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It's all about my kids . . . I mean "The Kids"

Ouch!! Div. 1 Marlins Win Easily

Kevin Gravesmill, Stephen
Conrad, Meredith Bunkers Shine



With NWAL's move to 5-team divisions, each year the Patriots face one team outside our division (which is Central Region Division 2). This year, the Patriots drew the undefeated Division 1 Woodlands Marlins, one of the top three teams out of all of NWAL (which is about 100 teams, so these kids are pretty darn good) and also one of the largest, with almost 400 swimmers. The Marlins lived up to their reputation, starting with a sweep of the first event, continuing with 10 of 12 relay victories in the morning, and ending with 6 of 10 relay wins in the afternoon, beating the Patriots by over 200 points, **436-209**.

Early highlights included **Kristen Flint** besting her **Huntwick team record** set only one week before in the Girls 13-14 100 Free, followed by **Colton Chojnacki** and **Matt Johnson** finishing 1-2 in the Boys 17-18 100 Free. The Marlins then took 7 straight relays, until **Kathryn Flint**, **Mattie Bunkers**, **Abby Buck** and **Sarah Darwin** dropped almost a second from their seed time and combined for an upset win in the Girls 11-12 Medley Relay. Only two other relays were close, with **Jeffrey Bell**, **Tyler Darwin**, **Kevin Gravesmill** and **Woody Dewing** narrowly losing the Boys 13-14 event, and **Colton Chojnacki**, **Matt Johnson**, **Stephen Conrad** and **Scott Dickson** narrowly winning the Boys 15-18 Medley Relay, and the Marlins were up **80-34**.

In the Freestyle events, **John Dickson** cut a half second off his time, placing 3rd in Boys 6 and under, with **Reagan Ralston** taking 3rd in Girls 6 and under. 4-year old **Paul Prim** is now officially the "**Star of Tomorrow**", dropping 17 seconds and beating every other 4-year old in the pool (but watch out for 3-year old **Carson Purdes**, who dropped 18 seconds)! In Boys 7-8, **Scott Newell** left the deck to get coffee, so he couldn't DQ his son **Blake Newell**, who responded by setting a personal best by almost 3 seconds (everybody offer to buy **Scott** a coffee at divisionals, especially during 7-8 Breast!) **Michael Bell** challenged in the 9-10 Boys, but was nipped at the wall, tying for 2nd, with **J.P. Hite** and **Brett Dewing**

close behind. **Kelly Flint**, **Madison Bourg** and **Rachel Johnson** all set personal bests in Girls 9-10,, after which **Brian Gravesmill** broke through for the first Patriot victory in Boys 11-12. **Abby Buck** followed with a strong 2nd place finish in Girls 11-12, and **Kevin Gravesmill** matched his brother, taking 1st in Boys 13-14. **Stephen Conrad** finished the trifecta for the Boys, taking the 15-18's, and **Caroline Chojnacki** ended the Free events for the Patriots, managing a 2nd in 15-18 Girls, but the Marlins had increased their lead to over 100 points, **161-61**.

As the Breaststroke began, 5th seeded **Kyle Purdes** dropped his seed time a second and a half and moved from a 5th seed into 3rd, earning points for the Patriots in 7-8 Boys. In 9-10 Boys, **Michael Bell** placed 2nd, with **Ben Hardisty** leaping from a 7th seed to finish 3rd. **John Burman** and **Mason Adams** swam well in Boys 11-12, placing 2nd and 3rd, followed by **Blair Dewing** taking the first Patriot blue ribbon in Breast, dropping almost a second and beating a heavily favored Marlin. **Tyler Darwin** and **Matt Johnson** added blue ribbons to the Patriot effort in 13-14 and 15-18 Boys, with **Margaret Fleming** and **Caroline Chojnacki** taking end in the Girls 13-14 and 15-19 events, but it was now **Marlins 221, Patriots 91**.

Scott Newell again left the deck (in search of a hot dog, I think), and **Evan Newell** swam his best backstroke ever, knocking 12 seconds off his seed time and rising from 12th seed to finish 6th in Boys 6 and under and both **Grace Anne Potter** and **Sara Golchin** showed big improvements in the girls event, with **Potter** dropping 4 seconds and **Golchin**, seeded 22nd, finishing 12th. The Individual Medleys did not go well for the Patriots, although **Griffin Warner** knocked 11 seconds off his previous best, finishing 4th in Boys 11-12, **Blair Dewing** and **Abby Buck** managed a 2nd and 3rd in Girls 11-12, **Stephen Conrad** and **Meredith Bunkers** took blue ribbons in the older ages. Nevertheless, the Marlin lead ballooned to almost 200 points, **297-105**.

