

Cougars grab 3rd at MVC swim meet

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Kennedy, Linn-Mar, Washington and Jefferson could have put an all-star team together Saturday and still not have won the Mississippi Valley Conference swim meet.

That's how strong the MVC is with some of the top teams and top individuals in the state.

The Cedar Falls Tigers, ranked No. 2 in the state, captured seven events Saturday and claimed the conference title with 436 points in the 12-team field.

Iowa City West, which is ranked No. 6, finished second with 388 markers.

The Kennedy Cougars, who are ranked No. 8, had to settle for third place behind Cedar Falls and Iowa City West with 290 points.

Kennedy Coach John Ross said he was not discouraged or frustrated by the third-place showing, considering the stiff competition.

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"Oh, no no no," he said emphatically. "I love the competition. That's how you get better. You have to swim against the best to be the best."

"I'm real happy," he said. "The girls' goal was to try and place in the top three, and they were able to do that."

Dubuque Senior won three events and Iowa City West claimed two victories, which did not leave any titles for anyone else.

Jessica Schmeiser had a productive day for Kennedy by finishing second in the 200 freestyle relay, third in the 100 freestyle, fourth in the 400 freestyle relay and fifth in the 200 freestyle.

Schmeiser, Sam Jacobsen, Megan Berst and Hannah Botkin swam a swift 1:42.16 in the 200 freestyle relay, but Dubuque Senior set a conference meet record with a winning time of 1:40.54.

Jacobsen collected a pair of third-place medals for Kennedy in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Botkin finished third in the 50 freestyle. The Linn-Mar Lions, who are ranked 11th in the state, tied for fourth in the team standings with Dubuque Senior. The Lions placed third in the 200 medley relay with Lizzie Adams, Lauren Dalecky, Alexa Klimes and Samantha Fitzgerald.

The Washington Warriors, who are ranked 19th in the state, tied for sixth in the team standings with Dubuque Wahlert. Jackie Hughes finished third in the 200 individual medley, fourth in the 500 freestyle and fifth in the 400 freestyle relay with McKenzie Asplund, Maddie Dietz and Jackie Allen.

The Jefferson J-Hawks finished 11th.

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Cedar Falls 436, 2. Iowa City West 388, 3. Kennedy 290, 4. (tie) Linn-Mar 235; Dubuque Senior 235; 6. (tie) Washington 155; Dubuque Wahlert 155; 8. Dubuque Hempstead 120, 9.

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Iowa City High 88, 10. Waterloo West 68, 11. Jefferson 53, 12. Waterloo East 32.

WINNERS

Diving - Jacintha Thomas, IC West, 412.10
200 Medley Relay - Cedar Falls 1:52.55
200 Freestyle - Brittany Moffatt, Cedar Falls, 1:56.73
200 IM - Catherine Sell, Cedar Falls, 2:12.92
50 Freestyle - Molly Lembezeder, Dubuque Sr, 24.73
100 Butterfly - Catherine Sell, Cedar Falls, 1:00.88
100 Freestyle - Molly Lembezeder, Dubuque Sr, 53.25
500 Freestyle - Brittany Moffatt, Cedar Falls, 5:13.35
200 Freestyle Relay - Dubuque Senior 1:40.54 (MVC meet record)
100 Backstroke - Aftin Phylfe, Cedar Falls, 1:00.79
100 Breaststroke - Savannah Butler, IC West, 1:08.03
400 Freestyle Relay - Cedar Falls 3:39.15

KENNEDY PLACEWINNERS

Top 6

2nd - 200 freestyle relay (Jessica Schmeiser, Sam Jacobsen, Megan Berst, Hannah Botkin)
1:42.16
3rd - Sam Jacobsen, 200 freestyle, 2:01.67
3rd - Hannah Botkin, 50 freestyle, 25.77
3rd - Jessica Schmeiser, 100 freestyle, 56.34
3rd - Sam Jacobsen, 100 backstroke, 1:03.52
4th - 200 medley relay (Henna McCoy, Amanda Jacobsen, Michele Wasta, Hannah Botkin)
1:58.60
4th - 400 freestyle relay (Sam Jacobsen, Lydia Yang, Carly Kenney, Jessica Schmeiser)
3:52.23
5th - Jessica Schmeiser, 200 freestyle, 2:03.56
6th - Hannah Botkin, 100 freestyle, 57.81
6th - Henna McCoy, 100 backstroke, 1:05.97

LINN-MAR PLACEWINNERS

Top 6

3rd - 200 medley relay (Lizzie Adams, Lauren Dalecky, Alexa Klimes, Samantha Fitzgerald)
1:57.13
5th - Alyssa Deuso, diving, 339.30
5th - 200 freestyle relay (Samantha Fitzgerald, Lauren Dalecky, Paige Broghammer, Lizzie Adams) 1:47.53
5th - Lizzie Adams, 100 backstroke, 1:05.62
6th - Lizzie Adams, 50 freestyle, 26.48
6th - Stephanie Jenks, 500 freestyle, 5:31.12
6th - Lauren Dalecky, 100 breaststroke, 1:13.85
6th - 400 freestyle relay (Stephanie Jenks, Lauren Reynolds, Alexa Klimes, Kelly Wingerson)
3:57.42

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WASHINGTON PLACEWINNERS

Top 6

3rd - Jackie Hughes, 200 IM, 2:15.66

4th - Jackie Hughes, 500 freestyle, 5:28.76

5th - 400 freestyle relay (McKenzie Asplund, Maddie Dietz, Jackie Allen, Jackie Hughes)
3:56.37