

GIRLS SWIMMING

Final Record: 8 Wins



Row 1: Gina Bohl, 12, Sarah Porter, 12, Amy Krone, 12, and Claire Mondro, 12. Row 2: Catherine Zhang, 11, Brittany Lawrence, 11, Chelsea Keller, 11, Mary Katherine Miller, 11, and Paige Keefe, 11. Row 3: Kenzie Kassoff, 10, Laura Tufts, 10, Christina Noland, 10, Debra Lipson, 10, and Coach Leassner. Row 4: Jenna Tameris, 9, Katherine Yaroma, 9, Rachel Wolkoff, 9, Shannon Connors, 9, and Coach Carl.

Worthington Invitational 1st Place	Southwest Classic 6th Place	Districts 5th Place	Varsity MVP Amy Krone
Ursuline 196-108	Mason 181-130	G.M.C. Championship 1st Place	Varsity Spirit of Sycamore Amy Krone
Milford 130-63	Larry Lyons Invitational 4th Place	Sectionals 1st Place	Varsity Most Improved Laura Tufts
Mount Notre Dame 109-79	Lakota East and West 1st Place	State 8th Place	JV Hardest Workers Abigail Evans, Pauline Schaumans
			JV Spirit of Sycamore Allison Coleman
			JV Most Improved Elizabeth Avery

CHAMPIONS OF THEIR POOL

Girls take control of their waters

By: Christy Miller and Oliva Poff

Dr. Dan Carl, varsity head coach, and Mr. Dave Lienesch, junior varsity head coach, led the girls swim team to a very successful year. New additions to the coaching staff consisted of Mr. Max Leassner, varsity assistant coach, and Joe Krone, junior varsity assistant coach.

The team competed in several major meets including the Southwest Classic, the largest high school meet in the country, the Canton City Invitational, and the Larry Lyons Invitational. They were very successful at GMC's, winning their seventeenth championship in a row.

"Although swimming is often considered an individual sport, GMCs bring out the team aspect of swimming, and that's what I love the most," said Paige Keefe, 11.

It took great dedication to win such a title. The swimmers practiced six days a week with morning practices every Tuesday and Thursday.

"I hate getting up early in the morning

for practice, but in the end, it pays off," said Jenna Tameris, 9.

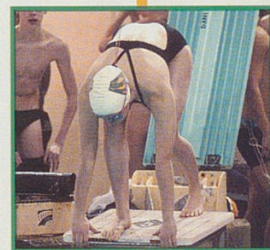
Dedication was an understatement for what the swimmers had to possess in order to survive training during winter break. By the time most students were just awakening, the team had been in the pool for two hours. Incredibly, they swam up to seven or eight miles a day, showed incredible devotion to their sport.

Captain Stephanie Dimasso, 12, led the team through the winter season. The small team competed individually, but together the scores were averaged for a team ranking and standings.

The team had nightly practices. They trained hard to prepare for the GMC championships. At Milford High School, the diving team competed against all of the schools in the area for the title of GMC diving champions. The girls' hard work and commitment paid off when they placed first in the meet.

"We worked well together and had fun. It was a good season," said Dimasso.

"My favorite memory was senior night when we voted for the most likely awards."
-Claire Mondro, 12



"Swimming for the high school is completely different from Junior High swimming. I love the team, and I love the coaches."
-Rachel Wolkoff, 9



"The team was closer than we have ever been, which made the year so fun."
-Mary Katherine Miller, 11



Captain Stephanie Dimasso, 12, was the heart of the diving team. Nine years of experience proved her dedicated, driven work-ethic. Dimasso's impressive dives earned her first place at sectionals.



Christen Concoran, 9, steadies herself before attempting a dive. Concoran showed true dedication to the team. She received the award for most improved.