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## THE PATRIOT PRESS



4 Down, 3 To Go!

### Patriots Shatter Shockwaves

#### 11-12 Boys "Perfect"

Led by the 11-12 Boys, who swept every event and placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in both relays, earning 55 points, and despite being outnumbered 147 to 118, the Huntwick Patriots pounded the Canyon Gate Shockwaves last Saturday, **429.5 to 214.5**. The 13-14 and 15-8 Girls were equally impressive, chalking up 60 and 59 points respectively.



**Blair Dewing** and **Kristen Flint** led the parade of victories in 13-14 and 15-18 Girls 100 Free, then the Patriot Relays took 10 of the 12 morning relays, building a huge lead they would

not relinquish. **Paul Prim, Rhett Kahlden, Luke Castle** and **Stephen Russell** led off with an easy victory in 6 and under Boys Free Relay, with **Sabrina Dill, Courtney Koehler, Annie Shouse** and **Charlotte Foster** taking the 6 and under Girls with an exciting 1 second win. **Jake Purdes, Robert Dill, John Dickson** and **Nate Martin** combined to win 7-8 Boys Medley Relay, with **Katie Koehler, Abby Hite, Emily Traynor** and **Gina Mangione** duplicating the feat in 7-8 Girls. Following a tough DQ of the 9-10 Boys, the 9-10 Girls Medley Relay team of **Sarah Traynor, Kelly Fahy, Amy Rose Barthelemy** and **Allison Hilpert** cruised to the blue ribbon. The 11-12 Boys Medley Relay of **Chase Schlemeyer, Ben Hardisty, Austin Fahy** and **Michael Bell** smoked everyone, with Huntwick's B and C teams taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the event. **Madison Bourg, Hannah Nelson, Rachael Bell** and **Kelly Flint** followed with a win in 11-12 Girls, and in the closest relay of the day, the 13-14 Boys fell by a scant 5/100ths of a second. **Kathryn Flint** gave the 13-14 Girls Medley Relay a big lead on the backstroke lead, which **Mattie Bunkers, Abby Buck** and **Blair Dewing** did not relinquish on the way to victory, while **Jeffrey Bell, Tyler Darwin, Kevin Gravesmill** and **Matt Hite**, in

15-18 Boys, and **Suzanne Bay, Elizabeth Fauser, Kristen Flint** and **Samantha Buck** in 15-18 Girls, finished up the avalanche of Patriot relay wins. The rout was on, as Huntwick jumped to a **77-33** lead.

Huntwick simply dominated Free, taking 9 of 12 events and earning a whopping 83 points to a paltry 25 for the Waves. **Stephen Russell** captured 1<sup>st</sup> place in 6 and under Boys, with **Paul Prim** earning points for his 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish, while **Carson Purdes, Marcos Bell, Berend Kahlden** and **David Pannell** showed fine improvement. **Charlotte Foster** took 2<sup>nd</sup> in 6 and under Girls, with **Sophia Norwood** and **Ashley Stivers** each cutting about 20 seconds off their personal best. **John Dickson** and **Robert Dill** went 1-2 in 7-8 Boys, while **Jacob Stivers** dropped over 4 seconds, and **Abby Hite** and **Grace Russell** finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 7-8 Girls, both showing improvement. **Emelia Buckalew** jumped 12 spots from her 16<sup>th</sup> seeding to finish 4<sup>th</sup>, while **Danielle Dockery** moved up 12 spots, improving over 4 seconds. **Sean Foster** and **Blake Newell** combined for a 1-2 Patriot finish in 9-10 Boys, and **Allison Hilpert** and **Amy Rose Barthelemy** matched, going 1-2 in 9-10 Girls.



