

Granbury's Vollmer strong in prelims

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AUSTIN – Granbury senior Dana Vollmer has positioned herself well for a run at two national-record swims Saturday.

Vollmer, who won an Olympic gold medal as part of the United States' 800-meter freestyle relay team in Athens, is the top seed entering Saturday's finals in the Class 5A 200-yard freestyle and 100 butterfly races.



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Dana Vollmer (right) talks to a competitor after competing in Friday's preliminaries.

Her time of 1 minute, 49.69 seconds in the 200 freestyle was nearly two seconds better than second-place Kristina Rigterink of Austin Bowie. Vollmer returned on Friday to post a time of 54.27 seconds in the 100 butterfly, just .02 seconds off the Class 5A state record.

Vollmer also swam the leadoff leg of Granbury's 200 freestyle relay, which finished ninth in preliminaries and just missed a spot in the final. Vollmer's split of 22.97 seconds, however, is a new state record in the 50 freestyle.

The Class 5A state finals are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Saturday.

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