

### Rookies Perform Well; Team Record 2-0

In its first home meet of the 2016-2017 season, the Andover Boys' Varsity Swimming and Diving Team faced the Pelicans of Loomis, and the competition provided for many terrific early-season performances.

In the 200 Medley Relay, Richard Zhong '17 (27.13), rookie Neil Simpson '19 (27.26), rookie Lance Freiman '19 (24.22), and Nick Isenhower '18 (22.03) swam 1:40.64 for the victory. Nate Smith '18 (27.58), Jonathan Xue '17 (29.52), rookie Adam Vlastic '20 (24.28), and Will Kantaros '18 (22.49) were third in 1:43.87. Rookie Anthony Minickiello '20 (28.57), Rick Ono '19 (30.38), Harvey Zheng '19 (25.49), and rookie Riku Tanaka '20 (24.29) were fourth in 1:48.73.

Rookie Arnold Su '20 won the 200 Freestyle in 1:46.77, less than a second off the Junior record. Jack Warden '19 placed second in 1:49.83, and Dan Tran '17 swam a personal best time in 1:52.69 for fourth.

Simpson returned to the pool to win the 200 Individual Medley with a 2:00.12. Zheng placed third with a 2:07.24, and Minickiello was fourth with a 2:08.05.

Captain Christian Alberga '17 won the 50 Freestyle in 22.10. Kantaros placed second in 23.39, and Tanaka was fourth in 24.50.

In the diving event, Matt Grottkau '17 scored 236.70 for second place, and in his first varsity performance, rookie Ryan Goggins '18 scored an impressive 144.00 for fifth.

With the score 50 to 28, the competition returned to swimming, with Su winning his second event of the day, the 100 Butterfly, in 53.77. Vlastic placed second in 54.50, and Freiman placed fourth in 57.40.

Warden won his first event of the season with a 49.26 in the 100 Freestyle. Alberga was 49.35 for a close second, and Ono was 52.01 for fourth.

In the 500 Freestyle, training partners Isenhower and Minickiello staged a great race with Isenhower winning in the end: 4:54.67 to 4:56.78. Tran was fourth in 5:08.96.

Su (22.14), Isenhower (23.04), Warden (21.34), and Alberga (21.64) combined to win the 200 Freestyle Relay in 1:28.16. Vlastic (23.89), Tran (26.14), Tanaka (24.29), and Zheng (23.08) were third in 1:37.40.

Freiman (58.56), Zhong (59.06), and Smith (59.42) placed second, third, and fourth in the 100 Backstroke.

In the 100 Breaststroke, Simpson swam 1:01.17. Xue swam 1:05.07, and Ono swam 1:07.00.

With the score 116 to 56, Andover swam non-scoring exhibition the rest of the meet.

For the 400 Freestyle Relay, Andover tried to have all three relays swim faster than 3:30, and the boys achieved that goal. Kantaros (52.28), Zheng (50.02), Minickiello (51.42), and Alberga (48.61) swam 3:22.33. Ono (52.39), Tanaka (52.49), Freiman (51.94), and Isenhower (49.50) swam 3:26.32. Tran (52.15), Zhong (56.33), Vlastic (51.80), and Su (48.41) swam 3:28.69.

Andover's next competition is in five weeks: at Suffield against the hosts and national powerhouse Peddie. The Boys have much work to do.