The 11-12 Boys simply dominated, taking the top 6 spots in the event, as **Chase Schlemeyer, Will Harrison** and **Austin Fahy** took the 1<sup>st</sup> Patriot sweep of the day. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Patriot sweep followed minutes later, as **Rachael Bell, Hannah Nelson** and **Madison Bourg** combined for 1-2-3 finish in 11-12 Girls, with **Georgia Slagle** dropping almost 5 seconds from her seed time. Huntwick took 6 of the 7 top spots in 13-14 Boys, with **Griffin Warner** and **Trey Nelson** capturing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, followed by Patriots taking 10 of top 11 spots in 13-14 Girls, with a sweep at the top by **Abby Buck, Laynie Hardisty** and **Sarah Darwin**. **Kevin Gravesmill** easily won 15-18 Boys in **Ponderosa** time, and a trio of **Kristen Flint**, a hard-charging

**Samantha Buck** and **Suzanne Bay** swept 15-18 Girls, giving Huntwick a big **160-58** lead.



Huntwick continued to roll in Breast, splitting the 10 events but racking up 62 points to the Waves' 22, with Huntwick taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in almost every event. **John Dickson** and **Nate Martin** went 2-3 in Boys 7-8, followed by a 7-8 Girls sweep by

**Abby Hite**, **Emelia Buckalew** and **Grace Anne Potter**, with **Emily Traynor** cutting over 3 seconds and finishing 4<sup>th</sup>. **William Sklenka** and **Kyle Purdes** took 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 9-10 Boys, with **Kelly Fahy** and **Rachael Brewer** matching in 9-10 Girls. Patriots led by **Ben Hardisty**, **Tommy Watson** and **Michael Bell** took the top 4 spots in 11-12 Boys, and **Kelly Flint** and **Hannah Nelson** combined for a 1-2 finish in 11-12 Girls, with **Ally Flinn** also performing well. **Trey Nelson** and **John Burman** finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 13-14 Boys, while **Mattie Bunkers**, **Blair Dewing** and **Sarah Darwin** completed the Huntwick sweep in 13-14 Girls, with Patriots taking 8 of the top 9 spots. **Tyler Darwin** qualified for [Ponderosa](#), taking 2<sup>nd</sup> in 15-18 Boys, while **Elizabeth Fauser** and **Lillian Sharp** cruised to a 1-2 finish in 15-18 Girls. It was **Huntwick 222**, **Canyon Gate 86.**, and some fat lady somewhere had begun to sing.

**Stephen Russell** and **Charlotte Foster** both captured 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 6 and under Back, with **Marcos Bell** dropping 13 seconds from his previous best. In the IM, **William Sklenka** took 2<sup>nd</sup> in 9-10 Boys, while **Allison Hilpert** and **Kristen Russell** earned points with their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes in 9-10 Girls. **Michael Bell**, **Austin Fahy** and **Brett Dewing** swept 11-12 Boys, and **Kelly Flint** improved 3 seconds in taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in 11-12 Girls. **John Burman** and **Griffin Warnter** took 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 13-14 Boys, followed by **Blair Dewing** and **Aidan Sklenka's** 1-2 finish in 13-14 Girls. **Kevin Gravesmill** and **Samantha Buck** took top honors in the 15-18 age group, with **Elizabeth Fauser** dropping 4 seconds, for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the Patriots had extended their lead to **275-123**, and that fat lady was wailing.

Huntwick did not fare well in 7-8 Back, with only **Katie Koehler** earning points for her 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish, **William Sklenka** nearly captured 9-10 Boys, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>, closely followed by teammate **Sean Foster**. The Patriots then rolled off back-to-back sweeps in 9-10 Girls (**Kelly Fahy**, **Brooke Brown**,

**Amy Rose Barthelemy**) and 11-12 Boys (**Chase Schelemeyer**, **Will Harrison**, **Wren Strickland**), with **Josh Prim** and **Spencer Hilpert** also swimmin well, dropping significant time. **Madison Bourg** and **Rachael Bell** took 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 11-12 Girls, with **Erica Byler** showing great improvement, followed by **Brian Gravesmill** and **Tyler Morland** also notching a 2-3 finish in 13-14 Boys. **Kathryn Flint** held off a late-charging Wave swimmer to capture the blue ribbon in 13-14 Girls, with **Mattie Bunkers** finishing a strong 3<sup>rd</sup>, and **Ceci Wilkerson** cutting 3 seconds off her personal best and cracking the top 5 in the event. **Jeffrey Bell** and **John Henry Barthelemy** went 2-3 in 15-18 Boys, and **Suzanne Bay** and **Elizabeth Fauser** went 1-2 in 15-18 Girls, as the Patriots had doubled the Waves, **325 to 162.5**.

