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OU women take third-straight NIC title

Oakland University's **women's swimming and diving team** kept the lead the entire meet to capture its third-straight National Independent Conference (NIC) championship title Feb. 28 at OU's Aquatics Center. The team finished with 918 points, while OU's men's team finished third with 536 points. Southern Methodist claimed the title for the men with 903 points, followed by Hawaii with 876.

Oakland's women's team was led by senior Tanya Korniyenko (Almaty, Kazakhstan) who was named the women's NIC Swimmer of the Year. Korniyenko set an NIC and pool record in the 200 butterfly and a new pool and school record in the 100 fly. She also was part of the winning 200- and 400-medley relays, came in second in the 200 IM, and helped her team to a second place finish in the 400-free and 800-free relays.

Perhaps the biggest event for OU's women's team was the 100 fly, in which the Golden Grizzlies swept the event, finishing first, second and third. Korniyenko led the team with a record-setting time of 54.28. Fellow senior and Kazakhstan native Oksana Strelets came in second in a time of 55.68 and freshman Melissa Jaeger (Ann Arbor, Mich.) hit the wall at 55.69.

Korniyenko also crashed her 2003 NIC and pool record of 2:00.08 in the 200 butterfly to take the NIC title with a time of 1:59.03. Jaeger finished second at 2:01.32, more than five seconds ahead of third place finisher Emily Simon of Northern Arizona.

Strelets continued her reign over the 50 free, taking the individual title with a time of 23.15. She has won the event each of the four years she has competed. During this year's preliminaries, she swam a season-best time of 23.05.

Strelets and Gardner-Webb's Terra Wilson shared the title in the women's 100 freestyle, both turning in times of 50.34. For the men, Oakland's Chris Sullivan (Rockford, Mich.) was crowned the 2004 NIC 100 free champion with a time of 43.92.

On the women's three-meter diving boards, Oakland's Linda Keskey (Cokato, Minn.) finished first with a score of 444.85, while teammate Liz Herrington (Battle Creek, Mich.) took second with 438.45.

Two of Oakland's women's relay teams – the 200 and 400 medley – claimed first place. The 200-medley relay of Tara Berringer (Eugene, Ore.), Maria Musialczyk (Grand Rapids, Mich.), Korniyenko and Strelets set a new school, pool and NIC record with a time of 1:43.03. The 400-medley relay of Renie Green (Dearborn, Mich.), Musialczyk, Korniyenko and Strelets also set a new NIC and pool record with a time of 3:45.10.

The NIC championship meet consisted of 10 teams from eight different schools from all across the country. Along with Oakland's swimming and diving teams, the women's competition included Florida Atlantic, Gardner-Webb, Northern Arizona and North Florida. For the men, Denver, Florida Atlantic, Hawaii and Southern Methodist joined OU.

Oakland now is waiting to see who will go to the NCAA Championships. The Women's NCAA Swimming Championships are March 18-20 at College Station, Texas. The Men's NCAA Swimming Championships are March 25-27 at Long Island, N.Y.

For more information on OU's swimming and diving teams, visit the **OU Athletics** Web site.

NIC CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

First Place Finishes

- Oksana Strelets – women's 50 free (23.15) and 100 freestyle (50.34)
- Tanya Korniyenko – women's 100 fly (54.28) and 200 butterfly (1:59.03)

- Linda Keskey – women’s three-meter diving boards (444.85)
- Women’s 200-medley relay – Tara Berringer, Maria Musialczyk, Tanya Korniyenko and Oksana Strelets –1:43.03
- Women’s 400-medley relay – Renie Green, Maria Musialczyk, Tanya Korniyenko and Oksana Strelets – 3:45.10
- Chris Sullivan – men’s 100 free (43.92)

Second Place Finishes

- Oksana Strelets – women’s 100 fly (55.68)
- Maria Musialczyk – women’s 100 breast (1:03.86) and 200 breast (2:19.51)
- Melissa Jaeger – women’s 200 butterfly (2:01.32)
- Amanda Burwell – women’s 200 backstroke (2:03.56)
- Tanya Korniyenko – women’s 200 IM (2:03.82)
- Linda Keskey – women’s one-meter diving (255.00)
- Liz Herrington – women’s diving platform (310.70) and three-meter diving boards (438.45)
- Women’s 200-free relay – Oksana Strelets, Jenna DeJonge, Karoline Freytag, Line Jensen – (1:32.90)
- Women’s 400-free relay – Korniyenko, Strelets, Karoline Freytag and Line Jensen – (3:23.54)
- Women’s 800-free relay – Line Jensen, Karoline Freytag, Holly Miller, Tanya Korniyenko – (7:27.80)
- Chris Sullivan – men’s 100 fly (47.90) and 50 free (19.96)
- Men’s 200-free relay – Chris Sullivan, Andy Munoz, Eric Lynn, Sean Broadbent – (1:21.22)

Third Place Finishes

- Melissa Jaeger – women’s 100 fly (55.69)
- Renie Green – women’s 100 backstroke (57.91)
- Line Jensen – women’s 200 IM (2:04.28)
- Amanda Burwell – women’s 400 IM (4:26.70)
- Liz Herrington – women’s one-meter diving (233.85)
- Linda Keskey – women’s diving platform (307.20)
- Men’s 200-medley relay – Eric Lynn, Hunor Mate, Chris Sullivan, Sean Broadbent – (1:29.25)

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