

5 Named All-Americans; 1 School Record

This weekend, the Andover Boys' Swimming and Diving Team traveled to Philadelphia to compete in the most prestigious high-school meet in the nation: the 113th Eastern Championships.

The owner of a 58-4 dual-meet record since 2005—including only one loss against league competition—as well as four New England Championships and three runner-ups in the last seven years, Andover opted to forgo a defense of its New England title in order to attend Easterns and face internationally recognized swimming programs like Peddie, Germantown, and Mercersburg. The meet was not only incredibly fast and competitive—one new national record was established—but also highly supportive and inclusive. Many coaches, parents, and athletes personally welcomed Andover, and the format of the meet allowed all 21 Andover swimmers and divers the opportunity to compete. And the boys did not disappoint. Out of 62 opportunities—individual swimming and diving events as well as the individual legs of relays—the boys earned 9 season-best performances and 44 personal-best performances, a remarkable feat!

Friday

200 Medley Relay

“A” Relay: 1:34.48. 2nd Place. Named All-American. 2nd Fastest Performance in School History

- Tim Wynter '14 (backstroke) 22.9
- Aaron Teo '15 (breaststroke) 26.8
- Joe Faller '14 (butterfly) 23.0
- Scott Simpson (freestyle) 21.7

“B” Relay: 1:45.44. 19th Fastest Performance at the Meet

- Charlee Van Eijk '14 (backstroke) 26.5
- Justin Wang '13 (breaststroke) 30.1
- Chris Li '15 (butterfly) 25.8
- Connor Fraser '13 (freestyle) 22.9

200 Freestyle

- Joe Faller '14: 1:42.49. 4th Place. 3rd Fastest Performer in School History
- Travis Bouscaren '14: 1:45.63. 13th Place. 1:45.40 (prelims) 12th Fastest Performer in School History
- Connor Fraser '13: 1:47.87. 18th Place. 1:46.91 (prelims) 21st Fastest Performer in School History
- Marcello Rossi '16: 1:48.00. 19th Place

- Thomas Choi '16: 1:54.75. 42nd Place

Although all of these swims were personal bests, perhaps the most rewarding was the senior's, Connor Fraser. At New Englands last year, he was unable to compete because the meet allows only 3 entrants per team per event. Because Easterns allows each team to enter as many swimmers as they want in each event, he was able to swim and took full advantage of it. Going into the meet, he was seeded 37th with a personal best of 1:51.52, swum just last week against Exeter.

200 Individual Medley

- Scott Simpson '14: 1:58.56. 6th Place. 1:56.41 (prelims) 5th Fastest Performer in School History
- Aaron Teo '15: 1:58.34. 14th Place. 9th Fastest Performer in School History
- Andrew Yang '14: 2:02.42. 18th Place. 1:59.90 (prelims) 13th Fastest Performer in School History
- Alex Li '15: 2:05.03. 28th Place

50 Freestyle

- David Cao '14: 22.67. 16th Place. 22.55 (prelims)
- Andrew Xuan '13: 22.86. 24th Place
- Heson Oh '14: 23.08. 31st Place

100 Butterfly

- Tim Wynter '14: 49.74. 2nd Place. Named All-American. New School Record
- Alex Li '15: 53.39. 13th Place. 10th Fastest Performer in School History
- Darren Ty '16: 55.37. 19th Place
- David Cho '14: 56.03. 22nd Place
- Chris Li '15: 56.11. 25th Place
- Andrew Xuan '13: 56.66. 29th Place

200 Freestyle Relay

"A" Relay: 1:28.66. 8th Place. 6th Fastest Performance in School History

- Andrew Xuan '13: 22.4
- David Cao '14: 21.8
- Darren Ty '16: 22.3
- Travis Bouscaren '14: 22.1

"B" Relay: 1:32.53. 16th Fastest Performance at the Meet

- Alex Li '15: 23.5
- Andrew Yang '14: 23.1

- Charlee Van Eijk '14: 22.9
- Andrew Xuan '13: 22.8

This relay was another highlight of the weekend. Entering it, Andover was tied for 2nd in the team race with Malvern Prep, a school in Philadelphia. Recognizing the need to score as many points as possible, all members of the "A" relay logged personal-best performances, most notably the senior, Andrew Xuan, who having earned the spot in the morning swim, went .4 seconds faster at night.

