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Flower Mound resident Andrew Turner, pictured, totaled 24 points Saturday to lead Lakeside Aquatics Club at the Short Course "A" Invitational.

Lakeside Aquatics swim club concludes short course season

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The Lakeside Aquatics Club swim team continued its successful season last weekend as the team had more than half of its swimmers place in the top 10 at the Short Course A Invitational.

The event is the last "regular" A-level meet of the short course season before the squad enters the championship season beginning in early February with the Greater Southwest Invitational.

"Lakeside Aquatic Club swimmers are setting team records, qualifying for Texas Age Group Championships and the U.S. Swimming Sectional Championships at every meet they compete in now," said Mike Yearwood, LAC coach. "With the championship meets approach-

ing, swimmers are gearing up to go even faster. LAC finished seventh at the State Championships last summer and have already qualified more swimmers than ever in the teams history for this March's championship meet in The Woodlands."

Top performers at the Short Course from LAC were David Arredondo, Andrew Turner, Ethan Grill and Aidan Glynn.

Arredondo, 14, of Flower Mound had multiple top 10 finishes including taking second the 100-yard butterfly and third in the 200 fly on his way to accumulating 24 points for the squad.

Turner, 9, is also from Flower Mound and was one of two 9-year-olds to compete in the meet.

Turner had best times in nine out of 11 events, including one TAGS-qualifying time and five other events in which he was less than one

second away from qualifying.

Grill, 12, hails from Highland Village and took second place in the 50 free with a personal best time of 26.15 seconds. It was his first career TAGS qualifying time.

Glynn also resides in Highland Village and posted personal bests in nine of 10 events to go with seven top 10 finishes. He achieved "AA" level times in six events and qualified for TAGS in the 50 backstroke following a time of 30.63 seconds.

"Our focus right now is preparing for our upcoming championship season," said Jason Walter, head age group coach. "Greater Southwest is the start of the championship season and it ends at TAGS. Our goal at these meets is to drop time and get us mentally prepared for TAGS."