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St. Croix Dolphins Swim Team Wins Multiple Events During 2-Day Meet In Pennsylvania

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ST. CROIX -- The St. Croix Dolphins Swim Team recently traveled to Pennsylvania to compete in the UDAC Closed Invite Swim Meet which took place on February 24 – 25, a release issued Monday made known. The competition was held at Upper Dublin High School in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania. Fourteen Dolphins Swimmers competed in the Swim Meet, which had several hundred swimmers from all over Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The competition was a great experience for these St. Croix swimmers, according to the release, adding that it gave the swimmers a chance to race in a “short course yards” pool, which is the most common pool size for training and competing in the states. The

Dolphins train and compete mostly in a “long course pool”, which is 50 meters long.

"Having this type of exposure in traveling and competition is very important for our athletes' development," reads the release.

Almost all personal best times were swum by St. Croix team of 14 swimmers over the course of the 2-day competition. The events offered ranged from 50 yards of all strokes up to 500 yard freestyle, which many Dolphins competed in, according to the release.

The Dolphins won multiple events throughout the weekend. All 14 swimmers competed in 6-7 individual events during the 2-day meet. Senior swimmer Webster Bozzo was the overall winner in all seven of his individual events. He competed in the open 50, 100, 200, and 500 yard freestyles, 100 and 200 yard backstrokes, and 200 yard individual medley.

Kaeden Gleason finished in the top 5 of all his 9- 10 year old events, finishing 1st place in the 500 yard freestyle; Lidia Boguslawska qualified for the Virgin Islands National Swim Team which will be competing at the CARIFTA Games in Kingston, Jamaica at the end of this month. She qualified in the open 50 and 100 yard freestyle events. Antonio Lewit's top events were the open 100 and 200 yard butterfly's. Javier Galiber's top event was the open 100 yard breaststroke. Ella Brownsdon's top event was the open 500 yard freestyle. Jaidan Camacho's top event was the open 100 yard breaststroke. Michael Dizon-Bumann's top event was the open 100 yard breaststroke; Erin Andrews' top event was the open 200 yard backstroke; Dominic Pugliese's top event was the open 100 breaststroke; Amani Estrill's top event was the open 500 yard freestyle; Eavenni Persaud's top event was the 11-12 girls 50 yard freestyle; Gaby Evora's top event was the 11-12 girls 100 yard breaststroke; and Mason Lambert's top events were the 11-12 boys 50 and 500 yard freestyles.

Dolphins swimmers also visited Princeton University and Rider University, both located in New Jersey, and got a personal campus tour from the Head Swimming and Diving Coach at Rider University. Additionally, swimmers visited the Franklin Institute, which is a hands-on science museum in Philadelphia; the Liberty Bell Center in Philadelphia, and Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

The Dolphins swimmers ranged in ages from 10 – 18 years old. Webster Bozzo (18), Antonio Lewit (18), Javier Galiber (18), Ella Brownsdon (18), Dominic Pugliese (16), Lidia Boguslawska (16), Amani Estrill (15), Jaidan Camacho (14), Michael Dizon-Bumann (14), Erin Andrews (14), Eavenni Persaud (11), Mason Lambert (11), Gaby Evora (11), and Kaeden Gleason (10) represented the St. Croix Dolphins.

To be part of the sport, contact the Dolphins Swim Team at 340- 719-7946 or email us at stcroixdolphins@gmail.com.