

2008 Boise Thanksgiving Invitational

The 40th annual Boise Thanksgiving Invitational was held November 21st-23rd, attended by five hundred twenty-six swimmers from six states and 20 teams including the women's Boise State University swim team. Thirty IFST Piranhas made the trip and returned home with 120 new personal best times including 33 top three individual finishes.

Tim Wayland, 16, takes Piranha top honors with three first place finishes in his "AA" 100 & 200 yard breaststroke events plus first in his 200 fly as well as six personal best times.

Weekend highlights included the much anticipated showdown between two newly crowned High School State Champions with Piranha's Matt Miller, 16, finishing first in the Boys 15 and over 50 yard freestyle in a "AAAA" time of 21.84 secs. Miller finished the weekend with six top three finishes and four personal best times.

Ashley Davis, 10, posted two first place finishes in her "AA" 39.20 secs 50 breast and "AAA" 1:24.33 secs 100 breaststroke events plus eight personal best times.

Ashlyn Krupa, 14, finished first in her 50 fly and set a "AA" time of 27.36 secs in her 50 free plus two personal best times.

Fighting the flu, Tori Yarnell, 16, sprinted to a pair of "AA" times in her 50 free (26.27 secs) and 100 free (57.16 secs).

Joe Davis, 12, posted four "A" times including first in his 50 fly and a hat trick of thirds in his 100 breast, 200 free and 500 free plus 10 personal best times (eight top three finishes).

Blake Krupa, 11, stroked to a three second place finishes in his 50 & 100 back and 100 fly events, three "A" times, and seven personal best times.

Kayla Stanley, 10, sprinted to a second place finish in her 50 free with a "AA" time of 30.50 secs, qualifying her for Age Group Sectionals, nine top eight finishes and nine personal best times.

Elizabeth Johns, 17, swam the distance in "A" time fashion in her 200 free and 1000 free events, including a second place finish in the latter.

Jodee Whittier, 14, stroked to a third place "AAA" 1:11.11 sec time in her 100 breast, "AA" time in her 50 free (27.46 secs) and an "A" time of 1:05.26 secs in her 100 fly (4th).

Individual top Piranha performances included:

Halle Hess, 10, "AA" third place time of 34.66 secs in her 50 back event.

Kevin Miller, 15, pair of third places in his 200 fly and 1000 free (“A” time of 11:05.16), crushing both previous best times by greater than 32 secs.

Jade Miller, 12, “AA” time of 28.29 secs in her 50 split of the 200 free relay and five other “A” times in her individual events including third in her 100 free.

Ethan Bruemmer, 7, six “BB” times including seventh place in his 25 back.

Ricky Swearingen, 17, pair of 8th places in 200 breast and 400 IM and four “BB” times.

Camille Andrus, 9, sprinted to a “BB” time of 1:19.97 secs in her 100 free.

Lucy Bruemmer, 9, two “BB” times in her 50 free and 50 fly events.

Dallin Smith, 8, two “BB” times in his 25 breast and 25 fly (11th place).

Ali Roberts, 13, “BB” time of 36.48 secs in her 50 back split of the 200 medley relay, nine personal best times, and crushed her previous 200 breast by 32.63 secs.

Josie Havlovick, 6, posted a “BB” time of 58.30 secs in her 50 back event and four personal best times.

Krista Stanley, 14, two “B” times in her 50 & 100 free, and crushed her 500 free by 28.57 secs.

Clayn Smith, 13, 11th place in his 500 free; demolishing his previous best time by 81.11 secs.

Lyndsie Smith, 15, 14th in her 100 fly and crushed her previous 500 free by 43.65 secs.

Jacob Smith, 11, pair of 16th finishes in his 500 free (3.33 sec improvement) and 200 IM.

Jessica Peretti, 13, four new personal best times with an average 3.00 sec improvement.

Crista Buck, 10 demolished her previous 50 breast time by taking off an amazing 37.95 secs.

Em Hill, 9, two personal best times including demolishing her previous 50 breast time by 13.20 secs.

Ashley O’Quinn, 8, four new personal best times in her 25 and 50 free and back events.

Kristina Peretti, 10, crushed her previous 100 free time by 20.62 secs.

Amber O’Quinn, 12, two new personal best times with greater than 10 sec improvements in her 100 free and back events.