

Hoosiers Qualify Four Swimmers, Relay for Saturday Night NCAA Finals

AUSTIN, Texas – The No. 2-ranked Indiana University men’s swimming and diving team continued competition at the 2019 NCAA Championships on Saturday morning at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center in Austin, Texas.

IU qualified a total of four swimmers and one relay for finals on Saturday night at the NCAA Championships. Three individuals and the relay will all compete in Championship Finals for Indiana.

Headed into the fourth and final day of the 2019 NCAA Championships, the Hoosiers sit in third place in the team standings with a total score of 277.5 points. California leads with a score of 372, while Texas remains in second place with a total of 329.

200 Backstroke

IU’s Gabriel Fantoni placed 24th overall in the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:41.36.

100 Freestyle

Hoosier senior Zach Apple continued his terrific week at the NCAA Championships, qualifying fourth overall for the Championship Final of the 100 freestyle with a time of 41.59.

Junior Mohamed Samy matches his personal-best time of 41.98 to earn a spot in the Consolation Final, qualifying 12th overall. Samy improved 22 spots from his seed time in the event to earn his place in the B Final.

Bruno Blaskovic placed 19th overall with a time of 42.21.

200 Breaststroke

The defending NCAA Champion in the 200 breaststroke, Ian Finnerty qualified second overall for the Championship Final in the event on Saturday night with a time of 1:51.24.

Freshman Zane Backes placed 27th overall with a time of 1:54.89.

200 Butterfly

Senior Vini Lanza, fresh off his NCAA title in the 100 butterfly on Friday, qualified in a tie for third for the Championship Final of the 200 butterfly on Saturday with a time of 1:40.18.

Freshman Van Mathias placed 34th overall with a time of 1:44.24.

400 Freestyle Relay

The Hoosier 400 freestyle relay team of Zach Apple, Bruno Blaskovic, Mohamed Samy and Jack Franzman qualified second overall for Saturday night’s Championship Final with a time of 2:48.67.

Platform Dive

IU sophomore Andrew Capobianco placed 28th overall in the platform dive at the NCAA Championships with a total score of 289.00

The 2019 NCAA Championships will conclude on Saturday evening with the finals of the 200

backstroke, 100 freestyle, 200 breaststroke, 200 butterfly, 400 freestyle relay, platform dive and 1,650 freestyle. The action gets underway at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center at 7:00 p.m. ET.

Be sure to keep up with all the latest news on the Indiana men's and women's swimming and diving teams on social media – [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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