Sean Foster, **Kyle Wilkerson** and **Tommy Brownlee** swam well in Boys 7-8 Back, with each cutting 4 seconds off their seed time, while **Amy Rose Barthelemy** improved 3 seconds in Girls 7-8. **Austin Fahy** broke through for the first Patriot backstroke win, taking the 9-10 Boys by a scant 0.08 seconds, with **Brett Dewing** close behind in 3rd and

Ben Hardisty jumping from 13th seed to finish 5th. **Brian Gravesmill** took his second blue ribbon of the day in 11-12 Boys, and after **Blair Dewing's** 3rd place in 11-12 Girls, **Kevin Gravesmill, Jeffrey Bell** and **Matt Hite** scored the first Huntwick sweep of the day in 13-14 Boys.. **Kristen Flint** qualified for Ponderosa, taking 3rd in 13-14 Girls, with **Samantha Buck** close behind, missing Ponderosa by only 0.04 seconds, and **Meredith Bunkers** took the only Patriot blue in Back in the 15-18 Girls event, but the Woodlands were comfortably ahead, **359-133**.

As the Butterfly events began, usually the best Patriot stroke, **Coach Cindy** stopped to speak with the team, and they responded, taking 7 of the 10 events. **Kyle Wilkerson**, seeded last in 7-8 Boys, **shocked the crowd**, knocking 17 seconds off his prior best and winning the event, with **Blake Newell** in a close 2nd (I guess **Scott** was off with **John May** in search of a cheeseburger at this point). **Austin Fahy** and **Brett Dewing** matched the feat, finishing 1-2 in Boys 9-10, **Rachael Bell** cut 2 seconds off her time, qualifying for All Stars and taking 3rd in Girls 9-10, **Griffin Warner** took 2nd in Boys 11-12, and then **Abby Buck, Kevin Gravesmill, Kristen Flint, Stephen Conrad** and **Meredith Bunkers** reeled off five straight Patriot victories, all in Ponderosa times, reducing the Marlin lead somewhat to **399-183**.

Unfortunately, the Woodlands depth was too much for the Patriots in the afternoon relays, but there were a few bright spots, with the Patriots taking 4 of 5 Boys relays, each by about a second or less. The 9-10 Boys team of **Brett Dewing, Austin Fahy, J.P. Hite** and **Michael Bell** started the Patriot run, beating the favored Marlins by 0.42 seconds **Griffin Warner, Trey Nelson, John Burman** and **Brian Gravesmill** took the 11-12 Boys event by a comfortable 1.23 seconds, **Jeffrey Bell, Woody Dewing, Tyler Darwin** and **Kevin Gravesmill** nipped a heavily-favored Marlin relay team by 0.30 seconds in 13-14 Boys, and **Colton Chojnacki, Matt Johnson, Stephen Conrad** and **Scott Dickson** combined for a narrow 0.88 second win in the 15-18's.

After the meet, **Coach Cindy** remained upbeat. "They're busing kids in from Dallas, Austin, who knows where. I am really proud of how our kids did today. The Woodlands is one of the premier swim clubs in the country, and we did all right. I loved it when our top swimmers did so well in the Fly, and the Boys really racked up some great relay wins in the afternoon. Lots of the kids set personal bests, even with the slippery walls. I expect we will do very well back in our own division against Kleinwood next week, which will set us up for a great Divisionals!

Tale of the tape (points/possible points):

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
6 and under	3/28	3/28
7-8	13/46	2/46
9-10	27/55	1/55
11-12	25/55	23/55
13-14	32/64	11/64
15-18	42/64	27/64
Total	152	67

Points Points Points

Boys:

- Stephen Conrad 15 (+10 relay)**
- Kevin Gravesmill 15 (+7 relay)**
- Austin Fahy 10 (+7 relay)
- Brian Gravesmill 10 (+7 relay)
- Colton Chojnacki 9 (+10 relay)
- Matt Johnson 8 (+10 relay)

Girls:

- Meredith Bunkers 15 (+4 relay)**
- Abby Buck 9 (+5 relay)
- Blair Dewing 9 (+5 relay)
- Caroline Chojnacki 7 (+4 relay)
- Kristen Flint 7

This Week: *Kleinwood*

This week the Patriots travel just down the street to Kleinwood to take on the undefeated Woodlands Marlins. The Marlins are in the top division of the Central Region and swim out of the Woodlands Athletic Center, 11111 Winterberry Place,

Arrive and check in with Coach Cindy by 7:30 a.m. Warm-ups start at 7:45!!

