

## 2017 12 DSRT Blizzard Meet Recap

*When you don't want to get in the pool because it's too cold,  
but then you don't want to get out of the pool cause it's too cold!*



Our caps are off to the 18 swimmers who attended the final swim meet of 2017 in Victorville and to their dedicated parents who brought them. "Blizzard" seemed somewhat appropriate to describe the cold wind with temperatures in the 40's and the wind chill factor was anybody's guess. Several of the parents observed that if the pool hadn't been heated we'd have been watching a figure skating competition.

In spite of the cold temperatures our swimmers were unstoppable. They swam a total of 61 events and earned a total of 46 ribbons. That's 75% of our swims in the top 6. In addition our team scored 70% of the total possible points, and they achieved a total time drop of 83.41 seconds.

And that doesn't include all the fantastic first time swims. This was a competition coaches only dream about! Go Sharks!

### Rising Stars

So many swimmers had great swims we'd like to acknowledge them all but there are a couple we'd like to highlight. The first swimmer is Dan (Yuan) Yao. While watching Alan swim the Boys 7-10 50 Breast event I noticed another Shark swimming a great race and thought to myself, "He's going to beat Alan's time". Dan was close on to Alan's time but here's the amazing part. BOTH Dan and Alan got a 1<sup>st</sup> place in that same event! Alan placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Red and Dan placed 1<sup>st</sup> in White. Not only that, this was Dan's very first time swimming this event! Not only that, this was the first time Dan swam ALL of his events and he placed in every one (2<sup>nd</sup> 50 Free, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 Free, 4<sup>th</sup> 50 Fly)! Not only that, 3 of his first ever swims (50 Free, 100 Free, and 50 Breast) were also USA Motivational 'B' times. Maybe that's not unheard of but it's definitely very rare. Congratulations to Dan Yao, our newest Rising Star.

Another swimmer who had an exceptional meet was Kate Fassbinder. The night before the meet Kate was not feeling well but she showed up to race anyway. And race she did. Kate dropped over 3 seconds in her 50 Fly, swam 3 first time events and placed in every one. (Girls 7-10 50 Breast – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 7-10 100 IM 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and 7-10 50 Back 3<sup>rd</sup> place). Not only that, 2 of her first ever swims (50 Breast and 100 IM) were USA Motivational 'B' times! Are you kidding me Kate Fassbinder! Beyond remarkable! Another of our Rising Stars!

### PERSONAL BESTS

Special recognition goes to Makayla Hatzfeld and Benjamin Murillo who both had 100 % personal bests.

**BEST TOTAL TIME DROPS:** Nathan Lee – (-20.09)

**BEST SINGLE TIME DROP:** Nathan Lee – 13-14 200 Free –(19.24)

### New RED Times:

Special recognition to Nathan Lee who's first ever 13-14 500 Free was a RED time.

*Nathan Lee* (13-14 200 Free, 13-14 500 Free); *Makayla Hatzfeld* (11-12 100 Free, 11-12 100 IM); *Kieran Mulqueen* (7-8 25 Back); *Benjamin Murillo* (11-12 50 Back); and *Benson Chuang* (7-10 50 Back).

### **New WHITE Times (first time swims):**

*Samantha Lee* (11-12 50 Back); *Kieran Mulqueen* (7-8 25 Breast); *Kate Fassbinder* (7-10 100 IM, 7-10 50 Back, 7-10 50 Breast); *Benson Chuang* (7-10 50 Breast); *Joshua Jenkins* (13-14 100 Back); *Ethan So* (13-14 100 Back); *Maya Reiland* (7-10 50 Breast, 7-10 50 Free); and *Dan Yao* (7-10 100 Free, 7-10 50 Breast, 7-10 50 Fly, 7-10 50 Free).

### **Total Time Drops:**

*Makayla Hatzfeld* (-12.94); *Christian Urena* (-11.13); *Samantha Lee* (-8.90); *Benjamin Murillo* (-6.56); *Mayumi Pedroche* (-6.53); *Kieran Mulqueen* (-3.30); *Kate Fassbinder* (-3.06); *Benson Chuang* (-1.89); *Joshua Jenkins* (-1.31); *Ethan So* (-0.82); *Alan DiBello* (-0.59); *Jill Adams* (-0.46); and *Damian Serna Arbow* (-0.38).

See Meet Time Drops for details.

### **Awards**

Special Recognition to *Alan DiBello* who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in all his events.

Also placing in all 4 of their events were: *Jill Adams*, *Vincent Frausto*, *Makayla Hatzfeld*, *Nathan Lee* (who won 3 1<sup>st</sup> places), *Benjamin Murillo*, and *Dan Yao*.

Our swimmers picked up 16 - 1<sup>st</sup> place (35%), 10 - 2<sup>nd</sup> place (22%), 8 - 3<sup>rd</sup> place (17%), 7 - 4<sup>th</sup> place (15%), 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> place (7%), and 2 - 6<sup>th</sup> place (4%).

See Awards for a complete listing.

### **Points**

Each 1<sup>st</sup> place earns 20 points. The total points possible for our team was 1,220 Our team earned a total of 854 points for a rate of 70%.

*Alan DiBello* – 80 points, *Nathan Lee* – 73 points; *Vincent Frausto* – 73 points; *Makayla Hatzfeld* – 70 points; *Benjamin Murillo* – 69 points; *Jill Adams* – 69 points; *Dan Yao* – 68 points; *Kate Fassbinder* – 61 points; *Benson Chuang* – 50 points; *Ethan So* – 48 points; *Joshua Jenkins* – 46 points; *Damian Serna Arbow* – 34 points; *Kieran Mulqueen* – 33 points; *Kai Anolin* – 30 points; *Mayumi Pedroche* – 29 points; *Samantha Lee* – 10 points; *Christian Urena* – 9 points; and *Maya Reiland* – 2 points.

### **Did You Know...?**

...you can easily find your swimmers best times, whether they got a specific time cut, and how much time they need to drop to get their goal cut? Go to your mobile app, OnDeck. Logon using your web access ID. Select Membership. Select Best Times or Member. Select your swimmer. If you selected 'Member Detail' select 'Best Times'. When you select an event there should be a split screen. The top half of the screen shows the meets and the bottom half shows where that time is against a Time Standard. Note: You need to select a time standard. The one to use for Blue/Red times is 'My Region (Southern California Swimming) / SCS Blue/Red.

## **Acknowledgements**

I'd be remiss if I didn't take a moment to acknowledge **Jeff Fassbinder** who arrived before anyone else (around 6:30 am) to get us the best camp site on deck. And also the Young's and Lo's who helped to set up a great camp. We'd also like to acknowledge **Ben Chuang**, a first time volunteer AM supervisor, who did a remarkable job of managing the timing chairs.

Thank You All!

*"Every race is an opportunity to measure yourself against your own potential"*  
(Bud Wilkinson, edited)

The next meet coming up in January is a great opportunity for all our 10 and unders to measure their potential. Be sure to sign up.

Go SHARKS! You Rule!