

Boys Swimming

January 16, 2010

Phillips Academy 107 – Loomis-Chaffee 67

Andover traveled to Loomis for its first away meet of the season, and its only competition this year in short-course meters, emerging victorious 107-67.

The boys in blue set the tone for the afternoon in the first event, taking the top two spots of the 200 Medley Relay with the team of Conor Deveney '11, Andrew Wilson '12, Alex Smachlo '11 Alex Nanda '11 winning in 1:55.08, followed by Lorenzo Conte '12, Did Peng '12, Ben Morris '11 and co-captain Curtis Hon '10 in 1:56.27.

Matt Mahoney '11 and Jon Leung '11 took the first two spots of the 200 Free respectively in 2:01.68 and 2:05.83, while Hon won the 200 Individual Medley in 2:21.36 just ahead of Smachlo in 2:22.00. Will Falk-Wallace '10 completed Andover's sweep of events in the first half of the meet with a 25.92 in the 50 Freestyle, leading teammates Austen Novis '11 and Peng in a 1-2-3 finish.

Andover divers picked up where swimming left off, taking the top two spots in the 6-dives event with scores of 172.00 and 112.30.

The resumption of swimming events saw Andover continue its domination of the contest, with a sweep of the 100 Butterfly by teammates Conte in 1:05.28, Cameron Phillips '12 in 1:06.22 and Andrew Xuan '13 in 1:06.74. Deveney pulled away in the last lap to win the 100 Freestyle in 56.44, finishing ahead of Nanda in 56.53 and Randy Li '10 in 58.66.

The highlight of the afternoon was undoubtedly the 400 meters Freestyle, which saw co-captain Conor McAuliffe '10 break the pool record in the event in 4:12.90. Teammate Mahoney finished second in 4:24 19.

The quartet of Hon, Falk-Wallace, Deveney and Calvin Aubrey '12 won the 200 Freestyle relay in 1:44.84, while Li, Novis, Smachlo and Xuan took second place. Andover swam the rest of the meet in exhibition. In the 100 Backstroke, Morris went 1:02.36 closely followed by Choi in 1:02.79. Hon had the best time in the 100 Breaststroke in 1:12.57, with Wilson just behind him in 1:14.79. In the last relay, Mahoney, Morris, Xuan and Choi recorded an excellent 3:52, with all three Andover teams finishing under the 4:00 mark.

On Saturday, January 23, Andover will host its last home meet of the season when NMH visits at 4:00 pm. For full results of this and other meets, visit www.nepssa.org and click on "Dual Meets>2010". For season results, and an historical perspective of swimming at Andover dating back to 1912, visit www.andoveraquatics.net.