

MADY Hurricanes Bring Home Wins from Newburgh

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HOPKINS COUNTY, KY—The MADYSWIM Hurricanes, which hail from the Hopkins County YMCA, swam last weekend at Castle High School in Newburgh, IN with 12 other teams competing from around the Region.

The Newburgh Sea Creatures hosted the 2nd USA Swimming Sanctioned meet of the winter season, running from Friday to Sunday with approximately 400 swimmers in attendance representing teams from KY, IN, and IL.

Ashlynn Fair, 10, led all team swimmers in point totals by coupling 5 individual 3rd place finishes with 5 other point scoring swims. Her bronze medal performances came in the 200 Yard IM, 100 Yard Free, 200 Yard Free, 50 Yard Butterfly & 100 Yard Butterfly.

Laura Carver, 12, scored top-10 finishes in all 9 of her individual events while competing in the nationally recognized “IM Extreme Challenge,” which consists of a medley of the 5 hardest swimming events available (500 Yard Freestyle, 100 Yard Backstroke, 100 Yard Breaststroke, 100 Yard Butterfly & 200 Yard Individual Medley). Her bronze medal performance in the 50 yard Breaststroke was a highlight that also brought about her attainment of 5 State Championship qualifying times.

Abbie Fair, 8, had the team’s highest individual finish in the girl’s 25 Yard Breaststroke event, bringing home a Silver Medal to go with 8 additional top 10 finishes.

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Kelee Carter, 10, also competed in the meet and recorded the most time improvement of the Hurricane Swimmers during her swims.

On the Boys side, Drew Dodds and Eli Barnhill both competed in the 11-12 yr old division. Eli scored points with his 50 Yard Freestyle, 100 Yard Freestyle, and 100 Yard Butterfly Swims, while Drew had 5 personal best times in his 10 individual events. Aaron Ziobro, in the 8 & Under Boys division, scored 8 top 10 finishes led by a bronze medal showing in the 25 yard Butterfly.

The Hurricanes are also preparing for an upcoming USA meet at Central City, KY in mid November.

For more information about the team, contact the Hopkins County YMCA, or visit the team's website at www.madyswim.com .

Coach Keenan Carver commented that, "Our Team looked great in the water in many ways this weekend. We were sporting our new team Suits and Caps, which not only looked fast, but were backed up by a lot of very good fast swims."

"Laura was a real workhorse for the team this weekend. She not only was our only competitor in the IMX challenge, but she was a major force in the competitive age group in the state," said Carver. "Ashlynn continues to challenge for wins every meet now, with Aaron being our best new swimmer in quite a while."

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Information provided by Coach Keenan Carver