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Welcome to the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center for the GHSA State Swimming and Diving Championships, one of the largest events on the GHSA calendar. Thank you for your attendance and participation at this wonderful event. There have been remarkable performances throughout this season, and it is expected that many of those performances will be surpassed this week.

I want to thank the large number of people who have worked hard all season processing the data that drives competitive swimming and diving. GHSA Associate Director Dennis Payne and GHSA Swimming Coordinator Andy Cowart have provided leadership throughout the year.

A meet of this magnitude requires a great deal of planning and a great many volunteer

workers. The GHSA is extremely appreciative of the work that Franke Marsden and Matt Murphy have put into planning and staffing this event. We also appreciate the work done by our Swimming and Diving judges and officials.

I hope that you will enjoy your experience at this year's meets. Please notice the signs that display the corporate partners that help the GHSA put on quality championship events. If you have the opportunity to support these groups, please do so.

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Ralph Swearngin
GHSA Executive Director

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 11

9:00 a.m.

AAAAA Swimming Prelims

A/AA/AAA/AAAA Boys Diving (Rounds 1-8)

12:30 p.m.

A/AA/AAA/AAAA Girls Diving (Rounds 1-8)

5:30 p.m.

Boys A/AA/AAA/AAAA Diving (Final 3 Rounds)

6:30 p.m.

A/AA/AAA/AAAA Swimming Prelims

7:15 p.m.

A/AA/AAA/AAAA Girls Diving (Final 3 Rounds)

Saturday, February 12

10:00 am

AAAAA Boys Diving

12:00 noon

AAAAA Girls Diving

1:00 p.m.

Swim Finals – AAAAA

6:00 p.m.

Swim Finals – AAAA/AAA/AA/A

ORDER OF SWIM EVENTS

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| 1. 200-yard Medley Relay | 5. 1-meter Diving | 9. 200-yard Freestyle Relay |
| 2. 200-yard Freestyle | 6. 100-yard Butterfly | 10. 100-yard Backstroke |
| 3. 200-yard Individual Medley | 7. 100-yard Freestyle | 11. 100-yard Breaststroke |
| 4. 50-yard Freestyle | 8. 500-yard Freestyle | 12. 400-yard Freestyle Relay |

TV AND WEB

The swimming finals on Saturday, February 12 will video stream live on GHSA.tv. The AAAAA finals will be from 1:00 - 4:00 pm with the A - AAAA finals from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. The diving finals will be available on demand on GHSA.tv. The state meet will also be available on Comcast On Demand and Charter on Demand in the Get Local and High School Sports section. DVDs will be available to order at GHSA.tv.

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SEAN CONWAY



Traditional powers Brookwood and Lassiter try to rule the pool again

When the competition for the Georgia high school state swimming and diving championships begins to get wet on Thursday at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center (GTAC), the favorites will be very familiar to swim fans. In Class 5A, the Brookwood boys will be aiming to win their fourth consecutive state crown. On the girls side, Lassiter is also aiming for their fourth in a row.

THE CHALK ...

Brookwood head coach Greg Puckett does not expect his boys team to easily swim away from the competition. When Score Atlanta asked him about the challenge of repeating in 2011, he was very upfront.

"We graduated a strong group of seniors last year," he said. "Those seniors, plus the strong group of swimmers that are currently on the team, made for a very strong and very deep team last year. The team this year has some very strong swimmers that will do well, but we don't have the overwhelming depth that we have had in the past."

While he is hopeful, he is not taking the competition for granted. "The state meet this year will be a very close and competitive one with potentially any of four or five teams end-

ing up as state champion," he added.

Among those teams looking to knock off the Broncos are Northview, Parkview, Lassiter and Peachtree Ridge. For other contenders, look for the Class 5A schools from the northern Atlanta suburbs to represent well. Some of the meet's individual headliners include Ken Bolton (Brookwood), Ricky Lehner (Parkview), Allen Browning (Alpharetta), Matias Kotski (Northview) and Mike McCarthy (Lassiter).

HEAD FIRST ...

