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SWIMMING : TRI COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

## Rams win in convincing fashion

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SARASOTA -- Riverview High swim coach Larry Shofe's girls and boys teams earned an unprecedented three-peat championship in each gender's point standings and in the combined accumulations during Saturday's 10th annual Tri-County High School Swimming & Diving Championship Meet.

Riverview outscored 16 schools from throughout Charlotte, Manatee and Sarasota counties during the day-long competition at the Sarasota Family YMCA Sharks' Selby Aquatic Center. They totaled 848.50 overall points, with the Lady Rams dominating by winning all 11 swimming events and earning 562 points compared to their male counterparts' 286.50.

Surprising Sarasota was second in the combined and Charlotte rounded out the top three. In the girls division of eight individual and three relay swims, Lemon Bay placed second and Booker was third and, in the boys, it was Lakewood Ranch in second and Venice in third.

Riverview sophomore Corinne Showalter, as expected, was in on the maximum of four victories as she was first in the 100-yard and 200-freestyles and joined Chelsea Gillespie, Caitlin Hudak and Kelly Kane for a triumph in the 200-free relay and Blair Collins, Carlyn Lungmus and Gillespie for the top spot in the 400-free relay.

Collins was part of two record-setting performances as she has the mark in the 100-backstroke and was part of the victorious 200-medley relay with Ashley Knoch, Lauren Piper and Lungmus.

Two Lady Ram freshmen (Piper and Rocky Raybon) each had two individual wins as Piper won the 200-individual medley and the 100-breaststroke and Raybon was first in the 100-butterfly and 500-free.

In the boys, Sarasota Christian's Austin Detra and Riverview's Drew Crete tied for the triumph in the 200-IM and Detra won the 200-free and Crete the 100-back.

Crete was also part of two winning relays -- the 200-medley with Mufaddal Kadibhai, Jonathan Everhart and Marty Rauch and the 400-free with Derek Samies, Matt Kaminske and Everhart.

Venice was also strong with victories by Mark Cox in the 100-fly and Tyler Revels' win in the 100-breast. The foursome of Steve Taylor, Chip Whittemore along with Cox and Revels were first in the 200-free relay.

North Port's Gareth Beck won the 50-free, the first win ever for the Bobcats' in the prestigious meet's history.

Cardinal Mooney's Patrick Ceddia won the 100-free and, in the 500-free, it was Patrick Czupryna from Lakewood Ranch who was No. 1.

Charlotte senior Amanda Oaks now has the girls' 1-meter springboard diving record after accumulating 222.50 points to defeat runnerup Brittanie Daniels, a Braden River sophomore.

In boys diving, David Springfels, a junior at Saint Stephen's, easily finished No. 1 with 228.70 points.