

## Stingrays host Oneida

The Auburn YMCA Stingrays hosted the Oneida YMCA swim team in their last home meet of the season on Saturday, January 23. The Oneida team is new to the Central New York district and is in the process of building their swim program and consequently some of the age classes swam unopposed in this meet.

Madeline Lentini, Tehya Kloster, Ellie Fraher, and Claire Schiener started the day for the Class E 8 and under girls, swimming in the medley relay. Freestyler Sydney Murinka shaved more time off to take first place in each of her three events, the 25-yd, the 50-yd, and the 100-yd races (all with times that qualify her to swim at the State Championship meet in Buffalo in March), with Molly Rejman taking second place in all three races. McKenna Wilson took first place in two events, the individual medley and the backstroke, and swam to second place in the butterfly behind Amber Connors, who also took second place in the backstroke. Olivia Rejman was first to come in in the backstroke and took third in the 100-yd freestyle. Teammates Ellie Fraher, Jordyn McCandless, Madeline Lentini, and Kalin Reed finished the day swimming the 100-yd freestyle relay.

The Class E boys' team swam unopposed in all of their races, but Sam Carbonaro gave the team the high point of the day, taking off almost three seconds to post a Stingrays' record-setting first-place swim in the 100-yd freestyle! Congratulations, Sam! Carbonaro also took first place in the butterfly and the breaststroke, with State-qualifying times. Joseph Angotti and Joshua Whiting each had two first-place wins and one second-place finish: Angotti in the individual medley, the 50-yd freestyle, and the 25-yd freestyle and Whiting in the 25-yd freestyle, the backstroke, and the butterfly. John Buckner, Trevor Hesse, and John Keba all swam to second place in their races: Buckner in the 100-yd freestyle and the backstroke, Hesse in the 50-yd freestyle, and Keba in the breaststroke. Jack Carbonaro, Joshua Lentini, Maxwell Hayden, and Matthew Whiting swam in the medley relay, and Carbonaro and Whiting joined teammates Travon Oliver and Trevor Hesse to swim the 100-yd freestyle relay.

Aubrey Connors had two first-place finishes for the Class D 9- and 10-year-old girls' team: in the backstroke (with a State-qualifying time) and the breaststroke. Cassie Brown, Janessa Brandstetter, and Hannah Foster each walked away with one first-place and one second-place finish: Brown in the 50-yd freestyle and the breaststroke, Brandstetter in the butterfly and the backstroke, and Foster in the 100-yd freestyle and the 50-yd freestyle. Megan Buckner, Lindsey Roe, and Hannah Gargan finished in second place in their races: in the 200-yd freestyle, the individual medley, and the butterfly, respectively. Kennedy Wilson came in third in the 200-yd freestyle, Amelia Bozek took third in the individual medley, and Claire Rejman swam to third in the 100-yd freestyle and then Rejman joined teammates Katie McGrath, Hannah Kalabanka, and Ella Lawler-Manitta to swim in the 200-yd freestyle relay.

Mac Kolonko, Mathias Ballard, Andrew Giannettino, and Patrick McGrath started their day swimming in the medley relay. Jacob Whiting had two first-place State-qualifying swims on Saturday: one in the butterfly and the other in the backstroke. Nick Gavras made States with his first-place finish in the 200-yd freestyle and later swam to first place in the breaststroke and to second in the 100-yd freestyle. Mac Kolonko came in

first in the 50-yd freestyle and second in the backstroke, while teammate Nate Lupo swam to first place in the 100-yd freestyle. Andrew Giannettino had a second-place finish in the 50-yd freestyle, while John Wilkes had a second-place finish in the 200-yd freestyle and swam with teammates JP McCandless, Matthias Ballard, and Patrick McGrath in the 200-yd freestyle relay to wrap up the day for the Class D boys' team.

Michaela Cool, Katie Kelley, Catherine Moore, and Emily O'Brien Robillard swam unopposed for the Class C 11- and 12-year-old girls' team in the medley relay. Hannah Reilly, Brianna Chehovich and Victoria Bragg each came away with two first-place finishes, with Bragg also taking a second: Reilly in the individual medley and the butterfly, Chehovich in the 100-yd freestyle and the backstroke, and Bragg in the 200-yd, the 50-yd, and the 100-yd freestyle races, respectively. Julia Angotti had a 1-2 day, in the breaststroke and the 200-yd freestyle, while Michaela Coole came in second in the breaststroke and Katie Kelley took third in the butterfly. Emily O'Brien Robillard and Catherine Moore pulled double duty Saturday, swimming with teammates Laiken Wilson and Brianna Chehovich to a win in the 200-yd freestyle relay.