While the swimmers do their thing in one pool, the state's top divers may also have a say in the final standings. Alpharetta is deep and well-balanced, with four qualifiers in the one-meter competition. Parkview and Peachtree Ridge will be represented by three divers each. Peachtree Ridge senior John Marsh will be closing his career out at state, but his brother Josh, a freshman, is diving in what he hopes will be the first of four Class 5A championships.

TROJAN DYNASTY ...

In girls action, Lassiter coach Glenn Meeden is well aware that his team will not

walk into the GTAC unnoticed.

"I feel the biggest thing against us (winning the title) is that everyone knows the history and strength of our program, especially the girls and their current three-peat," said Meeden. "It makes every other team out there want to crank it up a notch. They want to swim at an even higher level to knock off our team."

The Lady Trojans coach is well aware that many quality programs are more than capable of knocking Lassiter off the coveted top-spot on the podium. "There are a lot of high quality teams out there in the 5A level," he said. "(It) makes for a great state meet."

The list of teams looking to end Lassiter's coveted four-for-four party wouldn't surprise the serious swim fan. East Cobb rival Walton (last year's runner-up) is deeper than the diving well at the GTAC. Teams from north Fulton and Gwinnett also have their sights set on the Lady Trojans.

Leading the Trojans is a trio of seniors, Samantha Bosma, Kim Carducci and Shannon O'Malley. After the meet, all three swimmers will transition from their high school team to Division I NCAA programs.

The girls diving portion of the meet

will have somewhat of a South Georgia twist. Brookwood and Northview have multiple qualifiers, but the Colquitt County squad will be the most watched. Three divers from the Moultrie school will contend for a podium finish. They are led by sophomore Mary Ann Kirkland. In January, Kirkland won the Metro Atlanta Meet at Westminster. She bested a strong field of divers from Atlanta area private schools including Westminster, Wesleyan, Marist and St. Pius X.

Some things are a given this week at state: there's no need for discussion. Everyone knows the GTAC venue will be world class. Not only does Tech host college meets in the pool, it was the site for the aquatic events in the 1996 Olympics. With Georgia prep swimming being so competitive, records will be certainly broken. Obviously, future NCAA swimmers will be everywhere, and the traditional powers will compete fiercely and swim well. As these teams compete, the only tough question to answer is: which four teams will be crowned state champions after the last touch?

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CLASS A/AA/AAA/AAAA

ATA GLANCE

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DREW COLLINS



Marist, Westminster lead deep field as Woodward, GAC, Wesleyan provide challenge

It's time to hand out the big trophies.

Close to 1,000 swimmers and divers from across the state will compete for the chance to take home the Class A-AAAA crown for both boys and girls.

HISTORY LESSON ...

Traditional powers Westminster and Marist have dominated the sports of swimming and diving throughout Georgia high school history. Westminster won the girls title in 1999, then six times in a row from 2001 to 2006.

The Marist girls won the title in 2000 and have been champions the last four years. Overall the Westminster girls own 19 state titles, while the Marist girls have six.

The Wildcat and War Eagle boys teams have had recent success as well, with Westminster winning six titles in a row from 2003 to 2008, matching the girls' best such title run.

The Marist boys bookended the Westminster streak with a three-year streak of their own from 2000 to 2002, and then a championship in 2009.

Overall, the Westminster boys have 22

swimming and diving titles. Marist is looking to add to its seven total titles after coming up short against Greater Atlanta Christian last year.

GETTING HERE ...

In the qualifiers, the Westminster girls finished with the best times in seven events.

Sophomore standout Nicole Stafford placed first in the qualifiers in the 200 Freestyle, 100 Butterfly, 100 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle Relay and 100 Back Stroke for Westminster. She also placed third in the 200 Individual Medley, and seventh in the 50 Freestyle.

The Westminster boys placed well also, putting an individual or relay team in the top 25 of every event. The Marist girls have an individual or relay team in the top 10 of all but one event, and the Marist boys have an individual or relay team in the top 25 of all but one event.

DARK HORSES ...

Some other schools that could be considered favorites heading into the meet are Woodward Academy, Wesleyan and defend-

ing boys champion Greater Atlanta Christian.

The Woodward Academy boys team, who have not won a state title since 1987, only placed three individuals or relay teams in the top 15 of the qualifiers. However, the girls team put individuals or relay teams in the top 15 in nine of 11 events.

