

## **Boys's Swimming and Diving Wins New England Championship**

### **Squad Breaks 15 Records**

A week after narrowly missing third place at the Eastern Championships, the 102<sup>nd</sup> iteration of the Andover Boys's Swimming and Diving Team descended upon the Hotchkiss pool for the New England Championships this weekend. This marked Andover's first appearance at the meet since 2012.

Over the course of two days, Andover achieved many remarkable feats: all 19 swimmers and all 3 divers achieved a personal best; 30 of 31 individual performances were in position to score in the Top 16; co-captain Tim Wynter '14 was the only swimmer at the meet to be part of establishing 3 New England Records; Michael Camarda '14 was the only swimmer at the meet to earn Gold in each of his 4 races; and the team scored a remarkable 442 points—this after 7 of those 31 individual performances had to be declared non-scoring exhibition under recent New England rule changes allowing for only 3, rather than 4, point scorers in each event. Even so, this was among the most dominating team performances—Suffield was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 341 points, Deerfield 3<sup>rd</sup> with 331 points, and Exeter 4<sup>th</sup> with 286 points—in New England history, and the meet itself was the fastest in New England history.

After fantastic performances during Saturday's preliminary rounds—results interspersed below—Sunday's championship finals began with Diving. Andover's divers performed admirably in completing 11 rather than the usual 6 dives.

#### Diving

- Jack Belluche '16 (Andover, MA): 326.10 points / 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Graham Johns '14 (Glen Ridge, NJ): 278.75 points / 7<sup>th</sup> place
- Kade Call '14 (Haverhill, MA): 270.75 points / 9<sup>th</sup> place

#### 200 Medley Relay

Throughout the season, and particularly during the last week, Andover considered its relay strategy. Having taken nearly 2 seconds off the New England record in the 200 Medley Relay and nearly 1 second off the New England record in the 400 Freestyle Relay last weekend, Andover debated whether to try its hand at the 200 Freestyle Relay, where the record stood at a quick 1:24.14. Ultimately, the team decided to forgo the attempt to try to hold all 3 New England relay records—Deerfield and Suffield were both also looking at the New England record—and instead decided to try to make its current records as fast as possible, recognizing there would be rewards and regrets regardless of the choice.

Having committed to the 200 Medley Relay, the squad of Tim Wynter '14 (Kingston, Jamaica), Scott Simpson '14 (Beaconsfield, Quebec), co-captain Joe Faller '14 (North Reading, MA), and Michael Camarda '14 (Laguna Hills, CA) sprinted to new records,

despite the insertion of the 90-minute diving competition between the end of swimming warm-ups and the start of the swimming races.

- Tim Wynter (22.75)
- Scott Simpson (25.85)
- Joe Faller (22.87)
- Michael Camarda (20.35)
- Time: 1:31.82
- *New England, School, and Pool Records / All-American / Performance* would have placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the U. S. last year among all high schools, public and private / Before last weekend, the New England Record stood at 1:33.85.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Loomis was 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1:35.84)

#### Non-Scoring Exhibition

- Richard Zhong '17 (Andover, MA) (25.77)
- Jonathan Xue '17 (Andover, MA) (29.02)
- David Cho '14 (Seoul, Korea) (24.20)
- Charlee Van Eijk '14 (Amsterdam, The Netherlands) (21.91)
- Time: 1:40.90
- 6<sup>th</sup> fastest performance at the meet

#### 200 Freestyle

In the 200 Freestyle, which required a 1:44.94 to qualify for the top 8, Deerfield's Matt Hrabchack '15 and Exeter's Joe Shepley '14 staged a great race and swam 1:39.87 and 1:39.96, respectively. For Andover, Faller solidified his spot as the program's 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest performer ever in the event—behind only Jun Oh '12 and David Mainen '89—while Travis Bouscaren '14 (Cambridge, MA) became the 9<sup>th</sup> fastest and Marcello Rossi '16 (Brussels, Belgium) became the 11<sup>th</sup>.

- Joe Faller: 1:42.45 (1:42.03 prelims), 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Marcello Rossi: 1:44.89, 7<sup>th</sup> place
- Travis Bouscaren: 1:45.96 (1:44.41 prelims), 8<sup>th</sup> place
- Thomas Choi '16 (Singapore): 1:48.78, 14<sup>th</sup> fastest performance at the meet

#### 200 Individual Medley

To qualify for the top 8 in the 200 Individual Medley, swimmers had to go 1:58.95. In the finals, Deerfield's Quinn Smith '14 just missed the New England Record in 1:49.14 and Deerfield's Miles Smachlo '16 (brother of Andover's Alex Smachlo '11) swam 1:50.98. For Andover, Simpson's time in the preliminaries made him the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest performer in Andover history behind only Brian Fiske '03 and Brendan Deveney '09. Darren Ty '16 (North Andover, MA) became the 9<sup>th</sup> fastest performer in school history, and Andrew Yang '14 (Taipei, Taiwan) became the 12<sup>th</sup>.

