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The second day of the meet kicked off with an awesome swim by Aimee Hukill in the 200 breast (that would be me this time). This is one of our team's absolute strongest events, every person who swam it placed in the top 16!! This was my first time making top 16! So far this has been the highlight of my week. I knew coming in that I could do this because I am **very** confident with my training! But as the heats progressed it seemed as if a lot of the girls were going around my time, I was getting a little nervous. As it turned out I was seated 11th going into consuls. My teammate, Sara Servold, also made it back. I wasn't nervous until I had to wait while the 1000 freestylers were being awarded. Then it really sunk in that I was actually here, swimming in consuls at YMCA Nationals. Even though I didn't do as well in consuls as I did in the morning, I realized what an awesome achievement it is to be able to come out of nowhere and make top 16! The psych sheet had me seated 49th and I ended up 16th which I am **very** proud of! So don't worry if you're not seated to high y'all can always surprise people and more importantly yourself!

Another exciting thing is how our team is doing on a whole. Last time we checked we were 4th over all and our men were 3rd. We are incredibly pumped about this seeing as though we only have thirteen swimmers here, as apposed to some of the other top teams who have almost twice as many. Our team has really come together this year and have had some struggles, including the death of a teammate. Our coach even admits that we are the closest of any group he has had. We personally feel as if these kids are our family. On that note, we are ready for tomorrow and the 400 I.M. that we will both be time trialing!! Bye y'all...hehehe!!

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