Even more impressive, freshman standout Caitlin Cooper of Woodward Academy tied Katherine Huff of Lakeside, Evans for the best overall qualifying time in the 50 Freestyle race with a time of 24.30 sec.

The Wesleyan boys are making a strong push for their first state title in school history, led by the duo of junior Anthony McMurray, who holds the top spot in the 100 and 200 Freestyle races, and senior Michael Reynolds. Overall, the Wesleyan boys have a top five qualifier in all but one event.

The Greater Atlanta Christian boys and girls teams did not dominate in the qualifiers, but placed individuals or relay teams in the top 25 of almost every event. Senior Madison Peters could help lead the GAC girls to their first state title with some strong individual

performances.

If the boys want to repeat, upperclassmen Chase Flint and Devyn Hughes could provide a spark to their team in the 200 meter races.

Other teams that may not have stood out in the qualifiers but could derail favorites Westminster and Marist are the Chattahoochee Cougars, whose boys team placed in the top 10 of a few events, and the Dunwoody Wildcats, who could also sneak up on some schools in the individual girls races.

Lakeside, DeKalb, having just had its streak of 14 consecutive county girls titles ended by Dunwoody last month, also did well in the qualifiers and is a threat to win a state title.

In diving, Marist qualified an impressive seven girls and six boys. No school came close to matching the 13 total qualifiers Marist is fielding. While Marist has numbers on its side, look for St. Pius X to challenge them in the boys diving, and Westminster in the girls.

Warm-ups are set to begin at 7 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, with the finals starting at 6 p.m.

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GHSA STATE SWIMMING AND DIVING RECORDS

BOYS

Event	School	Year	Time	Name
200 Medley Relay	Westminster	2008	1:34.00	Miller Douglas, Matt Lunati, Adlai Pappy, Chris Faux
200 Free	Centennial	2003	1:38.17	Wesley Flatt
200 Ind. Medley	Parkview	2002	1:47.86	Eric Shanteau
50 Free	Heritage-Conyers	2009	20.46	Nathaniel Eisenman
Diving (1m)	Colquitt County	2007	615.00 ^	Ryan Helms
100 Butterfly	Lakeside-DeKalb	2009	48.86	Jack Lane
100 Free	Centennial	2003	44.90	Wesley Flatt
500 Free	GAC	2009	4:19.32*	Will Freeman
200 Free Relay	Shiloh	1994	1:25.38	Brock Newman, Steve Lewter, Steven Simonton, Shawn McNew
100 Back	Marist	2000	48.42	Peter Marshall
100 Breast	Sprayberry	2006	56.02	Dillon Connolly
400 Free Relay	Parkview	2002	3:08.22	Eric Shanteau, John Millen, Michael Miller, Mike Kauffman

GIRLS

Event	School	Year	Time	Name
200 Medley Relay	Brookwood	2009	1:45.04	Jana Mangimelli, Anna Springer, Haley Holcombe, Meghan Faulkner
200 Free	Westminster	2004	1:46.32*	Elizabeth Hill
200 Ind. Medley	Marist	2008	1:57.41*	Kathleen Hersey
50 Free	Brookwood	2003	22.91	Amanda Weir
Diving (1m)	Colquitt Co.	2007	534.35 ^	Kelsey Goodman
100 Butterfly	Marist	2008	52.44*	Kathleen Hersey
100 Free	Brookwood	2004	49.06	Amanda Weir
500 Free	Westminster	2004	4:40.93	Elizabeth Hill
200 Free Relay	Walton	2009	1:35.59	Jessica Graber, Mary Rose Palermo, Adrienne Pilchard, Erin Reisinger
100 Back	Walton	2009	53.71	Erin Reisinger
100 Breast	Westminster	2008	1:02.12	Layne Brodie
400 Free Relay	Brookwood	2009	3:26.54	Allyson Sweeney, Kelsey Gouge, Meghan Faulkner, Jana Mangimelli

