

## Andover Defeats Exeter 122-64

This afternoon, the Andover Boys' Swimming and Diving Team faced the challenge of Exeter. Andover entered the meet with a distinct advantage: the squad is at the midpoint in its rest preparing for Easterns while Exeter has yet to begin its rest preparing for New Englands. This gave the Andover swimmers a bit of an edge towards the end of races and led to a convincing win.

The meet began with Tim Wynter '14, Justin Wang '13, Alex Li '15, and rookie Scott Simpson '14 winning the 200 Medley Relay in 1:39.87 followed by varsity rookie Charlee Van Eijk '14, Chris Li '15, Andrew Xuan '13, and Connor Fraser '13 in placing third in 1:47.18.

Captain Joe Faller '14 nearly even-split the 200 Freestyle and won in 1:43.88 with Travis Bouscaren '14 in second in 1:48.35. Fraser swam a personal best of 1:51.52 and placed fourth. Swimming non-scoring exhibition, rookie Marcello Rossi '16 swam a personal best of 1:50.20.

In the 200 Individual Medley, rookie Aaron Teo '15 defeated Simpson, 2:00.29 to 2:01.99, and Andrew Yang '14 was fourth in 2:03.48, while rookie Darren Ty '16 swam 2:05.98 in exhibition.

Exeter won the 50 Freestyle, its only swimming win of the day, but Andover managed to make the event a draw by going second, third, and fifth: David Cao '14 (22.96), Xuan (23.17), and Alex Li (23.41). In exhibition, Van Eijk swam 23.68. Entering the diving competition, Andover led Exeter 42-20.

Andover's divers continued to improve and score valuable points for the team effort. Kade Call '14 placed third with 156.70 points; Thomas Bakken '14 placed fifth with 141.20 points; Graham Johns placed sixth with 134.35 points.

The meet returned to swimming with the 100 Butterfly, which saw Wynter face two-time defending New England champion, Joe Shepley '14 from Exeter. This is precisely where Andover's advantage in being more rested paid off; Wynter won the event, 51.27 to 53.39, with Alex Li third in 54.04. Xuan was sixth in 57.26, and Chris Li swam 55.50 in exhibition.

Heson Oh '14 added another win to his career total in the 100 Freestyle by swimming a strong 50.23 with Rossi second in 50.97, and Cao third in 51.02. Swimming exhibition, David Cho '14 was 52.36.

In the 500 Freestyle, Bouscaren cruised to a win in 4:55.15, and Fraser swam a personal best for second in 5:00.16. Wang was fifth in 5:09.34, and rookie Thomas Choi '16 swam 5:10.81 in exhibition.

Andover swam its fastest 200 Freestyle Relay of the season in the next event. Faller, Oh, Cao, and Simpson combined to swim 1:29.90. Teo, Alex Li, Ty, and Bouscaren

swam 1:33.72 for second, and Yang, Cho, Rossi, and Xuan swam 1:34.41 for fourth.

Following the relay, Wynter returned to the pool to cruise to a 53.88 to win the 100 Backstroke with Faller, who had just competed in the relay, in second in 55.43. Van Eijk was fourth in 57.67, and Ty, who had also just competed in the relay, swam 59.73 in exhibition.

In the final individual event of the day, Teo won the 100 Breaststroke in 1:00.16. Yang was second in 1:05.22, and Wang was fifth in 1:08.21. Chris Li swam 1:09.72 in exhibition.

The 400 Freestyle Relay saw the squad of Wynter, Simpson, Bouscaren, and Faller go 3:18.41 for the win. Oh, Rossi, Ty, and Cao went 3:27.34 for third, and Fraser, Choi, Van Eijk, and Teo were 3:30.75 for fourth.

With this 122-64 win over Exeter, Andover concluded its fourth consecutive season undefeated in dual-meet competition and its fifth consecutive season undefeated in dual-meet competition within its league. Andover's Class of 2013—consisting of Connor Fraser, Andrew Xuan, and Justin Wang—concludes with a 25-0 record, and the strength of this year's team can be measured by its placement on the "NEPSSA Season Best" list maintained at

([http://www.nepssa.org/results?list\\_choice=seasonbest](http://www.nepssa.org/results?list_choice=seasonbest)).

Next week, the Boys will be competing at the prestigious Eastern Swimming and Diving Championships, a meet Andover has not attended in at least forty years. Andover hopes to perform well enough to place in the Top Ten of the team competition. You can watch the meet on-line via a video stream provided by *Swimming World* magazine: (<http://tv.swimmingworldmagazine.com/events/>).