

Three GPAC Swimmers Take on Junior Nationals



Four weeks after competing in the Florida High School State Championships **PJ Dunne**, **Ryan Funk** and **Caroline Page** traveled to Austin, TX to compete in USA Swimming Junior Nationals, the premier swimming event for competitive swimmers 18 and under. The Dec 8-10 championship meet showcased 842 young talented swimmers from around the USA.

This was PJ's first time competing at a national level while Caroline and Ryan have competed the last two years. This marks the third year in a row that GPAC has sent multiple athletes to Juniors!

PJ swam in three individual events and one time trial over the 3 day meet. In the 100 Freestyle PJ finished in 66th place out of 85 swimmers with a 46.99 which represent his third best time and his third time under 47 seconds. In the 200 Freestyle he was 65th out of 77 competitors. His 1:43.06 is also his third fastest time for this event. The 200 Backstroke saw PJ finish in a tie for 76th out of 99 with a 1:52.93, his second best time by .49 seconds which he accomplished 3 weeks before Juniors. In PJ's lone time trial event, the 100 backstroke, he finished with a time of 53.05 again his second best time for the event.

Ryan led the way for GPAC by making GPAC's first finals swim in a national level meet since 2007! His 100 Butterfly finals time of :49.74 was his third best time and garnered him a tie for 23rd place out of 86 swimmers. Ryan's previous best times came in prelims and at high school state (49.50). Ryan also competed in the 50 Freestyle where he finished in a tie for 46th out of 68 competitors. His time of :21.21 was his 4th best time. Later in the meet he swam the 50 time trial and ended up with a 21.10 his second best time. Ryan also time trialed the 100 freestyle where he turned in a lifetime best performance of :46.84. On Sunday Ryan competed in the Long Course Invitational and finished with 2 lifetime best performances in the 50 Freestyle (24.87) and the 100 Butterfly (57.79)

Caroline competed in 4 events over the 4 days in Austin. In the 100 Backstroke she tied for 74th out of 137 swimmers with a time of :57.37. In her 100 Freestyle Time Trial she finished with a :53.14. Both times were her 6th best times in the events. Caroline's final 2 events came during the Long course Invitational where she competed in the 50 Freestyle and the 100 Backstroke. She achieved her fourth best time in the 50 Freestyle with at 28.21 while the 100 backstroke finish of 1:07.13 was her 2nd best time.

GPAC is proud of these swimmers and their accomplishments!