



Riverton swim team has new coach and new home

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Coach Mark Hiatt and the J.L. Sorenson Recreation Center in Herriman are both new additions to Riverton's swim team. The new surroundings and leadership will bring opportunities to Silverwolves swimmers to continue to improve. Hiatt has a strong swimming resume. He began swimming when he was 7 years old. As a senior at Alta High School, he finished third in the state at the 100 meter fly and fifth in the 200



Becca Serrine and the other Riverton swimmers began the 2011 season with a splash. (Photo courtesy of dbaphotography.com)

individual medley. His best events included the breast stroke and butterfly. Hiatt has six years of USA swim coach experience. His swimming career is highlighted by two years on the USA national swim team. The J.L. Sorenson Recreation Center, 5350 West Herriman Main Street, is now hosting the team for its training and competition schedule. Previously the team was using the Treehouse Athletic Club in Draper. The advantages of J.L. Sorenson Recreation Center, which opened in March, include its proximity to the school and its state-of-the-art pool. The center is operated by Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation. It boasts swimming lanes, an overhead balcony with seating for 200 spectators and a jumbotron with live video feed. "Treehouse was a good facility and situation, but this will be a little bit better," said Ken Finch a member of the swim team booster club and father of Kaylene Finch, a senior. The team practices when most other students are still sleeping, starting at 5:15a.m., as well as training in the afternoons. Hiatt has assistant coach Jamey Scicimmarella to help. Scicimmarella has coaching experience with the Dimple Dell Dolphins, Devil Rays, Snowbird Canyon Racquet Club and the Jewish Community Center Summer League. He likes to teach the back and fly strokes. Hiatt has taken over a team on the rise. Last year's team finished a respectable 16th (boys) and 14th (girls) in the state tournament under the eye of former coach Clark Ethrington. The team also broke 12 school records during the season. Riverton swimmers have their work cut out for them in Region Four. Always-powerful Bingham, American Fork and Lone Peak join the Silverwolves. The team has already experienced success. It broke two school records in its first two meets Oct. 13 and 19. Abbey Sorenson, Madeline Christensen, Sierra McQuivey and Kaylene Finch set the womens 200-medley relay record at 2:01.13. Also, Sorenson, Christensen, Finch and Erin Cavender set the womens 200-free relay record at 1:46.17. Team captains are Cavendar, Finch, Jenessa Bushman, Kaleb Gerth and Mitchel Nelson.