



## IMPORTANT Swim Team Email...

To prevent being classified as a spammer and to keep email deliver-ability at the highest levels TeamUnify is instituting a new email sending process. Many of you have already verified your email account, but if you have not PLEASE READ!!!

It is very important to note: That if an email address is still unverified in the system it is most likely because it is a bad email address or you have not been logging into your team account. Some unverified emails are indeed good and have been going through but it is a small percentage of them. To ensure that you are connecting via email please follow the link below....

Here is a link <http://bcove.me/1px9nquc> to a video tutorial that will explain to you how to verify your email address.

### ADD SMS - Text Messaging for Cancelled Practices due to BAD WEATHER

In the event of bad weather we try our best to keep you up to date with the cancellation of swim practice. If you have not yet verified your email or added your cell phone to your swim account you will need to do this in order to get this notification.

To add your cell phone, log-in to your account, click my account, and then click on Add SMS. Once finished click on verify and it will text message you a code to enter into the box. You are all set then.

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## AUGUST PRACTICE CHANGES NO Practice - Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

### SWIM NEWS

Make sure to always click on News at the top of the teams homepage to read about swim meet recaps, exciting news, etc.

### STAT REMINDERS:

Please make sure your child always has their swim equipment when they come and leave every swim practice. All swimmers should have goggles and a cap (if swimmer wears a cap).

#### Additional Equipment Per Group:

Age Group I - Fins

Age Group II - Fins, Paddles & Pull Buoy

Junior Team - Fins, Paddles, Snorkel & Pull Buoy

We carry all equipment as well as STAT T-Shirts, team suits, sweatshirts and mesh equipment bag....just email us or ask us at the pool.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**AUGUST 20 - BOBBY HICKS SITE MOVES TO INTERBAY POOL --- PRACTICE SCHEDULE ON PAGE 3.**

**SEPTEMBER 21 - 23 -- SPA SWIM MEET (ST. PETE)  
MUST SIGN-UP ONLINE**

SEE WEBSITE FOR WARM-UP AND MEET START TIMES...

**OCTOBER 13 - 14 -- STAT NIKE SWIM CLASSIC  
(BOBBY HICKS POOL)  
MUST SIGN-UP ONLINE**

SEE WEBSITE FOR WARM-UP AND MEET START TIMES...

**Competition Schedule/Team Events is listed on website homepage or click on "Events."**

## **SUMMER SESSION FEES DUE**

PLEASE log-in to your swim account to check your balance....many of you currently have balances due to the renewal of the USA Fee and Registration Fee.

- Session Fees are due by the 10th of each month.
- A \$10.00 Late Fee will be added to your account if fees are not paid by the 15th of each month.
- It is **IMPORTANT** to always log-in to your account weekly to check your current invoice for swim fees, meet fees, etc.
- If you ever have a question about your invoices, please let us know.

## **CREDIT CARDS**

You may now pay by credit cards....  
as well as checks/cash.

1. Login into our team website - [www.statswimming.com](http://www.statswimming.com)
2. Click on **MY ACCOUNT** - Look for **SET UP AUTO PAY** - click on it
3. Look for **Current Payment Method** (click on gray box or arrow) and select **Automatically charge CREDIT CARD**
4. Finally click **Edit** to the right of the gray box and enter your Credit Card info. (We will not be able to see your credit card info....All information is secure).

\*Amount Per Transaction Fee = \$2.00 + Percent Per Transaction Fee = 3.25%

\*Must give a 30 day notice to cancel credit card payments if you plan on not swimming any longer. No refunds - will receive a credit in your account.

**Refer a New Swimmer** - Each swimmer you refer you earn \$25 off your next session dues (friend must commit to session). The new swimmer will also get \$25 off their next session dues as well.

**Team Magnet** - If you have not received your **FREE** team magnet, please feel free to ask Coach Todd or Tammy. We want you to drive around town and show your team spirit!

