

2019-2020 SPY

Short Course Season

Senior Recognition

15-18 Age Group Recognition

Team Award for All Age Groups



Coaching Staff

John Bishop - Head Coach, National Coach, 15 & older & 8 and Under

Mickey McNeil - Assistant Coach, Head 9- 14 Age Group Coach

Morgan Siefert - Assistant Coach, Lead 9-10 Age Group Coach

Assistant Coaches: Jennifer Snyder, Trevor Keriazes and Kyle Garase

Volunteer Coach: Debbie Sheehan

Eric Wise - Dynamic Exercise Coach for Senior group

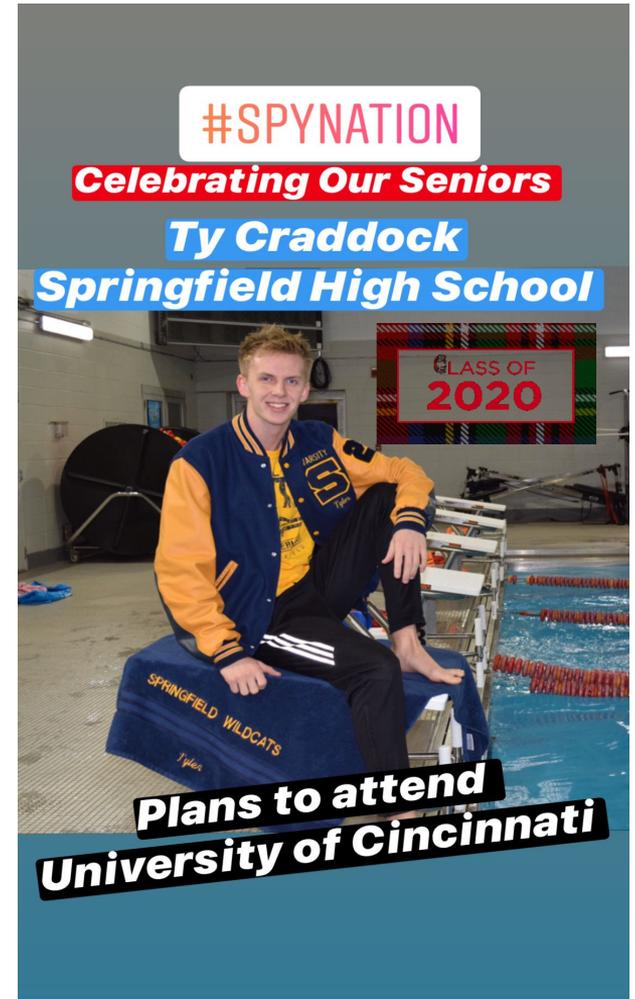
Heath Lambert - Dynamic Exercise Coach for Advanced & Presenior groups

Ty Craddock

*Amazing 1st season swimming for SPY!

Springfield High Swim Team

*Coaches Comments: Ty was a pleasure to coach, and we would have liked to have had him on the team a few years ago. He always wanted to know what he could improve at. Ty specialized at freestyle races, but his other strokes were coming along. We wish Ty the best of luck at UC!



Lucas Davis

Shawnee High School Swim Team

*Coaches Comments: Lucas has been a part of Spy swim team for many years. We are so glad he continued until he graduated. He is a great kid, and wish him the best of luck. Thinking back, the favorite Lucas years were probably when he was 11-12. Super competitive, super dedicated. Would have liked to have heard his senior speech.



Brennan DeRamus

*Season Highlights: 23.5 time drop

Northwestern High School Swim Team

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY Achievement

*Coaches Comments: Brennan really stepped up this year. Trevor is credited with helping Brennan with his motivation and discipline. Brennan was beating last season times by January and was swimming with so much confidence. Unfortunately he got hurt before championships, but we feel like Brennan left on the note he wanted to leave on. We wish Brennan luck in college and hope he also stops in to say hi when he is in town.



Addie Engel

Catholic Central High School Swim Team

*Coaches Comments: It was so awesome having the pleasure to coach Addie! She is such a talented athlete and so humble and polite. We're not sure who we've received more thank you's from, her or her sister. So excited to see how Addie does at "THE Ohio State" in cross country. Even though swimming may have been her second sport, she took on every practice and every meet like it was her best sport.



Bridget Engel

Salutatorian of and swimmer for
Catholic Central High School

*Coaches Comments: We can't believe we have no more Engels coming up through the program. Bridget is such a talented breastroker and her 200 IM really came on. It will be fun watching how far Bridget will go for UK. She has the skills to do some big things there. When talking to these girls it's surprising how competitive these twins are - Always so polite and humble.



