

Fairview claims 9 of 12 races at BCI meet

Knights keep their record perfect in county invitational

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Monarch's Audie Balue, right, hugs teammate Whitney Dougherty, who won the 100 breaststroke in Saturday's meet.

The Boulder County Invitational swim meet was held 18 times before this weekend, and Fairview owns all 18 of those titles.

The Knights took home their 19th championship Saturday, which was expected because of their depth. Except at this year's meet they showed just how much depth and domination they wield.

Meet most valuable swimmer Julie Giehl led the Knights to 750 points and the title, putting them 271 points ahead of the next team. The next team was Fairview's "B" squad. The Knights' second team finished ahead of any other school's first. The second-ranked Knights won nine of the 12 events, while Boulder won two and Monarch one. With that type of power at the meet, the Knights could work on earning other achievements besides their 19th title.

"One of our goals at this meet was to get 23 state qualifiers, and we did that," Fairview coach Bob Smartt said. "That's the largest number in school history, so it was good we got that."

The Panthers continued to make strides in slowly closing the gap between them and Fairview. Boulder took home wins in the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Ellie Shetter narrowly beat Fairview's Emily Scraggs in the 100 free. Both recorded official times of 55.24 seconds. Shetter's teammate, Sophie Allen, wasn't far behind in third and finished in 55.33.

Allen won the Panthers' other title. She claimed the 100 backstroke in 1:01.18. Both Shetter and Allen were also on the team that lost to Fairview in the 400 free relay. Allen's split of 54.22 seconds would have won the 100 free, and she did it in the last race of the day.

"They think they can come in and win every event, and it's a very good feeling to prove them wrong," Shetter said about the Knights. "We know all of them, and they know all of us. So it's a friendly rivalry and it's fun when we beat them. But what happens in the pool, stays in the pool."

The only non-Boulder or Fairview swimmer who won an event was Monarch's Whitney Dougherty. The freshman won the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.90, finishing ahead of her second-place teammate Whitney Fletcher, who recorded a time of 1:10.07. Dougherty was also second in the 200 IM.

She tied Scraggs for the freshmen of the meet award. They each scored 41 total points to finish tied for second in that category. Fairview freshman Mikella Zgliczynska scored 40 points, one of 11 freshmen who scored for Fairview.

"It's a really cool honor," Dougherty said about her 100 breaststroke win. "I've worked hard and it's good to see it pay off in my best event."

Giehl led the Knights' team effort and took home the meet's top scorer award as well with 44 points. The senior won the 200 freestyle, 500 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay and 400 freestyle relay. She finished the 500 in 5:06.98, just missing the meet record of 5:06.64, set by former Fairview star Sarah Fischer in 2004.

But Saturday's meet was just another on the way to the state meet on Feb. 15-17. Keeping their 19-for-19 streak going was good, but the Knights would like to dominate more than Boulder County.

"I'm a senior, and we've been going through a lot of things for the last time," Giehl said. "I would have liked the record in the 500 free, but the state meet is coming, and that's what we want to win."

Boulder County Invitational

Team scores — 1. Fairview 750; 2. Fairview "B" 479; 3. Boulder 457; 4. Monarch 324; 5. Broomfield 207; 6. Niwot 190; 7. Fairview "C" 164; 8. Silver Creek 114; 9. Skyline 55; 10. Longmont 45; 11. Boulder "B" 37; 12. Centaurus 35; 13. Monarch "B" 8; 14. Silver Creek "B", 4.

200-yard medley relay — 1. Fairview (Taylor Kitayama, Ellen Nazarenus, Sophie Lucas, Rachael Cazden), 1:52.58*; 2. Boulder, 1:53.94*; 3. Fairview, 1:56.64*; 4. Fairview, 1:56.94*; 5. Fairview, 1:58.77*; 6. Monarch, 1:59.02*.

