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Date	Day	Event	Result
5-Feb	Sat	Univ. of Richmond vs. Wheaton @ Wheaton College - Norton, MA	Richmond 113.5 - Wheaton 99
12-Feb	Sat	Wheaton vs. Keuka @ Skidmore College - Saratoga, NY	Keuka 110.5 - Wheaton 102
19-Feb	Sat	Wheaton College Invitational @ Wheaton College - Norton, MA	Wheaton 111.5 - Stanford 39
26-27-Feb	Sat-Sun	East Collegiate Regional @ Walsh Univ. - Canton, OH	Third Place - Five Teams
3-5-March	Fri-Sun	ECAC Championship @ College of William & Mary - Newport News, VA	Third Place - Five Teams
10-12-March	Fri-Sun	East Zone Championship @ New Canaan YMCA - New Canaan, CT	No Team Score
16-18-March	Thu-Sat	Collegiate National Championship @ Ohio State Univ. - Columbus, OH	Seventh Place

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SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMERS ENJOY STRONG SEVENTH PLACE FINISH AT THE 2000 U.S. COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 18, 2000

The Wheaton College synchronized swimmers closed their season in strong fashion at the U.S. Collegiate Championships on Saturday, as the Lyons finished with 28 points and a seventh place standing at Ohio State University. Ohio State, runners-up at last year's meet, needed 95 points to defeat the defending champion Stanford Cardinal (89 points).



Wheaton faired very well in figures competition, placing second overall in C figures. In B and C figures, the Lyons had strong enough averages to finish in fourth and sixth place, respectively.

In the team event competition, the Wheaton A Team posted a ninth place finish. The Lyons' eight-member team was comprised of junior captains Carol McGeoch (Schaghticoke, NY/Hoosic Valley H.S.) and Tina Pogeler (Yardley, PA/Pennsbury H.S.), junior Dorothy Linder (Charlton, NY/Galway Central School), sophomore Libby Bixby (Edina, MN/Edina H.S.) and freshmen Elizabeth Maga (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne H.S.), Kerri Moran (Hanson, MA/Whitman Hanson H.S.), Emily Padow (Richmond, VA/The Steward School) and Jamie Sallier (St. Louis, MO/Ladue Horton Watkins H.S.).

Highlighting the three-day meet was Sallier, owner of a 10th place standing in the solo routine, as she was one of three Division III athletes to be selected for the inaugural All-Collegiate Award.

The first trio routine, consisting of Maga, Pogeler and Sallier, recorded the thirteenth-best score of the meet; while the second trio team, comprised of McGeoch, Bixby and Padow finished in 16th place for the Lyon women.

Permitted to drop one event of competition, Wheaton chose to eliminate its duet routines.

At the conclusion of the meet, three Lyon athletes were honored for their academic achievement of earning a cumulative 3.25 GPA. McGeoch, Pogeler and Bixby were among the Wheaton recipients of the All-Collegiate Academic Awards.

Following is the final top ten team results:

1. Ohio State University 95 points
2. Stanford University 89 points
3. Canisius College (NY) 63.5 points
4. University of Alabama-Birmingham 61 points
5. University of California-Berkeley 52.5 points
6. Keuka College (NY) 33 points
7. Wheaton College 28 points
8. University of Richmond 22.5 points
9. Walsh University (OH) 22 points
10. University of Minnesota 15.5 points

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY, DEFENDING US COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONS, FALLS TO WHEATON SYNCHRO TEAM AT THE WHEATON INVITATIONAL

February 19, 2000

The Wheaton College synchronized swimming team hosted its 2000 Wheaton Invitational on Saturday afternoon in Balfour Natatorium, as the Lyons were victorious over the defending US Collegiate Champions, Stanford University by a count of 111.5-39. Wheaton, the fifth-ranked team in the country last year, won two of three figures, the trio routine and team competition.