As usual, Huntwick rolled in Fly, taking 7 of the 10 events and 60 of a possible 90 points. **John Dickson**



dropped 3 seconds on his way to a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in 7-8 Boys, while **Abby Hite**, **Emily Traynor** and **Gina Mangione** combined for the sweep in 7-8 Girls, with **Katie Koehler** showing great improvement. **Blake Newell** finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in 9-10 Boys, with **Nicholas Buckalew** dropping time, **Amy Rose Barthelemy** captured the blue ribbon in 9-10 Girls, with **Allison Hilpert** cutting 5 seconds from her seed time. 11-12 Huntwick Boys continued their domination, taking the top 5 spots, with **Austin Fahy** leading **Brett Dewing** and **Ben Hardisty** to the sweep. In the most exciting race of the day, **Kelly Flint** improved over 2 seconds, but was nipped at the wall by 2/100ths of a second in 11-12 Girls, with **Rachael Bell** close behind in 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Brian Gravesmill** took honors in 13-14 Boys, qualifying for [Ponderosa](#), with **Griffin Warner** adding points with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. 13-14 Girls (**Sarah Darwin**, **Abby Buck** and **Ellen Dickson**) swept 13-14 Girls, and **Kevin Gravesmill** (in [Ponderosa](#) time) and **Kristen Flint** won the 15-18 events, with **Samantha Buck** in 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Matt Hite** 3<sup>rd</sup>, and it was **Huntwick 385.5**, **Canyon Gate 192.5**. Huntwick finished the day as it started, taking 8 of 10 afternoon relays, including a perfect 6 for 6 in the Girls events and the Boys 11-12 B and C teams again defeating the Waves.



Coach **Shannie Sharp** was excited after the meet: “Two in a Row!! Wow!! We really did well today, all ages, all strokes, lots of kids improved, relays were great, all in all a great day!! I thought with all those swimmers we might have some problems,

but our kids really came to swim. We have so many kids improving so quickly we will be a real force at divisionals in a few weeks. **GO PATRIOTS!!**



## MEET SCHEDULE

May 9 **Home** Practice Meet

May 16 **Home** vs Windrose (275-367 loss)

May 23 **Away** vs Spring Crk Forest (270-258 WIN)

May 30 **Home** vs Canyon Gate (429.5-214.5 WIN)

June 6 **Home** vs Raveneaux (110 swimmers)

June 13 **Away** vs Spring Creek Oaks (170)

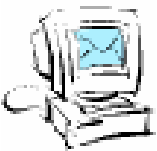
June 20 Central Region, Division 2 Championship:  
at Tomball Aquatic Center

June 21 Swim Team Annual Awards Banquet

June 22 Swim Team Parent Annual Hangover

### Tale of the tape (points/possible points):

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
6 and under	14/23	11/23
7-8	22/46	35/46
9-10	22/55	40/55
11-12	<b>55/55</b>	39.5/55
13-14	33/64	<b>60/64</b>
15-19	39/64	<b>59/64</b>
<b>Total</b>	185	244.5



So there's this new thingy called the internet, which has all the information you need about anything, including the Huntwick Patriots and Viagra!

The Patriot Website is [www.huntwickpatriots.org](http://www.huntwickpatriots.org) (sorry, don't know the one for Viagra, check with **Bob Bell**). We are always looking for photos (of the kids swimming) so send yours in for posting!

