

Boys Varsity Swimming 2011
Saturday, January 08, 2011 @ Choate
Andover 116 – Choate 65

The Andover boys swim team started the season with a convincing win over the Wild Boars of Choate 116 – 65, swimming in the 25 meters pool located on the Wallingford, CT campus.

In the first event, the 200m Medley Relay, Andover fielded three well-matched teams that competed for the first points of the season. The team of Raphael Grandeau '11, co-captain Matt Mahoney '11, Alex Smachlo '11 and Derrick Choi '12 emerged victorious in a time of 1:55.18, just ahead of Andover's other two relays teams in 1:55.68 and 1:55.78.

Sparks flew in the first individual event, the 200m Freestyle. Returning New England champion Jun Oh '12 sprinted away from the field at the gun, and erased Choate's David Guernsey from the New England Record tablets with a new mark of 1:54.45. Jon Leung '11 and Michael Camarda '14 completed the 1-2-3 finish to increase Andover's lead to 25-5.

The next event saw another sweep from Andover, as Conor Deveney '11 showed great early season form in the 200m Individual Medley in 2:16.59, ahead of teammates Smachlo and Mahoney.

Choate struck back in the last event before diving, with sprinter Alex Poltash '11 pulling away from the field in the 50m Freestyle in 25.38, followed by Andover's Joe Faller '14 and Choi.

In the diving event, Andover's Tommy Kramer '11 showcased the great improvements he made over the summer, easily winning the event with an outstanding 222.90 points.

When swimming resumed, the boys in blue continued their domination of the meet, with Smachlo capturing the 100m Butterfly in 1:01.15 in front of co-captain Ben Morris '11. In the 100m Freestyle, Alex Nanda '11 sped away from the field in the second half of the race to take the race in 55.05, ahead of teammates Camarda and Didi Peng '12 for another sweep by the boys in blue.

The middle-distance event of the afternoon was the stage for the second highlight of the meet, with Oh racing to his second New England record in as many events, crushing the existing mark by more than 3 seconds with an outstanding 4:03.84 in the 400m Freestyle.

The team of Peng, Mahoney, Andrew Xuan '13 and Leung captured the 200m Freestyle relay in 1:44.76, once again followed by the other two Andover teams. Deveney followed with his second win of the afternoon in the 100m Backstroke 1:00.31, with Choi and Faller following second and third. With the

outcome of the meet no longer in question, Andover swam exhibition the rest of the way. Curtis Kwan '12 of Choate won the 100m Breaststroke in front of Mahoney and Peng. Andover closed out a very successful afternoon with the team of Leung, Andrew Yang '14, Nanda and Grandeau beating the other two Andover entries in the 400m Freestyle relay.

On Saturday, January 15, Andover will host the Pelicans of Loomis-Chaffee for their first home meet of the season at 3 pm.

Full league results are available at www.nepssa.org. For results, write-ups, and a historical perspective of swimming at Andover from 1912 to the present day, visit www.andoveraquatics.net.