

## **Boys Zone 2 Report - 2022-23**

*(prepared by Zone 2 VP - Mike Harfoot - North Farmington)*

What a year for Zone 2!! I absolutely love it when I have so much to brag about from all the amazing teams in our zone. Two of our coaches won state Championships and also took home the MISCA Coach of the Year awards. Ricky Forrest from Birmingham Groves won the D2 State Championship and Paul Ellis from Cranbrook-Kingswood won the D3 State Championship and both of them were voted by their peers as the Coach of the Year in their divisions. Congratulations to both of you on amazing seasons. Two other coaches won trophies at their state championships as well. Drew Edson and U of D grabbed 2nd place at the D2 Championship and Brenden French and Birmingham Seaholm took 3rd place also at the D2 Championship.

### **Oakland County Championships**

Darrin Millar and Royal Oak stepped up to host the County Championship at Royal Oak Middle School (formerly Dondero HS) this year. As one of the “old guys” now, it was nice to hold the County Meet there again after it was the host school for many years. At the end of the day, Birmingham Groves and Ricky Forrest held on after a tight meet all day against Seaholm and Catholic Central. It was an electric meet with lots of fast swimming all day.

Oakland County final standings - 1st - Groves, 2nd - Seaholm, 3rd - Catholic Central, 4th - Stoney Creek, 5th - Cranbrook-Kingswood, 6th, Rochester, 7th - Novi, 8th - Farmington, 9th - Brother Rice, 10th - Adams, 11th - Lake Orion, 12th - Oxford, 13th - West Bloomfield, 14th - South Lyon, 15th - Milford, 16th - Bloomfield Hills, 17th - Troy, 18th - Detroit Country Day, 19th - Notre Dame Prep, 20th - Walled Lake Northern

### **OAA Red Division**

In the OAA Red division, there was a tie to finish the year. Seaholm had the best dual meet record, followed by Groves. Then at the Championship meet, Groves finished first, and Seaholm finished 2nd. Due to that finish, they share the OAA Red title this year. Congratulations to Ricky Forrest at Groves and Brenden French at Seaholm Other finishers were : 3. Rochester, 4. Adams, 5. Stoney Creek, 6. Troy

### **OAA White Division**

This season Lake Orion and Farmington tied in their dual meet against each other setting up a winner take all League Championship meet. Lake Orion’s depth proved to be too much for the Falcons as they finished ahead by over 100 points. Congratulations to Ben Winn at Lake Orion. Other finishers were : 2. Farmington, 3. Oxford, 4. Bloomfield Hills, 5. West Bloomfield, 6. Troy Athens

## **OAA Blue Division**

In the OAA Blue division, Clarkston ran away with the division winning all their dual meets and also cruising to a win at the Championship meet. Congratulations to head coach Amber Miller and all the Wolves. Other finishers were 2. Royal Oak, 3. North Farmington, 4. Berkley, 5. Ferndale, 6. Southfield A&T, 7. Avondale, 8. Harper Woods (DNS league meet)

## **Catholic League**

In the Catholic League U of D ran away with the CHSL title finishing 120+ points in front of 2nd place. Congrats to coach Drew Edson and all the Cubs. Other finishers were : 2. Cranbrook-Kingswood, 3. Catholic Central, 4. Brother Rice, 5. Ann Arbor Green Hills, 6. De La Salle, 7. University Liggett School, 8. Divine Child, 9. St.Frances Cabrini

## **MHSAA State Meet – Division 1**

Congratulations to Jessica Stoddard and Detroit Catholic Central, who finished in 8th place and was the highest scoring Zone 2 team. Other top 25 finishers were Rochester (9th), Oxford (10th), Lake Orion (16th), West Bloomfield (22nd)

## **MHSAA State Meet – Division 2**

Congratulations to Groves coached by Ricky Forrest for winning another state championship banner to hang. Congratulations also to U of D, coached by Drew Edson, for finishing in 2nd and Seaholm coached by Brenden French for finishing 3rd.. Nice job bringing home more hardware to your programs. Other top 25 finishers were - Farmington (7th), Stoney Creek (9th), Adams (15th), Brother Rice (20th)

## **MHSAA State Meet – Division 3**

Congratulations to Cranbrook-Kingswood coached by Paul Ellis who finished the D3 State Championship meet as State Champions. They were in a tough battle with EGR all day and came out on top. Other top 25 finishers were - Detroit Country Day (12th)

## **Zone 2 Coach of the Year – Drew Edson, U of D Jesuit**

Our Zone 2 Coach of the Year is Drew Edson from U of D Jesuit. Drew has been doing an amazing job leading the way for U of D, and the coaching community is noticing. Two seasons ago, he was voted by his peers as the D2 State Coach of the year and this year he was voted by his peers as the Zone 2 Coach of the Year. Since swimming has resumed after Covid, Drew has led the Cubs to top 3 finishes at the state meet every year, finishing runner up the last two years. Congrats Drew on an amazing season. Keep up the great work.