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Even Better than Last Week's Edition!

MATTIE BUNKERS SETS POOL RECORD!!

But Patriots Zapped by Lightning

Despite a record setting performance by **Mattie Bunkers** in the 11-12 Girls 50 Breast, the Lakewood Lightning beat the Huntwick Patriots last Saturday at the 4-lane (ugh!) Lakewood pool by the score of **353-297**. With the loss, the Patriots fell to 2-2 in Division C2, and are currently 4th out of six teams.

As usual, the Patriots started quickly, with **Brian Gravesmill** (dropping 3 seconds) **Blair Dewing** and **Caroline Chojnacki** taking three of the four 100 Free events, with **Jeffrey Bell** and **Tyler Darwin** chipping in with 2nd and 3rd in the Boys 15-18 event, and the Patriots were off to an early lead **19-16**.

The 6 and under Patriot relay teams continued their terrific season, with **Nate Martin**, **Paul Prim**, **Jake Purdes** and **Evan Newell** cutting a whopping 53 seconds off their seed time for the boys, and **Emily Traynor**, **Katie Koehler**, **Emelia Buckalew** and **Abby Hite** dropping 5 seconds as they pulled away from Lakewood on the final leg. Lakewood's 7-8 boys narrowly defeated a fired-up Patriot team of **John Dickson**, **Kyle Wilkerson**, **Blake Newell** and **Nicholas Buckalew** (who improved 76 seconds on their seeding) at the wall by a scant 0.04 seconds, but the Patriot Girls 7-8 Medley put Huntwick back on track, with **Sarah Traynor**, **Kelly Fahy**, **Reagan Ralston** and **Hannah Flinn** showing continued improvement. Lakewood then rolled off five straight relay victories (**ouch!**), until **Kathryn Flint**, **Blair Dewing**, **Samantha Buck** and **Abby Buck** stopped the streak with a stirring 1-second victory in the Girls 13-14 Medley (**way to go!**). The 15-18 Boys Medley chopped 5 seconds off their seed time, as **Colton Chojnacki**, **Tyler Darwin**, **Kevin Gravesmill** and **Jack Harrison** topped their Lakewood counterparts, and it was **61-56** Lakewood.

Nate Martin, **Jake Purdes** and **Evan Newell** earned the first Patriot sweep of the day, taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the first Freestyle event, Boys 6 and Under, with **Martin** improving over 5 seconds and qualifying for All Stars! **Stephen Russell** (13 seconds), **Kameron Adamson** (10 seconds), **Wyatt Crawford** (24 seconds), and **Carson Addison** (30 seconds) also

“dropped major time”, **Carson Purdes** qualified for Divisionals, dropping below a minute, and **Luke Castle** is now only 0.88 seconds away from the same achievement. On the Girls side, **Abby Hite** captured yet another first place this season, with **Emelia Buckalew** taking 3rd and **Vivian Slagle** cutting 16 seconds off her personal best. **John Dickson** took the blue ribbon in Boys 7-8, with **Blake Newell** edging out several Lightning swimmer for 3rd and newcomer **Alejandro Vasquez** dropping 7 seconds. **Hannah Flinn** nearly matched her best swim of the season, winning 1st place honors in the Girls 7-8, with **Grace Russell** chopping an amazing 10 seconds off her prior best! **J.P. Hite** topped the Boys 9-10 field, with **Matt Strickland** dropping a second and finishing 3rd and **Travis Woodward** improving 2 seconds. The Girls 9-10 saw **Hannah Nelson** beating her personal best by almost 2 seconds, as she finished 3rd, **Natalie Holley** (1 second) and **Jane Stewart** (2 seconds) also did well. **Trey Nelson** and **Travis Morland** (I guess Travis is a popular name these days) took 1st and 3rd in Boys 11-12, with **Ben Hardisty** picking up 3 seconds on his seed time, and **Aidan Sklenka** broke through to place 2nd on the Girls side of the ledger. **Brian Gravesmill** picked up his second blue ribbon of the day in Boys 13-14, and **Samantha Buck** won the Girls 13-14 group, with sister **Abby Buck** taking 3rd and **Laynie Hardisty** dropping another 3 seconds. Huntwick stormed through the 15-18 Boys, taking the top five spots (with **Colton Chojnacki**, **Kevin Gravesmill** and **William Gardiner** taking top honors), but Lakewood struck back on the Girls side, with only **Caroline Chojnacki** managing to crack the top three spots. Nevertheless, the Patriots led by a **119-106** margin.

