Chatham Penrod Miami County YMCA Ohio April, 6, 2005

Wow! Last night was fun. I made finals in the 100 Backstroke. I did not get my best time, but it was close and my whole team was there to cheer me on. Actually we have quite a few families that do not have anyone swimming that came to watch our team. Thank you to the Morgan's, Wattercutter's, and Sussman's. Yesterday at prelims my coach made a fashion statement. He wore blue and gray shorts with big marlins all over them, and the weirdest shoes I have ever seen. It was fun seeing everyone stare at him.

This is my fourth year swimming here in Ft. Lauderdale and it is kind of sad. Even though I am only a junior there are a lot of people graduating that I will miss. Next year will be even harder because it will be my final year swimming for the YMCA and I will miss everything about it.

Our team grew this year. We have 11 people that came. It beats the seven that came last year. Having a bigger team is a lot of fun. Tonight since no one on our team made finals we are going to have a cookout on the beach. It will be fun. But I am doing the devotion at finals so I will have to come and do that.

Tomorrow I swim the 200 backstroke. Hopefully that will be my best event. Good Luck to everyone else swimming here, hopefully everyone swims their best.

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