



## Girls swimming preview: O.C. top 10

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**GIRLS SWIMMING**

The Register's season-opening top 10 for girls swimming.

### O.C. TOP 10

(Based on dual meets)

**1. Crean Lutheran:** The reigning CIF-SS Division 2 champion Saints are cheering for **Ella Eastin** at Stanford, but have reasons to be excited about their own season. They are loaded with returners,

**2. Santa Margarita:** The post-Katie McLaughlin Era begins for the two-time defending CIF Division 1 champion. There's a new standout in

**Samantha Shelton** and plenty of dual-meet depth. Freshman **Mackenzie Degn** has clocked a 50.32 in the 100-yard free in club.

**3. Tesoro:** The Titans are stacked with returners from a squad that placed third at the CIF Division 1 finals last season. They're a dual-meet power but scheduling conflicts prevented a showdown with Santa Margarita this spring.

**4. Edison:** The top O.C. contenders are blessed with returners and the Chargers have their share. Junior **Nora Deleske** headlines the group.

**5. Woodbridge:** The Warriors graduated Division 1 champion Daniela Georges (Arizona) but could have the firepower to claim the Pacific Coast League crown. They'll be tough in Division 1, too.

**6. Foothill:** Legendary coach **Tom DeLong** takes the reins of a Knights team paced by Cal-bound **Courtney Mykkanen**. **Brooke Maxson** paces the influx of water polo speed.

**7. Mater Dei:** The Monarchs reside in the Trinity League with the No. 1 Eagles but don't overlook their depth and balance. Cal-bound **Aislinn Light** anchors a squad that added freshman **Stephanie Su**.

**8. Los Alamitos:** The Griffins feature several returners, led by TCU-bound **Nicqueline Rettberg**. They could challenge Edison and Fountain Valley for the league crown.

**9. Fountain Valley:** **Carly Perri** leads a versatile group that could surprise in the Sunset. The Division 1 league, however, better keep an eye on Marina.

**10. Irvine:** The Vaqueros might have the depth to challenge Woodbridge and handle traditional power Corona del Mar in the Pacific Coast. **Julia Wright** and **Kate Lee** give Irvine a solid duo.

**Others:** Aliso Niguel, Corona del Mar, JSerra, Laguna Beach, Marina, Newport Harbor, Orange Lutheran

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