

Davis takes win in Norrell one-mile swim

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Jeff Davis III of Little Rock paced himself behind Marvin Schwartz of Conway through the first half of the Lake Norrell one-mile swim Saturday, then powered past him for the victory in 21 minutes and 57 seconds.

"I was dragging off of Marvin through the first half of the race," said the 26-year-old Davis.

Schwartz, 38, finished second in 22:17. He has come close every year but never won the annual event.

"There's always a bunch of youngsters that come down," he said.

The victory was the second in this race for Davis, who topped the field two years ago. Last year's winner was Tommy Gean of Fort Smith, a former University of Arkansas swimmer.

Randy Ensminger, another former Razorback, was third Saturday with a 22:46 clocking.

"When I made that last turn I tried to pick it up and just couldn't," Ensminger told

Norrell swim

Male and female results, by age groups, from the Lake Norrell one-mile swim on Saturday:

MEN

- 20-24** - 1. Rodney Faust, 33:01.
25-29 - 1. Jeff Davis III, 21:57. 2. Randy Ensminger, 22:46. 3. Scott Lamb, 23:30. 4. Mark Harnett, 27:36. 5. Joe Domiani, 30:03. 6. David Lamberston, 30:41. 7. William Martin, 44:56.
30-34 - 1. Jim Slear, 30:30. 2. Tom Courtway, 30:34. 3. Rick Korte, 30:57. 4. Tom Zaloudek, 50:00.
35-39 - 1. Marvin Schwartz, 22:17. 2. Dick Cornelison, 27:03. 3. Carl Lindstrom, 29:50. 4. Lewis Leslie, 32:27. 5. Paul Zelnick, 32:32.
40-44 - 1. Rick Murphy, 28:05. 2.

- Doug Rawn, 28:50. 3. Ron Bank, 31:35. 4. Steve Snow, 31:36. 5. Larry Williams, 1:41:00.

- 45-49** - 1. Bob McGowan, 30:57.
50-54 - 1. George Thatcher, 35:49.
60-64 - 1. Nash Abrams, 47:16.

WOMEN

- 20-24** - 1. Lori Ann Huff, 27:20. 2. Sara Smiley, 29:24. 3. Stacia Bank, 33:54.
25-29 - 1. Marion Staab, 26:07. 2. Valerie Morgan, 39:27.
30-34 - 1. Deb Strehle, 30:20. 2. Kathy Lindstrom, 31:13.
35-39 - 1. Ruby Bland, 49:05.
45-49 - 1. Jan Wylie, 47:21. 2. Sandy Gullikson, 48:55.

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Davis credited the win to the hard training he's been doing in preparation for next weekend's United States Masters Swimming long course national championships in Houston.

Davis said he had been swimming 2,500 meters a day, running 15-20 miles a week and lifting weights two to three days a week and said, "I could

tell all the weight training had helped."

Marion Staab was the women's winner for the third year in a row with a 26:07 performance. She was followed by Lori Ann Huff in 27:20 and Sara Smiley in 29:24.

"This is a good swim," Staab said. "It's a pretty little lake and real quiet."

The lake was very calm Saturday, which helped the

swimmers, but also a little warm.

George Thatcher, a triathlete who won the men's 50-54 age group winner in 35:49, agreed that a mile is a lot longer in the water than it is on land, "but (in the water) at least it's flat."

"The third and the fourth buoys seemed like they were miles apart," Staab said, talking with a spectator.

Scott Lamb of Memphis, who recorded the fourth fastest time with a 23:30 clocking after a second swim, didn't make it "out there" on his first try.

He turned at the third buoy on his first swim, but was allowed to make a second attempt because none of the chase boats had tried to signal him about his mistake.

"I thought I was counting 'em (the buoys)," Lamb had said after being informed of his error.

"On a lake swim you don't have the ropes (separating lanes) or the turns every 50 meters to help you keep your bearings," said Schwartz.