

Friday, July 30, 2004

Today is the final day of competition! What a week it has been. Last night at finals there were even more great swims. I swam in the final heat of the 200-meter backstroke. I added a tenth to my time from prelims, but I kept my place at fifth. It was awesome! I got the coolest medal ever! The other two girls from my league did great too. We represented Southwest Ohio very well. And hopefully we can continue to do that in the following years.

This morning I swam my last event, the 50-meter backstroke. I dropped a little bit of time, and placed 11th, so I get to come back once more tonight. I am just glad that I made it, and since short swims are either good or bad, I am just excited I made it. Eli swam the 100 this morning, and he did pretty well. Sean swam the 50 back like me and he slipped on his start, but he did really well. Our team did really well.

Doing this journal has been really cool. I really appreciate the chance that I got to do it. The people in the computer room have been really nice, and without them this meet wouldn't have happened. It has gone really well, and hopefully the success of YMCA swimming continues. Congratulations to all the swimmers that swam this week.

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Today rapped up an awesome week of swimming, not only for our team but everyone else that swam that swam this week. I have never been to a meet where this many records were broken. Its like almost every event swam this week there have either been really good races or records broken. During finals you get this feeling, even though you are not swimming you have a really cool feeling and it is very hard to describe it. It feels like you are right there, I don't if it is the commentary or what, but it is really cool, it feels like you are in the race and are swimming right with all of the swimmers.

Today I swam the 100 Breast I didn't get my best time, but I stayed right on where I had been swimming earlier this season. Sean had a good race, despite slipping off of his start. He is pretty used to swimming from behind in his races because he usually always has a slow start so you really wonder what he can do if he actually got a great start. Chatham for the third time this week has qualified for the finals in the 50 Backstroke, she had a great start and came out going as fast as she could and had a really great swim. Even though this is not her strongest event, you know what they say, "The third times a charm." So hopefully she can come back tonight and swim even better.

Every year goes by here and it just gets better and better. Next year hopefully we can bring up some more teammates and have a few relays, that would be really nice, but if not this year was really fun and it is one National Swim meet that I will never forget. This is Eli signing off from the 2004 National Swim Meet. Seeya next year.

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