

Freshmen shine for PSU at Ohio State

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The Penn State women's swimming and diving team finished in fourth place over the weekend as it competed in the annual Ohio State Invitational.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Penn State fell behind the 12th-ranked University of Minnesota, who took first place with 1,125 points. Ohio State followed the Gophers with 784 points, and West Virginia finished in third place, 71.5 points ahead of the Lions.

The team was led by strong performances by its freshman class. Amy Modglin and Paige Whitmire both posted impressive numbers over the weekend at the Ohio State Invitational.

On Saturday, Modglin swam a career best in the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 4:17.94. Topping her previous mark of 4:18.23, the time also puts marks her down for eighth in program history, replacing the mark she set on Nov. 21 against Virginia.

Whitmire was the star of the 100-yard backstroke this weekend.



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She finished fourth with a time of 56.38.

A total of seven Nittany Lions advanced to the 100-yard backstroke finals.

On the final day of the meet, Modglin continued her stellar performance, taking first overall in the 200-yard backstroke. She finished with a time of 1:57.12, taking home 20 points for the Lions' total score.

Modglin finished a full two seconds ahead of Ohio State's Samantha Cheverton who finished in second place.

The Lions also received strong performances from their two relay groups in the 400-yard freestyle relay, taking third and sixth.

The team is off from competition for now, not racing again until Jan. 3 when it travels to Athens, Ga., for a two-day meet against the Bulldogs.

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Freshman Amy Modglin swims in the women's 1,000-yard freestyle during the Blue and White meet earlier this season in the McCoy Natatorium. Modglin swam a career-best time in the 400-yard individual medley Saturday.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec 7, 2009.
This year, make an effort to complete projects, as distractions often surround you. Others find you to be very interesting, but socializing could demand a lot of your thought and time. You will tend to be a natural leader. Listen to your inner voice and decide what needs to happen between you and others. At the same time, honor past obligations. If you are single, others surround you, but a foreigner or someone very different could come into your life. If you are attached, you will open up to a different mode of thinking, establishing a new level to relate on. Be open to different thought processes. VIRGO rushes you hard.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
5-Average, 2-Nice, 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Go back to square one. Your ability to go with the flow defines you and many other people. Let your imagination be the source of unusual solutions. Focus on integrating your ideas with your work. Tonight, could be a late one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Do consider a home office, but don't allow yourself to be distracted. You will be happier ultimately. Wherever you are this afternoon, do focus on key issues. Give up wishful thinking, and think positively. Tonight, Ever playful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** You sparkle with energy and drive, no matter where you are or what is going on. Allow greater fluidity and understanding between you and others.

What starts as an irrelevant conversation could have a lot of important information if you listen. Tonight, Head home early.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
** Curb your possessive side. Evaluate and understand what is happening. You could feel that nothing will be accomplished until you handle a problem, for better or for worse. Make calls and ask questions. Tonight, Hang out with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** The Lion roars this morning, but be ready, because by the afternoon, you will face your share of issues and problems. You might need to shut your door in order to clear out and get what you need done. Relax with a certain situation. Understanding evolves with patience toward another person. Tonight, Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Thought you might be out of sync in the a.m., by late afternoon you could be taking a second look at a certain matter. Your energy surges. Your humor and caring define a situation more clearly. Tonight, Make plans that make you smile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Everyone knows when you have had enough. Try to postpone getting to this phase as long as you can right now. A meeting could prove to be more important than you initially thought. Look toward change. Tonight, Vanish while you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** You might be inclined to do something very differently. How you deal with someone and the choices you make vary as to what time of day the request is put in. You are more businesslike in the a.m. Tonight, Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** You might want to find an expert or two before committing to any specific course of action. Realize what is going on with a boss. Try walking in his or her footsteps. Tonight, A late night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Listen to news that is forthcoming. You could see a situation far differently because of a partner's ongoing verbalization. Reach out for more expertise if you are still wavering. Tonight, Surf the Net, or go to the movies.

AQUARIUS
***** Continue to deter to others. You actually might not have a choice. You could be in the midst of rethinking a situation. Open yourself up to new possibilities that surround you, and relate on a one-on-one level. You might need to work directly with a partner. Tonight, Work with an associate or a partner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** You need to do more on a daily basis. Stay on top of your work this morning, because by the afternoon, someone wants your attention. One person would be OK, but trust that it could be several. Tonight, Deter to others.

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