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National Top 16 Reportable Times

One of the highest honors for an age-grouper is the achievement of a National Top 16 Reportable Time. A "Reportable Time" meets a certain specific cut, after which everybody making the cut is ranked nationally. The Blazers are extremely proud to have several swimmers and relays achieve this time standard, and many went on to rank amongst the Top 16 swimmers in the country! It is wonderful to see the team so well represented... congratulations to those swimmers. These times will be submitted to USA Swimming for the official Top 16 list and can be viewed at the USA Swimming webpage at www.usa-swimming.org.

Swimmers Ranked:

Name	Event	Time	Rank
Bobby Bollier	17-18 LCM 100 Butterfly	54.52	3
Bobby Bollier	17-18 LCM 200 Butterfly	1:59.69	3
Allie Wooden	10&U LCM 50 Backstroke	35.46	7
Griffin Peavey	13-14 LCM 100 Breaststroke	1:08.92	11
Griffin Peavey	13-14 LCM 200 Breaststroke	2:30.42	11
Matthew Margritier	13-14 LCM 50 Freestyle	25.29	14

Swimmers Achieving 'Reportable' Times:

Name	Event	Time
Allie Wooden	10&U LCM 50 Backstroke	35.46
Ashton Aubry	17-18 LCM 100 Butterfly	1:01.94
Bobby Bollier	17-18 LCM 100 Butterfly	54.52
Bobby Bollier	17-18 LCM 200 Butterfly	1:59.69
Chris Hearl	11-12 LCM 50 Backstroke	32.17
Chris Hearl	11-12 LCM 100 Backstroke	1:09.42
Griffin Peavey	13-14 LCM 100 Breaststroke	1:08.92
Griffin Peavey	13-14 LCM 200 Breaststroke	2:30.42
Jesse Musser	11-12 LCM 50 Butterfly	29.97
Jesse Musser	11-12 LCM 100 Butterfly	1:06.59
Matthew Margritier	13-14 LCM 100 Butterfly	1:01.50
Matthew Margritier	13-14 LCM 50 Freestyle	25.29
Matthew Margritier	13-14 LCM 100 Freestyle	55.99
Shannon Vreeland	15-16 LCM 800 Freestyle	9:00.01

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Relays Achieving 'Reportable' Times (and Rank):

Name		Time	Rank
Chris Hearl, Danny Hynes, Jacob Fisher, Jesse Musser	LCM 200 Medley Relay	2:11.99	11
Matthew Margritier, Seth Musser, Ben Scheffer, Griffin Peavey	LCM 200 Free Relay	1:46.21	7
Matthew Margritier, Seth Musser, Ben Scheffer, Michael Glenn	LCM 400 Free Relay	3:56.13	
Matthew Margritier, Michael Glenn, Ben Scheffer, Seth Musser	LCM 800 Free Relay	8:35.62	16
Seth Musser, Griffin Peavey, Matthew Margritier, Ben Scheffer	LCM 200 Medley Relay	1:57.51	4
Seth Musser, Griffin Peavey, Matthew Margritier, Ben Scheffer	LCM 400 Medley Relay	4:19.93	8

CONGRATULATIONS! New Blazer Record Holders

We had another successful long course season with some more Blazer records! We continue to raise the bar and move forward with our achievements. All of these honorees have received a Team Record Breaker Certificate to keep for years to come. Congratulations to the following swimmers, and keep up the great work:

2007 Long Course Meters:

Bobby Bollier	15-18 100 Butterfly	54.52
Haley Hynes	8&Under 50 Breaststroke	46.27
Haley Hynes	8&Under 100 Breaststroke	1:46.44
Haley Hynes	8&Under 200 IM	3:20.64
Matthew Margritier	13-14 50 Freestyle	25.29
Griffin Peavey	13-14 100 Breaststroke	1:08.92
Griffin Peavey	13-14 200 Breaststroke	2:30.42
Allie Wooden	10&Under 50 Backstroke	35.46
Chris Hearl, Danny Hynes Jacob Fisher, Jesse Musser	11-12 200 Medley Relay	2:11.99
Seth Musser, Griffin Peavey, Ben Scheffer, Matthew Margritier	13-14 200 Medley Relay	1:57.51
Seth Musser, Griffin Peavey, Ben Scheffer, Matthew Margritier	13-14 400 Medley Relay	4:19.93
Seth Musser, Griffin Peavey, Ben Scheffer, Matthew Margritier	13-14 200 Free Relay	1:46.21
Seth Musser, Michael Glenn, Ben Scheffer, Matthew Margritier	13-14 400 Free Relay	3:56.13
Seth Musser, Michael Glenn, Ben Scheffer, Matthew Margritier	13-14 800 Free Relay	8:35.62



Missouri Valley Top 8

We are very pleased to report that the Kansas City Blazers Swim Team had many swimmers achieve Top 8 recognition during this past short course season. We had representation in almost all events... a job well done!! Next year we hope to see the Blazers continue to dominate Missouri Valley Swimming.

Congratulations to the following swimmers:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meet</u>
Acheson, Austin H KCB						
1	Men 15-16	200 Fly	2:10.26	16	7/27/2007	Division 1 Time Trials
1	Men 15-16	400 IM	4:42.05	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
2	Men 15-16	1500 Free	16:49.10	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
3	Men 15-16	200 IM	2:17.35	16	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
4	Men 15-16	200 Back	2:17.10	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
4	Men 15-16	400 Free	4:16.39	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
4	Men 15-16	800 Free	8:50.20	16	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
6	Men 15-16	200 Free	2:03.23	16	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
Aubry, Ashton E KCB						
1	Women 17-18	100 Fly	1:01.94	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
2	Women 17-18	200 Fly	2:19.05	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
4	Women 17-18	100 Back	1:09.62	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
7	Women 17-18	200 Free	2:12.83	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Benson, Jonathon R KCB						
2	Men 15-16	200 Back	2:13.69	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
3	Men 15-16	100 Back	1:01.98	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Benson, Matthew W KCB						
5	Men 15-16	100 Back	1:03.98	16	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
5	Men 15-16	200 Back	2:17.40	16	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
Bigham, Kevin KCB						
3	Men 17-18	100 Back	1:01.84	18	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
4	Men 17-18	200 Back	2:12.56	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
5	Men 17-18	400 IM	4:47.09	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
7	Men 17-18	200 Fly	2:19.83	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Bollier, Bobby KCB						
1	Men 17-18	100 Fly	54.52	17	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
1	Men 17-18	200 Back	2:07.72	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
1	Men 17-18	200 Fly	1:59.69	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
1	Men 17-18	200 IM	2:09.58	17	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
1	Men 17-18	400 Free	4:06.47	17	3/27/2007	Spring National Championships
1	Men 17-18	400 IM	4:35.00	17	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
2	Men 17-18	100 Back	1:00.21	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
2	Men 17-18	100 Free	53.05	17	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
2	Men 17-18	1500 Free	16:40.17	17	4/27/2007	Voorhees/Maxfield Invitational
2	Men 17-18	50 Free	24.39	17	2/16/2007	Missouri Grand Prix
3	Men 17-18	200 Free	1:56.96	17	3/27/2007	Spring National Championships
3	Men 17-18	800 Free	8:36.70	17	7/31/2007	Summer National Championships
Bond, Becca KCB						
3	Women 11-12	800 Free	11:07.17	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
4	Women 11-12	100 Back	1:16.63	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
6	Women 11-12	50 Back	35.76	12	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
6	Women 11-12	50 Fly	32.68	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
8	Women 11-12	100 Fly	1:14.97	12	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
8	Women 11-12	200 IM	2:45.33	12	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational

Bonicelli, Cory KCB						
4	Men 13-14	800 Free	9:39.19	14	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
Bonicelli, Eric D KCB						
2	Men 17-18	200 Fly	2:07.05	17	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
2	Men 17-18	400 IM	4:42.07	17	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
4	Men 17-18	100 Fly	58.31	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
4	Men 17-18	1500 Free	16:47.10	17	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
4	Men 17-18	800 Free	8:38.93	17	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
6	Men 17-18	400 Free	4:15.44	17	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
Brull, Brooke N KCB						
1	Women 15-16	50 Free	27.42	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
2	Women 15-16	100 Free	1:00.13	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
3	Women 15-16	200 Free	2:10.43	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
4	Women 15-16	200 IM	2:30.42	16	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
4	Women 15-16	400 Free	4:33.35	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
4	Women 15-16	400 IM	5:15.80	16	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
7	Women 15-16	200 Back	2:28.14	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Bullock, Tom I KCB						
7	Men 17-18	1500 Free	17:39.08	17	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
Burns, Dillon C KCB						
5	Men 17-18	50 Free	24.85	18	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
6	Men 17-18	200 Free	2:01.78	18	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
7	Men 17-18	100 Fly	1:00.78	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Cammisano, Vito D KCB						
1	Men 15-16	1500 Free	16:38.88	16	2/16/2007	Missouri Grand Prix
1	Men 15-16	800 Free	8:40.27	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
2	Men 15-16	200 Free	2:00.86	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
3	Men 15-16	200 Fly	2:14.40	16	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
5	Men 15-16	400 Free	4:17.38	16	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
5	Men 15-16	400 IM	4:52.96	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
7	Men 15-16	100 Free	56.81	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Cramer, Bryson A KCB						
5	Men 17-18	200 Back	2:14.22	18	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
7	Men 17-18	100 Back	1:03.45	18	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
8	Men 17-18	1500 Free	17:43.28	17	4/27/2007	Voorhees/Maxfield Invitational
Davis, Amy KCB						
1	Women 11-12	400 IM	5:36.35	12	7/5/2007	Wave the Wheat Meet
2	Women 11-12	200 Free	2:19.69	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
2	Women 11-12	200 IM	2:39.47	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
2	Women 11-12	800 Free	10:36.45	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
3	Women 11-12	100 Free	1:05.15	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
3	Women 11-12	400 Free	4:55.42	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
3	Women 11-12	50 Fly	32.52	12	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
5	Women 11-12	100 Back	1:17.95	12	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
5	Women 11-12	100 Fly	1:13.53	12	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
7	Women 11-12	50 Free	30.51	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
Dudley, Maria S KCB						
4	Women 17-18	400 Free	4:39.30	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
4	Women 17-18	800 Free	9:29.62	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
5	Women 17-18	1500 Free	18:09.44	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Dudley, Monica KCB						
6	Women 15-16	1500 Free	18:10.12	15	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships

	7	Women 15-16	400 Free	4:36.85	15	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
	7	Women 15-16	800 Free	9:32.31	15	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Dugan, Olivia J KCB							
	3	Women 10-U	50 Free	33.42	9	7/20/2007	Division 2 Champs - East
Elms, River J KCB							
	5	Men 10-U	100 Back	1:27.83	9	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
	7	Men 10-U	200 Free	2:50.14	9	7/5/2007	Wave the Wheat Meet
	7	Men 10-U	50 Fly	39.05	9	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
	8	Men 10-U	50 Free	35.10	9	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
Faulkenberry, Bobby KCB							
	8	Men 13-14	100 Back	1:08.79	14	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
Finnigan, Jordan D KCB							
	4	Women 10-U	50 Breast 100	45.76	10	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
	7	Women 10-U	Breast	1:42.76	10	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
Fisher, Jacob R KCB							
	4	Men 11-12	100 Fly	1:10.50	12	4/27/2007	Voorhees/Maxfield Invitational
	4	Men 11-12	50 Fly	31.67	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
	5	Men 11-12	800 Free 100	11:04.66	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
	6	Men 11-12	Breast	1:29.12	12	6/1/2007	Beach Bash
Fogel, Maddie KCB							
	2	Women 17-18	800 Free	9:27.50	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
	3	Women 17-18	1500 Free	18:03.65	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
	5	Women 17-18	400 Free	4:39.68	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
	6	Women 17-18	400 IM	5:14.09	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Fries, Rilye A KCB							
	6	Women 10-U	50 Fly	38.66	10	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
	8	Women 10-U	400 Free	6:17.01	10	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
Gajan, Peyton E KCB							
	2	Women 11-12	50 Free	30.06	12	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
	5	Women 11-12	100 Free	1:06.09	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
	6	Women 11-12	50 Breast	50:24.00	12	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
Glenn, Michael G KCB							
	2	Men 13-14	1500 Free 200	17:50.66	14	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
	2	Men 13-14	Breast	2:39.78	14	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
	2	Men 13-14	800 Free 100	9:30.20	14	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
	3	Men 13-14	Breast	1:13.90	14	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
	4	Men 13-14	400 Free	4:34.53	14	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
	5	Men 13-14	400 IM	5:05.10	14	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
	6	Men 13-14	200 Free	2:08.99	14	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
	7	Men 13-14	200 Fly	2:32.34	14	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
	8	Men 13-14	200 Back	2:27.63	14	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
Hanebutt, Jacob B KCB							
	6	Men 17-18	1500 Free	17:17.35	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
	8	Men 17-18	800 Free	9:06.64	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Hearl, Chris KCB							
	1	Men 11-12	100 Back	1:09.42	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
	1	Men 11-12	50 Back	32.17	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
	2	Men 11-12	50 Free	28.93	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
	3	Men 11-12	50 Fly	30.79	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
	3	Men 11-12	800 Free	10:51.00	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational

5	Men 11-12	100 Free	1:03.38	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
5	Men 11-12	200 Free	2:20.40	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
7	Men 11-12	100 Fly	1:15.12	12	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
8	Men 11-12	200 IM	2:43.24	12	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
8	Men 11-12	400 Free	5:03.00	12	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
Hinde, Bryce L KCB						
		100				
3	Women 13-14	Breast	1:19.88	13	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
		200				
3	Women 13-14	Breast	2:54.43	13	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
Hoisington, Nathan R KCB						
3	Men 15-16	50 Free	25.80	15	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
		100				
8	Men 15-16	Breast	1:13.26	15	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
Hoppenrath, Blaine KCB						
4	Women 17-18	100 Fly	1:06.11	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
4	Women 17-18	200 Fly	2:21.67	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
5	Women 17-18	800 Free	9:30.16	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
6	Women 17-18	1500 Free	18:12.60	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
7	Women 17-18	400 IM	5:14.27	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
8	Women 17-18	400 Free	4:41.33	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Hutchison, Rosie KCB						
7	Women 11-12	50 Fly	32.91	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
Hynes, Danny KCB						
		100				
2	Men 11-12	Breast	1:22.11	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
2	Men 11-12	50 Breast	37.66	12	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
Hynes, Haley M KCB						
7	Women 10-U	50 Breast	46.27	8	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
Hynes, Michael K KCB						
		100				
8	Men 10-U	Breast	1:43.95	10	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
Jackson, Alec T KCB						
4	Men 13-14	200 Fly	2:28.36	14	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
8	Men 13-14	100 Fly	1:07.00	14	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
Jarrett, Halley J KCB						
2	Women 13-14	400 IM	5:27.13	14	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
4	Women 13-14	200 Back	2:36.88	14	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
6	Women 13-14	800 Free	10:02.58	14	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
		200				
7	Women 13-14	Breast	3:00.75	14	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
7	Women 13-14	200 IM	2:36.80	14	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
7	Women 15-16	400 IM	5:21.57	15	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Jarrett, Karley H KCB						
		100				
2	Women 11-12	Breast	1:26.35	12	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
King, Jayson KCB						
1	Men 17-18	1500 Free	16:34.50	18	3/27/2007	Spring National Championships
1	Men 17-18	200 Free	1:54.67	18	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
2	Men 17-18	400 Free	4:06.60	18	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
2	Men 17-18	800 Free	8:31.08	18	3/27/2007	Spring National Championships
3	Men 17-18	200 Fly	2:11.14	18	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
4	Men 17-18	400 IM	4:46.06	18	2/16/2007	Missouri Grand Prix
5	Men 17-18	100 Fly	58.84	18	2/16/2007	Missouri Grand Prix
7	Men 17-18	200 IM	2:16.35	18	2/16/2007	Missouri Grand Prix

