



King Marlin Swim Club

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Laura Callahan, 405.596.5735 or 405.359.0762
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Local athletes break state records, another pool record falls on day three of KMSC Pro-Am Classic Swim Meet

Two amateur swimmers from the King Marlin Swim Club broke state records, a pool record fell and eight male and female swimmers battled for the 50-yard Free Champion title on day three of the KMSC Pro-Am Classic.

The four-day meet ends Sunday at the Oklahoma City Community College Olympic Festival Pool. Admission is free.

Sixteen-year-old **Rylee Linhardt**, a KMSC swimmer from Edmond, cut almost four seconds from her best time to break the state record in the 15-16 Women's 500-yard freestyle. She swam the event in 4:50.76, breaking Whitney Lynn's record of 4:52.91 set in 2000. She took fourth place overall.

Winning the race was professional **Stephanie Peacock** of Swim Florida with a time of 4:42.67. Amateur **Haley Yelle**, Mansfield Aquatic Club (Texas), finished second with a time of 4:48.13. **Danielle Kudis**, Schroeder YMCA Swim Team (Wis.), had the third-place finish with a time of 4:50.76.

Earlier in the day, 14-year-old KMSC athlete **Kellie Fischer**, Edmond, swam a personal best time of 57.59 in the preliminaries of the women's 100-yard back to topple the 13-14 Girls state record of 57.84 set 10 years ago by Samantha Woodward. In finals, Fischer finished fifth with a time of 57.64.

Amateur **Courtney Caldwell**, Ad Astra Area Aquatics (Kan.), took first in the 100 back, swimming a 54.59, while **Elizabeth Jordana**, Dads Club Swim Team (Texas), came in second with a time of 56.94. **Carla Gonzales**, Fort Worth Area Swim Team (Texas) finished third with a time of 57.03.

In the women's 200-yard individual medley, professional **Katie Meili**, SwimMac (Carolina), swam a personal best to break her pool record of 1:56.47 set last year. Professional **Karlee Bispo**, Palo Alto Stanford Aquatics (Calif.), finished second with a time of 1:56.61, while **Bailee Nunn**, Springfield Aquatics (Mo.), took third overall and the first amateur finish with a time of 2:00.93.

In the featured race of the night, the 50-yard Freestyle Shootout, **Bispo** swam a 22.14 to win the women's title, and professional **Jimmy Feigen** of New York Aquatic Club earned the men's title with a time of 19.15. They outraced seven other athletes who qualified in preliminaries in three rounds of one-on-one racing.

Earning her second win of the night, **Meili** swam a 2:09:71 in the women's 200-yard breaststroke, while **Gwen Worlton**, Schroeder YMCA Swim Team, was the first amateur finisher with a 2:16.65 to take second place. Finishing third was **Ashley Pales**, Lincoln Select Swimming (Neb.), with a time of 2:17.41.

Several races were tight, including the men's 500-yard freestyle where amateur **Grant Shoults**, Mission Viejo Nadadores (Calif.), just out touched professional **Michael Weiss**, Wisconsin Aquatics. Shoults finished in 4:17.52 and Weiss in 4:17.55. **Nicholas Norman**, Mission Viejo Nadadores, swam a 4:20.64 for the third-place finish.

Also, in the men's 200-yard breaststroke professional **B.J. Johnson**, Palo Alto Stanford Aquatics, took first with a time of 1:54.10, narrowly defeating professional **Sean Mahoney**, Terrapins Swim Club (Calif.), who finished in 1:54.82. Earning the third-place finish was amateur **Julian Fletcher**, Trojan Swim Club (Calif.), with a time of 2:01.57.

Weiss cut almost six seconds to win the men's 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:43.99. **Adam Mania** of Schroeder YMCA Swim took second overall and the first amateur finish, touching the wall in 1:45.75, while professional **Alexandru Coco** of Phoenix Swim Club (Ariz.) had a third-place finish with a time of 1:46.12.

In the men's 100-yard backstroke, professional **Eugene Godsoe**, Palo Alto Stanford Aquatics, swam a 45.25 to take first, while professional **Zach McGinnis**, New York Aquatics Club, hit the wall in 46.95 to take second. **Mania** swam a 49.17 for third place.

Ending the meet were the men's and women's 400-yard medley relays. In the women's division, **Mission Viejo Nadadores** swam a 3:44.70 to just out touch **Schroeder YMCA Swim Team**, which swam a 3:44.94. **Springfield Aquatics** (Mo.) took third place with a time of 3:49.96.

In the men's division, **Mission Viejo Nadadores** swam a 3:26.98 to take first. **Lobo Aquatic Club** (N.M.) finished in 3:28.48 to take second, while the **Arkansas Dolphins Swim Team** took third with a time of 3:29.20.

Tomorrow, the last day of the meet, features a full schedule with the mile, 200-yard backstroke (women's bounty event), 100-yard freestyle (men's bounty event), 200-yard butterfly, 100-yard individual medley and 200-yard freestyle relay.

Live results are available at <http://results.teamunify.com/okkmsc>. The latest meet-related information is also available by following @KMSCProAm on Twitter. For more information on the meet and the event schedule, visit the KMSC Website at www.kingmarlin.com.

KMSC is a competitive USA Swimming team with locations at OCCC in south Oklahoma City, The Lighthouse in northwest Oklahoma City and Mitch Park YMCA in Edmond. The team was created in spring 2014 by longtime Oklahoma City area coaches John Brown, Kathy Mendez and Josh Everett.