

Austin High Swimming Westlake Sprint Preview Meet Press Release

The Austin High Swimming and Diving team competed in the District 26-6A Sprint Preview Meet at Eanes ISD Natatorium on August 24th. The Lady Maroons finished in 5th place, just one point behind 4th place team Lake Travis, and the Maroon men finished in 4th place.

However, Austin head coach Ryan Goodwyn was eager to point out that team scores were not the focus of this meet for his team. “Our goals for this meet every year are to see where we are starting the year compared to last year and to get times for kids in multiple events. We didn’t even enter the mixed medley relays for those points because we already had all of our kids maxed out in other events that we wanted to see and get times for.”

Goodwyn pointed out that his swimmers showed a lot of growth from the previous year. “We have over 70% new best times at this meet,” Goodwyn said. “A lot of those are new personal bests because it was the first time those kids have done those events in a high school meet. But a lot of those new PBs were veterans who have improved a lot over the summer and are starting the year faster than they’ve ever been. That makes me very excited for the future.”

While Coach Goodwyn was hesitant to single out individual swimmers, there were several who made an impression. “If I start praising kids who did well, other kids will wonder why I didn’t mention them,” he said. “However, I’ve got to point out some highlights. Sophomore Maria Tyler seems to be coming off a great summer and is already significantly faster than last year across the board. Same thing for junior Owen Squires, sophomore Tyler Thompson, junior Keelan Christman, and senior Mia Corbin. It’s exciting when I see veteran kids starting the year faster than they’ve ever been in the past. That bodes well for our year!”

The Maroons also got a significant boost this year on the diving boards with three new freshman divers, and a returning junior Keegan Holland who has added diving to his swimming resume. Holland was the only athlete in the meet to compete in both diving and swimming. “I love that we have these kids who are willing to train for diving on their own with their local dive club and still come out to represent Austin High and support our team. Their points will be extremely needed and valuable when we get to districts and regionals in February.”

Goodwyn also pointed to several newcomers who look to make an immediate impact. “On top of our freshman divers who provided big finishes for us, we have several new swimmers who are going to be weapons in our arsenal this year,” he said. “I’m looking forward to seeing what Callie English and Ira Raven, two freshmen, and Luis Diaz, a new junior, bring to the team. They showed that they’re going to be key components for our lineup this season.”

The Maroons next competition will be at the Belton ISD Quad Invite on October 1st at Belton ISD Natatorium.

The following athletes finished in the top 8 scoring positions for the Maroons at this meet:

Mia Corbin (SR) - 200 medley relay (8th); 100 IM (4th); 200 freestyle relay (4th); 50 backstroke (6th); 50 breaststroke (8th)

Evan Smith (SR) - 200 medley relay (8th); 100 freestyle (6th); 50 freestyle (7th); 200 freestyle relay (4th)

Skylar Jones (JR) – 200 medley relay (8th); 50 butterfly (7th); 200 freestyle relay (4th)

Clyde Cowan (SR) – 200 medley relay (8th); 200 freestyle relay (4th)

Coco Crosby (SR) – 50 butterfly (5th); 200 freestyle relay (4th)

Sam Dominguez (SR) – 200 medley relay (8th); 200 freestyle relay (4th)

Keegan Hollans (JR) – diving (2nd)

Willam Bircher (FR) – diving (1st)

Iyla Davis (FR) – diving (3rd)

Alice Odom (FR) – diving (2nd)

Keelan Christman (JR) – 200 freestyle relay (4th)

Owen Squires (JR) – 200 freestyle relay (4th)