

Boys Varsity Swimming 2011

Wednesday, February 23, 2011 @ Andover

Andover 122 – Exeter 63

Since 1920, the end of the dual meet season has featured a spirited contest between sibling schools Andover and Exeter. For the 90th time in the schools' history, both squads met on Wednesday to rekindle this friendly rivalry. And for the sixth year in a row, Andover was able to come out on top, rolling over the Big Red 122 – 63.

The meet started auspiciously for the home team, breaking the Andover/Exeter meet record set last year in the 200 Medley Relay, when Conor Deveney '11, Matt Mahoney '11, Alex Smachlo '11 and Alex Nanda '11 established a new mark of 1:38.44 for this event. Derrick Choi '12, Didi Peng '12, Ben Morris '11 and Joe Faller '14 finished second, giving the boys in blue a 12-2 lead after the first event.

Jun Oh '12 increased Andover's record tally for the day with a terrific 1:42.76 in the 200 Free, breaking both the A/E record and the pool record. Jon Leung '11 finished second in a best-ever time of 1:47.21, increasing Andover's lead to 24-6.

Andover's Deveney raced to a comfortable lead in the first 100 of the 200 IM, and fought back a late challenge from Exeter's Joe Shepley '14 to win in 1:59.26, while Mahoney grabbed third place for the home team. 35-11.

The sprint event saw Exeter's first win in the afternoon, when Avery Reavill out-touched Nanda 22.32 to 22.38, just ahead of Andover's Michael Camarda in 22.61. At the diving break, Andover held a comfortable 43-19 lead.

Tommy Kramer '11 put PA back on the winning track, dominating the diving event with an outstanding 237.15 points, while Manwei Chan '11 took third place.

Exeter started to mount a comeback as swimming resumed, with Shepley winning the 100 Fly in 53.51, followed by Smachlo in 54.39. Avery Reavill added a second win to his total for the day, pulling away in 48.96 from Nanda (49.39) in the last few yards of the race. Michael Camarda was credited with third place with an estimated time (pad malfunction) of 49.48. Andover 67 – Exeter 42

Oh was back in the 500 Free, and sped up from the field as soon as the race started. His final time – 4:39.89, was again a new Andover/Exeter record. Andrew Yang '14 and Justin Wang '13 completed the Andover sweep with times of 5:04.30 and 5:08.00.

Exeter had one more ace to play, in the form of its 200 Free Relay. The team of Parker, Avery Reavill, Shepley and Brooks Reavill fought off a strong challenge from Andover's Camarda, Choi, Leung and Oh, winning 1:28.57 to 1:28.89. Andover 86 – Exeter 53.

The rest of the meet belonged to the home team. First the Backstrokers swept their event, with Deveney winning in 53.14 in front of Choi in 55.84 and Faller in 56.15. Then the Breaststrokers repeated the feat, with Mahoney taking the last individual event in 1:01.44, ahead of Peng in 1:01.66 and Andrew Wilson in 1:03.44.

Andover went after both the pool and A/E record in the last relay event, falling just short of this goal with an outstanding effort from Oh, Deveney, Leung and Nanda recording a 3:14.28 in the 400 Free Relay. Cameron Phillips '11, Smachlo, Mahoney and Camarda grabbed third place in 3:27.12. Final score: Andover 122 – Exeter 63

The two teams will meet again in 10 days at the New England Championships, which will be held on Saturday, March 5 in Exeter, NH.

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.