

2023 Ellensburg Oktoberfest

A total of 24 swimmers represented Velocity in the second meet of the season, Oktoberfest. Combined we swam 133 races and we got 115 best times including the first time swims we got- an impressive 86% of improvement rate, congratulations to all the swimmers, coaches and parents for making this possible! We have a bright future which makes this a very exciting time to be a Velocity swimming member. Below is a recap of the meet.

Judah Blakey - Swam the 100 freestyle with a best time and the 50 butterfly with another personal best showing solid performance. First meet of the season for Judah. We are looking forward to seeing more from him.

Oliver Brownlee - Swam 5 events getting best times in all of them: 200 IM dropping a impressive 15.70 seconds, 100 breaststroke dropping even more with 16.41 seconds, 100 freestyle 1.54 second, 100 backstroke 1.75 second, but he was saving the best for last in the 500 he showed how good of a distance swimmer he is by splitting evenly the race and finishing in a 9th place in his very first try at the event. Great start of the season for Oliver!

Cooper Chierek- Swam seven races over the weekend, and he went 7 for 7 in best times, he started with 200 medley relay where along his teammates finished in 4th place, in the 100 freestyle he improved 1.73 second, 100 backstroke 1.66 second drop, 500 freestyle a big 16.32 seconds dropped a even bigger drop in the 200 backstroke by dropping 27.59 seconds, 50 freestyle .05 of a second drop, 100 fly another 15.17 seconds. All together he dropped 1 minute 6 seconds with .76 one hundred of a seconds in all of his events combined. Congratulations!

Austin Florea - Swam 4 races: 25 breast, 25 free, 50 fly, 25 backstroke- second meet for Austin he is showing steady improvement in technique and learning how to navigate in a swim meet, he is the youngest male swimmer on our team and is great to have him.

Henry Hamilton - Swam 8 races, 100 breaststroke with a huge 15.46 seconds drop, he got a 3rd place in the medley relay, 100 freestyle with a big 9.92 seconds drop, swam a solid 100 backstroke, another big drop in the 100 I.M. with a 7.37 seconds drop, 50 backstroke with a .91 second drop, 50 freestyle 1.60 second drop and the 50 breaststroke with a 7th place finish. Henry was super busy racing and dropping time in his events, he dropped 6 out of 8 events. Good and fun meet for Henry.

Luke Hawkins - swam 8 races, he started with the 100 breaststroke where he got a big 5.98 seconds drop then he got a 4th place in the medley relay, a huge drop in the 100 freestyle with a 15.98 seconds drop, then another big drop in the 100 backstroke with a 6.01 seconds improvement, then he swam the 200 backstroke for the first time and got a 7th place with a very nice and even pace race, 50 freestyle with a second place and knocking on the door for the 23 seconds. Solid start of the season with a 41 seconds drop in all of his events combined.

Henry Hill - Swam 5 races, 200 IM first time swim and finished in a solid 11th place, 100 breaststroke with an impressive 17.78 seconds drop, 3rd place in the 200 medley relay, 100 backstroke a solid first time swim, then the 500 freestyle he swam for the first time showing great pacing between the 100's and finishing in a 9th place. Henry had a great and solid overall meet, great job!

Sam Hobson - Swam 6 races and got 6 best times! First was the medley relay where Sam and his teammates dropped 14.26 seconds, then the 100 freestyle he drop 1.12 second and got a second place, then the 100 backstroke 2.18 seconds drop and also a second place, then the 200 freestyle relay a 2.05 seconds dropped and also a second place and splitting a fast 23.33 seconds in the 50 freestyle, then the 50 freestyle an event that he won by dropping .45 seconds, last race for him was the 100 butterfly and drop a 2.55 seconds. Sam had a great start of the season with a very promising speed in the 50 freestyle. I am looking forward to seeing how fast he can get!

Braiden Ingrao - Swam 5 races with great performance in all of them, 200 IM first time swim with a solid race, 100 breaststroke also first time swim also with great determination and focus, 100 freestyle with a big 7.36 seconds drop, then came the 200 fly where he absolutely crushed with a 36.23 seconds drop and a 3rd place finish in the event then he finished with the 100 backstroke with a big 7.23 seconds dropped. Second meet for Braiden and two fast and fun meets for him, great job!

Caden Lammert - first USA Swimming meet for Caden, he was very excited and ready to swim fast and he did! First was the 25 breaststroke where he got a 3rd place, then the 25 freestyle where he got a second place and he finished with another fast performance in the 25 backstroke. We are very excited to see how fast he can get!

Gibran Martin - swam 8 races, he did the 100 breaststroke for the first time with great determination, he also swam the 100 freestyle for the first time with a solid race, followed by the 50 fly with great effort, then his biggest drop came in the 100 IM where he drop 4.54 seconds, then he continued with the 50 backstroke with a 1.07 second drop, another great swim came in the 50 freestyle where he drop 1.40 second, then he has a solid swim in the 50 breaststroke and he finished up with the 200 freestyle with a first solid first time swim! Great job!

Dianne Mejias - Swam 4 races, first the 25 breaststroke where she finished in first place, then she swam the 50 butterfly for the first time where she finished in a 3rd place, she also swam the 50 freestyle with a solid performance and finished with the 25 breaststroke where she finished in a fourth place, this is Dianne's second meet this season and has shown great improvement in both meets!

Sarah Mejias - Swam 4 races, first she swim the 100 freestyle for the first time with a solid 8th place, then she swam the 100 backstroke also for the first time and she finished in 4th place, then the 50 backstroke with another 4th place and finished with a big 7.19 seconds drop in the 50 freestyle and also finished in a 5th place. Sarah is making big improvements in the first two meets. Great job!

