

JUNIOR NATIONALS

Porter places ninth in 200 IM



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Andrew Porter of the Cabrillo Thrashers swim club competes during the breaststroke portion of men's 200-yard individual medley B-main at Lee and Joe Jamall Texas Swimming Center.

Shimomura 71st in 500 free in Texas

Sentinel staff report

Cabrillo Thrashers club swimmer Andrew Porter, a Monte Vista Christian School graduate and two-time Central Coast Section champion, placed ninth in the men's 200-yard individual medley at the Speedo Short Course Junior Nationals on Thursday.

Porter won the B-main race in 1 minute, 48.63 seconds — just 0.04 seconds ahead of second-place finisher Jose Schooling of Bolles School — at the University of Texas at Austin.

Porter advanced to the B-main after finishing the preliminary race in 1:49.4 [11th].

Bolles School's Ryan Murphy won the prelim in 1:47-flat and then went on to win the A-main in a record 1:45.77. The previous record was 1:46.26, set in December 2009.

Santa Cruz resident Sara Shimomura, who swims with the Santa Clara Swim Club, placed 71st in the women's 500 freestyle, finishing in 5:13.33.

Porter swims today after 9 a.m. in the men's 400 IM prelims and the 200 free prelims, and again Saturday in the 200 butterfly prelims.

Sara Shimomura's brother Sam will also compete in the 200 free prelims, and the 1,650 and 100 frees on Saturday.