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Remarkably, it is the team's fourth straight Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (TISCA) state championship.

The Sterling girls claimed the title with a 10-4 win over Clear Lake.

"Winning for the fourth year in a row is something that doesn't happen very often. I have been fortunate to have been a part of this as a player (Clear Lake HS 1994-1998) and as a coach here at Sterling. The feeling is indescribable; I am just so proud of the girls, they were phenomenal," said RSS head water polo coach TJ Markiewicz.

"They did a fantastic job all season and exceeded my expectations. It is true that hard work and determination pay off, and these girls are a testament to that. It is a pleasure to coach athletes who care so deeply about their sport and would give anything to be able to play." The Sterling girls finished the season with a record of 29-4.

Sterling's Madison Pepper was named TISCA Girls All State MVP. Pepper's teammates Darla Vasquez, Eunice Alaniz, and Kaci New were named to the All-State 1st Team.

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Teammates Connor Woodruff was named to the All-State 1st Team, and Devin Martin and Tommy Goodman were named to the All-State 2nd Team.



Sterling High School's Madison Pepper and Daniel Norris were named TISCA Girls and Boys All State Most Valuable Players.



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