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1. Diana Betsworth (swimming)
2. Christina Winkler (track)
3. Nate Gibson and Sean Clayes (football)
4. Lauren Allen (volleyball)
5. Danielle Allen and Stacy/Index University Torque's 199.