Team scores at the end of Friday:

1. Peddie School 253.5
2. Malvern Prep 165
3. Loyola Blakefield 151
4. Andover 149
5. Cathedral High School 125
6. William Penn Charter School 122
7. The Haverford School 103
8. Germantown Academy 97
9. Deerfield Academy 81.5
10. Woodberry Forest 77

Saturday

Diving

- Kade Call '14: 183.40 points. 21st Place
- Graham Johns '14: 102.10 points. 24th Place
- Thomas Bakken '14: 97.15 points. 26th Place

100 Freestyle

- Scott Simpson '14: 48.65. 15th Place. 48.54 (prelims) 14th Fastest Performer in School History
- David Cao '14: 49.63. 17th Place. 49.10 (prelims)
- Heson Oh '14: 50.25. 26th Place
- Marcello Rossi '16: 50.61. 33rd Place
- David Cho '14: 51.92. 58th Place

500 Freestyle

- Travis Bouscaren '14: 4:52.03. 12th Place. 4:44.08 (prelims) 4th Fastest Performer in School History
- Connor Fraser '13: 4:50.25. 15th Place. 4:49.87 (prelims) 10th Fastest Performer in School History
- Thomas Choi '16: 5:07.60. 32nd Place

- Justin Wang '16: 5:08.95. 33rd Place

Senior Fraser again warrants special mention. Entering the meet, his best time was 5:00.16, swum last week against Exeter. Before that, it was a 5:09; he took off 20 seconds in 8 days!

100 Backstroke

- Tim Wynter '14: 50.53. 5th Place. 49.75 (prelims) Named All-American. 2nd Fastest Performance in school history
- Joe Faller '14: 52.73. 11th Place. 52.36 (prelims) 5th Fastest Performer in School History
- Charlee Van Eijk '14: 55.82. 25th Place. 20th Fastest Performer in School History
- Darren Ty '16: 56.80. 27th Place

100 Breaststroke

- Aaron Teo '15: 59.19. 6th Place. 59.18 (prelims) 4th Fastest Performer in School History
- Andrew Yang '14: 1:03.48. 28th Place
- Justin Wang '13: 1:05.88. 42nd Place
- Chris Li '15: 1:07.63. 55th Place

400 Freestyle Relay

"A" Relay: 3:07.74. 3rd Place. Named All-American. 2nd Fastest Performance in School History

- Joe Faller '14: 46.9 (46.77 in prelims makes him 2nd Fastest Performer in School History)
- Scott Simpson '14: 47.6
- Travis Bouscaren '14: 47.9
- Tim Wynter '14: 45.4 (2nd Fastest Relay Split in School History)

"B" Relay: 3:19.85. 16th Fastest Performance at the Meet. 19th Fastest Performance in School History

- Darren Ty '16: 50.4
- Alex Li '15: 50.5
- Marcello Rossi '16: 49.9
- David Cao '14: 48.8

This relay warrants a final highlight of the meet. In the morning, the members of the "B" relay all swam personal bests to go under 3:20. In the evening and at the end of a finals session that saw no one improve on his morning swim, the members of the

“A” relay came together to end the meet on a high with both Simpson and Bouscaren swimming personal bests and both Faller and Wynter posting times that only Andover legend David Mainen '89 has outdone.

Final Team Scores:

1. Peddie School 459.5
2. Malvern Prep 320
3. Loyola Blakefield 315
4. Andover 253
5. The Haverford School 210
6. Germantown Academy 191
7. William Penn Charter School 180
8. Cathedral High School 170
9. Deerfield Academy 166.5
10. Mount Saint Joe High School 129
11. Georgetown Prep School 125
12. Mercersburg Academy 120

With that, the Andover Boys' Swimming and Diving 2013 campaign comes to a close: a fourth consecutive undefeated dual-meet season and a great performance at the Eastern Championships. It is not easy to leave the comfort and familiarity of the New England meet, but the Andover Boys adjusted beautifully, and while a long rest is warranted, the team looks forward to 2014, which may include a dual meet against the Peddie School!

And while these highlights focus exclusively on the Boys' Team, it would be a mistake to not highlight that combined, the Andover Girls' and Boys' Swimming and Diving Teams placed 3rd at this year's Eastern Championships behind only Peddie and Germantown, two legendary programs that train hours each day throughout the year. At Andover, we train for 90-minutes each day and for only four months each year, and we are most proud to be able to still compete.