Gracie Glaser

*Season Highlights: time drop of 24.4

Troy Christain High School Swim Team

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY Achievement

*Coaches Comments: Gracie is a true competitor. Works hard, very dedicated and motivated. She always had a smile when she accomplished her goals, and if not always gave great eye contact because she was passionate about improving. We hope that Findlay gets to compete this year. They definitely want her in the water competing. We will be watching the college results to track her progress.



Lexi Grow

*Season Highlights: time drop 2.9

Kenton Ridge High School Swim Team

Coaches Comments: We enjoyed coaching Lexi over many years of swimming for Spy. She is a great girl and can't wait to hear what her next move in life is. She always seemed relaxed in the pool with her teammates. We truly hope Lexi enjoyed swimming for Spy as much as we enjoyed coaching her.



Dane Klosterman

*Season Highlights: Join SPY in 2018

Springfield High School Swim Team

*Coaches Comments: When we think of Dane, we think of his last race that he swam for Spy. The 100 breast at A finals. He just missed getting a “AA” in it and was very upset about it. John was the first coach to come up and put his arm around him. John was really amazed that he came that close. He remembers just a year ago trying to fix his kick just to make him legal. Dane always gave everything he could give! Such a talented athlete. Can’t wait to see what he does for Wilmington in the future.



Carter Mayhan

*Season Highlights: time dropped 1:35

Valedictorian of and swimmer for Springfield High School

*Coaches Comments: We truly can't believe Carter has graduated. Carter was one of the most willing to give something a try in swimming. If we needed someone for the 900 free relay, Carter was there. If we needed points in distance races, Carter was there. We coaches are going to truly miss him. Although maybe not as much as his teammates will. Carter was one of the most liked swimmers in possibly Spy history. We hope Carter pops in every once in awhile, and we really want to see what he goes on to achieve.



Natalie Tropp

*Season Highlights: time dropped 11.6

Catholic Central High School

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY Achievement

*Coaches Comments: Natalie was such a dedicated swimmer. When swimming was in season her attendance was great. Her passion to swim and be around teammates really pushed her. This graduating class really has some incredible people in it. Natalie was a big part of that. She pushed herself, pushed her teammates, and was just a great person all around. It will be neat to see what is next for Natalie Tropp.



Rylie Turner

*Season Highlights:

Springfield High School Swim Team & Graduated From Global Impact STEM Academy and Clark State Community College with her Associates of Science USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY Achievement

*Coaches Comments: Rylie had a terrific season. She listened to coaches this season, more than ever. Coach John remembers being at the Marlins last chance meet, and thinking we have Rylie set up for championships this year compared to the last couple. She is highly driven, very dedicated and motivated. This year she just raced, sometimes that's all you have to do. Rylie is swimming for Miami and I hope we get back to real meets. This way we can see her at Makos and see how she is tackling college swimming.



Drew Vest

Join SPY in 2018

Shawnee High School Swim Team

*Coaches Comments: It was great having the opportunity to coach Drew. He is a polite swimmer who gave his all. He seemed to want feedback and always seemed hungry to improve. Would have liked to have a healthy drew for a few seasons! We wish him well in his next chapter of life.



Calvin Wise

*Season Highlights: Breaking the team record in 200 IM by 3 seconds!

Greenon High School Swim Team & Graduated from Global Impact STEM Academy and Clark State Community with his Associates of Science Degree

*Coaches Comments: Calvin swam his tail off this past season. He swam a great high school season too. We were really looking forward to seeing what he could do in his 200 breast, 200 fly, 400 IM races. We can't wait to see how Calvin does at Penn State. He really seems like he is going into his college swimming career on a mission!



Julia Anderson

Season Highlights: Points 175/ drop 24.4

Piqua High School Swim Team; Junior

Julia seemed to be swimming with much more confidence this season. The way she finished last season, we were really looking forward to seeing how she finished this year. Well, she had a medical issue and was shut down. Probably the appropriate year for this. We're hoping Julia has strengthened herself through therapy and is excited about her senior year.

