

In double-header, Andover defeats Peddie (96-84) and Suffield (108-78)

(Suffield, CT) – Today, the Boys' Varsity Swimming & Diving Team traveled to Suffield for the annual double-header against the defending Eastern Champions, and perennial national powerhouse, Peddie and the always talented squad from Suffield. Through a combination of scrappy racing, some best times, strong diving, and a few positive endings to some incredibly close races, Andover was able to upset Peddie, marking the first time in program history that Andover was able to secure a win against the program from New Jersey.

In a preview of the whole afternoon, the meet began with an excellent race in the 200 Medley Relay. Peddie out-touched Andover 1:35.02 to 1:35.15. Jack Warden '19 (24.48), Neil Simpson '19 (26.92), Lance Freiman '19 (22.96), and Arnold Su '20 (20.79) posted the fastest in-season time in Andover history. Sam Donchi '20 (25.72), Jacob Hudgins '19 (28.92), Adam Vlastic '20 (23.37), and Will Kantaros '18 (22.31) were third in an impressive 1:40.32. Swimming in non-scoring exhibition, Nate Smith '18 (27.83), Yubo Jin '21 (28.19), Harvey Zheng '19 (25.67), and Andy Xu '19 (23.31) swam and also impressive 1:45.00. **Score: Andover 6 / Peddie 8**

[Against Suffield, Andover placed first and second. Score: Andover 12 / Suffield 2]

In the 200 Freestyle, Captain Nick Isenhower '18 placed first against Peddie, out-touching 1:45.87 to 1:46.04. Riku Tanaka '20 placed fifth with 1:52.26, and Anthony Minickiello '20 placed sixth with 1:54.84. Marcus Lee '21 swam 1:53.75 in exhibition. **Score: Andover 13 / Peddie 17**

[Against Suffield, Isenhower placed second, Tanaka fourth, and Minickiello fifth. Score: Andover 20 / Suffield 11]

Simpson placed second in the 200 Individual Medley in 1:58.46; Freiman placed fourth in 2:02.42; and Hudgins was sixth in 2:05.55. Jin swam 2:11.82 in exhibition. **Score: Andover 18 / Peddie 28**

[Against Suffield, Simpson placed second, Freiman fourth, and Hudgins fifth. Score: Andover 27 / Suffield 20]

As often occurs, the 50 Freestyle was ridiculously close. Peddie out-touched Su: 21.64 to 21.65. Vlastic was fourth in 22.54, and Kantaros was fifth in 23.33. **Score: Andover 26 / Peddie 36**

[Against Suffield, Su placed first, Vlastic placed second, and Kantaros placed fourth. Score: Andover 39 / Suffield 24]

In the diving event, Andover's Zack Peng '19 (266.10) placed first, and Jack Curtin '19 (108.20) placed second. **Score: Andover 36 / Peddie 36**

[Against Suffield, Peng placed second and Curtin fifth. Score: Andover 44 / Suffield 35]

Returning from the diving event, Andover began building momentum. The 100 Butterfly saw Andover place second, third, and fourth: Vlastic (51.85), Warden (52.88), and Freiman (53.06). Zheng swam 58.33 in exhibition. **Score: Andover 45 / Peddie 43**

[Against Suffield, Andover secured the same places. Score: Andover 53 / Suffield 42]

Fresh off his close loss in the 50, Su returned to the pool and blazed the 100 Freestyle in 46.96 for first place. Isenhower was third in 48.30, and Ono was fifth in 51.83. Swimming exhibition, Lee swam 51.13. **Score: Andover 55 / Peddie 49**

[Against Suffield, Andover placed first, second, and fifth. Score: Andover 64 / Suffield 47]

In the 500 Freestyle, less than one second separated the first four finishers, and Donchi came out first in 4:49.34. Tanaka placed third in 5:03.03, and Minickiello placed fourth in 5:07.89. **Score: Andover 66 / Peddie 54**

[Against Suffield, Andover placed first, fourth, and fifth. Score: Andover 73 / Suffield 54]

At this point, Peddie's leaders stepped up and dropped a 1:25.55 in the 200 Freestyle Relay. Su (21.78), Kantaros (22.19), Simpson (21.63), and Isenhower (21.72) placed second in a solid 1:27.32. Xu (24.18), Zheng (23.11), Ono (23.52), and Lee (23.16) were fourth in 1:33.97. **Score: Andover 70 / Peddie 64**

[Against Suffield, Andover placed first and third. Score: Andover 83 / Suffield 58]

After Peddie's run, Andover responded with Warden winning the 100 Backstroke in 52.44, Donchi in third—yes, right after the 500—in 55.11, and Smith fifth in 1:00.06. **Score: Andover 80 / Peddie 70**

[Against Suffield, Andover placed first, second, and fifth. Score: Andover 94 / Suffield 63]

In the 100 Breaststroke, Simpson swam 1:01.31 for first; Hudgins swam 1:02.90 for second; and Jin swam 1:03.23 for fourth. Xu swam 1:05.92 in exhibition. **Score: Andover 92 / Peddie 74**

[Against Suffield, Andover placed second, third, and fourth. Score: Andover 103 / Suffield 70]

Andover entered the 400 Freestyle Relay already having won both meets, and the squad of Warden (49.49), Freiman (48.80), Donchi (48.76), and Isenhower (48.40) swam 3:15.45 for second. Tanaka (51.82), Zheng (51.19), Ono (52.41), and Vlastic (49.26) were 3:24.68 for fourth, and Minickiello (54.52), Lee (49.77), Smith (55.76), and Kantaros (51.73) were 3:31.78 in exhibition. **Score: Andover 96 / Peddie 84**

Andover next returns to competition on Friday, 26 January when the Boys face St. John's Prep at home.

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