- Scott Simpson: 1:55.55 (1:54.97 prelims), 6<sup>th</sup> place
- Andrew Yang: 2:01.15 (1:58.69 prelims), 8<sup>th</sup> place
- Darren Ty: 1:57.97, 9<sup>th</sup> place
- Alex Li '15 (Riverside, CT): 2:04.56, (16<sup>th</sup> fastest performance at the meet)

### 50 Freestyle

Andover's strength over the last ten years never included great depth at the 50 Freestyle, until this year. Camarda, David Cao '14 (Tallahassee, FL), Christian Alberga '17 (Kingston, Jamaica), and Van Eijk were the 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> (tied), and 9<sup>th</sup> fastest swimmers in the preliminaries with Camarda having broken his own school record set just last week in 20.96 and Alberga having broken Camarda's Junior record in 22.10 (Camarda was a 22.38 as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grader). Cao is now tied for 12<sup>th</sup> on Andover's All-Time list while Alberga is already 17<sup>th</sup>. Camarda is the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest performer in New England history.

- Michael Camarda: 20.85, 1<sup>st</sup> place. *School Record* (both prelims and finals) / *All-American* / Performance would have placed 58<sup>th</sup> in the U. S. last year among all high schools, public and private.
- David Cao: 22.04, 5<sup>th</sup> place
- Christian Alberga: 22.15 (22.10 prelims), *Junior Record*, 7<sup>th</sup> place
- Charlee Van Eijk: 22.28, (9<sup>th</sup> fastest performance at the meet)

### 100 Butterfly

In the preliminaries, the 3-time defending 100 Butterfly champion from Exeter, Joe Shepley '14, broke his own New England record of 49.48 by swimming 49.09. This set up a remarkable final among Shepley, Deerfield's Smachlo, and Andover's Wynter. At the 50, Smachlo had the lead in 22.91, and Shepley and Wynter were tied at 23.11. At the 75, all three were tied, but Wynter had a bit of trouble on his breakout, and Shepley went on to win in 49.05 followed by Smachlo in 49.10. Wynter's performance was good enough to break his own School Record and to establish himself as the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest performer in New England history. Alex Li's time in the preliminaries made him the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest performer in school history, behind only Wynter and Rob Hill '91.

- Tim Wynter: 49.68, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. *School Record* / *All-American* / Performance would have placed 59<sup>th</sup> in the U. S. last year among all high schools, public and private
- Alex Li: 52.50 (52.34 prelims), 5<sup>th</sup> place
- Chris Li '15 (Riverside, CT): 54.81, 11<sup>th</sup> place
- David Cho '14: 55.36, 14<sup>th</sup> fastest performance at the meet

### 100 Freestyle

The 100 Freestyle may have been Andover's strongest event. Coming out of the morning preliminaries, Camarda was seeded 2<sup>nd</sup>, Faller 4<sup>th</sup>, Simpson 5<sup>th</sup>, and Alberga 7<sup>th</sup>. Under the rules of the meet, Alberga was scratched from finals, but his 47.59 not only wrecked Camarda's Junior record of 48.71 but also placed 11<sup>th</sup> on Andover's all-time list. Camarda is the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest performer in Andover history, behind only Mainen, while Faller is 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Simpson is 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Michael Camarda: 46.53, 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Joe Faller: 46.93, 4<sup>th</sup> place
- Scott Simpson: 47.06 (47.01 prelims), 5<sup>th</sup> place
- Christian Alberga: 47.59, *Junior Record*, 7<sup>th</sup> fastest performance at the meet

### 500 Freestyle

At the start of the season, the 500 Freestyle appeared to be Andover's Achilles heel, with only Bouscaren and Choi having significant experience at the distance. Fortunately, what began as a weakness concluded as a strength with Andover having 4 of the top 10 performances at the championships. At the top end of the event, Deerfield's Hrabchak '15 and Suffield's Jack Scobee '17 had an epic race, tied at the 400 with Scobee accelerating away to win in 4:31.77 to 4:33.07. For Andover, Bouscaren retains his spot as the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest swimmer in the event in school history. Rossi is 7<sup>th</sup> on the all-time list, and Teo is 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Marcello Rossi: 4:51.31, 6<sup>th</sup> place
- Aaron Teo: 4:53.66, 7<sup>th</sup> place
- Travis Bouscaren: 4:53.99, 8<sup>th</sup> place
- Thomas Choi: 4:57.17, 10<sup>th</sup> fastest performance at the meet

### 200 Freestyle Relay

The 200 Freestyle Relay saw Deerfield break Exeter's New England record by .01 of a second in 1:24.13 upon Quinn Smith's opening split of 20.70. For Andover, the event saw a new School Record and an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> place.