8	Men 17-18	100 Free	55.35	18	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
King, Kalli M KCB						
6	Women 15-16	100 Fly	1:08.46	15	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
6	Women 15-16	200 Fly	2:33.42	15	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
Kirby, Allison B KCB						
		100				
5	Women 15-16	Breast	1:18.53	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Knight, Joe KCB						
1	Men 15-16	100 Free	55.00	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
2	Men 15-16	200 Fly	2:10.89	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
2	Men 15-16	400 Free	4:15.22	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
4	Men 15-16	100 Fly	1:00.79	16	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
5	Men 15-16	1500 Free	17:09.00	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
5	Men 15-16	200 Free	2:01.10	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
7	Men 15-16	400 IM	4:53.95	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
8	Men 15-16	200 IM	2:19.26	16	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
Koeller, Ben KCB						
6	Men 11-12	800 Free	11:26.41	11	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
Ladner, Sara N KCB						
1	Women 17-18	400 Free	4:34.11	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
1	Women 17-18	800 Free	9:20.98	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
2	Women 17-18	1500 Free	17:59.38	17	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
5	Women 15-16	800 Free	9:28.94	16	2/16/2007	Missouri Grand Prix
7	Women 15-16	1500 Free	18:12.13	16	2/16/2007	Missouri Grand Prix
8	Women 17-18	200 Free	2:13.75	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Laflin, Samantha N KCB						
6	Women 11-12	200 IM	2:44.71	12	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
Lochow, Paul KCB						
5	Men 17-18	1500 Free	17:01.65	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
		200				
5	Men 17-18	Breast	2:32.13	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
6	Men 17-18	400 IM	4:48.68	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
6	Men 17-18	800 Free	8:57.24	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
8	Men 17-18	200 IM	2:17.34	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
8	Men 17-18	400 Free	4:19.77	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Lombardo, Alex J KCB						
		200				
1	Men 11-12	Breast	3:27.31	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
2	Men 11-12	200 Back	2:53.72	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
4	Men 11-12	800 Free	10:54.79	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
8	Men 11-12	50 Free	30.11	12	4/27/2007	Voorhees/Maxfield Invitational
Madison, Jean KCB						
		100				
2	Women 15-16	Breast	1:18.17	15	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
		200				
6	Women 15-16	Breast	2:49.46	15	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
7	Women 15-16	200 IM	2:32.36	15	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
Margritier, Matthew R KCB						
1	Men 13-14	100 Free	55.99	14	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
1	Men 13-14	200 Fly	2:18.39	14	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
1	Men 13-14	200 Free	2:04.37	14	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
1	Men 13-14	50 Free	25.29	14	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
2	Men 13-14	100 Fly	1:01.50	14	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
4	Men 13-14	100 Back	1:06.19	14	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships

5	Men 13-14	200 Back	2:23.95	14	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
5	Men 13-14	800 Free	9:40.36	14	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
6	Men 13-14	200 IM	2:23.86	14	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
6	Men 13-14	400 IM	5:12.93	14	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
Martin, Jenny KCB						
5	Women 13-14	1500 Free	19:05.17	14	6/1/2007	Oz Classic
7	Women 13-14	400 IM	5:35.31	14	6/1/2007	Oz Classic
8	Women 13-14	200 Back	2:38.69	14	6/1/2007	Oz Classic
McArthur, Ian C KCB						
6	Men 17-18	200 Fly	2:18.04	18	7/5/2007	Wave the Wheat Meet
McGannon, Maggie KCB						
7	Women 10-U	400 Free	6:14.42	10	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
Morris, Natalie KCB						
2	Women 13-14	200 Fly	2:30.27	14	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
3	Women 13-14	100 Fly	1:07.64	14	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
3	Women 13-14	800 Free	9:53.90	14	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
4	Women 13-14	1500 Free	18:53.29	14	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
4	Women 13-14	400 IM	5:28.07	14	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
6	Women 13-14	400 Free	4:49.70	14	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
Morris, Shale M KCB						
8	Men 11-12	800 Free	12:15.80	11	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
Musser, Hannah E KCB						
3	Women 10-U	100 Fly	1:22.50	10	4/27/2007	Voorhees/Maxfield Invitational
4	Women 10-U	100 Back	1:24.72	10	4/27/2007	Voorhees/Maxfield Invitational
4	Women 10-U	200 IM	3:01.38	10	4/27/2007	Voorhees/Maxfield Invitational
5	Women 10-U	50 Free	33.91	10	4/27/2007	Voorhees/Maxfield Invitational
Musser, Jesse D KCB						
1	Men 11-12	100 Fly	1:06.59	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
1	Men 11-12	50 Fly	29.97	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
2	Men 11-12	200 IM	2:30.21	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
2	Men 11-12	800 Free	10:05.74	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
3	Men 11-12	100 Back	1:12.40	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
3	Men 11-12	100 Breast	1:22.45	12	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
3	Men 11-12	200 Free	2:16.81	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
3	Men 11-12	400 Free	4:47.44	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
3	Men 11-12	50 Back	33.69	12	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
3	Men 11-12	50 Breast	37.75	12	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
3	Men 11-12	50 Free	29.00	12	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
4	Men 11-12	100 Free	1:03.25	12	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
Musser, Luke A KCB						
1	Men 15-16	200 Breast	2:30.46	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
3	Men 15-16	100 Breast	1:09.08	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
4	Men 15-16	400 IM	4:50.51	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
7	Men 15-16	200 IM	2:18.73	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
8	Men 15-16	100 Free	57.04	16	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
8	Men 15-16	200 Free	2:04.10	16	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
8	Men 15-16	800 Free	9:02.39	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Musser, Seth D KCB						
1	Men 13-14	1500 Free	17:40.30	14	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
1	Men 13-14	400 Free	4:25.67	14	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
1	Men 13-14	800 Free	9:16.23	14	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships

2	Men 13-14	100 Back	1:04.43	14	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
4	Men 13-14	200 Back	2:20.60	14	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
5	Men 13-14	200 Free	2:08.72	14	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
5	Men 13-14	200 IM	2:22.59	14	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
6	Men 13-14	50 Free	27.37	14	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
7	Men 13-14	100 Free	59.10	14	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
		200				
8	Men 13-14	Breast	2:54.12	14	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
8	Men 13-14	400 IM	5:16.10	14	6/15/2007	Dad's Day Dunk
Neeley, Mackenzie R KCB						
3	Women 11-12	100 Fly	1:13.16	12	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
6	Women 11-12	100 Free	1:06.45	12	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
6	Women 11-12	200 Free	2:23.45	12	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
7	Women 11-12	200 IM	2:45.13	12	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
Nelson, Megan E KCB						
6	Women 17-18	200 Back	2:32.42	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
O'Larte, Jeffrey M KCB						
8	Men 10-U	400 Free	6:32.92	10	6/1/2007	Beach Bash
O'Larte, Paul KCB						
		200				
7	Men 17-18	Breast	2:34.49	17	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
Peavey, Griffin D KCB						
		100				
1	Men 13-14	Breast	1:08.92	14	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
		200				
1	Men 13-14	Breast	2:30.42	14	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
2	Men 13-14	400 IM	4:58.56	14	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
		200				
4	Men 15-16	Breast	2:33.52	15	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
4	Men 13-14	200 IM	2:22.19	14	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
		100				
5	Men 15-16	Breast	1:11.52	15	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
5	Men 13-14	200 Fly	2:29.53	14	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
6	Men 13-14	1500 Free	18:32.71	14	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
Raymond, Alyson M KCB						
5	Women 13-14	200 Fly	2:39.44	13	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
Ropson, Kaela C KCB						
		100				
1	Women 11-12	Breast	1:22.99	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
1	Women 11-12	50 Breast	38.09	12	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
6	Women 11-12	800 Free	11:37.86	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
Scheffer, Ben KCB						
2	Men 13-14	200 Fly	2:22.51	14	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
4	Men 13-14	100 Fly	1:04.37	14	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
6	Men 13-14	100 Free	59.03	14	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
7	Men 13-14	200 Free	2:10.46	14	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
7	Men 13-14	400 IM	5:14.40	14	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
8	Men 13-14	1500 Free	18:35.40	14	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
8	Men 13-14	200 IM	2:26.28	14	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
8	Men 13-14	50 Free	27.55	14	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
Schultz, Emily K KCB						
		100				
8	Women 17-18	Breast	1:19.88	17	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Seo, Brian H KCB						
2	Men 15-16	200 IM	2:14.95	16	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships

2	Men 15-16	400 IM	4:48.11	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
2	Men 15-16	800 Free 200	8:47.81	16	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
3	Men 15-16	Breast	2:32.69	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
3	Men 15-16	400 Free	4:15.30	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
4	Men 15-16	1500 Free	16:56.28	16	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
7	Men 15-16	200 Free	2:03.40	16	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
Sherard, Spencer T KCB						
		100				
7	Men 15-16	Breast	1:12.62	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Sickle, Katarina J KCB						
1	Women 11-12	100 Back	1:14.70	12	6/1/2007	Beach Bash
1	Women 11-12	200 Back 200	2:36.14	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
1	Women 11-12	Breast	3:04.37	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
1	Women 11-12	200 IM	2:37.52	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
1	Women 11-12	400 Free	4:49.72	12	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
1	Women 11-12	800 Free	10:36.37	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
2	Women 11-12	100 Free	1:04.13	12	6/1/2007	Beach Bash
2	Women 13-14	200 Back	2:31.66	13	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
2	Women 11-12	200 Fly	2:47.36	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
2	Women 11-12	400 IM	5:42.08	12	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
2	Women 11-12	50 Back	34.11	12	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
3	Women 11-12	200 Free	2:20.18	12	6/1/2007	Beach Bash
4	Women 13-14	100 Back 100	1:12.05	13	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
4	Women 11-12	Breast	1:27.29	12	6/1/2007	Beach Bash
4	Women 13-14	400 Free	4:46.69	13	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
4	Women 11-12	50 Breast	39.78	12	4/27/2007	Voorhees/Maxfield Invitational
4	Women 11-12	50 Free	30.23	12	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
5	Women 11-12	50 Fly	32.62	12	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
6	Women 11-12	100 Fly	1:14.02	12	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
6	Women 13-14	200 IM	2:36.56	13	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
6	Women 13-14	400 IM	5:32.73	13	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
Smith, Haley KCB						
2	Women 15-16	200 Back	2:22.67	15	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
3	Women 15-16	100 Back	1:07.06	15	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
8	Women 15-16	100 Free	1:02.08	15	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
8	Women 15-16	200 IM	2:33.04	15	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
8	Women 15-16	400 IM	5:22.03	15	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Smith, Rene M KCB						
8	Women 17-18	1500 Free	18:27.03	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Snyder, Audrey A KCB						
4	Women 10-U	400 Free	5:55.90	10	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
5	Women 10-U	100 Fly	1:27.72	10	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
8	Women 10-U	200 Free	2:49.12	10	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
Snyder, Heather M KCB						
2	Women 13-14	1500 Free	18:44.86	13	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
4	Women 13-14	800 Free	9:57.20	13	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
5	Women 13-14	400 Free	4:49.57	13	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
Vreeland, Shannon N KCB						
1	Women 15-16	100 Free	59.75	15	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
1	Women 15-16	1500 Free	17:25.32	15	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
1	Women 15-16	200 Fly	2:18.96	15	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships

1	Women 15-16	200 Free	2:06.40	15	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
1	Women 15-16	400 Free	4:26.36	15	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
1	Women 15-16	800 Free	9:00.01	15	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
3	Women 15-16	100 Fly	1:07.24	15	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
3	Women 15-16	200 IM	2:28.97	15	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
3	Women 15-16	400 IM	5:05.17	15	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
5	Women 15-16	50 Free	28.29	15	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
8	Women 15-16	100 Back	1:10.83	15	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
8	Women 15-16	200 Back	2:28.67	15	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
Weatherford, Chelsey E KCB						
5	Women 15-16	200 Fly	2:31.81	15	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
8	Women 15-16	100 Fly	1:08.80	15	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
Webster, Kevin M KCB						
2	Men 17-18	200 Free	1:56.07	18	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
2	Men 17-18	200 IM	2:10.94	18	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
3	Men 17-18	400 Free	4:08.34	18	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
4	Men 17-18	100 Free	54.06	18	8/6/2007	Junior National Championships
7	Men 17-18	200 Back	2:18.18	18	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
Welchlin, Nathan F KCB						
1	Men 15-16	50 Free	25.52	16	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
5	Men 15-16	100 Fly	1:01.07	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
5	Men 15-16	100 Free	56.24	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
6	Men 15-16	200 Fly	2:17.02	16	7/18/2007	Region VIII Sectional Championships
White, Mick KCB						
3	Men 15-16	100 Fly	1:00.27	15	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
4	Men 15-16	200 Fly	2:16.02	15	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
4	Men 15-16	200 Free	2:01.07	15	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
5	Men 15-16	50 Free	25.92	15	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
6	Men 15-16	200 IM	2:18.21	15	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
6	Men 15-16	400 Free	4:18.93	15	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
6	Men 15-16	400 IM	4:53.23	15	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
6	Men 15-16	800 Free	8:59.79	15	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
7	Men 15-16	1500 Free	17:13.05	15	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
7	Men 15-16	200 Back	2:19.06	15	6/29/2007	Air Capital Invitational
8	Men 15-16	100 Back	1:05.36	15	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
Wooden, Allie KCB						
1	Women 10-U	100 Back	1:20.26	10	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
1	Women 10-U	100 Free	1:10.13	10	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
1	Women 10-U	50 Back	35.46	10	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
1	Women 10-U	50 Free	31.48	10	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
2	Women 10-U	200 Free	2:34.39	10	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
2	Women 10-U	400 Free	5:42.05	10	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
		100				
3	Women 10-U	Breast	1:37.95	10	5/11/2007	Early Bird Invitational
3	Women 10-U	200 IM	2:56.96	10	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
3	Women 10-U	50 Breast	45.69	10	6/22/2007	CSC Summer Splash
5	Women 10-U	50 Fly	38.43	10	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
8	Women 10-U	100 Fly	1:34.65	10	7/27/2007	Division 1 Championships
Woody, Caroline M KCB						
		200				
3	Women 15-16	Breast	2:47.67	16	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
		100				
4	Women 15-16	Breast	1:18.52	16	8/9/2007	Central Zone Championships
Worthington, Lyndsi M KCB						

7	Women 17-18	100 Back	1:10.76	18	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise
7	Women 17-18	200 Back	2:34.32	18	6/22/2007	Cheeseburger in Paradise



**BLAZER BUCKS
BLUE/GOLD MEET
October 14, 2007**

The first meet of the year for the Kansas City Blazers in 2007 was the first meet **with** the Blazers for most of the 150+ swimmers in the meet. As we began the meet, we had a great turnout of early arrivals, excited to swim. When we started stretches, we had a forest of brand new Blazer T-Shirts. And as warm-ups began, we had a sea of yellow caps entering the water feet first.

While we still had some swimmers entering feet first in their races, too, we also saw a lot of improvement from our first five weeks of practice. Since most of the swimmers in the meet come to about two practices per week, that means we had about 10 practices to get all the skills in for this meet. We saw a lot of progress, but still had a lot of disqualifications. Fortunately, we had an

adequate staff of officials to help identify them, and help us get an idea of where we need to work on skills – both individually and as a team. We should see big improvements in skills and times over the next couple of months at the Ann Ketterer Intrasquad meet and at the Wheels or Worms meet.

While we had a lot of new swimmers in the water, it was also great to see a lot of returning swimmers and parents helping out with the meet as volunteers and officials. The support of the entire team – coaches, swimmers and parents helped make the meet a joy once we got underway, and even with the disqualifications, we had far more smiles and laughter than tears at the meet. If the first meet is any indication of how the

season will go, the 2007-2008 season should be a great success.

Speaking of successes, here is a list of event winners for the meet:
3 – Event winners – Hallie Beck (50 Free, 50 Back, 50 Breast), Alec Crampton (50 Free, 50 Back, 50 Breast), Susan Kroh (100 Free, 100 Back, 50 Fly)

2 – Event winners – Braxton Beal (25 Free, 25 Back), Madeline Mills (25 Back, 25 Breast), Connor Thomsen (100 Free, 100 Back), Thomas Thornton (25 Breast, 25 Fly), Michael Yang (100 Breast, 100 Fly)

1 – Event winners – Madeleine Hosick (25 Fly), Mia Schloegel (25 Free), Avery Forton (50 Fly)

**SWIM QUICK FUTURE STARS
Roeland Park
October 20, 2007**

READY, SET, GO! The season has officially begun, and we're already off with some startling best times and some high-quality racing. We brought out our experienced veterans and put them to the test in a quick, one-day event where we brush off the rust and refresh our racing skills. All of our youngsters kicked us off with a successful morning session, many swimming 5 events and dominating their old best times. THEN our older studs came in and tore things up in similar fashion.

Topping the charts were Chris Hearl and Allie Wooden with new "AAAA" qualifying times. Congratulations to the two of them! Because USA Swimming has eliminated the "Top 16" consideration

times beginning this year, the "AAAA" times become the fastest standard a swimmer can achieve. All athletes are ranked and updated in the national database, and then the final National Rankings will be produced from the list at the end of the season. We traditionally have a variety of athletes achieve this honor, and we're excited that we're already on the board and competitive, ready to rise as high as we can.

Michael Glenn and Shannon Vreeland achieved new Sectional and "AAA" qualifying times, and the following also achieved new "AAA" times: Becca Bond, Amy Davis, Seth Musser, and Sasha Stadnik. There were SO many new A, Division I, Division II, and Level II times

that it could be hard to mention everybody! We had an enormous percentage of best times and new cuts, and we're excited about what this means for the year ahead! Congratulations on a successful start to our season, and good luck to everybody with their training and their progress as we really begin to 'knuckle down' and push ourselves!

