

Stingrays open season with win

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The Auburn YMCA Stingrays held their first home meet of the season Nov. 13 against the Oneida Dolphins, registering wins for all age categories.

The Class E 8-and-under girls' relay team of Ellie Fraher, Molly Rejman, Olivia Rejman and Maeve Smith started out strong in the medley. Madeline Lentini brought in five points for her team with her win in the 25 breaststroke, while Olivia Rejman took first in the 25 backstroke. Rachel Pflueger took first place in the 100 freestyle. The 100 freestyle relay team of Hannah Diego, Hayley Duffy, Rachel Pflueger and Rachel Tehan finished off the day for the Class E girls.

Jacob Reilly, John Buckner, Maxwell Hayden, and J.D. Rejman swam unopposed in the medley relay for the Class E 8-and-under boys. Joshua Whiting had strong showings for the day, with first places in the 100 freestyle, 25 freestyle, and 25 breaststroke. Joseph Angotti had a first in the 25 butterfly.

The Class D 9- and 10-year-old girls' team of Sydney Murinka, Janessa Brandstetter, Megan Buckner and Alexis Rejman took first in the 200 medley relay, with Brandstetter going on to swim to first-place finishes in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle. Buckner swam to first-place finishes in the 50 butterfly and the 50 breaststroke. Gabrielle Wagner and Amber Connors won the 200 freestyle. Kennedy Wilson, Wagner, Tehya Kloster and Katie McGrath cleaned up in the 100 freestyle relay.

Macauley Kolonko swam the first leg of the medley relay for the Class D boys and along with Sam Carbonaro, Matthias Ballard and P.J. Smalley, came in first. Smalley won the 200 freestyle and Carbonaro came in first in both the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle. Odin Panek backstroked to a win. Lentini went on to take first in the 50 breaststroke and with teammates Brice Miller, Odin Panek and Travon Oliver, swam to a first-place finish in the 100 freestyle relay.

The 200 medley relay team of Hannah Foster, Julia Angotti, Aubrey Connors and Yasmine Smith started out their day with a win for the Class C 11- and 12-year-old girls. Smith went on to take first place in the 100 IM and Connors took first in the 50 backstroke. Teammate Cassie Brown had a stellar day with three firsts, in the 200 freestyle, 100 freestyle and 50 breaststroke. Hannah Foster took first in the 50 freestyle and Julia Angotti took first in the 50 butterfly. Foster, Angotti, Amelia Bozek and Catherine Moore won the 200 freestyle relay.

Jacob Whiting and Sam Hensel both had three strong first-place finishes to rack up points for the Class C boys team in a win over the Dolphins. Whiting won the 200 freestyle, 50 freestyle and the 50 breaststroke, while Hensel took the 100 IM, 50 butterfly and 50 backstroke. Tyler Mason swam to first place in the 100 freestyle. Tyler Mason, Johnathan Wilkes, Nicholas Gavra, and Gavin Ellis swam their legs in the 200 freestyle relay to come in first at the end of their day.

The Class B 13- and 14-year-old girls' relay team of Brianna Chehovich, Michaela Cool, Kristina Stephens and Hannah Reilly swam unopposed for the first race of the day. Chehovich won the 200 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke while Cool finished first in the 200 IM and the 100 backstroke. Hannah Reilly won the 100 butterfly, Maria Wayne took the 50 freestyle and Vivian Chappell, Maria Wayne and Vivian Chappell won the 100 freestyle.

The Class B boys' relay team of Nicholas Radell, Joshua Herrick, Cory Knapp and Zachary Buchberger also started their day unopposed in the medley relay. Buchberger took first place in the 200 IM and the 100 freestyle, Herrick swam to first in the 100 backstroke and Knapp took first in the 100 breaststroke. Radell also won the 50 freestyle. Jacob Herrick and Nathan Harding had first-place finishes in their races — Herrick in the 100 butterfly and Nathan in the 200 freestyle. Nathan Harding, Neil Boedicker, Nick LaDuca and Jacob Herrick finished their day taking first in the 200 freestyle relay.

The medley relay team of Aimee DelFavero, Michelle DelFavero, Michaela Elliott and Emily Alexander swam unopposed for the Class A 15-and-over girls. All four girls registered first-place finishes later in the day — Aimee in the 100 breaststroke, Michelle in the 100 butterfly and the 100 backstroke, Elliott in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle, and Alexander in the 200 freestyle. Onea Kloster swam to first in the 200 IM.

Collin Mitchell, Sean Doyle, Jeremy Sliss and Trevor Denson swam unopposed to warm up in the medley relay for the Class A boys. Denson won the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke while Doyle took the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle. Alexander Gavras took first in the 200 IM.

The Stingrays travel to Watertown on Dec. 11. To learn more about the Auburn Stingrays, visit www.auburnstingrays.org or call the Auburn YMCA-WEIU at 253-5304.