

# FIESTA OUT WESTA



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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

MIDLAND, TX—We've been back now for five days and while decompressing, I ran across this story on Facebook as I was posting some photos from the trip. I once used this story a few years ago at a swim banquet while presenting an award to a special volunteer. The story is just as appropriate today as we want to thank so many who made this year's Zone trip a special one to remember.

"The telephone rang. It was a call from his mother. He answered it and his mother told him, 'Mr. Belser died last night. The funeral is Wednesday.'"

"Jack, did you hear me?"

"Oh, sorry, Mom. Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm sorry, but I honestly thought he died years ago," Jack said.

"Well, he didn't forget you. Every time I saw him he'd ask about how you were doing. He'd reminisce about the many days you spent over 'his side of the fence' as he put it," Mom told him.

"I loved that old house he lived in," Jack said.

"You know, Jack, after your father died, Mr. Belser stepped in to make sure you had a man's influence in your life," she said.

"He's the one who taught me carpentry," he said. "I wouldn't be in this business if it weren't for him. He spent a lot of time teaching me things he thought were important. Mom, I'll be there for the funeral," Jack said.

As busy as he was, he kept his word. Jack caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr. Belser's funeral was small and uneventful. He had no children of his own, and most of his relatives had passed away.

The night before he had to return home, Jack and his Mom stopped by to see the old house next door one more time.

Standing in the doorway, Jack paused for a moment. It was like crossing over into another dimension, a leap through space and time. The house was exactly as he remembered.

Every step held memories. Every picture, every piece of furniture...Jack stopped suddenly...

"What's wrong, Jack?" his Mom asked.

"The box is gone," he said.

"What box?" Mom asked.

"There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was 'the thing I value most'," Jack said.

It was gone. Every thing about the house was exactly as Jack remembered it, except for the box. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it.

"Now I'll never know what was so valuable to him," Jack said.

"I better get some sleep. I have an early flight home, Mom."

It has been about two weeks since Mr. Belser died. Returning home from work one day Jack discovered a note in his mailbox. "Signature required on a package. No one at home. Please stop by the main post office within the next three days," the note read.

Early the next day Jack went to the post office and retrieved the package. The small box was old and looked like it had been mailed a hundred years ago. The handwriting was difficult to read, but the return address caught his attention.

"Mr. Harold Belser" it read.

Jack took the box out to his car and ripped open the package. There inside was the gold box and an envelope.

Jack's hands shook as he read the note

inside.

"Upon my death, please forward this box and its contents to Jack Bennett. It's the thing I valued most in my life." A small key was taped to the letter. His heart racing, as tears filled his eyes, Jack carefully unlocked the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch.

Running his fingers slowly over the finely etched casing, he unlatched the cover. Inside he found these words engraved: "Jack, Thanks for your time!—Harold Belser."

"The thing he valued most was my time!"

Jack held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office and cleared his appointments for the next two days.

"Why?" Janet, his assistant asked.

"I need some time to spend with the people I love and say I care for," he said. "Oh, by the way, Janet, thanks for your time!"

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away."

To all of the people who helped make this year's Zone Championship a great event and everyone who spent their week along with the NCS Zone Team—

**"THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!"**



# NCS ZONE SCOREBOARD

## FRIDAY NIGHT FINALS RESULTS

### EVENT 309 — MIXED 18U 100 BACK

Evan Wilkerson (11) — 1:33.84 (1st)  
Olivia Wilkerson (13) — 1:38.97 (1st)

### EVENT 55 — 11-12 GIRLS 100m BACK

Lily Welsh (12) - 1:06.83 (2nd)  
Lauren Patterson (12) - 1:11.41 (9th)

### EVENT 56 — 11-12 BOYS 100m BACK

Lucca Battaglini (12) — 1:06.93 (3rd)  
Troy Keen (12) — 1:08.08 (4th)  
Owen Sybolt (12) — 1:09.93 (9th)

### EVENT 57 — 13-14 GIRLS 100m BACK

Madeline Smith (14) - 1:06.02 (1st)  
Jordan Browning (14) - 1:08.01 (5th)

