


Tankers surprise coach at state meet

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Thirteen swimmers from the Oregon City Swim Team (OCST) did their hometown proud while attending the 12-and-under state championships, a two-day event held in the Olympic-sized 50-meter pool in Albany last month. The best swimmers from all over Oregon came to compete.

At the 13-and-over state championships, which also took place last month, OCST had nine athletes participate — Alissa Frazier, Dima Dubovoy, Chris Glaess, Parker Kilstrom, Jessica Knecht, Laura Laderoute, Robin Pinger, Sidney Pinger and Nate Trank.

In a close race, 15-year-old Robin Pinger took third place overall in the 200-meter breaststroke, flying past



by: SUBMITTED PHOTO - Ten-year-old Ian Watt from Oregon City shows off his hardware after the at the recent State Swim Championship meet.

swimmers as old as 19. Sidney Pinger scored a career-best time, taking seventh in the grueling 400-meter individual medley. Laura Laderoute of West Linn brought home the bronze in the 200-meter individual medley. And in an impressive performance during the finals, Oregon City's Alissa Frazer took seventh in the 200 individual medley, then dove back in to swim a career best time in the 100-meter freestyle.

The OCST 8 & Under Girls 200 Meter Medley Relay Team of Audrey Lippert, Amelia Eubanks, Georgia Gould and Elizabeth Sharp started the meet off with a blazing hot performance, taking seventh place overall. Competing individually in the 8 & Under category, Quinlan Gould

earned three top-six medals.

"I knew he was going to do well, after he dropped 3 seconds in the 100-meter freestyle for his first race of the meet," said Coach Ben Talbott.

Ten-year-old Ian Watt had an unprecedented performance that shattered five OCST team records.

"It seemed like each race he'd get a little more confident and a little bit faster," Talbott said. "Just when I thought [Ian] hit his speed, he'd go to the next gear and surprise me."

Watt went an incredible undisputed six-for-six in all of his races, earning a first-place medal in the 50 and 100-meter freestyle, 50 and 100-meter breaststroke, 200-meter individual medley and the 50-meter butterfly.

Twelve-year-old Katelyn Laderoute swam in six events, taking home three silver medals (in the 100-meter butterfly, the 50-meter backstroke and the 50-meter butterfly), and one gold in the 200-meter individual medley. Twelve-year-old William Chun brought home a sixth-place medal in the 400-meter individual medley, easily the most challenging race of the meet for any age group.

The rest of the OCST State Championship team consisted of Artyom Kaydalin, Maggie Metcalf, Emma Gould, Jaiden Eubanks and Ethan Tran.



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