



**Name: Ian Weiner**

**High School: Severna Park High School**

**Years on SPY: 10**

**College attending in the fall: University of Maryland: College Park (Hopefully)**

**Hobbies when I'm not swimming:** Like most spies, I'm either spending time at the community center in the pool or in the workout room for probably  $\frac{1}{2}$  of each day, but when I'm not there, I'm usually running around to school sporting events to either cover them for the school newspaper or just to watch for fun. I'm constantly trying to catch up on sleep by taking naps every once in awhile, I enjoy hanging out with friends and my little brother. I also tend to spend a lot time at my computer typing up articles, college essays for applications, or doing homework, but my favorite activity of all is making myself food to eat after practice when I'm starving. Oh, and I can't forget about the numerous events we have as a group at each other's houses, those are the most fun.

**Most memorable swim:** My most memorable swim occurred at Districts my junior year. It was finals, and I had just made Short Course Y-Nats in 200 back. In prelims, I had gone about two seconds off the cut, but had also slipped on my start. As I swam my first 50 at finals I noticed I was doing pretty good because I could see the two people's arms in the lanes next to me behind me. I continued swimming as best I could, and didn't realize how well I was exactly doing until I suddenly had a group of people standing at the end of my lane screaming so loud I could actually hear them. And any swimmer knows it's pretty hard to hear people while you're swimming. Richard and Crystee even began to lean so far over the rope to wave me on that I thought they may fall in. As I finished my last 25 I looked on the board and noticed I had placed second, three places ahead of my original seed, but didn't even realize, or look at the time I swam. It wasn't until Reid came in 4 seconds later and started screaming at me from two lanes over that I realized I had gotten the cut. I hopped out of the water, muscles aching and breathing heavily, to have everyone at finals run over and give me a hug, with Megan almost strangling me. As I walked over to the coaches, Richard gave me his look of approval. It made my night.

**Most Memorable/Funny moment:** While we were in Greensboro for Y-nats, Megan, Brendan, Allison and myself had decided it was a good idea to use the snapchat face swap filter on Crystee and Richard. The result was absolutely hilarious. Crystee was half-bald, and Richard had a full head of absolutely luscious locks. All 10 of us sitting at the dinner table fell over laughing at the picture. I quickly saved it to my phone, as well as sent it in the team group chat. I still have it to this day. Other memorable moments include our team sleepover where we

stayed up all night and then went to UMBC practice on no sleep at all, the prank wars with the girls, parking next to Isabel every Tuesday and Thursday in the senior lot only for us to either both roll our windows down and see who could play their music louder, or have her and Elena come cram themselves in my already full car and sit on top of Izzy and, Madi, Lucy, and Chloe in the backseat.

**Favorite Event:** 200 Back

**Favorite Set:** Spyopoly or doing the Halian (an 8 minute swim for warm-up nicknamed after Haley and myself)

**Least Favorite Set:** 31 200's stroke with Crystee

**Pre-swim rituals:** I always go up to the blocks at least 8 heats before my race, sit down somewhere, and try to talk myself out of my nerves. It never really works but one can try. I also adjust my goggles and cap a gazillion times even though I don't need to.

**Favorite Meal Before A Big Meet:** Pasta with pesto and garlic bread. I wouldn't want anything else.

**Advice for next year's graduation class:** Don't rush through senior year, and make SPY as great as it can be! Senior year goes by fast enough as it is, and although Raleigh is in December, by the time the season starts it feels like you've only gone through a week of training, and it feels like only another week until districts is over. Have fun, hangout outside the pool, don't ever let the prank war stop, and always always always stall before a set. You're going to have bad races and bad practices, but don't let them discourage you.

**Quote:** "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall".