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Last year's graduating class was one of the strongest in recent memory as defending champions Clark Smith of Texas, Will Licon of Texas, Chase Kalisz of Georgia, Ryan Murphy of California and Jack Conger of Texas are done competing for their respective schools. These guys not only won individual titles, but also all set NCAA Records in the process.

This year's senior class is strong as well as five seniors rank in the top ten going into this season, and many others are scattered throughout. Last year's senior class was top heavy, but this year's seniors are probably stronger in depth.

This list was calculated by the athlete's best times from last season. It was a point system of the top eight times going into this year, so the athletes with three events ranked in the top eight are near the top. So, here we go, the men's pre-season individual rankings for the 2017-2018 NCAA season.

Others receiving votes: 26. Anton Loncar, Senior, Denver; 27. Anton Ipsen, Senior, NC State; 28. Jacob Montague, Sophomore, Michigan; 29. Cameron Craig, Sophomore, Arizona State; 30. Ilya Evdokimov, Senior, Cornell; 31. Henry Campbell, Senior, North Carolina.

25. Grant Shoultz, Sophomore, Stanford
2017 Times: 500 Free, 4:10.23 [NCAA]; 1650 Free, 14:35.82 [NCAA]

The national high school record holder in the 500 had a solid

freshman season under Jeff Kostoff. Shoultz will be looking to avoid a sophomore slump as he is a favorite to take over the reigns from Connor Jaeger as the premiere distance swimmer in America.

24. Abrahm DeVine, Junior, Stanford
2017 Times: 200 IM, 1:42.25 [NCAA]; 400 IM, 3:37.73 [NCAA]

DeVine's 200 IM this summer launched him onto this list as he has been flying under the radar since finaling in both IM's at Trials in 2016. DeVine got on the World Championship team this past summer and won't be stopping any time soon.

23. Carlos Claverie, Senior, Louisville
2017 Times: 100 Breast, 52.05 [ACC]; 200 Breast, 1:52.81 [NCAA]

The breaststroke field is wide open headed into this season after the graduation of Will Licon. Claverie could be someone to pounce on the wide open field as he is building for his senior year in Louisville.

22. Ryan Hoffer, Freshman, California
Best Times: 50 Free, 18.71 [Speedo Juniors West]; 100 Free, 41.23 [Speedo Juniors West]

The hype is real for the freshman Hoffer. He will lock horns with Caeleb Dressel in his senior season as the latter is looking to close out his illustrious career with three



>>> RYAN HOFFER

wins. Hoffer will be a serious player in the 50 and 100 free if he can adjust to Dave Durden's training style.

21. Ian Finnerty, Junior, Indiana

2017 Times: 200 IM, 1:41.86 [B1G]; 100 Breast, 51.38 [B1G]

Finnerty underperformed at NCAA's last season as he failed to score in any of his events despite putting up swift times at Big Ten's. Finnerty had a good summer as he won the US Open in the 100 breast with a 1:00.09. He could be dangerous moving forward for USA Swimming in that event.

20. Nils Wich-Glasen, Senior, South Carolina

2017 Times: 100 Breast, 51.58 [SEC]; 200 Breast, 1:52.41 [SEC]

South Carolina is a rapidly improving team and Wich-Glasen is one of the reasons why. The Gamecocks have never had an individual champion at the NCAA's and Wich-Glasen is certainly capable of ending that streak.



>>> BLAKE PIERONI

19. Blake Pieroni, Senior, Indiana

2017 Times: 200 Free, 1:30.87 [NCAA]; 100 Free, 41.44 [B1G]

Pieroni got his first taste of individual international experience when he swam in Budapest in the 200 free this past summer. Pieroni is still improving in his senior year and could give the 1:30 barrier in the 200 free a scare at NCAA's in Minnesota.

18. Mauro Castillo, Senior, Texas A&M

2017 Times: 100 Breast, 52.12 [NCAA]; 200 Breast, 1:52.01 [NCAA]

Castillo has the fastest time in the nation going into this year in the 200 breast as that event is wide open after the top two from last year graduated. It will certainly be a dog fight as four guys are all at 1:52 headed into this season.

17. Zheng Quah, Sophomore, California

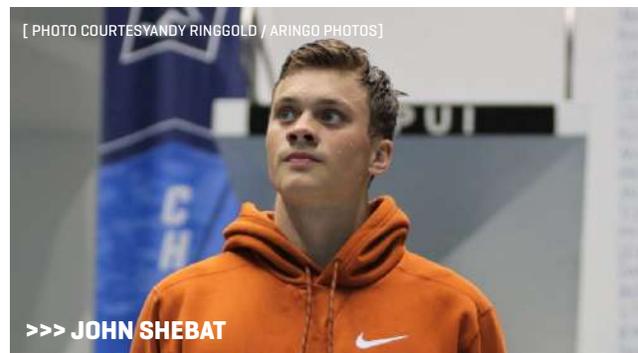
2017 Times: 100 Fly, 45.06 [NCAA]; 200 Fly, 1:38.83 [NCAA]

Zheng arrived in Berkeley in January last year and made a quick transition to the United States with two top eight finishes at NCAA's in March. Zheng has the top time in the 200 fly going into this year as he will be locking horns with fellow Singaporean Joseph Schooling in March in Minnesota.

16. Mark Szaranek, Senior, Florida

2017 Times: 200 IM, 1:40.67 [NCAA]; 400 IM, 3:36.31 [NCAA]

Szaranek took the NCAA meet by storm when he tied for first in the 200 IM with Will Licon last season. Szaranek is one of the favorites in both IM events this year that are stacked with big names. He has already proven he can get it done, so don't sleep on him in his senior year.



>>> JOHN SHEBAT

15. John Shebat, Junior, Texas

2017 Times: 100 Back, 44.35 [NCAA]; 200 Back, 1:37.24 [NCAA]

8-time NCAA champion Ryan Murphy has graduated, leaving the door wide open for someone else to finally stand on top of the podium at NCAA's in the backstroke events. Shebat finished second and could be the first Longhorn to win a backstroke title since Aaron Peirsol in 2004.

14. Akaram Mahmoud, Senior, South Carolina

2017 Times: 500 Free, 4:09.73 [NCAA]; 1650 Free, 14:22.99 [NCAA]

Mahmoud was a part of one of the most epic races in the history of the NCAA meet last season in the 1650 where he

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finished third in the epic four-person race that came down to the finish. Mahmoud is again a favorite in the mile headed into his senior year as Mark Bernadino has this South Carolina team on the rise.

13. Jan Switkowski, Senior, Florida

2017 Times: 200 IM, 1:41.17 [NCAA]; 200 Free, 1:32.44 [NCAA]; 200 Fly, 1:40.94 [SEC]

Switkowski is in his senior year at Florida and the Gators will need every ounce out of him if they can catch Texas at the top of the team race. Switkowski is one of the most versatile swimmers in the country, but still has yet to win an individual title. The 2015 World's bronze medalist in the 200 fly could surprise some people if he is 100% on his game this year.

12. Vini Lanza, Junior, Indiana

2017 Times: 200 IM, 1:41.59 [B1G]; 100 Fly, 45.07 [B1G]; 200 IM, 1:40.97 [B1G]

Lanza underperformed at the NCAA's in March, but based on his Big Ten times, he is a big player this season as he ranks in the pre-season top eight in three events. Lanza will be heavily relied upon in his junior year as Indiana will be looking for a second straight Big Ten title.

11. Jonathan Roberts, Senior, Texas

2017 Times: 200 IM, 1:42.24 [NCAA]; 400 IM, 3:38.18 [NCAA]; 200 Back, 1:39.05 [NCAA]

Roberts was a quiet member of the Texas team that won the title last season. He got into the A-final in all three of his events, scoring some major points for Texas. Roberts will be a key piece this year if Texas wins its fourth straight national title in 2018.



10. Dean Farris, Sophomore, Harvard

2017 Times: 200 Free, 1:31.56 [Ivy]; 100 Back, 45.38 [Ivy]; 200 Back, 1:39.99 [NCAA]

Farris had a huge freshman season where he took everyone by

surprise by his quick times at the Ivy League Championships. He will be a big player in the 200 free this year as the big, tall Farris could be the first national champion at Harvard since David Berkoff won the 100 back in 1989.



9. Dylan Carter, Senior, Southern Cal

2017 Times: 100 Fly, 45.27 [Texas Invite]; 200 Free, 1:30.95 [NCAA]; 100 Free, 41.73 [NCAA]

Carter came back from an Olympic redshirt with a big season for USC. Carter gave Townley Haas a big run for his money in the 200 free at NCAA's last year when he dipped under 1:31 leading off the 800 free relay. Carter will be looking to lead a USC team back to a top four finish, after missing out the last two seasons.

8. Andreas Vazaios, Junior, NC State

2017 Times: 200 IM, 1:40.77 [NCAA]; 100 Back, 45.26 [NCAA]; 200 Fly, 1:40.77 [NCAA]

Vazaios was a huge piece for NC State when they shocked Texas in the 800 free relay on the first night in Indianapolis. The junior from Greece is a favorite in the stacked 200 IM field as three guys are under 1:41 going into this season. Vazaios will also be heavily relied upon in relay duty as NC State will be looking to stay in the top four for the third straight year.

7. Townley Haas, Junior, Texas

2017 Times: 500 Free, 4:08.92 [NCAA]; 200 Free, 1:30.65 [NCAA]

Haas is on pace to clean sweep the 200 free at NCAA's and be the first ever to win the event four times. Haas also had a strong summer where he got the silver medal at the Worlds in Budapest in the 200. This will be Haas' first year without Clark Smith as the latter has moved on the pro group in Austin. This shouldn't stop Haas as he is a big favorite in both the 200 and 500 this year.



>>> TOWNLEY HAAS

6. Gunnar Bentz, Senior, Georgia

2017 Times: 200 IM, 1:40.90 [NCAA]; 400 IM, 3:36.60 [NCAA]; 200 Fly, 1:40.07 [NCAA]

Bentz was one of the top recruits as a senior in 2014. He still has yet to win an individual title, but he improved big time in his junior season by getting into the A-final in all three of his events. He missed the World Championship team this past summer, but that should motivate him to have a big senior season for the Bulldogs, and carry on the 400 IM legacy in Athens.

5. Joseph Schooling, Senior, Texas

2017 Times: 50 Free, 18.76 [Big 12]; 100 Fly, 43.75 [NCAA]

Schooling will have revenge on his mind going into this season as he has made it clear he doesn't want to lose to Caeleb Dressel in the 100 fly. Schooling is fresh off a bronze medal in the 100 at the World Championships and will be looking to get his 100 fly title back from Dressel.

4. Ryan Held, Senior, NC State

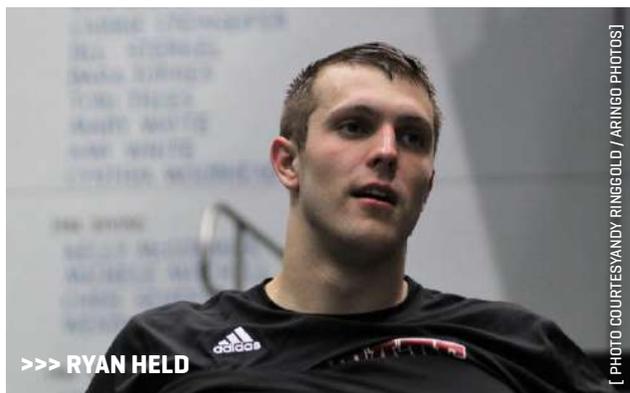
2017 Times: 50 Free, 18.58 [NCAA]; 100 Fly, 44.79 [ACC]; 100 Free, 41.21 [NCAA]

Held has lived in the shadow of Caeleb Dressel the last few years, but Held is still the fourth fastest American all-time in the 100 free, despite having no individual NCAA titles. Held came away with his first individual gold medal at the World University Games in the 100 free in Taipei this summer. That added confidence should pay dividends for him in his senior season.

