

Cuyahoga Falls Riverfront YMCA Tigersharks continue winning ways

CUYAHOGA FALLS: The Cuyahoga Falls Riverfront YMCA Tigersharks swim team took their dual meet record to 5-2 overall for the season with a win over the Vermillion YMCA Torpedoes swim team in a dual meet last weekend held at the University of Akron – Ocasek Natatorium.

During the meet the following Tigersharks posted first place or second place finishes in their individual events:

13-14: Luke Baker (Munroe Falls), Kyle Banner (Stow), Katie Caniglia (Hudson), Giovanna Cappabianca (Stow), Lilly Cooper (Cuyahoga Falls), Kayla Engle (Stow), Jessica Fontanez (Akron), Kyle Grebb (Cuyahoga Falls), Tierra Haas (Cuyahoga Falls), Michael Heller (Stow), Justin Icsman (Akron), Max Jensen (Akron), Haleigh Paolucci (Cuyahoga Falls), Joe Parianos (Silver Lake), Alex Schoenberg (Stow), Emily Ulbricht (Cuyahoga Falls), Joshua Watson (Cuyahoga Falls)

11-12: Gina DiLullo (Cuyahoga Falls), Mia Iverson (Stow), Calvin Kampman (Hudson), Kristen Leibensperger (Uniontown), Evie Lewis (Cuyahoga Falls), Rachel Lumley (Stow), Mattie Muckleroy (Uniontown), Luke Novak (Stow), Kaden Smesko (Uniontown), Megan Zaucha (Cuyahoga Falls)

9-10: Maria Armao (Stow), Carrie Caniglia (Hudson), Vittorio Cappabianca (Stow), William Dorenkott (Kent), Flip Kovac (Cuyahoga Falls), Kyle Miller (Cuyahoga Falls), Mia Nagle (Copley), Noah Novak (Stow), Riche Putnam (Akron), Madalyn Rodau (Hudson), Stanley Shuck (Cuyahoga Falls), Keith Turnbull (Silver Lake)

8&Under: Daniel Altomare (Munroe Falls), John DiLullo (Cuyahoga Falls), Lily Drybola (Cuyahoga Falls), Luke Nagle (Copley), Joshua Rush (Cuyahoga Falls), Caleb Smesko (Uniontown), Nathan Wagner (Cuyahoga Falls), Alyssa Walter (Munroe Falls)

Head Coach Dale Craddock said, “The strength of these swimmers and the constant improvement of many of our swimmers throughout the season will help us swim well during the approaching championship portion of our season”.

Earlier this month, the Tigersharks sent four swimmers to the USA Swimming Mid-States Championship held at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis, Indiana. Team representatives included Giovanna Cappabianca, 13, (Stow), Vittorio Cappabianca, 10, (Stow), Carrie Caniglia, 10, (Hudson) and Mia Nagle, 10, (Copley). The All-Star Team is a select team from Ohio that competes against swimmers from Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Missouri Valley. To be selected for the Ohio Team, swimmers must achieve one of the fastest four times in the state for an individual event in each age group since September 1st of the current short course swim season. The All-Ohio Team was coached this year by CFYN Tigersharks Head Coach Dale Craddock. Craddock was very pleased with a second place finish in the meet for the Ohio Team (2669 points) behind first place Team Indiana (3935 points). Giovanna Cappabianca led the Tigersharks swimmers with four top ten finishes, Caniglia had two top ten finishes and Nagle had one top ten finish during the meet.

In December, CFYN nationally ranked swimmer, Giovanna Cappabianca, 13, of Stow earned the opportunity to compete at the USA Swimming 2014 AT&T WINTER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS in Greensboro, NC, as one of the youngest swimmers in the field and also the 2014 SPEEDO WINTER JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS in Federal Way, WA.

Earlier in the season, the Tigersharks sent seventeen swimmers to the Mark J. Braun Invitational held at the Spire Institute in Geneva, OH. Kaden Smesko, 12, of Uniontown and Vittorio Cappabianca, 10, of Stow were named swimmers of the meet, as they achieved the overall individual high point awards for their respective age groups.

The CFYN Tigersharks will next see action on Jan. 17th as they wrap up their dual meet season against the North Royalton / Ridgewood YMCA Dolphins. Also, the CFYN sponsored annual Hang-Ten Invitational will be held Jan. 18th at the University of Akron – Ocasek Natatorium.

See www.cfyntigersharks.com for more information.