### EVENT 59 — 15-18 GIRLS 100m BACK

Bethany Tart (15) - 1:08.31 (7th)

### EVENT 310 - MIXED 18U 100m BRST

Olivia Wilkerson (13) - 1:59.55 (1st)

### EVENT 61 - 11-12 GIRLS 100m BRST

Nicole Zettel (11) - 1:18.97 (5th)  
Lauren Patterson (12) - 1:20.89 (9th)

### EVENT 62 - 11-12 BOYS 100m BRST

Andrew Li (12) — 1:14.06 (2nd)  
David Masneri (12) — 1:14.52 (3rd)  
Max Marrujo (12) — 1:19.42 (7th)

### EVENT 65 — 15-18 GIRLS 100m BRST

Sadie Calhoun (17) - 1:19.30 (7th)

### EVENT 66 — 15-18 BOYS 100m BRST

Drew Hollett (17) - 1:12.98 (8th)

### EVENT 67 — 13-14 GIRLS 400m FREE

Emma Hastings (14) — 4:26.48 (1st)  
Emma Stolberg (14) — 4:37.52 (8th)

### EVENT 69 — 15-18 GIRLS 400m FREE

Summer Eaker (15) — 4:28.83 (2nd)  
Emily Knorr (15) — 4:29.07 (3rd)  
Bethany Tart (15) — 4:40.31 (7th)

### EVENT 70 — 15-18 BOYS 400m FREE

Drew Hollett (17) — 4:25.28 (9th)

### EVENT 71 - 11-12 GIRLS 200m MREL

3rd Place - 2:06.66  
1) Lily Welsh - 31.75  
2) Lily Ann Willis - 35.94  
3) Abby Druhan - 30.76  
4) Ellie Hunt - 28.21

### EVENT 72 - 11-12 BOYS 200m MREL

2nd Place - 2:00.44  
1) Andrew Li - 32.01  
2) David Masneri - 34.06  
3) Lucca Battaglini - 28.10  
4) Owen Sybolt - 26.27

### EVENT 73 - 13-14 GIRLS 200m MREL

7th Place - 2:04.85  
1) Jordan Browning - 31.75  
2) Olivia Haroldson - 36.60  
3) Elizabeth McDevitt - 29.73  
4) Madeline Smith - 26.77

### EVENT 74 - 13-14 BOYS 200m MREL

6th Place - 1:54.80  
1) Landon Lloyd - 30.64  
2) Kwame Thornhill - 32.40  
3) Spencer Freeman - 27.16  
4) Reid Miller - 24.60

### EVENT 75 - 15-18 GIRLS 200m MREL

4th Place - 2:05.46  
1) Bethany Tart - 31.60  
2) Morgan Despres - 36.93  
3) Peyton Whitaker - 29.72  
4) Summer Eaker - 27.21

### EVENT 76 - 15-18 BOYS 400m Fr REL

4th Place - 1:53.21  
1) Trevor O'Neill - 29.98  
2) Drew Hollett - 32.03  
3) Charles Clickner - 26.54  
4) Emile Charles - 24.66

## SATURDAY NIGHT FINALS RESULTS

### EVENT 312— MIXED 18U 200m IM

Olivia Wilkerson — 3:37.64 (1st)

### EVENT 77—11-12 GIRLS 200m IM

Nicole Zettel (11) - 2:31.94 (7th)

### EVENT 78 — 11-12 BOYS 200m IM

Andrew Li (12) - 2:21.34 (1st)  
Max Marrujo (12) - 2:29.75 (5th)  
Jack Lazaroski (12) - 2:31.32 (8th)

### EVENT 79 — 13-14 GIRLS 200m IM

Emily Campbell (14) - 2:26.70 (1st)

### EVENT 80 — 13-14 BOYS 200m IM

Spencer Freeman (14) - 2:16.05 (3rd)

### EVENT 81— 15-18 GIRLS 200m IM

Emily Knorr (15) - 2:27.23 (4th)  
Katie Knorr (15) - 2:33.45 (9th)

