The Bulldog swim teams' first bout of competition in the water turned out to be decisive wins for both the women's and men's squads. On Saturday, the men controlled the tri-meet against Lewis University at Wheaton College, winning to the tune of 497 points. Wheaton claimed second with 386 points with Lewis trailing with 113.

The women found the same success, coming up with 518 points to win the meet. Wheaton again took second with 369, and Lewis finished third with 168.

Later on Saturday, the women stepped up the competition by facing Division I opponent University of Illinois (Champaign). But after a long day of competition, the 'Dogs could not overpower the Big X school, losing 122.5-82.5.

On the men's side in the tri-meet at Wheaton, sophomores Brian Teson (Kansas City, Mo./St. Pius X) and Andy Harken (Liberty, Mo.), junior Matt Pray (Naperville, Ill./Naperville North) and sophomore Robby Cooper (Holden, Mo./Holden) garnered the first win for the men's team in the 400-yard medley relay. Senior Kyle Sterup (Fremont, Neb.) then took first in the 100-yard freestyle, along with junior Drew Yemm (Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley NW) in the 50-yard freestyle.

Taking their second victories of the day were Harken in the 200-yard IM, Pray in the 200-yard butterfly and Sterup in the 500-yard freestyle. Harken claimed his third win in the 200-yard breaststroke. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Pray, freshman Kyle Ediger (Junction City, Kan.), senior Andy Ladrow (Colorado Springs, Colo./Mitchell) and Yemm finished the meet with another first-place showing.

The women claimed first in all but four of the 13 events at Wheaton. The 400-yard medley relay team of sophomore Krista Pray (Naperville, Ill./North), freshman Megan Losee (Omaha, Neb./North), sophomore Alison Blyth (Clive, Iowa/Dowling) and sophomore Calie Fulmer (Rosemount, Minn.) racked up the first win for the team, followed by the first-place efforts of junior Ellen Frick (Manhattan, Kan.) in the 1,000-yard freestyle, freshman Diana Betsworth (East Moline, Ill./United Township) in the 200-yard freestyle, junior Sara Hatcher (Kingdom City, Mo./North Callaway) in the 50-yard freestyle and junior Liz Hug (Maryville, Ill./Collinsville) in the 200-yard IM.

Junior Kelli Dudley (Topeka, Kan./West) continued the winning pattern in the 200-yard butterfly. Hatcher followed suit by winning the 100-yard freestyle before the women's team gave up the top prize for the first time in the meet.

Betsworth took her second win in the 500-yard freestyle, and the women closed out their dominance by winning the 400-yard freestyle relay, which included freshman Sue Ellen Thoma (Jefferson City, Mo.), Hug, freshmen Sarah Dance (Lincoln, Neb./Southeast) and Betsworth.

Against the University of Illinois, the women came up with victories in four events. Hug took first in the 200-yard freestyle, and Hatcher won the 50-yard freestyle. Dudley finished first in the 400-yard IM, while Betsworth posted the final win of the day in the 500-yard freestyle.