**Purchasing a City of Tampa Rec Card** - All STAT swimmers (at city pool) are required to purchase a City of Tampa Rec Card. Each card is \$15 and can be attained from the lifeguards. STAT covers most of the fees associated with pool rentals, but each member must take care of purchasing a Rec Card.

## **New Long Course Records**

**Jett Hoffmeier**

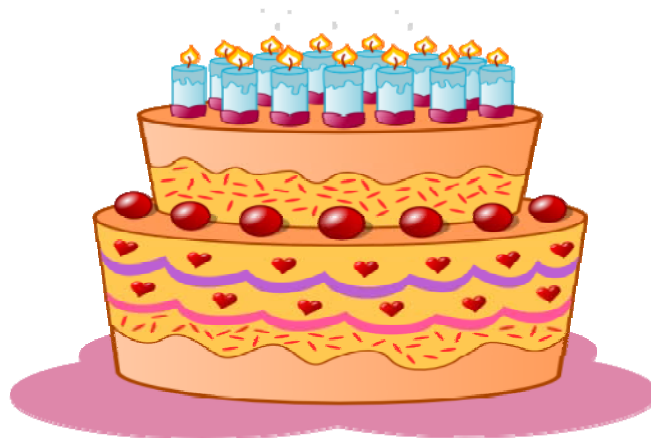
**7 - 8 Boys 50 Meter Fly 54.19**

**7 - 8 Boys 100 Meter Free 1:38.52**

## ***STAT BIRTHDAYS!!!***

Abby Burden	August 3
Sammy Baker	August 4
Isabella Duarte	August 8
Lindsey Mandt	August 10
Reka Rabai	August 10
Emma Watson	August 13
Zoe Ringewald	August 15
Gabriella Weigner	August 16
Cameron Benn	August 17
Maya Fisher	August 18
Isabella Gonzales-Portillo	August 20
Hanna Wierzbowski	August 24
Connor Drinkard	August 25
Julia Smith	August 28
Wyatt Swezey	August 28
Harrison Turner	August 28
Jefferson Scofield	August 29
Kate Bentley	August 31

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**



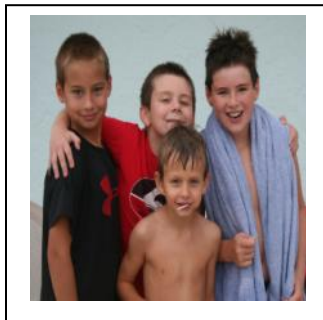
## STAT Mini-Meet

The STAT Mini-Meet on July 31<sup>st</sup> was another big hit. We had **65 STAT swimmers** compete in the meet and a lot of first time STAT meet swimmers.

The summer mini-meets have been a huge success and we look forward to doing them again next year!

Keep up the good work in practice...the coaches were very proud of your performances!

**A special THANKS to all the parents who volunteered....We couldn't have made these meets possible for our swimmer's if it wasn't for your help!!!**



**MINI-MEET FUN!**

## Parent Exercise Group

"STAT Parents - Exercise while your Child Swims!"

Ever wondered how to fit your own exercise into your day? Why not exercise with other STAT parents while your child is in the pool? We are surveying our parents to see if there is enough interest to start a parents' workout group, which would be scheduled during STAT practices.

The group will be a fee-based small group training format, led by Kelli Hatton, CPT. **If you are interested, please email Kelli at [kelli@kmhfit.com](mailto:kelli@kmhfit.com)** - once we have a list of interested parents, we will send out a more detailed survey to determine the workout format and days the group will be offered. **Please respond by Wednesday, August 15, if interested.**

## Interbay Pool Swim Team Practice Schedule

All swimmer's currently swimming at Bobby Hicks Pool will transition to Interbay Pool (4321 W. Estrella St.) on Monday, August 20th!!!