Unfortunately for Huntwick, NWAL requires that we swim breaststroke, and once again the Patriots' Achilles heel was evident. **Kyle Wilkerson** and **John Dickson** swam well in in 7-8 Boys, with Kyle dropping 3 seconds and qualifying for All Stars, but the tandem could only manage 2nd and 3rd. **Nicholas Buckalew** also showed significant improvement, dropping 2 seconds. **Kelly Fahy** had a great swim, qualifying for Ponderosa in 7-8 Girls, resulting in a 2nd place finish, with **Rachel Brewer** capturing 3rd. **Hayden Wilkerson** (2nd), **William Sklenka** (4th) and **Matt Strickland** (5th) swam well in Boys 9-10, with

Hannah Nelson capturing points with her 2nd place in Girls 9-10 and **Amy Rose Barthelemy** also turning in a fine effort, followed by **Trey Nelson** and **Michael Bell** placing 2nd and 3rd in Boys 11-12. The highlight of the day for the Patriots came in Event 34, Girls 11-12 Breaststroke, as Patriot **Mattie Bunkers** knocked 2 seconds off her personal best, devastating the field and **breaking a pool record that had stood for over 20 years!** The 13-14 events were less successful, although **Frank Sklenka** improved 4 seconds and **Blair Dewing** managed a 3rd place finish for the Girls. **Tyler Darwin** and **Will Gardiner** contributed strong swims in 15-18 Boys, placing 1-2, and **Caroline Chojnacki** added a 3rd place finish on the Girls side, but now Lakewood was up **163-152**, and hopes were beginning to fade.

The 6 and Unders then captured the hearts and minds of the Huntwick faithful, sweeping both the Boys and Girls Backstroke. **Nate Martin**, **Evan Newell** and **Jake Purdes** swept the Boys event, matching their Free sweep, while **Abby Hite**, **Katie Koehler** and **Emelia Buckalew** dominated the Lakewood girls. Several other Patriots had fine swims, including **Paul Prim** and **Emily Traynor**, and the Patriots were back on top, 170-163 heading into the IM's, usually a strong event for the team.

Zach Golchin leapt from a 4th seed to place 2nd in the Boys 9-10 event, followed by **Kelly Flint**, after a disappointing freestyle, taking one of only two Patriot blue ribbons in the IM (with a steadily improving **Allison Hilpert** knocking 13 seconds off her own personal best and capturing 3rd). **Chase Schlemeyer** and **Aidan Sklenka** could only manage 3rd in 11-12 Boys and Girls, with **Woody Dewing** (2nd) and **Abby Buck** (3rd) also falling to strong Lakewood entries. **Kevin Gravesmill** and **Colton Chojnacki** rebounded with a 1-2 finish in Boys 15-18, but the worm had turned, and Lakewood had established a lead it would not relinquish, **209-194**.

In the Backstroke events, Lakewood flexed its muscles, as Huntwick managed to take only 4 of the 10 events, and was swept in two of them. **John Dickson** and **Kelly Fahy** started the team off right, with back-to-back wins in 7-8 Boys and Girls, with **Kendel Adamson** dropping 7 seconds off his seed time and **Alejandro Vasquez** cutting 2 minutes (**yes, 2 minutes**) 10 seconds off his time, and Reagan Ralston qualifying for All Stars and taking 2nd in the girls event and **Adeline Slagle** dropping 3 seconds. **Matt Strickland** and **Josh Prim** improved in the 9-10 Boys, taking 2nd and 3rd, but only **Madison Bourg**, finishing 3rd, was the only Patriot in the top 8 for the Girls. **Travis Morland** lost at the wall in 11-12 Boys

by only 0.07 seconds, with **Trey Nelson** out-touching a Lakewood swimmer by 0.04 seconds to capture 3rd place, with **Tommy Watson** and **Spencer Hilpert** each showing significant advancement. **Rachael Bell** dropped an amazing 11 seconds in Girls 11-12, but our 5 girls could only manage 1 point from **Mattie Bunkers** against their 14 swimmers (**there oughta be a law!**). While Lakewood swept 13-14 Boys, **Tyler Morland**, **Mason Adams** and **John Henry Barthelemy** all qualified for All Stars, showing substantial improvement. **Samantha Buck** put the Patriots back on the winning track with her best backstroke of the year, cutting over a second and a half off her prior Pondersosa qualifying time. **Kevin Gravesmill** turned back a strong challenger, taking the 15-18 Boys event, but an uncontested Lakewood sweep in 15-18 Girls left the scoreboard showing Lakewood had extended its lead, **265-228**.