3. Andrew Seliskar, Junior, California

2017 Times: 200 IM, 1:41.24 [Pac-12]; 400 IM, 3:36.18 [NCAA]; 200 Fly, 1:40.74 [Georgia Invite]

Seliskar had a big breakout sophomore season for Cal as he finished second in the 400 IM behind Chase Kalisz and will



>>> RYAN HELD

be one of the favorites this year in that event. In fact, Seliskar could be a favorite in all three of his events if he can hit his taper this season, as he was inconsistent with his rested times last season.

2. Felix Auboeck, Sophomore, Michigan

2017 Times: 500 Free, 4:08.95 [NCAA]; 200 Free, 1:32.02 [NCAA]; 1650 Free, 14:22.88 [NCAA]

Maybe second is a little high, but keep in mind Auboeck reached the final in Budapest in the 400 free (5th) and the 800 free (6th). Auboeck was also a part of the epic 1650 race last year and he went toe to toe with Townley Haas in the 500 before Haas ultimately out-touched him. Auboeck is also swimming for a very good coach in Josh White, so don't expect Auboeck to slow down.



>>> CAELEB DRESSEL

1. Caeleb Dressel, Senior, Florida

2017 Times: 50 Free, 18.23 [NCAA]; 100 Fly, 43.58 [NCAA]; 100 Free, 40.00 [NCAA]

If Dressel wins the 50 at NCAA's this year, he would be the first to win the event four times at the meet as he is looking for the clean sweep. Dressel is coming off a huge summer where he won three individual gold medals in Budapest and he doesn't seem to be slowing down. If Florida has any chance of winning the team title this season, they will need a lot out of Dressel in his individual events as well as in relays. ◀



WHO ARE THE TOP 25 WOMEN'S SWIMMERS GOING INTO THE 2017-2018 SEASON?

BY ANDY ROSS

With the 2017-2018 NCAA season among us, Swimming World has decided to rank the top 25 swimmers for the upcoming season based on last year's performances. Transfers who were ineligible last year were also factored into the equation. The times used were from last season only, so even if a swimmer had gone faster in a previous season, those times did not count in their ranking.

This list is heavy with upperclassmen as this could be one of the deepest fields in women's swimming history at the NCAA's this year. Last year, only one senior won an individual event and that was Farida Osman of Cal in the 100 fly. Only four other girls in last year's senior class had won titles previously in their careers including Olivia Smoliga of Georgia, Leah Smith of Virginia, Danielle Galyer of Kentucky and Kierra Smith of Minnesota. And there's only three seniors in the top ten here so next year could be monumental for that graduating class.

This list is not a prediction, rather it is a preview of the upcoming season. Think about it as a pre-season poll but for individual swimmers. So here it is, the pre-season poll of the top 25 women's swimmers for the 2017-2018 season.

Others receiving votes: 26. Silja Kansakoski, Sophomore, Arizona State; 27. Riley Scott, Junior, Southern Cal; 28. Asia Seidt, Sophomore, Kentucky; 29. Meghan Small, Sophomore, Tennessee; 30. Maddy Banic, Junior, Tennessee; 31. Maddie Murphy, Sophomore, California; 32. Claire Adams, Sophomore, Texas

25. Noemie Thomas, Senior, California

2017 Times: 100 Fly, 50.44 [Pac-12]; 200 Fly, 1:53.77 [Georgia Invite]

Thomas returns for her senior year as a contender for a butterfly national title. Thomas has yet to win an individual title as she has won multiple relay NCAA titles in her career. The 100 seems to be her best chance as she has the third fastest time into this season.

24. Siobhan Haughey, Junior, Michigan

2017 Times: 200 Free, 1:41.21 [NCAA]; 100 Free, 47.39 [NCAA]

Haughey's junior campaign is coming off a huge summer in which she won two gold at the World University Games in Taipei for Hong Kong. Haughey also has a formidable 200 IM and could be a three-time finalist in 2018.

23. Lindsey Horejsi-Kozelsky, Sophomore, Minnesota

2017 Times: 100 Breast, 58.03 [NCAA]; 200 Breast, 2:08.03 [NCAA]

The national high school record holder in the 100 breast has been overshadowed by world record holder Lilly King in her freshman campaign, but Kozelsky is building in her sophomore season. She got married and is swimming for an underrated breaststroke coach in Kelly Kremer, so do not sleep on her this season.



>>> CHELSIE BRITT

22. Chelsie Britt, Senior, Georgia

2017 Times: 100 Fly, 50.93 [SEC]; 200 Fly, 1:52.72, [SEC]

The Florida State transfer had a nice transition back to the NCAA after taking the 2016 year off. Britt is surprisingly the only Georgia swimmer on this list as she looks to lead a “rebuilding” Bulldogs team as they hope not to fall out of the top four for the first time since 2010.

21. Rose Bi, Junior, Michigan

2017 Times: 500 Free, 4:34.28 [Georgia Invite]; 1650 Free, 15:51.94 [Georgia Invite]

Bi peaked mid-season in the 2016-2017 season and will be looking to be more on her game as she faces a deep distance field at the Big Ten Championships.

20. Brooke Zeiger, Senior, Minnesota

2017 Times: 400 IM, 4:02.71 1650 Free, 15:44.00 [AT&T Winter Nationals]

Zeiger had a disappointing junior campaign after sitting out Big Ten’s and swimming well off her game at NCAA’s. The highly touted recruit will add to the aforementioned distance freestyle depth in the Big Ten and will be looking to lead Minnesota back to Big Ten royalty.

19. Miranda Tucker, Sophomore, Michigan

Best times: 100 Breast: 58.10 [2016 NCAA]; 200 Breast: 2:06.27 [2016 NCAA]

Tucker hasn’t swam at the NCAA championships since 2016 when she played second fiddle to Lilly King at Indiana. She has since transferred to Big Ten rival and home state team Michigan, where she will be a player in the stacked Big Ten field. The top three times leading into this year in the 100 breast are all swimmers at Big Ten schools.

18. Abbey Weitzeil, Sophomore, California

2017 Times: 50 Free, 21.40 [Pac-12]; 100 Free, 47.22 [Georgia Invite]

The 2016 Olympian and 2017 World Championship team member had a relatively disappointing freshman campaign in Berkeley. Her sophomore year won’t be very forgiving



>>> ABBEY WEITZEIL

as she still will have to face one of the most stacked sprint fields in NCAA history including Simone Manuel, Mallory Comerford and Liz Li.

17. G Ryan, Senior, Michigan

2017 Times: 500 Free, 4:34.28 [Georgia Invite]; 1650 Free, 15:44.93 [B1G]

Ryan has finally showed their swimming potential this past season after they were summer national champion in the 800 when they were 15. Ryan is now a senior and is the defending Big Ten champ in both the 500 and the 1650 and they will have to fight for every yard to repeat in those.

16. Kennedy Goss, Senior, Indiana

2017 Times: 500 Free, 4:36.13 [NCAA]; 200 Free, 1:43.37 [NCAA]; 200 Back, 1:50.62 [NCAA]

Goss is easily one of the best closers in the country. She will be relied on heavily in her senior year as Indiana will be fighting for a Big Ten title with two-time defending champions Michigan.



>>> AMY BILQUIST

15. Amy Bilquist, Junior, California

2017 Times: 100 Back, 50.85 [Georgia Invite]; 200 Back, 1:50.06 [Georgia Invite]; 100 Free, 47.55 [NCAA]

Bilquist is a part of a deep Cal team that will need every ounce out of her if they want to catch Stanford. Bilquist was third and fourth in the 100 and 200 back at the 2016 Olympic Trials and will be looking to get back to that level in her junior season in Berkeley.

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14. Cierra Runge, Junior, Wisconsin

2017 Times: 500 Free, 4:35.55 [Texas Invite]; 200 Free, 1:43.18 [Texas Invite]; 1650 Free, 15:51.72 [B1G]

Runge is an Olympian and a 2017 World Championship team member. She also had a bit of a rough going in her first season in Madison after she transferred from Cal and left Bob Bowman at North Baltimore. Runge's best times would put her higher on the list, but she has been a little off those this past year because of some rough patches along the way.



13. Bethany Galat, Senior, Texas A&M

2017 Times: 200 IM, 1:54.16 [NCAA]; 400 IM, 4:01.06 [NCAA]; 200 Breast, 2:06.68 [NCAA]

Galat could easily be the most improved swimmer so far on this list. She achieved a silver medal at the World Championships in the 200 breast this past summer and should improve on that 9th place finish in that event she had last season.

12. Katie McLaughlin, Junior, California

2017 Times: 500 Free, 4:36.04 [Pac-12]; 200 Free, 1:43.17 [NCAA]; 200 Fly, 1:52.37 [NCAA]

McLaughlin hasn't been quite the same since injuring her neck her freshman season. She seems to have moved more focus to middle distance freestyle, but she is still a formidable 200 butterflyer and could potentially win her first title in that event in 2018.

11. Liz Li, Senior, Ohio State

2017 Times: 50 Free, 21.29 [NCAA]; 100 Fly, 50.90 [B1G]; 100 Free, 47.50 [B1G]

Li may have the best underwaters in the NCAA. That could pay dividends for her if she wants to upset Simone Manuel in the sprint freestyle events at the NCAA Championships. Li will be swimming in her home pool at Ohio State in March so she could have that in her favor.

10. Louise Hansson, Sophomore, Southern Cal

2017 Times: 200 IM, 1:53.72 [Pac-12]; 100 Fly, 50.39 [Pac-12]; 100 Free, 47.03 [Pac-12]

Hansson made a nice transition to yards in her first year in



the United States. The Sweden native is a favorite in the wide open 100 fly as she split a 49.7 at Pac-12's last year in the medley relay. Hansson could pull the USC team to a top four finish in her sophomore season if she continues to adjust to Dave Salo and short course yards.

9. Mallory Comerford, Junior, Louisville

2017 Times: 500 Free, 4:36.16 [NCAA]; 200 Free, 1:40.36 [NCAA]; 100 Free, 46.35 [NCAA]

Comerford is rapidly improving every year and will take no one by surprise this year in her junior season. Comerford already has an individual NCAA title in the 200 free alongside Katie Ledecky and she has showed she isn't afraid of big competition as she beat Simone Manuel in the 100 free at the Summer Nationals in June.

8. Sydney Pickrem, Junior, Texas A&M

NCAA Times: 200 IM, 1:53.30 [NCAA]; 400 IM, 3:59.36 [NCAA]; 200 Breast, 2:05.23 [NCAA]

Pickrem rapidly improved in her sophomore season as she walked away with three A-final appearances at the NCAA's and continued that momentum with a bronze medal in the 400 IM at the Worlds in Budapest. Pickrem is now a favorite in the stacked 200 IM field that includes classmates Kathleen Baker and Ella Eastin who have traded wins in that event the last two years.



7. Janet Hu, Senior, Stanford

2017 Times: 100 Fly, 50.38 [Pac-12]; 100 Back, 50.29 [Pac-12]; 200 Back, 1:49.36 [Pac-12]

Hu is one of the most underrated swimmers in the Stanford

dynasty. Hu was absent at Summer Nationals but she will no doubt provide valuable depth in the 2018 season for the defending national champions.



