

MARYSVILLE – The YMCA of Darke County (DCY) Sharks swimmer Lexi Addington won second place and YMCA “AA” Championship cuts as the Sharks participated in the First Annual Union County Invitational hosted by the Union County YMCA at Marysville on January 12, 2008. The Sharks took fifth place overall in the meet, earning a team total of 979 points.

The “AA” time standard for the Girls 8 & Under Breaststroke is 23.99 seconds. Eight year old Addington, who had come close to the “AA” mark earlier in the season with 24.00, lopped an additional 0.31 seconds to finish in second place with 23.69, allowing her to join Sharks Cassidy Kaiser and Simon Troutwine in their trip to the “AA” Championships.

The Sharks 13 & 14 Boy’s medley relay and freestyle relay teams had excellent finishes. Although the Sharks had only one 13-14 boy attending the meet, Cory Diemler, 14, with swim-ups from twelve year old Mitch Stover, brother Evan Diemler, 11, and Casey Puckett, 9, turned in first place performances in both the 200 Medley Relay with a time of 2:30.18 and in the 200 Free Relay with a time of 2:17.58, earning 40 points for each race.

The Lady Sharks relay teams also had spectacular races, with the Girls 11 & 12 relay team, starring Carla Smith, Amber Seibert, Morgan McKinney and Sarah Green, all eleven year olds, earning second place medals and 34 points in each the 200 Medley Relay (2:30.19) and the 200 Freestyle Relay (2:18.80). The Girls 13 & 14 relay team, with 13 year old Nicole Frantz assisted with swim-ups from Sarah Campbell, 12, Rebecca Shaffer, 11, and Katlyn Sickles, 12, was also awarded a second place medal and 34 points in the 200 Freestyle Relay with a time of 2:30.23.

The Bronze Sharks were well represented by Katelynn Burrell-Troutwine, who netted second place and 17 points in the Girls 6 & Under 25 Back with 35.94 and fifth place in the Girls 6 & Under 25 Free (38.19), Carter Puckett, who earned fourth place with 53.53 in the Boys 6 & Under 25 Free, Isabella Gable who swam to fifth place and 14 points in the Girls 7 & 8 50 Free, and Paul Smith, who chopped 4.82 seconds to earn 9 points in the Boys 7 & 8 25 Free. Sharks’ assistant coach Andrea Townsend works exclusively with the DCY Bronze group, a big job teaching new swimmers with little experience, but Townsend accomplishes the task with a big smile and an encouraging word for all.

The Silver Sharks, including Addington and Kaiser, turned in great performances and several medal winning races. Kaiser earned a first place medal for her swim in the 50 Free (42.56) and second place medals in the 25 Free (18.29), the 25 Fly (20.97), and the 100 IM (1:44.34). Nine year old Casey Puckett earned third places in the Open 200 Free (2:58.67) and the 50 Free (36.57), and eleven year old Sarah Green was awarded a fourth place in the 100 Free (1:20.54).

Showing excellence in the Gold Group, Nicole Frantz earned her team 74 points with first place wins in the 200 Free (2:21.10) and the 200 IM (2:51.11) and second place medals in the 50 Free (30.33) and the 100 Back (1:19.17). Cory Diemler grabbed 70 points for the team, cutting 10.19 seconds to win first place in the 500 Free (6:39.09) and

second place medals in the 50 Free (28.76) and the 100 Free (1:06.20). Amber Seibert, with 53 points, received third places in the 50 Free (31.68) and the 50 Breast (41.30). Mitchell Stover was awarded third place in the 50 Back (37.06) and Evan Diemler received a third place medal in the 50 Breast (45.15).

The Sharks travel to Middletown for the Middletown Invitational on January 25-27, and then to Troy-Robison YMCA on February 2 for the Miami County Invitational.

**8 & Under:** Puckett, Carter - Male - Age: 5 #16 Boys 6&U 25 Free 53.53 (4) 15; Burrell-Troutwine, Katelynn - Female - Age: 6 #15 Girls 6&U 25 Free 38.19 (5) 14, #41 Girls 6&U 25 Back 35.94 (2) 17, Gable, Isabella - Female - Age: 7 - #17 Girls 7-8 25 Free 24.62 (17), #43 Girls 7-8 25 Back 26.06 (7) 12, #91 Girls 8&U 50 Free 53.58 (5) 14; Addington, Lexi - Female - Age: 8 - #17 Girls 7-8 25 Free 19.56 (9) 9, #43 Girls 7-8 25 Back 26.41 (8) 11, #67 Girls 8&U 25 Breast 23.69 (2) 17; Kaiser, Cassidy - Female - Age: 8 - #17 Girls 7-8 25 Free 18.29 (2) 17, #29 Girls 8&U 25 Fly 20.97 (2) 17, #43 Girls 7-8 25 Back 22.00 (3) 16, #55 Girls 8&U 100 IM 1:44.34 (2) 17, #91 Girls 8&U 50 Free 42.56 (1) 20; Smith, Paul - Male - Age: 8 - #18 Boys 7-8 25 Free 25.62 (9) 9, #44 Boys 7-8 25 Back 35.53 (12) 5.