Despite first place finishes by **Kelly Flint** in 9-10 Girls and **Blair Dewing** in a stunning upset over teammate **Samantha Buck** in 13-14 Fly, Lakewood captured 8 of 10 Fly events. On the bright side, most Huntwick swimmers improved on their times, with **Kristen Russell** dropping 5 seconds in Girls 7-8, and **Grace Merkel** cutting 12 seconds in Girls 9-10. **Travis Morland** missed out at the wall in Boys 11-12, finishing only 0.01 seconds behind the winning Lightning swimmer, with **Blake Newell**, **Reagan Ralston**, **J.P. Hite**, **Sarah Darwin**, **Brian Gravesmill** and **Jack Harrison** also contributed points to the Patriot cause, finishing 2nd. But it was now pretty much game over, **315-267**.

Following its fine Fly, showing, Lakewood closed the door on the Patriots, taking 6 of the 10 afternoon relays. The 7-8 Girls (**Kelly Fahy**, **Rachel Brewer**, **Reagan Ralston**, **Hannah Flinn**) combined for the first victory of the afternoon, followed by an exciting 3/10ths second win for **William Sklenka**, **Matt Strickland**, **Hayden Wilkerson** and **J.P. Hite** in 9-10 Boys. The 13-14 Boys nearly toppled a heavily favored Lakewood team, falling by only 2/10ths second, but the 13-14 Girls (**Abby Buck**, **Kathryn Flint**, **Blair Dewing**, **Samantha Buck**) brought home the bacon in fine fashion, breaking 2 minutes for the first time. The Patriots 15-18 Boys (**Tyler Darwin**, **Kevin Gravesmill**, **Jeffrey Bell**, **Jack Harrison**) finished with a win, and that was it.

Coaches **Matt Johnson** and **Meredith Bunkers** had hoped for the win, but were hopeful heading into next week: "We were missing some kids, which is normal for this time of year, especially the older ages. Still, we had a lot of success today against a great team. Look out at Divisionals, when we are full strength!

Points Points Points

Boys:

Kevin Gravesmill 13 (+10 relay)
 Brian Gravesmill 13 (+4 relay)
 John Dickson 11 (+4 relay)
 Nate Martin 10 (+5 relay)
 Trey Nelson 9 (+4 relay)

Girls:

Samantha Buck 13 (+10 relay)
 Blair Dewing 11 (+10 relay)
 Abby Hite 10 (+5 relay)
 Kelly Flint 10 (+2 relay)
 Kelly Fahy 9 (+10 relay)

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

| | <u>Boys</u> | <u>Girls</u> |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 6 and under | 23/23 | 20/23 |
| 7-8 | 23/46 | 31/46 |
| 9-10 | 26/55 | 19/55 |
| 11-12 | 22/55 | 17/55 |
| 13-14 | 21/64 | 36/64 |
| 15-18 | 49/64 | 10/64 |
| Total | 164 | 133 |

MEET SCHEDULE

- May 10 **Home Practice Meet** ✓
- May 17 **Huntwick 359.5, Prestonwood 269.5**
- May 24 **Spring Creek Oaks 370, Huntwick 280**
- May 31 **Huntwick 329.5, Kleinwood 315.5**
- June 7 **Lakewood Forest 353, Huntwick 297**
- June 14 **Home** versus Memorial Northwest
- June 21 Central Region, Division 2 Championship:
at Klein Forest High School (**note change**)
- June 22 Swim Team Annual Awards Banquet

Warmups for home meets begin at 7:15 a.m. (ugh!!)
 and warmups for away meets will begin at 7:45 a.m.
 (still ugh!).

NEW PRACTICE TIMES!!



8:45-9:30 a.m. 11 and Up
 9:30-10:15 a.m. 7-8
 10:15-11:00 a.m. 6 and Under/9-10
 6:00-7:00 p.m. except Fridays

NO HELPERS- 6 AND UNDERS!
Divisional Swimmers only!!!



VS.