6. Ella Eastin, Junior, Stanford

2017 Times: 200 IM, 1:52.27 [NCAA]; 400 IM, 3:57.57 [NCAA]; 200 Fly, 1:51.35 [NCAA]

It's hard to believe Eastin is only a junior. She already has four individual NCAA titles and has been an integral part in Stanford's rise to the top. Eastin had a strong summer where she won three medals at the World University Games in Taipei and she will be looking to continue that momentum into her junior campaign in Palo Alto.

5. Ally Howe, Senior, Stanford

2017 Times: 100 Back, 49.69 [Pac-12]; 200 Back, 1:51.16 [Pac-12]

Howe broke Natalie Coughlin's vaunted American Record in the 100 back and became only the second swimmer to break the 50 second barrier in the event. Howe could not quite continue that momentum into March at the NCAA's but she still has the fastest best time in the field going into this season so she should not be counted out.



4. Kathleen Baker, Junior, California

2017 Times: 200 IM, 1:51.69 [NCAA]; 100 Back, 49.84 [NCAA]; 200 Back, 1:48.33 [Pac-12]

The reigning NCAA swimmer of the year had a huge sophomore season where she won three individual titles and one relay title for the Golden Bears. Baker won silver and bronze in the 100 and 200 back at the Worlds in Budapest so she should have the confidence to defend all three titles in 2018.

3. Lilly King, Junior, Indiana

2017 Times: 100 Breast, 56.30 [BIG]; 200 Breast, 2:03.18 [NCAA]

King has yet to lose a race at the NCAA Championships. She has bullied her way through college with four American records in her first two years. No woman has ever won four NCAA titles in both breaststrokes. The only to ever do the 100 is Tara Kirk from 2001-2004 and the only to ever do the 200 is Rebecca Soni from 2006-2009. King could be on her way to being the best NCAA breaststroker ever.



2. Simone Manuel, Senior, Stanford

2017 Times: 50 Free, 21.17 [NCAA]; 200 Free, 1:40.37 [Pac-12]; 100 Free, 45.56 [NCAA]

Speaking of the greatest ever, Manuel is officially the fastest 100 freestyler ever and could be the first to win three titles in the event since Kara Lynn Joyce won four from 2004-2007. Manuel is now a World Champion after she won the title in Budapest this past summer. Don't expect her to slow down into her senior season.



1. Katie Ledecky, Sophomore, Stanford

2017 Times: 500 Free, 4:24.06 [NCAA]; 200 Free, 1:40.36 [NCAA]; 1650 Free, 15:03.92 [Ohio State Invite]

Depending on how long her career lasts, Ledecky may be the best NCAA swimmer ever as she is on pace to catch Natalie Coughlin's 11 individual titles. Ledecky has no peers in the distance events, but it is the 200 free where she is most vulnerable. She had to squeeze everything out of her to tie Mallory Comerford last year in the event. Would that cause her to shy away from that in favor of the 400 IM? Or will she accept the challenge and lock horns with her and Simone Manuel for the second straight year? ◀



USA SWIMMING ANNOUNCES RECHRISTENED AND UPGRADED TYR PRO SWIM SERIES

USA Swimming announced a six-meet schedule, exciting format changes and a new title sponsor for the 2018 TYR Pro Swim Series, which will allow fans the chance to see some of the world's most decorated athletes compete in the fastest race series in the world.

The meet dates and host sites for the six stops of the 2018 TYR Pro Swim Series – all long-course meters competitions – include:

- *Jan. 11-14, 2018: TYR Pro Swim Series at Austin (University of Texas)*
- *March 1-4, 2018: TYR Pro Swim Series at Atlanta (Georgia Tech)*
- *April 12-15, 2018: TYR Pro Swim Series at Mesa (Skyline Aquatic Center)*
- *May 17-20, 2018: TYR Pro Swim Series at Indianapolis (Indiana University Natatorium, IUPUI)*
- *June 14-17, 2017: TYR Pro Swim Series at Santa Clara (George F. Haines International Swim Center)*
- *July 6-8, 2018: TYR Pro Swim Series at Columbus (Ohio State University)*

Within the 2018 series, the six meets will feature two different competitive formats. Exciting adjustments to the Austin, Mesa and Santa Clara stops include:

Addition of 50-meter events for each of the strokes, culminating in a “shootout-style final,” as well as an 800-meter freestyle for men and 1500m free for women
Mixed 400m medley relay featuring members of the National Team and a 200m “mystery” individual medley final in which stroke order will be determined immediately prior to the event
Finals will feature A and B finals only

The Atlanta, Indianapolis and Columbus meets will feature C and D heats following the A and B finals.

Adding to the TYR Pro Swim Series excitement will be team scoring throughout the series, called SwimSquad Battles. At the 2017 Golden Goggle Awards, a draft will be held among National Team athletes to build teams for the 2018 series. A team winner be determined at each meet and for the entire series.

USA Swimming and TYR also will create a recognition program for 18-and-under swimmers as part of the TYR Pro Swim Series.

“We could not be more excited for the upcoming changes for next year’s TYR Pro Swim Series,” said Tim Hinchey, USA Swimming President and CEO. “The format adjustments will create thrilling competitions for fans and athletes alike, and the camaraderie within swimming will certainly be on display with the new team scoring. USA Swimming is looking forward to partnering with TYR on what is sure to be a world-class series of events.”

“At TYR Sport we pride ourselves on providing athletes with products that push the limits of performance,” began Chief Executive Officer Matt DiLorenzo. “In becoming the new title sponsor of the 2018 TYR Pro Swim Series, we’re looking forward to not only energizing the swim community with gear they can believe in, but also having the opportunity to support athletes, coaches and fans in a new and exciting way.”

Domestic television coverage for all six stops will air exclusively on the NBC Sports Network and the Olympic Channel in the United States.

Swimmers may earn awards for top-three finishes in all individual Olympic events across the series. At each meet, \$1,000 will be provided for a first-place finish, \$600 for second and \$200 for third. In addition to the single-event prize money, the overall male and female winners of the season-long series will earn a \$10,000 bonus.

For the fifth consecutive season, longtime USA Swimming partner BMW will award the grand prize of a one-year lease of a BMW vehicle to the highest-scoring eligible male and female U.S. swimmers. Olympic medalists Chase Kalisz (Bel Air, Md./North Baltimore Aquatic Club) and Melanie Margalis (Clearwater, Fla./St. Petersburg Aquatics) earned one-year BMW leases as the top U.S. professional swimmers in the 2017 series standings. Kalisz and amateur Katie Ledecky (Bethesda, Md./Stanford Swimming) won the 2017 overall series titles.

Male and female overall TYR Pro Swim Series champions will be honored at the conclusion of the 2018 series based on the number of points accumulated throughout the six series meets. Participants will be awarded points in each individual Olympic event throughout the duration of the series (Five points for first, three for second, one point for third place). ◀

Press release courtesy of USA Swimming.



>>> ZHUHAO LI OF CHINA

A SIT-DOWN WITH CHINESE NATIONAL COACH LIU HAITAO

BY BRYAN GU, SWIMMING WORLD INTERN

It is undeniable that Chinese Swimming has seen a tremendous amount of success internationally. This success is led by a large group of young talent, consisting of familiar names such as Xu Jiayu and Fu Yanhui, and one that continues to grow as more swimmers, such as Li Bingjie and Wang Yichun, begin to step into the spotlight.

Coach Liu Haitao began coaching for the Chinese National Team as the head coach of their women's butterfly group in 2005. Since then, Coach Liu's athletes have seen incredible amounts of success, including a gold medal for Jiao Liuyang in the 200 butterfly at the 2012 Olympic Games.

In addition to his success with the older athletes, Coach Liu has also been instrumental in the development of China's younger generation, specifically it's new middle distance stars Li and Ai Yanhan, the former of whom recently gained international attention for her national record-breaking swims in the 400 and 1500.

This summer, Swimming World sat down with Coach Liu to talk about his philosophies on coaching and his thoughts on the current state of Chinese swimming:

SW: What has been your history in swimming? What first got you into the sport? What first got you into coaching?

Liu Haitao: I started as a member of the national team and swam with them through my young adult life. But every career has to end eventually, and I ended up going to school and majoring in physical education. After graduating from college, I returned to my national select club and worked with

them as an assistant coach for a few years. Eventually I was offered my current position as a coach for the larger National Team and I've been here ever since.

SW: What do you think is the most important thing when it comes to coaching a successful athlete?

LH: There are three main points. Firstly you must not take shortcuts. Improvement is something that takes time, and there's a certain degree of patience that each coach must have – to continue to put in the work with the understanding that improvement will come. Secondly, I don't know about other people, but I've found that coaching is a very grueling and taxing profession. You must have the willpower to continue day after day, and a willingness to make certain sacrifices in your life. Thirdly, and perhaps the most obvious, you must have a reasonable understanding of technique and stroke – vital to helping kids improve.

SW: As a national team coach do you work primarily with Ai Yanhan and Li Bingjie, or do you have work more largely with the entire Chinese National Team?

LH: I work more generally with the national team, but I prefer to work more specifically with the younger athletes, like Ai Yanhan and Li Bingjie.

SW: What differences are there between coaching younger swimmers and adults?

LH: Oh man, there are a lot. I think the largest difference is that a lot of coaching younger swimmers has to do with

enforcing good habits. It's really important for younger swimmers to have a good training mentality, and so a lot of training younger swimmers is teaching them this mindset – older swimmers have already gone through all this.

I've also found that their goals and motivations are often different. I find it easier to train the younger swimmers because they're always working towards the big goals – Olympic gold and international recognition. Finally, I think there's a greater connection between coaches and younger athletes. In China, it's a common practice for the younger athletes to live and train away from their families, and as a coach, a lot of the responsibility falls onto you, leading to a much closer athlete-coach relationship.

SW: *Do you ever find it difficult to coach them, given the fact that they are so young and can sometimes not listen to directions?*

LH: Of course, as with any swimmer, there are bound to be those moments. However, I find that the younger swimmers are a lot more self motivated because they have all of these goals and dreams they hope to achieve. I think having the older swimmers, like Sun Yang, helps a lot as well because the younger swimmers are given a role model and they know that their dreams are achievable. It's really just about motivation, and they bring a lot of that themselves.

SW: *Did their success this summer, especially with Li Bingjie getting silver in the 800 and their relay doing so well, help with the girls' confidence moving into this next quad?*

LH: The girls were really nervous coming into this meet, but having had some international experience after Rio, they were also excited. I know both those girls, especially Li, are always excited to compete on a large international stage. They knew they had some shot going into this competition, and so we worked a lot on treating this like another race, but I don't think any of them expected to perform as well as they did this summer. It was definitely a pleasant surprise, and it definitely helped spark something in them moving forward, but they're already onto the next goal: preparing for Tokyo 2020.

SW: *What do you think separates China from the other nations (in terms of training) and how does that contribute to your ability to produce such young talent?*

LH: I think as opposed to a lot of Western training styles, China focuses a lot heavier on training our athletes through childhood. Starting from a young age, promising talent is identified, and through national select camps certain athletes begin to step forward. A lot of factors are taken into consideration beyond simply raw talent, such as health,

dedication, and improvement, and by the time the remaining few kids reach 12 or 13 they become essentially semi-professional athletes. They spend their days either in school or in the water, and swimming is essentially their entire lives. Unlike most other countries, where swimming is generally a hobby or an interest up until the age of 15 or 16, swimming is taken very seriously and given large commitment from youth. I think that's what separates China from other countries – highly competitive swimming begins at a young age.

SW: *This summer, in addition to China's many impressive performances, we also saw some underwhelming ones from the likes of Li . Would you say that this is just a moment of development for China?*

LH: Sun Yang kinda started it all for them, he showed the Xu Jiayus and the Wang Shun's that it was possible to succeed, and now we're beginning to see those kids kinda grow into the scene in both the men and women's teams. A lot of our team is very young right now, and as I mentioned China has continued to put a large effort into discovering young talent. I think by 2020 a lot of the younger swimmers you see now will have matured into formidable swimmers. You can already see a glimpse of what they're capable of, and I think that come 2020, China will be a fierce contender.

