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CLEARWATER ROTARY INVITE

Area schools show well in 18-team field

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LARGO – The Rotary Club of Clearwater's 32nd annual Swimming & Diving High School Championship Meet Saturday was one the most rewarding competitions of the season for seven area schools.

Booker sophomore Kata Fodor and Sarasota Christian junior Austin Detra were selected as the Swimmers of the Meet in the 18-school showcase that attracted 306 contestants.

Riverview sophomore Corinne Showalter now has the record in the 100-yard butterfly following a winning effort in 58.45 seconds as she eclipsed the 2000 mark of 58.58 established by Ashley Carusone of Gainesville.

From a team standpoint, Riverview was one of the premier schools, finishing second in the combined point standings with 593.50 points, only 30.5 behind championship Seminole.

Riverview placed second in the girls division behind winning national powerhouse Jacksonville Bolles. Riverview's boys placed fourth.

The area's representation also included many outstanding performances from Booker, Braden River, Lakewood Ranch, Out-of-Door Academy, Sarasota Christian and Saint Stephen's athletes.

The area had only one 1-meter springboard diver in each category, but it went well as David Springfels of Saint Stephen's finished No. 1 in the boys with 381.15 points and Braden River's Brittanie Daniel -- the school's lone overall entry -- was seventh with 293.45.

Fodor was first in the 200- and 500-frees and Booker's McKayla Lightbourn won the 200-individual medley.

The Lady Rams swept the three relay events -- the 200-medley and free and 400-free.

The area's other victories in the boys' division came from Detra, who was No. 1 in the 100- and 200-frees to lead what resulted in an abundance of Top 16 finishes in the fast preliminary and finals daylong event.
