

With Win Against Hopkins, Boys' Swimming and Diving 5-0

Following a beautiful drive to New Haven, the Andover Boys' Swimming and Diving Team faced Hopkins and secured another victory.

In the opening event, the 200 Medley Relay, the squad of Joe Faller '14, Andrew Wilson '12, Tim Wynter '14, and Michael Camarda '14 cruised to a 1:38.83, breaking the pool record previously held by Suffield. This is the fourth week in a row that an Andover relay has broken a pool record. Andover's "B" relay—David Cao '14, Andrew Yang '14, Alex Li '15, and Travis Bouscaren '14—placed third in 1:47.54.

In the 200 Freestyle, Eric Benca '12 placed second in 1:50.06; Heson Oh '14 placed third in 1:52.47; and Connor Fraser '13 placed fourth in 1:54.62. Next came a highlight of the day when Wilson swam his first 200 IM in four years and placed first in a great 2:03.88; this was twenty seconds faster than his previous best time. Yang followed in 2:05.36 with Cao placing fourth in 2:11.49. Camarda recovered from a sluggish start to win the 50 Freestyle in 22.85 while Andrew Xuan '13 and David Cho '14 placed third and fourth in 23.90 and 24.20 respectively.

Following the diving event in which neither team had a boy participate, Xuan out-touched Hopkins' Max Coffey 57.59 to 57.62 in the 100 Butterfly with Chris Li '15 placing third in 58.25, and Oh placing fourth in a personal best of 59.33. In the 100 Freestyle, Wynter returned to action to win in 49.65 while Bouscaren placed third in a personal best of 50.90.

In his first 500 Freestyle of the season, Faller made a 4:58.84 look easy for the win. Fraser was second in 5:09.18, and Justin Wang '13 was third in 5:10.67. The 200 Freestyle Relay followed with the team of Camarda, Benca, Cao, and Wynter swimming a 1:31.63 and the team of Cho, Alex Li, Chris Li, and Oh swimming second in 1:36.34.

Ten minutes after winning the 500 Freestyle, Faller returned to action to win the 100 Backstroke in 55.39. Bouscaren was third in a personal best of 58.40, and Benca was fourth in 1:02.15. In the 100 Breaststroke, Wilson won his second event of the day in 1:03.67; Yang was second in a strong 1:04.54; and Wang was third in 1:07.02.

Less than two hours after the start of the meet, the last event, the Boys' 400 Freestyle Relay, hit the water. The team of Benca, Oh, Cao, and—in his third swim in the final five events—Faller swam 3:25.55, and the team of Fraser, Cho, Chris Li, and Xuan swam 3:32.19.

With its 112-56 victory over Hopkins, the Boys' Swimming and Diving Team improved to 5-0 with only two dual meets remaining, against Suffield and then against Exeter. Of course, the team's real focus is on performing its best at the New England Championships on March 3rd.

In reflecting on the day at Hopkins, the coaching staff was pleased to see new leadership arise within the program, both in the pool and on the deck, and was pleased with the performances of all the Andover swimmers.

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