

# Fairview swim team third at Colorado Invite

## Cazden leads way with career best in 50 freestyle

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LOVELAND -- The Fairview girls swim team wanted to use Saturday's Colorado Invitational as a gauge to see the progress its made this season and the Knights' third-place finish showed them what still needs to be done for the rest of the season.

"We need to pay a better attention to detail," Fairview coach Bob Smartt said after the meet at Mountain View High School.

Knights senior Rachael Cazden showed that she has paid attention already this season. Cazden raced to a second-place finish in the 50 freestyle and set a career best along the way.

"The fact that I was able to get down to 24 (seconds), I've never been able to get down to 24 except for today," Cazden said. "That for me is just a humongous accomplishment."

Chatfield's Shelley Perkins won the 50 freestyle in 24 seconds flat, while Cazden checked in at 24.57.

Cazden was also part of the Knights team that finished third in the 200 freestyle relay, behind Cherry Creek and Regis.

That was the same order for team finishes in the 5A scoring. Cherry Creek tallied 215 points, while Regis collected 189 and Fairview had 151.5.

The meet also included teams from 4A, making the competition much tougher.

"There are a lot of strong 4A swimmers so I actually think the state meet will be a little less competitive," Fairview senior standout Lauren Rigg said. "This meet was one of the toughest of the season."

Broomfield's Kia Dobie was second in the 100 butterfly with a time of 58.21 seconds. Rock Canyon's Taylor Curado won the event in 55.82.

As a team, Broomfield finished third in 4A behind Rock Canyon and Cheyenne Mountain. Silver Creek was eighth and Niwot was 10th.

Back in 5A, Boulder finished eighth. Panthers Sophie Allen and Siobhan Hengemuhle turned in solid performances.

"Siobhan had a key race in the 50 free finishing in the top 5," Boulder head coach Curt Colby said. "We had some great, gutsy performances especially the last relay going from 7th to 4th."

Monarch finished 10th in the 5A team scoring.