### EVENT 313 — 18U 50m FREE

Evan Wilkerson (11) - 38.77 (3rd)  
Olivia Wilkerson (13) - 38.84 (1st)

### EVENT 83 — 11-12 GIRLS 50m FREE

Lily Welsh (12) — 27.94 (3rd)  
Ellie Hunt (12) — 28.72 (7th-tied)

### EVENT 84 — 11-12 BOYS 50m FREE

Lucca Battaglini (12) - 26.76 (3rd)  
Troy Keen (12) - 27.21 (5th)  
Owen Sybolt (12) - 27.42 (8th)

### EVENT 85 — 13-14 GIRLS 50m FREE

Bethany Tart (14) - 27.41 (1st)

### EVENT 86—13-14 BOYS 50m FREE

Reid Miller (14) - 24.84 (3rd)

### EVENT 87—15-18 GIRLS 50m FREE

Summer Eaker (15) - 27.59 (2nd)  
Morgan Despres (18) - 28.27 (7th)  
Peyton Whitaker (17) - 28.28 (8th)

### EVENT 88 — 15-18 BOYS 50m FREE

Emile Charles — 25.16 (4th)  
Charles Clickner — 25.21 (6th)  
Drew Hollett — 25.86 (10th)

### EVENT 90 — 11-12 BOYS 50m FLY

Lucca Battaglini (12) - 28.44 (2nd)  
Troy Keen (12) - 28.60 (3rd)  
Jack Lazaroski (12) - 29.74 (7th)

### EVENT 91 — 13-14 GIRLS 200m FLY

Emma Stolberg (14) - 2:25.30 (4th)  
Elizabeth McDevitt (14) - 2:25.75 (5th)  
Emily Campbell (14) - 2:32.87 (10th)

### EVENT 92—13-14 BOYS 200m FLY

Spencer Freeman (14) - 2:09.42 (2nd)

### EVENT 93 — 15-18 GIRLS 200m FLY

Ashlyn Walton (17) - 2:30.29 (8th)

### EVENT 95 — 11-12 GIRLS 200m FR RELAY

4th Place — 1:54.85  
1) Lily Welsh — 28.31  
2) Ellie Hunt — 28.28  
3) Abby Druhan — 29.00  
4) Sydney Martin — 29.26

### EVENT 96 — 11-12 BOYS 200m FR RELAY

1st Place — 1:47.31  
1) Owen Sybolt — 27.59  
2) Lucca Battaglini — 26.53  
3) Andrew Li — 26.56  
4) Troy Keen — 26.63

### EVENT 97 — 13-14 GIRLS 200m FR RELAY

3rd Place — 1:51.17  
1) Emma Hastings — 27.96  
2) Emily Campbell — 28.21  
3) Emma Stolberg — 28.19  
4) Madeline Smith — 26.81

### EVENT 98 — 13-14 BOYS 200m FR RELAY

2nd Place — 1:41.46  
1) Reid Miller — 25.12  
2) Kwame Thornhill — 25.43  
3) Lane Bradshaw — 25.56  
4) Landon Lloyd — 25.35

### EVENT 99 — 15-18 GIRLS 200m FR RELAY

1st Place — 1:49.96  
1) Summer Eaker—27.70  
2) Peyton Whitaker — 27.54  
3) Morgan Despres — 27.91  
4) Bethany Tart — 26.81

### EVENT 100 — 15-18 BOYS 200m FR RELAY

5th Place — 1:40.21  
1) Emile Charles — 25.04  
2) Charles Clickner — 24.92  
3) Drew Hollett — 25.07  
4) Sadler Smith — 25.18