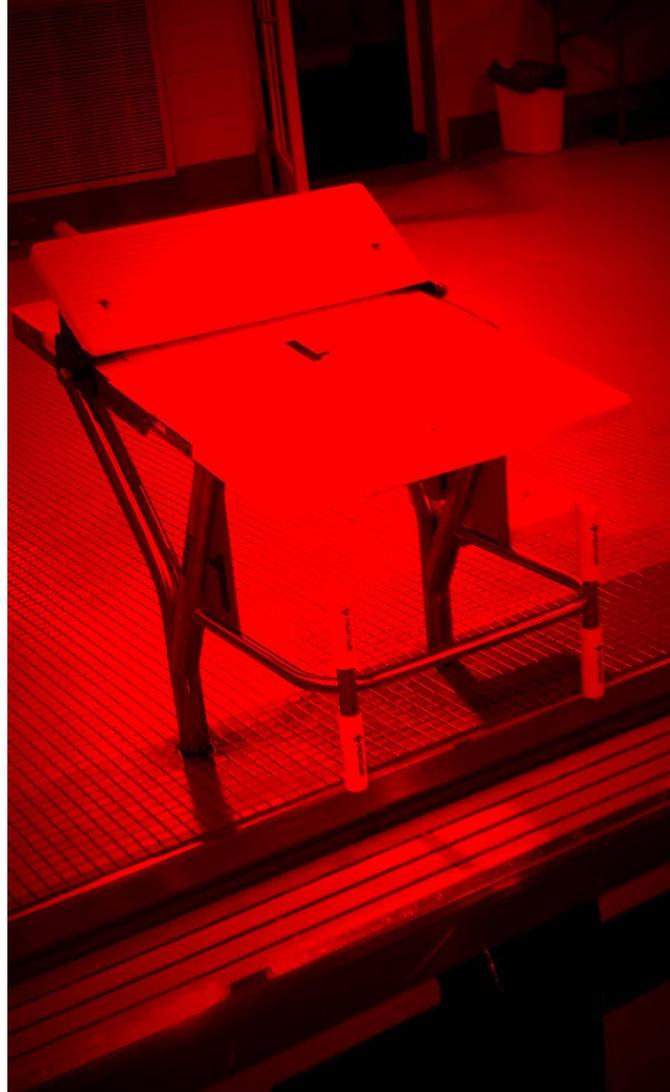
Sarah Blocher

Season Highlights: Points 3/drop .10

Miami East High School Swim Team; sophomore

Sarah worked really hard this year. We think she would be willing to say senior group is quite challenging. She always gave her best. Sarah had a very good high school season. Unfortunately she had some shoulder issues and wasn't able to perform at our champs. She is a pleasure to coach. She works hard, is dedicated, and always giving her best.

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Badin Brewer

Season Highlights: Points 332/ Drop 1:20.6

Sidney High School Swim Team

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY
Achievement scored 1886 for 16yr old

Badin really had a breakout year! His high school season was superb, but at "A" champs Badin showed us he wasn't just a sprint freestyler. He was swimming out of his mind, being more competitive than we had seen. We hope Badin is ready to move to the next level. He gained experience swimming individuals at Districts. He's also probably closer to Nationals than he knows.

Ryleigh Brown

Season Highlights: Points 237/Drop 48.2

Kenton Ridge High School Swim Team; Freshman

Ryleigh really came through for her high school team. Her freestyle and backstroke races were incredible. We were hoping to see what she could achieve at our championships. She is definitely the girl who leaves everything in the water. Ryleigh will be someone to watch out for.

Carson Chaffee

Season Highlights: Points 327/ Drop 44.3

Springfield High School Swim Team; Junior

Carson stepped up his training and really seemed to be zoned in to swimming this year. He was more competitive in practice which translated to better performances. Carson has the ability to do big things and hopefully this season was a big step in the right direction. Even Carson's teammates saw a big difference this year.

Michael Collier

Season Highlights: Points 42/ Drop 40.8

Springfield High School Swim Team; Sophomore

Michael swam well in 2019-2020. He is always pleasant to coach. He had some nice drops, especially in the 200 races. Michael always applies himself. He really seemed to handle senior group better this year. As Michael grows and keeps getting stronger, it will be interesting just how far he can go.

Dylan Day

Season Highlights: Points 435/ Drop 52.9

Kenton Ridge High School Swim Team; Sophomore

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM Extreme Challenge Achievement score 2617 for 15yr old & 2449 for 16yr old; USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY Achievement too

Dylan always swims fierce and is always trying to be one of the bets. We enjoy that he goes all out on every race, although we know his favorite is breaststroke, Some swimmers may try to conserve energy, but Coach John is with Dylan, go all out on every race. Because of this his value will be so much greater. Big things are going to happen for Dylan we just have to work hard and let them happen.

