

Prosper Eagles Swim and Dive Looked Strong at Frisco ISD Invitational



Recently, the Prosper Eagles Swim and Dive teams joined 22 area teams for the Frisco ISD Invitational at the Bruce Eubanks Natatorium in Frisco, TX. The meet format allowed some of the top talent in the metroplex to put their mid-season training to the test. Prosper Men's and Women's teams both came out on top with the men's team scoring 361.5 points to beat out Wakeland High School and the women's team scoring 368 points to beat out Reedy High School.

The Prosper Divers brought their spirit and talent to the meet. Competing for the girls were freshmen Shawanna Caliva and Haley Fein who finished 10th with 255 points and sophomore Myka Sullivan who finished 16th with 234 points. On the boys' side, sophomore diver, Parker Burton, who's favorite dive is the 2.5 front flip, brought home a first place finish for the Eagles, scoring a total of 325 points in the 11-dive meet. Freshman teammate, John Dymond placed 6th with 269 points. He shared, "While we all work hard and visualize our next dive while waiting our turn, we make sure to cheer each other on and push each other to do better."

Another exciting moment came in the Boys 100 Backstroke. Freshman swimmer, Ethan Hogan, who favors Backstroke went into the event seeded 6th, but feeling strong. At the finish, he out touched

First Place Finishes:

Jenna Kerkman: 100 Free
Parker Burton: 1 M Diving
Mithuun Ramesh: 200 IM
Ethan Hogan: 100 Back

Second Place Finishes:

Katie Kieffer: 100 Butterfly

Third Place Finishes:

Justice Hunt: 200 Free
Alex Schulze: 50 Free



Independence High School's Josh Leonhardt to win the race and set a new Prosper High School record finishing in a time of 56.00. Speaking with Ethan after the meet, he was "surprised to find I had won and was excited to set a new Prosper Record, now I want to focus on lowering the record before the season ends."

When it came to the relay events, Prosper's talent and depth were definitely on display. And, in a sport that is dominated by individual events, the relays provide a time for teammates to combine their talents and enjoy the thrill of achieving a shared goal. For freshman, Kadence Griffin the relays bring an exciting pressure, "I need to do my best not just for myself, but for my teammates." Senior, Ana Hernandez Flores had this to say about relays, "My favorite event is the 400 Free Relay because it's the last event of the meet and it's usually when Coach Milne tells us which team we need to beat in order to win the points race. We all get pumped up and our teammates line up on the side of the pool and cheer their hearts out."

Clearly, all that cheering and support worked! Caroline Egger, Katie Kieffer, Ana Hernandez Flores, and Victoria Evans put up strong swims to win the 200 Free Relay while Victoria Evans, Ana Hernandez Flores, Ella Keffer, and Jenna Kerkman teamed up to finish second in the 400 Free Relay. Additionally, Caroline Egger, Katie Kieffer, Jenna Kerkman, and Victoria Evans placed 3rd in the 200 Medley Relay. Competing for the boys, Ethan Hogan, Saxon Boring, Mithuun Ramesh, and Justice Hunt took 2nd in the Medley Relay and Mithuun Ramesh, Ethan Hogan, Alexander Schulze, and Justice Hunt pulled together to finish 2nd in the 400 Free Relay.

The Prosper Swim and Dive teams continue their season with the Dallas Cup and TISCA meets.