

2023 High School State Meet Wrap Up

Crawfish Aquatics athletes had tremendous showings swimming for their schools at the 2023 Louisiana High School State Swimming Championship Meets, contested in Sulphur November 15-18. Fast swimming was displayed by all of our athletes and it was rewarding for coaches, parents and fans to see athletes from both of our locations excel, not only representing their schools but also Crawfish Aquatics.

Highlights

- First, the incredible number of best times showing continued improvement from our athletes. Swimmers are racing one another but also themselves and the clock. It is very rewarding to see improvement regardless of where an individual lands in the rankings.
- The continuation of athletes achieving All American status. This is the tenth straight year that we will have at least one Crawfish swimmer honored as a NISCA High School All American. Rylee Simoneaux qualified for the honor as an All American with a consideration time in the 100 backstroke. We look forward to her being honored this summer time as an official All American when all states have completed their school swim seasons.
- Third, the number of state championships earned by Crawfish Aquatics swimmers. Our athletes helped multiple teams to win state titles for their teams, relays and we had many individual champions.
- Fourth, we had two team records set by our younger freshmen in Molly Mayo and Andi Clement. Since this meet is USA Swimming observed the times count towards their USA Swimming SWIMS database and our team records.

We are so proud of our athletes for their efforts and it was nice to see them reap rewards for what they sowed. We have seen the top end of high school swimming in our state continue to evolve and get faster and Crawfish Aquatics athletes continue to be stars and blazing the trail!

*Here are some additional highlights listing champions and records. This does not include the countless number of athletes who swam **best times** and/or in finals and scored points for their teams.*

Division 4:

Adam Stelly was the standout Crawfish Swimmer at the Division 4 Meet winning both the 50 and 100 Freestyle. We also had all Crawfish members win the 200 freestyle relay and many help lead Episcopal School of Acadiana to another girls team title.

Event Winner

- Adam Stelly-50 Freestyle and 100 Freestyle
- ESA 200 Free Relay (CA Members Jiya Lodha, Ciara Farmer, Ella Walton, Bella Bourque)

Team Members from winning ESA Team:

Ella Walton
Jiya Lodha
Muskaan Lodha
George Morrow

Scarlet Osborn
Ciara Farmer
Bella Bourque

Division 3:

Rylee Simoneaux led the way both earning two individual state championships and being named Outstanding Female Swimmer of the Meet. Rylee won the 100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke, just missing Rylee Moore's state records in both races by less than two tenths in each one. Rylee also led off the winning Episcopal 200 freestyle relay and anchored the winning 200 medley relay. The medley relay included Eli Gray Bennett and Lilliana Latour, while the 200 freestyle included Liliana Latour and Faith Kubricht.

Event Winners

- Rylee Simoneaux- 100 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke
- Episcopal- 200 Medley Relay (CA Members Eli Gray Bennett, Liliana Latour and Rylee Simoneaux.
- Episcopal- 200 Free Relay (CA Members Rylee Simoneaux, Liliana Latour and Faith Kubricht)

Division 2:

Calix Hammett was the standout in Division defending his titles in two races being named the Most Outstanding Male Swimmer. Amielle Courville took home the Women's 100 Breaststroke State Title.

Event Winners

- Calix Hammett- 50 Free and 100 Free
- Amielle Courville- 100 Breaststroke

Division 1:

Depth for the Redstickers of Saint Joseph's Academy and for the Catholic High School Bears helped both teams win the team titles led by so many Crawfish Aquatics athletes. Both Andi Clement of Southside and Colin Candebat of Destrehan won two individual races. Andi won the 50 and 100 freestyles. Colin won the 200 IM and the 100 Breaststroke. Alex Cooper won the 200 Freestyle. Matthew O'Konski won the 500 Freestyle. Several Crawfish athletes helped the Bears win relay titles in the 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay and in both relays the teams attained All American consideration times.

Event Winners

- Andi Clement- 50 Freestyle and 100 Freestyle
- Colin Candebat-200 IM and 100 Breaststroke
- Alex Cooper- 200 Freestyle
- Matthew O'Konski- 500 Freestyle
- Catholic High 200 Free Relay (CA Members Jackson Dejean, and Alex Cooper)
- Catholic High 400 Free Relay (CA Members Jackson Dejean, Alex Cooper, and Eric Jurkovic)

Team Members from winning SJA Team:

Kearra Grisby, Anna Guidroz, Sydney Frances Kline, Audrey Lemonie, Molly Mayo, Caroline Roberts, Mary Claire Roberts, Lyla Roper, Ava Schoen, Mary Grace Talbot and Isabella Vargas.

Team Members from winning CHS Team:

Briggs Bargas, Alex Cooper, Jackson DeJean, Eric Jurkovic, John Kirk, Dean Kolb, Harrison Martin, Henry Mensman, Blake Talbert and Sebi Vargas.

New Team Records

13-14

Molly Mayo- 100 Breaststroke

Andi Clement- 50 Freestyle

All Academic Team

Numerous Crawfish Aquatics' athletes earned All Academic Honors. See links here:

[2023 Swimming Girls' All-Academic Composite Team List](#)

[2023 Swimming Boys' All-Academic Composite Team List](#)

[2023 Swimming Girls' Academic Class List](#)

[2023 Swimming Boys' Academic Class List](#)

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