

BSM swims to seventh at state meet

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Benilde-St. Margaret's wrapped up the boys swimming and dive season by finishing seventh at the Class A state meet March 8.

St. Thomas Academy beat out runner-up Northfield for the team title with 273-253 points, while BSM picked up 118 points, three points clear of eighth-place Melrose-Sauk Centre. Sixth-place Hutchinson tallied 158 points, and fifth-place Alexandria had 168 points.

Senior Joey Sandhoefner had the top individual result, finishing second in the 100-yard Breaststroke in an All-American Consideration time of 55.93 seconds. Junior Ari Sellers was 12th in 1:01.61. STA junior Luke Mechtel won the event in 55.05, which is an automatic All-American time.

Sandhoefner was eighth in the 100 fly in 53.62.

A pair finished fourth in their respective finals, with senior Lucas Wurst finishing fourth in the 100 free in 47.79 and ninth-grader Joshua Peters fourth in the 500 free in 4:48.85.

Peters placed ninth in the 200 Individual Medley, winning the B-final in 2:00.24, and classmate Zane Lester was 19th in 2:05.91.

Wurst was eighth in the 50-free final in 22.02.

Senior Mason Rokala was 18th in the 500 free in 5:04.40, and freshman Zane Lester was 20th in 5:06.46.

In the three relay events, BSM was sixth in the meet-opening 200 Medley Relay, with freshman Frank Rokala, Sandhoefner, Wurst, and William Gadtke sixth in 1:38.70.

The 200 free relay was disqualified after posting a 1:30.22 with Sandhoefner, Mason Rokala, Gadtke and Wurst.

In the 400-free relay, BSM placed 15th in 3:24.24, behind Lester, Peters, Eli Sellers and Mason Rokala.

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