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GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING CLASS 2A STATE MEET

Edina goes a step further

Hometeam break school mark with fourth consecutive state title.

By HEATHER RULE Special to Star Tribune

The Edina girls' swimming and diving team is no stranger to state titles. It won its fourth consecutive Class 2A championship Saturday, a program first.

A solid performance in the preliminaries put Edina in a good position to do so.

"We were fortunate to have a really good day on Friday," Edina coach Jeff Macca said. "Today is what it's all for."

The Hornets won the meet with 344 points at the University of Minnesota. It was their fourth consecutive year with 300 points. Eden Prairie finished third with 205.

Macca praised Minnetonka on its effort, as the Skippers won five events and swept all three relays. Despite winning only two individual events, Edina had depth and placed in the top eight 19 times across all events but the breaststroke.

"And our kids just rose to the occasion," Macca said. "Everybody knew that they had to concentrate some way, somehow. And that's what we did."

Edina has won three consecutive titles three times, including 2012-14. It has a total of 15 in its Class 2A.

Hornets coach Claudia Chang said she was proud of her team's performance. "I'm just so excited to go one-two with Katie," Chang said. "I've trained with her all season. Just to see all the hard work pay off is really satisfying."

Chang also took fourth in the 200 free and swam the second leg of the



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GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING CLASS 1A STATE MEET

Visitation makes it seven straight titles

Deep squad scored points in every event but diving.

By HEATHER RULE Special to the Star Tribune

Visitation, in winning its seventh consecutive Class 1A girls' swimming and diving title Saturday, will accomplish something it hadn't done since the 2000 meet.

It won an individual event in the finals.

"On paper it looks good, but you never know until they do it," Visitation coach Nate Linscheid said.

The team of senior Kati Fischer, senior Elinor Glass, senior Lucy Berg and senior Alex Hoffman won the 500 free in the first event Saturday.

Edina finished as the runner-up for a third consecutive year, scoring 250 points while winning seven events. Delano and Sauk Centre tied for third with 141 points each.

Hutchinson sophomore Grace Hanson won the 50 free for the third time. She tied the Class 1A record with a time of 22.79 seconds. She had it been her goal to get the state record and "really exciting to actually get on the same time."

"Obviously she's 50% always there, so I just give it everything I've got," Hanson said. "I honestly don't close my eyes and I just go."

Hanson, who also won the 100 free in Class 1A, swam the first leg of the 400 free relay and set another record with 10 minutes, 20 seconds to set a fourth consecutive year.

She and teammates Madison White, Halle Farrell and Lexi Kaurer broke their own record from Friday's preliminaries (8:20:00) with a 3:26.1 in the final.

Hutchinson also won the 200 freestyle and the 400 free. Senior Olivia Motter of Boonville won the diving title with 418.30 points.

RESULTS

SATURDAY

ROCKY GIES

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