## Points Points Points

### Boys:

**Kevin Gravesmill 15 (+10 relay)**

Brian Gravesmill 11 (+7 relay)

John Dickson 11 (+7 relay)

Chase Schlemeyer 10 (+10 relay)

William Sklenka 9 (+2 relay)

Austin Fahy 9 (+10 relay)

### Girls:

**Kristen Flint 15 (+10 relay)**

Abby Hite 13 (+10 relay)

Blair Dewing 13 (+10 relay)

Kelly Flint 13 (+10 relay)

Elizabeth Fauser 11 (+10 relay)

Samantha Buck 11 (+10 relay)

Abby Buck 11 (+10 relay)

Amy Rose Barthelmy 9 (+10 relay)

Suzanne Bay 9 (+10 relay)

## Wreck the Racers!!



Its been at least 12 years since Huntwick last faced the Raveneaux Racers, maybe more. **You must check-in with Coach Shannie or Asst. Coach Scotty Dickson by no later than at 7:00 a.m. or you may be scratched!! 10 and under warm-ups begin at 7:15 a.m., with 11 and up warm-ups following at 7:30 a.m.**

## Let coaches know TODAY if you do not plan to swim.



No, it's not May anymore, but we've got one more Happy Hour – TONIGHT!! And it's TACO NIGHT!! Be sure to thank **Marielle Spin**

for the great job she's done this year organizing Happy Hours, making sure there is plenty of food and drink for the kids and adults each week, no easy feat, given the amount of beer **Tom Watson** and **Wade Wendt** can consume.



# Major Improvement

**Marcos Bell 25 Free (3 sec), Back (13 sec)**

Rachael Bell 50 Back (2 sec)

Brooke Brown 25 Back, Fly (2 sec)

Emelia Buckalew 25 Free, Breast (4 sec)

Nicholas Buckalew 25 Fly (2 sec)

Erica Byler 50 Back (9 sec)

Devon Corrington 25 Free, Back (2 sec)

Sarah Darwin 50 Breast (3 sec)

Ben Davidson 25 Free (3 sec)

Brett Dewing IM (2 sec), 50 Fly (4 sec)

John Dickson 25 Fly (3 sec)

Danielle Dockery 25 Free (4 sec)

Elizabeth Fauser IM (4 sec)

Ally Flinn 50 Breast (4 sec)

Kathryn Flint 50 Breast (2 sec)

Kelly Flint 50 Breast, Fly (2 sec), IM (3 sec)

Charlotte Foster 25 Back (3 sec)

Ben Granger 50 Back (3 sec)

Matt Granger 50 Free (2 sec)

Brian Gravesmill 50 Fly (2 sec)

Kevin Gravesmill IM (4 sec)

Ben Hardisty 50 Fly (5 sec)

Will Harrison 50 Fly (2 sec)

Michael Hil 25 Back (5 sec)

Allison Hilpert 25 Fly (5 sec)

Spencer Hilpert 50 Back (2 sec)

Abby Hite 25 Fly (2 sec)

**Berend Kahlden 25 Free (2 min. 10 sec)**

Courtney Koehler 25 Back (4 sec)

Katie Koehler 25 Back (2 sec), 25 Fly (3 sec)

Nate Martin 25 Breast (6 sec)

Trey Nelson 50 Breast (2 sec)

Blake Newell 25 Back (2 sec)

**Sophia Norwood 25 Free (19 sec)**

**David Pannell 25 Free (41 sec)**

Grace Anne Potter 25 Breast (3 sec)

Josh Prim 50 Back (2 sec)

Carson Purdes 25 Free (7 sec)

Kyle Purdes 25 Breast (3 sec)

David Russell IM (2 sec)

Grace Russell 25 Free (2 sec)

Stephen Russell 25 Free (2 sec)

Lillian Sharp 50 Back (2 sec)

Aidan Sklenka IM (2 sec)

William Sklenka IM (4 sec)

Adeline Slagle 25 Breast (2 sec)

Georgia Slagle 50 Free (4 sec), 50 Breast (2 sec)

