

Rigg, Colby garner honors

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Fairview girls swimming coach Bob Smartt knew when Lauren Rigg swam a junior national-qualifying time in the 200-yard butterfly at a club meet in Texas this season that his junior had a fast state meet ahead of her.

"The 200 fly is a brutal race that scares about 99 percent of all swimmers," Smartt says. "Once Lauren mastered the 200 fly, then the 100 fly at state seemed like a breeze."

Rigg came off the pace and raced to victory in the 100 fly at the Class 5A state meet in an All-American consideration time of 57.50 seconds. She also placed seventh in the 200 individual medley and swam legs on Fairview's 200 and 400 free relays that got third, helping the Knights to their fourth-straight runner-up finish.

For her accomplishments, Rigg has been named the Camera's All-Region Girls Swimmer of the Year.

Rigg finished second to Fairview teammate Sophie Lucas in the 100 fly at the Boulder County Invitational in the middle of the season, and she entered state seeded just third in the event. She had only the sixth-fastest qualifying time in prelims. But in the finals she reeled in the field over the second half of the race to win.

Seeded 14th in the 200IM entering state, she also rose to the occasion.

"Lauren is able to swim big at the important meets," says Smartt, who believes several Ivy League schools will be recruiting his studious speedster next year. "Lauren turns on the jets when Fairview is most in need."

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In his 10th year at the helm, Boulder High girls coach Curt Colby guided the Panthers to their first top-5 finish ever at a state meet.

For the feat, Colby has been named the Camera's Girls Swimming Coach of the Year.

In addition to their fourth-place team finish, Colby's Panthers also grabbed their first relay state title in school history with a victory in the 200 medley relay.



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