

Season-Best Performances Yield Win Over Suffield 115 - 70

In a Wednesday meet at home, the members of the Boys' Swimming and Diving Team had many great in-season performances as they finalize preparations for the New England Championship on 3 March at Exeter.

The meet began with the squad of Jun Oh '12, Didi Peng '12, Tim Wynter '14, and Joe Faller '14 blazing to a 1:36.69 in the 200 Medley Relay. This was the fastest 200 Medley Relay ever swum at Andover's pool and broke the mark of 1:37.75 set by the squad of Co-Captain Derrick Choi '12, Didi Peng '12, Tim Wynter '14, and Michael Camarda '14 just last month, and today's swim marked the fifth consecutive meet in which an Andover relay established a new pool record. 1:36.69 is the second-fastest performance by any Andover relay in history and the eighth-fastest performance by any relay in New England history. The relay of David Cao '14, Andrew Wilson '12, Alex Li '15, and David Cho '14 swam 1:43.31 to solidify third place.

In the 200 Freestyle, Travis Bouscaren '14 swam a personal best in 1:49.16 for second place, followed by Eric Benca in 1:50.73 for third, and Heson Oh '14 in 1:52.92 for fifth. Andrew Yang '14 placed second in the 200 IM with a 2:05.02. Co-Captain Derrick Choi '12 was third with a 2:05.60, and Justin Wang '13 was sixth in 2:09.24. Jun Oh out-touched Faller 22.60 to 22.66 to win the 50 Freestyle, and Cao was fourth in 23.00. Competing in a non-scoring exhibition heat, Peng swam 23.17; Wilson swam 23.82; and Andrew Xuan '13 swam 24.03.

Kade Call '14 scored 147.60 in the diving event, and as the meet returned to swimming, Andover held a 39-38 lead over Suffield.

Wynter won the 100 Butterfly in 53.30 with Alex Li placing fourth in 55.76 and Xuan placing fifth in 57.97. Jun Oh and Faller returned to the pool in the 100 Free and again placed first and second in 48.13 and 48.67 respectively. Heson Oh was fourth in 51.80. In the 500 Freestyle, Bouscaren won in 4:56.37, followed by Connor Fraser '13 fourth in 5:09.86, and Co-Captain Lorenzo Conte '12 fifth in 5:15.78.

The 200 Freestyle Relay proved to be among the best races of the day. Suffield led through the first two of the four legs, but the Andover squad of Cao, Heson Oh, Faller, and Jun Oh fought through to a strong 1:30.05 for the win. Alex Li, Cho, Xuan, and Yang finished third in 1:35.68. At this point, Andover led 79-60.

In the 100 Backstroke, Wynter swam an impressive 51.84 for the win; T. J. Durkin's school record from 1999 is 51.44. Choi was second in 54.83, and Benca was fourth in 56.96. In the 100 Breaststroke, Peng was first in 1:01.30. Wilson followed in 1:02.75 for second, and Yang was fourth in 1:05.11.

On little rest between events, Benca, Heson Oh, Choi, and Wynter swam the 400 Freestyle Relay in a great 3:20.19, and Cao, Cho, Fraser, and Bouscaren were second in 3:25.29.

With a 115-70 win over Suffield, the Andover Boys look next to the final dual meet of the season: next Saturday's meet against Exeter followed by a celebration marking the 100th anniversary of Andover Swimming and Diving.

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