**Ashley Stivers 25 Free (37 sec), Back (5 sec)**

Emily Traynor 25 Breast, Fly (3 sec)

Sarah Traynor 25 Fly (2 sec)

Ceci Wilkerson 50 Back (3 sec)

Caroline Young 25 Free (2 sec)



(new in bold)

**Tyler Darwin 50 Breast**

John Dickson 25 Free

Brian Gravesmill 50 Free, Back, **Fly**

Kevin Gravesmill **50 Free**, Back, **Fly**,  
100 Free

Samantha Buck 50 Free

Mattie Bunkers 50 Breast

Kristen Flint 100 Free, IM, 50 Fly, **Free**

Charlotte Foster 25 Free

Mason Adams 50 Breast, Back, **Free**

Ben Alexander 50 Back

John Henry Barthelemy 50 Breast, Back

Jeffrey Bell 100 Free, **50 Back**

Michael Bell 50 Free, Back, **Breast, Fly**, IM

John Burman 50 Breast, IM, **100 Free**

Brett Dewing 50 Free, Back, **Fly**

Woody Dewing 50 Free, Fly

John Dickson 25 Breast, Fly

Robert Dill 25 Free, Breast

Austin Fahy 50 Free, Back, Fly, IM

Sean Foster 25 Back

Brian Gravesmill 100 Free

Kevin Gravesmill IM

Ben Hardisty 50 Free, Breast, **Fly**

Jack Harrison 100 Free, 50 Back

Will Harrison 50 Free, Back

J.P. Hite 50 Free, IM

Matt Hite 50 Breast

**Nate Martin 25 Breast**

Travis Morland 50 Back

Tyler Morland 50 Back

**Trey Nelson 50 Free, Breast**

**Josh Prim 50 Back**

Stephen Russell 25 Back, **Free**

Chase Schlemeyer 50 Free, Back

**Frank Sklenka 50 Back**

William Sklenka 25 Breast

Wren Strickland 50 Free, Breast, Back

Griffin Warner IM, **50 Free, Fly**

Tommy Watson 50 Breast

Kyle Wilkerson 25 Free

Scott Williams 25 Fly

Amy Rose Barthelemy 25 Free, Fly

Suzanne Bay 50 Free, Back

Rachael Bell 50 Fly

Madison Bourg 50 Back

Abby Buck 50 Free, **Fly, 100 Free**

Samantha Buck Back, Fly, IM

Mattie Bunkers 50 Free, Back

Sarah Darwin IM, 50 Fly, **Free, Breast**

Blair Dewing 50 Free, Breast, Back, IM

Kelly Fahy 25 Breast

Kathryn Flint 50 Back

**Kelly Flint 50 Fly**

Laynie Hardisty 50 Free

Allison Hilpert 25 Free



Abby Hite 25 Breast

Hannah Nelson 50 Free

**Aidan Sklenka 50 Fly**



Once again, one name has leapt to the forefront as “Volunteer of the Week!” First, the contenders:  
**Wade Brewer** – Set-up and Take-down: “Excellent job – he took the day off work before first meet to powerwash bleachers, always at the pool by 6 a.m.” Honorable Mention to **Steve Bourg**, Wade’s right-hand man.



**Monica Flinn** -- “handled Happy Hours when **Marielle** was out, sets up every time we have one!”  
**Melanie Stewart** – “organized, highly committed, perky and nice at 6:30 a.m.!”

And the winner is . . . **Marcia! Marcia! Marcia!**  
**Marcia Brewer** – “went beyond the call of duty by redoing swim team bulletin board, redoing background, putting new pictures in.” Another kudo for **Marcia**: “She stays after the meet while her husband and everybody starts drinking, working and cleaning up, a real volunteer star!” And yet another, from her husband **Wade**: “She’s married to me, that deserves real recognition!”

*Planning a Vacation??*  
 Turn in your vacation form in advance of the meet to be missed!



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK WINNER!!

Last week’s photo generated several submissions, but the winner, far and away, was:



“Hey Wade, is that a turd in the pool?”

