



BULLDOG BARK

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SWIMMERS RANK AMONG TOP IN COUNTRY, RETURN FROM FLORIDA

As the Bulldogs enter the final half of the swimming season, several men and women are posting times at the tops of the Division II national charts.

According to the latest results tallied by *CollegeSwimming.com* on Dec. 20, junior **Kelli Dudley (Topeka, Kan./West)** holds a tight grip on the top spot in the 400 individual medley, beating the runner-up by more than four seconds. Leading the way in first in the 1,000 freestyle is freshman **Diana Betsworth (East Moline, Ill./United Township)**. Topping the nearest competitor by more than one second is the women's 200 medley relay team of freshman **Christina Blose (St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell N)**, junior **Sara Hatcher (Kingdom City, Mo./North Callaway)**, junior **Meghan Osborn (Tipton, Iowa/Tipton)** and sophomore **Krista Pray (Naperville, Ill./Naperville North)**.

The Bulldogs also have several women inching closer to the top. **Hatcher** sits at second in the nation in the 50 freestyle, while freshman **Sarah Dance (Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southeast)** is ninth in the 100 freestyle. **Betsworth** is ranked second in the 200 freestyle, while junior **Liz Hug (Maryville, Ill./Collinsville)** is sixth and **Dance** is 10th.

Truman boasts the second-, third- and fourth-place times in the 500 freestyle. **Betsworth**, **Hug** and senior **Bridget Riley (Olathe, Kan./Olathe South)** take those spots, respectively. In

addition to **Betsworth's** lead in the 1,000 freestyle, **Riley** is swimming at second and junior **Kelli Dudley** is coming in at

TRUMAN 2001-02 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Oct. 12	Purple & White Meet, 6 p.m.
Oct. 27	@ Wheaton, vs. Lewis (Ill.) - W: 1st/3; M: 1st/3
Oct. 27	@ Illinois (Champaign) (Women) - L 122.5-82.5
Truman Dual Meet Invitational	
Nov. 10	South Dakota, Women W 137-50, Men W 119-84
Nov. 10	Missouri-Rolla (Men), W 110-95
Nov. 10	Nebraska-Omaha (Women), W 125-78
Nov. 11	Delta State (Miss.), Women W 139-58, Men W 120-83
Nov. 11	Washington University (Mo.), Women W 119-78, Men W 122-81
Dec. 1-2	@ Nebraska-Omaha Invitational
Dec. 7	@ Missouri (Columbia), Women L 136.5-67.5, Men L 130-75
Jan. 4	vs. Texas A&M (Women) (in Tampa, Fla.), L 112-85
Jan. 12	@ Tampa w/Emory, Truman Women 146 pts, Tampa 66, Emory 39; Tampa 116, Truman Men 108, Emory 38
Jan. 25	@ Iowa (Iowa City) (Women), 6 p.m.
Jan. 26	Western Illinois, 2 p.m.
Feb. 2	@ Drury (Springfield, Mo.), 11 a.m.
Feb. 2	@ Southwest Mo. State (Springfield) 4 p.m.
Feb. 14-16	@ Central States Champ. (Springfield, Mo.), 9:30 am/6 pm
Mar. 13-16	NCAA Division II Champ. (Orlando, Florida), 10 am/6 pm

2002 NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

WOMEN

Diana Betsworth, Fr. (East Moline, Ill./United Township): 500 Free (5:05.42); 200 Free (1:53.18); 1,650 Free (17:31.76); 400 Free Relay (3:34.78)

Christina Blose, Fr. (St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell N.): 200 Medley Relay (1:48.37)

Sarah Dance, Fr. (Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southeast): 200 Back (2:08.68); 200 Free Relay (1:37.36); 400 Medley Relay (3:56.67); 400 Free Relay (3:34.78)

Kelli Dudley, Jr. (Topeka, Kan./West): 400 IM (4:29.12); 200 IM (2:09.32); 200 Back (2:06.24); 100 Back (58.36)

Ellen Frick, Jr. (Manhattan, Kan.): 1,650 Free (17:42.78)

Sara Hatcher, Jr. (Kingdom City, Mo./North Callaway): 50 Free (23.78); 200 Free Relay (1:37.36); 400 Medley Relay (3:56.67); 200 Medley Relay (1:48.37); 400 Free Relay (3:34.78)

Liz Hug, Jr. (Maryville, Ill./Collinsville): 500 Free (5:05.54); 200 Free (1:54.66); 400 Free Relay (3:34.78)

Katie May, So. (Westmont, Ill./Hinsdale Central): 200 Free Relay (1:37.36)

Meghan Osborn, Jr. (Tipton, Iowa): 200 Medley Relay (1:48.37)

Michaela Osborn, Fr. (Tipton, Iowa): 100 Breast (1:06.70); 400 Medley Relay (3:56.67)

Krista Pray, So. (Naperville, Ill./Naperville North): 400 Medley Relay (3:56.67); 100 Back (58.69); 200 Medley Relay (1:48.37)