Kaden Moore - Swam a total of 9 races, he first swam the 100 breaststroke with a big 12.48 second drop, then he swam the medley relay and they finished in 3rd place, then in the 100 freestyle he had another big 7.34 seconds drop, then in the 50 fly a huge 11.64 seconds drop, he swam a very even split race and dropping an impressive 40.72 seconds, then another big 9.23 seconds drop in the 100 IM, then a solid 2.82 seconds drop in the 50 freestyle, then swam the 100 fly for the first time and finished in a 6th place and he finish the meet by dropping another 16.38 seconds in the 200 freestyle. Kaden had a great meet and this is just the beginning for him, I am looking forward to seeing him grow into a great swimmer.

Carolyn Petersen - Swam 2 races, first the 100 breaststroke where she showed great technique and finished in a 3rd place and then she swam the 500 free in a very well even race where she showed her sprinting abilities in the last 50 by out touching the swimmer next to her.

Quentin Rasmussen - first meet for Quentin he swam 3 races, the 50 backstroke with a solid swim and finishing in a 15th place, then the 50 freestyle with another good race and finished in 20th place and he finished the meet with the 200 freestyle with a good even race where he finished in the 13th place overall. Quentin had a good first meet and we are happy to have him in our team.

Eloise Ribellia - Swam 5 races, the 100 IM finished in 3rd place and drop .92 on hundred of a second, then the 25 breaststroke finished in second place, then the 25 freestyle she finished in first place, then she swam a solid 50 butterfly and the last race was the 25 backstroke she drop .06 one hundreds of a second and also finished in second place. Solid meet for Eloise, she is a very fierce competitor that is going to have a bright future in swimming.

Ole Stiles - Swam 9 events, he started with the 100 breaststroke with a first time swim and a 4th place finish, then he swam the relay and they finished in a third place, then he won the 100 freestyle and drop 7.01 seconds in the process, then he got a second place in the 50 fly and he also dropped .47 one hundreds of a second, then he won the 100 backstroke and dropped 3.96 seconds, then he swam the 100 IM where he had another great swim dropping 4.13 second and finishing in a second place, then he swam the 50 backstroke finishing in a third place and dropping 1.04 second, then he won the 50 freestyle and improved .16 one hundreds of a second and he finished with the 200 freestyle by dropping 20 second and getting a second place. Ole had a great start of the season with the first two meets having a lot of improvement and we are looking forward to keeping seeing the improvement for the rest of the season.

Caroline Sullivan - Swam 7 events, first she swam the 200 IM dropping a huge 27.50 seconds and finishing in a second place, then the 100 breaststroke she dropped a big 14.40 seconds and finished in 3rd place, then she Won the 100 freestyle with a big 7.22 seconds dropped, after that she won the 50 fly with a .27 one hundreds of a second drop, then she won the 400 IM in her time swimming the event, then got a second place in the 50 freestyle and dropping .34 one hundreds of a second and finishing with her last race the 50 breaststroke with a second place and a 1.25 seconds drop. Solid meet for Caroline, very promising season ahead for her.

Liam Sullivan - Swam 10 races the most amount of races for our team, first he swam the 200 IM with a solid swim, then he swam the 100 breaststroke with a big 8.84 seconds dropped, then he swam the medley relay and they got a 4th place, then another big 9.76 seconds drop in the 100 freestyle, then another big 9.76 seconds dropped in the 100 backstroke, then a staggering 44.77 seconds dropped in the 500 freestyle, then a second place in the freestyle relay, after that he swam the 50 freestyle with a 1.12 second drop and a fourth place, then he dropped a whopping 33.05 seconds in the 100 fly, and he finished with a 18.85 seconds improved in the 200 freestyle, Liam drop a total of 2 minutes and 33 seconds combining all of his events, Great Job!

Sadie Sullivan - Swam at a High school meet in Federal way on Saturday and next day after 400 miles in the car went to Ellensburg on Sunday to represent the team, she swam 3 events, first the 50 freestyle where she was very close to her best time and finished in a second place, then she dropped a big 8.34 seconds in the 200 breaststroke and finished in third place, then another 3rd place finish in the 200 freestyle with a 1 second improvement. Thank you for your effort in representing the team. We all are looking forward to see what you can accomplish.

Lola Underwood -Swam 5 races, she first swam the 200 IM when she dropped a whooping 42.28 seconds, then she dropped another huge 27.40 seconds in the 100 breaststroke, then another big 14.27 seconds drop in the 100 freestyle, then a 1.99 seconds drop in the 50 fly and finished in a 6th place, she finished with 5.65 seconds improved in the 100 backstroke. This is the second meet of the season for Lola both meets she have showed great improvement and we can't wait to see the next one. Great job!

Brian Vargas -Swam 4 events, he started with the 200 freestyle relay where the finished in second place, then he swam the 50 freestyle where he finished in second place and swimming for the first time under 25 seconds and dropping.29 one hundreds of a second, after that he swam the 100 fly where he drop a big 8.33 seconds and got a second place, and he finished Winning the 200 freestyle with another big 8.98 seconds dropped. Second meet for Brian and big improvement in both meets, this is going to be a great season for him.

Wyatt van der Merwe - Swam 7 events, he started with the 200 IM with a 3rd place, then a second place in the 100 freestyle, then another second place in the 100 backstroke, then he won the 400 IM, after that he swam the 200 medley relay where he and his teammates got a second place, then he won the 100 fly and a best time, and he finished with a second place in the 200 freestyle. Wyatt is the veteran of the team and we appreciate him because he manages training and work really well. Thank you!

Thank you all for your dedication to the sport of swimming!