The Class C boys' team swam unopposed for the day, with Cory Knapp once again taking first place in three events, swimming in State-qualifying time in each one: the individual medley, the butterfly, and the backstroke. Teammates Sam Hensel and Tyler Mason both took firsts in their races: Hensel in the 200-yd freestyle and the 50-yd freestyle and Mason in the 100-yd freestyle and the breaststroke, with Mason taking second in the 200-yd freestyle. Derrick Allio, Neil Boedicker, and Patrick Tehan all swam to second place in their races: Allio in the 50-yd freestyle, Boedicker in the 100-yd freestyle, and Tehan in the backstroke. Gavin Ellis swam to third place in the 200-yd freestyle early in the day and then came back with teammates Neil Boedicker, Nick LaDuca, and Derrick Allio to swim the final race of the day, the 200-yd freestyle relay.

The Class B 13- and 14-year-old girls also swam unopposed for the day, but used their time to post State-qualifying times by swimmers in each of their races. Michaela Elliott, Aimee DelFavero, Jenna Page, and MaryJane Leja started out in the medley relay, and each swam State-qualifying times in their subsequent races. Elliott and Leja swam to first place in their races: Elliott in the individual medley and the 500 freestyle and Leja in the 50-yd freestyle and the backstroke. DelFavero and Page both took seconds in their races: DelFavero in the 50-yd and 100-yd freestyle races and Page in the 500-yd freestyle and the breaststroke. Brigid Cotter came in first in the 200-yd freestyle and the breaststroke, while teammate Makenzie Hauger took first in the 100-yd freestyle. Kristina Stephens had two second-place finishes for the day: one in the individual medley and the other in the backstroke, and Maria Wayne took second in the 200-yd freestyle. Emily Rifanburg, Cara Miller, Emily Powers, and Makenzie Hauger finished the day swimming in the 200-yd freestyle relay.

Collin Mitchell, Josh Herrick, Jeremy Sliss, and Trevor Denson started the day for the Class B boys' team, swimming unopposed in the medley relay. Mitchell went on to post first-place finishes in both the butterfly and the backstroke. Sliss swam to first place in the 200-yd freestyle and later took second in the backstroke, just a smidge behind Mitchell. Joshua Herrick came in second in three races: the 200-yd freestyle, the butterfly, and the breaststroke. Zach Buchberger took more than a second off his last home-pool time in the 50-yd freestyle to come in first place and took almost 12 seconds off his last time to place first in the 500-yd freestyle (both with State-qualifying times)

and he wasn't done there; he also posted a third place finish in the breaststroke. Nick Radell also had a good day, finishing first in the medley (shaving five seconds off) and the 100-yd freestyle. Jacob Herrick and Andrew Bauso each took second place in their races: Herrick in the 500-yd freestyle and Bauso in the 50-yd freestyle (with a State-qualifying time).

The Class A girls' team swam unopposed for the day as well. The medley relay team of Bethany Schroeder, Michelle DelFavero, Tiffani Chehovich, and Mallorie Dygert took first place against their teammates, with Dygert getting right back in the water in the next event to take first in the 200-yd freestyle. DelFavero went on to take first place in both the 100-yd freestyle and the breaststroke, while Ashley King did the same in the 50-yd and 500-yd freestyle races. Allison White had a 1-2 day, coming in first in the backstroke and second in the 100-yd freestyle. Jessica Wilkes, Onea Kloster, Danielle Lang, and Kathryn Carter each posted second-place finishes: Wilkes in the 200-yd and 500-yd freestyle races, Kloster in the 50-yd freestyle, Lang in the backstroke, and Carter in the breaststroke. Seniors Lena Ktretzschel, Bethany Schroeder, Mallorie Dygert, and Ashley King donned boys' jammers to swim their last relay of their Stingrays careers. Good luck, Ladies!

Justin Lyndaker started things off for the Class A boys team, taking first place in the 200-yd freestyle and later took second in the 50 free, swimming State-qualifying times in both. Seniors John Tehan (with 12 years on the team!) and Justin Sawran each had a first-place and a second-place finish for the day: Tehan in the 500-yd freestyle and the breaststroke and Sawran in the breaststroke and the 100-yd freestyle. Sean Doyle swam to first place in the backstroke. Connor Kilmer posted first-place finishes in the 50-yd and 100-yd freestyle races and then, along with teammates Reid Swartz and seniors John Tehan and Justin Sawran, changed into something more memorable for the last relay of the seniors' Stingrays careers. Good luck, Johnny and Justin!

The Stingrays will travel to Norwich on February 6th for the Central New York district meet. Qualifying swimmers will compete in Buffalo March 12-14 at the YMCA State Championship meet. The YMCA National Championship meet will be held in April in Ft. Lauderdale.

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