Thanks as always to the parent volunteers who helped make this meet happen. Any time we host a meet, it takes extra hard work and organization to make things run (as opposed to going out of town and just showing up), so we appreciate the volunteers and all of the time spent!

Most Inspirational Swimmers of the Month – September



**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF
THE MONTH
ELITE PROGRAM
SEPTEMBER 2007
Maria Dudley
Age 17
St. Thomas Aquinas High School**

Maria returned to the Elite groups this past spring/summer. She has made a wonderful contribution in intensity, focus, and respect. Maria has been on a constant climb to her potential.

Kate wrote about Maria for the month of September, "Maria has been consistently a hard worker but most important taking more risk every day to fail. She has been racing any and all the swimmers in the Elite group and leading her lane. She does dry land the way they are planned and never has to be asked twice."

Is that not awesome to be seen as Elite in all aspects? Congratulations Maria!

Head Elite Coach Peter D. Malone
Assistant Coach Kate Zabler

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF
THE MONTH
Shawnee Mission North/Roeland Park
September, 2007
Blue Group
River Elms
10 YEARS OLD**

Old man River has started this year off with a bang. River has shown intensity in practice I have not seen from him in the past. He is not only showing great effort, but he is working to improve on the technical aspects of swimming as well. It is so neat to see him take such an interest in improving in all aspects of his swimming.

Then, of course, there is the racing aspect of his swimming which has always been his strong suit. The only difference is that now he is doing it at a higher level than in the past and with a greater

emphasis in doing it correctly. To put it simply, instead of being a splashing raging River, he is now applying his knowledge and intelligence and using it to be a swift moving River with great speed.

River has just recently turned 10, so he has all of the short course and the long course seasons to improve his standings in the age groups. He is focused, intense, and goal-oriented enough that I have no doubt as to the success he will have this year.

Sincerely,
Coach Henry

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF
THE MONTH
Shawnee Mission North/Roeland Park
September, 2007
Gold Team
Charlie Kline
15 YEARS OLD**

Charlie is a new Blazer addition to this year's Gold team. She was pursuing synchronized swimming, but she had to stop due to a knee injury. There are two main qualities that Charlie brings to and enhances our group with. The first would be her attitude. Even though she has some catching up to do on the training side of things, her attitude is so positive it permeates the whole group. She is willing to do whatever possible to get better, does not complain about the work that is required of her, and is always there to encourage all of her teammates, not just her friends. She has a genuine concern for her teammates and is constantly encouraging, giving high-fives, and challenging them to better. Charlie has shown the Gold group the epitome of what a **team player** is.

The other thing that goes hand in hand with her good attitude is being a team leader. Charlie takes the initiative of leading not only the people in her lane, but the whole team. She has added an additional cheerfulness and friendliness that has benefited not only the swimmers, but the coaches as well.

Charlie will undergo arthroscopic surgery on the 12th of October, and will be out of the water for anywhere from four to 16 weeks. I would like to wish her the best of luck with this procedure and hope to see her in the water ASAP. Charlie, please employ the same attitude with your recovery as you have with your swimming and come visit us when you can. Charlie has been an inspiration to me, and I aspire to exhibit the same energy and enthusiasm she does in everything I do.
Best of Luck,
Coach Henry

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF
THE MONTH
BLUE VALLEY WEST
September 2007
NICOLE DANISI
12 YEARS OLD
Birthday: 10.08.95**

Nicole had a very busy summer, juggling family reunions with her swimming goals; she ended last season on an uneventful note. However, she has started this season with the desire and drive to do something special this phase. Her first month in to the 2007 season has been nothing short of awesome!

Nicole arrived on deck with the fire in her eye and immediately established herself as a positive leader. She began leading her lane, making stroke adjustments, conquering her FIP's and dropping 2 and 11 seconds in her 100 Free and 100 Back Pentathlon, respectively. Talk about a monster beginning for the season! Then, after receiving and invitation to Extreme Blue, a new level

hosted at BVNorth, Nicole launched into yet another gear and cranked her intensity up a notch!

We are sad to lose her at the daily scene of BVWest, and we wish her the best of luck at the new level. We are very excited to watch as Nicole learns and grows from the new experiences.

Congrats on a fabulous first month!

Sincerely,
Coach Lindsay and the BVWest Coaches

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF
THE MONTH
OLATHE
September 2007
Heath Maginn
Advanced Blue Group
12 years old**

To kick off Phase I, and be the first Most Inspirational Swimmer of the 2007-2008 season, one must display a real motivation to get better in practice. There are no meets in September, so attitude, attendance and performance are purely based on what's going on Monday-Thursday. This month, the most inspirational swimmer was someone who was there every day and yet wasn't there any more.

What does that mean? It means that while Heath Maginn attended 100% of the practices in September, it also means that gone was the Heath who was satisfied with less than his best at practice. While in past months, Heath chose his moments to swim well, and maintained just under 80% attendance, this September we've seen a different Heath Maginn, and one we want to see a lot more of.

In each test set that we've done, Heath has been ready to challenge himself to reach his peak potential – regardless of the stroke or skill being tested. And while it's no surprise that he's the top Advanced Blue performer in the Pentathlon through the first three weeks (he's the top returning performer from last year), what is nice to see is that he's ahead of half the Gold group. Keep it up Heath!

Your coaches,
Pat, Rodney and Derek

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF
THE MONTH
OLATHE
September 2007
Ben Scheffer
Gold Group
14 years old**

Sometimes it's difficult in September to determine who had the most inspirational month. Swimmers arrive in various stages of fitness after a long break and are often not ready to focus right away after the long break. Ben Scheffer has shown new focus for the 2007-2008 season that we certainly hope he will maintain throughout the year.

Looking at his goal sheet for Phase I, he's set some pretty strong time standards for himself, but more importantly, the coaches can see him working in each practice to make the technique changes that he alluded to – changes that will make the big time drops possible. Most notable would be the fact that he maintained 10-yard push-offs throughout his 100 backstroke for time in the Pentathlon on September 27th, resulting in a lifetime best 1:01.9.

Ben has always had the work ethic to knock out a set of hard intervals or do well in his T-30. The thing that separates this September from past months is his willingness to put new abilities into his repertoire so that he can compete at a new level – that of a skilled athlete. Keep it up, Ben (or else). ☺

Your coaches,
Derek, Pat, Tim, Rodney & Don

**Kansas City Blazers – East
Most Inspirational Swimmer of the
Month
September 2007
Maggie Allen
Age: 11
East Advanced Blue**

Maggie came back in September ready to go and make choices to help herself

improve. She chose to swim in the more challenging lanes at practice. She chose to focus on her dry land instead of chatting with the girls and, she chose to focus on her technique in the pool instead of just swimming the minimum

And it shows! She has been working harder in the pool than we have ever seen her, especially towards the end of practice when she is worn out and the easy choice would be to back off. Maggie had a history of slacking off when she got tired, or thought she was close to getting tired!

She struggled with her butterfly last season and has been working hard on it for the past several months, and this September, you wouldn't even know that butterfly was ever her Achilles heel. In fact, I am proud of her for not giving in to one-arm butterfly or breaststroke pulls during the longer sets in butterfly week.

You are on the right path Maggie,

Thanks for the inspiration

Coach Mike Lewellyn
Coach Ann Gibler
Coach Cathy Dowd
Coach Chelsea Lloyd

**Kansas City Blazers – East
Most Inspirational Swimmer of the
Month
September 2007
Bobby Faulkenberry
Age: 15
East Gold Group**

This month's award is being given to Bobby as an official congratulations for work well done during the entire summer. Bobby did more than any other Blazer to reach his potential during the entire period of Phase 3.

As a 10 year old, Bobby was a Zone qualifier in every event. As an 11 year old his only cuts were the backstroke he swam at the Zone meet. Bobby had sat back and rested on his laurels and the result was that he fell behind many of the swimmers he had been even with.

As a practice swimmer Bobby went back to taking chances and going a little further, faster, and better every day. His ability to push his intervals led him to qualify for Zones and gave him a great launch pad to his first high school season and placed him in a spot to become a Sectional swimmer in the Fall.

It has been inspiring watching Bobby claw his way back from mediocrity and it has been an inspiration to us all.