- David Cao (22.06)
- Christian Alberga (21.51)
- Marcello Rossi (21.88)
- Travis Bouscaren (21.60)
- 1:27.05
- *School Record*
- 4<sup>th</sup> place

### Non-scoring exhibition

- Alex Li (22.78)
- Chris Li (22.78)

- Jonathan Xue (22.87)
- David Cho (22.67)
- 1:31.10
- 9<sup>th</sup> fastest performance at the meet

### 100 Backstroke

Having held the New England record for the last two years in the 100 Backstroke in 49.06 and having set the Eastern record last week in 49.08, Wynter entered the preliminaries not quite knowing what to expect. What we all got to see was one of the great swims in the history of the meet, a 48.73! In the finals, Wynter, the consummate team player, opted to rest a bit for the upcoming 400 Freestyle Relay rather than focus on lowering his own individual record in the Back. In the preliminaries, Zhong put forth the 12<sup>th</sup> fastest performance in school history, which bumped Van Eijk down to 13<sup>th</sup> and Ty to 16<sup>th</sup>.

- Tim Wynter: 50.43 (48.73 prelims), 1<sup>st</sup> place, *New England, School, and Pool Records / All-American / Performance* would have placed 14<sup>th</sup> in the U. S. last year among all high schools, public and private
- Charlee Van Eijk: 54.65, 10<sup>th</sup> place
- Richard Zhong: 54.68 (54.30 in prelims), 11<sup>th</sup> place
- Darren Ty: 54.86, 12<sup>th</sup> fastest performance at the meet

### 100 Breaststroke

The 100 Breaststroke saw another outstanding performance from Deerfield's Quinn Smith, a 56.44, just off the New England record, and saw the debut of Exeter's Nick du Pont, who was until recently only a manager of the team and ended up getting 2<sup>nd</sup> in New England! On the Andover side, Teo's preliminary swim of 58.92 made him the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest performer in school history behind only Fiske and Rush Taylor '96. Yang concludes his career 14<sup>th</sup> on the all-time list, and Won Woo Kim '15 (Seoul, Korea), who until last weekend was a member of the Junior Varsity team, ends the season 17<sup>th</sup> on the all-time list.

- Aaron Teo: 59.29 (58.92 prelims), 4<sup>th</sup> place
- Andrew Yang: 1:01.85, 11<sup>th</sup> place
- Won Woo Kim: 1:03.21 (1:02.64 prelims), 15<sup>th</sup> place
- Jonathan Xue: 1:03.70, 18<sup>th</sup> fastest performance at the meet

### 400 Freestyle Relay

Before the championship final of the 400 Freestyle Relay, the Andover "B" relay of Cao, Alberga, Rossi, and Bouscaren—having just broken the School Record in the 200 Freestyle Relay—swam a remarkable 3:12.97, the 7<sup>th</sup> fastest performance in Andover history. Until 2009, the School record stood at 3:14.05.

- David Cao (48.65)
- Christian Alberga (47.68)
- Marcello Rossi (48.47)
- Travis Bouscaren (48.17)
- 3:12.97
- 6<sup>th</sup> fastest performance at the meet

Although Andover’s team victory had been assured early in the competition, the meet seemed to come down to the finals of the 400 Freestyle Relay. Both Andover and Deerfield came to the event expecting to not only win but to also post a remarkably fast New England record, with Andover knowing that its New England record of 3:05.28 set last week was unsatisfying, and Deerfield seeing Andover’s standard and knowing it could surpass it. What transpired in the pool was simply a fabulous race with each team pushing the other to perform its absolute best.

	<u>Andover</u>		<u>Deerfield</u>	
Joe Faller	22.34		21.71	Quinn Smith
	<b>46.67</b>		<b>44.97 *</b>	
Scott Simpson	1:08.53 (21.86)		1:06.76 (21.78)	Miles Smachlo
	1:32.73 ( <b>46.06</b> )		1:31.10 ( <b>46.13</b> )	
Michael Camarda	1:54.20 (21.47)		1:53.31 (22.21)	Alan Lam ‘15
	2:17.96 ( <b>45.23</b> )		2:18.14 ( <b>47.04</b> )	
Tim Wynter	2:39.34 (21.38)		2:39.56 (21.42)	Matt Hrabchak
	3:03.27 ( <b>45.31</b> )		3:03.54 ( <b>45.40</b> )	

\* To clarify, that opening split from Quinn Smith is no typo. Quinn crushed the New England record in the 100 Freestyle in 44.97. The previous record was 45.61. (Exeter’s Shepley was also under the previous record in 45.39). Yet, despite that phenomenal opening leg as well as Deerfield’s other outstanding performances, Andover was able to close the gap and establish a new standard in New England swimming:

- 3:03.27, 1<sup>st</sup> place: *New England, School, and Pool Records / All-American / Performance would have placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the U. S. last year among all high schools, public and private / Before last weekend, the New England Record stood at 3:06.13.*

With that conclusion to the meet, the 2014 Andover Boys’ Swimming and Diving Team solidified its place among the very best high-school teams in the history of the

Northeast, considering both public and private schools, as well as among the legendary teams in Andover's illustrious swimming and diving history, including: 1960, 1962, and 1971, although it is really tough to top 1948.