

# Smartt's squad back for more

## Rigg will lead charge for state runner-up Fairview

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For the Fairview girls swim team, building upon the success of last year's second-place finish at state will be no easy task.

Returning 10 swimmers who qualified individually for state will make the challenge a little easier, however.

"We're all about depth. Our only real star is Lauren Rigg but we also have a good freshman class who are working very hard," Fairview head coach Bob Smartt said. "We have over 80 girls on the team and when you crank the machine you end up with kids at the top of the pyramid because you've got a big base at the bottom."

The Knights are paced by Rigg, a junior, who returns as the defending state champ in the 100 butterfly and also finished seventh in the 200 individual medley.

Rigg is hoping for the same success as last year's team and views a top finish at state as an attainable goal.

"I'm hoping to match last year," Rigg said. "For the team, I want the same number of girls at state, the same success. Bob (Smartt) always hopes we can do something amazing and pull out on top."

Rigg doesn't let the success get to her and is the first one to shine the spotlight to someone else.

"I think there are plenty of other girls who are leaders and are motivational," Rigg said. "I hope I am motivational but we all support and motivate each other."

Senior Tasia DeMuth is one of those girls that Rigg shares the spotlight with when it comes to her teammates.

DeMuth, who finished eighth in the 50 freestyle race at state last year, considers herself a leader because of her seniority and her optimistic outlook.

"I can lead by having a really positive personality and trying to push people by doing well myself," DeMuth said. "I am leading by example, basically."

**Boulder**

Boulder coach Curt Colby is hoping for the same success from his relay swimmers who paced the team last season at state.

With the combination of finishing first in the 200 medley relay, and fourth in both the 200 and 400 freestyle races, Colby hopes this year's team can have the same strength.

"Absolutely we have strong relays -- our team is strong," Colby said. "We also have a strong diving team with the girls being on the team for a number of years and they continue to improve."

Boulder will have a number of impressive swimmers, but none more so than senior Sophie Allen.

Allen, who has already committed to swim at the University of Maryland, will look to build upon her second-place finish at state last year in the 100 backstroke.

Other swimmers to watch for this year are: sophomore Kalina Grabb, junior Jaclyn Best, who is also a returning state qualifier, and senior Karen Sherrier on the diving team.

## **Monarch**

The expectations are high at Monarch this year as the Coyotes try to repeat as Front Range League champions.

The addition of both Boulder and Fairview to the league, however, will create a challenge for the Coyotes.

"Our goal is to finish in the top 10 at state this year and qualify 20 girls. We want to repeat as Front Range League champs," Monarch coach Jay Weerman said. "With Boulder and Fairview though, it's going to be tough. Fairview is usually a perennial powerhouse. But we're up for the challenge."

Monarch will be paced by junior Whitney Dougherty who swims the 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke, senior Whitney Fletcher, who swims back and breaststroke, and sophomore Anna Labozen in the 50 freestyle.