

2013 NCAA Division II Swimming & Diving Championships
UC San Diego Day Four Quotes - Mar. 9, 2013

Co-Head Coach Corrie Falcon

On Nicholas Korth's performance in the 200 breaststroke:

"I really thought in that fourth 50 Nick was going to chase him (Eetu Karvonen) down. He just came up a fingernail too short, but having a three-second drop from his NCAA-winning race two years ago was incredible. He had an outstanding meet and deserved every ounce of that."

Junior Co-Captain Nicholas Korth

On the 200 breaststroke final:

"We (he and Karvonen) were side-by-side, so I knew where he was at all times. Halfway through, he was up, but I knew I had to swim a smart race and rely on the training. With about 75 (yards) to go, I could feel he was dying a little, and that empowered me. Getting to the wall, I knew it was going to be close and I really wasn't sure who had won until I saw the scoreboard.

"First place would have been better, but I swam my best time and I'm happy for myself. Swimming's supposed to be fun and right now (it is). It makes it a little easier knowing I still have next year.

"This one means a lot. When I won this race two years ago, it didn't mean as much. I didn't earn it. It kind of fell into my lap. I earned this.

"I trained hard from September to March and got so much help, (co-head coach) Corrie (Falcon) with the breaststroke work, (co-head coach) Matt (Macedo) with the sprint work and (assistant coaches) Jason Martin and Dan Perdue with all the knowledge they passed along. All four coaches stressed confidence and knowing they were behind me certainly made it easier. When I got on the blocks, I was nervous, but when our team gave a cheer for me, that went away. There's a sense of security knowing that I'm not just swimming for myself."