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SCA swim team goes into 2012 with an undefeated record of 6-0

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The 2011-2012 St. Cecilia Academy swim team, made up of 31 students, looks eagerly toward 2012 with an undefeated record of 6-0.

“This is a talented and dedicated group of girls,” says swim coach Bob Hassett. “I’m excited to share this season’s undefeated record as well as to say that the St. Cecilia swim team has been division champions for the past four years in a row and we recently moved up a division for dual meets.”

The team won its first meet of the 2011 season, the Father Ryan Relay, on Nov. 3. The team defeated Father Ryan, Franklin, Oakland and the Home School Association team. The Scarabs won five of eight events, were second in the other three and posted a new school record in the 200 medley relay.

The team’s success continued through November. The team defeated Smyrna 86-84, Ensworth 104-52, Centennial High School 122-45, Hendersonville High School 102-65, and Wilson Central 106-70. St. Cecilia won nine out of the possible 12 events at the Wilson Central meet. The following girls were event winners: Keely McCulla, Caroline Cole, Alex Forrest, Michelle Dicks, Riley Palmer, and Shaina Wilburn. The following seniors were recognized during the meet for their contributions to the team over the past four years: Ali Caprioli (captain), Ellie Fike (captain), Elizabeth Hallock (captain), Betsy Brewer, Jill Ryan, Katy Wahl, Alex Wall, and Mary Elizabeth Wesley.

In early December the Scarabs competed in the St. Andrews Sewanee Swim Invitational and defeated 10 teams to win the girls' division: SCA 107, St. Andrews 62. Two of the Scarab's three relay teams finished first, the other finished second, and eight girls had top 10 finishes. Girls placing in the top 10 include: Caroline Cole, Elizabeth Demere, Michelle Dicks, Ellie Fike, Alex Forrest, Keely McCulla, Rosemary McGrady and Shaina Wilburn.

Coach Hassett is looking forward to what’s ahead for the swim team come 2012. “St. Cecilia continues to enroll incredible students who have wonderful athletic ability, among many other talents, as evident from the continued success of each team and program.”

The Scarabs will compete against Siegel, Mt. Juliet, and Cookeville for their last season meet at Centennial Sportsplex on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 12:30 p.m. Regional diving and swimming championships follow at Centennial Sportsplex on Jan. 26. and 27. The state swimming championship will take place on Feb. 10 and 11 at the Centennial Sportsplex.

Coach Bob Hassett has been the St. Cecilia swim coach for five years. He has three daughters. His oldest daughter, Charlotte Hassett, SCA Class of 2010, was on the St. Cecilia swim team. Casey Hassett, a current senior, plays volleyball and basketball. Freshman Allison Hassett plays soccer and basketball. Coach Hassett and his wife, Carty Hassett, can always be found at SCA events supporting the Scarabs.

St. Cecilia Academy is Nashville's oldest private high school founded in 1860 by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation. The Academy has been named to the Top 50 best Catholic high schools in the U.S. list five times since 2004. Ninety-one percent of the Class of 2011 members were offered college scholarships totaling \$7.2 million. SCA is also home to the 2011 state volleyball runner up championship team and the 2011 state cross country third place championship team.

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