

Phillips Academy Breaks Three More Records

Concludes Regular Season with 131-53 Victory over Phillips Exeter

For its final dual-meet of the 2014 season, the Phillips Academy (Andover) Boys' Varsity Swimming and Diving traveled to Exeter for the annual match-up and performed well, achieving many season and personal bests while also racking up a 131-41 margin before swimming non-scoring exhibition in the final relay.

With Andover in the middle of its taper for next week's Eastern Championships, performances were strong and showed that the boys are on the right track: most have early but not yet closing speed.

In the day's first event, co-captain Tim Wynter '14 (23.77), Scott Simpson '14 (27.60), Alex Li '15 (23.68), and Michael Camarda '14 (21.34) cruised to a fast 1:36.39, just missing the meet record established by Andover in 2012. Darren Ty '16 (26.63), Aaron Teo '15 (27.83), Chris Li '15 (24.64), and Christian Alberga '17 (22.66) were second in 1:41.76.

Co-captain Joe Faller '14 won the 200 Freestyle in 1:44.92 and was followed by Marcello Rossi '16 in a best time of 1:46.90, and Travis Bouscaren '14 was third in 1:47.70. Thomas Choi '16 had a best time of 1:54.57 swimming in exhibition.

Teo, Simpson, and Andrew Yang '14 swept the 200 Individual Medley: 2:01.48, 2:01.56, and 2:03.40, respectively, while Darren Ty '16 swam 2:11.53 in exhibition. Ninth-grader Alberga gained the first victory of his career by swimming 22.73 in the 50 Freestyle, and he was followed by David Cao '14 (23.02) in second and Charlee Van Eijk '14 (23.24) in fourth.

Andover's diving quartet continues to improve with Jack Belluche '16 scoring an impressive 248.05 points for the win followed by Kade Call '14 with 188.70 for third, Graham Johns '14 with 173.15 for fourth, and Thomas Bakken '14 with 145.75 for seventh.

As the meet returned to swimming, Andover led Exeter 61-17.

Wynter demonstrated great speed by going out in a blistering 23.65 in the 100 Butterfly, which he won in 51.85. Alex Li was second in 54.34, and Chris Li was third in 55.91.

In the 100 Freestyle, Michael Camarda tied the meet record of 47.56 held by both Andover's Curtis Hon '10 and Exeter's Avery Reavill '12. Faller was second in 47.72, and Rossi was third in 49.29.

Bouscaren showed that he is returning to form in the 500 Freestyle, winning in 4:54.34. Choi was third in 5:11.50, and Richard Zhong '17 was fourth in 5:16.42. Jonathan Xue '17 swam 5:22.42 in exhibition.

Entering the 200 Freestyle Relay, Andover led Exeter 98-28 and then had the best performance of the day. The squad of Michael Camarda '14 (21.90), Christian Alberga '17 (21.70), Scott Simpson '14 (21.93), and Joe Faller '14 (21.79) swam 1:27.32, breaking the meet record, previously held by Exeter in 1:27.97, as well as the school record, which was established by Camarda, Cao, Faller, Wynter last month in 1:27.41. Alex Li (23.32), Yang (22.76), Rossi (22.57), and Cao (22.57) swam 1:31.20 for second. And impressively, the Diving Relay of Johns, Bakken, Call, and Belluche swam 1:58.35 in exhibition.

Wynter cruised to a 54.49 win in the 100 Backstroke with Van Eijk (57.61), and Zhong (58.41) placing fourth and fifth. Teo captured the 100 Breaststroke in 1:01.71. Ty was second on 1:04.74, and Xue was fourth in 1:06.06. Chris Li swam 1:09.94.

In the final event of the day, Wynter (47.74), Simpson (48.11), Faller (48.25), and Camarda (48.23) swam 3:12.33 for the fastest time in the 400 Freestyle Relay. Bouscaren (49.51), Cao (49.90), Alberga (49.31), and Rossi (48.92) had the second fastest in 3:17.64—an extraordinary “B” relay!—and Choi (53.24), Zhong (53.79), Alex Li (51.72) and Yang (51.54) had the fourth in 3:30.29.

With that, Andover concluded another successful dual-meet season, with six wins and a close loss to Peddie. Since 2005, Andover’s dual-meet record is 64-5, and the program is 64-1 against New England competition.

On Thursday, Andover departs for Philadelphia and the 114th Eastern Swimming and Diving Championships where the team will face national powerhouses such as Peddie, Mercersburg, Germantown, Loyola Blakefield, Malvern Prep, and Georgetown Prep, the latter with Carsten Vissering, who established a new National Record just last week in the 100 Breaststroke (53.49), which helps put everything in perspective.

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<http://tv.swimmingworldmagazine.com/events/2013-eastern-interscholastic-swimming-and-diving-championships>).

The following week, Andover travels to the Hotchkiss School for the New England Championships where the squad hopes to again perform well.