

Boys Varsity Swimming 2011

Saturday, January 29, 2011 @ Andover

Andover 118 – Deerfield 66

The Deerfield meet traditionally marks the midway point of our dual meet season, and also serves as a great benchmark for our team based on the competitive tradition of our annual contest. With Andover and Deerfield each winning two of the last four championships, this dual meet has recently also previewed the end of year contest between two of the stronger squads in the league.

Cheered on by a capacity crowd, Andover got off to a fast start with their best time of the season in the 200 Medley Relay, with the team of Conor Deveney '11, co-captain Matt Mahoney '11, Alex Smachlo '11 and Jun Oh '12 recording a 1:39.17. The team of Derrick Choi '12, Didi Peng '12, co-captain Ben Morris '11 and Andrew Xuan '13 was second in 1:41.56.

School record holder Oh got right back on the blocks after the relay, and sped to victory in the 200 Free, winning comfortably in 1:44.73. Jon Leung '11 was second in 1:47.27 and Smachlo completed the sweep for the boys in blue in 1:51.41.

Mahoney looked to extend Andover's advantage with a win in the 200 Individual Medley in 2:01.99, holding off strong opposition from Deerfield's Jack Vallar and Quinn Smith. The sprint event featured two of the faster swimmers in the league, and Andover's Alex Nanda '11 narrowly pulled away from Deerfield's Oscar Miao, 22.57 to 22.61, while Peng brought valuable third-place points for PA. At the diving break, Andover led comfortably 45-17.

The diving event promised to be a spirited contest, pitting club teammates Taylor Clough from Deerfield and Tommy Kramer '11 for Andover. Returning New England champion Clough dominated the 1-meter event, establishing a new pool record with a spectacular 324.05 points. Kramer finished second with 252.45 points, his best dual meet performance ever.

When swimming resumed, Deerfield's Henry Lee made it two wins in a row for the visiting Big Green, narrowly defeating Deveney 53.10 to 53.20, ahead of Andover's Smachlo in 54.42. Nanda got Andover back on the winning track, dominating the 100 Freestyle in 48.84, ahead of Leung in 49.49. Michael Camarda '14 missed completing the Andover sweep by a mere 1/10 of a second, but in the process lowered for the third time in three meets his own unofficial 9th grade school record in the event in 49.62.

Returning New England champion Oh easily recorded his second win of the day in the 500 Freestyle, finishing in 4:40.73 (new unofficial 11th grade school record), ahead of Justin Wang '13, who dropped over ten seconds from his best time this season in 5:00.90.

Andover recorded its second relay win of the day in the sprint relay, with Choi, Leung, Peng and Nanda finishing in 1:30.35, followed by M. Camarda, Morris, Smachlo and Cameron Phillips '11 in 1:35.14.

The Backstroke event featured another sweep by Andover, with Deveney powering to a 54.03 victory, followed by Choi in 55.86 and Joe Faller '14 in 56.15. In the last individual event of the day, Mahoney recorded his best time of the season in 1:00.74 in the 100 Breaststroke, followed by Peng in 1:02.73.

Andover swam the last relay with unofficial entries in the 400 Freestyle relay, nonetheless recording a best time of the season in 3:18.79 with Nanda, M. Camarda, Mahoney and Oh, while the team of Leung, Xuan, Faller and Deveney narrowly edged out Deerfield's A relay 3:21.24 to 3:21.73.

The final score was a decisive 118 to 66 for the hosts.

On Saturday, February 5, Andover will host Hopkins for a dual meet scheduled to start at 1:00 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.