



## Girls swimming preview: Orange County top 10

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OCVarsity has started releasing its girls swimming preview for 2017.

### O.C. PRESEASON DUAL MEET TOP 10

**1. Santa Margarita:** The three-time defending CIF Division 1 champions will again be tough to beat. They return their blazing core from last season and add freshmen standouts **Ella** and **Mia Ristic** and **Anicka Delgado**.

**2. Tesoro:** The South Coast League juggernaut will again take aim at capturing a plaque at Division 1 finals. The Titans placed a distant third

last year to Woodbridge.

**3. Crean Lutheran:** Coach **Craig Brown** was dismissed in late January, but transfer **Eva Merrell** joins forces with **Elise Garcia** and the defending state champions. They Saints still look formidable, especially in the relays.

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**4. Edison:** CIF-SS champion **Nora Deleske** leads a veteran squad that looks to extend its Sunset League reign.

**5. Woodbridge:** Last season's Division 1 runner-up should contend again thanks to CIF champion **Kate Krolkowski** and a strong supporting class.

**6. Los Alamitos:** The Griffins showed plenty of speed in water polo and have Coach **Dave Carlson** back at the helm. That's a good combination.

**7. Newport Harbor:** The Sailors could produce their share of speed with the return of the sisters **Ayla** and **Zoe Spitz** and a healthy **Melinda Stevens**.

**8. Foothill:** Watch for the Crestview League power to contend in Division 2. The Knights look deep and added standout freshman **Samantha Pearson**.

**9. Fountain Valley:** The Barons boast plenty of experience but reside in the deepest girls league in the county. They will need to swim well to stay afloat in the rankings.

**10. Marina:** The rising Vikings feature their own sister act in **Sage** and **Terra Matsushima**. They're also heavy on returners and took eighth in Division 1 last season.

**Others to watch:** Irvine, Mater Dei, Sonora, University, Villa Park.

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