Thanks for the inspiration,

Coach Mike Lewellyn
Coach Ann Giber
Coach Cathy Dowd
Coach Chelsea Lloyd

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF
THE MONTH
BLUE VALLEY GOLD GROUP
September 2007
Bryce Hinde**

Wow. Sometimes we use the expression that "actions speak louder than words" when we refer to somebody who shows great leadership by example, and this fall Bryce has defined that expression every single night. She finished a successful summer at Zones last August with some best times in her Breaststroke events, but she also overcame some serious challenges along the way that created a bit of a rollercoaster ride. Something must have happened during her time off, because when she came back, she was ready for anything.

She didn't just swim every practice this month, she ATTACKED them. Her effort was spectacular, and we couldn't help but notice how motivated she was. One night I even mentioned, "You look like you're on a mission," and she just smiled with a quiet little fire in her eye. Whether it was an endurance set that she pushed through, or a speed set where she destroyed her goal times, her effort has been tremendous.

The 'typical' Bryce that I know is a very talented and hard-working girl who does reasonably well in her first few meets of

the year, then really steps it up for Level I and Plano, then does everything she can to improve upon those performances by March. My goal for this year was to be a little ahead of that curve, swimming a little faster, a little sooner, so that our results in the end would be even more spectacular. What I didn't expect was for her to shock me right away! In our Thursday night pentathlon series, she started us off on the 8th practice of the year with a 56.0 100 yard Freestyle! Holy cow! As if that wasn't enough, she went a lifetime best in her 100 Backstroke, and THEN she broke the pool record in the 100 Breast with a blistering 1:09. It was loud and clear, we're dealing with an especially motivated swimmer, and we will be encouraging her from our end to keep it up!

The other incredible quality I like to recognize is that Bryce is so good because she CHOOSES to be. Yes, she has talent, but she has gotten mostly to where she is by her own hard work and determination. Certainly these are choices that I want our entire group to embrace. She chooses to come to every practice, and she chooses to ride an hour from her house to get there. She chooses to make sacrifices so she can be that good. She chooses to set goals and go after them. She chooses to change her strokes so that she continues to improve, and she chooses to go above and beyond what we ask of the Gold Group.

We are constantly impressed by her efforts, and we are extremely proud of her approach to the season so far. Congratulations on the early success, and stay hungry for the bigger achievements yet to come!

Coaches Grant & Lindsay

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF
THE MONTH
BLUE VALLEY BLUE GROUP
September 2007
Claire Newman**

Sometimes after a great practice or an outstanding individual effort, we coaches

have a tendency to reflect to one another in the office the next morning about how awesome it was. We can't help but get excited over a job well done, and we're excited to hear the team's progress from site to site as we all get closer to our goals.

As for the BVN site, I bet I bragged at least once per week about miss Claire Newman. The girl has been unstoppable in this first month back in the water. She is our butterfly and dolphin-kicking queen, but her efforts in every stroke have been impressive. She is usually the first to walk into the building each night, with a huge smile on her face and a quiet determination to have a great practice. Without making a big scene, she gets ready to swim and hops into our fast lane, prepared for whatever we throw her way. She absorbs every word as we describe the set and the skills we're focusing on, then she executes with incredible attention to detail. It's just fantastic how coachable and how hard-working she has been, and I probably sound like a broken record every time I say, "Good job, Claire!"

We have already seen some impressive results, and although we haven't had a meet yet, she has blown away some of her best times in practice, and I'm excited to see what she can do in some real competition! Last winter, she quietly established herself as one of our better 11-12 Girls Butterflies. She dominated the fly and just nearly missed her first DI time. After turning 13 this summer and transitioning into some very different events (like the 200 Fly instead of the 50 Fly!), I believe she's ready to take those same skills and goals and transfer them over to her new age group.

Congratulations on a great start to the season, and thank you for being such a great leader! We are extremely proud of your effort so far, and we're excited to see your success as the year goes on.

Coach Grant & The BVN Blue Coaches

Most Inspirational Swimmers of the Month - October



**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF
THE MONTH
ELITE PROGRAM
OCTOBER 2007
STEPHEN FRANKE
Age 16
Pembroke Hill**

Stephen made a major change in June 2007 he chose to become an Elite Blazer. That involved his entire family; they moved to Kansas City and changed high schools for his Junior and Senior year. This is impressive to make such a major commitment by all to realize your potential.

Stephen has been on a learning curve in June, July, August and September. Stephen really is starting to embrace the program the opportunity is directly proportional to the ownership level he chooses and the vision he creates for his dreams and potential.

Stephen has really been great in coachability and very willing to learn and challenge his limits to realize his potential.

Congratulations and we are so excited to say you are a Blazer!

Peter D. Malone
Head Elite Coach
Kate Zabler
Assistant Coach

**Kansas City Blazers – East
Most Inspirational Swimmer of the
Month
October 2007
Paul O'Larte
Age: 18
East Senior Group**

The criterion for the September award has always been based on who comes back from the summer without dropping off in training intensity or attitude. The

winner is usually someone who has stayed focused over the break and even done a little training on their own.

When Paul returned to practice he walked in and immediately stated that he wanted to break a minute in the 100 Breaststroke at Level 1. Not a bad way to start the season off! With a best time of 1:02, Paul's goal seemed like something more suited for a March goal, but he was serious and he was ready to attack this goal.

He started off with much improved kicking sets in the freestyle week and in the backstroke week. He dropped large amounts of time in his goal kick sets and set himself up for a great Phase 1. Reaching his goal for Phase 1 will also set him up for a great March. And as we always say, choices you make in September, affect things that happen in March.

Paul has learned this and his actions have won him the title of Most Inspirational Swimmer of the Month.

Coach Mike Lewellyn
Coach Ann Giber
Coach Cathy Dowd
Coach Chelsea Lloyd

**Kansas City Blazers – East
Most Inspirational Swimmer of the
Month
October 2007
Thomas Faulkenberry
Age: 11
East Advanced Blue**

Thomas came back this fall ready to take ownership of his own swimming. He has been coming to practice 4-5 times a week, and working hard while he is there. He is not afraid of getting tired, and I consistently see him truly exhausted at the end of a hard practice; which is a

huge step up from young swimmers who hold back in practice, afraid of working too hard and falling apart at the end. I think it shows not only dedication, but also maturity in knowing what he's capable of and understanding that ultimately practice is about what he puts into it.

Like every 11 year old boy, Thomas has his days where he is distracted; but he is working to minimize those distractions and to rededicate himself to his training. He is making a conscious effort to understand the fine line between having fun while he is practicing and having fun at the expense of his practice; and I have seen Thomas make positive moves away from distracting situations and that shows maturity too.

Every swimmer's improvement is an ongoing project, including his, but he came back in September with one of the most improved attitudes and with what seems to be a better understanding of his role in his training.

Thanks for the inspiration

Coach Mike Lewellyn
Coach Ann Giber
Coach Cathy Dowd
Coach Chelsea Lloyd

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF
THE MONTH
Shawnee Mission North/Roeland Park
October, 2007
Blue Group
Kailey Morash
12 YEARS OLD**

I am very pleased to announce Kailey Morash as our Blue group "Swimmer of the Month". It has been a true joy to watch her morph from a timid tentative

swimmer to a tenacious competitor. Kailey has worked hard to not only improve her conditioning level but also her stroke technique. Not only has her attendance been very good, but she comes into practice with a quiet, determined, positive attitude that is steadily transforming her into a very accomplished swimmer.

Kailey's behavior displays the desire and drive it takes to reach success in swimming. She is a leader by example and her continued efforts and goal-oriented behavior will take her far in not only swimming, but life in general. Kailey is a major asset to the whole group and I am personally very pleased she is a Blazer. She is a true inspiration to me and her behavior and rate of improvement are a major reason I love to coach.

Sincerely,
Coach Henry

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF
THE MONTH
OLATHE
October 2007
Beth Houghton
Gold Group
13 years old**

Some months it's difficult to decide who had the best month and sometimes it's easy. When we watch someone go 1:09.4 in the freestyle Pentathlon in September and 1:03.9 in October, we know we're looking at someone who has made some substantial changes in a short period of time. It has been great to watch the metamorphosis that has begun within Beth Houghton. Since moving to the Gold group in September, she has shed the identity of "the new move-up" and become a Gold swimmer – period.

Aside from a great performance in the Olathe Pentathlon – placing 11th at our site and 10th in the Gold group in the bottom of her age group – Beth has had a solid month of practice performances. She has only missed one practice. She has been an enthusiastic fundraiser and participant of Swim-A-Thon, and she set a goal to do eighty-six lengths in her

October T-30 and did it (six and a half more lengths than in September).

