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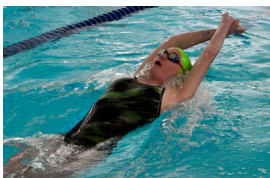
Despite the overcast skies and cold weather, Holyoke swimmers put in a strong effort at the Northwest Kansas Swim League opening meet in Holyoke on Saturday, June 1.

Eight teams were represented by 279 swimmers at Saturday's swim meet. Forty-five competitors on Holyoke's 47-member team swam in the season opener.



Lali Marquez comes up for air during the 11-12 50 yd. butterfly. She earned second place in the event.□□

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Malena McWilliams starts the first leg of the 15-18 200 yd. mixed medley relay.□□

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Holyoke Swim Club ended the day third in the team standings. Goodland, Kan., secured first with 285.5 points, followed by Colby, Kan., 199, Holyoke 195.5, Wray 177, Oberlin, Kan., 150, Burlington 136, Flagler 42.5 and Oakley, Kan., 26.5.

The coaches were very positive after the meet. Coach Adria Colver was very pleased with the team's overall performance, noting improvements in the swimmers' turns and starts, as well as some wonderful time drops.

Colver said the 11-12-year-old swimmers placed well, despite often being the youngest in their age group.

Coach Brenda Krueger commented on the promising season ahead, particularly with the 15-18 200 yd. medley relay team. The young team of 14-and 15-year-olds cut 3 seconds off their previous relay time.

The NWKSL will continue their season with a meet in Wray on Saturday, June 8.

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swims breaststroke during the girls' 11-12 100 yd. individual medley



starts the girls' 11-12 100 yd. individual medley with a 25 yd. freestyle stroke



swims butterfly through the last 25 yd. of the 100 yd. individual medley



starts the girls' 11-12 25 yd. backstroke



swims freestyle during the 15-18 200 yd. mixed gender relay



swims butterfly during the 15-18 100 yd. butterfly relay