

Sports

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Dolphins place fourth in swimming conference...

The Cedar Rapids Dolphins swim team finished their season by hosting the conference last Saturday and Sunday.

The Dolphins finished fourth out of eight teams with a score of 302.5. Monticello Country Club won the event with a score of 445.5. Knox County finished second with 346 points and London County Club finished third with 312 points.

The conference consists of qualifying on Saturday with the top six times advancing to the event finals on Sunday.

Placing individually for the Dolphins were:

Mixed Medley Relay
Eight and under - sixth place - Colby Brown, Lauren Clontz, Sarah Mullins and Whitney Hansel.

9-10 - second place - Suzanne Brown, Tara Burton, Cody Cox and Christopher Parsons.

11-12 - fourth place - Bobbi Jo Barr, Blake Calhoun, Jessica Albright, Michael Parsons.

13-14 - fourth place - Cassey Mullins, Dana Reynolds, Heather Burton and Andrew Geisler.

15-18 - third place - Cliff Mullins, Aaron Cox, Lindsay Dowell, Eric McKinney.

25m Freestyle
Six and under for boys - Colby Brown, second place.

Six and under for girls - Lauren Clontz, first place and Whitney Hansel, fifth place.

9-10 for boys - Cody Cox, third place.

9-10 for girls - Suzanne Brown, first place, Angela Owens, second place and Tara Burton, sixth place.

50m Freestyle
11-12 for girls - Heather Burton, third place.

13-14 for girls - Cassey Mullins, second place.

15-18 for boys - Cliff Mullins, third place and Aaron Cox, fifth place.

15-18 for girls - Lindsay Dowell, first place.

9-10 for boys - Cody Cox, third place.

9-10 for girls - Suzanne Brown, first place and Angela Owens, second place.

100m Freestyle
11-12 for girls - Heather Burton, fifth place.

13-14 for girls - Cassey Mullins, third place.

15-18 for boys - Cliff Mullins, first place and Aaron Cox, fourth place.

15-18 for girls - Lindsay Dowell, first place.

25m Backstroke
Six and under for girls - Lauren Clontz, first place and Whitney Hansel, fifth place.

9-10 for boys - Cody Cox, third place.

9-10 for girls - Suzanne Brown, first place and Angela Owens, second place.

50m Butterfly
13-14 for girls - Cassey Mullins, first place.

15-18 for boys - Cliff Mullins, third place.

100m Mixed Free
Six and under - first place - Colby Brown, Lauren Clontz, Sarah Mullins, Whitney Hansel, Heather Burton and Andrew Geisler.

15-18 - first place - Cliff Mullins, Aaron Cox, Eric McKinney, Lindsay Dowell.

Clontz, first place and Whitney Hansel, third place.

9-10 for boys - Cody Cox, second place.

9-10 for girls - Suzanne Brown, first place, Angela Owens, second place and Bobbi Jo Barr, sixth place.

11-12 for girls - Heather Burton, fourth place.

50m Backstroke
13-14 for girls - Cassey Mullins, second place and Dana Reynolds, fourth place.

15-18 for boys - Cliff Mullins, third place.

15-18 for girls - Lindsay Dowell, second place.

Individual Medley
11-12 for girls - Heather Burton, third place and Jessica Albright, third place.

13-14 for girls - Dana Reynolds, fourth place.

15-18 for boys - Cliff Mullins, second place and Aaron Cox, third place.

15-18 for girls - Lindsay Dowell, first place.

25m Butterfly
9-10 for girls - Suzanne Brown, first place and Tara Burton, fourth place.

11-12 for girls - Heather Burton, second place and Jessica Albright, sixth place.

KDFWR concerned about catch-and-release of Stripers

According to fisheries personnel with the KDFWR, a new, draft study conducted by the Texas state fisheries biologists on Lake Texoma strongly suggests that more keeper striped bass that are caught and released probably die than previously believed.

Benji Kinman, technical fisheries program coordinator, says that anglers who take a limit of striped bass or rockfish and continue to catch 20-inch or larger fish and release them could possibly be hurting the fishery more than they realize.

"According to the study, a very high percentage of striped bass over 20 inches that are caught and released die within 72 hours during spring and summer regardless of whether they were caught on artificial or live bait."

"Over 94 percent of the fish over 20 inches died shortly after being released during the spring season, and 60 percent died when caught and released during the summer. During those same periods, fish under 20 inches experienced a 60 percent and 40 percent hooking mortality, respectively," said Kinman.

In the fall and winter seasons, the study showed a great decline in mortality of released stripers over and under 20 inches long when caught on artificial lures. Fish that were caught on live bait and released during fall and winter showed higher mortality rates than those caught on artificial lures, but still below the rates experienced during the spring and summer.

"There is a possibility that the percentages might change slightly when this draft study is published, yet we believe the basic finding will still show that almost 3/4ths of the keeper size stripers that are caught and released during the spring will die, and one of every three keepers caught and released during summer will die," said Kinman.