As you can imagine, Beth got all best times at the first meet of the season. And though she is still learning how to set goals and go after them, she's already achieved many of the goals she set for herself ahead of schedule. She's setting goals not just in her best events, but especially in the areas she feels she needs the most improvement. And what makes this metamorphosis so enjoyable to watch is the genuine pride that Beth has shown as she sets goals, works toward them and achieves them. She's still figuring out what she can expect out of herself, but this month has been an exciting and inspiring one to watch!

Your coaches,
Derek, Pat, Tim, Rodney & Don

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF
THE MONTH
OLATHE
October 2007
Maggie Boyd
Advanced Blue Group
11 years old**

How do we mark an inspirational performance? The question really is "which inspirational performance, this month, made a mark on us?" The answer is watching Maggie Boyd race at the Future Stars meet on October 20th. The thing that sticks out is that when she dove in, she held her streamlines longer than anyone in the Advanced Blue or Gold group. She not only proved that you don't have to be six feet tall to streamline past the ½ way marker, she proved that you can carry over skills from practice to meets and swim best times.

At the Future Stars meet, the most impressive thing about Maggie's performance was not that she got all best times (5 in all), but that she showcased what we had been working on in practice for the first five weeks of the season. Not only that, she took advice from her 50 butterfly into her 100 I.M. and improved her start between races. That is a very rare skill – the desire to improve

outweighed her desire to be safe and wait until she had practiced it first.

At practices, Maggie has stepped up her intensity from last season and last month. She's attending above the 70% rate recommended for the Advanced Blue group and has been asking the coaches good questions about how she can get better. The coaches think she's been showing us the answers in the practice and meet pool. Keep it up, Maggie!

Your coaches,
Pat, Rodney and Derek

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF
THE MONTH
BLUE VALLEY WEST
October 2007
COLIN STRICKLAND**

We are thrilled to acknowledge Colin Strickland for our Swimmer of the Month for October. For only being 10 years old, this young man is one of my most serious athletes. It is not a question that Colin always works hard and exhausts himself at every practice. I can remember when he started three years ago in the Novice program, he was so proud to be a Blazer! With passion he would win the wall sit contests, legs shaking, sweat dripping from his forehead, and tiny moans and groans from the pain that he was putting his body through. It has always been impressive how much enthusiasm and dedication he has for the sport.

As Colin matured and moved up the ranks in to the Advanced Blue group, he has been trying to balance good technique versus swimming really, really fast. It can be scary to slow down and think about changing your strokes, breathing every three, and having a six beat kick. This month, Colin has started to make those changes. We are thrilled to see his determination in the pool as he slows down and takes some time to think about doing the little things right.

In practice we have already been seeing some awesome results! He CORRECTLY completed his Flutter FIP kick set, swam 39 laps in his T-15 and is

swimming best times in practice! I am excited to see him tear it up at Ann Ketterer Intrasquad, the sky is the limit for this young man.

Colin has always been a great kid, who thanks his coaches after every single practice, and we are so excited to see him take this step and raise the bar for his performance. Congratulations, Colin, you have earned it!

GO BLAZERS!

Coach Linday and the BVWest Coaches

MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF THE MONTH
Shawnee Mission North/Roeland Park
October, 2007
Gold Team
Ali (Wow) McCollum and
Allie (Woo) Wooden
11&12 YEARS OLD

I have never had two "Swimmers of the Month" for the same group, but this month we have had two young newcomers to the Gold group that have shown me what it takes to be champion swimmers. I like the energy and enthusiasm they display in their approach to training, racing, and interacting with their teammates. They both are quickly becoming leaders in the Gold group and are continuously working hard to improve.

While both girls have just recently moved to the Gold group, they are setting the standard for hard work, commitment, and dedication needed to truly reach the level of excellence of which they are capable. While they both have other interests, they budget their time well and set aside the time, effort, and energy necessary to achieve success. They have what we coaches like to call "balance" which is needed to really thrive in life. Their goals are high as is their ambition, and it pleases me to see some of the younger swimmers seeking to set their own high standards of excellence. Their future is bright and I believe that will have a positive effect on the whole group. It should be a great year for both of these girls.

Best of Luck,
Coach Henry

Kansas City Blazers – East
Most Inspirational Swimmer of the Month
October 2007
Andi Swee
Age: 10
East Advanced Blue

Andi finds a coach after almost every practice to ask if we noticed anything that she can improve on. In fact, she was doing it with such regularity that we started to worry that she was disappointed with her progress, so Ann asked her about it. Her response was that she knows that there's always something that every swimmer could improve on, and she heard the coaches say once that the best way to find out what to work on was to ask. So that's what she's doing. Not only is she asking, but she is remembering the advice and applying it at her next practice, and we are very impressed with her for that. In fact, she is an incredibly thoughtful swimmer. It is a little intimidating to know that everything I say to her is actually being thoroughly considered and stored away for later use.

Andi has also taken on increased responsibility. We asked her at one point to be a leader to the new swimmers her age that have joined the team, and she has run with it. She has definitely made a positive impact on our new swimmers, both as athletes and as teammates. She has taken it upon herself to inform the coaches when she will miss practice, without even needing her parents to ask her to. Ann has an email she sent a few weeks ago as evidence. Her mom plans on putting it away in a scrapbook, since she clearly wrote it on her own (under the supervision of her big sister), without the help of a parent, or spell check.

As coaches, we have a weakness for swimmers who are "growing up" when it comes to swimmer of the month; and Andi is definitely one of those swimmers; becoming responsible enough to deal with coaches directly regarding missed

practices, and mature enough to be proactive about her training and actively seek opportunities for improvement.

Thanks for the inspiration

Coach Mike Lewellyn
Coach Ann Gibler
Coach Cathy Dowd
Coach Chelsea Lloyd

MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF THE MONTH
BLUE VALLEY BLUE GROUP
October 2007
Derrick Wu

I cannot say enough about the performance this young man has had during October, and I am thrilled to recognize him with this award. I can only hope that he keeps up the effort throughout the rest of the year, and we're going to see some amazing things!

Derrick has been our 'rock' in our Advanced Blue group. He led the group in attendance last year, and he's off to another impressive start so far. He is the only one to come 5 times in 1 week, and after turning 14 years old this month, he's quickly establishing himself as the leader of the pack. He has been the most consistent, the hardest working, and the most improved. It's no coincidence that all of these qualities fall hand-in-hand, and I hope more of his teammates follow Derrick's lead. Another month like this and he'll surely be on his way to Gold!

This year I have challenged our Advanced Blues to raise their performance level. We have struggled over the past 2 years with various obstacles... listening skills, commitment level, meet participation, etc. As a result, our performances suffered too, and we weren't nearly seeing the times that we were capable of. This year looks to be different, and Derrick has responded to the challenge with tremendous effort and dedication. His freestyle is looking about a thousand times better already, and even though he barely missed his Division II times at Future Stars, there's not a doubt in my mind that he's going to

blow right by them and quickly approach some of his first ever DI cuts.

His goals have been ambitious, and he uses them to push himself every night in practice. I remember a set we did where we were doing some 50's fast, from the wall. Up to that point, our fastest person had been Derrick at 36 seconds. All of a sudden he kicked it into another gear and went 34 seconds on the next two. That was almost a best time! Still, he hit the wall and came up shaking his head in frustration. I asked what was wrong and he said, "Not fast enough... I want to go 29!" It was exactly the kind of drive and enthusiasm that I've been looking for from this group, and I was ecstatic to hear such motivation!

Congratulations, Derrick! We have all been very impressed by your efforts, and we can't wait to see the results that follow!

Coach Grant & The BVN Blue Coaches

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF
THE MONTH
BLUE VALLEY GOLD GROUP
October 2007
Ally O'Hearne**

We LOVE it when it's hard to pick Swimmers of the Month because that means we have several outstanding choices! This month was no exception, but we couldn't help noticing what an ANIMAL our quiet leader Ally O'Hearne is becoming. Ally is beginning her third year with the Blazers, and she has

quickly gathered a number of impressive achievements. She was one of the first BVW swimmers to achieve "A" and "Division I" qualifying times, and last spring she became one of the first BVWers to move up to the Gold Group. It has been a pleasure coaching her, and we can count on her every night to work hard, but this month has been above and beyond.

