

Small Squad Drops Big Time in Mobile

A small squad of mostly 10 and unders, with the addition of some GPAC senior team members, swam a terrific meet in Mobile October 7-9.

Braden Barkley, 8, in his first meet away from Pensacola, dropped time in all 10 of his individual events and earned High Point runner-up honors in his age group. He won three of his individual events (50 Fr, 100 Fr, 50 Bk) and placed second and third in his other events. Braden also swam on the winning 10 and under Medley Relay along with **Ethan Beaver**, **William Henderson** and **Cameron Jones**.

Brooke Ferrara, 13, was GPAC's other event winner, taking top prize in the 50 backstroke and posting a life-best time. She also took 3rd in the 100 freestyle.

For his second meet in a row, **James Henderson**, 11, went best times in all of his events. His swims in the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke were good enough for third and fourth place, respectively. **Jordan Barrett**, 9, swam best times in all four of her events on Saturday, as did **Meryl Jones**, 12, on Sunday.

GPAC's 11-12 girls medley relay of **Jillian Flowers**, **Meryl Jones**, **Sophia Diagne** and **Grace Menzies** took 2nd and the freestyle relay of Flowers, Diagne, Menzies and **Saige Odom** took 3rd.

Other top-5 finishers for GPAC were **Michael Barbee** (50 Bk, 50 Br), **Ethan Beaver** (200 Fr, 200 IM, 100 Br, 100 Fl, 50 Br), **Sophia Diagne** (50 Bk), **William Henderson** (100 Fr, 100 Br, 100 Fl, 50 Fr, 50 Br, 100 Bk, 50 Fl) and **Cameron Jones** (50 Fr, 50 Br, 100 Bk, 50 Fl).

All 17 GPAC swimmers at the meet walked away with at least one life-best time, and 13 walked away with multiple! GPAC had a best-time percentage of over 55%! Way to go GPAC swimmers!