The Fifth and Final Dual Meet of the Patriots' 2008 Season will take place tomorrow, **SATURDAY JUNE 14th** at the Huntwick Pool vs. Memorial Northwest Marlins. All Huntwick swimmers must check in with the coaches at poolside **NO LATER THAN 7:00 A.M.!! 10 and under warm-ups begin at 7:15 a.m., with 11 and up warm-ups following at 7:30 a.m.** Memorial Northwest is a bit larger than we are, and they are in our division for the first time in many years. They are currently in first place, tied with Lakewood Forest and Spring Creek Oaks. Events for each Patriot swimmer will be posted at the Huntwick Clubhouse this afternoon, so **PLEASE CHECK YOUR EVENTS!** **If your swimmer is missing from the list and he or she is planning on swimming, you can't just "show up" and expect to swim -- please notify Coach Cindy immediately!**

AWARDS BARBECUE!

The annual Awards Barbecue will be held beginning at 5:00 p.m. (don't be late!!) at the Clubhouse next Sunday. The pool will be open afterward until 9:30 p.m. Come help celebrate an outstanding year for our swimmers and offer your thanks to [insert name of person you think most responsible for swim team not falling apart without a President this year] for all he/she has done! Want to help? Call **Patty Bunkers**, she'll put you to work!!





PONDEROSA QUALIFIERS:

****ABBY HITE 25 FREE, 25 BACK
J.P. HITE 25 FREE
*KELLY FAHY 25 BREAST
TREY NELSON 50 BREAST
MATTIE BUNKERS 50 BREAST
SAMANTHA BUCK 50 FLY, FREE, BACK
BLAIR DEWING 50 FLY, *50 BREAST
BRIAN GRAVESMILL 50 FREE, *50 FLY
WOODY DEWING 50 FLY
TYLER DARWIN 50 BREAST
KRISTEN FLINT IM, 50 FLY
KEVIN GRAVESMILL 50 BACK, FLY,
*50 100 FREE, *IM
COLTON CHOJNACKI 50 FREE, 50 BACK
STEPHEN CONRAD 50 FREE, IM, 50 FLY
*NEW QUALIFIER***

All Star Qualifiers: *new qualifier

***Nate Martin 25 Free, 25 Back
Jake Purdes 25 Back
Emelia Buckalew 25 Back, *25 Free
Charlotte Foster 25 Free
Katie Koehler 25 Back, *25 Free
Emily Traynor 25 Free
Kyle Wilkerson 25 Free, 25 Fly, *25 Breast
John Dickson 25 Free, 25 Back, 25 Breast
*Kelly Fahy 25 Back, 25 Fly
*Reagan Ralston 25 Back, 25 Fly
*Kristen Russell 25 Fly
Hannah Flinn 25 Free, 25 Breast
Brooke Brown 25 Breast
*Rachel Brewer 25 Breast
J.P. Hite 25 Fly, 100 IM
*Matt Strickland 25 Free, 25 Breast, 25 Back
*William Sklenka 25 Breast
Blake Newell 25 Fly, *25 Free
Scott Williams 25 Back, 25 Fly
Josh Prim 25 Back
Hayden Wilkerson 25 Breast
Amy Rose Barthelemy 25 Fly
Hannah Nelson 25 Breast, 25 Fly, *25 Free
*Madison Bourg 25 Back
Kelly Flint 25 Free, 100 IM, 25 Fly**



**Trey Nelson 50 Free, 50 Back
Travis Morland 50 Free, 50 Back, 50 Fly
Henry Hite 50 Free, 50 Breast
*Wren Strickland 50 Back
Michael Bell 50 Breast, *50 Free
Austin Fahy 50 Back, 50 Fly
Chase Schlemeyer 50 Free, 100 IM, 50 Fly
Brett Dewing 50 Fly, *50 Free, *50 Back
*Will Harrison 50 Free, 50 Back
Tommy Watson 50 Breast
Sarah Darwin 50 Free, 50 Breast, 50 Fly
Mattie Bunkers 50 Back, *50 Free
Aidan Sklenka 50 Back, *50 Free
*Rachael Bell 50 Back
Brian Gravesmill 100 Free, 50 Back
Woody Dewing 50 Free, 100 IM
Griffin Warner 50 Fly, *50 Free
Matt Hite 100 Free, 50 Free, 50 Breast, 100 IM
John Burman 50 Breast
*Tyler Morland 50 Back
*Mason Adams 50 Breast, 50 Back
*John Henry Barthelemy 50 Back
Samantha Buck 100 Free
Abby Buck 50. 100 Free, 50 Fly, *100 IM
Kathryn Flint 50 Back
Blair Dewing 50 Free, 100 IM, *100 Free
Jeffrey Bell 100 Free, 50 Free, 50 Breast, 50 Back
Tyler Darwin 50 Fly
Kristen Flint 50 Back
*Caroline Chojnacki 50, 100 Free, 50 Breast
Vicki Burman 50 Breast
Ben Alexander 50 Back
Jack Harrison 50 Free, 50 Back, *50 Fly
Colton Chojnacki 50 Breast, *100 IM
Will Gardiner 50 Breast, *50 Free**

Major Movers

Improvement over Seed Time:

Kameron Adamson Free 10 sec.