It seems like nearly every set, Ally is leading her lane and destroying the interval. She looks beautiful in the water, her technique is improving tremendously, and she's perhaps our hardest worker at the moment on improving her underwater dolphin kick. All of this will come in handy, as she just turned 13 and she's already on the brink of new "A" and "DI" times for her age group. We wouldn't be surprised to see her blow those times out of the water as the year goes on, and perhaps we'll even set our sights on ZONES! She had an impressive Future Stars meet and swam her first ever 200 Backstroke, but we think this is just the beginning.

Ally is traditionally very quiet, but her work ethic and her leadership by example have been tremendous. When you combine that with her attention to detail and her increased attendance, it's a hands-down decision to give her this recognition. Perhaps our favorite "Ally Moment" happened this summer, as we were talking after practice about all the other activities we do. I asked Ally, "aren't you a cheerleader?" to which she rolled her eyes and quickly fired back,

"NO, I AM A SWIMMER!" Coming from such a shy and mild mannered young lady, it surprised everybody and even still puts a smile on our faces just remembering.

Congratulations, Ally. We have loved coaching you this far, and we can't wait to see what you accomplish this year. You are still so young, with so much potential ahead! Keep up the outstanding work ☺

Coaches Grant, Davin, & Lindsay

**From the summer:
MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER OF
THE MONTH
ELITE PROGRAM
August 2007
Austin Acheson
Age 16**

Austin was one of the very few athletes in the Elite Group who had an exceptional growth in preparation day to day. This was followed by an excellent July Sectional Championships. Austin learned from this experience in July and reloaded his focus and determination. He was on task daily at practices and was a leader in racing and focus to high level performance at Division I and Zone Championships. Congratulations on making such solid growth at so many levels.

Head Elite Coach Peter D. Malone
Assistant Coach Kate Zabler



Blazers in Paradise- Swimathon 2007

Blazers in Paradise October 28, 2007

Blazers from every pool and age group came together on Sunday, Oct. 28 for our Blazers in Paradise Swim-a-Thon at the Roeland Park Pool. Not only did we break records for attendance, we also had a lot of fun and raised a lot of money. Sean from Mix 93.3 kept us entertained and the refreshments were just the perfect energy boost some of our swimmers were looking for between and after laps. Our coaches donned costumes, swam laps, judged cap decorating contests, played limbo, danced and thoroughly entertained us. Our goal of raising funds for our team is certainly on track. More than \$4000.00 was turned in on Sunday and we sold more than 250 raffle tickets. Thanks to each of our pool site communities for putting together such attractive gift baskets for this year's raffle.

Extreme gratitude goes out to each of the volunteers that made our event a huge success: Mari-Lynn Fisher, Nancy Laffin, Stacey Wooden, Peggy Towner, Susan Backs, and Casey & Staci Tubbs.

Cheeseburger in Paradise October 28 & 29, 2007

The entire Blazer community owes a huge THANKS to Jay Fisher for the wonderful evenings he and his staff orchestrated for us on Oct. 28 & 29. A steady stream (and sometimes flood!) of Blazer family and friends filled the restaurant both nights. The food was great as was the entertainment and conversation. Those that had their watches stolen by the magician were

awed almost as much as those getting the amazing balloon creations. While the final tallies aren't quite in, it looks like we made about \$3000 eating cheeseburgers with our Blazer coaches and friends. Quoting one mom of an Elite swimmer: "That's the most fun I've ever had spending \$50 on the Blazers!" Count on us, Mr. Fisher, to be loyal and returning customers!

Important Swim-a-Thon Dates

November 2: T-Shirt Ordered for all Swim-a-Thon Attendees (Shorts will be ordered as well.)

November 15, 2007: ALL SWIM-A-THON PACKETS DUE W/ PRIZE ORDER FORM AND COLLECTIONS (Please return envelopes that are empty.) Swimmers needing more time for collections should contact Debbie Glenn @ 681-2693 or dglenn1@kc.rr.com

December 1: T-Shirts, Shorts and Cheeseburger in Paradise Gift Certificates delivered to pools.

December 26: Begin prize distribution at Winter Break Practices (will continue at home pools until all prizes are delivered).

SWIM-A-THON A MAJOR SUCCESS by Coach Henry

This year's 2007 Kansas City Blazer Swim-a-Thon was marked by greater participation more fun, more pledges and greater participation than in years past. Between Lindsay's cheering and Grant's serenading, and the professional DJ it was a very entertaining time.

In addition to the massive number of lengths swam we also had a raffle ticket sale and a swim cap decorating contest. We had over 40 entries in our cap decorating contest and had many very creative caps on display. There were five major categories winners, and all winners will receive Blockbusters gift certificates. The category winners as follows:

1. Most Creative; tie between Laura Hibschman, and Amy Dusselier
2. Most Artistic; Katya Vakshteyn
3. Best SwimAthon; Theme; Bridget Peterson
4. Most Halloweeny; Peter Williams
5. Best Blazer Theme; David Grudek

Raffle ticket winners really struck it rich with prizes ranging from candy to cds DVD's flip flops, shells and bathing stuff.

First place goes to Megan Shirling
Second place was won by Braxton Beal
Third place was Sarah Gorn
Fourth place went to Debbie Bond

Many thanks and kudos should be given to Debbie Glenn who did fantastic job planning coordinating and directing the whole thing for all the locations. All in all the Swim-a-Thon was a blast thanks to Debbie and many others who contributed much of their time to make it so successful.

Congratulations' to everyone for helping to make Swim-a-Thon such a most exceptional event.



2007-2008 KC Blazer Age Group Schedule

Dates	Meet or Event	Location	Tracks
September 16	Annual Banquet/Picnic	Roeland Park Dome	Everyone
October 14	Blue/Gold Blazer Bucks	Roeland Park	Blue/Gold
October 20	Future Stars	Roeland Park	DII & DI
October 21	Swim-a-thon (East Side)	Longview	Everybody!!
October 28	Swim-a-thon (Kansas)	Roeland Park	Everybody!!!
November 3-4	Ann Ketterer Intrasquad	Central HS	Everybody
November 16-18	Turkey Classic	Central HS	Div II & DI
November 24	KCB Elite vs. MVS Unified Team	Roeland Park	Elite
November 25	Blue/Gold Wheels or Worms	Roeland Park	Blue/Gold
December 1-2	Level II's East	Central HS	Qualifiers
December 7-9	Level I Championships	Wichita Swim Club	Qualifiers
December 8	Blue/Gold Frosty Frolic	Lawrence	Blue/Gold
January 4-6	Polar Bear	Central High	DII & DI
January 12	Blue/Gold Polar Pop	Roeland Park	Blue/Gold
January 19-20	Midwestern All Star Invitational	Lawrence	MVS Selection
January 25-27	COOL Invite	Lawrence	Non-Plano
February 1-3	Greater SW Invitational	Plano, TX	Team trip for Qualifiers
February 8	MAL 8&Under Championship	Central High	All 8&Unders
February 9-10	MAL's	Central High	Everybody
February 22-24	Missouri Valley Division II East	Central High	Qualifiers
February 28-30	Region VIII/Sectionals	University of MO	Elite Qualifiers
March 7-9	Missouri Valley Division I	Wichita Swim Club	Qualifiers
April 13	Blue/Gold Schlueter caress Meet	Roeland Park	Blue/Gold
April 25-27	Topeka Long Course Invite	Topeka Aquatic Ctr.	DII & DI
May 9-11	Earlybird Jr/Sr Long Course	Central High	DII & DI
May 17	Blue/Gold Cupcake	SMNorth	Blue/Gold
June 6-8	Blaisdell Beach Bash	Gage Park, Topeka	Everybody
June 13-15	Clay Platte YMCA LC Meet	Clay Platte YMCA	Non-Columbia
June 20-22	Columbia Invite	University of MO	One "A" Time
June 27-29	Air Cap Meet (Prelim/Final)	Wichita	3 "A" times
June 29-July 6	Olympic Trials	Omaha, NE	Qualifiers
July 11-13	Wave of the Wheat	Lawrence	"B" Meet
July 15-19	Region VIII/Sectionals	Oklahoma City Elite	Qualifiers
July 25-27	Missouri Valley Division II	Tiffany Springs, MO	Qualifiers
August 1-3	Missouri Valley Division I	Lenexa	Qualifiers
August 7-10	MEGA Zone Championships	Indianapolis	Qualifiers

Notes

In general, each swimmer will be in one of the three "Tracks" throughout the year. While this does not include every scenario, it gives a good general picture of what meets your swimmer will be eligible. It will also be common for swimmers to move "up" a track as they improve, and move "down" a track as the age up. Questions regarding eligibility for meets should be directed to the head site coach. If a meet says "Qualifiers", there are specific times for that meet in play.

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