Alana Derringer

Season Highlights: Points 146/ Drop 34.0

Shawnee High School Swim Team; Sophomore

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY Achievement scored 2466 for 16yr old

Alana sets very high goals for herself. She trains hard, really stepping up her dryland giving her more strength. She is so passionate about her swimming. She is a real team player. Alana wants to succeed but also wants her teammates to progress too. Someday we will be thinking, "man I wish I had 25 Alana Derringers!" We are looking forward to the next goal she tackles.

Taylor Dietz

Season Highlights: Points 222/Drop 30.5

Tippecanoe High School Swim Team; Freshman

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY
Achievement scored 1809 for 15yr old

Taylor is definitely someone to watch out for. She got her first year of high school swimming under her belt. So in the future she will know what to expect. She is very talented and athletic and over time we can see her become one of the leaders on the team. We are really looking forward to see what she is capable of in the future.

Chase Fyffe

Season Highlights: Points 343/ Drop 1:24.3

Kenton Ridge High School Swim Team; Freshman

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY
Achievement scored 2401 for 15yr old

Chase had a terrific freshman year. He has become so much stronger, and time drops were huge. The biggest coming in 100 fly, where he now has visions of joining the national team. Chase is a motivated person, and his training was as good as anyone this summer. We look forward to watching Chase complete his goals. Just one heck of a year.

Hailey Howard

Season Highlights: Points 30/Drops 46.3

Troy Christian High School Swim Team;
Sophomore

Hailey swimming was much better this year. She had a great high school season and we were hoping that would carry on into championships. She is a girl who can do big things when she puts her mind to it. Hoping Hailey can pick up where she left off this season.

Jaden Humphrey

Season Highlights: Points 543/Drop 1:26.4

Sidney High School Swim Team; Junior

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY
Achievement scored 3214 for 16yr old & 3142
for 17yr old

Jaden has really become a performer! We were worried because he was ill at sectionals. He still looked pale but somehow he was able to reach down deep and qualify for districts. Jaden will be huge for us this coming season. He will also be huge for Sidney High School. The first time he really spoke with Coach John he said his biggest goal was to get a relay to high school state. So he is not only about himself but a team player.

Sydney Jones

Season Highlights: Points 180/Drop 21.0

Kenton Ridge High School Swim team; Junior

Sydney had another great season. She is such a talented athlete. Great work ethic, works hard and doesn't like to get beat. She is easy to coach because of all these athletic traits. We can't wait to see what is up next for Sydney. She will be one of our leaders in the fall/winter season.

Madison Little

Season Highlights: Points 136/ Drop 1:23.6

Northwestern High School Swim Team;
Sophomore

Madison really tackled this season. She worked harder than in the past. We feel Trevor really helped her confidence and helped her to reach another level. She has great attendance, with the races Madison excelled at, you have to! It will be neat to see Madison pushing to that next goal.

Cody Lough

Season Highlights: Points 57/Drop 32.1

Greenon High School Swim Team; Freshman

Cody is such a strong swimmer. We see big things ahead in Cody! He works hard, and has such a strong freestyle. Thinking back to when Cody started, he really has come a long way in swimming. We really think he will be valued at his high school this year even more. We hope Cody is ready to challenge himself to get to the next level that we all think he can achieve.

Matthew Mayhan

Season Highlights: Points 315/Drop 1:13.1

Kenton Ridge High School Swim Team: Sophomore

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY Achievement scored 1828 for 15yr old & 1592 for 16yr old

Matthew had another great season. He works hard and is always pushing to stay in shape or great stronger. This summer was tough on scheduling, Matthew couldn't get to most practices because he was working. To Matthew's credit he would be using an adult lap lane while other groups were in the water. This was so outstanding that he wanted to maintain his swimming shape. Which one needs to do if you swim the races he does.

Riley McKelvey

Season Highlights: Points 12/Drop 55.4

Springfield High School Swim Team;
Sophomore

Last year Riley got a taste of SPY and it really helped her with her high school swimming. This year she knew what to expect and she seems to be more confident when she would step up to the block. Hoping Riley is ready to push up to another level.

Jack McMaken

Season Highlights: Points 197/ Drop 42.6

Tippecanoe High School Swim Team; Sophomore

Jack really impressed us last winter when he asked, “Do you think I could swim for a college in Canada?” Coach John said most certainly and after that he really started working harder and leading his lane. Then as he lead his lane he started pushing himself with those on faster time cycles. Jack definately has talent and it is fun trying to get the most out of his swimming abilities.