Here’s this week’s photo caption contest:



## SWIM BUDDIES

Each younger swimmer this year has an older Patriot swimmer as their special “Swim Buddy” Please be sure the older swim buddies are talking to their younger buddy, especially at meets. The younger kids love being cheered on by the older kids, and makes a real difference in their enjoyment of swim team. Thanks to **Marielle Spin** for spearheading this new program, and special thanks to those older kids who have graciously agreed to “buddy up” with more than one swimmer. You Guys Rock!



## T-SHIRT ORDERS

T-Shirt Orders for Divisional T-shirts are now being taken. Order form is attached, and additional forms will be available at Happy Hour today and at the Meet on Saturday.  
**YOU MUST PRE-ORDER YOUR**

**SHIRTS NOW!!** \$10 for each youth shirt, \$12 for each adult shirt, \$15 for each **Bob Warner** shirt.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Have you seen my Daddy? I'm still at Happy Hour at 9:30, and he's disappeared. I think I'll just get a ride home.

Natalie Holley

Dear Editor:

Have you seen my daughter? I'm still at Happy Hour with a bunch of fellow drunks, it's about 11.

Mike Holley

Dear Mike:

Good job! We appreciate you continuing to make the rest of us look responsible.

Dear Patriot Press:

You've been using the same list for several weeks thanking people who've donated towards the team this year, and it needs updating.

The Iresons,  
the Davidsons and  
the Watsons

Dear IDW:

You are absolutely right. In addition to recognizing **Flinn, Johnson, Wilkerson (2x), Dickson, Barthelemy Russell, Koehler, Holley, Slagle, Williams (2x), Shouse, Darwin, Prim (2x), Spin, Merkel, Gravesmill, Buck, Morland, Newell (2x), Fahy, Hilpert, Dill (2x), Foster, Bell (Bob and Kim), Crawford, Purdes, Stivers, Vasquez, Woodward, Wendt, Flint, BE SURE TO THANK THE IRESONS, DAVIDSONS and WATSONS!!**



### THROW THE BOOK at 'em!

At a recent meet an issue came up regarding a swimmer's swimsuit, and another swimmer's cap.

The suit in question had a small paw print on it, and the cap in question had the likeness of a Cougar. Section III.J of the Official NWAL Rules states that a swimmer:

**"may not display insignia or other items that are from any other swimming organization or team."**

Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the meet. Apparently, this means if the offending paw print or likeness were shown to be from a swimming organization or team, the swimmer could be DQ'd.

Other violations would seem to include a U.S. flag (as we have an Olympic team, reputedly pretty good) or the word "Houston" (UH has a team). Acceptable insignia would seem to include the Texas flag (as UT swims under the longhorn symbol),



any professional sports logo, including Cougars and paw prints (but not Cougars or paw prints associated with high schools or colleges that have swim teams). Which paw prints are okay??



How about these Cougars?



Perhaps it's best we stick with areas where we know we are safe. Patriot swimmers, avoid the foregoing, and stick with -- commercial logos!!



LEHMAN BROTHERS

## Finance Restructure Unveiled

*Brewer offers "Innovative Plan" to bridge gap*

With continuing losses to the Swim Fund caused by our ill-advised investments in AIG, Treasurer **Barnes Darwin** recently met with the Swim Team Board to report on our finances, which he referred to simply as "we ain't got none." Following this concise appraisal of the ongoing crisis, **Wade Brewer** presented a novel idea that several members labeled "intriguing": Cigar Sales at the concession stand. "Section V.F.1(f) of the NWAL rules prohibits alcoholic beverages 'in the vicinity of the meet,' but Sec. V.F.1(e) only prohibits tobacco products 'in the ready bench area, finish or starting area of the pool deck,'" noted **Brewer**. "This leaves plenty of area for cigars, I've got plenty of Cubans to donate." Said several members, including **Jack Burman** and **Bob Warner**, "It's about time,. Now let's redefine 'vicinity' to exclude the grill area and make some real money!"