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placed in the top eight in six events, including third in the 100 butterfly, fourth in the

200 fly and 200 free, sixth in the 100 free and seventh in the 50 and 400 free.

Abbie Porter (13) swam personal bests in all six events she competed in and reached the finals in the 400 IM, 200 fly, 100 breaststroke,

200 IM and 200 breaststroke. LAC veteran Jordan Kimney (15) also swam well, placing second in the 200 fly, third in the 200 IM, fourth in the 400 IM, fifth in the 200 breaststroke and sixth in the 100 fly.

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Some of the fastest swimmers from several southern states and other countries gathered at the Bill Nixon Memorial Long Course "A" Invitational on June 27-29 at the Rockwall Aquatics Center of Excellence in hopes of achieving or improving on times (or cuts) that will qualify them for the state championship meet (TAGS), sectionals and junior nationals.

At the Bill Nixon, the Lakeside Aquatics Club — which has facilities in Flower Mound, Keller and The Colony — made more than just an appearance.

"This was the greatest meet in our team's history," said Mike Yearwood, LAC head coach. "We have swimmers ranked in the top 10 in the United States after this meet. We had swimmers that made national standards, sectional standards and qualified for the Texas State Championships (TAGS) at this

meet. The spirit and camaraderie that was shown at this meet by Lakeside Aquatic Club was unmatched. Heat after heat after heat saw LAC coming in first place."

Among these swimmers was 12-year-old Brendan Feehery of Flower Mound.

Feehery not only won a team-high six events (100-meter freestyle, 200 free, 400 free, 50 backstroke, 100 back and 200 individual medley), but in each of those six events, he set a meet record. Feehery's success earned him the high point award for 11-12 boys. Also, Feehery set three team records in the 100 breaststroke, 400 free and 200 IM and has qualified for nine events at TAGS.

Also making some noise at the Bill Nixon was fellow Flower Mound native Kiley Vandevier (10). Vandevier won first place in the 50 and 100 back, 50 and 100 free and the 50 butterfly, as well as setting a new team and meet record

in the 50 back. These achievements led her to win high point honors for her age group.

Other notable swimmers were Mason Mitchell (12) from Carrollton, who swam in seven finals and for several events at TAGS.

From Flower Mound, Shelbi Ragsdale (16) won the 400 IM, had six personal best times and came very close to two junior national cuts.

The Colony's Emma Garfield (10) set meet records in the 100 fly and 50 breaststroke, while Highland Village's Raleigh Thornton (12) finished third and qualified for the TAGS in the 200 back.

Flower Mound native Jerik Wong (13), meanwhile, reached the finals in all of his events, making three TAGS cuts, setting six personal bests and one new LAC club record (100 breaststroke).

Other competitors include Flower Mound's David Arredondo (14), who

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Flower Mound resident Kiley Vandevier, right, had a strong performance June 27-29 at the Bill Nixon Long Course Invitational in Rockwall. Flower Mound's Brandon Feehery, left, also performed well, winning a team-high six events.

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