Andover 2nd at Eastern Swimming and Diving Championships

13 records, 6 All-American performances, and personal bests in 75% of swims

(Lancaster, PA) – After a three-year absence, the Andover Boys' Swimming and Diving Team returned to the prestigious Eastern Championships and placed second out of more than thirty teams.

In its 117-year history, the Eastern Championships has seen more national high-school records set than any other meet; this year, Reece Whitley '18 established a new national record in the 100 Breaststroke in 51.81. For Andover to arrive at the competition and challenge the national-powerhouse Peddie School for the title and to defeat other extraordinary, year-round programs such as Mercersburg Academy and Germantown Academy, is further testament to the notion that extraordinary swimming and diving can emerge from unique seasonal programs with a focus on academics and cross-training such as Andover's.

Although it is difficult to highlight particular performances, a few are in order:

- * Andover twice achieved an Automatic All-American time standard in the 200 Medley Relay, twice achieved a Consideration All-American time standards in the 200 Freestyle Relay and the 400 Freestyle Relay as well as in the 100 Breaststroke (Arnold Su '20).
- * Arnold Su '20 established a new school record in the 100 Breaststroke with a time of 56.95. Local swimming legend, and current feature in *Forbes* magazine's "30-under-30" series, Brian Fiske '03 held the previous record in 57.07.
- * In addition to Su's school record in the Breaststroke, he also established new ninth-grade records in the 50 and 100 Freestyle. Both Sam Donchi '20 (100 Butterfly) and Anthony Minickiello '20 (200 and 500 Freestyle) established ninth-grade records as well. Neil Simpson '19 broke the tenth-grade record in the 100 Breaststroke, and Nick Isenhower '18 broke David Mainen's eleventh-grade record in the 100 Freestyle set in 1988.
- * Andover's team depth was demonstrated throughout the championship, perhaps best highlighted by its non-scoring "B" 200 Medley Relay, which swam 1:36.60, which would have placed seventh.
- * The final team scores: Peddie (554), Andover (504), Haverford (440.5), Suffield (389), Malvern Prep (388), Georgetown Prep (378)
- * The season is not over. This weekend, Andover is off to New Englands, where it hopes to improve on its performanes.

200 Medley Relay

Jack Warden '19, Neil Simpson '19, Arnold Su '20, Christian Alberga '17

1:32.70

2nd (tie)/Automatic All-American Time Standard/2nd-fastest performers in school history

Sam Donchi '20, Jacob Hudgins '19, Lance Freiman '19, Will Kantaros '18

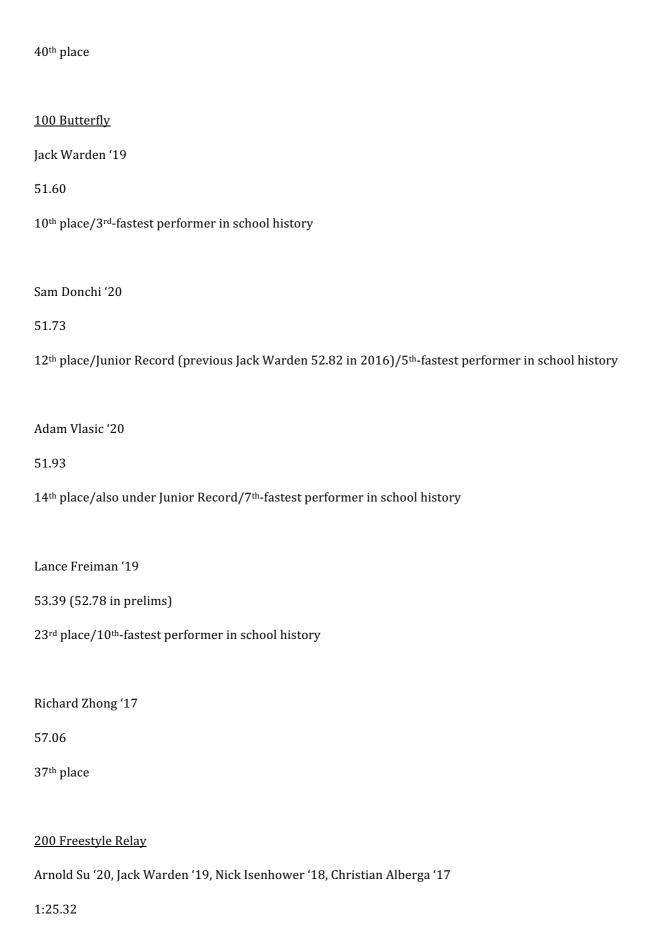
1:36.60

non-scoring exhibition/6th-fastest performers in school history

200 Freestyle
Nick Isenhower '18
1:41.87
5^{th} place/ 4^{th} -fastest performer in school history
Anthony Minickiello '20
1:46.09 (1:44 74 prelims)
16th place/Junior Record (previous Joe Faller 1:46.07 in 2011)/13th-fastest performer in school history
Dan Tran '17
1:50.01
33 rd place
Riku Tanaka '20
1:50.90
36 th place
200 Individual Medley
Neil Simpson '19
1:53.18 (1:53.15 in prelims)
6 th place/2 nd -fastest performer in school history
Lance Freiman '19
1:59.31 (1:56.63 in prelims)
16th place/9th-fastest performer in school history