SW: *So what's next for your swimmers?*

LH: Well, I think they're definitely going to take a quick break, but we have a few larger meets coming up, the first one being our national championships. ◀

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>>> BRADEN HOLLOWAY

BRADEN HOLLOWAY AND THE RISE OF NC STATE SWIMMING

BY DAVID RIEDER

There was a time not too long ago when any mention of the North Carolina State swimming program reminded fans of disqualified relays.

In 2014, the upstart Wolfpack men began their NCAA championships with a false start DQ in the 200 free relay. One year later in the very same relay, the team was DQed in prelims, then reinstated and then, after apparently winning the national championship in the evening, DQed again.

But even then, the program had major potential, and head coach Braden Holloway clearly had his team moving in the right direction.

At the men's ACC championships in 2014, Holloway's Wolfpack team had all the momentum, ripping through the sprint events and relays. That weekend in Greensboro, N.C., NC State was undoubtedly the loudest and most energetic team on deck.

But the team's conference title chase fell short that year. Virginia Tech—a team coached by Holloway's former boss, Ned Skinner—had loaded up on diving points one week earlier (those events were contested during the women's meet) and that decided the team title.

For the Wolfpack, that was only the beginning. One year later, NC State's men won their first of three straight ACC titles and then broke into the top ten at the NCAA championships. In 2016, the team finished top five at NCAAs and also won its first relay national title under Holloway, edging out Texas

to win the 400 free relay at the men's NCAA championships.

And then, three months later, Ryan Held made the Olympic team.

But for all the success his men have accumulated over the past several years, it's what the women's team has pulled off that has been most fulfilling for the head coach.

Before Holloway arrived in 2011, NC State had not finished higher than seventh in the ACC in 10 seasons. The team had scored at the NCAA championships in exactly one of the previous 19 seasons.

In 2017, Holloway's sixth year with the program, the Wolfpack women out-swam nine-time defending conference champion Virginia to win their first ACC title since 1980. One month later, the team finished a program-best seventh place at the NCAA championships.

"Having the women win (the ACC championship) this year when people told me the women would never win I think has probably been the most gratifying thing," Holloway said. "Just to do something when the women were so down, I think that's something that we were really proud of."

INTERNATIONAL PACK

This summer, more Wolfpack swimmers dotted American international teams as Justin Ress took down two Olympic gold medalists to win the 50 back at U.S. Nationals and book a spot on the World Championships team, and Ress was joined

by Held, distance swimmer Hannah Moore and breastroker Kayla Brumbaum on the World University Games team.

Ress had barely gotten any national attention prior to the summer, but he ended up making the final at Worlds in the 50 back before going to WUGs and winning gold in the 100 back and throwing down a 48-low split on the 400 free relay.

“He came into our program probably the most versatile swimmer we’ve signed since I’d been there,” Holloway said. “He could do whatever he wanted. You can tell, he likes to sprint. He was exposed to so many things in club that, with strength gains, it was only a matter of time before he was going to be shot out of a cannon.”

As for the Wolfpack’s star of 2016, Held got a bit of a wake-up call at this year’s Nationals. He finished seventh in his signature event, the 100 free, leaving him one spot away from the Worlds team. But he did manage to put the unexpected setback aside in time to win gold in the 100 free at WUGs.

“He’s had the highest of highs at the Olympics, and now he’s tasted some defeat at World Champ Trials. I think it puts many things into perspective for him,” Holloway said. “I think he’ll be able to learn from that.”

With four of his swimmers on the team at WUGs, Holloway was tapped to serve as an assistant coach on the American staff in Taipei. That marked his first time ever representing the United States internationally as a coach.

Having never before been on an international staff for the U.S., Holloway explained that it felt somewhat weird at first “working with coaches you normally compete against,” but that he enjoyed getting to know the other coaches as human beings.

And while putting on a USA shirt for the first time was personally satisfying, the most special part for Holloway was watching his swimmers receive and put on American flag caps with their names printed on the side for the first time.

“To see Hannah Moore and Kayla Brumbaum put it on for the first time and feel such pride and see their smile, I think that’s probably the most enjoyment for a coach to see that,” Holloway said.

FILLING A VOID

If Holloway has been the architect of the NC State program for the past six years, Todd DeSorbo was one of the key builders. DeSorbo came in with Holloway as associate head coach and was the primary coach running the esteemed Wolfpack sprint group.



When the NC State men won the 800 free relay at the NCAA championships in 2017 in NCAA record-time, Holloway insisted that DeSorbo accompany him for the post-race interview. In six years working together, the two became not just colleagues but good friends. Their children often spent the night at each other’s houses.

But all the sudden, DeSorbo has become a rival. He was hired in early August to replace Augie Busch at the University of Virginia, an ACC rival of NC State located only a few hours north of Raleigh.

Holloway had known that DeSorbo’s departure was inevitable: as people around the country took note of NC State’s success, he had been getting calls for head coaching opportunities and had already turned some down. But to Virginia, he couldn’t say no.

How do you replace someone like that?

“I told the team, ‘We’re not going to replace him.’ You can’t,” Holloway said. “It’s not going to be the same—whenever you lose someone like that that has such a big role, it’s just not going to be the same, and it doesn’t have to be the same. We can still be successful and it be different.”

Bobby Guntoro, who actually swam for DeSorbo at UNC-Wilmington before the two came to NC State, has taken over many of DeSorbo’s coaching responsibilities with the sprint group. Holloway called Guntoro “probably the most crazy, intense person on our staff.”

“The structure of our program is going to stay the same,” Holloway said. “It’ll just have a couple of spices mixed in and some spices removed. We just want to continue to have a good recipe.”

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>>> TODD DeSORBO

LOOKING FORWARD AND LOOKING BACK

Heading into year seven of Holloway’s tenure in Raleigh, no swimming and diving program in the country has elevated further during that time span. And yet, Holloway insists that not all that much has changed: team chemistry has stayed more or less the same, and those on the inside of the program still feel like they are building momentum.

But if your men’s team finishes top-five at NCAAs two years in a row and your women’s team top-ten, shouldn’t recruiting get easier? Not really, Holloway insisted.

“People are still trying to figure us out,” he said. “People think that their kids could go to school at NC State and improve and enjoy the experience, but I wouldn’t say it’s easier because we’re trying to recruit the next level up, and when you recruit the next level up, you’re going against the big dogs.”

Immediately, Holloway caught himself: “People think we’re big dogs now.”

Well, yeah. NC State has put swimmers on every U.S. international team for the past two years and become a force across the board at NCAAs.

The program is producing swimmers like Brumbaum, who went from not even being invited to the NCAA championships as a sophomore to finishing fifth in the event at the national level as a senior. Unsure if she would even keep swimming past college, Brumbaum ended up making the WUGs team in the 200 breast and finishing fourth in Taipei.

The name Braden Holloway means something much different in swimming than it did when he was hired off Virginia Tech’s staff six years ago.

“People ask me, ‘What’s the best thing that you’ve done in coaching?’” Holloway said. “Which kid—Ryan or Alexia (Zevnik) or...?” I was like, ‘No, it was picking the right staff to

do what we did, and we did it.”

It’s clear how much pride Holloway takes in all his team managed to accomplish over the past six years, but he can’t fully process it all—not yet, anyway.

“Sometimes I sit back and think about what we’ve been able to do, and I don’t really think I’ll value it as much until I’m done doing what I’m doing, to be honest,” he said.

As for Holloway’s most treasured moments of his time at NC State, two came to mind: the 800 free relay win at the NCAA championships—“probably the most exciting race I’ve ever seen where we had kids involved”—and then one other that few swimming fans noticed.

NC State had a senior this past season who was not on the conference championship team, but she had one simple goal she wanted to accomplish by the end of her career: break 2:00 in the 200 fly. In the final race of her career, she did.

“To see her reaction after she broke 2:00 just reminds you of why you do what you do,” Holloway said. ◀



>>> KAYLA BRUMBAUM



USA SWIMMING ANNOUNCES GOLDEN GOGGLES NOMINEES; SIMONE MANUEL, CAELB DRESSEL HEADLINE

World champions Caeleb Dressel (Green Cove Springs, Fla./Bolles School Sharks/Florida) and Simone Manuel (Sugar Land, Texas/Stanford Swimming) lead the way with six nominations each for the 2017 USA Swimming Golden Goggle Awards, set for Sunday, Nov. 19 at the JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE.

Full event details, including table and seat purchasing opportunities, can be found at GoldenGoggles.com.

The nation's top swimmers and coaches are nominated in eight categories for the 14th Annual Golden Goggle Awards, the celebration and fundraising gala honoring the sport's top performances of the year. This year's event, emceed by actor, comedian and former swimmer Anders Holm and featuring entertainment from The Second City improvisational comedy group, will once again mix swimming stars with celebrities, business leaders and entertainment icons in vibrant downtown Los Angeles.

Dressel's six nominations include Male Athlete of the Year, Male Race of the Year for the 100-meter freestyle and 100m butterfly at the 2017 FINA World Championships, as well as Relay Performance of the Year for the men's 4x100m free relay, mixed 400m medley relay and mixed 400m free relay in Budapest.

Manuel is nominated for Female Athlete of the Year, Female Race of the Year for the 100m free at the FINA World Championships, as well as for anchoring four entries in the Relay Performance of the Year category.

Lilly King (Evansville, Ind./Indiana University) earned five nominations, while Katie Ledecky (Bethesda, Md./Stanford Swimming) and Mallory Comerford (Kalamazoo, Mich./University of Louisville) garnered three nods apiece.

Golden Goggle Award nominations are based on the year's top accomplishments by U.S. swimmers, focusing primarily on the 2017 FINA World Championships. The Americans topped the medal table in Budapest with 41 total medals

across pool and open water competition. The complete list of 2017 Golden Goggle Award nominees by category is below.

Online fan voting is now open and will continue through Friday, Nov. 10. A percentage of the fan vote will count towards the final ballot. Beginning later this week USA Swimming will highlight Golden Goggle Awards categories weekly on usaswimming.org and across its social media channels in the lead-up to the Nov. 19 event.

Proceeds from the Golden Goggle Awards benefit the USA Swimming Foundation, which has the mission to save lives and build champions – in the pool and in life. In addition to its Make a Splash initiative, a national, child-focused water safety campaign that stresses the importance of learning to swim, the USA Swimming Foundation supports the U.S. National Team and its development efforts aim to establish an endowment to strengthen the future of USA Swimming's programs and services. The Foundation also serves as the home for our National and Olympic Team Alumni reunions and regional events.

2017 GOLDEN GOGGLE AWARDS NOMINEES

BREAKOUT PERFORMER OF THE YEAR

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Bethany Galat
Townley Haas

PERSEVERANCE AWARD

Elizabeth Beisel
Matt Grevers
Ashley Twichell

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jack Bauerle
Ray Looze
Greg Meehan
Gregg Troy

RELAY PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

Women's 4x100m Freestyle Relay, 2017 World Champs
Men's 4x100m Freestyle Relay, 2017 World Champs
Women's 4x100m Medley Relay, 2017 World Champs
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle Relay, 2017 World Champs
Mixed 4x100m Medley Relay, 2017 World Champs

FEMALE RACE OF THE YEAR

Lilly King, 50m Breaststroke, 2017 World Champs
Lilly King, 100m Breaststroke, 2017 World Champs
Katie Ledecky, 400m Freestyle, 2017 World Champs
Simone Manuel, 100m Freestyle, 2017 World Champs
Ashley Twichell, 5K Open Water, 2017 World Champs

MALE RACE OF THE YEAR

Caeleb Dressel, 100m Freestyle, 2017 World Champs
Caeleb Dressel, 100m Butterfly, 2017 World Champs
Chase Kalisz, 400m Individual Medley, 2017 World Champs

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Lilly King
Katie Ledecky
Simone Manuel

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BRAZILIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE PROVISIONALLY SUSPENDED; CARLOS NUZMAN SANCTIONED BY DAVID RIEDER

In response to the arrest of former Brazilian Olympic Committee (COB) President Carlos Nuzman and the allegations of vote-buying in the awarding of the 2016 Olympic Games to Rio, the International Olympic Committee has suspended the COB and cut ties with Nuzman.

