

Crean Lutheran product Ella Eastin named college swimmer of the year



Stanford swimming

Stanford swimmer Ella Eastin (Crean Lutheran) has two American records in as many days as the NCAA women's swimming championships at Ohio State,.

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Stanford's **Ella Eastin** finished a perfect three for three at the NCAA Division 1 swimming championships Saturday night. She then earned the top award from the meet at Ohio State.

The junior from Crean Lutheran and the SOCAL club captured the 200-yard butterfly for her third individual title in as many nights. She was later named the College Swimming Coaches Association of America's Swimmer of the Year.

In helping Stanford dominate the team competition, Eastin won the 200 butterfly in meet-record 1 minute, 50.01 seconds on Saturday. On Thursday and Friday, she captured the 200 and 400 individual medley events in American records, including one in a victory against teammate and Olympic champion Katie Ledecky.

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