Morgan Murray

Season Highlights: Points 39/ drop 21.7

Tecumseh High School Swim Team; Junior

Morgan swam great last season. She seemed more relaxed when she stepped up to the block, which really seemed to work for her. She has been a part of SPY for so long. We are really hoping she wants to push this next season! She really seemed to be smiling much more this year.

Christian Narcelles

Season Highlights: Points 520/ Drop 24.0

Springfield High School Swim Team; Junior

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM Extreme Challenge Achievement score 4118 for 17 yr old & 4234 for 16yr old; USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY Achievement too

Man what a season Christian had. He trained harder, improved his strength. Christian had one of the best seasons of his swimming career. We can't imagine how fast he would have swam in some of the non-high school races. We look for some big things from Christian, he has some great goals and he is the person to tackle those goals.

Andrew Oates

Season Highlights: Points 361/Drop 57.1

Troy High School Swim Team; Sophomore

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY
Achievement scored 2424 for 15yr old & 2185
for 15yr old

Andrew has been coming along for some time. He works hard, his confidence is at its highest. Andrew is easy to coach, he is hungry to get to those next levels, and with his drive I can see him achieve them. It is a pleasure coaching swimmers like Andrew, just so passionate about the sport.

Kat Oen

Season Highlights: Points 104/ Drop 35.1

Tippecanoe High School Swim Team; Junior

Kat performed very well last season. She is such a talented athlete. She is fearless, that any goal she sets she knows she is going to achieve. Kat works hard, respectful, she communicates well, when she has questions. Really looking forward to Kat's senior year and the big things she can achieve.

Addison Payne

Season Highlights: Points 150/ drop 2:30.3

Sidney High School Swim Team; Sophomore

What a season Addison had! Dropping 2 minutes and 30 seconds is amazing. We love that Addison takes on the distance races, showing just how tough she is. She came in with a great approach and just blossomed after that. We hope Addison continues to knock more time off her personal bests.

Savannah Phipps

Season Highlights: Points 101/ Drop 51.8

Bethel High School Swim Team; Sophomore

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY Achievement scored 1105 for 16yr old & 1082 for 17yr old

Savannah seemed like she was gaining confidence before the season came to a halt. Her 50 free you could see how proud she was. Savannah is a great girl and we hope she wants to continue pushing forward in all her races.

Kaylee Price

Season Highlights: Points 241/ Drop 13.0

Returned to SPY in 2019

Bethel High School Swim Team; Sophomore

We think Kaylee was pretty pleased with her season. She works hard even when battling through some set-backs. We really enjoy that she often steps up her practices when racing the boys. Kaylee is courageous and we are looking forward to what big things she is going to tackle next.

Annie Richters

Season Highlights: Points 101/ Drop 16.5

Miami East High School Swim Team; Junior

Annie was putting herself in a great position to do some big things when the shutdown took place. She is so looked up to and respected by her teammates. She always is giving her best effort and will be amazing in college. Her attendance is outstanding and she is always a pleasure to coach.

Nolan Rickett

Season Highlights: Points 292/ drop 157.1

Urbana High School Swim Team; Freshman

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM Extreme Challenge Achievement score 2716 for 15 yr old; USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY Achievement too

Man did Nolan have a great year. Dropped mega time, 1 minute and 57 seconds! Nolan is so competitive and he knows that hard work pays off. He and Chase really pushed each other over the summer. While Nolan keeps growing and getting stronger, it is going to be fun watching just how fast he can get.

Stephanie Selavaggio

Season Highlights: Points 7/ Drop 41.2

Urbana High School Swim Team; Junior

Stephanie swam very strong for her high school team. She battled through some tough senior practices. She always gave great eye contact when giving her feedback after a race.

Claire Spriggs

Season Highlights: Points 33/ Drop .75

Shawnee High School Swim Team; Junior

When we think of Claire, we think of so many seasons with SPY. She battled through injuries, and still gave her best. She always started off strong, then when injuries happened would still give her best. She switched races trying to give her best for the team she competed for.

Gwyn Thomas

Season Highlights: Points 419/ Drop 46.2

Kenton Ridge High School Swim Team; Junior

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY Achievement scored 2213 for 16yr old & 2174 for 17yr old

Gwyn was swimming with so much confidence when everything shut down. She had some big goals that we feel she would have accomplished. We were really impressed how she applied herself in the 200 free, knowing it was going to help her 200 breast. We're hoping that she is ready to press forward and tackle those goals.