The IOC released a statement Friday morning explaining that Nuzman was being stripped of all his privileges as an IOC Honorary Member and was being removed from the Tokyo 2020 Coordination Commission.

Further, the COB was stripped of its rights and privileges within the Olympic movement, but with a caveat. The IOC declared that “to protect the interests of the Brazilian athletes, this decision shall not affect the Brazilian athletes.”

Hence, Brazil will still field a team for the 2018 Winter Olympics, just five months away in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Brazil is much stronger in the sports contested in the Summer Olympics than in the Winter Games, but with the next Summer Olympics in Tokyo still three years away, the situation with the COB should have moved towards a resolution by that point.

Read the full release from the IOC by clicking [here](#) or below:

The IOC Executive Board (eb) has taken note and discussed the circumstances of the allegations against and the arrest of mr carlos nuzman, in particular concerning the vote for the host city of the olympic games by the ioc session in 2009.

With regard to the status of Mr Carlos Nuzman as an IOC Honorary Member, the EB, following the recommendation

of the IOC Ethics Commission (see annex), decides with immediate effect:

- *To suspend Mr Carlos Nuzman provisionally from all the rights, prerogatives and functions deriving from his quality as an IOC Honorary Member; and*
- *To withdraw Mr Carlos Nuzman from the Coordination Commission for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.*

With regard to the Brazilian Olympic Committee (COB), the EB states that the COB and its President, Carlos Nuzman, were responsible for the candidature of Rio de Janeiro in 2009. Therefore, the EB takes the following decision with immediate effect:

- *To suspend provisionally the Brazilian Olympic Committee.*
- *According to Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter, provisional suspension in this case means in particular:*
 - *Subsidies and payments from the IOC to the COB are frozen.*
 - *The COB is not allowed to exercise its membership rights in NOC associations.*
 - *To protect the interests of the Brazilian athletes, this decision shall not affect the Brazilian athletes.*
 - *Therefore, the IOC will accept a Brazilian Olympic Team in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 and in all other competitions under the umbrella of the COB with all rights and obligations.*
 - *Olympic scholarships to Brazilian athletes will continue to be paid.*

This provisional suspension may be lifted partly or fully when the governance issues of the COB have been addressed to the satisfaction of the EB.

With regard to the Rio Organising Committee, the EB notes that Mr Carlos Nuzman since its formation was and still is its President and Mr Leonardo Gryner having worked in the Organising Committee for many years. Therefore, the EB takes the following decision:

- The EB states that the IOC closed all its obligations with the Organising Committee in December 2016, as confirmed by the Organising Committee. The IOC and the Olympic Movement's financial contribution exceeded significantly their contractual obligations, taking into consideration the grave crisis affecting the country.
- The EB decides to suspend provisionally all other relations with the Organising Committee.
- This provisional suspension may be lifted partly or fully when the governance issues of the Organising Committee have been addressed to the satisfaction of the EB.

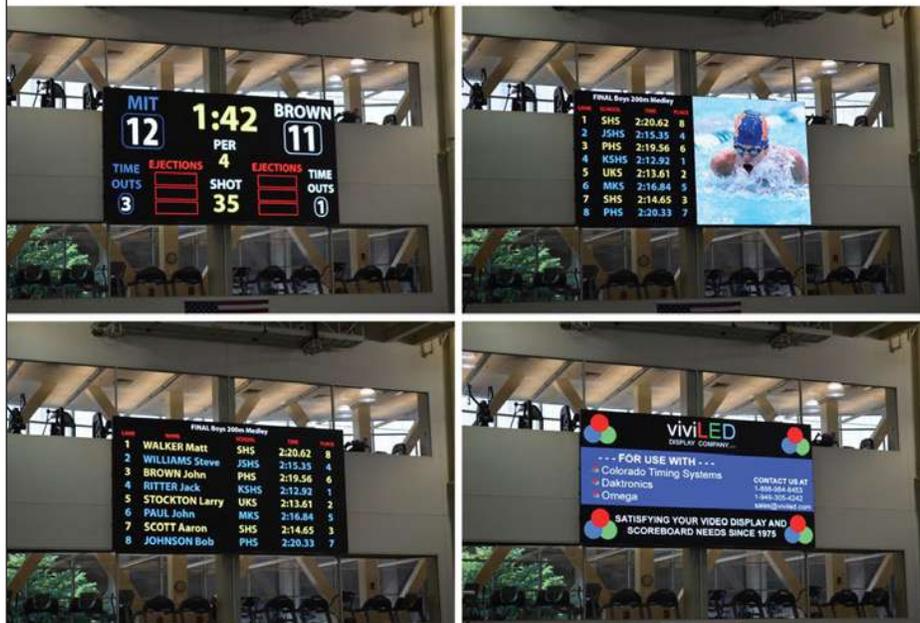
The IOC reiterates its full commitment to the protection of the integrity of sport. The IOC will continue to address any issue affecting this integrity under the rules and regulations of its recently reformed governance system. In order to follow

up this case properly, the EB asks all judicial authorities to provide the IOC Ethics Commission with all the available information at their earliest convenience. The IOC will continue to fully cooperate with all these judicial authorities. It is in the highest interests of the IOC to be able to fully address such matters concerning an IOC Member or an IOC Honorary Member as soon as possible, in order to protect its reputation as an organisation. ◀

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Baylor's state-of-the-art Aquatic Center features a 50-meter by 25-yard pool, an Endless Pool and a \$1.2 million sports performance center.

Head Coach Dan Flack has been named Tennessee either Men's or Women's Swimming Coach of the Year 14 times since 2007, and coached Team USA at the 2011 and 2017 World Junior Championships.

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Baylor Leads



Our program has produced an Olympic Gold Medalist, US National Finalists, Olympic Trials Qualifiers, Junior National Champions, National Junior Team Members and High School All-Americans.

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- 2008 and 2009 Swimming World Men's Independent School National Champions
 - Over 40 Tennessee Team State Championships
 - Over 50 USS Scholastic All-Americans in the last 10 years
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Grades PK-12 • Enrollment: 1,600

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The Bolles School is an independent, co-educational day and boarding college preparatory school founded in 1933. Bolles enrolls 1,600 students in grades Pre-K through 12 on four separate campuses. The Bolles Resident Life program enrolls students from around the world in grades 7-12.

The Bolles swimming program has a long history of outstanding success from youth through Olympic levels. Bolles and its year-round United States Swimming program, the Bolles Sharks, have developed many nationally and world-ranked swimmers, including 59 Olympians since 1972, earning 20 medals. Bolles girls' swimming has claimed 25 consecutive state titles and 29 titles overall, while Bolles boys' swimming has achieved 28 consecutive state titles and 37 titles overall.

The Bolles Sharks have earned recognition as a Gold Medal Club through USA Swimming's National Club Excellence Program each year since 2010. In 2017, the Bolles Sharks club was among seven programs to be named to USA Swimming's Podium Club for clubs achieving a Gold Medal ranking for at least four consecutive years.

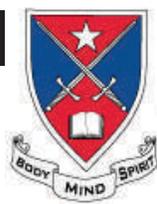
The program facilitates training and stroke instruction in Bolles' 50-meter and 25-yard pools, as well as the Aquatic Center with dryland and weight training equipment.

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College Preparatory, Boys Boarding
Grades 7-12/PG • Enrollment: 450

P.O. Box 278 • Fork Union, VA 23055
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Fork Union Military Academy is one of the premier college preparatory schools in the country. Founded in 1898, the school has a tradition of educating young men in "Body, Mind and Spirit."

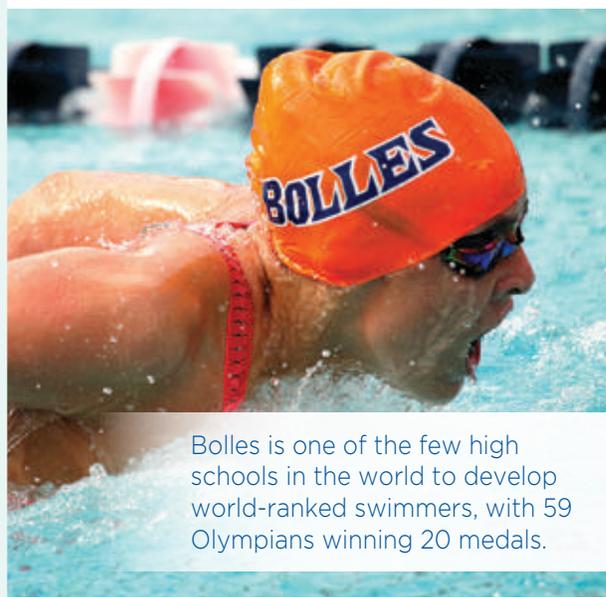
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to improve academically or just get stronger and faster in the water before attending college. Like its high school program, postgraduate students participate in the One Subject Plan, where students take one subject at a time over seven-week terms throughout the year.

In addition to this, they have access to SAT/ACT prep courses and college credit courses through advanced placement (AP) courses, dual enrollment courses taught with PVCC (our local community college) and through Richard Bland College of William & Mary (also taught on our campus. This academic approach, along with the discipline and structure it provides, helps students not only achieve academically, but also athletically, helping instill self-discipline, character and time management. From a swimming standpoint, swimmers will have access to between nine and 11 training sessions a week, competing at USA Swimming sanctioned meets throughout the year, to include Winter Nationals, Winter Junior Nationals and Speedo Sectionals.

Their program and school have a long history of developing young men of character both in and out of the pool. Swimmers train in a state-of-the-art, multi-million dollar, eight-lane by 25-meter indoor pool that was built in 2006. In addition to the pool, they also have access to the best in athletic training staff and dryland equipment, whether it is on our pool deck or in one of their weight/cardio rooms.

This is the setting that they have used to help produce four high school state championships in the past seven years, over 40 High School All-Americans, and countless others who have gone on to swim at national and international meets, including the World Championships and the Olympics. *See display ad on page 38.*

Gulliver

GULLIVER COLLEGE PREPARATORY

CO-ED DAY

Grades PK3-12 • Enrollment: 2,200

6575 North Kendall Dr. • Pinecrest, FL 33156

Aquatics Director: Christopher George 305-666-7937 x1552
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Gulliver is a 501 (c) (3) private, non-profit, independent co-educational non-sectarian day school with a mission to create an academic community dedicated to educational excellence, with a personal touch, that fulfills each student's potential.

Located in Miami, Gulliver Preparatory School provides a challenging academic curriculum featuring a wide variety of electives, AP and Honors courses, and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program. The school's focus on 21st century teaching and learning, and commitment to leadership through service, continues to produce college, career and life-ready high school graduates.

Gulliver's Aquatic Center is a premier training and competition facility with a state-of-the-art Olympic-size pool, locker rooms, coaches' offices and team exercise room. The school's swim teams and its year-round USA Swimming program, the Gulliver Swim Club, are guided by Aquatics Director Christopher George.



