Blue Dolphins win 12-under state title

The Birmingham YMCA Blue Dolphins swim team captured first-place honors at the recent 12-Under Michigan State Swim Championships held at Novi High School.

The Blue Dolphins dominated the 14-team tournament by scoring 931 points. The Rochester Oakland Live Y'ers were second with 758 and the Birmingham-Bloomfield Atlantis third with 534.

Five individual Blue Dolphin swimmers and four relays registered first-place finishes for head coach Kevin Fogarty and assistant coach Brian Peticolas.

"We are very proud of this total team effort," said Fogarty, now in his 11th year as Blue Dolphins coach. "When you combined this title, with our 11 straight eight-and-under state YMCA championships, you can understand why we're so enthusiastic about our program's future.

In the boys 9-10 age group, Nicholas Duda was the overall high-point winner. Duda won the 50-yard butterfly (31.19), the 100-yard breaststroke (1:22.63) and the 100-yard individual medley (1:11.98).

Matt Parrish was the third highest scorer, taking first in the 100-back (1:14.31). Duda, Parrish, John Whitledge and Sebastian Popa teamed up for gold medals in both the 200-free (1:56.53) and the 200-IM (2:13.82) relays.

Chris Tennyson, who finished second overall in points scored, paced the 11-12 boys with firsts in the 100-IM (1:02.61), 200-IM (2:14.79) and 100-breast (1:08.48).

Kathleen Whitledge was runner-up high-point winner in the girls 11-12 age group, capturing the 200-IM (2:18.46), 200-free (2:01.88) and 100-fly (1:01.28) titles. She joined Sue Ann DiMarco, Meredith McMahon and Natalie Najarian to winthe 200-free (1:44.29) and 200-medley (1:58.11) relays. McMahon also took first in the 50-fly (28.20).

Other Blue Dolphins enjoying top-12 individual and relay performances were Brian Bauman, Heidi Born, Jessica Chung, Carl Dahlstedt, William Dull, Lynn Gruley, Marianna Guidone, Amanda Hopkins, Karie Jalon, Matt Klotz, Melissa Marszalek, Paul McMahon, Lindsay Michelotti, Joe Murphy, Lauren Najarian, Erin Orlich, Joe Pawlick, Courtney Ribits, Katie Schellenberg, Adam Smith, Crystal Smith, Pat Sugrue, Kelly Vaught, Michael Wagg and Andy Zimmer.

Live Y'ers capture 'Y' crown

The Oakland Live Y'ers Swim Team proved superior to the competition at the recent Michigan "Y" Swimming Championships at Oakland University, capturing the top spot among the 25 teams present.

With the largest number of qualifiers in the meet, the 109 OLY participants combined for 2,422 points, outdistancing the Birmingham Blue Dolphins (BBD).

OLY's Tracy Kley paced the girls 13-14 age group with blue-ribbon finishes in the 50 free and 100 free. Teammate Jacqua McRae took the 100 back and Tanya Bidoczka won the 100 breast.

Cammie Puldokas and Clarey Gelmine teamed with Bidoczka and Kley to win the 200 medley relay. McRae, Gelmine, Puldokas and Kley were victorious in the 200 free relay.

IN GIRLS 15-19 competition, Christy Wicke led OLY with victories in the 100 fly and 100 breast. Jodie Kley added a win in the 50 free and Ann Louise Francis captured the 500 free.

Relay competition saw Wicke and Kley team with Jenny Gibson and Ursula Walters for a win in the 200 medley.

The final victory for the girls came in the 10 and under division where Kim Moorhead, Christy Mullally, Nicole Kleta and Jill Hugeller combined to take the 200 medley.

For the OLY boys, Andrew Riggert paced the 11-12 age group with a record finish in the 50 breast, while P.J. Olson led the 13- to 14-year-old charge with a win in the 100 back.

