

The Auburn YMCA Stingrays hosted the Cortland Stingers on December 19 for their third home meet of the season, with the Classes A, B, C, and D girls' teams and the Classes A, B, and D boys' teams registering wins.

Makenna Wilson, Sydney Murinka, Tehya Kloster, and Olivia Rejman swam unopposed in the 8 and under Class E girls in the medley relay. Sydney Murinka went on to take first place in the individual medley and the 25-yd freestyle, both with times that qualified her for the State Championship meet in Buffalo in March 2010. Molly Rejman took first in the 50-yd freestyle and third in the breaststroke. Makenna Wilson swam to a third-place finish in the 100-yd freestyle and a second in the 50-yd freestyle. Olivia Rejman and Tehya Kloster both came back later in the day to swim for third place in the backstroke and for second in the breaststroke, respectively.

The Class E boys' team was hurt by an early DQ in the medley relay, but Sam Carbonaro had two first-place finishes with State-qualifying times: in the 100-yd freestyle and the backstroke. Joshua Whiting qualified for States with his first-place finish in the breaststroke and took second in the individual medley. Maxwell Hayden took third early on in the 25-yd freestyle, followed closely by a second-place finish in the butterfly. Joseph Angotti swam for thirds in the butterfly and the breaststroke. Maxwell Hayden got back in the water late in the day for the 100-yd freestyle relay, taking first with teammates Matthew Whiting, Jack Carbonaro, and Travon Oliver.

The 9–10-yr-old Class D girls' team had another stellar day, starting with Alexis Rejman, Janessa Brandstetter, Aubrey Connors, and Hannah Gargan swimming for first in the medley relay. Cassie Brown took three firsts for the day, in the individual medley, the butterfly, and the backstroke, showing she's got all the strokes down, with two State-

qualifying times. Freestyler Hannah Foster took firsts in both the 200-yd and 100-yd races. Aubrey Connors, Janessa Brandstetter, and Kennedy Wilson swam for a sweep in the 50-yd freestyle, with Aubrey coming back late in the day to take second in the breaststroke. Claire Rejman, showing off her versatility, made points for her team with her third-place finishes in the individual medley, the butterfly, and the breaststroke. Teammates Hannah Gargan and Lindsey Roe swam for thirds in the 200-yd freestyle and the 100-yd freestyle, respectively, adding to the big win for the Class D girls.

The Class D boys did their thing for a win over Cortland, starting with Jacob Whiting swimming for first place in the 200-yd freestyle and the backstroke and second in the individual medley, all with State-qualifying times. Nate Lupo had a first-place win in the 50-yd freestyle, followed by two second-place finishes: one in the 100-yd freestyle and the other in the breaststroke. Nick Gavras and Matthias Ballard each had a second-place finish and a third place finish for the day: Nick in the 200-yd and the 100-yd freestyle races and Matthias in the butterfly and the breaststroke. Four boys added points for their team by placing third in their races: Andrew Giannettino in the individual medley, Cannin Springer in the 50-yd freestyle, Mac Kolonko in the butterfly, and Johnathan Wilkes in the backstroke. Andrew Giannettino, Cannin Springer, and Mac Kolonko got back in the water with their teammate Nick Gavras to take first place in the 200-yd freestyle relay to end their day.

Swimming unopposed in the medley relay for the Class C 11–12-yr-old girls were Yasmine Smith, Catherine Moore, Julia Angotti, and Emily O'Brien Robillard. Teammate Alexis Liberatore had a winning day, taking first place in the 50-yd and the 100-yd freestyle races and in the backstroke, for which she qualified for the State

Championship. Brianna Chehovich started out her day taking second in the individual medley, then took third in the butterfly, and came back later in the day to take first in the breaststroke. Freestyler Victoria Bragg kept bringing in the points with a second-place finish in the 200-yd race and two third-place finishes: one in the 50 and the other in the 100. Swimming the individual medley for the first time this year in home pool competition, Katie Kelley brought in a third-place finish. Hannah Reilly took second in the butterfly and Michaela Cool took third in the breaststroke and then they both swam with teammates Catherine Moore and Emily O'Brien Robillard to take first place in the 200-yd freestyle relay, topping off their win over Cortland.

