

Lenoir-Rhyne Swimming Starts Strong At Shark Invitational

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The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's and Women's Swimming Teams broke several school records while two swimmers have qualified nationally after the first full day of competition Saturday at the Nova Southeastern Shark Invitational at the NSU Aquatics

Center. The Lenoir-Rhyne men's squad is currently in fourth place with 198 points while the Bears' women's team has 86 total points, good for seventh place. Nova Southeastern (women) and Florida Southern (men) lead the team rankings with 434 and 440.5 points, respectively, after Saturday's events.

L-R freshman Jonathan Hofrichter (Tampa, Fla.) finished third in the men's 1,000-yard freestyle with a school-record 9:30.13.

Hofrichter's time was also 10 seconds under an NCAA Division II "B" cut time, the standard time for qualifying for the national championships. Hofrichter also qualified nationally with a "B" cut time in the men's 500-yard freestyle (4:38.26) as did freshman Leah Watts (Hickory, N.C.) in the women's 500-yard freestyle (5:07.30). Both times were also school records.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Watts finished 15th on the women's side with a 2:14.38 while sophomore Cody Shaw (Greenville, N.C.) placed 16th overall with a time of 1:58.57 in the men's race.

The four-day event continues with the third day on Sunday.

2012 Shark Invitational

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. - Nova Southeastern Aquatics Center

December 14-17 - Results After Day Two

MEN

1. Florida Southern 440.5
2. Tampa 434
3. Nova Southeastern 324
- 4. Lenoir-Rhyne 198**
5. Catawba 172.5
6. Rollins 103

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WOMEN

1. Nova Southeastern 434
2. Florida International 412.5
3. Tampa 397.5
4. Florida Southern 296
5. Rollins 125
6. Catawba 114
- 7. Lenoir-Rhyne 86**
8. Lynn 83

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