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Jacob Hudgins '19
1:58.18
19th place/13th-fastest performer in school history
Adam Vlasic '20
1:58.80
22^{nd} place/16^{th}-fastest performer in school history
Rick Ono '19
2:03.26
34th place
50 Freestyle
Christian Alberga '17
22.09 (21.49 in prelims)
8th place
Will Kantaros '18
22.12
17<sup>th</sup> place
Nate Smith '18
23.15
30<sup>th</sup> place
Jonathan Xue '19
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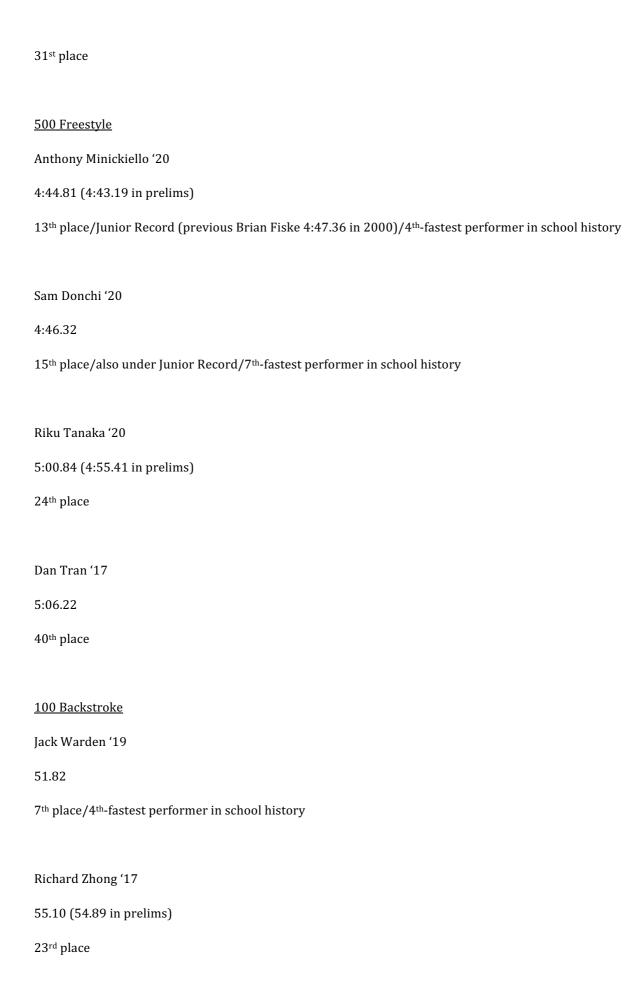
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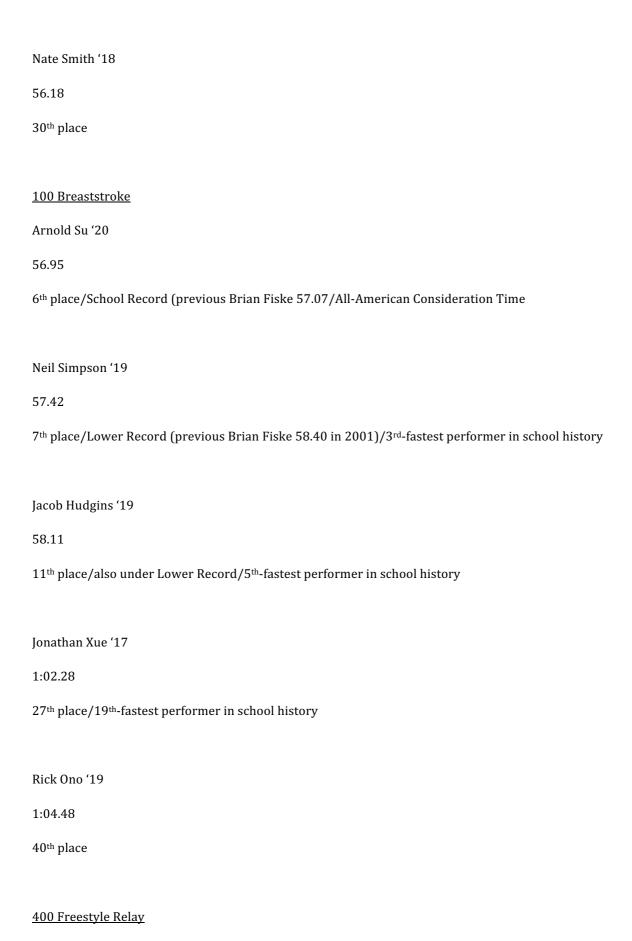


fastest performer in school history/relay 2nd-fastest performers in school history/All-American **Consideration Time** Riku Tanaka '20, Rick Ono '19, Dan Tran '17, Will Kantaros '18 1:31.95 non-scoring exhibition **Diving** Matt Grottkau '17 319.05 points 8th place 100 Freestyle Arnold Su '20 47.11 (46.71 in prelims) 8th seed/Junior Record (previous Christian Alberga 47.59 in 2014/5th-fastest performer in school history Nick Isenhower '18 46.58 9th place/Upper Record (previous David Mainen 46.76 in 1988)/3rd-fastest performer in school history Christian Alberga '17 47.58 (47.39 in prelims) 11th place Will Kantaros '18

49.88

5th place/Arnold Su leads off in Junior Record of 21.42 (previous Christian Alberga 22.10 in 2014) and 5th-





Lance Freiman '19, Adam Vlasic '20, Nick Isenhower '18, Neil Simpson '19

3:09.04 (3:08.97 in prelims)

 7^{th} place/ 5^{th} performers in school history/All-American Consideration Time

Sam Donchi '20, Riku Tanaka '20, Rick Ono '19, Dan Tran '17

3:23.81

non-scoring exhibition