



Aquajets Swim Club finishes second in state long course meet

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The Eden Prairie-based Aquajets Swim Club placed second out of 44 teams at the 2007 Minnesota Long Course State Swim Meet Aug. 2-5 at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center.

The Aquajets had 79 swimmers participate in the state competition. Aquajets swimmers won 20 individual events in their respective age groups.

Olivia Anderson was first in the 50-meter breaststroke and 100 breaststroke events. Rachel Boostma was victorious in the 100 backstroke and Van Donkersgoed took first in the 100 and 200 breaststroke events.

Todd Lively won the 50 butterfly and Stephanie Solfelt won the 200 and 400 individual medley events.

Another Aquajets winner was Bre Thorne in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly. Stephanie Wallace was a winner in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

Connor Weisse won the 100 and 200 backstroke events.

Kurt Youngdahl had an impressive state meet winning the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle events, 100 butterfly, and 200 and 400 individual medleys.

Several of those individual winners established new state records, including Anderson, Donkersgoed and Bootsma.

The Aquajets won numerous relays at state as well. The girls 9-10 200 medley relay of Maddy Rockhold, Anderson, Thorne and Erica Evans was first.

The 9-10 girls 200 freestyle relay of Emmi Zheng, Anderson, Thorne and Rockhold was victorious.

The 9-10 boys 200 freestyle relay of Mac Brown, Jack Swanson, Will Holmgren and Spencer Sathre was first along with the 13-14 boys 200 freestyle relay of Mitchell Foster, Weisse, Youngdahl and Eric Sirjord.

The Aquajets placed first in the 13-14 boys 400 freestyle relay with a cast of Donkersgoed, Foster, Youngdahl and Weisse.

Another state championship relay was the 13-14 boys 800 freestyle relay of Donkersgoed, Sijord, Weisse and Youndahl.

Also placing first was the 13-14 boys 200 and 400 medley relay team of Weisse, Donkersgoed,

Foster and Youngdahl.

Several members of the Aquajets Swim Club competed in the Central Zone Championships Aug. 9-12, in Topeka, Kan.

Donkersgoed set a Central Zone record in the 13-14 boys 200 breaststroke event.

Other Aquajet winners were Anderson (50 and 100 breaststroke), Bootsma (200 backstroke), Donkersgoed (100 breaststroke), Foster (100 and 200 backstroke), Thorne (100 butterfly) and Youngdahl (200 individual medley).

Anderson, Bryce Boston and Foster were also members of winning relays in the Central Zone meet.

The Aquajets' 13-lane indoor training facility is located at 6545 Flying Cloud Drive in Eden Prairie.

The club will host "Open Splashes" for swimmers interested in joining the club from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, and Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Contact Georgia Eck at 952-351-9928 for more information. Short Course season practices begin Sept. 10.- Compiled by Greg Kleven

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