The Eardley Agency Female Athlete Of Month: Freshman Swimmer Alvina Farley Has Promising Future At Alton

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EDWARDSVILLE - Alvina Farley, a freshman who swam for Alton High's girls team this season, had an overall good season for the Redbirds, and is one of five promising freshmen who made up the core of the team this season.

In the IHSA sectional meet, held Nov. 7 at the Chuck Fruit Aquatic Center in Edwardsville, Farley finished 10th in one of her specialty events, the 100-yard backstroke, but came in at a personal best of 1:05.70, and also swam lead-off for the 400-yard freestyle relay team, which placed seventh at 4:43.80. In addition, Farley swam the lead-off leg for the 200-yard freestyle relay team that placed fifth with a time of 2:02.78. It was an excellent showing for the young swimmer, who has a bright future ahead of her for the Redbirds.

She is an Eardley Agency Female Athlete Of The Month for Alton.

In an interview conducted during the meet, Farley felt she swam well, and was pleased with her performances.

"I think I did well," Farley said, "because I dropped time, and got my best time."

Her goals going into the sectional meet were exactly that, to drop her times, and possibly put herself in position to qualify for the state meet.

Farley has been an active swimmer since the days of the old Tidalwaves swim club, and longtime Alton coach Nancy Miller feels that she has a bright future ahead of her with the Redbirds.

Her best events are the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard backstroke, a race that isn't held in an IHSA-sanctioned meet, and was hoping to go to the state meet this year, but

will have three more opportunities to do so in her high school career. Farley does like her future at Alton, and has specific goals in mind for the next three seasons.

"I think it's bright," Farley said. "I hope I get like a state time someday," she said. "