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North Dakota Claims NCC Swimming & Diving Championships

Grand Forks, N.D. -- North Dakota captured both the men's and women's NCC Swimming & Diving Championships that concluded today. On the women's side, North Dakota outdistanced Nebraska-Omaha 966 to 666 while the UND men had a 1147 to 654.5 advantage over second-place St. Cloud State. The meet began on Wednesday and was comprised of a morning and evening session each day at the Hyslop Sports Center Pool.

Rodrigo Ferreira of North Dakota set a new mark in the 200 backstroke with a 1:47.99 time, bettering his own record set last year. The North Dakota women's 400 freestyle relay team of Natalia Busso, Carissa Gormally, Cathryn DeShaw and Madonna Dorsher ended the night with a new NCC record with a time of 3:28.82. Not be outdone the UND men's team of Rodrigo Ferriera, Pedro Pereira, Daniel Moraes, Eric Knight did the same in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:01.37.

Saturday Finals (Men)

1650 Free	Erik Anderson, UND	16:09.90^		
200 Back	Rodrigo Ferreira, UND	1:47.99*#		
100 Free	Eric Knight, UND	:45.90^		
200 Breast	Pedro Pereira, UND	2:04.39*		
200 Fly	Dan Zabler, UND	1:50.80*		
400 Free Relay	North Dakota	3:01.63*		
(Pereira, Rollins, Ferreira, Westergren)				

Final Men's Team Scores

1.	North Dakota	1147
2.	St. Cloud State	654.5
3.	Minnesota State	476
4.	South Dakota	395.5
5.	Colorado Mines	346
6.	Metro State	311

Outstanding Swimmer Rodrigo Ferreira, North Dakota **Outstanding Diver** Nate Jimmerson, St. Cloud State **Newcomer of the Year** Daniel Moraes, North Dakota Freshman of the Year Chase Fillingham, North Dakota **Swimming Coach of the Year** Mavi Sampaio, North Dakota **Diving Coach of the Year** Nate Brisley, St. Cloud State

Saturday Finals (Women)

1650 Free	Jessica Carlson, UND	17:39.22^		
200 Back	Megan Gordon, USD	2:04.43*		
100 Free	Madonna Dorsher, UND	:51.89*		
200 Breast	Sarah Wollenhaupt, UND	2:21.98*		
200 Fly	Kathi DeGregorio, UND	2:08.24^		
3-Meter Diving	Nate Jimmerson, SCSU	486.65*		
400 Free Relay	North Dakota	3:28.82*		
(Busso Gormally DeShaw Dorsher)				

Final Women's Team Scores

1.	North Dakota	966
2.	Nebraska-Omaha	666
3.	South Dakota	608.5
4.	St. Cloud State	452.5
5.	Minnesota State	303
6.	Minnesota State Moorhead	294
7.	Colorado Mines	194
8	Metro State	98

Outstanding Swimmer Outstanding Diver Freshmen of the Year Swimming Coach of Year

Natalia Busso, North Dakota Jill Smolcyzk, South Dakota Newcomer of the Year Amy Roness, Minn. St. Moorhead Cathryn DeShaw, North Dakota Mavi Sampaio, North Dakota Jason Mahwohld, South Dakota

Diving Coach of the Year Chris Hansmann, South Dakota

*Indicates automatic qualifying mark ("A" cut) for NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships to be held March 8-11 in Indianapolis, Ind.; ^ indicates "B" cut qualifying time for the NCAA meet.; # indicates NCC record; & indicates national record.