

Madeleine Steves is your March FISH of the Month!

Madeleine has been working hard this year with Advanced Age Group and her drastic improvements this season are proof. This season, she has obtained Junior Olympic cuts in every 10&Under event offered. In December, she made her first NASA cuts in the 50 and 100 Breaststroke at the RMSC Holiday Invite. But being fast is not what makes Madeleine FISH of the month. Her dedication is one half of her success, her enthusiasm is the other half. February was a tough month for Madeleine as she battled some illness and flu; but she fought through and swam the Swim-A-Thon, the longest practice Advance Age Group has had, while a little under the weather. It is this determination that makes her March's FISH of the Month.

Madeleine is always punctual, prepared, and peppy! She has begun getting ready for aging up to the 11-12s next year by swimming all the 200s of stroke and the 400 IM. She has done some distance freestyle to broaden her horizons and challenge herself. Her boundless interest in swimming keeps her excited about the sport, and her attention to detail and focused practice ensures her competitive progress. In fact, discipline is Madeleine's greatest strength. She is often the only lane leader who sticks to the interval as other lanes leave early; and her form remains consistent despite weariness at the end of a tough set. Madeleine works hard every day to be better and her attitude could make her FISH of the month, any month!

Madeleine's favorite stroke is breaststroke, but she has become quite adept at freestyle. She chooses cake over pie; chocolate cake, not yellow. Her favorite sandwich is turkey on white with no condiments or accoutrements. She enjoys Kitkats, not gummy snacks. Her fellow FISH swimmers make practices enjoyable and rarely cause her to miss a send-off with their antics and conversations.

Hats off to Madeleine Steves!