

New Records Set During Day Three Of Pac-10 Swimming Championships In Long Beach

Stanford's Julia Smit, Cal's Dana Vollmer and Golden Bear 400 medley relay team break Pac-10 meet records tonight.

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Long Beach, Calif. - The third day of the Pac-10 Women's Swimming Championships was a night of breaking records. Stanford's Julia Smit and Cal's Dana Vollmer broke previous Pac-10 meet records in the 400 IM and 100 fly, respectively. Cal's 400 medley relay team also posted a new Pac-10 meet record.

Smit had an unbelievable race to start the first event of the finals Friday night. Smit broke the current Pac-10 meet time of 4:05.74 set by Kaitlin Sandeno in 2004 with a new time of 4:04.02, marking Smit's second Pac-10 individual title thus far.

"This was a really exciting race for me, especially having all my teammates cheering for me. How well we swam yesterday was really inspiring for me today," said Smit.

In the 100 fly event, Cal sophomore Dana Vollmer swam a quick 50.80 race, beating the 2003 Pac-10 meet record set by former Cal swimmer Natalie Coughlin in 2003.

Cal took first and second place in the championship finals of the 200 free. Emily Silver came in at 1:44.37 as Erin Reilly finishing second in 1:44.93. Arizona's Lacy Nymeyer trailed in third with a time of 1:46.02.

Cal's Jessica Hardy squeezed by Stanford's Caroline Bruce in the 100 breast. Hardy finished with a 59.56 time and Bruce clocked in at 1:00.00. Arizona freshman Annie Chandler finished third in the championship final by swimming a 1:00.26.

Again, Cal and Stanford were neck and neck in the 100 back. Lauren Rogers and Brooke Bishop finished one and two in the event. Rogers took the title by a slim six-hundredths of a second by swimming 53.48.

"This is my first Pac-10 Championships," Rogers said. "This is such a great conference. It's great to be able to swim against such talented girls."

The 400 medley relay wrapped up Thursday's events. As fans and teams alike grew loud with their cheering, the event held up to its anticipation. Cal took the championship with the final time of 3:32.95, taking the Pac-10 meet record set by Stanford in 2001. Stanford, who fiercely bated with Cal throughout the race, was disqualified in the last leg of the race. Arizona and USC took second and third, respectively.

"This has been a great meet so far," said Stanford coach Lea Maurer. "It's really been unbelievable. It's going to be incredibly exciting tomorrow. This championship is deep and very fast."

Day three standings (including diving results):

1. Stanford University - 970.5
2. Arizona - 946.5
3. California - 906



Cal's Dana Vollmer broke meet records in the 400 IM and 100 fly. (Photo by Dan Avila)

4. UCLA - 671
5. USC - 548
6. Arizona State - 371
7. Oregon State - 333
8. Washington - 291
9. Washington State - 266