In the team competition, the Lyons captured first and second place finishes, as Wheaton's A Team consisted of junior captains Carol McGeoch (Schaghticoke, NY/Hoosic Valley H.S.) and Tina Pogeler (Yardley, PA/Pennsbury H.S.), junior Dorothy Linder (Charlton, NY/Galway Central School), sophomore Libby Bixby (Edina, MN/Edina H.S.) and freshmen Elizabeth Maga (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne H.S.), Kerri Moran (Hanson, MA/Whitman Hanson H.S.), Emily Padow (Richmond, VA/The Steward Schhol) and Jamie Sallier (St. Louis, MO/Ladue Horton Watkins H.S.).

The trio routine, comprised of Maga, Pogeler and Sallier, recorded the highest score of the meet, while Maga and Pogeler finished in second place in the duet routine. The Cardinal placed first in the solo and duet routines, respectively.

Wheaton will travel to Walsh University in Canton, OH next weekend to compete in the East Collegiate Regional Championships on Saturday and Sunday, February 26 and 27.

Following is a complete list of meet results, excluding the figure scores:

Solo Final

(1) Shannon Montague, Stanford University 93.400; (2) Jamie Sallier, Wheaton College 81.800.

Duet Final

(1) Julie Enos, Montague, Stanford University 90.900; (2) Elizabeth Maga, Tina Pogeler, Wheaton College 79.100; (3) Carol McGeoch, Emily Padow, Wheaton College 78.000.

Trio Final

(1) Maga, Pogeler, Sallier, Wheaton College 78.133; (2) Libby Bixby, McGeoch, Padow, Wheaton College 76.800.

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RICHMOND SPOILS WHEATON HOME OPENER IN SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

February 5, 2000

The Wheaton College synchronized swimming team opened up its 1999-2000 season at home on Saturday afternoon, as the Lyons were defeated by the University of Richmond Spiders, 113.5-99 in their first of two dual meets this year. Wheaton, last season's fifth-best team in the country at the U. S. Collegiate Championships, lost two of three figure routines as well as the trio and duet events to the Spiders. However, Wheaton captured the solo event and placed second of four squads in the team event.



In the team event competition, the Lyon women finished in second and fourth place, respectively. Wheaton's A Team scored the second-highest point total of the day, posting a 77.550. The Richmond winners recorded a final count of 81.883. The Lyons seven-member team was comprised of junior captains Carol McGeoch (Schaghticoke, NY/Hoosic Valley H.S.) and Tina Pogeler (Yardley, PA/Pennsbury H.S.), junior Dorothy Linder (Charlton, NY/Galway Central School), sophomore Libby Bixby (Edina, MN/Edina H.S.) and freshmen Elizabeth Maga (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne H.S.), Kerri Moran (Hanson, MA/Whitman Hanson H.S.) and Jamie Sallier (St. Louis, MO/Ladue Horton Watkins H.S.). Sallier also came away victorious as the soloist winner this afternoon.

The trio routine, comprised of Maga, Pogeler and Sallier, posted the third-best score of the meet, while Maga and Pogeler finished in third place in the duet competition. The Spiders placed both first and second in the trio and duet routines, respectively.

Before the meet began, the Wheaton team honored recent graduate and U.S. Outstanding Collegiate Synchronized Swimmer of the Year, Gina Lighthall (Oswego, NY/Mexico Academy). Although Lighthall wasn't present to accept the award, her sister Kelly, currently a sophomore captain on Richmond's team, and family were in attendance in her place.

The Lyons will travel to Penn Yan, NY next weekend to compete against rival Keuka College on Saturday, February 12 at 11:00 a.m. This the last of two dual meets for Wheaton will be held at Skidmore College in Saratoga, NY.

Following is a complete list of meet results, excluding the figure scores:

Solo Final

(1) Jamie Sallier, Wheaton College 79.200

Duet Final

(1) Julia Conn, Courtney Sullivan, Richmond 82.400; (2) Katie Albrecht, Kelly Lighthall 76.200; (3) Elizabeth Maga, Tina Pogeler, Wheaton College 73.733; (4) Libby Bixby, Carol McGeoch, Wheaton College 70.533; (5) Jennifer Gaines, Jamie Bigelow, Richmond 64.600.

