

Stingrays host the Oswego Dolphins

An unanticipated problem with the Oswego pool prompted the Auburn YMCA Stingrays to host the Oswego Dolphins on Saturday, January 16. Organizers rallied in a hurry to pull off the meet in which the Auburn team took first-place honors in all age classes.

Madeline Lentini, Ellie Fraher, Amber Connors, and Kalin Reed started the day off for the Class E 8 and under girls, swimming unopposed in the medley relay. Madeline Lentini went right on to swim in the next event, the 100-yd freestyle, taking third place behind Olivia Rejman, who swam to first place and later took second in the backstroke. Tehya Kloster took second in the 25-yd freestyle and third in the breaststroke. Teammate Amber Connors followed closely behind Kloster to take third in the 25-yd freestyle. Makenna Wilson swam to first place in the butterfly, with Molly Rejman taking second. Sydney Murinka had two first-place finishes, in the 50-yd freestyle and the backstroke, with times that qualify her for the State Championship meet in Buffalo in March, and later took second in the breaststroke.

Sam Carbonaro and Joshua Whiting both had a good day with three first-place finishes in individual events for the Class E boys' team: Carbonaro in the 100-yd freestyle, the backstroke, and the breaststroke (with State-qualifying times in all three events) and Whiting in the individual medley, the 25-yd freestyle, and the butterfly. Teammates Joseph Angotti, John Buckner, and Trevor Hesse brought in the much-needed points to squeak the team past the Dolphins: Angotti with second in the butterfly, Buckner with third in the 100-yd freestyle, and Hesse with third in the 50-yd freestyle, with Angotti and Hesse taking nearly 9.5 seconds off their previous home-pool times.

The medley relay team of Cassie Brown, Janessa Brandstetter, Aubrey Connors, and Hannah Gargan took first place to start the day for the 9- and 10-year-old Class D girls. Both Cassie Brown and Aubrey Connors had two first-place finishes in their individual events: Brown in the individual medley and the backstroke (both State-qualifying times) and Connors in the 50-yd freestyle (a State-qualifying time) and the breaststroke. Claire Rejman came in second in the butterfly, taking 8.5 seconds off her last home-pool time, and Janessa Brandstetter brought in third in the breaststroke, bringing in points for their team. Freestyler Hannah Foster took first place in her 100, taking almost 13 seconds off her last home-pool time, and second in her 200, and joined teammates Amelia Bozek, Janessa Brandstetter, and Lindsey Roe to place first in the 200-yd freestyle relay.

The Class D boys' medley relay team of Andrew Giannettino, Macauley Kolonko, Matthias Ballard, and Patrick McGrath swam unopposed in the first event of their day. Jacob Whiting swam to first place in three events, the 50-yd freestyle, the butterfly, and the breaststroke, while Kolonko did the same in two: in the individual medley and the backstroke. Nate Lupo and Nick Gavras provided 1-2 punches in the 200-yd and the 100-yd freestyle races (with Gavras dropping more than 11 seconds off his 100 free time), with Lupo also taking second in the 50-yd freestyle (with a State-qualifying time) and Gavras taking another second in the backstroke. Ballard brought in points with second in the individual medley and third in the breaststroke, while teammates Cannin Springer and McGrath both took thirds in the individual medley and

backstroke, respectively. Andrew Giannettino took second in the butterfly and with Springer, McGrath, and Johnathan Wilkes swam unopposed in the 200-freestyle relay.

The 11- and 12-year-old Class C girls' relay team of Emily O'Brien Robillard, Michaela Cool, Yasmine Smith, and Katie Kelley swam unopposed in their first race of the day. Julia Angotti brought in a load of points for her team with two firsts and a second: in the individual medley, the breaststroke, and the butterfly, respectively. Freestyler Alexis Liberatore swam well, taking first in the 200 and second in the 50 and the 100. After taking second in the 200-yd freestyle, Brianna Chehovich came back later in the day to take first in the backstroke. Hannah Reilly, Victoria Bragg, and Catherine Moore each had second-place finishes: in the individual medley, the backstroke, and the breaststroke, respectively, with Reilly also placing third in the 50-yd freestyle, as did Katie Kelley in the butterfly.

