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Swim teams win Mid-Con titles

Oakland University's men's and women's swimming and diving teams won their fourth consecutive Mid-Continent Conference Championship Dec. 7 at the OU Aquatics Center.

Oakland defeated the other Mid-Continent Conference teams with scores of 933 and 1017 to take the men's and women's titles. With the 2002 title, OU has won every Mid-Con Championship since joining the conference in 1999.

Oakland relay teams set the standard for the night by capturing the titles in the 200 medley relay events. The women's team won the event in a time of 1:48.52 while the men took the title in 1:33.39.

In the women's 200-yard backstroke, OU took the top five spots in the race. Finishing first for all swimmers was Golden Grizzly Tara Berringer with a time of 2:04.90.

Angela Simetkosky of Oakland broke her second Mid-Con record of the championship when she swam a time of 4:59.29 in the 500 freestyle event. Simetkosky broke the 1650 free Mid-Con record in the first day of Mid-Con competition on Dec. 5.

In the men's 500 freestyle, Oakland's Nick McCollum won his second distance freestyle event of the championships with a time of 4:37.28. McCollum's teammates, Tony Smucler, Doug Fiore and James Sewell were next to finish the race giving Oakland a 1-4 finish.

Oakland's Tanya Korniyenko broke the Mid-Con record for the 100 butterfly with a time of 57.22, edging out the old record by .01 seconds.

Oakland's Scott Dickens secured his reign in the Mid-Con in breaststroke sprint events, winning the 200 breast in a time of 2:00.92 and setting a new Mid-Con record, his second of the championship and reaching NCAA B qualifying standards.

Fellow Golden Grizzly Shelley Aurit captured the women's 200 breaststroke event in a time of 2:24.11. Golden Grizzlies won a pair of 100 freestyle events – Oksana Strelets took the women's title in a time of 51.55 while Sean Broadbent grabbed the men's event in 45.97.

The last two swimming events, the 200-yard individual medley and 400 freestyle relay, were all Oakland. Tanya Korniyenko won the women's 200 IM with a time of 2:08.69 while fellow Grizzly Scott Dickens took first place in a time of 1:53.00. Oakland won the relay events with times of 3:30.50 and 3:05.43 in the women's and men's races respectively.

In diving competition, Linda Keskey of Oakland University won the women's one-meter event with a score of 390.40. In the men's competition, IUPUI's Ryan Orzechowicz won the three-meter springboard with a score of 478.60.

Western Illinois was the runner-up to both teams throughout the competition with scores of 751 and 622 for the men and women respectively.

In the men's competition, IUPUI placed third with a total of 657 points and Valparaiso trailed with 372. In the women's contest, Valparaiso finished up in third place with 604 points and IUPUI wrapped up the championship in fourth with 562.

FINAL STANDINGS

MEN

1. Oakland - 933
2. Western Illinois - 751
3. IUPUI - 657
4. Valparaiso - 372

WOMEN

1. Oakland - 1017
2. Western Illinois - 622
3. Valparaiso - 604

4. IUPUI - 562

For more information on OU's men's and women's swimming and diving teams, visit the [OU Athletics](#) Web site.

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