

Gryphon Women's Swim team win 6 of 11 events in season opener Tri meet

The University of Guelph Varsity women's swim team competed in a Tri meet with U of Toronto Blues and the Waterloo Warriors in Waterloo. Kristen Cloutier won both the 50 Fly and the 50 yard backstroke events breaking the pool record with a blazing 28.88. Laura Kendall, who just returned from a Swim Canada Distance Camp (where the top 8 distance women in Canada trained together for three days), won the 400 Yard free with great kickouts and breakouts. Rookie Chantique Payne won the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events and fourth year Amanda Budd won the 50 breast (just missing her own pool record by 18 100ths). The Gryphon women were just out touched by the Blues women in the 400 m medley relay by 3 100ths and by 38 100ths in the 400 m free relay. The women were close to upsetting the U of T women and are now ready to make that a reality at the Ontario Champs in Feb.

U of Toronto 122 99
U of Guelph 115.5

U of Guelph 65
U of Waterloo 42.5

Gryphon's Van Doormaal breaks pool record in season starter

Scott Van Doormaal broke the pool record in the 200 yard backstroke event on Saturday in Waterloo at the Tri meet against Toronto and Waterloo. Scott also won the 400 free and took home a bronze in the 50 backstroke. Jon Pilon won the 200 butterfly, just missing the pool record and his CIS qualifying times by less than 5 tenths of a second. Rookie Cameron MacKendrick swam to a bronze in the 200 yard breaststroke will prove to be a force to deal with this season in all breaststroke events.

The Gryphon men with 10 athletes swam well against two teams who swam at full strength with 18 men per team.

Van Doormaal flew off to Halifax later that day to attend a Swim Canada National Backstroke camp where the best 8 backstroke men are training together for three days.

U of Toronto 122 U of Guelph 39
U of Waterloo 78 U of Guelph 74