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Stanford's Smith looking forward to good things in the pool *Tosky fourth in the women's 400 IM against a strong field*



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Stanford senior Liz Smith has seen the Cardinal women's swimming team improve its position at the NCAA championships every year she's been there.

This spring, Stanford came achingly close to capturing the NCAA title, carrying the lead into the next-to-final event of the meet. The Cardinal settled for second.

"There's an old saying that the third-place team looks at the fourth-place team and is glad for the medal," Smith said Saturday while competing at the Santa Clara International Invitational Grand Prix series. "The second-place team looks at the first-place team and says, 'oh, we were so close.' In the end, it was our highest finish in a long time and we worked hard for every point."

Stanford Olympians Elaine Breeden and Julia Smit graduated this spring but Smith, who finished fourth in the women's 100 breast and fifth in the 400 IM in 4:45.68 on Saturday, thinks there's plenty left to remain in contention for a national title next year.

"We'll definitely miss our seniors," Smith said. "Elaine and Julia are irreplaceable and it's a blessing they are still training here. They were a big part of what we did. They were the heart and soul and carried us. At the same time we had a number of people stepping up. Kate (Dwellely, who's also swimming in Santa Clara) started showing her awesomeness and we have an awesome class coming in. It will be exciting to see what happens."

Smith wants to continue having fun with her sport through her senior season and isn't looking for anything in particular except to see how fast she can go.

"When I look at being a senior, it's like looking toward the end of the road," she said. "It's getting to the point where all this might be over someday. I'm just going to give it everything I have and if that means finishing third or last at the Olympic trials I can walk away knowing I gave it all I had."

Elsewhere on Saturday, PASA's Jasmine Tosky finished fourth in the women's 400 IM race that also included Olympians Liz Beisel and Caitlin Leverenz. Beisel won the event in 4:39.12 while Tosky went 4:44.71.

Tosky placed 10th overall in the women's 200 free, winning the 'B' final in 2:01.31. Stanford sophomore Andi Murez was 15th in 2:02.53 and Cardinal junior Samantha Woodward was 16th in 2:03.80.

Stanford senior Kate Dwellely was sixth in the 200 free with a time of 2:01.83 and Cardinal Betsy Webb was sixth in the 100 back in 1:03.06.

Stanford sophomore Matthew Swanston, a member of the Canadian national team, finished seventh in the men's 200 back with a time of 2:04.33. He also finished 24th in the 100 fly with a 56.83.

Stanford senior Kerry Kraemer finished 15th overall in the women's 100 breast in 1:13.39. PASA's Ally Howe was 12th overall in the women's 100 back with a time of 1:04.21, just ahead of teammate Madeline Schaefer, who swam 1:04.30.

Also in the back, Stanford's Natalie Durant was 23rd in 1:05.93 and PASA's Jessica Bergman was 27th in 1:06.84.

On the men's side, Sacred Heart Prep junior Tom Kremer was 26th in the 400 free with a 4:06.32 and was 22nd in the 100 fly with a time of 56.72.

In the 400 free, Stanford senior David Mosko was eighth in 3:58.00 while PASA's Adam Hinshaw was 16th in 4:02.15 and PASA's Phillip Morrison was 24th in 4:05.14.

Stanford's Geoffrey Cheah was 25th in the 50 free, swimming a 24.25.

In the morning prelims:

Women's 400 IM -- 32, Haley Read (PASA) 5:06.96; 40, Alicia Grima (PASA) 5:09.15; 43, Angela Duckworth (Stanford) 5:09.98; 46, Anne Peanasky (PASA) 5:11.49.

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Men's 100 fly -- 48, Geoffrey Cheah (Stanford) 58.29; 70, Matthew Murray (PASA) 59.27; 86, Rohan Patnaik (PASA) 59.84; 91, Morgan Priestley (Stanford) 59.96; 107, Ken Oto (PASA) 1:00.71; 121, Francis Masuda (PASA) 1:01.36.

Women's 100 breast -- 35, Alisa Finn (Stanford) 1:15.96; 41, Sarah Liang (PASA) 1:16.69; 45, Haley Read (PASA) 1:17.04; 71, Lilly Nelson (PASA) 1:19.06; 90, Jacqueline Levere (PASA) 1:20.86; 91, Teva Levens (PASA) 1:20.94.

Men's 400 free -- 30, Phillip Morrison (PASA) 4:08.05; 34, Scott Korotkin (Stanford) 4:08.42; 43, Morgan Priestley (Stanford) 4:10.45; 50, Ben Hinshaw (PASA) 4:11.84; 68, Ronald Chen (PASA) 4:15.96; 82, Nick Trowbridge (PASA) 4:21.68; 90, Brad Murray (PASA) 4:39.72.

Women's 200 free -- 31, Elaine Breeden (Stanford) 2:05.77; 44, Natalie Durant (Stanford) 2:07.51; 45, Kelsey Ditto (Stanford) 2:07.52; 70, Angela Duckworth (Stanford) 2:09.52; 76, Jacqueline Levere (PASA) 2:09.71; 77, Megan Fischer-Colbrie (PASA) 2:09.77; 78, Monica Garcia (PASA) 2:09.83; 80, Alicia Grima (PASA) 2:09.95; 85, Ally Howe (PASA) 2:10.38; 88, Julia Ama (PASA) 2:10.68; 95, Cassandra Lincoln (PASA) 2:11.44; 96, Rachael Acker (PASA) 2:11.51; 103, Stephanie Lim (PASA) 2:12.01; 107, Anne Peanasky (PASA) 2:12.85; 115, Jessica Bergman (PASA) 2:14.06; 123, Elizabeth Murray (PASA) 2:16.45.

Men's 200 back -- 54, Ben Hinshaw (PASA) 2:14.48; 55, Nick Trowbridge (PASA) 2:15.05; 62, Matthew Murray (PASA) 2:16.29; 79, Byron Sanborn (PASA) 2:21.19.

Women's 100 back -- 33, Andi Murez (Stanford) 1:06.76; 36, Alisa Finn (Stanford) 1:07.03; 73, Megan Fischer-Colbrie (PASA) 1:08.93; 76, Alicia Grima (PASA) 1:09.02; 78, Sabrina Lee (PASA) 1:09.62; 80, Sarah Liang (PASA) 1:09.63.

Men's 50 -- 65, Matthew Murray (PASA) 25.04; 83, Michael Ngo (PASA) 25.42.

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