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In 2016-17, the girls swim team won its third straight 2A Florida State Championship, while the boys swim team captured the 2A state title for the first time in program history.

Home to 1984 Olympic silver medalist Michele Richardson ('87) and 2003 Pan Am Games medalist Christina Swindle ('03), Gulliver boasts aquatics graduates who have gone on to compete at respected institutions such as the University of Florida, Auburn, Vanderbilt and Harvard. To date, the girls swim team has recorded 28 individual state titles, while the boys swim team has amassed 19 individual state championships.

Established in 2011, the Gulliver Swim Club is consistently ranked as a top team in South Florida. Recently, the club earned Silver Medal Program distinction out of more than 2,900 teams nationally by USA Swimming's 2017 Club Excellence Program.

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McDONOUGH SCHOOL

McDONOUGH SCHOOL

College Preparatory, Co-ed Day and 5-Day Boarding
Grades PK-12 • Enrollment: 1,370

8600 McDonogh Rd. • Owings Mills, MD 21117

Director of Enrollment Management:

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Aquatic Director: Scott Ward 443-544-7161 • sward@mcdonogh.org

On 800 rolling acres in a suburb north of Baltimore, McDonogh School is a vibrant, diverse, family-like academic community. Students are inspired regularly by talented, caring teachers and achievement-oriented classmates. Opportunities abound in academics, arts, athletics and service. A five-day boarding program is an appealing option for swimmers with early morning practices.

The Henry A. Rosenberg Jr. Aquatic Center, built in 2006, includes an indoor eight-lane 50-meter pool, which is home to boys' and girls' swim teams and coed water polo teams. Since 2003, the girls' squad has won 11 league championships, and the boys won a league championship in 2012.

McDonogh swimmers have risen to the top of the sport. Since 2000, the boys' and girls' teams have had 35 individual High School All-Americans, totaling 130 All-American performances. Recent graduates have contributed to top collegiate programs, including Harvard, Stanford, Arizona, Georgia, Purdue, Columbia, Johns Hopkins and the U.S. Naval Academy. In 2009, one alum set a national high school prep record and later went on to win a gold medal at the 2015 Pan American Games in record time. Most recently, three swimmers participated in the 2016 Olympic Trials, with two placing in the semifinals and championship finals.

Upper School tuition for day students is \$29,830; \$39,890 for five-day boarding. In 2017, McDonogh awarded more than \$5.4 million in need-based financial aid.

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Gulliver

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- 🏊 Aquatics Director Christopher George, 2017 *Miami Herald* Coach of the Year
- 🏊 Home of Olympic silver medalist Michele Richardson '87 and Pan Am Games medalist Christina Swindle '03
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admission@peddie.org • www.peddie.org
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gwriede@peddie.org

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A national swimming power, Peddie swimmers have been represented in every Olympics since 1992, which included double gold medalist Nelson Diebel. B.J. Bedford added to Peddie's gold medal tally in 2000 in Sydney.

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Peddie is consistently at the top of the National High School Mythicals, and has placed swimmers on the USA National Junior Team. In 2013, Peddie became one of three high schools in the country to crack the magical 3:00 barrier in the boys 400 Free Relay.

Recent graduating swimmers went on to Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Stanford, Northwestern, University of Pennsylvania, University of Florida and Auburn. Peddie's substantial endowment provides need-based financial aid for roughly 40 percent of its students.

*See display ad on page 35***PHILLIPS ACADEMY****Founded 1778 • College Preparatory,**
Co-ed Boarding and Day
Grades 9-Post-Graduate • Enrollment: 1,150180 Main St. • Andover, MA 01810
Boys' Coach: David Fox
dfox@andover.edu • www.andover.edu
Girls' Coach: Paul Murphy • pmurphy@andover.edu

With its expansive worldview, legacy of academic excellence and commitment to equity and inclusion, Phillips Academy, known globally as "Andover," offers extraordinary opportunities to the student-athlete.

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Within this rigorous scholastic environment, Andover's Swimming & Diving program enjoys great success, winning 14 New England team championships since 1998 and being named among the top 25 independent school programs in the nation each year since 2006.

Since its first meet in 1912, Andover has produced multiple Olympians, including a gold medalist, more than 150 All-Americans and numerous Eastern, New England and national record holders. In just the last 10 years, Andover swimmers and divers, including National Champion Andrew Wilson '12, have competed for schools such as Emory, Harvard, MIT, Texas, USC, Williams and Yale. *See display ad on page 36*

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THE ETHEL WALKER SCHOOL

College Preparatory, Girls Boarding and Day
Grades 6-12 • Enrollment: 250



230 Bushy Hill Rd. • Simsbury, CT 06070

Coach: Sarah Bednar 860-408-4292

sbednar@ethelwalker.org • www.ethelwalker.org

The Ethel Walker School, founded in 1911, is an independent college preparatory, boarding and day school for girls in grades 6 through 12. The Walker's ethos is guided by the principal and pursuit of integrity. We are a school where every aspect of a girl's life—academic, athletic, social and personal well-being—come together.

Our varsity swim team trains and competes in the winter as part of the New England Prep School Swimming Association and the prestigious Founders League. The team is led by a seasoned USA Swimming certified coach with a proven record of success in leading teams to championships, league, school and personal records.

Walker's Centennial Aquatic Center, built in 2016, houses an 8-lane, 25-yard deep pool—one of the fastest prep school pools in New England and the only all-girls school in New England with such an advantage. The facility was also featured in Aquatic Magazine for being one of the healthiest high school pools in the country due to the latest in fresh air technology.

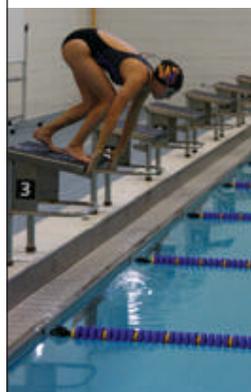
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MOMENTUM SPREADS AS MORE ATHLETES SET UP THEIR OWN ORGANIZATIONS BY TAYLOR BRIEN

Momentum continues to spread as more athletes seek to set up their own organizations. The latest revolution is taking place within the German sports community as athletes attempt to set up their own group separate from the German Olympic Sports Confederation. The current proposed name is “Athleten Deutschland.”

Maximilian Hartung, a sabre fencer, explained in an interview with Sportschau that,

“We believe that athletes need their own voice, and that a separate organization will allow us to independently present athletes’ views. We want to have our say as partners on equal terms. Up to now that has not been the case.”

Silke Kassner, a canoe athlete, added,

“Athletes wanted to have their say, and the time really is ripe now even for confederations to accept athletes as negotiating partners on equal terms, and not just as token parts of a statue.”

Currently, German athletes are represented by the Athletes’ Committee, which is located within the confederation. The aim of “Athleten Deutschland” will be to “establish a network of athletes’ representatives of leading Olympic, non-Olympic and Paralympic sports.” Additional aims of the association include:

- Combatting doping and sexual violence within sport;
- Becoming more involved with supporting their athletes;
- Creating appropriate qualification and nomination criteria for competitions.

The move for a new association was inspired by the state-sponsored doping scandal in Russia. In regards to the situation, Kassner explained that,

“We were relatively powerless, because as the athletes’ representatives we simply didn’t have enough say on matters to be able to influence the decision-making on whether Russia could attend the Olympics or not.”

The estimated cost for launching the new association is set to be around 300,000 to 400,000 Euros. A meeting is set for October 15th in Cologne and it is there that a decision is due to be made.

This is not the first movement to create an athlete-centric association. John Leonard, president of ASCA, and George Block, president of WSCA, are currently spearheading the creation of a Professional Swimmers Association, projected to kick off in 2018. More information regarding the PSA can be found on page 19 of the October 2017 issue of *Swimming World Magazine*. ◀



LEAH SMITH MOVING TO TUCSON TO TRAIN AT UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

BY DAVID RIEDER

Leah Smith, a two-time Olympic medalist in 2016 and a three-time medalist at this summer's World Championships, has decided to move to Tucson, Ariz., to train at the University of Arizona, following her longtime coach Cory Chitwood.

Chitwood was an assistant coach under Augie Busch at Virginia from 2013 to 2017, and he was the primary distance coach. When Busch took the head coaching job at Arizona in July, Chitwood also made the move west.

Smith explained her decision in a statement to *Swimming World*:

"I would like to thank the University of Virginia, UVA Swimming and Diving, and all of Charlottesville for an incredible four years. I am extremely excited for the future of UVA Swimming, and I know the team and the new staff will light it up this year!

"While Charlottesville will always have a piece of my heart, I can't wait to begin a new chapter in my life in Tucson, Arizona as I continue to train with my long-time coach,

Cory Chitwood. I would like to thank the team and staff at the University of Arizona for being so kind and welcoming to me. Bear down and Wahoowa!"

One year after winning bronze in the 400 free and gold in the 800 free relay at the Rio Olympics, Smith took on a big schedule of events at the World Championships. She improved to silver in the 400 free (behind Katie Ledecky), again won 800 free relay gold and added a bronze in the 800 free. She also made the final in both the 200 free and 400 IM.

During her college career at Virginia, Smith won NCAA titles in both the 500 and 1650 free in 2015 and 2016 before finishing second in both events as a senior behind Ledecky. The 22-year-old Smith is a native of Pittsburgh.

Chitwood himself swam at Arizona, where he was a three-time NCAA champion in the 200 back. His role as Smith's primary coach vaulted him onto the U.S. women's coaching staff at this summer's World Championships for the first time. ◀



HOW THEY TRAIN: EMMA BARKSDALE

BY MICHAEL J. STOTT

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PROGRESSION OF TIMES

SCY	2014	2015	2016	2017
200 Breast	2:16.08	2:13.66	2:12.15	2:10.83
200 IM	2:01.99	1:59.04	1:58.49	1:56.35
400 IM	4:18.54	4:11.96	4:10.21	4:06.07
200 Free	1:50.94	1:49.39	1:49.39	1:46.13
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200 Breast	2:44.77	2:36.16	2:31.34	2:31.15
200 IM	2:19.84	2:17.28	2:15.85	2:13.47
400 IM	4:52.08	4:50.86	4:44.80	4:42.04

Emma Barksdale came to the University of South Carolina from California's Davis Arden Racing Team in part because of a longstanding relationship that Gamecock Coach McGee Moody had with former teammate and Barksdale's coach at DART, Billy Doughty.

As a high school senior, Barksdale achieved short course times of 2:01.76 in the 200 yard IM, 1:03.53 and 2:20.54 in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes as well as a 4:52.08 Olympic qualifying time in the 400 meter IM.

Barksdale became South Carolina's most versatile swimmer as a freshman in 2016, taking part in eight different events. That increased to nine events as a sophomore, culminating with a 13th-place finish at NCAAs in the 400 yard IM (4:06.80). She also finished fourth at SECs in the same event (4:06.07) and seventh in the 200 IM (1:56.65). She continued her strong performances this summer with a sixth-place 2:13.47 200 meter IM at the Phillips 66 U.S. nationals. In Columbia, she owns

program top times in the 1000 free, both IMs and four relays, and ranks third in the 500 free and 200 breast.

"Emma was a quiet young lady when she first arrived at South Carolina," says Coach Moody. "As she has continued to develop as an athlete, she has also opened up and embraced her role as a team leader. She is also one of the hardest workers that we have had during my time at Carolina. She completely trusts the training plan, and she's learned to use the strength, nutrition and recovery components to make her a better all-around swimmer.

"She is loved and respected by her teammates. Emma was elected captain for this upcoming season and she cares deeply for her team," says Moody.