Seth Thomas

Season Highlights: Points 383/ Drop 34.6

Kenton Ridge High School Swim Team; Sophomore

Seth had an amazing season. Qualified for Nationals in the 100 breast. We think he really thought his 50 free would qualify first. This is why you give 110% in every race. You might think you know what you are best at, but sometimes you find out your very good at something else. It has been awesome coaching Seth, and we hope this year gives him confidence to have an even better year.

Reese Turner

Season Highlights: Points 359/ Drop 48.8

Springfield High School Swim team; Junior

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM Extreme Challenge Achievement score 2886 for 16 yr old; USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM READY Achievement too

Reese was setting herself up nice, the biggest example knocking off 4 seconds in the 200 free at the Marlin's meet. She is a competitor who has the ability to do some huge things. Reese is a great leader and a huge blessing to this sport.

Zach Weaver

Season Highlights: Points 65/ Drop 17.2

Shawnee High School Swim Team; Sophomore

Zach really had a learning year his freshman year. Well this year he knew what to expect and was tackling his goals. Zach has been a big part of Spy for a long time. It has been fun watching him evolve into the swimmer he is today.

Josie Wise

Season Highlights: Points 289/ drop 1:39

Greenon High School Swim Team; Sophomore

Josie swam great last season. Great attendance, great work ethic, very disciplined. She may come across quiet, but she gets the job done. She is a great teammate, has an awesome approach to swimming. Looking forward to what Josie is going to do next.

Claire Yontz

*Season Highlights: Points 175/ drop 55.7

Springfield High School Swim Team; Freshman

USA Swimming's 2019-20 IMX IM Extreme Challenge Achievement score 1362 for 15 yr old

Claire did a great job this season for Spy. She is so determined, always looking to better herself. She is always upbeat and just has a great passion for swimming. Claire is really coming into her own in senior group. Really hoping for big things in the future for her.



SPY's 15-18's SCY Team Records

Calvin Wise

- 200yd IM 1:50.39

15-18 200yd MIXED Medley Relay 1:45.67

- Bk Christian Narcelles
- Br Bridget Engel
- Fly Calvin Wise
- Fr Reese Turner

SPY's 15-18 Boys Team LCM Records

Calvin Wise

- 50m Fly 26.91
- 200m Breaststroke 2:24.21

Christian Narcelles

- 50m Breaststroke 31.71

200m Medley Relay 1:53.70 Bk Jaden

Humphrey, Br Dylan Day, Fly Calvin Wise,
Fr Badin Brewer

SPY's SENIOR Boys Team LCM Records

200m Medley Relay 1:51.84 Bk Jaden
Humphrey, Br Christian Narcelles, Fly
Calvin Wise, Fr Jarrett Payne

200m Free Relay 1:40.12 Jaden
Humphrey, Jarrett Payne, Evan
Blazer, Calvin Wise

400m Free Relay 3:39.69 Jaden
Humphrey, Evan Blazer, Jarrett Payne,
Calvin Wise

400m Medley Relay 4:08.02 Bk Jaden
Humphrey, Br Christian Narcelles, Fly
Calvin Wise, Fr Jarrett Payne

800m Free Relay 8:24.60 Jarrett
Payne, Evan Blazer, Jaden Humphrey,
Calvin Wise

Parents...

Thanks to all of you who so graciously gave your gifts of time and talent to our swim program this season. It is our parent volunteers that make our team feel more like family. Your contributions are crucial cornerstones in our foundation. We couldn't have done it without you.

A Year In Review...

Summer 2019... one best participation for Long Course Meters Competition

New Starting Blocks with back foot wedges and backstroke ledges

Our Timing ScoreBoard reached its final transition to LED Display System

SPYNATION Team Awards for All Age Groups



SPY Recognitions:

Reese Turner: Selected to be a part of the 2019-20 YMCA National Swimming's Emerging Leadership Academy

Coach Mickey was selected as one of the Top Ten Finalists for the Fitter & Faster's 2019 ASCA Age Group Coach of the Year

Calvin Wise selected as an USA Swimming 2019-20 Scholastic All-American Swimmer for the second time

Senior Rylie Turner's Letter to SPY



Around the age of five, my parents signed me up for a handful of sports- a process in which my mom called “throwing spaghetti at the wall to see what would stick”. I played soccer for a few years, however, some of our family home videos prove that I was more interested in picking dandelions than being a goalie. I didn’t have the patience for ballet and despite my best efforts, I didn't exactly have the grace for dance or gymnastics. I just straight up did not like tennis. Although, right across the way from the tennis courts was a pool. Motivated by donut Fridays, I was signed up for the summer league swim team and I fell in love.

