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Emerald Boys 12th at State Swim Meet

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Emerald High School's boys swim team finished 12th overall during the Class AAA state swim meet at Clemson University. The Vikings scored 117 points and finished third among Class A and AA teams participating in the meet. "We had a lot of time drops and a lot improvement," Emerald coach Mark Bartz said. "The kids did awesome."

Emerald's girls team finished 25th with 12 points and was seventh among Class A and AA schools. The boys team's top finisher was Douglas Brandon, who posted a 54.30 and finished second in the 100 butterfly. The second-best individual finisher was Marco Rodriguez, who posted a 2:18.15 in the 200 individual medley, good enough for ninth overall.

The best relay performance for the boys came in the 200 free, where the Vikings' team of Brandon, Rodriguez, Tyler Will and Patrick Koone posted a seventh place 1:37.78. The 200 medley relay team, consisting of the same swimmers, was ninth with a 1:53.55. In the 100 breaststroke, Brandon was 10th with a 1:08.10, while Rodriguez was 20th with a 1:12.52. Will was 13th in the 50 free (23.71) and 15th in the 100 free (53.19). The boys 400 free relay team, consisting of Koone, John Isenhower, Patrick Dorn and Garrett Rap, was 18th with a 4:07.14 time.

Emerald's girls team scored its points with the 200 free relay team. The foursome of Rachel Kilburn, Nicole Upton, Katalin Bartz and Chelsea Kilburn was 15th with a 1:56.67 time. Chelsea Kilburn was also 27th in the 50 free (27.55) and 28th in the 100 free (1:02.81).

Greenwood's Katelyn Simpson was the school's first girls participant in the Class AAAAA state tournament. Simpson swam the 100 butterfly in 1:09.56 at the Rock Hill Aquatic Center.