Warmed up, Layton Anderson [9] swims the breastst

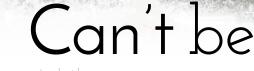
About to bolt, **Zach Maly** [9] takes his mark for the 200 free







Top places, Jarred Lowman [11] and Layton Anderson [ blaced 1st in the 200 Individual Medley and Anderson 2



Swim team breaks records, makes history

hey didn't have a facility at the school, a Mojoe Section or seniors on their team, but they had each other and the determination to make it to state. The White Oak High School Swim Team made history this year and having both a men and women's team in one year.

"Traveling to Longview caused tension because we were training right after a team we were to compete against," Zach Maly [9] said. "Having no seniors made us feel like we were underdogs and that we wouldn't have as much of a chance against the teams with seniors. It was awesome to overcome the obstacles when it really mattered to defeat Texarkana."

This year, the school accepted **Anna Korn** [10], a foreign exchange student from Germany, as a part of the Roughneck family. Korn qualified for regionals where she placed third in the 500 freestyle and 200 individual medley. Although she as a manager and photographer.

"Every time one of us swam, Anna was always on the side cheering us on, yelling as loud as she could," Layton Anderson they will be lacking her helpful encouragement. [9] said. "She went through every gruesome practice with us and stuck by our side all the way through state and I wouldn't to actually do stuff for them because we are all so close and have wanted anyone else."

took home 12 gold, 11 silver, and four bronze medals from two miss a lot."

"At district, the medal count was extraordinary," Jarred Lowman [11] said. "We were able to beat Longview High School's boys' team and acquire the second place boys' team by traveling to the state swim meet in Austin, forming a relay overall. Regionals placing was just as exciting and we placed third overall in the boys team, however, the whole boys' team was able to advance to state because of the relay."

> At state, the competition was stiff. Individually, Michael Maly [11] competed in the 500 freestyle and 200 freestyle while Anderson competed in the 200 individual medley. Michael Maly, Anderson, Zach Maly and Lowman competed in the 4 by 100 freestyle relay.

"At state we were ecstatic," Maly said. "Each swim we boosted each other's confidence and yelled to get home [for the race]. We were a family and wanted each other to do their best."

The season was considered a success with the trip to Austin, did not qualify for state, she still went to support the boys team the medal count, and the friendship made with Korn throughout their journey. According to the team, they will greatly miss Korn and promised her that they will do good next year even though

"I think my teammates needed me more emotionally than every time somebody was missing it just felt weird," Korn said. On the road to state, the boys team competed at district and "Having countless and really painful practices together just builds regionals to accumulate a wealth of medals. Cumulatively, they so much respect for each other and that's something I'm going to

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