Eagles Conclude First Day of Competition against UNCA
Swimming and Diving
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STATESBORO, Ga. - Georgia Southern Swim & Dive completed the first day of competition against UNC Asheville at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) on the Georgia Southern campus. The Eagles finished the first day of competition trailing Asheville by 14 points with 111.5.

To start the afternoon the Eagles took to the pool for the 400 Yard Medley Relay. The team of Emma Scruggs, Courtney Niemann, Tori Rucker and Holland Danskin posted a time of 4:01.22 to take home second in the event, just .60 seconds behind the UNCA medley team. Scruggs followed up her Medley performance with a second place finish in the 200 Yard Freestyle. Her time of 1:58.93 gave her a cushion of nearly a full second from the UNCA swimmer behind her.

Courtney Niemann swam one of the best races on Saturday, coming from a few body length behind to draw even with Amelia Ham of UNCA in the 200 Yard IM. Niemann posted a time of 2:10.59 to collect a share of first place with Ham.

Isabelle Bray posted a third place finish in the 200 Yard IM, swimming a time of 2:11.38. Her, Abby Schoppa and Niemann all placed in the top five of the 200 Yard IM on Saturday.

Katie Knight was the only Eagle diver to compete on Saturday, tallying a combined score of 234.15 in the 1M Diving Prelims. She followed up that performance with a 229.65 performance in the Finals, taking home first place for the Blue and White.

Jessica Ware and Tori Rucker finished first and second in the 200 Yard Butterfly event, posting times of 2:08.61 and 2:10.92. In the 200 Yard Backstroke, Emma Scruggs took home first place by four seconds, posting a time of 2:04.76.

Bray added a first place finish in the 500 Yard Freestyle to her list of finishes on the day, while Schoppa took home first in the 200 Yard Breaststroke. The relay team of Holland Danskin, Austyn Woods, Emma Sutton and Melissa Cox rounded out the events, winning the 200 Freestyle Relay with a time of 1:38.44.

QUOTING COACH CALDWELL
"Though our numbers are low for the weekend, I am proud of how this team stepped up today. I saw a lot of competitiveness and leadership from Bray, Knight and Ware. Our freshman did a great job showing up in races especially Niemann, Rucker, Schoppa and Scruggs. We came out on top in more races than expected and had some strong relay performances including the 200 Free Relay win."

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