



Name: Aidan Atkinson

High school: Mount Saint Joseph High School

Years on spy: 11

College attending in the fall: Undecided

Hobbies when I'm not swimming: Unlike all the other spies I miss a lot of practice and only spend a decent amount of time at the pool. Besides that I spend a lot of time working on home projects and fixing things around my neighborhood. I also have a kiln and occasionally work on casting projects for designs or

decoration. I like to hang out with friends after school and play soccer, ping pong, and video games. I also go to the movies a lot with friends. Then there's going to team events like eating at Chick & Ruth's.

Most memorable swim: There are plenty of memorable swims in the 11 years I've been on spy both good and bad. My most memorable swim was a few years ago and I can't quite remember when or where but I remember the race. Patrick Harrington and I both were both pretty bad a backstroke at the time and I still am. But we were signed up to swim the 100 back-stroke at a meet neither of us qualified for. Because we didn't have times or something along that line we were the first heat up and in lanes right next to each other. We hyped up getting into the pool yelling like idiots and got super serious for the swim. The swim was as you'd expect, we both went super slow and swam 1:09s for our race. These times were nowhere near anyone else because they were all faster, but when we finished we got out and celebrated like we just won the Olympics. We went down the side of the pool to the coaches like champions while all of them looked at us like we were idiots but it was worth it. This may not have been a good time for a race but it is one of my favorite moments because of how funny it was for us.

Most Memorable Moments: There are so many moments I've had on spy which I'm going to remember for the rest of my life. Because there are so many I'm going to just name a couple of moments. First starting of is years ago back in sleuth and investigator practice I would go to Subway, Squisito's, Taco bell, or 5 below and eat a bunch of food before practice

usually with Patrick and then complain about the cramps during the sets. Part of these complaints led to a lot of funny moments between the members of lane 6 and lane 5. Then there is also the relay for life that we all signed up for, it may not have been warm and comfy in the cold rain but walking around talking for hours with some people opening up real world reasons and problems for being there. My most memorable moment though by far was when we had the beach party on the Magothy and I drove a Jet Ski down from my house, while sitting on an inflatable raft while towing a tube because I had nowhere else to put them. While driving down slowly because of the awkward position I passed a few older fishermen who at the sight of me just raised a beer and thumbs up for whatever I was doing. Driving people around and throwing them off the back of the Jet Ski was really fun as well as eating a burger finally and hearing about the struggle of lighting the grill. I hope we'll be able to do another thing like this before the end of summer.

Favorite event: it would have to be the 100 and 50 freestyle

Favorite set: If it's not Water polo, Subs, or Spyopoly then it would be the 50's race set

Least favorite set: couldn't be easier to choose, any kick set for this unless its distance fly cause that's a close second.

Pre-swim ritual: All honesty it's probably check heat sheet again, eat something(doesn't matter what really), go to the bathroom(Let's be honest this is everyone), then listen to music and chill until I have to go up where I just stretch behind the block.

Favorite meal before meet: it'd be a quart of Trumoo chocolate milk.

Advice for next year's seniors: Go to morning practice to keep your attendance up if you want to stay a spy, seriously though go to practice. Just give it your all, slacking off a little can add up to a lot just, don't do anything you will regret. Don't be too stressed about things either, if you spend all your time worrying about the future you will never truly be able to enjoy the time you have now which is some of the best years of your life. I'm telling you don't be so busy it all flies by.

Quote- "Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value"- Albert Einstein