SAMPLE 400 IM PACE SET

(All IM pace times are derived from second 50 of each stroke in the IM)

Round 1

- 2 x 150 swim @ 2:00 (50 fly-50 back-50 breast: 1-smooth/perfect stroke, 2-400 IM race tempo)
- 2 x 200 swim @ 2:15 (1-hold 2:02, 2-hold 1:59)
- 8 x 50 fly
2- @ :50 (400 IM pace +1) (32.5)
6- @ 1:00 (400 IM pace-) (29.5)
Focus on rhythm
- 1 x 100 recovery

Round 2

- 2 x 150 swim @ 2:00 (50 fly-50 back-50 breast: 1-smooth/perfect stroke, 2-400 IM race tempo)
- 2 x 200 swim @ 2:15 (1-hold 2:02, 2-hold 1:59)
- 8 x 50 back
2- @ :50 (400 IM pace +1) (32.5)
6- @ 1:00 (400 IM pace-) (31.0)
Focus on tempo: 1:45-1:55
- 1 x 100 recovery

Round 3

- 2 x 150 swim @ 2:00 (50 fly-50 back-50 breast: 1-smooth/perfect stroke, 2-400 IM race tempo)
- 2 x 200 swim @ 2:15 (1-hold 2:02, 2-hold 1:59)
- 8 x 50 breast
2- @ :50 (400 IM pace +1) (36.0)
6- @ 1:00 (400 IM pace-) (35.0)
Focus on bodyline
- 1 x 100 recovery

Round 4

- 2 x 150 swim @ 2:00 (50 fly-50 back-50 breast: 1-smooth/perfect stroke, 2-400 IM race tempo)
- 2 x 200 free @ 2:15 (1-hold 2:02, 2-hold 1:59)
- 8 x 50 free
2- @ :50 (400 IM pace +1) (29.0)
6- @ 1:00 (400 IM pace-) (sub-28.0)
Focus on 4-5 dolphins off each wall

TOTAL: 4,800 ❖



OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST ANTHONY ERVIN TO BE SPECIAL GUEST AT TOURETTE ASSOCIATION PREMIER GALA BY ANDY ROSS

Tourette Association of America (TAA), the premier national non-profit organization serving the Tourette Syndrome (TS) and Tic Disorder community, today announced that four-time Olympic medalist and ambassador Anthony Ervin will be a special guest at this year’s premier gala on Monday, November 6, as well as at the association’s 2018 National Education Conference, March 2-4.

Anthony joined the Tourette Association of America in 2017 as an ambassador. Ervin, who suffers from Tourette syndrome, has met with other youth ambassadors this year to talk about the misconceptions about TS, and to show kids they are not alone.

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– strength, courage, leadership and a willingness to better the community around them,” said John Miller, President and CEO of Tourette Association of America. “We are incredibly honored that he has accepted our invitation and will be joining us for this year’s gala and next year’s bi-annual National Education Conference as he helps to support our mission to make life better for all people affected by Tourette and Tic Disorders.”

In 2011 at the age of 30, Ervin returned to swimming winning gold at the Chesapeake Pro-Am and immediately putting himself back in the U.S. top five. Anthony participated in the U.S. Olympic Trials and was selected for the London Olympic Games for the 50 freestyle. Following the Olympics, Anthony swam to 16 medals on the World Cup circuit, nine of them gold, and an American record in the 50 Freestyle. In 2014, Anthony regained his U.S. National title in the 50m Freestyle getting a Silver medal at that year’s Pan Pacific Championships in Australia.

After winning the Olympic gold, two World Championships, and seven NCAA titles, Ervin retired at the young age of 22 in 2003. He then spent several years traveling the world and exploring other interests, including his higher education, music, tattoos, teaching people all over the world about swimming, and tsunami flood relief. His vision is to use his

experiences and his platform as a chance to give back and inspire people of all ages to live the life they love.

“Living with Tourette’s is a unique struggle. At times the struggle has defeated my best efforts. But I have no doubt that the strength I develop from living with Tourette’s contributes to my success at the Olympics, and in life,” shared Anthony Ervin.

The above press release courtesy of the Tourette Association of America

About the Tourette Association of America:

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>>> MATT GREVERS (LEFT), CAELEB DRESSEL & LILLY KING

NO MIXED FEELINGS ON THE MIXED MEDLEY RELAY

BY DAVID RIEDER

Back in 2015, mixed relays were novelty events when they debuted at the World Championships. Why? Because most swimmers did not grow up swimming mixed relays on a regular basis.

The oft-mighty Americans came out with a patchwork team for the mixed 400 medley relay that included no swimmers entered in the individual 100-meter event of their respective strokes. Australia simply did not field a team for either the mixed 400 medley or mixed 400 free relay.

Two years later, at the next World Championships in Budapest, no one was punting on the mixed medley relay. Why? Because that event had been added to the Olympic program for the 2020 games in Tokyo.

The IOC accepted the mixed relay and not the individual 50s of stroke for the 2020 Games in Tokyo as part of an effort to have a greater percentage of Olympic events (across all sports) include women and to include more mixed-gendered events.

Among swimming insiders, there was skepticism about the relay's addition because, for all the strategy involved in putting a mixed medley relay team together and however interesting that race can be to watch, it's still a contrived event.

"That's how I felt before," Georgia head coach Jack Bauerle said. "Now I feel completely different."

When the Olympic event additions were announced in June, the addition of the two new distance events—the men's 800

free and, in particular, the women's 800 free—dominated the headlines. For the first time ever, Olympic swimming would feature matching event programs for women and men.

The mixed medley relay was an afterthought—but swimmers and coaches at least seemed willing to give it a chance.

And when they swam the mixed medley relay at the World Championships in Budapest this past July, it was clear how much they enjoyed the events.

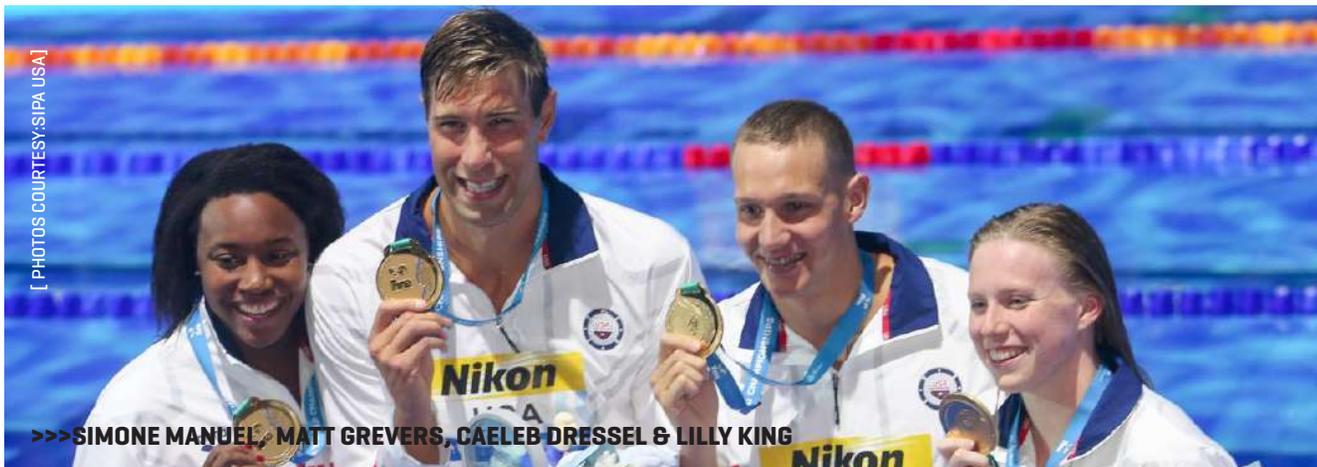
In prelims, the U.S. team of Ryan Murphy, Kevin Cordes, Kelsi Worrell and Mallory Comerford broke the world record in the mixed medley relay on their way to the No. 1 seed for finals. After the race, Murphy insisted that, no, he had no unfair advantage racing against women on either side of him, and that he believed that the event absolutely belonged in the Olympic program.

"I think it's one of the most exciting races to watch. I think a lot of people like watching IM because there's a lot of lead changes, and then you add in mixing guys and girls, and those lead changes become even bigger. It's really exciting, really good for the sport," Murphy said.

"It's definitely unusual, but it's a lot of fun, something new and exciting," Cordes added.

In the final, a wholly-new quartet of Matt Grevers, Lilly King, Caeleb Dressel and Simone Manuel again took down the world record.

"It's pretty cool that we could have had two teams up there



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>>>SIMONE MANUEL, MATT GREVERS, CAELB DRESSEL & LILLY KING

and 1-2'ed it," Grevers said. "That just shows awesome depth for the USA." Sure, that's a good point about depth, but the Americans swimming the two fastest times of the day also shows one of the potential pitfalls of including the mixed medley relay at the Olympics: it could become a foregone conclusion for the Americans to win gold every time out.

Consider this: At five of the past seven Olympic Games (all except 2004 and 2008), the American women and American men have swept the gold medals in their respective 400 medley relays. So it seems pretty unlikely any other country would have won gold in the mixed medley relay on any of those occasions.

But as one prominent U.S. coach explained, that's no reason for the Americans to apologize.

"If it's just another medal for the Americans, then just get better," Indiana head coach Ray Looze said.

"I think it actually helps other countries. A lot of countries can't put four people up in the same gender in a medley relay," he added. "I think it gives other countries more of a chance to beat us."

Maybe Looze is right, maybe not. While talent and depth are obviously paramount for success in any relay, strategy takes on huge importance in the mixed relays, as countries must decide where to employ their two men and two women.

The U.S. staff at the World Championships had crunched all the numbers and planned out their top two teams—one for finals and one for prelims—only for those plans to change as soon as King smashed the world record in the women's 100 breast the night before the mixed relay. After that, the math worked out that King should be on the relay.

The strategy behind putting together a gold-medal relay makes the event compelling for hard core swim geeks, and swimmers thoroughly enjoyed competing in the mixed

medley relay, yes. Oh, and spectators love it, too—the back-and-forth lead changes and the idea of watching the best female and male swimmers in the world in the pool at the same time.

Want to watch Grevers, the 2012 Olympic gold medalist in the 100 back, race next to women's 100 back world record-breaker Kylie Masse? That happened at Worlds. King and men's 100 breast world record-holder Adam Peaty swam just two lanes apart in the Budapest final.

"We're still in the entertainment business," Looze said. "It's a sport, and when people are paying money for TV or to go buy a ticket, we have an entertainment responsibility."

Before the IOC picked the mixed medley relay as a new event for Tokyo, outgoing USA Swimming National Team Director Frank Busch had reservations. He had not yet heard much positive feedback from athletes about mixed relays and admitted he was not sure why FINA was pushing for their inclusion on an Olympic level.

A few months later, after the World Championships, he felt much differently.

"Forget where I am on it—the swimmers love it, and the people at home love it, so I think FINA hit it out of the park with that," Busch said. "If you asked me, I would have probably said, 'I'm not for them.' But what the hell—I'm old-school on some things.

"It's more important that people see it from a different angle, and if it brings something new to our sport in a way which it brings out more and more excitement to the fans and to the kids."

Even if some traditionalists still aren't fond of the concept of mixed relays, the mixed 400 medley relay is an Olympic event, and it's hard to see that changing in the foreseeable future. ◀



>>> COACH TED MINNIS (LEFT, KNEELING) AND THE HARVARD MEN'S TEAM

CATCHING UP WITH TED MINNIS OF HARVARD WATER POLO

BY MICHAEL RANDAZZO, SWIMMING WORLD CONTRIBUTOR

One of the more compelling stories of the 2016 men's varsity water polo season was Harvard's Cinderella-like run to the NCAA Men's Tournament Final Four. The Crimson, who in 35 previous years of varsity play had never qualified for the postseason, won two NCAA play-in matches, including a thrilling 16-15 overtime win over UC Davis at Cal Berkeley's Spieker Pool, with hundreds of its fans in attendance.

