

# Saints Swimmers Dominate at DISC Championship



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The St. Andrew's boys and girls swim teams hosted the Delaware Independent School Conference (DISC) championships at the Genereaux Aquatic Center on Saturday, February 3rd. The boys, undefeated in conference meets during 2017-18 competition, entered as the favorite and ended up defeating all competition by scoring 116 total points, 58 points higher than second place finisher Sanford. The girls, also undefeated in conference meets, narrowly missed their second consecutive DISC championship as they finished in second place to Sanford School 92-81, but well ahead of third place Wilmington Friends. "I'm so proud of how well the team did in the meet," coach Bowman Dickson said, "but more so of what a great, fun, focused, and cohesive group this was this year. Even more impressive than the incredible swims at the meet was how the whole team supported each other to swim our best, whether the swimmer was doing an event for the first time or breaking a school record."

Captain Dylan Torrance '18 led the boys to their second consecutive conference title with two record-breaking performances in the 100 fly and the 200 IM. Torrance, the 2016-17 team MVP and second team all-state performer, swam the 100 fly in 53.77 seconds which topped the 11-year old School record by .58 seconds. In the 200 IM, Torrance continued to amaze and broke the DISC meet record that had stood since 2002, completing the race in 1:57.32 (besting the previous record by .55 seconds). Torrance, looking back on his record-breaking performance, stated, "It was an incredible season. Everyone on the team was working hard in the water, and I think our results really reflect that dedication. We had a lot of fun, and I'm going to miss everyone on the team next year."

Tad Scheibe '19, an honorable mention all-state selection for the 2016-17 season, swam two incredible races as he took home gold in the 200 and 500 free. Clocking in at 1:49.14 in the 200 free, Schiebe made his mark in the SAS record books as he now owns the fourth fastest time in School history, exactly three seconds behind Xander Geiersbach '16's impressive performance two years ago. Even more impressive was Scheibe's showing in the 500 free as his time of 4:59.42 is the second fastest in School history. For their efforts, both Schiebe and Torrance were awarded first team all-conference honors.

Wilson Archie '18 dominated the 100 breast, taking home gold with a strong time of 1:02.50 and recording the fourth fastest time in school history. Ben Covell '18 and Captain Will Gray '18 both performed well in the 50 free, Covell taking home silver while Gray touched the wall .56 seconds after for a fourth place finish of his own. Will Cammerzell '19 finished third overall in the 100 free and earned silver in the 100 back while classmate Xander Atalay '19 placed third in both the 200 and 500 free. Andrew Park '21, who has cemented himself as one of the top freshmen in the state of Delaware, placed third in the 100 fly and the 200 IM. Archie, Cammerzell, and Covell were awarded first team all-conference honors, while Gray, Park, and Atalay were selected to the second team.

Sarah Caron '19 and Pia Mozdzanowski '19 led the girls to their second place finish and were awarded first team all-conference honors for their performances. Caron, an honorable mention all-state performer in 2016-17, turned in a brilliant performance in the 100 back and took home first place with a time of 1:00.34. With this result, Caron owns the second fastest time in School history and now sits a half second behind the record-holder, Jessi Walter '99. Mozdzanowski, a newcomer to the program, recorded a third place finish in the 100 free and a fifth place finish in the 50 free with a time of 25.74. This time gives Mozdzanowski the seventh fastest time in School history.

Newcomer Alyse Ray '20, who qualified for seven individual events at the state championships, also performed well on the biggest stage as she placed second in the 100 breast and third in the 100 fly. With her strong times of 1:10.76 (100 breast) and 1:04.18 (100 fly), Ray placed herself in the SAS record books as she now owns the second fastest time in the 100 breast and the fourth fastest time in the 100 fly. Katie Macalintal '20 joined Ray on the second team all-conference as she finished fourth in both the 100 fly and 100 back, qualifying for the state meet for the first time this year. Ann Yancey Bassett '19 received honorable mention all-conference accolades as she recorded a second place finish in the 200 free and a fourth place finish in the 500 free.

Girls co-captains Alex Hopkins '18 and Ryann Schutt '18 both took some time to reflect on their senior campaigns and their journeys as SAS swimmers. Hopkins commented, "Through the seemingly impossible practices, disappointing swims, and frustrating moments, the team never gave up on each other, showing support and care that I have not witnessed anywhere else. The bond within the team showed in the way that we finished this season at DISC's. The way we competed, not as individuals but as a team is a testament to the commitment, dedication, and love that the team found this year. It was a season filled with so many fond memories that I'm going to remember for a very long time." Despite the narrow loss to Sanford, Schutt echoed the sentiments above from Hopkins and noted, "While swimming can seem like an individual sport to spectators or perhaps even to swimmers themselves, this year proved to me just how special, vital, and incredible this sport is when you have a team behind you in and out of the pool. I could not be more proud of the entire swim team this year, and I will especially remember the courage, dedication, and resilience the girls demonstrated throughout the season, culminating with the craziness of Saturday. Even if we were able to close the eleven point gap on Sanford, the memories in the locker room and during tough practices would continue to be the highlight of my season."

The following swimmers will compete in the state championships beginning on February 21st: Dylan Torrance, Will Gray, Ben Covell, Wilson Archie, Xander Atalay, Will Cammerzell, Tad Scheibe, Matt Yan, Andrew Park, Ann Yancey Bassett, Piper Ackermann, Pia Mozdzanowski, Sarah Caron, Alyse Ray, Alex Hopkins, Ryann Schutt, Katie Macalintal and Marie Ueda.