200 freestyle — 1. Julie Giehl, Fairview, 1:57.17*; 2. Emily Scraggs, Fairview, 2:00.23*; 3. Julie Anderson, Fairview, 2:02.68*; 4. Jaclyn Best, Boulder, 2:02.72*; 5. Andrea Kacynski, Monarch, 2:04.16*; 6. Lindsay Braun, Fairview, 2:05.09*.

200 IM — 1. Mikella Zgliczynska, Fairview, 2:12.95*; 2. Whitney Dougherty, Monarch, 2:13.72*; 3. Sophie Lucas, Fairview, 2:14.95*' 4. Ellie Shetter, Boulder, 2:17.46*; 5. Lauren Rigg, Fairview, 2:18.14*; 6. Lauren Salisbury, Fairview, 2:18.87*.

50 freestyle — 1. Tasia DeMuth, Fairview, 25.85*; 2. Alex Kahn, Boulder, 25.96*; 3. Keeley Hernandez, Fairview, 25.99*; 4. Rachael Cazden, Fairview, 26.01*; 5. Lindsay Banning, Silver Creek, 26.18*; 6. Amanda Mika, Fairview, 26.52*.

Diving — 1. Cerny, Fairview, 398.5*; 2. Meisner, Broomfield, 385.95*; 3. Lionberger, Longmont, 374.5*; 4. Rhea Skyline, 364.40*; 5. Filer, Centaurus, 323.4*; 6. Grayson, Boulder, 310.45*.

100 butterfly — 1. Sophie Lucas, Fairview, 59.21*; 2. Kia Dobie, Broomfield, 59.50*; 3. Lauren Salisbury, Fairview, 1:01.03*; 4. Lauren Rigg, Fairview, 1:01.07*; 5. Jillian Smith, Fairview, 1:03.84*; 6. Tara DeMuth, Fairview, 1:03.94*.

100 freestyle — 1. Ellie Shetter, Boulder, 55.24*; 2. Emily Scraggs, Fairview, 55.24*; 3. Sophie Allen, Boulder, 55.33*; 4. Tasia DeMuth, Fairview, 55.81*; 5. Taylor Kitayama, Fairview, 56.82*; 6. Alex Kahn, Boulder, 57.42*.

500 freestyle — 1. Julie Giehl, Fairview, 5:06.98*; 2. Kia Dobie, Broomfield, 5:10.11; 3. Mikella Zgliczynska, Fairview, 5:14.43; 4. Julie Anderson, Fairview, 5:20.77*; 5. Jaclyn Best, Boulder, 5:21.58*; 6. Andrea Kacynski, Monarch, 5:32.55*.

200 freestyle relay — 1. Fairview (DeMuth, Keeley Hernandez, Rachael Cazden, Julie Giehl), 1:41.65*; 2. Fairview, 1:42.36*; 3. Boulder, 1:45.70*; 4. Fairview, 1:46.67*; 5. Niwot, 1:46.96*; 6. Fairview, 1:48.32*.

100 backstroke — 1. Sophie Allen, Boulder, 1:01.18*; 2. Taylor Kitayama, Fairview, 1:01.67*; 3. Erica Wood, Fairview, 1:04.58*; 4. Jenny McCoy, Fairview, 1:04.37*; 5. Lindsay Braun, Fairview, 1:05.27*; 6. Chloe Beaupre, Niwot, 1:06.77.

100 breaststroke — 1. Whitney Dougherty, Monarch, 1:07.90*; 2. Whitney Fletcher, Monarch, 1:10.07*; 3. Lindsay Banning, Silver Creek, 1:12.04*; 4. Kendra Dobie, Broomfield, 1:12.06*; 5. Mackenzie Cooke, Boulder, 1:12.45*; 6. Ellen Nazarenus, Fairview, 1:13.34*.

400 freestyle relay — 1. Fairview (Lauren Rigg, DeMuth, Emily Scraggs, Julie Giehl), 3:41.24*; 2. Boulder, 3:44.78*; 3. Fairview, 3:49.17*; 4. Broomfield, 3:56.71*; 5. Fairview, 3:57.67*; 6. Fairview, 4:01.22*.

* State-qualifying mark