Any swimmer will tell you that this sport is a love/hate relationship. The early mornings, late nights and long hours staring at a black line is enough to make anyone question its worth. But when that moment comes, and you feel the surge of adrenaline as you touch the wall, every moment of sacrifice and frustration melts away. You chase that feeling like it's a drug and it is maddening.

Senior Rylie Turner's Letter to SPY cont.

When I was younger, I was a different type of swimmer. I became completely obsessed with the clock. I had every cut memorized and analyzed my races to no end. I kept track of my times with a poster in my room- I would write new times in with black sharpie if I dropped time, and red sharpie if I had added time. Before races, I could only think about the red sharpie. I would get so nervous I didn't even want to swim, terrified that I would have to use the red sharpie. I went to practice so I could chase cuts and swim faster because that's what I thought the point of swimming was, plain and simple. It took quite a lot of time for me to realize that I was swimming for the chart and not for myself. When I started swimming for myself, I started having more fun in practice and the sinking feeling in my stomach before a race slowly began to disappear. Talking, singing, and dancing behind the blocks became one of my favorite parts of swimming when only a few years ago I could only stand in fear.

I've held on to swimming for so long because I wanted to get faster, but as I grew older, I realized that the true reason I would always come back is because the pool has been there for me when it felt like no one else was. It is my stress reliever, my safe haven, and the root of my strength. It is in the tranquil silence under the water that I find solace, even when my muscles are screaming in resistance. Over the years, the pool has become my home, and my teammates have become my family.

Swimming has taught me the value of hard work, dedication, and discipline. After quite a lot of reflection over the last few months, I like to think that this season taught me a new lesson by bringing a whole new meaning to the phrase "swim like there's no tomorrow".

Senior Rylie Turner's Letter to SPY cont.

My career as a YMCA swimmer ended on a Thursday night. Remembering that week seems like a blur. I became consumed in a whirlwind of emotion, uncertainty, and confusion that would last for months. The visions of my last practice, last cheer, and last race of my senior year were slowly replaced with the reality. While I certainly pictured the ending differently, like the last chapter of a book wrapping everything up in a pretty bow, I am still left with the abundance of amazing memories that I have made over my nine seasons. Like getting to race against my sister or singing and dancing behind the blocks with my teammates. I am so thankful for this sport and for this team because I know I would not be the same person I am today if it weren't for the coaches and friends that make this team a family.

If there was one piece of advice I have to the younger swimmers on the team, it would be to find the reason that drives you to practice. That reason is so much more than beating a number on the clock or not using a red sharpie on a chart. Find what it is inside that makes you get up early, stay late, just to dive into a pool. Because no matter how things change for the better or worse, there lies the pool, calm and still, just like it always has, just like it always will.

Senior Calvin Wise's Letter to SPY



I still remember driving to my first ever summer league practice, and how much I was dreading it. I remember the first time I swam the 100 IM and how I thought I would never swim a harder event in my life. I remember getting my first AA, then going to my first Zones, then my first National cut. I remember waking up early to drive to swimmeets and eating massive amounts of food between prelims and finals. I remember walking through the snow at Miami and swimming in the rain at the country club. But most importantly, when I think about my time at SPY, I remember the relationships that I've made that make the team what it is. SPY has a truly incredible atmosphere, and that's thanks to its truly incredible coaches, parents and athletes.

First, I would like to thank the coaches who have gotten me to where I am today. Thank you to John for travelling to my first long course Nationals for a week even though I was the only SPY swimmer there.

Senior Calvin Wise's Letter to SPY cont.

Thank you Mickey for all of the fun Saturday morning practices. And thank you to Trevor, Kyle, Morgan and Jenna for making a positive impact in so many kids' lives. Next, I would like to thank my teammates for pushing me, and always giving me something to look forward to at practice and meets. Memories such as wearing wigs and light up shoes in front of hundreds of people at nats, our inside jokes between sets, and racing with the younger athletes at Funnest Sport night are what I will remember most about SPY, and I can't express how grateful I am to have you all in my life. Being able to practice with the team during these past few months of frustration and unexpected disappointments has made all the difference for me. Finally, I would like to thank my parents and grandparents for their unrelenting support in my swimming career and life. You've been at every swim meet that you possibly could, always there to cheer, no matter how small or insignificant the race. Your love and encouragement have made me who I am today and I am so unbelievably fortunate to have you in my life. Being on SPY has given me the opportunity to not only grow as an athlete, but also as a person. Even though my senior year ended unexpectedly, there is a lot that I have taken away from the unique experiences.

