

Cy Creek's Edwards wins four gold medals at state swim meet

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AUSTIN – Cy Creek High senior Jonathan Edwards had one of the best performances in the history of the UIL Class 5A Swimming Championships when he won four gold medals on Saturday at the University of Texas

The Stanford University signee won the 200 IM (1:46.98) and repeated as the state champion in the 100 backstroke (48.01), earning Class 5A Boys Swimmer of the Meet honors and leading the Cougars to a fourth place finish at the meet.

Edwards was also a part of the state championship 200 medley relay team along with Jacob Wallace, Keith Murphy and Nate Bean that set a new school record and placed first with a time of 1:33.29; and the 400 freestyle relay team along with Tyler Rice, Ryan Layne and Keith Murphy that placed first with a time of 3:05.05.

"Jonathan had a great meet. He was confident that he could win both races and help anchor the relay teams," Cy Creek swim coach Jeff Chandler said. "Our 200 medley and 400 free relay teams were on fire. Everyone had a job to do and they came through. I am very proud of all our swimmers."

Edwards teamed with Keith Murphy, Jacob Wallace and Nate Bean to win the 200 Medley Relay (1:33.29) and Murphy, Tyler Rice and Ryan Layne to earn first place in the 400 Freestyle Relay (3:05.05).

Edwards finished his prep career with five gold medals and was the only swimmer from the Cy-Fair/Klein area to win an individual event at the meet.

He improved his time from 49.85 in the preliminaries to 48.01 in the 100 backstroke finals and from 1:49.62 (prelims) to 1:46.98 in the 200 IM finals.

Murphy, who signed with UT on Feb. 2, earned a third place finish in the 100 breaststroke (57.46) and Wallace was eighth in the 100 backstroke (52.02).

--Klein High senior Casey Clark, a Rice signee, finished second in both the Girls 200 Freestyle (1:48.41) and the Girls 100 Butterfly (53.91). Clark, Jordan Domeier, Jordan Smith and Katelyn Crawford placed fourth in the Girls 400 Freestyle Relay with a time of 3:30.73.

--Cy Creek High junior Kathryn Eckhart placed fifth in both the 50 Freestyle (23.64) and the 100 Freestyle (56.68). She teamed with her Vermont signee Katie Adams, Leah Ortiz and her sister, Karoline Eckhart, to finish seventh in the 400 Freestyle Relay (3:32.93).

--Jersey Village High junior Chelsie Miller was seventh in the 200 IM (2:06.21) and eighth in the 500 Freestyle (5:01.99). Last season, the distance swimmer led Jersey Village girls swim team to its first ever district championship.

--The Klein Collins High Boys 200 Freestyle Relay Team (Gary Adams, Jacob Gonzales, Jules Lawrence and Collin Murphy) finished sixth in 1:26.42, followed by Langham Creek (John Eno, Thomas McNulty, Stuart Sharp and Austin VanOverdam) in eighth place with a time of 1:26.42.

--The Klein High Boys finished eighth in both the 200 Medley (1:36.33) and 400 Freestyle (3:12.37) Relays.

Hunter Funk, Austin Cox, Garrett Sloan and Patrick Kiefer swam both relays, while Garrett Sloan competed in the 200 Medley and Daniel Hoefler was part of the 400 Freestyle.

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