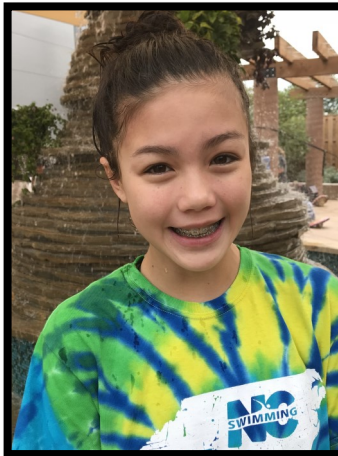


# WHO'S WHO?

## FEATURING: 11-12 GIRLS



**LILY ANN WILLIS**



**SYDNEY MARTIN**



**ELLIE HUNT**



**NICOLE ZETTEL**



**LAUREN PATTERSON**



**JOTIE YADAV**



**ABBY DRUHAN**



**LILY WELSH**







# WHO'S WHO?

## FEATURING: 13-14 BOYS



**SPENCER FREEMAN**



**COLIN WHELEHAN**



**ELIJAH GODFREY**



**LANDON LLOYD**



**LANE BRADSHAW**



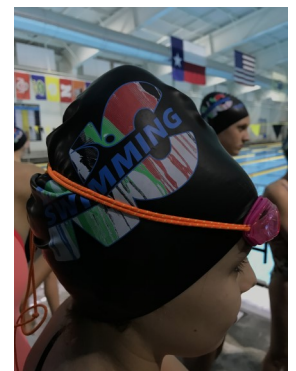
**KWAME THORNHILL**



**JOSHUA MOORE**



**REID MILLER**







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## FEATURING: 15-18 GIRLS



**SADIE CALHOUN**



**SUMMER EAKER**



**BETHANY TART**



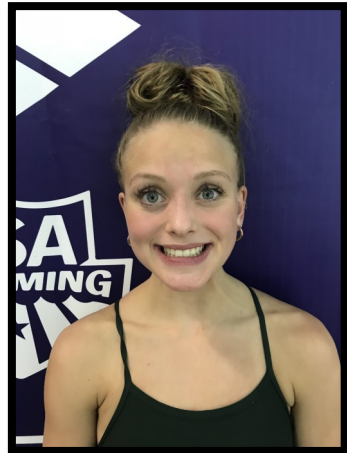
**EMILY KNORR**



**MORGAN DESPRES**



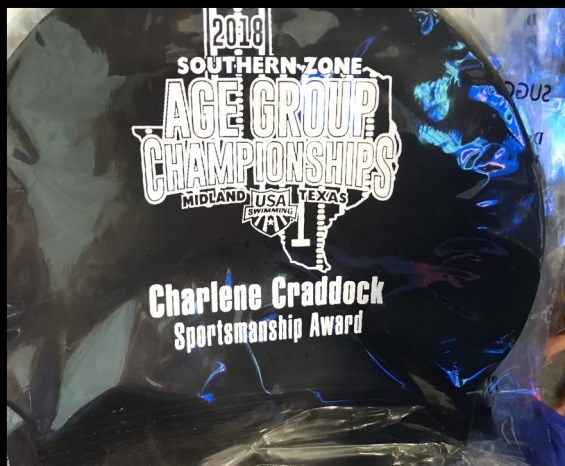
**ASHLYN WALTON**



**PEYTON WHITAKER**



**KATIE KNORR**



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ZONE  
CHARLENE  
CRADDOCK  
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## FINAL TEAM SCORES

### RANK

1—FLORIDA	1432
2—GEORGIA	1313.5
3—SES	1217.5
4—NCS	1155
5—So. TEXAS	581.5
6—FGC	385.5
7—No. TEXAS	335
8—KENTUCKY	231
9—LOUISIANA	192
10—BORDER	156
11—WEST TEXAS	154
12—MISSISSIPPI	119
13—WEST VA	63



# MANY THANKS

## To Our Chaperones



[LEFT TO RIGHT: Darren Moore, Rebekah Allen, Roberta McDevitt, Blair Crosscup]

## To Our Coaches



Top Left (left to right):  
Blake Addison (11-12 Girls); Cole Dutton (11-12 Boys); Kristina Olack (13-14 Girls); Cliff Gordon (13-14 Boys); Ben Lee (15-18 Girls); Matthew Johnson (15-18 Boys); and Jonathan Watson (Head Coach).

## To Our Amazing Team Manager!



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