

Girl Swimmers Dominate Homer Invitational

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The Kodiak boys and girls swimmers fared well at the Homer Invitational Saturday, with the boys taking second and the girls finishing first overall in team competition.

Kodiak's girls blew the competition out of the water with 124 team points, soundly beating second place Homer, which had 71. Third place Wasilla had 43 points. The boys finished with 85 team points, four points behind first place Wasilla. Third place Homer had 62.

Kodiak's Karen Philpot won the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 2:06, besting Kenai's Olivia Pfeifer by one-second. Philpot also won the 100-meter backstroke. Celeste Beck-Goodell from Kodiak won both the 200 individual medley and the 500 freestyle. Laura Griffing won the 100 meter breaststroke and the 100 freestyle for the Bears and Kodiak's Kyla Young won the 100 meter butterfly. The girls also won the 200-meter medley relay, the 200 freestyle relay, and the 400 freestyle relay.

The boys were also led by strong relay finishes. Kodiak won the 400-meter freestyle relay, with a time of 3:33 seconds, six-seconds better than second place Colony and nine-seconds better than third place Homer. The Bears also came in second in the 200 medley relay and fourth in the 200 freestyle relay. Nando Macinko had second place finishes in both the 200- and 100-meter freestyle races for the boys. Eric Friccero was second in the 50 freestyle, and Hayden Linscheid was the runner up in the 500-meter free. Scott Wandersee came in second in the one-meter diving event with a score of 258-point-55, just four-tenths of a point behind the winner, David Kennedy of Wasilla.

The Bears' swimmers host Homer in a dual meet this weekend, with races scheduled for both Friday and Saturday.

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