

After another week of strong training, the Boys' Swimming & Diving Team faced Hopkins this afternoon with many boys competing in off-events or even in events for the first time.

The squad of varsity rookie Charlee Van Eijk '14, rookie Aaron Teo '15, Alex Li '15, and David Cao '14 swam 1:41.66 for the win in the 200 Medley Relay, and they were followed by rookie Darren Ty '16, Travis Bouscaren '14, David Cho '14, and Heson Oh '14 swam 1:48.32 for third, and rookie Thomas Choi '16, team leader Justin Wang '13, Chris Li '15, and rookie Marcello Rossi '16 swam 1:49.75 for fourth.

Swimming the 200 Freestyle for the first time in his Andover career, Tim Wynter '14 negative split—his second half was faster than his first—and went 1:45.67 to become the eleventh-fastest performer in school history and to win over rookie Scott Simpson '14, who was also swimming the event for the first time in his Andover career. Simpson was second in 1:50.20. Team leader Connor Fraser '13 placed third in 1:53.15, the best performance of his Andover career.

Captain Joe Faller '14 defeated Teo in the 200 IM: 2:00.01 to 2:00.26. These were best times for both swimmers and placed them eleventh and twelfth on the Andover all-time list respectively. Andrew Yang '14 was fourth in 2:06.17. In non-scoring exhibition, Ty swam 2:07.49, Wang swam 2:10.25, Bouscaren swam 2:11.86, and Chris Li swam 2:13.26.

In the 50 Freestyle, Cao swam 22.71 for the win, with Oh and team leader Andrew Xuan '13 in third and fourth: 22.99 and 23.40. As the meet entered the diving event, Andover led 46-16.

Andover's cohort of divers—Kade Call '14, rookie Thomas Bakken '14, and rookie Graham Johns '14—performed well today, placing second, third, and fourth in 146.85, 136.80, and 128.70.

Faller returned to the pool for the 100 Butterfly, swimming 53.56 for the win. Chris Li was second in 57.83, and Xuan was third in 58.61. Competing non-scoring exhibition, and with each swimming the event for the first time in his Andover career, Ty was 56.88, Van Eijk was 57.39, and Rossi was 57.95. The Fly is, arguably, this eighteen-member team's deepest event, with seven boys having broken 56 and fourteen having broken 1:00. To put that in perspective, only ten boys across New England were under 56 at last year's championships, and only twenty were under 1:00.

In the 100 Freestyle, Oh achieved another victory of the season, going a strong 50.25. Alex Li was third in a best time: 51.48. Cho swam 53.03 for fourth.

Competing in the 500 Freestyle for the first time, Wynter swam a smart 4:52.57 to become the twelfth-fastest performer in school history. Teo was second in 4:54.83 to become the fourteenth-fastest performer in school history. Also swimming the event for the first time, Simpson was an impressive 5:05.28.

Faller, Oh, Xuan, and Bouscaren combined to win the 200 Freestyle Relay in 1:31.30. Yang, Fraser, Chris Li, and Rossi swam 1:35.54 for second.

With the team score now 104-36, Andover opted to compete the rest of the meet in non-scoring exhibition.

In the 100 Backstroke, Cao swam 58.77, Van Eijk swam 59.24, and Choi swam 1:01.37. In the 100 Breaststroke, Yang swam 1:04.55, Alex Li swam 1:07.45, and Wang swam 1:07.89.

The final event of the day, the 400 Freestyle Relay, saw several strong individual performances. Bouscaren, Wynter, Simpson, and Choi swam 3:23.89, with the rookie anchoring in a best-ever 52.80. Rossi, Fraser, Van Eijk, and Ty swam 3:29.51 with the rookie opening in a 52.02 and the other rookie anchoring in 51.52.

Because both teams had been planning to host the dual meet on Wednesday, 13 February, and because neither team wants to travel that far on a school day, it appears at this moment that Andover's dual meet with Suffield will not happen. So, the next, and final, dual meet of the season will be in mid-taper, two weeks from today at Exeter.

Also, please note that most dual meets in New England, including Andover's home meets, may be observed in real-time via Mobile Meet, a free application available on-line.