**6/17/17 Park Paseo Northstars vs Westpark Marlins**

The Park Paseo Northstars hosted the Westpark Marlins in their season opener.  The meet started well, with the mixed medley relay teams taking first place in the 5-6, 9-10, 11-12, and 15-18 age groups, and taking second place in the 7-8 and 13-14 groups.

There were 83 Northstars swimming a total of 170 individual races. The team turned in an impressive 110 time improvements out of 136 opportunities; no times had been established yet for the other 34 races. The biggest time improvement of the day came from Lucas Zhao, who dropped 37.91 seconds in the boys 9-10 freestyle. Johan Simon dropped double digits in both of his races (-23.44 in the boys 9-10 freestyle and -10.93 in backstroke). Daniel Yang also had two double-digit drops ( -16.13 in the boys 13-14 freestyle and -11.06 in breaststroke).

The biggest time improvements in the 5-6 age group came from Chaitra Ayinampudi (-15.06 in freestyle), Jacob Kim (-14.58 in backstroke), and Travis Miller (-14.36 in freestyle). In the 9-10 age group, we saw double-digit drops from Cailen Muncy (-20.69 in freestyle), Ian Lee (-14.83 in backstroke), Connor Lin (-12.97 in freestyle), Abishek Vinujudson (-12.59 in freestyle), and Isaac Lee (-10.12 in freestyle).

Overall, 28 Northstars punched their tickets to the championship meet, earning a combined 51 ISL qualifying times. The team also notched 34 first-place, 33 second-place, and 25 third-place finishes.

Sarah Chao, Everett Chen, Peyton Cheng, Jacob Crossman, Nyah Lin, Sydney Lin, Katie Monjay, and Andrew Teh earned first-place finishes and qualifying times in all of their races. Also qualifying for champs and finishing in the top 3 in at least one race were Ethan Chen, Trevor Cheng, Breanna Crossman, Rachel Gima, Anshul Gupta, Brynna Hsia, Deron Hsia, Jalen Hsia, Sterling Kelly, Sarah Kuo, Joyce Lai, Vianna Lai, Tyler Lin, David Miller, Josh Sellwood, Spencer Sellwood, Esteban Torres, Tara Tran, Noah Villanueva, and Mengshu Zhang.

Edward Baik and Jalen Hsia each had three time improvements this week. Most swimmers only swam two individual events; those with two time improvements include Chaitra Ayinampudi, Vinaya Ayinampudi, Josh Chao, Sarah Chao, Everett Chen, Trevor Cheng, Alex Chin, CJ Cowgill, Jacob Crossman, Chloe Dasilva, Maddie Dasilva, Ryan Dougherty, Anshul Gupta, Brynna Hsia, Deron Hsia, Kaylee Krill, Joyce Lai, Ian Lee, Isaac Lee, Connor Lin, Lucas Lin, Sydney Lin, Preston Liu, Samantha Ly, David Miller, Hannah Miller, Travis Miller, Cailen Muncy, Hanna Muncy, Samagra Padney, Kristoffer Renshus, Colin Rivera, Josh Sellwood, Spencer Sellwood, Parsa Tamadon, Lindsay Tarlton, Andrew Teh, Tara Tran, Noah Villanueva, and Abishek Vinujudson.

Swimmers with one time improvement were Erin Chen, Ethan Chen, Danny Constandse, Breanna Crossman, Andrew Do, Audrey Do, Eli Giesemann, Dylan Green, Aditi Gupta, Sterling Kelly, Alan Lai, Nyah Lin, Payton Lin, Tyler Lin, Annika Renshus, Annie Saunders, Mengshu Zhang, and Zhongwen Zhang.

Swimmers making their season debut this week and earning at least one top-three finish include Lauren Giglia (1st place girls 9-10 freestyle and 2nd place in backstroke), Kaitlyn Hoang (3rd place girls 7-8 breaststroke), Erika Strock (1st place girls 13-14 backstroke), and Sam Wong (3rd place girls 15-18 freestyle). Additional swimmers that debuted this week include PJ Giglia, Chloe Han, Harvey Lai, Julian Lai, Rita Lai, and Jade Niu. Akshay Aribindi and Likith Gadde each swam one of their races for the first time this week. Ellie Chen swam to a third-place finish in the girls 5-6 freestyle. The Northstars closed out the meet with the freestyle relay, taking first place in the 9-10, 13-14, and 15-18 age groups. The 5-6, 7-8, and 11-12 relay teams earned second-place finishes.