Trio Final

(1) Conn, Sullivan, Lighthall, Richmond 81.533; (2) Samantha Levin, Liz Faucher, Schyler Reese, Richmond 76.733; (3) Maga, Pogeler, Sallier, Wheaton College 73.467; (4) Beth Scott, Megan Fisher, Andrea Harrell, Richmond 65.733.

Team Final

(1) Richmond, 81.883; (2) Wheaton College, 77.550; (3) Richmond, 73.067; (4) Wheaton College, 59.267.

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Finishing fifth in the country is quite an achievement for any team at any level, but even more praiseworthy is when a newly established Division III synchronized swimming squad does it, as did the Wheaton Lyons. Wheaton competes against Division I powerhouses' Stanford University and The Ohio State University, two of several institutions that are able to offer scholarships to their recruited athletes.

Accomplishing their highest placement at the national level with a fifth-place finish at last year's U.S. Collegiate Championships held in San Diego, CA, the Lyons can rightly claim themselves as the top-ranked Division III synchro team in the country.



This year's 1999-2000 17-member team is certainly no stranger to success, as the squad has finished no lower than a 10th place standing collegiately in the past seven years (since the 1992-93 season), the exact time when head coach Mary Kay Adams took over at the helm of what was then the club team known as the Wheaton Tritons. During the past two seasons, the Lyons have finished second in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships and fifth at the U.S. Collegiate Championships. In the 1996 campaign, just one year after the Lyons were pronounced varsity team status, the Wheaton team, one of only 12 squads to attend, qualified for its first ever U.S. National Championships competition.

In a region where synchronized swimming possesses a wealth of quality teams, the Lyons will be given their fair share of competition versus the likes of the University of Richmond and rival Keuka College, located in Penn Yan, NY, both of whom placed behind Wheaton in sixth and seventh place, respectively at last year's U.S. Collegiate Championships. The Lyons understand the importance of being able to size up their competition during dual meet competition, which is exactly what they'll do when they face Richmond and Keuka at their only dual meets of the season.

Coach Adams is confident that her squad's depth this year coupled with the quality of new recruits that have arrived will gel in what hopes to be another return to a top-five finish. "We have the depth this year that we have been lacking in past years," replied Adams. The team is a very cohesive group and

will certainly show much promise this year. I'm optimistic about our chances at having a successful season."

With the loss of three seniors last year, including the 1999 U.S. Outstanding Collegiate Synchronized Swimmer of the Year Gina Lighthall (Oswego, NY/Mexico Academy), this year's squad will consist of four juniors, six sophomores and seven freshmen. Lighthall, who received the Wheaton Senior Athlete Award and Epstein Award for academic and athletic excellence, qualified to try out for the Pan American Team Trials and U.S. National Team. She was also selected as a Collegiate National Event All-American in the solo and trio events.

Under the leadership and direction of Adams and assistant coaches Mark Adams, who concentrates on the technical elements and figure competition, and Allison Kurkura, who oversees the B Team, Wheaton will compete with two teams this year, Team A and Team B, in conjunction with its two trio routines, two duet routines and one soloist. The A Team is comprised of three juniors, one sophomore and four freshmen, while the B team operates with only one junior, five sophomores and three freshmen.

Junior co-captains Carol McGeoch (Schaghticoke, NY/Hoosic Valley H.S.) and Tina Pogeler (Yardley, PA/Pennsbury H.S.), also Collegiate National Event All-Americans in the trio event last season, will lead the Lyons in the A Team and both trio routines. McGeoch will be joined by sophomore Libby Bixby (Edina, MN/Edina H.S.) and freshman Emily Padow (Richmond, VA/The Steward School), while Pogeler will perform her routines with freshmen Elizabeth Maga (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne H.S.) and Jamie Sallier (St. Louis, MO/Ladue Horton Watkins H.S.). For the duet competition, the two routines will be divided between McGeoch and Padow and Maga and Pogeler, and the soloist will be Sallier.

The Lyons synchro squad will open their 20th season of competition at home in their first of two dual meets, as they host the University of Richmond Spiders on Saturday, February 5, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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