2001-10 PAST CHAMPIONS

TOTAL TITLES PER SCHOOL

Year	BOYS		GIRLS	
	AAAAA	AAAA/AAA/AA/A	AAAAA	AAAA/AAA/AA/A
2001	Parkview	Marist	Brookwood	Westminster
2002	Parkview	Marist	Brookwood	Westminster
2003	Parkview	Westminster	Brookwood	Westminster
2004	Collins Hill	Westminster	Brookwood	Westminster
2005	Collins Hill	Westminster	Lassiter	Westminster
2006	Parkview	Westminster	Centennial	Westminster
2007	Parkview	Westminster	Northview	Marist
2008	Brookwood	Westminster	Lassiter	Marist
2009	Brookwood	Marist	Lassiter	Marist
2010	Brookwood	GAC	Lassiter	Marist

BOYS		GIRLS	
22 Westminster	2 Collins Hill	19 Westminster	4 Lassiter
15 Woodward Acad./GMA	2 Shiloh	6 Dunwoody	2 Parkview
11 Athens	1 Blue Ridge	6 Lakeside-DeKalb	2 Peachtree
8 Parkview	1 Chattahoochee	6 Marist	1 Americus
7 Boys High	1 Dalton	5 Decatur	1 Centennial
7 Marist	1 Pope	4 Brookwood	1 Northside-WR
4 Dunwoody	1 Savannah	4 Chattahoochee	1 Northview
3 Brookwood	1 Walton	3 Briarcliff	1 Walton
2 Cedar Shoals	1 GAC	3 North Fulton	

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THOMAS WATSON



Georgia Tech Aquatic Center welcomes the 2011 GHSA Swimming and Diving Championships

The Georgia Tech Aquatic Center will house the 2010-2011 GHSA state championships and the pool has had its fair share of champions swimming through its waters over the years. The 1996 Olympic swimming, diving and synchronized swimming events all took place at the GTAC as well as countless other swimming and diving championship meets. Now, high school swimmers from around the state will get their chance to make history in this very same pool. With the state championships being held at the GTAC, it gives high school kids a chance to swim in a top-notch pool.

"We are excited to have this meet at our facility," said Michael Edwards, the Director of the Campus Recreation Department at Georgia Tech.

Edwards has been involved with the Aquatic Center since the inception of the idea in 1992. "I've been here since the beginning."

GETTING STARTED ...

The construction of the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center was completely funded by the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. It cost \$21 million to complete the 1,900-seat

main stadium that includes a competition swimming pool and diving pool. Construction began in 1994 and was completed in time to hold its first event in August of 1995, which was the seventh Synchronized Swimming World Cup. Georgia Tech's first event at the Aquatic Center happened on Oct. 5, 1995, when Tech hosted Emory.

The following year, during the Summer Olympics, the Aquatic Center not only hosted all of the swimming and diving competitions, but there was also a temporary water polo pool with a capacity of 4,000 seats. The Olympics were not the only championship-level competition to take place at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center, as the center also hosted the 2005 Men's and Women's Atlantic Coast Conference Swimming and Diving Championships, as well as the 2005 NCAA Zone Diving Championships and the 2006 Men's NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships. The 2006 NCAA Championships brought in a record crowd of over 10,000 fans to the three-day event.

"Georgia Tech realized its campus would change after the Olympic Games," Edwards said. "With the construction of the Olympic Village increasing our housing numbers, we were going to have a larger student body on campus."

Therefore, the GTAC was seen as a chance to build something for these new students to do in their down time.

Since the beginning, Edwards and his staff had big plans for what the facility could become. "We knew that the aquatic center would become the anchor for the development of recreational on campus," Edwards said. And that it did, with the help of a very large, multi-million dollar plan to expand the facilities.

EXPANSION ...

In 2003-04 Georgia Tech reopened a newly renovated and now enclosed Aquatic Center that opened on Oct. 25, 2003 in a meet against North Carolina State. The Aquatic Center hosted 11 events that year before hosting 23 the following year.

The expansion of the GTAC helped to make it the cornerstone of Tech's Campus Recreation Center. The expansion of the Aquatic Center was part of a project that expanded all of the Campus Recreation Center and cost more than \$45 million.