Kendel Adamson Back 6 sec.

Carson Addison Free 30 sec.

Byron Barthelemy IM 4 sec.

John Henry Barthelemy Fly 9 sec.

Rachael Bell Back 11 sec., Fly 3 sec.

Madison Bourg Fly 4 sec.

Nicholas Buckalew Breast 4 sec.

Vicki Burman Free 3 sec.

Luke Castle Free 4 sec.

Wyatt Crawford Free 24 sec.

Ellen Dickson Breast 6 sec., IM 4 sec.

Zach Golchin IM 4 sec.

Brian Gravesmill 100 Free 3 sec.

Ben Hardisty Free 3 sec. IM 8 sec.

Laynie Hardisty Free 3 sec.

Jack Harrison Fly 3 sec.

Allison Hilpert IM 13 sec.

Spencer Hilpert Breast 3 sec., Back 6 sec.

Katie Koehler Free 3 sec.

Nate Martin Free 5 sec., Back 8 sec.

Grace Merkel Fly 12 sec.

Paul Prim Back 8 sec.

Carson Purdes Free 5 sec.

Grace Russell Free 10 sec.

Kristen Russell Fly 5 sec.

Stephen Russell Free 13 sec.

Aidan Sklenka IM 19 sec.

Frank Sklenka Breast 4 sec.

Adeline Slagle Back 3 sec.

Vivian Slagle Free 16 sec.

Luke Stokes 100 Free 5 sec.

Wren Strickland Back 3 sec.

Emily Traynor Back 3 sec.

Alejandro Vasquez Free 7 sec., Back 2 min. 10 sec.

Tommy Watson Back 9 sec.

Kyle Wilkerson Breast 3 sec.

DIVISIONALS!!

Central Region Division 2 Divisional Meet is next Saturday June 21st at **Klein Forest High School** an indoor natatorium, 8-lane 25-yard pool. Team areas may be outside, so bring tents, chairs, etc. As in past year, Patriots will bring our team canopies if needed. Huntwick is the closest team, so our warm-ups will be early, probably as early as 6:30. See Erin Fahy's e-mail earlier this week for shift information and volunteers. **THERE IS NO HOST TEAM, SO ALL TEAMS MUST PITCH IN IN ALL AREAS.** There will be 3 shifts (roughly 8:30-10:30, 10:30-12:30 and 12:30-2:30. Huntwick will provide 4 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 helping sell concessions 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. We also need to provide help for set-up Friday evening and takedown Saturday afternoon. In order to swim Divisionals, you must have competed in at least two meets (not including Practice Meet). Also, for 6 and Unders, you must have times under one minute!! **NOTE PRACTICE CHANGES FOR NEXT WEEK BELOW!** Lineups for divisionals will be posted by Wednesday at the Clubhouse.

Please notify Coach Cindy by the end of tomorrow's meet to confirm that you are swimming Divisionals!!

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NO TEEN HELPERS FOR 6 AND UNDERS!

ONLY DIVISIONAL SWIMMERS PRACTICE!

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Patriot Press:

Seeing as how we no longer have a President running things, who will take care of the Awards ceremony?

Wondering

Dear Wondering:

That's a good question. Usually the President serves as a kind of "master of ceremonies", introducing the Coach, saying lots of nice things about all the kids, and pouring beers for the dads. Here are some suggestions:



Paul Bunkers: Haven't heard much from Paul this year, knows how to hold an audience, and his beer.



Chris Conrad:

Last year with swim team, sure to say several offensive things to kids, wives, dogs, pretty much anyone in attendance.



Jeff Flinn: Huntwick's latest "wild man", entertaining, if a bit loud.



Chris Castle:

His pithy insights into the Huntwick condition both continue to illuminate and amuse.

Gary Buck:

With his down-home background, you can always count on him to "git er done".



Giff Wilkerson:

Closet comedian, waiting for breakout moment, this could be it.



Kate Foster:

Who doesn't love Kate?



Barnes Darwin:

Spends most of his time working around the house, has lots of time to devote to monologue.



Bob Warner/Andy Flint:

Separately, hard to take in other than small doses, but together, let the mayhem begin!!