### **Dolphin Group:**

5:00 - 5:30 Monday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9:30 - 10:00 Saturday

### **Age Group I:**

5:00 - 6:15 Monday & Wednesday (Dryland)  
5:00 - 6:00 Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
8:30 - 9:30 Saturday

### **Age Group II:**

5:30 - 7:30 Monday & Wednesday (Dryland)  
6:00 - 7:30 Tuesday & Thursday  
4:30 - 6:00 Friday  
8:00 - 10:00 Saturday

### **Junior Team:**

5:00 - 7:30 Monday & Wednesday (Dryland)  
5:30 - 7:30 Tuesday & Thursday  
4:30 - 6:00 Friday  
8:00 - 10:00 Saturday

**PALMA CEIA POOL** Practice Schedule will remain the same. Any questions, please let us know.



# **JULY 31<sup>st</sup> STAT MINI-MEET**



**STAT Rules...**



**Thank you  
Parent Volunteers!**



**Getting  
Ready  
to Race!**



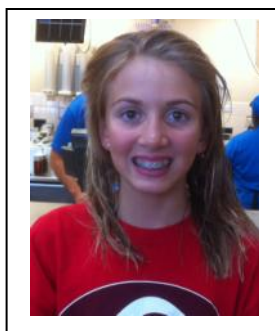
# **AUGUST SWIMMERS OF THE MONTH**

Each month we choose 3 - 5 swimmer's that have shown great leadership, good work ethic, are respectful and courteous, and just an all around great child. Swimmers will receive a STAT Swimmer of the Month T-shirt and a STAT water bottle.

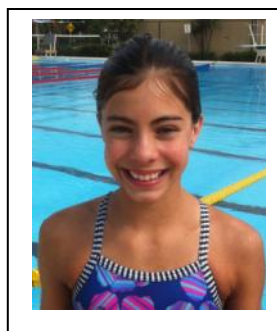
## **SPONSORED BY:**



**Elijah Haight**



**Laura Smith**



**Katie Taulbee**



**Samantha Verdisco**

**ELIJAH HAIGHT** has done an amazing job since he has been on the team. His strokes have thoroughly improved and is such a joy to coach. He will compete in his first official meet on Saturday. We look for a lot of great swims from him. Keep up the hard work Elijah, you are a great young man!

**LAURA SMITH** has been training this month with great focus to be her best at the 2012 Summer Florida Age Group Championship Meet. With her drive to be better she has improved quickly after starting STAT last summer. At the FL Age Group Championship Meet, Laura placed 5th in the 100 back, 10th in the 50 back, 15th in the 100 breast, 16th in the 200 IM, and 16th in the 50 Breast. Laura improved in 5 of her 6 events at the FLAGS Meet. Way to go Laura!

**KATIE TAULBEE** displays great leadership, work ethic, and dedication in her training every week. She is always trying her best and looks to perform to a higher level this coming year. She had a great Long Course season improving a lot in her swims this past month and at the FLAGS Meet. With Katie's hard work and devotion to her swimming she will have great success!

**SAMANTHA VERDISCO** comes to practice with a smile. When she is at practice she is giving 100% on every set. The coaches hope she will commit to swimming more days per week to continue her success. Her effort in practice and more training will lead to bigger things in the pool. Great job Samantha!



## COACH'S CORNER

# 2012 London Olympic Games



American swimmers won five medals – three gold, a silver and a bronze – Friday at the 2012 Olympic Games. Missy Franklin took top honors on a hot night for Team USA, winning gold and setting a world record in the women's 200m backstroke in 2:04.06.

Fifteen-year-old Katie Ledecky also had a stellar showing with a gold medal and an American record in the women's 800m freestyle, turning in a time of 8:14.63. And Michael Phelps won a gold medal in the last individual event of his career, taking the men's 100m butterfly in 51.21.

Cullen Jones and Elizabeth Beisel also won medals for the U.S. Friday, Jones with a silver in the men's 50m freestyle (21.54) and Beisel with a bronze in the women's 200m back (2:06.55).

