

Preps Knights 2nd at state for 5th year in row

Fairview's 200 free relay team wins state title

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5A State Swimming at EPIC



FORT COLLINS, Colo. — The Fairview girls swim team proved once again the Knights are a perennial power in the state after a fifth consecutive second-place finish at the Class 5A state championships on Saturday.

The Knights used a first-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay, which also set a school record, and rode the back of junior Lauren Rigg en route to a team score of 331 points, 38 behind state champion Cherry Creek.

Fairview's 200 free relay team of Shirin Sedaghat, Emily Scraggs, Tasia DeMuth and Rachael Cazden clocked a winning time of 1 minute, 36.59 seconds.

Rigg, meanwhile, wrapped up her junior year with a third-place finish in the 200 medley relay, a second-place finish in the 200 individual medley, a fourth-place finish in the 100 butterfly and a third-place finish in the 400 freestyle relay.

"I thought we had a great relay and it's awesome that we placed third," Rigg said. "I am just ecstatic about my IM. I didn't actually know that I was an IM swimmer, so I only started swimming in it in the past couple months and it's amazing that I could do that."

Fairview coach Bob Smartt liked the way his team performed, especially the freshmen. Kourtney Fosse finished fifth in the 100 breaststroke, in which she will be considered for All-American status, Elizabeth Anderson was seventh in the 500 freestyle and Mary Scraggs came in eighth in the 200 individual medley.

Rigg wasn't the only city swimmer to succeed, Boulder senior Sophie Allen held her own as well.

Allen concluded her high school career by finishing, ninth in the 50 freestyle, third in the 200 freestyle relay, fourth in the 100 backstroke and sixth in the 400 freestyle relay, leading her team to a fourth-place finish.

"I had a lot of fun in my last high school meet ever," Allen said. "That is the most girls (Boulder) has ever brought back to finals. They have such a good positive attitude and I am so happy I got the chance to swim with all of them."

Not be left out, Monarch finished in the top 10 at eighth.

Monarch sophomore Anna Labozan was a big part of Monarch's success. Labozan raced to a third-place finish in the 200 freestyle relay, second in the 100 yard freestyle and 10th in the 400 freestyle relay.

"I am just really excited, I didn't expect to go as fast as I did," Labozan said. "I am just really excited that I got consideration All-American in my 200 free and automatic All-American in my 100. We had about five swimmers today, while others had about 20, I think a top-10 finish would be perfect and it would show how hard we all worked."