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All-City Swim Meet Action to be Streamed on the Internet

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Like the Tour de France and the Olympics, Madison's All City Swim Meet is a beloved, much anticipated summer sports tradition. The All City Swim Meet is also like those world class events as this year for the first time in the 43 year history of the event, live video streaming will be featured on the meet's official site: www.allcityswim.org.

One of the largest outdoor meets of its kind in the nation The 2004 All City Swim Meet will be hosted by Seminole Swim Club. The three day meet takes place August 5-7. This is Seminole's first opportunity to host the meet since joining the All City Swim League in 1991.

Swimmers range in age from beginners, some as young as 4 years old to veterans who must retire at the ripe old age of 18 years,. All City is the fulfillment of the Madison area summer competitive season. Over 1500 participants from 12 swim clubs are expected this year.

The Seminole Swim Club is located in Fitchburg. Several local businesses have contributed to the internet video stream:

Fitchburg based Berbee Information Networks Corporatation is providing data center hosting and bandwidth, while TDS is providing point to point DSL connectivity. Apple Computer is providing the streaming server (MPEG4/Quicktime) along with a server and fibre storage device, Xserve and Xserve RAID.

Jim Zellmer, co-founder of Virtual Properties Inc, a Fitchburg based software development firm is coordinating the technical foundation; including, network, video capture, archive and presentation. A digital video camera will be used to capture the three days of swimming action.

Zellmer, the proud father of two Seminole swimmers conceived of this idea

because he wanted to help Seminole provide something special for the All City participants and their families.

“I believe this feature will be a convenience for parents and relatives of the swimmers. We have grandparents out of state and we know of some families with relatives as far away as Australia who are planning to log on and watch. Zellmer said. ”It is in fact 2004 and therefore time for major events like All City to be available on the Internet. “

All footage will be archived on www.zmetro.com after the swim meet primarily because of the storage space required. The video stream will be available through the latter part of August while key events will be available for a longer period of time.

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