**9-10:** Puckett, Casey - Male - Age: 9 - #4 Boys 200 Free 2:58.67 (3) 16, #20 Boys 9-10 50 Free 36.57 (3) 16, #46 Boys 9-10 50 Back 49.61 (4) 15, #70 Boys 9-10 50 Breast 48.39 (3) 16.

**11-12:** Diemler, Evan - Male - Age: 11 - #22 Boys 11-12 50 Free 34.91 (9) 9, #34 Boys 11-12 50 Fly 43.29 (4) 15, #48 Boys 11-12 50 Back 44.17 (9) 9, #72 Boys 11-12 50 Breast 45.15 (3) 16; Green, Sarah - Female - Age: 11 - #21 Girls 11-12 50 Free 33.68 (10) 7, #27 Girls 100 Free 1:20.54 (4) 15, #47 Girls 11-12 50 Back 44.09 (8) 11, #71 Girls 11-12 50 Breast 51.60 (12) 5; McKinney, Morgan - Female - Age: 11 - #21 Girls 11-12 50 Free 33.75 (11) 6, #33 Girls 11-12 50 Fly 41.40 (6) 13, #59 Girls 11-12 100 IM 1:25.67 (6) 13, #71 Girls 11-12 50 Breast 42.59 (5) 14; Seibert, Amber - Female - Age: 11 - #21 Girls 11-12 50 Free 31.68 (3) 16, #47 Girls 11-12 50 Back 44.51 (9) 9, #59 Girls 11-12 100 IM 1:26.45 (7) 12, #71 Girls 11-12 50 Breast 41.30 (3) 16; Shaffer, Rebecca - Female - Age: 11 - #21 Girls 11-12 50 Free 40.16 (20), #27 Girls 100 Free 1:35.11 (9) 9, #47 Girls 11-12 50 Back 51.44 (14) 3, #71 Girls 11-12 50 Breast 57.55 (15) 2; Smith, Carla - Female - Age: 11 - #21 Girls 11-12 50 Free 33.64 (9) 9, #47 Girls 11-12 50 Back 39.79 (5) 14, #59 Girls 11-12 100 IM 1:26.49 (8) 11, #71 Girls 11-12 50 Breast 46.10 (9) 9; Campbell, Sarah - Female - Age: 12 - #21 Girls 11-12 50 Free 38.15 (15) 2, #27 Girls 100 Free 1:26.92 (7) 12, #47 Girls 11-12 50 Back 55.77 (15) 2, #71 Girls 11-12 50 Breast 53.49 (14) 3, Sickles, Katlyn - Female - Age: 12 - #21 Girls 11-12 50 Free 38.33 (16) 1, #47 Girls 11-12 50 Back 47.98 (12) 5, #71 Girls 11-12 50 Breast 47.73 (11) 6; Stover, Mitchell - Male - Age: 12 - #22 Boys 11-12 50 Free 32.24 (4) 15, #48 Boys 11-12 50 Back 37.28 (3) 16, #72 Boys 11-12 50 Breast 45.25 (4) 15.

**13-14:** Frantz, Nicole - Female - Age: 13 - #3 Girls 200 Free 2:21.10 (1) 20, #23 Girls 13-14 50 Free 30.33 (2) 17, #49 Girls 13-14 100 Back 1:19.17 (2) 17, #61 Girls 13-14 200 IM 2:51.11 (1) 20; Diemler, Cory - Male - Age: 14 - #24 Boys 13-14 50 Free 28.76 (2) 17, #28 Boys 100 Free 1:06.20 (2) 17, #74 Boys 13-14 100 Breast 1:24.43 (3) 16, #90 Boys 500 Free 6:39.06 (1) 20.

**RELAYS:** YMCA of Darke County - 'A' #5 Girls 8 & Under 100 Medley Relay 1:48.53 (4) 30: Katelynn Burrell-Troutwine 6, Lexi Addington 8, Cassidy Kaiser 8, Isabella Gable 7; YMCA of Darke County - 'A' #9 Girls 11-12 200 Medley Relay 2:30.19 (2) 34: Carla Smith 11, Amber Seibert 11, Morgan McKinney 11, Sarah Green 11; YMCA of Darke County - 'A' #12 Boys 13-14 200 Medley Relay 2:30.18 (1) 40: Mitchell Stover 12, Evan Diemler 11, Cory Diemler 14, Casey Puckett 9; YMCA of Darke County - 'A' #79 Girls 8 & Under 100 Freestyle Relay 1:51.74 (4) 30: Cassidy Kaiser 8, Lexi Addington 8, Isabella Gable 7, Katelynn Burrell-Troutwine 6; YMCA of Darke County - 'A' #83 Girls 11-12 200 Freestyle Relay 2:18.80 (2) 34: Morgan McKinney 11, Carla Smith 11, Sarah Green 11, Amber Seibert 11; YMCA of Darke County - 'A' #85 Girls 13-14 200 Freestyle Relay 2:30.23 (2) 34: Nicole Frantz 13, Sarah Campbell 12, Rebecca Shaffer 11, Katlyn Sickles 12; YMCA of Darke County - 'A' #86 Boys 13-14 200 Freestyle Relay 2:17.58 (1) 40: Cory Diemler 14, Mitchell Stover 12, Evan Diemler 11, Casey Puckett 9.