



2016 SEC SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

February 16-20 • Columbia, Mo. • Mizzou Aquatic Center
Day Two Quotes and Notes

Brittany McLean (Georgia), Women's 500 Free

"Having Hali (Flickinger) racing with me was a nice motivator because that's what we do in practice every day. I just wanted to get the win for the Bulldogs. I'm not as impressed with my time right now. I have lots of time to get faster. We'll take it and move on into the rest of the meet."

Pawel Werner (Florida), Men's 500 Free

"The 500 free was a great race. I knew it was going to be really tough at the end because in the morning it was really fast. ."

Sydney Pickrem (Texas A&M), Women's 200 IM

"I had a great swim this morning and I felt really good, so I thought if I could get a little faster in the final that I'd have a good shot of winning it. I knew I had to be way ahead going into the breaststroke because I'm not a great breaststroker. When I turned after the breaststroke and saw I still had the lead I was like 'I got this.' And I just powered home."

Joe Patching (Auburn), Men's 200 IM

"Everything just came together tonight, mentally and physically. I just felt ready to win. When I stepped up on the block I knew I was capable of that. Looking across on that last 25 and seeing two guys chasing me down gave me all the more fight to get to the wall first."

Olivia Smoliga (Georgia), Women's 50 Free

"I think the key was getting up on the start and making sure of where I was on the turn. I looked over and saw Maddie (Banic of Tennessee) and Natalie (Hinds of Florida) right next to me and that's what the 50 is - start, turn, finish. I love having the Georgia fans and my teammates cheering for me like that."

Caeleb Dressel (Florida), Men's 50 Free

"I thought I had a little more left in the tank tonight so it was nice. I wasn't that nervous, I didn't have anything to lose. I went a good time in the morning, it was all about going a best time. I dove in, popped out a good time, and it worked."

Mauricio Robles Rodriguez (Tennessee), Men's 1-Meter

"Clark (Thomas) was having great dives, and I was just responding to that. I had to step it up. I saw his dive and saw it was a good dive, but it's my turn now. I've done this dive before."

Caeleb Dressel (Florida), Men's 200 Free Relay

"It was a very exciting day, that last relay was really surprising. All the guys did pretty good on that last relay."

NCAA/American/U.S. Open Records

- Men's 50 Free - Caeleb Dressel (18.23)

SEC Records

- Women's 500 Free - Brittany McLean (4:33.10)
- Men's 50 Free - Caeleb Dressel (18.23)
- Men's 1-Meter - Mauricio Robles Rodriguez (459.75)

Mizzou Aquatic Center Records

- Women's 500 Free - Brittany McLean (4:33.10)
- Women's 200 IM - Lisa Bratton (1:54.97)
- Men's 200 IM - Joe Patching (1:42.21)
- Women's 50 Free - Olivia Smoliga (21.67)
- Men's 50 Free - Caeleb Dressel (18.23)
- Men's 1-Meter - Mauricio Robles Rodriguez (459.75)
- Women's 200 Free Relay - Tennessee (1:27.36)
- Men's 200 Free Relay - Florida (1:16.46)

Winners By School (Through Day Two)

Florida (6) - Kahlia Warner (Women's 1-Meter); Men's 200 Medley Relay; Men's 800 Free Relay; Pawel Werner (Men's 500 Free); Caeleb Dressel (Men's 50 Free); Men's 200 Free Relay

Georgia (3) - Women's 800 Free Relay; Brittany McLean (Women's 500 Free); Olivia Smoliga (Women's 50 Free)

Tennessee (3) - Women's 200 Medley Relay; Mauricio Robles Rodriguez (Men's 1-Meter); Women's 200 Free Relay

Texas A&M (2) - Sam Thornton (Men's 3-Meter); Lisa Bratton (Women's 200 IM);

Auburn (1) - Joe Patching (Men's 200 IM)

Team Notes

Auburn - Patching's title marked the first time Auburn won the 200 IM since George Bovell won it in 2003 and 2004. His time of 1:42.21 was a personal best by a second and bested Bovell's school record 1:42.66.

Florida - Caeleb Dressel twice set the NCAA, America, U.S. Open and SEC records in the 50 free during day two.

Georgia - Olivia Smoliga is a perfect three-for-three in 50 free titles in her career ... Smoliga broke the Mizzou Aquatic Center pool record with her finals time ... Georgia has won the women's 50 free title four straight years and 13 times overall ... Brittany McLean won the 500 free for the second time in her career (also won in 2014) ... McLean's winning time of 4:33.10 broke her own SEC meet record ... Georgia has won the 500 freestyle three straight years and seven times in the last eight seasons.

Missouri - Diver Clark Thomas set a new 1-meter springboard school record with a finals score of 429.40

South Carolina - Set a new school records in both the men's 500 free (Akaram Mahmoud - 4:12.78) and women's 500 free (Taylor Worrell - 4:43.20)

Tennessee - Mauricio Robles Rodriguez won 1-meter for the second year in a row with an SEC and Tennessee record (459.75).