9-10 for boys - Cliff Mullins, third place.

15-18 for boys - Lindsay Dowell, first place.

25m Breaststroke
9-10 for girls - Angela Owens, third place and Suzanne Brown, fourth place.

50m Breaststroke
11-12 for boys - Blake Calhoun, fifth place.

11-12 for girls - Jessica Albright, fourth place.

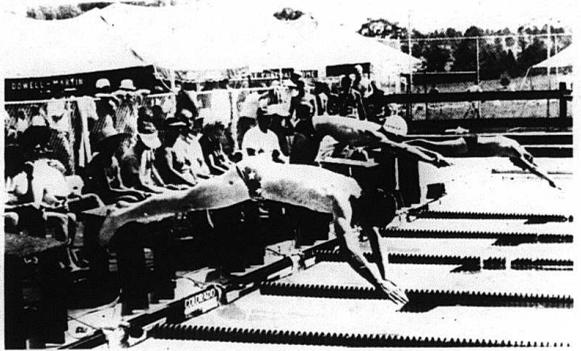
13-14 for boys - Andrew Giesler, third place.

13-14 for girls - Cassey Mullins, second place.

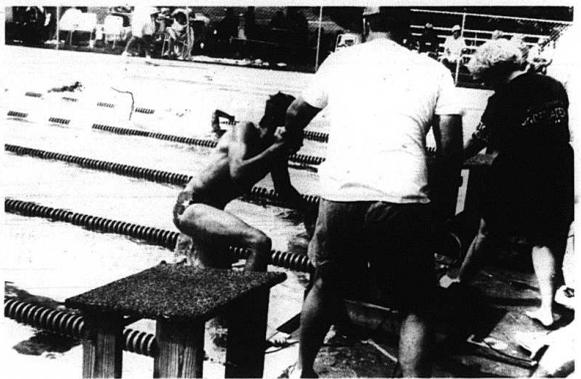
15-18 for boys - Aaron Cox, first place.

100m Mixed Free
Six and under - first place - Colby Brown, Lauren Clontz, Sarah Mullins, Whitney Hansel, Heather Burton and Andrew Geisler.

15-18 - first place - Cliff Mullins, Aaron Cox, Eric McKinney, Lindsay Dowell.



Dolphins' swimmer Aaron Cox dives in the water during Saturday and Sunday's annual swim conference held at Cedar Rapids Country Club. The dolphins placed fourth with a score of 302.5.



Cliff Mullins of the Dolphins' swim team is helped from the water by Doug Mullins during this past weekend's swim conference. Monticello won the event with a score of 445.5.

"We just want to make anglers aware of these figures and caution them about catch and release stripers fishing during the spring and summer periods. The striped bass is a rather delicate species during the spring transitional period and quite vulnerable to stress and handling-related problems.

"High mortality rates like those suggested by the study could negatively impact a stripers fishery. We encourage warm weather stripers fishermen to switch to another species once they limit out, because it's almost assured that a high percentage of any keeper-sized fish they take and release aren't going to make it during the spring and only one of every two will survive during the summer," said the biologist.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources does strongly support catch-and-release of game fish species, such as black bass, which

do exhibit high survivability rates when handled properly.

Sportsman Club News

It was a splendid evening with a good turnout for our catfish tournament. After a night of cooler air and fog, our combatants with Mr. Whiskers the victories were: 1st place, Scott Berryman \$93 with 10 lbs.; 2nd place, Shane Linville with 7 1/2 lbs. \$61.20; 3rd place, Floyd Sulfridge \$20.40 plus catfish rod tied with Tommy McClure \$20.40 plus ice chest and free movie rentals at 51/2 lbs. each; 4th place James Neal Magnum tackle box with 5 lb; 5th place Randy Mullins cash prize with 3 lbs. Scott Berryman won Big Fish Pot of \$45 plus oil change and lube in drawing. Scott must have had a leprechaun in his pocket. Everyone who weighed a fish won a prize. We would like to thank Town and Country Chevron for donating oil change, filter and lube. Hale Garage Magnum Tackle Box. Video Alley free videos rental, Mahaffey Sporting Good for catfish rod and all their help with early entries, RCSC ice chest, Renfro Valley Boat Dock and Campground for their help.

We would like one gain to invite you to attend one of our meetings

Eight receive medals at State Games
A total of eight from Rockcastle have been awarded medals in the Bluegrass State Games, all in archery. They are: Cynthia Langford, 9-12 years old, barebow - 2 medals; Jeremiah Faulkner, 9 - 12, freestyle limited; James Faulkner, 18 and over; barebow; Joe R. Kirby, traditional ft; 1; Gary Langford, traditional - 3 medals.

The Livingston Fire Dept. and Ladies Auxiliary are having another **FISH FRY** Friday, August 14 at 6 p.m. at the Firehouse (Fish - Coleslaw - Drinks)



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