The Class C boys went right to work in the individual races, with Cory Knapp placing first in his three events: the butterfly, the backstroke, and the medley, taking more than 8 seconds off his last home time in the medley. Tyler Mason and Sam Hensel both had two firsts and a second: Mason in the 100-yd freestyle, the breaststroke, and the 200-yd freestyle and Hensel in the 200-yd freestyle, the 50-yd freestyle, and the backstroke, respectively. Neil Boedicker took second place in both the 50-yd freestyle and the butterfly, while teammates Nick LaDuca and Patrick Tehan added points with their second- and third-place finishes each: LaDuca in the 100-yd and 200-yd freestyle races and Tehan in the individual medley and the breaststroke (where he shaved off 3.7 seconds from his last home time). The boys cleaned it all up with the winning 200-yd freestyle relay team of Boedicker, LaDuca, Tehan, and Gavin Ellis.

The 13- and 14-year-old girls' medley relay team of Lucy Zwigard, Makenzie Hauger, Emily Rifanburg, and Brigid Cotter got it started unopposed and the Class B girls team went on to take first place in every race of the day. Mary Jane Leja took first in the 50-yd and 200-yd freestyle races, Michaela Elliott took first in the 100-yd freestyle and the backstroke, Aimee DelFavero took first in the individual medley and the 500-yd freestyle, Makenzie Hauger took first in the breaststroke, and Emily Rifanburg took first in the butterfly, with Jackie DeRegis taking second. Brigid Cotter placed second in the breaststroke and third in the 200-yd freestyle race (where she took >20 seconds off her last competition time). Lucy Zwigard, Maria Wayne, and Kristina Stephens each added points for their team with third-place finishes: in the 50-yd freestyle, the 100-yd freestyle, and the backstroke, respectively. The 200-yd freestyle relay team of Hauger, DelFavero, Elliott, and Leja capped it off with the final first-place finish.

The Class B boys' team had an identical day to the Class B girls': first-place finishes in every event. The medley relay team of Collin Mitchell, Joshua Herrick, Jeremy Sliss, and Trevor Denson started it off unopposed. The Herrick twins, Joshua and Jacob, each walked away with two first-place finishes: Joshua in the butterfly and the breaststroke and Jacob in the 200-yd freestyle and the 500-yd freestyle (both with State-qualifying times). Sliss and Mitchell came in first in their races: Sliss in the 50-yd freestyle and Mitchell in the backstroke. Zack Buchberger had a 1-2 day, in the 100-yd and the 200-yd freestyle races (where he swam a State-qualifying time), while Nick Radell had a 1-2-3 day, in the individual medley, the breaststroke, and the backstroke, making States in the medley. Denson came in second in the 50-yd freestyle, Alex Gavras came in second in the 500-yd freestyle, and Andrew Bauso came in third in the 100-yd

freestyle. The 200-yd freestyle relay team of Mitchell, Sliss, Denson, and Buchberger swam an easy unopposed race to end the day.

The Class A girls' team swam unopposed by the Oswego team in all of their races. Danielle Lang, Tiffani Chehovich, Kathryn Carter, and Molly Blair started things off with the medley relay. Ashley King came in first in her races: the 200-yd freestyle (with a State-qualifying time) and the butterfly. Danielle Lang, Allison White, Michelle DelFavero, and Mallorie Dygert all went 1 and 2 in their races: Lang in the backstroke and the 50-yd freestyle, White in the 500-yd freestyle and the medley, DelFavero in the 50-yd freestyle and the 200-yd freestyle, and Dygert in the 100-yd freestyle and the breaststroke. Amanda Falsey swam it all to first place in the individual medley, and Chehovich took first in the breaststroke. Jessica Wilkes and Devon Balk took seconds in their races, in the 500-yd freestyle and the backstroke, respectively. The 400-yd freestyle relay team of King, White, Dygert, and Bethany Schroeder finished up the day.

Reid Swartz, Justin Sawran, John Tehan, and Connor Kilmer kicked off the day unopposed in the medley relay for the Class A boys and their team swam largely unopposed for the day, but swam in State-qualifying times for the majority of races. Sawran got right back in the water for the next event, taking first in the 200-yd freestyle and then came back later in the day to take first in the 100-yd freestyle. Swartz and Tehan did the same with two firsts: Swartz in the 50-yd freestyle and the butterfly and Tehan in the backstroke and breaststroke. Sean Doyle swam to first place in the individual medley and came back to take second in the 100-yd freestyle and the breaststroke. Kilmer placed first in the 500-yd freestyle and third in the 50-yd freestyle. Justin Lyndaker swam two second-place finishes and one third-place finish: in the 200-yd and 50-yd freestyle and the backstroke, respectively, and Fred Sampaio placed second in the individual medley.

The Auburn Stingrays will travel to Norwich for the District Championships on February 6. To learn more about the Auburn Stingrays, visit their website at www.auburnstingrays.org or call the YMCA at (315) 253-5304.