Swimmers not checked in by 7:30 will be summarily scratched!!

Easy Directions (est. time 6 mins):

Take Champion Forest north to Louetta, right on Louetta, take second right (about half a mile) onto Kleinwood Drive, clubhouse on left.



New in bold:

Tyler Darwin 50 Breast, 50 Fly
Matt Johnson 50 Breast
Abby Buck 50 Fly
Blair Dewing 50 Breast
Stephen Conrad 50 Free, 100 IM, 50 Fly
Colton Chojnacki 50 Back, 50 Fly, 100 IM
Brian Gravesmill 50 Free, 50 Back
Kevin Gravesmill 50 Back, 50 Fly, 50 Free
Kristen Flint 100 IM & Free, 50 Fly, Free and Back
Meredith Bunkers 50 Back, 50 Fly
Samantha Buck 50 Fly

Major Movers

Improvement over Seed Time:
Evan Newell 25 Free (3 sec), **25 Back (12 sec)**
Paul Prim 25 Free (17 sec)
Carson Purdes 25 Free (18 sec)
Sara Golchin 25 Free (8 sec), 25 Breast (17 sec), 25 Back (9 sec)
Vivian Slagle 25 Free (13 sec)
Blake Newell 25 Free (3 sec)
Adeline Slagle 25 Free (4 sec)
Emily Jane Peterson 25 Free (5 sec)
Ben Granger 50 Free (4 sec), 50 Back (4 sec)
Zach Golchin 25 Breast (3 sec)
Anthony Sleiman (27 sec)
Kelly Fahy 25 Breast (5 sec)
Hannah Flinn 25 Breast (3 sec)
Claudia Crookshanks (7 sec)
Natalie Holley 25 Breast (3 sec)
Frank Sklenka 50 Breast (4 sec), 50 Back (4 sec)
Ceci Wilkerson 50 Breast (7 sec), 50 Back (9 sec)
Grace Anne Potter 25 Back (4 sec)
Rachael Bell 100 IM (4 sec)
Mary Fauser 100 IM (7 sec), 25 Back (4 sec)
Griffin Warner 100 IM (11 sec)
Forest Brown 100 IM (8 sec)
Sean Foster 25 Back (4 sec)
Kyle Wilkerson 25 Back (4 sec), 25 Fly (17 sec)
Tommy Brownlee 25 Back (4 sec)
Amy Rose Barthelemy 25 Back (3 sec)
Ben Hardisty 25 Back (4 sec)
Madison Crookshanks 25 Back (3 sec)
Michael Crocker 50 Back (3 sec), 50 Fly (5 sec)
Sarah Darwin 50 Back (5 sec)
Mattie Bunkers 50 Back (3 sec)
Lindsey May 50 Back (3 sec)
Matt Johnson 50 Fly (3 sec)



(new in bold):

John Dickson 25 Free, 25 Back
Sean Foster 25 Free
William Sklenka 25 Free, 25 Breast
Kyle Purdes 25 Breast
Zach Golchin 25 Breast
Dawson Noble 25 Free, 25 Back
Michael Bell 25 Free, 25 Breast
Austin Fahy 25 Free, 25 Back, 25 Fly, 100 IM
Brett Dewing 25 Free, 25 Back, 25 Fly
J.P. Hite 25 Free, 25 Breast, **25 Back**
Ben Hardisty 25 Breast
Tommy Watson 25 Breast
Wren Strickland 25 Breast, 25 Fly
Brian Gravesmill 50 Fly
John Burman 50 Free, 50 Breast, 100 IM
Tyler Morland 50 Free, 50 Back
Trey Nelson 50 Free, 50 Breast, 50 Back
Griffin Warner 50 Free, 50 Breast, 50 Fly, **100 IM**
Mason Adams 50 Breast, **50 Free, 50 Back**
Joe Stewart 50 Breast, 100 IM
Travis Morland 50 Free, 100 IM, 50 Fly
Jeffrey Bell 100 Free, 50 Free, 100 IM, 50 Back
Tyler Darwin 100 Free, 50 Free
Ryan Keeling 50 Back
Woody Dewing 50 Free, 50 Fly, 100 IM
Kevin Gravesmill 100 Free, 100 IM
Colton Chojnacki 100 Free
Matt Johnson 100 Free, 50 Free, **50 Fly**