Senior Calvin Wise's Letter to SPY cont.

One of my favorite quotes is “Everyone gets knocked down; champions get back up”. I think that in the last few months pretty much every swimmer I know has been pushed down in one way or another.

But I have seen so many people pick themselves back up, and as Dory would say, “Just keep swimming.” Those people are true champions at heart, and if you've been discouraged lately, it's never too late to get back up and keep going. The other important thing that I can take away from this past year is what my reason for swimming is. Everyone has a different reason that they love the sport. Some like the social aspect, some enjoy training hard to drop time, and some people simply find joy in swimming itself. Personally, I just love to compete and I think swimming is one of the greatest sports to compete in. If I had to give any advice for younger swimmers, it would be to figure out why you swim and why you love the sport, and let it drive you in practice every day. I no longer dread going to practice like I did during that first summer league, and now I have to worry about being in pain during the 400 IM instead of the 100. A lot has changed throughout the last 7 years, but SPY has always been there for me, and now that I am leaving, I hope everyone continues being there for each other.

We are Spynation.

Team Awards: Most Dedicated Swimmers per Age Group

6 & Under Girls: Violet Collins

6 & Under Boys:.....

7-8 Girls: Audrey Lee

7-8 Boys: Joey Brumfield

9-10 Girls: Madi Lee

9-10 Boys: Sam Collins, Ethan Keyes

11-12 Girls: McKenna Cartwright, Alyssa Shaffer

11-12 Boys: Mason Carroll

13-14 Girls: Anna Collins

13-14 Boys: Caleb Griffy

15-18 Girls: Annie Richters, Rylie Turner

15-18 Boys: Jaden Humphrey

Team Awards: Most Improved Swimmers per Age Group

6 & Under Girls: [Matti Milam](#)

11-12 Girls: [Elaina Rockwell](#)

6 & Under Boys: [Madix Milam](#)

11-12 Boys: [Nate Harris](#)

7-8 Girls: [Olympia Derr](#)

13-14 Girls: [Laney Gabbert](#)

7-8 Boys: [Will Howard](#)

13-14 Boys: [Justin Faller](#)

9-10 Girls: [Ruby Clark, Ali Frank](#)

15-18 Girls: [Rylie McKelvey, Addison](#)

9-10 Boys: [Nathan Pinson](#)

[Payne, Josie Wise](#)

15-18 Boys: [Chase Fyffe](#)

Team Awards: Most Outstanding Swimmers per Age Group

6 & Under Girls: Ellen Hill

6 & Under Boys: Cooper Edwards

7-8 Girls: Elizabeth Hill

7-8 Boys: Griffin Young

9-10 Girls: Lola Derr

9-10 Boys: Ian Conkel

11-12 Girls: Penelope Derr, Tatti Bernier

11-12 Boys: Evan Spence

13-14 Girls: Naomi Maggard, Averie Jacquemin

13-14 Boys: Evan Blazer, Jarrett Payne

15-18 Girls: Gwyn Thomas, Sydney Jones

15-18 Boys: Christian Narcelles

Team Awards: Coaches' Award Swimmers per Age Group

7-8 Girls: Marley Milam

7-8 Boys: Reed Wilson

9-10 Girls: Ivee Rastatter, Eliza Shuping

9-10 Boys: Grayden Edwards

11-12 Girls: Ryleigh Tipton

11-12 Boys: Matt Wiles

13-14 Girls: Emily Tropp

13-14 Boys: Will Baron

15-18 Girls: Gracie Glaser, Kat Oen

15-18 Boys: Carter Mayhan, Seth Thomas

SPY Team Awards: Rookie of the Year

Larry Figgin's Rookie Award for 12 & younger Swimmer

- Emma Moore, Brooklyne Kuntz, Allie Stuckey

Larry Figgin's Rookie Award for 13 & older Swimmer

- Megan Robinson, Badin Brewer, Sarah Blocher

THE SPY TEAM AWARD

BOY: Calvin Wise

GIRL: Reese Turner