mia Corbin (JR) – 200 medley relay (2nd), 100 backstroke (1st), 400 freestyle relay (2nd)
Evie Plante (JR) – 200 medley relay (2nd), 200 freestyle relay (3rd), 100 breaststroke (1st)
Skylar Jones (SO) – 200 medley relay (2nd), 100 butterfly (3rd), 400 freestyle relay (2nd)
Coco Crosby (JR) – 200 medley relay (2nd), 50 freestyle (2nd), 200 freestyle relay (3rd)
Olvia Sicarelli (FR) – 200 individual medley (3rd), 400 freestyle relay (2nd)
Keelan Christman (SO) – 200 freestyle relay (3rd), 400 freestyle relay (2nd)
Lacey Dominguez (SR) – 200 freestyle relay (3rd), 100 breaststroke (2nd)
Kole Esselstyn (SR) – 200 medley relay (3rd), 400 freestyle relay (3rd)
Clyde Cowan (JR) – 200 medley relay (3rd), 200 freestyle relay (2nd)
Sam Dominguez (JR) – 200 medley relay (3rd), 100 butterfly (1st), 200 freestyle relay (2nd), 400 freestyle relay (3rd)
Evan Smith (JR) – 200 medley relay (3rd), 100 butterfly (2nd), 200 freestyle relay (2nd), 400 freestyle relay (3rd)
Davis Butler (JR) – 200 freestyle relay (2nd)
Owen Squires (SO) – 400 freestyle relay (3rd)