

With 1 New England and 3 Pool Records, Boys' Swimming and Diving Defeats Loomis

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Each year, Andover travels once to compete in a 25-meter, rather than the standard 25-yard, pool. Today, the Boys' Varsity Swimming and Diving Team journeyed to Loomis and established one New England record—the fastest swim in a 25-meter pool in New England Prep School history—and three pool records—the fastest swims in the history of the Loomis pool.

In the first event, the 200 Medley Relay, the quartet of Co-Captain Derrick Choi '12, Didi Peng '12, Tim Wynter '14, and Michael Camarda '14 swam 1:47.87 to break the previous New England and pool records set in 2004 by a Deerfield squad that had clocked 1:49.00. Andover's relay of Co-Captain Lorenzo Conte '12, Andrew Wilson '12, David Cho '14, and Justin Wang '13 placed second in 1:58.03, and the relay of Andrew Yang '14, Nick Camarda '12, Alex Li '15, and Andrew Xuan '13 placed fourth in 1:59.01.

In the second event, Jun Oh '12, challenging his own New England record in the 200 Freestyle set last year at Choate, fell just a bit short of it but did break a 30-year-old pool record in 1:54.58. Eric Benca '12 was second in 2:04.14 and Travis Bouscaren was third in 2:04.96. The 200 IM saw another Andover sweep with Wynter winning in 2:18.50, Peng second in 2:25.23, and Wang third in 2:26.01. Michael Camarda won the 50 freestyle in 24.92 with Xuan and Chris Li '15 in fourth and fifth with 26.93 and 27.86.

Andover's Kade Call '14, in the first diving competition of his career, placed second and earned his team four points. As the meet returned to swimming, Andover led Loomis 51-21.

Joe Faller '14 won the 100 Butterfly in an impressive 1:00.74 and was followed by Cho, second in 1:04.39, and Connor Fraser '13, fourth in 1:05.74. In the 100 Freestyle, Heson Oh '14 earned the first win of his Andover career with a 56.15, and he was followed closely by David Cao '14 in 56.77. Alex Li was fifth in 59.72.

Jun Oh again challenged his own New England record, this time in the 400 freestyle, and concluded with another pool record: 4:04.62. Bouscaren was second in 4:27.80, and Conte was third in 4:40.13. Following a sweep of the 200 Free Relay—the squad of Peng, Nick Camarda, Fraser, and Faller was 1:44.78 while the squad of Chris Li, Wang, Bouscaren, and Heson Oh was 1:46.60—the score was 99-35, and Andover swam the remainder of the meet “exhibition,” with the swimmers getting official times but not earning points.

In the 100 Backstroke, Choi clocked a great 1:00.50. Benca was a 1:04.29 and Yang was 1:04.93. Following on his strong performance against Choate, Wilson swam 1:08.50 in the 100 Breaststroke with Nick Camarda in 1:16.26 and Chris Li in 1:18.94.

Because Andover swims short-course meters only once a year, it is difficult to gauge today's performances, yet Coaches Fox and Washburn are confident that the boys are swimming well for the middle of January and in the midst of heavy training. Andover is next in action this Saturday at home against NMH.