"Hastings and Chivetta Architects out of St. Louis, Mo., came up with the architectural designs for the Campus Recreation Center," Edwards said about the renovations. "We came in and built a floor in-

side the Aquatic Center under the roof using bridge technology. Now six basketball courts, three dance studios, an in-line hockey rink and an elevated four-lane running track sit on that floor above the Aquatic Center."

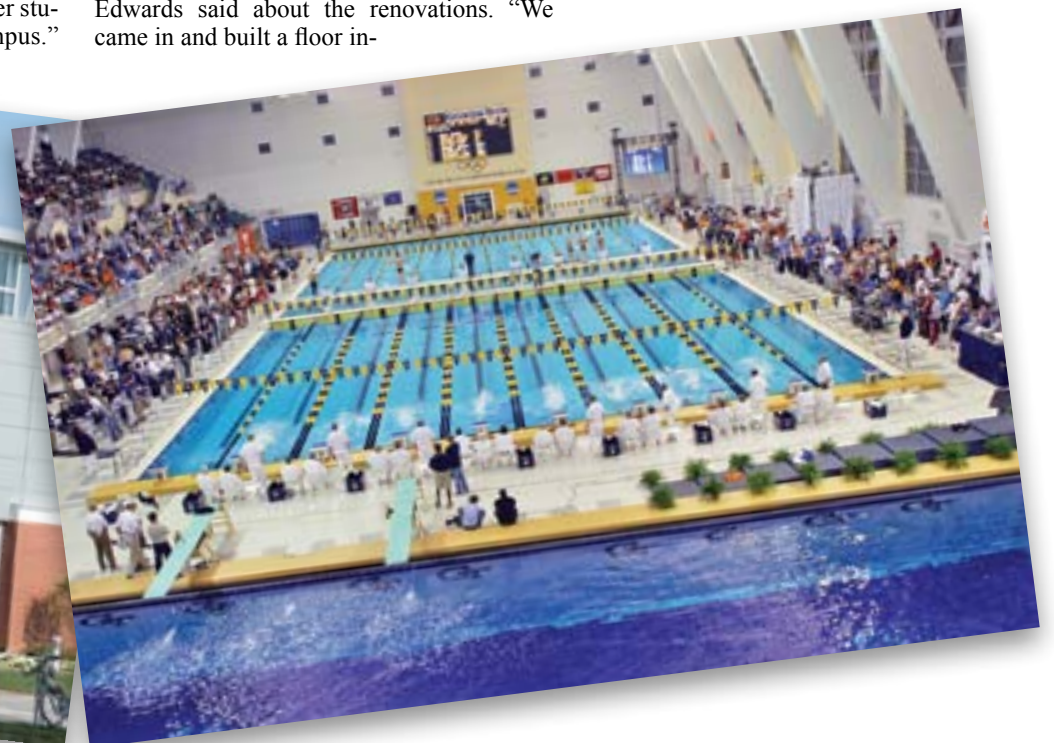
MAIDEN VOYAGE ...

This will mark the first time that the GTAC has hosted the GHSA championships. Edwards was very enthusiastic about the prospect of hosting their first high school state championship.

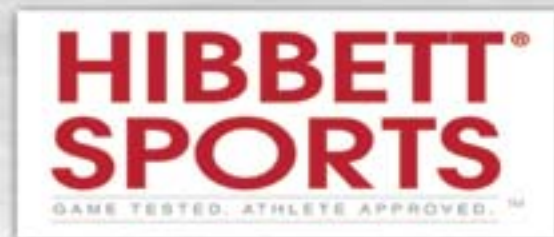
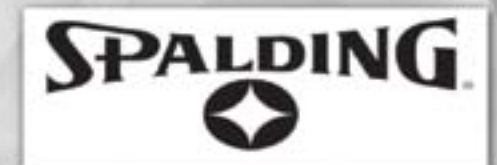
"It gives an opportunity for another segment of the community to use a world class facility," he said. "Our Aquatic Center is one of the best in the world."

It will also benefit the swimmers to swim in such a top-of-the-line facility. "It's a very fast pool. It's proven itself over the years that this pool is extremely fast." When the NCAA Championships were here in 2006, five NCAA records and three American records were broken. "If [the participants] are prepared physically and mentally, they will have a good time."

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