Through day seven at the Aquatics Centre, the Americans' medal count in the pool stands at 28 – 14 gold, eight silver and six bronze. They lead all nations in the swimming competition.

### **Women's 200m Backstroke**

Franklin was in control and ahead of world-record pace from the start of the 200m back, building about a body-length lead on the field by the end of the first 100 meters. From that point, everyone else was racing for second as she cruised home for the win.

Russia's Anastasia Zueva took second in 2:05.92. Beisel out-dueled Great Britain's Elizabeth Simmonds in the last lap for the bronze. It was Beisel's final race of the meet. She also won silver in the 400m IM on the first night of competition.

Franklin's win in the 200m back marks the first time an American has won this event at an Olympic Games since 1972, when another Melissa – Melissa Belote – won both the 100 and 200 back. Franklin also won the 100m back earlier in the week, making her the first American since Belote to win both backstroke races in the same Olympiad.

Franklin has swum six events so far this meet and has one race left in tomorrow night's finals of the 400m medley relay. She has won four medals through day 7, including gold in the 100m back and 800m medley relay, and a bronze in the 400m free relay.

“It was an incredible field I was up against,” Franklin said. “On my way home – the last 25 meters – I know I was giving it everything. I could not feel my arms and legs.

“I knew I was going to take it out fast and have fun, and that’s what I did. I’m the happiest girl alive.”

### **Women’s 800m Freestyle**

Making her first finals appearance at a major international meet in the women’s 800m free, Ledecky was up against two seasoned veterans in Great Britain’s Rebecca Adlington and Denmark’s Lotte Friis, who qualified as the top two seeds.

Adlington is the defending Olympic and world champion and world record-holder. Friis finished second behind Adlington at last year’s World Championships.

If Ledecky was intimidated, she didn’t show it.

She was dominant, punishing the field from the start and never looking back. She was ahead by about a body length for most of the first half, and only increased that lead in the second. By the 700-meter mark, she was two body-lengths ahead of her next closest competitor, Mareia Garcia of Spain.

At the final turn, she was 31-hundredths of a second ahead of world record pace, but missed the mark – 8:14.10, set by Adlington in Beijing – by about a half a second. Garcia finished more than four seconds behind in 8:18.76, while Adlington was third in 8:20.32.

Ledecky shattered the American record of 8:16.22, set by the legendary Janet Evans on Aug. 20, 1989. That was about 7 and a half years before Ledecky was born. It was the oldest American record on the books.

“Michael’s and Missy’s races got me pumped,” Ledecky said. “I really wanted to see what I could do to represent the U.S.

“I figured I was going pretty fast. At one point, I thought, ‘If I’m not going to be close to this record, I don’t even care. I just want to get my hand on the wall first.’”

### **Men’s 100m Butterfly**

Phelps resembled the Phelps of old in the men’s 100m butterfly, maintaining contact with the field in the first 50 meters and surging ahead in the last 25 meters for the win. South Africa’s Chad le Clos, who bested Phelps in the 200m fly earlier in the week, tied for second with Russia’s Evgeny Korotyshkin in 51.44. Phelps’s teammate, Tyler McGill, was seventh in 51.88.

Yesterday, Phelps became the first male swimmer to defend a title in an individual event at three consecutive Olympic Games when he took gold in the 200 IM. With his win in the 100 fly tonight, he pulled the three-peat repeat.

He also won the 100m fly in 2004 and 2008. His combined margin of victory from both of those races was .05 seconds. He defeated teammate Ian Crocker 51.25 to 51.29 in 2004, then Serbia’s Milorad Cavic in 2008, 50.58 to 50.59. Comparatively, he won tonight’s race by a more comfortable margin of .23 seconds.

“I don’t even want to complain about going slower or having a bad turn,” Phelps said. “I’m just happy that last one was a win. That’s all I really wanted. This one was a bigger margin of victory than the last two combined, so I can smile and be happy. It was fun.

“It was just cool to be able to get out and feel the energy from the stands. It’s been loud the last two nights,

and they're cheering for us. The least we can do is put on a good show for the crowd."