Reagan Ralston 25 Free, 25 Back
Sarah Fitzgerald 25 Free, 25 Back
Emelia Buckalew 25 Back
Abby Hite 25 Back
Alison Hilpert 25 Breast
Amy Rose Barthelemy 25 Fly
Kelly Flint 25 Fly
Rachael Bell 25 Fly
Abby Buck 50 Free, 100 IM
Blair Dewing 100 IM, 50 Back
Kathryn Flint 50 Back, 50 Fly, **50 Free**
Mattie Bunkers 50 Breast, **50 Back**
Sarah Darwin 50 Free, 50 Breast, 50 Fly, **50 Back**
Alex Hoskins 50 Breast
Katy Cooper 50 Breast, 50 Back
Margaret Fleming 50 Free, 50 Breast, 50 Back, 100 IM
Suzanne Bay 50 Free, 50 Back
Julia Burman 50 Back
Samantha Buck 100 Free, 100 IM, 50 Free, 50 Back
Meredith Bunkers 100 Free, 100 IM
Sydney Crawford 50 Free, 50 Fly, 50 Back
Caroline Chojnacki 100 Free, 50 Free, 50 Breast

PATRIOT WEBSITE

The Huntwick Patriot Website is back!! The latest on practices, meets, results, weather, pictures and more can be found with a quick click to

www.huntwickpatriots.org

We need pictures!! E-mail your photos of Patriot swimmers (in the pool, hanging out, eating candy – we all have lots of those) to Kathryn Traynor at:

KTraynor@smith.com

And be sure to thank her, she's done a great job with the website!



MEET SCHEDULE

May 19	VICTORY over Windrose 350-285
May 26	Spring Creek Forest 331, Huntwick 248
June 2	Imperial Oaks 346, Huntwick 298
June 9	Woodlands Marlin 436, Huntwick 209
June 16	Away versus Kleinwood
June 17	Pentathlon
June 23	Cent. Region, Div. 2 Championship: at Klein Forest High School
June 24	Swim Team Annual Awards
June 30-July 1	Ponderosa/All Stars



Good luck Sunday!

Kristen Flint
Kathryn Flint
Kelly Flint
Samantha Buck
Abby Buck
Kevin Gravesmill

DIVISIONALS!!

Central Region Division 2 Divisional Meet is next Saturday at **Klein Forest High School** at indoor natatorium, 8-lane 25-yard pool. Team areas will be outside, so bring tents, chairs, etc. As in past year, Patriots will bring our team canopies. Huntwick is the closest team, so our warm-ups will be early, probably around 7:00-7:15. Volunteers will be in 3 shifts: 8:30-10:30 10:30-12:30, and 12:30-2:30. Huntwick will provide 5 timers and 2 scribes for each shift, 1 ribbon person, 1 computer person, 1 clerk of course/runner and 2 ready bench helpers. Huntwick will be selling coffee, breakfast items and drinks, cash basis (no tickets) throughout the day, so in addition to regular concession ladies, grill guys and ticket guys working, we will need other volunteers, including people who don't usually do concessions. Lineups for divisionals will be posted by Wednesday at the Clubhouse.

Please notify Coach Cindy immediately if you are not swimming Divisionals!!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

To allay everyone's concerns, I wanted to let everyone know we still might get more than one Huntwick home meet next year, as the schedule is not set in stone, as long as we don't have people abandoning their posts at Divisionals. Please do not leave your shift unless a Huntwick volunteer with an official Huntwick identification card takes your place (ID cards to be supplied by Dinosaur Plastics the morning of Divisionals). In addition, "Bark Park II" adjacent to the pool is unlikely to be completed before fall, so other than preliminary fence construction, it should not unduly interfere with July 4th activities.

Cordially,
Paul Bunkers,
Huntwick Swim Team Pres.

Dear Editor:
Saw paper on the internet and wondering if you have name/address of guy in last week's photo. If not, perhaps you could just send him the enclosed photo - we'd love to meet him!

