

Andover traveled to Mount Hermon, MA on Saturday for its annual contest with NMH, fielding a team that included four swimmers from the JV team invited to compete at the Varsity level for this occasion. In the absence of Joe Faller, the three seniors on the squad, Connor Fraser '13, Justin Wang '13 and Andrew Xuan '13 were acting captains for the day.

From the first event onward, the boys established that most races would be primarily contested between Andover's swimmers. The team of Charlee Van Eijk '14, Scott Simpson '14, Chris Li '15 and David Cao '14 won the Medley relay in 1:44.21 ahead of Darren Ty '16, Won Woo Kim '14, Xuan, and Heson Oh '14.

The 200 Freestyle became the first of six sweeps in individual events, with freshman Marcello Rossi '16 sprinting to a win in 1:54.39 ahead of Fraser and Wang. The 200 Individual Medley featured the only win for NMH on the day, with Nolan Hill finishing in 2:07.57 ahead of Li and Sarp Orgul '16. Andover quickly retaliated in the sprint event, with Cao winning the 50 Free in 23.01 ahead of Travis Bouscaren '14 and Jake Taylor '16.

In the absence of a diving event, the contest resumed after a ten-minute break, with David Cho '14 winning the 100 Fly in 57.40 ahead of Li and Xuan. Oh took the 100 Free in 50.24 ahead of Simpson and Wang, and Bouscaren continued Andover's domination with a very good 5:00.39 in the 500 Free, followed by Thomas Choi '16 and Rossi to another 1-2-3 finish.

Andover's sprint relays took the first two spots in the 200 Free relay, with Oh, Simpson, Xuan and Cao winning in 1:32.84 ahead of Taylor, Fraser, Van Eijk and Ty. The 100 Backstroke ended up as one of the more contested events of the day, but Van Eijk prevailed over NMH's Hill in 59.40, with Ty and Felix Liu '14 taking third and fourth. Kim completed Andover's run of individual wins in 1:06.78 in the Breaststroke, with Ty (swimming back to back events) and Orgul following him. In the 400 Free, Andover swam exhibition to bring the score to a 120 to 44 win for the boys in blue.

On Saturday, January 26, Andover will host perennial powerhouse Deerfield starting at 4:00pm, in a contest that promises to feature fast and hotly contested races.