

Kevin Perry - WOW

The key is not the will to win. Everybody has that. It is the will to prepare to win that is important. (Bobby Knight)

For the first time ever we sent 3 swimmers to a senior meet. Not only did they all have fantastic swims, **Zeke Serrano** and **Levi Medina** qualified for the **CANV Sectionals** in December!

The Kevin B. Perry Senior Invitational meet is one of the most anticipated and attended senior meets of the season. It was open to 1,000 qualifying Southern California Swimming (SCS) swimmers plus 200 swimmers from outside our LSC. Swimmers came from all over the country to compete in this most popular meet. That's a lot of swimmers!

Senior meets are the next level above the Age Group meets. There are no age groups. Anyone over the age of 5 who can meet the qualifying time standards can enter. Swimmers as young as 12 compete against swimmers in their 30's.

Girls competed in 8 lanes on the north side of the pool, boys competed in 8 lanes on the south side of the pool. As soon as one heat was over they started the next heat. There was no waiting for no shows. If you're not on the block the heat begins without you. Some events have over 100 heats! One event can take hours.

Our Qualifiers

Congrats to our Kevin B. Perry swimmers.

Zeke Serrano started off the meet on Friday, dropping -0.67 seconds for his 50 Free to pick up a **Sectional** qualifying time. Saturday he dropped -1.8 seconds in his 100 Fly and picked up a **Sectional Bonus** qualifying time. Sunday he dropped -0.18 in his 100 Free and picked up another **Sectional Bonus** qualifying time.

Brandon Davis qualified for the 50 Free with his LCM time and dropped -1.07 from his SCY personal best (PB) time. His SCY 50 Free time of 22.99 gave him a **SCY Senior** cut. He is only 0.8 away from a sectional qualifying time.

Levi Medina competed on Saturday and dropped -0.57 in his 100 Breast to pick up a **Sectional** qualifying time.

WRAP UP

I am soooo proud of what our team has accomplished in such a short time. Not only do we have 4 senior level swimmers (and one coach) qualifying for senior meets, we now have 2 swimmers (and one coach) qualifying for sectionals. To get a sectional cut when swimming at their very first senior meet is incredible and, if I may say so, a bit unexpected.

I know we have put together an exceptional program with exceptional coaches but certainly didn't think we'd see such performance improvements in such a short time.

We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort. - (Jesse Owens)

Our Senior swimmers have a ton of determination, dedication, and self-discipline. They put in a lot of effort 6 days every week of every month. But they aren't the only ones with dreams. We have many swimmers on the team who also demonstrate the determination, dedication, and self-discipline that it

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takes to make their dreams come into reality. It's only a matter of time until they become one of our Seniors. I am soooooo eager to see our Senior team grow.

And Grandma's doing a Happy Dance (that's a sight you can't unsee)!

GO THUNDERBOLTS - Good luck at Fontana!

GMA Sherry