

GPAC Boasts Five “Top Dogs” at Home Invitational

Almost 100 GPAC swimmers and their families convened at University of West Florida’s aquatic center last weekend to host the Top Dog Odd Age Group Invitational. This was the first of four home meets hosted by GPAC, and **Tori Bindi, Brooke Ferrara, Ryan Funk, William Henderson, and Alex Hernandez** were awarded the “Top Dog” prize by winning the high-points race.

Torus, 13, won all ten of her individual races and was on two victorious GPAC relays. This is the second consecutive meet in which she was the high-point winner for her age group. Tori also lowered her own team record in the 50-yd freestyle to a blistering 24.27 seconds!

Brooke, 14, won nine out of 10 of her individual events and placed second in the other. She swam life-best times in all events. **Ryan, 17, won six out of eight events to nab high-point honors.** **William, 9, had some tough competition in his age group, winning four events and placing second five others.** Even after competing last weekend, he managed to drop more time in seven out of nine events! **Payton Olson, 9, was the 9-and Under runner-up for the “Top Dog” award, winning two events and swimming best times in all nine of his events.**

Alex, 12, won seven of his events, placing second in three events and third in two more. Alex dropped over 40 seconds in his 1,000-yd freestyle to grab his first 13-14 Southeastern Championship qualifying time!

Other top performers for GPAC were **Olivia Allen, 14, who swam life-best times in all nine of her individual events, placing 3rd in the 50-yd backstroke.** **Jordan Barrett (9), Kareem Bataineh (11), Liam Brock (9), Ashley Burroughs (10), Preeyal Gupta (16), Olivia Langhorne (8), Ryan Longley (13), Makayla Ludwick (10), Anna Luth (11), Grace Matthews (10), Will McDavid (11), Travis Raymer (12), Virginia Remington (11), Ellie Schneider (7), and Alexis Tinker (13) swam all life-best times in every event!**

All in all, GPAC had 98 % of all swimmers walk away with at least one life-best times, and 72% of all swims were personal best times for the swimmers! This is the highest improvement percentage for the team in over a year! Congratulations to all GPAC swimmers who competed in the meet.