

Rome teams break school records in state prelims

• The Wolves and Lady Wolves qualify for the finals in 10 events in Atlanta.

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The hope of any coach is for their team to perform its best when set against the best competition, and that's what Rome coach Joey Powers got Friday.

Rome's swimmers broke seven school records during the preliminaries of the 1A-5A division at the GHSA Swimming and Diving Championships at Georgia Tech on Friday evening. The top 20 in each event compete in today's finals.

And while the Darlington boys' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Samson Mumber, Jack Eady, Tanner Shadday and Vincent Zhang failed to qualify for the finals, they did finish in 1:36.86, breaking the school record set at last year's state meet.

Mumber qualified in the boys' 100 backstroke Friday by coming in seventh with a time of 53.06 seconds, better than his seed time of 54.79.

Rome's records came in a mix of both relay and individual events.

The Wolves' 200 medley relay team of Ellis Marrs, Mason Hunter, Kent Schirmacher and Ryan Shaw set a new mark with a seventh-place time of 1:40.26. The Lady Wolves' 200 medley relay team of Kate Nobles, Viola Hasko, Sarah Baker and Megan Harrell did the same, coming in eighth at 1:53.03.

Rome's girls' 200 freestyle relay team of Anna Waguespack, Baker, Nobles, and Harrell were eighth with a time of 1:42.39, and the girls' 400 freestyle relay team of Waguespack, Harrell, Nobles, and Emma Rose Bailey will be seeded ninth in today's finals after finishing in 3:47.56.

Hunter broke the mark in the boys' 100 breaststroke, placing second with a 56.72 seconds, Harrell set a new school record in the girls' 100 backstroke with a 1:03.03, and Hasko earned a Rome record with her performance in the girls' 100 breaststroke, coming in at 1:09.10.

Also qualifying for the finals for Rome were Shaw in the boys' 50 freestyle (21.81), and the boys' 100 freestyle (48.87), Hunter in the boys' 100 freestyle (48.01), and Rome's boys' 200 freestyle relay team of Shaw, Schirmacher, Hunter and Kenta Davis, which finished in 1:30.14.

The finals of the 1A-5A division are expected to start at 1 p.m. today at the McAuley Aquatic Center on the campus of Georgia Tech.