On Tuesday, Phelps became the most decorated Olympian of all time. His medal count now stands at 21 – 17 gold, 2 silver and two bronze. His gold Friday was his fifth medal of the meet. He's also won gold in the 200m IM and the 800m free relay, and silver in the 200m fly and 400m free relay.

"The start of my meet wasn't what I wanted, but I seemed to pick up some steam at the end of the meet and was able to finish with two individual golds," Phelps said. "To be able to finish that way, you really can't finish any better. I'm very pleased with how everything went."

He will compete in his final event Saturday in the men's 400m medley relay.

"I thought it would hit me harder than what it is right now," Phelps said. "A lot of emotions haven't come through my brain in the last week. Once I'm done, there's going to be a lot more emotion. I'm kind of in meet mode."

### **Men's 50m Freestyle**

It was almost a clean sweep for the U.S. in each of the four finals Friday, but France's Florent Manaudou surged ahead in the final 10 meters for the win over Jones, 21.34 to 21.54. Brazil's Cesar Cielo, the defending Olympic champ and world record-holder was third in 21.59. Jones's teammate, Anthony Ervin, was fifth in 21.78.

It was Jones's best showing in an individual event on the Olympic stage. He's also won gold in the now-legendary 400m free relay in Beijing, and a silver in the 400m free relay on the second night of competition. He swam in the prelims of the men's 400m medley relay this morning.

"I gave it 100 percent," Jones said. "I'm happy the time wasn't too bad. I'm thankful I got second. I was dreaming to get first, but it wasn't in the cards this time. Getting silver was enough motivation for the future."

This swim capped a remarkable comeback for Ervin, who retired in 2003. He tied for gold in the 50 free at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney with teammate Gary Hall Jr., and was also the world champion in this event in 2001.

He said he was inspired to return to the sport by a quote from the character Prospero, at the ending of Shakespeare's "The Tempest."

"It was his redemption, returning to where he came from," Ervin said. "My being here is my own redemption."

### **Semifinals**

Americans swimming semifinals Friday included Jessica Hardy in the women's 50m freestyle. Hardy qualified seventh in 24.68 and will be competing in tomorrow night's finals of this event.



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Sponsor donations assist the team with equipment purchases, facility rental fees, family assistance program, and day to day expenses. Without the generous support from individuals and local businesses like yours, we would be unable to offer this opportunity to our youth.

Our STAT web site allows your business advertising to be viewed by hundreds of families right in our neighborhoods, making this new system the perfect marketing tool for your business!

I hereby agree to support STAT by sponsoring the team as noted below.

**COMPANY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to be a STAT Sponsor as noted below:

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\_\_\_\_\_ **\$250.00 Gold Sponsor** – Name, logo and web site will be displayed on the STAT Web Site Sponsor Page, Logo/Name will be placed in STAT Newsletters, and your name and logo will be listed in the Team Sponsor Section of the meet program (heat sheet) for the 2012 City of Tampa Nike Swim Classic Meet.

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$150.00 Silver Sponsor** – Name and web site will be displayed on the STAT Web Site Sponsor Page, Logo/Name will be placed in STAT Newsletters, and your name will be listed in the Team Sponsor Section of the meet program (heat sheet) for the 2012 City of Tampa Nike Swim Classic Meet.

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$100.00 Bronze Sponsor** – Name and web site will be displayed on the STAT Web Site Sponsor Page and your name will be listed in the Team Sponsor Section of the meet program (heat sheet) for the 2012 City of Tampa Nike Swim Classic Meet.

**The Term of this Agreement is August 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013.**

**Any questions on Team Sponsorship please call Todd or Tammy Hoffmeier at 813-254-5012**

**Please mail completed contract and check payable to STAT  
2311 S. Lois Ave. Tampa, FL 33629**

**PAYMENT IS DUE UPON ACCEPTANCE OF SIGNED CONTRACT.**