Bridget Riley, Sr. (Olathe, Kan./Olathe South): 1,650 Free (17:32.76)

Sue Ellen Thoma, Fr. (Jefferson City, Mo.): 200 Free Relay (1:37.36)

Sarah Wells, Fr. (Carrollton, Texas/Newman Smith): 400 IM (4:33.93)

MEN

Andy Harken, So. (Liberty, Mo./Liberty): 200 Medley Relay (1:33.70), 200 Free Relay (1:23.97)

Matt Pray, Jr. (Naperville, Ill./Naperville North): 100 Fly (49.66), 200 Medley Relay (1:33.70), 200 Free Relay (1:23.97)

Vince Struble, So. (Omaha, Neb./Creighton Prep): 200 Free Relay (1:23.97)

Brian Teson, So. (Kansas City, Mo./St. Pius X): 200 Medley Relay (1:33.70)

Drew Yemm, Jr. (Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley NW): 200 Medley Relay (1:33.70), 200 Free Relay (1:23.97)

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fourth. Junior **Ellen Frick (Manhattan, Kan./Manhattan)** is 10th on the list. **Betsworth** and **Riley** are also second and third in the 1,650 freestyle, while **Frick** is sixth.

In backstroke events, **Dudley** and **Pray** are ranked two and three in the 100. **Dudley** is third in the 200, and **Dance** is 10th on the chart.

Freshman **Michaela Osborn (Tipton, Iowa/Tipton)** is eighth in the 100 breaststroke, while **Dudley** is ninth in the 200 breaststroke. **Dance** holds on to seventh in the 100 butterfly. In the 200 butterfly, **Blyth** and **Dudley** are eighth and ninth.

In the 200 IM, **Dudley** is fifth and **Hug** is ninth. Staying up near **Dudley** in the lead for the 400 IM is freshman **Sarah Wells (Carrollton, Texas/Newman Smith)**, who stands at fourth.

The women's 200 freestyle relay of **Dance, Hatcher, May** and **Thoma** is ranked second, as is the 400 freestyle relay of **Betsworth, Dance, Hatcher** and **Hug** and the 400 medley relay of **Dance, Hatcher, Michaela Osborn** and **Pray**.

RANKING NATIONALLY FOR THE MEN is junior **Drew Yemm (Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley NW)**, who is currently third in the 50 freestyle. In the 1,000 freestyle, sophomore **Robby Cooper (Holden, Mo./Holden)** is fourth and senior **Kyle Sterup (Fremont, Neb./Fremont)** is fifth. **Sterup** also is holding onto eighth in the 1,650 freestyle.

Junior **Matt Pray** is taking control of the butterfly events, resting at third in the 100 and fifth in the 200. Sophomore **Andy Harken (Liberty, Mo./Liberty)** is ranked eighth in the 200 IM. Truman's highest-ranking relay team is the 200 medley relay of **Harken, Pray**, sophomore **Brian Teson (Kansas City, Mo./St. Pius X)** and **Yemm**, which posts the second-best time in the nation.

The 200 free relay team of **Harken, Pray**, sophomore **Vince Struble (Omaha, Neb./Creighton Prep)** and **Yemm** ranked fourth.

THE BULLDOGS HAVE JUST RETURNED from a phase of train-

ing in Florida over winter break, during which the women competed against Texas A&M on Jan. 4 and came up short, 112-85. The Bulldogs also competed against Tampa and Emory on Jan. 12. The Truman women beat both opponents, finishing with 146 points against Tampa's 66 points and Emory's 36 points. The men ended with 108 points to come out ahead of Emory with 38 points, but they fell to Tampa, who won with 116 points.

No additional Truman swimmers reached national qualifying cuts, however the women's 200 freestyle relay of **Dance, Hatcher, May** and **Thoma** bettered its qualifying time against Tampa. The day also yielded several first place finishes for the Bulldogs. The women's 200 medley relay of **Blose, Hatcher, Meghan Osborn** and **Pray** finished first, as did the men's 200 medley relay of **Harken, Pray, Teson** and **Yemm**.

Other victories for the women were **Riley** in the 1,000 freestyle and **Betsworth** in the 200 freestyle, who finished just a few hundredths of a second in front of **Hug**, who captured second place. **Betsworth** finished first again in the 500 freestyle, while **Hatcher** took the sprint freestyle races, winning both the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle.

Dudley topped the Bulldog women's list of victors with three wins of her own -- the 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke and 200 individual medley. **Michaela Osborn** notched first-place finishes in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke.

ON THE MEN'S SIDE, **Sterup** was the first to finish the 1,000 freestyle. **Cooper, Pray** and **Yemm** each rounded the list with two wins each. **Cooper** had victories in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle, **Pray** was the top finisher in the 100 butterfly and 200 butterfly, and **Yemm** completed the trio with wins in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle.

THE BULLDOGS NOW ARE PREPARING for two bouts of competition this weekend. On Jan. 25 the women will travel to Iowa for an evening meet. They will return as the men and women host Western Illinois at 2 p.m. on Jan. 26 in the Bulldogs' final home meet of the season.