

Phillips Academy – boys swimming
January 23, 2010 @ Andover
Phillips Academy 93 – NMH 75

In their last home dual meet of the 2010 season, the Andover boys improved their season record to 3-0 with a win over Northfield Mount Hermon that featured several fast individual and relay swims, including breaking a 25-year old school record as well as the current pool record in the 500 Freestyle.

The afternoon started with the traditional ceremony of recognizing Andover seniors competing in their last home meet: Will Falk-Wallace '10, Randy Li '10, and co-captains Curtis Hon '10 and Conor McAuliffe '10.

Andover was out quickest in the first event of the day, sweeping the 200 Medley relay headlined by a win for Conor Deveney '11, Andrew Wilson '12, Cameron Phillips '11 and McAuliffe in 1:45.19. Matt Mahoney '11 extended Andover's advantage with an excellent 1:48.14 in the 200 Freestyle, before Jun Oh '12 and Ben Morris '11 took the top spots in the 200 IM in 1:56.52 and 2:07.92 respectively. Hon powered away from his rivals in the 50 Free in 22.29 to close out the first half of the meet 42-19.

Divers Tommy Kramer '11 and Manwei Chan '11 were not facing competitors from NMH today, yet still earned excellent scores of 184.65 and 142.60 in the 6-dives event.

Morris extended Andover's winning streak in the 100 Fly with a very good 55.42 ahead of Alex Nanda '11 in 57.66. McAuliffe narrowly won the 100 Free in 50.54 just ahead of Deveney in 50.81.

The highlight of the day came in the middle-distance event, with Oh racing ahead from the field to crush the 25-year old record in the 500 Freestyle held by Jon Bernstein '85 since his senior year at Andover. Jun was out in 1:50 at the 200, held a rhythm of 56 per 100 for the next two hundred yards before accelerating and finishing in the final 100 in a remarkable 52.96. Oh's final time of 4:34.90 was almost eight seconds under the old school record, and also set a new mark as pool record.

NMH got its first win of the day in the following event, capturing the 200 Freestyle relay in 1:34.37 with the team of Hernould, Lee, Antonov and Martin. Andover swam in exhibition the rest of the way. In the 100 Backstroke, Deveney established the fastest time in 54.66, while Derrick Choi '12 recorded a personal best time of 55.43, as did Calvin Aubrey '12 in 1:02.85. Didi Peng '12 sped away from the field to touch first in the 100 Breaststroke in 1:04.07, followed by Wilson in 1:07.87.

In the last event, the quartet of Hon, Mahoney, McAuliffe and Oh set out to lower the existing pool record in the 400 Freestyle relay, set at 3:14.12 in 1983 by Deerfield during the last league championships held at Andover. The boys in blue fought valiantly and produced a remarkable 3:15.29, short of the mark, yet still a great accomplishment for a mid-season swim amidst heavy training loads.

Andover will travel to two-time defending league champion Deerfield on Saturday, January 30 at 2:30 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.