

College Station Swim Club Closes Out Summer Season

The College Station Swim Club closed out its summer schedule over the weekend with its best overall performance of the year, a fourth place team finish in the Tyler Invitational.

CSSC Coach Steve Montgomery noted the high finish was attained without the help of the club's top swimmer, Bob Leland, who was making final preparations for AAU national competition later

this week. The Tyler meet attracted 20 teams from throughout the state.

Rex Painter paced the CSSC swimmers with four victories. David Dowell won two events and Bill Leland, Ed Kahil, John Smith, Scott Lambert, James Kohel, Chris Holm, Todd Robeck and Cindy Hallaran one each. The 13-14 boys relay teams also

accounted for two first-place finishes.

Painter won the 110-yard free-style, back and breast and 220 individual medley, all in top "A" division competition. Dowell won the 9-10 age 55 and 110 free and also placed second in the 55 fly and third in the 55 breast, all in "A" division.

Leland won the 110 fly in senior "B" competition. Kahil

topped the "B" field in the 110 free in the 13-14 category and was third in the 110 back. Smith was the winner in the 110 "B" breast in the 11-12 age bracket, while Lambert was victorious in the 220 individual medley for 9-10 year olds. Lambert also was third in the 55 breast and 55 fly.

Robeck won the 55 breast in 9-10 "B" competition, while Kohel

won the 55 back in "C" competition in the same age group. Holm was victorious in the "C" 110 breast for 11-12 year olds.

Cindy Hallaran was first in 220 individual medley competition in "B" division senior girls. She also placed second in "A" division 110 breast and 220 breast and third in "B" 110 and 220 free.

In other senior division competition, Peter Leabo was second in "A" 220 back and third in "A" 110 back and Adriana Giarola was third in "B" 220 individual medley.

David Comstock was second in

"A" 110 back in the 13-14 category, while Chris Stephenson was second in "B" 220 free and Mark Robeck was second in the "B" 110 fly.

In the girls 13-14 category, Olguita Oliver was second in "A" 220 individual medley and third in the 110 and 220 free. Karen Smith was third in the "B" 110 free.

Ronnie Giarola had second-place finishes in "B" 110 free, fly and back.

Sharon Feldman was second in 11-12 girls "C" 110 back and Linda Johnson was third in the

9-10 girls "C" 55 breast.

The winning 13-14 boys team included Kahil, Comstock, Stephenson and Robeck. The senior boys 400 team, composed of Leabo, Painter and Kerry, placed third. The senior relay teams had third-place finishes in the 440 free relay medley. Team members included Smith, Hallaran, Oliver, Comstock and Sandy Smith. The 13-14 girls medley team, composed of Smith, Giarola, Feldman and Johnson, also placed third.

Leland To Go To National Meet

Bob Leland, 17 year old Consolidated High School senior, departed Tuesday to represent the College Station Swim Club in the National A.A.U. Swimming and Diving Championships in Louisville, Kentucky.

Leland earned an invitation to the Nationals by his record-setting performance at the Texas Age Group competition in Dallas on August 10-11. He set a new

state record at the Dallas meet in the 100-meter breast stroke for 15-17 year olds, tying for first place. He also placed second in the 200-meter breast and 200-meter individual medley, and came in fourth in the 400-meter individual medley.

The College Station youth has already gained wide recognition for his aquatic accomplishments. He is a high school All-America

in water polo for 1972 and 1973, and was selected as an All-State high school swimmer in 1973. This summer he became the Texas Open Champion in the 200-meter breast stroke, and set the meet record.

Leland is now set to try national level competition where the country's top swimmers will compete for selection to the United States swimming and diving

teams for the World Swimming and Diving Championship meet.

Steve Montgomery, Leland's coach, feels that Leland has a good chance to place in the Nationals if he does as well as he has in recent meets. "We do not know yet how fast he can swim," Montgomery related, "but by a combination of determination and added strength he has become a national standard competitor."

"Bob decided that he would make the times," the coach continued, "and swimming four hours a day and working with weights every other day has given him the strength to go with his determination."

Leland grew up in College Station and he received his first swimming instruction under the late Art Adamson, former Aggie swimming coach.

Montgomery credits Bob's accomplishments to the excellent early guidance from Adamson. "The best swimmers start early," noted Montgomery, "and Bob was fortunate to have Coach Adamson's instruction at a crucial age."

Leland is the son of Mrs. Mary Leland who is a teacher and swimming coach at Consolidated High School.

He is the only swimmer in recent years to represent the Bryan-College Station area at the national swim meet and will be one of about 20 or 30 to represent the state of Texas. About 400 competitors are expected from across the U.S.

Expenses for the Louisville trip are being donated by the Gulf Coast A.A.U. and the College Station Kiwanis Club.



OFF TO NATIONALS — College Station Kiwanis Club President Gary Lane sees off star swimmer Bob Leland and his coach, Steve Montgomery, on their way to the national AAU swim meet. (Photo by Peter Leabo)

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