

### 3 Relays, 6 Records: Phillips Academy (Andover) Defeats Loomis 115-70

Despite sporadic training during the holiday season, the members of the Phillips Academy (Andover) Boys' Varsity Swimming and Diving Team achieved many of their personal goals today against the Pelicans of Loomis Chaffee. Most impressive, the squad achieved its team goal of breaking all three New England relay records in a single day, a rare, perhaps unprecedented, feat.

Each year, Andover travels to either Choate or Loomis and competes in a short-course meter (SCM) pool for the only time that year. Fortunately today, Andover faced a well-seasoned, well-trained, and well-coached squad from Loomis, a squad that ended up achieving a remarkable 43% personal best times on the day!

Because today was Andover's only meet in SCM, it was this year's only opportunity for the team to break New England records at that distance, and Andover began its assault on the record book in the meet's first event: the 200 Medley Relay. The squad of co-captain Tim Wynter '14 (26.89), Aaron Teo '15 (30.95), co-captain Joe Faller '14 (25.69), and Michael Camarda '14 (23.77) swam 1:47.30, breaking the pool and New England record of 1:47.87, which was set by Andover in 2012. The relay of Charlee Van Eijk '14, Jonathan Xue '17, Alex Li '15, and Christian Alberga '17 placed 2nd in a strong 1:53.27.

Marcello Rossi '16 won the 200 Freestyle in 2:01.59, while Thomas Choi '16 swam 2:07.56 for 3rd, and Richard Zhong '17 swam 2:08.22 for 4th.

In the 200 Individual Medley, Teo placed 2nd in 2:16.71. Andrew Yang '14 was 2:21.23 for 3rd, and Darren Ty '16 was 2:21.46 for 4th.

With three swimmers competing for the final spot on the upcoming 200 Freestyle Relay, Andover placed 1st, 2nd, and 4th in the 50 Freestyle: David Cao '14 in 25.42, Scott Simpson '14 in 25.70, and Alberga in 25.87. Entering the diving event, Andover led Loomis 44-18.

In a tightly contested diving competition, Jack Belluche '16 scored 150.45 points for 2nd, and Kade Call '14 scored 139.10 for 4th.

Faller (59.24) and Li (1:00.15) went 1st and 2nd in the 100 Butterfly, and Travis Bouscaren '14 (56.13), Simpson (56.43), and Alberga (57.15) went 2nd, 3rd, and 5th in the 100 Freestyle.

In the 400 Freestyle, Rossi swam a great 4:20.04 for 2nd place. Choi swam 4:31.77 for 3rd, and Zhong swam 4:36.56 for 5th.

Camarda (24.09), Cao (24.93), Faller (24.15), and Wynter (23.65) broke the pool and New England records in the 200 Freestyle Relay by swimming 1:36.82. Deerfield set the previous standard of 1:37.87 in 2004. Yang, Li, Alberga, and Simpson swam 1:42.13 for 3rd place.

Ty won the 100 Backstroke in 1:02.93, and Van Eijk placed 3rd in 1:05.28. Bouscaren, preparing for the upcoming relay, swam 1:09.81 for 5th. Teo won the 100 Breaststroke in 1:08.78, and Xue placed 3rd in 1:12.89.

Leading off the 400 Freestyle Relay, Faller narrowly missed the New England record in the 100 Freestyle with a 52.86. Bouscaren swam the second leg (55.06), followed by Wynter (52.59), and Camarda (52.61). The team's final time of 3:33.12 broke the previous pool and New England standard of 3:35.09 set by Loomis in 1992. Cao, Simpson, Zhong, and Rossi swam 3:46.88 for 3rd.

Next week, Andover has its only home meet of the season, against NMH.