The 15-19 age division was led by Dave Whinter with record-setting victories in the 100 back and 100 fly. Jim Singelyn won the 200 IM and 100 breast, Sean Peters took the 50 free and 100 free and Tom Wywrot captured the 200 free.

RELAY VICTORIES were posted by the 13-14 grouping of Joe Dertouzos, P.J. Olson, Richard Guest and Ron Royer in the 200 medley and Guest, Olson, Dertouzos and Mike Vollmayer in the 200 free.

Whinter, Singelyn, Peters and Jason Kaspzyk combined for a state mark in winning the 200 medley for 15- to 19-year-olds and Whinter, Peters, Wywrot and Greg Behling teamed to take the 400 free.

BBD saw Natalie Najarian win the girls 50 free and 100 free in 11-12 competition and Meredith McMahon take the 50 fly and 50 back. Kathleen Whitledge captured the 200 free.

Girls relay competition in the same age group had Erin Orlich team with McMahon, Whitledge and Najarian to win the 200 medley and Whitledge, Najarian, McMahon and Sue Ann DiMarco combine to take the 200 free.

In boys 9-10 action for BBD, John Whitledge won the 50 free, Matt Parrish took the 50 fly and Sebastian Popa capture the 100 free.

Chris Tennyson and Sean Cullen were victorious in 11-12 competition, splashing ahead of the pack in the 100 IM and 50 back, respectively.

Tomohiro Hamada, 13-14, added win in the 200 IM.

BBD added three wins in relay action with Parrish, Whitledge, Nicholas Duda and William Dull taking the 200 medley and Tennyson, Cullen, Matthew Klotz and David Brown winning the 200 medley and 200 free.

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● ALL-STATE SKI TEAM

The 1990 all-state girls and boys ski teams recently were announced and the Eccentric coverage area is well-represented.

Named to the first-team boys squad is Birmingham Brother Rice senior Kevin Cook. Bloomfield Hills Andover's Derek Straffon was named to the second team and Rice's Brian McFadden was an honorable mention selection.

No girls from the area made the first or second team, but Birmingham Marian's Julie Byrd was an honorable mention pick along with Birmingham Seaholm's Timber Moreland.

As far as coaches are concerned, Andover's Al Cuthrell was the Region I Coach of the Year. Honored as the state's Coach of the Year for boys was Cadillac's Gaylord Thompson, while Traverse City's Don Dunsmore earned the girls' honor.

● A FINE MERCHANT

Scott Merchant, a 1989 Birmingham Brother Rice graduate, is an all-around athlete as a freshman at Albion College. Merchant started four games last fall as a freshman linebacker at Albion and he recently returned from Florida where he pitched for Albion's baseball team on its spring trip. He has maintained a 3.48 grade point average, despite all the time he dedicates to athletics.

● JUNIOR OLYMPIAN

Snow skier extraordinaire Timber Moreland, a freshman at Birmingham Seaholm, has been selected to participate in her fourth-straight Junior Olympics which currently is being held in Vail, Colo. In last year's Junior Olympics, Moreland was fourth overall and second in the slalom competition. Moreland last month was given the "Kircher Cup," awarded to the Midwest's most outstanding female skier. Moreland, who was third at the Mid-American All Age Class USSA Series, will conclude the 1989-90 season with a series of Eastern Cup Races in New Hampshire.

● KINZLER SHINES

Bloomfield Hills resident Kim Kinzler placed second in two events and was a member of four relay teams that set new team records for Miami (Ohio) University at the recent Mid-American Conference women's swimming and diving championships. Kinzler, a senior, came in second in both the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle, and was sixth in the 100 butterfly. Kinzler swam freestyle on both medley relay teams, and swam the second leg of both the 200 and 400-yard free relay teams.

● FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONS

The 1990 Tour of Olympic and World Figure Skating Champions will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 11 at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena. Tickets for the one-night exhibition cost $35 and $22.50 and are on sale now at the Joe Louis Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call 645-6666. For more information, call 567-6000.

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