

Cuyahoga Falls Riverfront YMCA Tigersharks have Strong Finish to Summer Long Course Season

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH: The Cuyahoga Falls Riverfront YMCA Tigersharks swim team had a strong finish to their summer long course season by sending thirteen swimmers that qualified to the Lake Erie Long Course Age Group Championships held at Cleveland State University.

Maria Armao (Stow), Carrie Caniglia (Hudson), Vittorio Cappabianca (Stow), Kyle Grebb (Cuyahoga Falls), Riley Hricik (Stow), Kristen Leibensperger (Green), Evie Lewis (Cuyahoga Falls), Mia Nagle (Copley), Molly O'Brien (Stow), Madalyn Rodau (Hudson), Kaden Smesko (Green), Keith Turnbull (Silver Lake) and Lorna Vizmeg (Stow) all represented the team in competition. The group combined for 51 personal best times out of 70 possible swims. Strong performances were turned in by Carrie Caniglia, who won four of her seven events (50M breaststroke, 50M freestyle, 100M freestyle and 100M breaststroke) and by Vittorio Cappabianca, who won all eight of his events (200M IM, 400M freestyle, 50M breaststroke, 100M backstroke, 100M butterfly, 100M freestyle, 50M backstroke, 100M breaststroke). Caniglia and Cappabianca were awarded the 2nd Place Runner Up High Point Award and the 1st Place High Point Award, respectively, for their performances.

Caniglia, Cappabianca, Smesko along with Giovanna Cappabianca furthered their season by advancing to the 2015 Central Zone 14 & Under Age Group Championships held at the University of Minnesota in August. They represented the Tigersharks as part of the Lake Erie Swimming (OH) team that finished fourth in competition. V. Cappabianca had strong performances in both the 50M breaststroke and the 100M breaststroke by placing first in both events. Tigersharks Head Coach Dale Craddock said, "I am proud of the performances of our swimmers during these championship meets. They did a great job representing the team."

As the Tigersharks ready for the upcoming winter short course season, the team has added Coach Vanja Dezelic as an Assistant Head Coach to the team. Dezelic, of Stow, comes to the team from the Hudson Heat, as the Head Age Group Coach. He also brings with him an impressive background as a swimmer. Dezelic was a three time North Dakota High School State Champion and a four time NCAA Division II National Qualifier at Missouri University of Science & Technology. Craddock said he is pleased to add this level of coaching expertise to the team.

Registration for the upcoming 2015-16 winter short course season will be held on Saturday August 29th from 9am – Noon at the Cuyahoga Falls Riverfront YMCA at 544 Broad Blvd, Cuyahoga Falls. Registration materials and pricing information can be found on the team's website www.CFYNTigersharks.com