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UNO and UND Claim NCC Swimming & Diving Championships

Omaha, Neb. -- Nebraska-Omaha won the women's division by a mere 1 1/2 points and North Dakota captured the men's title at the NCC Swimming & Diving Championships that concluded today. On the women's side, Nebraska-Omaha overtook day three leader North Dakota to win with a 1148-1146.5 score while the UND men had a 1435 to 1204 advantage over second-place St. Cloud State. The meet began on Wednesday and was comprised of a morning and evening session each day.

The women's 100 freestyle had the NCC record set twice on the day. In the morning prelims, UNO's Jessica Hessel set the new mark with a :51.11 time only to have it broken in the finals by UND's Carissa Gormally with a time of :51.08.

One other record was set in the final women's event in NCC history when the North Dakota 400 freestyle relay of Natalia Busso, Brittney Jamerson, Steffany Bachmeier and Carissa Gormally set a new record time of 3:28.55, but it was not enough for the Sioux to regain the lead that UNO had taken in the 200 breaststroke.

The title is the ninth consecutive and 21st overall for the North Dakota men and the second for the Nebraska-Omaha women with their only other title coming in 2005.

Saturday Finals (Men)

1650 Free	Erik Anderson, UND	16:16.71 [^]
100 Free	Kyle Cordry, SCSU	:45.95 [^]
200 Back	Marty Wahle, MSU	1:49.48 [*]
200 Breast	Josh Fleming, USD	2:08.33 [^]
3-Meter Diving	Nate Jimerson, SCSU	514.85 [*]
400 Free Relay	St. Cloud State	3:05.81

(Cordry, Goergen, Verwey, Green)

Final Men's Team Scores

1. North Dakota 1435
2. St. Cloud State 1204
3. Minnesota State 1060
4. South Dakota 567

Outstanding Swimmer

Marty Wahle, MSU

Outstanding Diver

Nate Jimerson, SCSU

Newcomer of the Year

Ben Dowswell, MSU

Freshman of the Year

Kyle Green, SCSU

Swimming Coach of the Year

Mavi Sampaio, UND &

Nathan Owens, MSU

Diving Coach of the Year

Nate Brisley, St. Cloud State

Saturday Finals (Women)

1650 Free	Lindsey Kline, UNO	17:20.78 [*]
100 Free	Carissa Gormally, UND	:51.08 ^{*#}
200 Back	Cathryn DeShaw, UND	2:03.26 [*]
200 Breast	Leita Rolfe, USD	2:22.36 [*]
400 Free Relay	North Dakota	3:28.55 ^{*#}

(Busso, Jamerson, Bachmeier, Gormally)

Final Women's Team Scores

1. Nebraska-Omaha 1148
2. North Dakota 1146.5
3. South Dakota 841
4. St. Cloud State 640
5. Minnesota State 536
6. Minnesota State Moorhead .. 401.5
7. Northern State 128

Outstanding Swimmer

Leita Rolfe, USD &

Carissa Gormally, UND

Outstanding Diver

Jill Smolczyk, USD

Newcomer of the Year

Kristy Gmeiner, UNO

Freshmen of the Year

Laura Kemp, UNO

Swimming Coach of the Year

Todd Samland, UNO

Diving Coach of the Year

Chris Hansmann, South Dakota

*Indicates automatic qualifying mark ("A" cut) for NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships; ^ indicates "B" cut qualifying time for the NCAA meet.; # indicates NCC record; & indicates national record.