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## Golden Grizzlies make a splash at U.S. Open

The Golden Grizzlies introduced the world to Oakland University swimming during the U.S. Open Nov. 29-Dec. 1 in East Meadow, N.Y.

While most of the Oakland University swimming and diving team was in Indianapolis, Indiana, defending its Mid-Continent Conference Championship, seven team members made the journey to the Open. The U.S. Open is one of the fastest meets in the world with participants coming from Australia, Canada, France, Brazil and South Africa, along with top U.S swimmers and countless Olympic Gold Medal winners. The meet was in short course meters.

Participating in the meet for the men's team were seniors Mark Quinn and Dave Hartzel, sophomore Sean Broadbent and freshmen Chris Sullivan and Tim Johnson. Sophomores Oksana Strelets and Tanya Korniyenko participated from the women's team.

OU's biggest performance came in the preliminaries of the 200 breaststroke when Quinn qualified for first place with a time of 2:15.49, beating out the world record holder in the 100 and 200 breaststroke and Olympic Gold Medalist, Glenn Moses. However, Moses would not fall in defeat in the finals as the Maryland native claimed first place with a time of 2:10.86, Quinn came in fourth place with a time of 2:16.11. Quinn also swam in the 100 breaststroke and finished 18th with a time of 1:04.38 (1:04.55).

Hartzel finished in eighth place in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:02.56 (2:01.90) and 23rd in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:53.42 (1:52.66). Broadbent finished seventh in the 50 and 100 freestyle with times of 23.01 (23.10) and 50.75 (50.44), respectively. Sullivan swam the 50 freestyle in 22.99 (23.47) finishing 17th and the 100 freestyle finishing 31st with a time of 51.80 (51.80). Johnson placed 12th in the 50 freestyle, recording a time of 23.24 (23.19). The Windsor, Ontario, native made the NCAA B standard time as he finished sixth in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:50.38 (1:50.58). Johnson also finished sixth in the 100 freestyle with a time of 50.61 (50.53). The team of Broadbent, Sullivan, Johnson and Hartzel finished in fourth place in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:24.41.

On the women's side, Strelets recorded a time of 25.95 (26.01) in the 50 freestyle, which was good for a NCAA B standard time, in which she placed seventh. The Kazakhstan native finished 19th in the 100 freestyle with a time of 57.22 (57.34). Fellow Kazakhstan native Tanya Korniyenko finished in 13th place in the 100 butterfly as she recorded a NCAA B standard time of 1:02.37 (1:02.38). She tallied another NCAA B standard time in the 200 butterfly at 2:16.93 (2:16.93).

"I am real excited," said head coach Pete Hovland. "I thought the team we sent to the U.S. Open did a great job of representing Oakland University and how far OU has come."

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