Harvard head men's and women's coach Ted Minnis followed up his men's Eastern championship by steering his women's team to a program-best #15 ranking in the national polls. He then spent his summer on the staff of U.S. National Men's Team head coach Dejan Udovicic, traveling with Team USA for the 2017 FINA World Water Polo Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

Prior to facing St. Francis College in Brooklyn Heights, Minnis—now in his 8th year in Cambridge—spoke about a glorious season at Harvard, his perspective on the U.S. men's team, his current Crimson squad and its prospects in the Northeast Water Polo Conference and how a prestigious East Coast school has been the perfect fit for a West Coast coach.

How do you put into context all that you have experienced these past 12 months?

For me it's professionally been the best year of my life. To achieve something that I've been chasing so long and win a championship at any level—my first ever—was an amazing experience with an great group of guys.

That senior class meant a lot to us getting to where we were and having success. They paved a path for the future of Harvard water polo.

Going into the women's season, they had their best year ever—top four [in the] conference, we beat Indiana at Indiana, a big win for us. [If] the guys don't have the year they have the women get a much bigger stage for what they did.

Then to go with the Senior National Team was an experience that was amazing. I have so much respect for Dejan and his plans for the national team and Alex [Rodriguez]—they do an amazing job the way they approach the game and how they prepare the team. It's something I hope to do again—you never know—but I made the best out of the experience that I had.

You got to be on the pool deck in Budapest, watching Team USA compete against some of the world's best teams. How has that experience affected you and your coaching?

To be in a stadium with 8,000 people in a beautiful venue cheering for a sport that I love, with the national anthem playing and I'm wearing USA gear... I get chills right now speaking about it. It was amazing.

Coming back, I haven't change what I do, I've changed the way I present it. A big takeaway for me was [that] I do things similarly to Dejan. It assured me that I'm on the right path.

The way they prepare with video and in practices and with their scouting reports—that's changed the way I now prepare

my teams for games.

Over thirty days in Europe I got to have lots of conversations with Dejan—the tips and things that he talked about how we train, the philosophy and what we should be doing, what we should focus on in training.

That's changed my process in [Harvard's] training. We attached our preseason way differently than we have before.

Based upon what you saw at FINA Worlds—including a shocking loss to Japan—what does the future look like for the U.S. Senior Men's National Team?

I have so much respect for Dejan and what his vision is for this program and for the senior team. We have the youngest team in the world. The team we had a world championships is way different than the one we had a year earlier in the Olympics. You lose Merrill [Moses], Tony [Azevedo], [Josh] Samuel, you lose [Bret] Bonanni—you can go down the list of people who weren't there for world championships; younger guys got an opportunity on the biggest stage of our sport.

Japan played their best game and that kid [Seiya Adachi] he went for seven goals. He was shooting lights out.

But where is the adjustment when one player is torching your team?

When you're preparing for a team—and the U.S. team prepared for Japan—they can get hot. When you're on the outside looking in It's easy to ask: "Why didn't you adjust?!" As a coach, I've been in moments where we've had a kid that's gone off and we haven't been able to adjust.

It happened to us last year; Matt Payne [from Princeton] went off for six goals against us [a 14-13 Harvard win]. I know he can shoot the ball! I told my guys during the game that Payne's the one who's killing us. It's hard sometimes to make those adjustments in game on kids when they get hot.

People need to be patience and let the process happen. It's early in the quad and we have to give this staff an opportunity to build and do their job and be successful. I believe that's going to happen in the next three years and that people are going to be

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How much does last season's success impact this year's team?

I don't get much time because I move right into the women's season and I think that was good for me to move into another season. I've put a whole season between my championship and now. For me it's easy to stay in the moment because that championship seems a long time ago. I've coached almost forty games since I lost to [USC].

Bill Belichick said it best; after they won the Super Bowl he said: "This is great but we're five weeks behind everybody else." [Laughs]

We're not the Patriots and what they've accomplished, but for us it was talking about from day one—this is a different team. Joey Colton isn't there anymore. Noah Harrison isn't there anymore. Dan Stevens, Victor Wrobel—they aren't there anymore. That's four seniors that played really big for us.

I have a bunch of freshmen who have to learn how to play with a new group of guys, for a new coach, in a new system.

We don't talk a lot about last year. We looked at the banners, we put a thumb up at the beginning of the season and then we've moved on.

This team has not won anything. We're 8-3 [now 9-4; 1-2 NWPC], which is a good start for this group. Our focus is on the day that we're in and that moment, then moving on to the next one.

We can't think about the future and if we're going to win

a championship—or the past and the championships we've won. We've got to stay in the moment for Princeton and now for St. Francis. Then we'll move on to that next moment of Iona, and that's what we'll really have to stay focused on because we haven't won anything yet.

It was an amazing experience to win two NCAA games and get to the Final Four. Will that ever happen again on the East Coast? It could and I hope it does because I think we play good water polo out here. But that was the first time that a team from the East has come out in the current two-game play-in format and had to win games to get into the Final Four.

Your men's roster contains more underclass men (8) than upper classmen (7). How does this bode for the 2017 Harvard season?

This is a fun team to coach. They come ready to work every day. At times this year we've started three freshmen.

They all bring a different skill-set to the pool. Dennis [Blyashov] is a big-time player, he's competed internationally on the 11-man roster that was in Montenegro a year ago for Youth Worlds. At Cathedral Catholic he played for Brett Ormsby, who's now an assistant coach at Stanford. He's played some high-level water polo and he's fun to watch.

Jackson Enright is just a workhorse, he's our center and he's the fastest guy on the team. Bruno Snow is so smart, he has such a high water polo IQ and can play anywhere in the pool.

What makes me excited about this group is that's our future. What's great for them is we have a junior and senior class that's gone through these battles and made it all the way to the Final Four. They have the leadership that shows them the right way to do things and make them understand what it

takes to be Harvard water polo.

The sophomores and freshmen think it's easy to win championships but the juniors and seniors—and my staff—know it's anything but easy.

To have that leadership in the pool is huge for us.

Please handicap the Northeast Water Polo Conference this season.

Princeton's #1 right now. They're probably the deepest team I've seen them have in my time [East]; knowing the first couple of teams as well as their roster now.

St. Francis is very young but talented, they do some good things. They cause a lot of match-up difficulties for teams with the way they run their offense.

Brown is the biggest group of blue collar workers who are going to get after it. They just keep coming, and coming and coming. They are very well-coached and have no quit in them.

Iona showed this weekend at home they have ability to play, whether it's shallow/deep or not. They're causing problems for teams.

MIT keeps getting better; they're enjoying success against some of the top DIII schools in the nation and they're playing DI's very tough.

I can't really say who's one or two or three or four; it's a group of six teams that are really good, which makes conference play a lot of fun when you have one, two, three goal games.

I'm excited for the push of October and to see how it goes.

What kind of relationship do you look to have with your players?

This is why Harvard's such a great place for me. I care about my kids more out of the pool than in the pool. I want them focused on the big picture and that's their future. We're very competitive at

Harvard and I don't do this to lose, but class is always going to come first for my guys and my women.

I think if you asked my players they would say that I'm a players' coach because I care so much about them, but I want to hold them accountable and I'm not afraid to change. I don't believe I know it all; I believe my players can bring things to me and help us as a group be better.

When it comes to coaching, it's not: "my way or the highway." I would say I have more of a new age approach set than an old-school mindset. ◀

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NEW JERSEY SWIMMING BANS 12-AND-UNDER TECH SUITS: **UPDATED** BY DIANA PIMER

Swimming World sources have confirmed that New Jersey Swimming has banned tech suits for 12-and-under swimmers at all New Jersey Swimming, Inc. sanctioned or approved meets.

The decision was made at the NJS House of Delegates Meeting on Oct. 7, 2017.

The news was first made public via the following Tweet:

The full text of the new rule, per the NJ Swimming website, can be found below:

1. Swimmers 12 years old and younger may not compete in a "Tech suit" (i.e. Bonded or mesh seamed suits) in a New Jersey Swimming, Inc. sanctioned or approved meets. (Age is determined by the 1st day of the meet.)

2. Swimmers ages 12 and under may not compete in a "Tech" suit in a New Jersey, sanctioned or approved competition. Starting November 1, 2017.

3. There is no "Tech" suit restriction for swimmers age 13 and over.

4. A "Tech Suit" is defined, as a suit that has bonded seams, Kinetic Tape, or Meshed Seams, and/or have the FINA approved tag verifying the suit. The suits listed below are in this category, and will be posted on the New Jersey Swimming website.

5. Rule Enforcement and Penalty: Swimmers that race in a restricted suit will be disqualified from that event. Swimmers who are wearing restricted suits will not be permitted to compete in said suit. However, they are able to change into an acceptable suit to swim. No extra time before their race

will be given to change suits. If there is any question about a suit, it should be addressed to the meet referee prior to the start of the session.

6. Coaches and Officials will be responsible for monitoring this Policy. Coaches need to educate their teams and be willing to speak up if they see a swimmer with a suit on at a meet. Officials should have the list of restricted suits available as a reference.

7. The following statement shall be added to all meet announcements.

Swimmers that race in a now-banned suit will be disqualified from their race. They will be given the opportunity to change suits, but no extra time will be given before any individual race. However, they will receive one warning:

"Swimmers in restricted suits will get a warning for the 1st event that is swum in a restricted suit, and both swimmer and coach will be notified. The swimmer will not be disqualified. For all events after this warning event in the meet-they must be in a non-restricted suit or they will be disqualified or not allowed to swim," the proposal stated.

The policy will be completely enforced starting November 1, 2017.

New Jersey is not the first to make this change. Middle Atlantic and New England Swimming did so in September.

USA SWIMMING'S TAKE

USA Swimming is in the midst of a national study determining whether tech suits should be legal at the lower age group levels. The organization has hired Stu Isaac to oversee this operation in figuring out what the impact of tech suits is for young swimmers and how the high prices of these suits can impact swimmers and their families financially. ◀



SOUTH CAROLINA SWIMMING RESTRICTS TECH SUITS FOR 10-AND-UNDERS

BY DAVID RIEDER

South Carolina Swimming has joined numerous other LSCs throughout the country in issuing a ban on technical suits for 10-and-under swimmers. The SC House of Delegates came to that unanimous decision this weekend, and the new rule goes into effect Jan. 1, 2018.

“This will allow coaches and member clubs to help their members make proper suit choices for their athletes by preventing them from spending money on suits that are not designed for young bodies,” says a post on the SC Swimming website. “South Carolina Swimming’s leadership in this area will assist our current membership and make our sport more accessible to new members.”

The policy will determine a swimmer’s age from the first day of a meet, and SC Swimming has released a list of suits that are banned and others that are still allowed, including the Speedo Fastskin II, versions of the Arena Powerskin and offerings from both TYR and Dolfin.

The rule borrowed from many of the others instituted by LSCs throughout the country limiting tech suit use for young swimmers, including a line banning any suit with “bonded seams, kinetic tape or meshed seams.”

The full rule about the suit ban must be included in any meet flyer after the start of 2018, and meet referees are expected to remind coaches of the rule at pre-meet coaches’ meetings.

New Jersey had been the latest state to institute a ban on tech suit use for young swimmers prior to the South Carolina announcement. However, New Jersey is the only LSC so far to limit tech suit use among 12-and-under swimmers, while most other LSCs, including New England and now South Carolina, have only ruled on 10-and-under swimmers. ◀