

The Wright County Wave Swim Club ends another successful season. The 2006/2007 short and long course sessions saw ten new Wave records set, six swimmers qualify for the Minnesota State Age Group Championships, with numerous Wave swimmers achieving personal best times. Over ninety percent of the Wave swimmers qualified for C finals, and sixty percent qualified for A/B finals. The Wave also placed second in the A Team Division at an A/B/C meet held by the New Hope, Crystal, Plymouth swim club this past January. The swimmers were proud and excited with the second place finish and they started believing that they could compete with the bigger teams from the twin city area, and the competitive spirit started to show. Displaying the trophy for the team reinforces the Coaching staff telling all the Wave swimmers of their potential to be excellent swimmers.

Two Wave swimmers set new team records. Annika Bordak set new team records for the 1000 free, 100 back, 100 and 200 butterfly, and the 100 and 200 individual medley in the 13-14 girls age group. Spencer Maiden who swam with the Wave during the short course set new team records in the 100, 200, and 500 free, and the 200 individual medley in the 13-14 boys age group.

Minnesota State age group championship participants were Annika Bordak for the 50 free, the 100 and 200 back. Angelee Hale for the 50, 100, and 200 free. Mika Bordak for the 50 free and 50 Butterfly. Lauren Kaminski for the 100 back. Taylor Susa for the 100 Butterfly. Madison Henson also qualified as an eight year old in the 50 Butterfly, however Madison aged up midway through the short course session and she was just short of the qualifying time in the 9-10 age group.

Wave swimmers receiving ribbons for a top eight finish at the A/B/C short and long course finals are Anna Altmann, Ellie Becker, Victoria Bertram, Courtney Bode, Annika Bordak, Erica Bordak, Mika Bordak, Andre Casey, Ashlee Hale, Angelee Hale, Chelsey Henson, Madison Henson, Madison Herzfeld, Anne Kaminski, Lauren Kaminski, Sara Kolling, Kirsten Olson, Max Ransom, Zac Ransom, Alex Ryan, Mitchell Ryan, Taylor Susa, Byron Vieau, Abbey Weninger and Maria Zaske. Wave swimmers just short of a top eight finish are Abby Becker, Morgan Pflieger, Brianna Porter, Keelie Swafford, Kathleen Tierney, and Marah Walker. Congratulations to the Wave swimmers who participated in the finals.

Maria Zaske took first place at the Saint Michael Albertville High Point Invitational meet this past December. New team members swimming in their first competition with exceptional results are Charlie Bean, Jordan Dick, Chole Berg, Linnea Pallesen, and Madeline Weninger.

Members of the Wave coaching staff, Kris Bordak, Steve Becker, Michelle Bertram, Tim Bode, Mark Kaminski, Carol Pflieger, along with athlete/coach Kalyn Kaminski stress the fundamentals of stroke technique for the four competition strokes, along with conditioning and starts which prepare the Wave swimmers for competition. The coaches bring a solid mix of teaching ability along with competition swimming experience to the Wave organization. Tim Bode has competed in several meets showing the kids that swimming is a life long sport. Mark Kaminski stated, "It is amazing to see the potential of so many of the Wave swimmers, there are so many good swimmers who have the potential to become outstanding swimmers". Swimming is primarily an individual sport; each swimmer receives from the sport exactly what they put into the sport. Those swimmers, who push themselves to learn and be better, achieve that goal.

The Wave Swim Club is a competition based swim team. The team competes in meets throughout the metro area, St. Cloud and Hutchinson. Practices are held at Buffalo Community Middle School. The Wave program also helps prepare swimmers who are considering swimming at the high school level. Many of the current members are swimmers for both the boys and girls high school teams.

The Wright County Wave will be holding registration for the up coming 2007-2008 short course session at the Buffalo Community Middle School pool on September 18th at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. New swimmers are encouraged to bring their suit for an evaluation. All new swimmers should have completed level 3 Red Cross swimming in order to become a team member. For more information about the Wave Swim Club, call Carol Pflagher at 763-227-1370 or visit the Wave website at www.waveswimclub.com.