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Orinda Aquatics makes strong showing at USA Swimming Sectional Championships

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Photo provided

Le-Nguyen (100/200 back), Tommy Roder (100 back), Adrian Smith (100/200 back), and Lily Struempf (200 free).

Orinda Aquatics finished third at the recent USA Swimming Long Course Sectional Championships in Roseville, California. The meet was comprised of 50 teams from Northern California, Southern California, and Nevada and featured swimmers from the Sectional to Olympic Trial levels. Orinda Aquatics is a local USA Swimming team of 140 athletes and took 40 swimmers to the high-level meet. Highlights were Ben Hayes achieving an Olympic Trial cut, and new Junior National standards for Jalen Evans (100m fly 56.5), Andrew Hallett (50m free 24.1), and Adriana Smith (100m back 1:04.2 - summer cut). For Orinda Aquatics, high point scorers were Emilia Barck with 116 points and Isaac Kim with 96 points. "A" finalists included Channing Hanley (100/200 breast), Emilia Barck (200 IM/400 IM, 100/200 back), Maggie Buckley (200 back), Mac Follmer (200 fly), Paige Hanley (100 breast), Ben Hayes (100/200 breast, 400 IM, 100 fly), Isaac Kim (400/800 free), Zach

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