The Seven Samurai of the Class C boys skipped over the medley relay because they were all going to be swimming hard all day in individual races. Corey Knapp, having already qualified for the State Championship in the 200-yd freestyle, the butterfly, and the backstroke in other meets, went ahead and qualified in the individual medley and the 100-yd freestyle, taking first in both and also took second in the butterfly. Tyler Mason blistered his opponents in the 200-yd freestyle and took third in the 50-yd freestyle, behind teammate Sam Hensel, who had a 1-2-3 day: in the 50 free, the backstroke, and the 100 free, respectively. Patrick Tehan took third place in the breaststroke and then took first place with teammates Neil Boedicker, Nick Laduca, and Derrick Allio in the 200-yd freestyle relay.

The Class B 13–14-yr-old girls had another victory day, starting and ending with unopposed relays and with first-place finishes in every individual race. Kristina Stephens, Maria Wayne, Jackie DeRegis, and Cara Miller started out with the medley relay, followed closely by a sweep in the 200-yd freestyle, with Michaela Elliott, Aimee

Delfavero, and Jenna Page coming in first, second, and third, respectively, all with State Championship qualifying times. Michaela Elliott, Makenzie Hauger, MaryJane Leja, and Aimee Delfavero took firsts in their races: Michaela in the butterfly and the backstroke, Makenzie in the individual medley and the breaststroke, MaryJane in the 50-yd and the 100-yd freestyle races (with a second in the backstroke, just because she can), and Aimee in the 500-yd freestyle, all with State Championship qualifying times. Adding points to the overall win, Lucy Zwigard, Emily Rifanburg, and Jenna Page all took thirds in their races: in the 50-yd freestyle, the butterfly, and the 100-yd freestyle, respectively. Brigid Cotter took second in the 50-yd freestyle and the breaststroke and then swam to a first-place finish in the 200-yd freestyle relay with teammates Jenna Page, Aimee Delfavero, and Makenzie Hauger.

Collin Mitchell swam for three first-place finishes with State Championship qualifying times, in the 200-yd freestyle, the backstroke, and the breaststroke, doing his part for a victory over Cortland for the Class B boys. Teammate Jeremy Sliss had two first-place finishes, in the individual medley and the butterfly, and one second-place finish, in the 100-yd freestyle, all with State Championship qualifying times. Trevor Denson had two State Championship qualifying times, a second-place finish in the 50-yd freestyle and a first-place finish in the 500-yd freestyle. Nicholas Radell, Andrew Bauso, Alexander Gavras, Jacob Herrick, and Joshua Herrick all added points to the win with their third-place finishes, in the individual medley, the butterfly, the 500-yd freestyle, the backstroke, and the breaststroke, respectively. Andrew Bauso, Nicholas Radell, Zachary Buchburger, and Trevor Denson finished the day with a win in the 200-yd freestyle relay.

The Class A 15 and older girls were edged out of first place in only one race of the day against Cortland. Danielle Lang, Kathryn Carter, Allison White, and Molly Blair started the day with the medley relay win. Freestyler Ceara O'Sullivan swam to first place in her three individual races: the 50, the 100, and the 200, qualifying for the State Championship in all three. Mallorie Dygert qualified for the State Championship with her first-place finishes in the individual medley and the 500-yd freestyle and her second-place finish in the backstroke. Tiffani Chehovich swam to first place in the breaststroke and the butterfly, with a qualifying time in the breaststroke. Ashley King took seconds in the 200-yd (with a qualifying time) and the 100-yd freestyle races and a third in the 50 free. Allison White took second in the butterfly and Kathryn Carter took second in the breaststroke (with a qualifying time), while Michelle Delfavero took third in the individual medley and Danielle Lang took third in the backstroke (also with a qualifying time). Jessica Wilkes, Tiffani Chehovich, Kathryn Carter, and Molly Blair finished the day with a win in the 400-yd freestyle relay.

The medley relay team of Connor Kilmer, Sean Doyle, Justin Sawran, and Frederico Sampaio took first place for the Class A boys, followed by all State Championship qualifying times where swimmers placed in the individual races. Reid Swartz took first place in his three races: the individual medley, the 50-yd freestyle, and the backstroke, and John Tehan took first in two of his: the 200-yd and the 500-yd freestyle. Justin Sawran and Connor Kilmer both had a first and a second: Justin in the butterfly and the backstroke and Connor in the 100-yd and the 50-yd freestyle. Sean Doyle brought in two second-place finishes, in the 200-yd freestyle and the breaststroke, seeing his team to an easy victory over Cortland.

The final home meet for the Stingrays is against Oneida on January 23. To learn more about the Auburn Stingrays, visit their website at www.auburnstingrays.org or call the YMCA at (315) 253-5304.