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Sterling sweeps state water polo championships

Ross S. Sterling High School's boys and girls water polo teams captured state championships on Saturday at the TISCA state tournament at Northside ISD Natatorium

The Sterling girls claimed the title with a 15-5 win over Houston Stratford.

The Sterling boys beat Tomball 13-12 in the championship game.

For the girls team, it is the school's third straight Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (TISCA) state championship, and for the boys, it is their second state crown in three years.

The Sterling girls finished the season with a record of 25-1. The Sterling boys finished the season with a record of 24-1-1.

"Both teams did an amazing job this season, they worked hard, competed with heart, and were determined to meet their goal of being State Champion," said RSS head water polo coach TJ Markiewicz. "I am extremely proud of them, and it is a pleasure to work with them every day.

The girls team defeated San Antonio Marshall (16-4), South Lake Carroll (17-3), San Antonio Alamo Heights (16-7), and Stratford in the championship game (15-5).

Sterling senior Amy Olsen was named TISCA Girls All State MVP for an unprecedented third time.

Katie Vasquez and Madison Pepper were named to the All-State 1st Team, and Kaci New was named Honorable Mention. Sterling coach Markiewicz was named Co-Coach of the year.

The boys team defeated San Antonio Marshall (19-10), South Lake Carroll (17-5), Denton Guyer (21-11), and Tomball in the finals (13-12).

Jared Barrientes and Gabe Chapa were named to the All-State 1st Team, and Daniel Norris was an Honorable Mention.

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