

Singing Sharks

All of the Shark's great swimming this week (which we'll get to later) has apparently given them the confidence to branch out and try new things, as many Sharks are hoping to put on a team musical. Some hoped the Sharks would perform the Broadway hit "Broadway". Another popular option, given the number of "Sharks" on deck, was "West Side Story". However, as Albert Tang can confirm, the pool is certainly not a hot tub, and therefore lacks any "Jets". Ultimately, the musical of choice appears to be "Annie", starring many Sharks in various roles and introducing Josh Freedman as Annie. At press time, Josh appeared to only know two lines to any of the songs, suggesting that the play will be blissfully short and will finish in plenty of time for Daniel Wang to get to health class. However, perhaps the musical should really be "Singing in the Rain", as the weather threatened to cancel many afternoon practices, the pasta dinner and even one morning practice. A few tough older Sharks braved the storm and swam through the rain on Thursday morning (although their attempts to create their own "thunder" left some questioning their motivations).

By Friday morning, the skies had cleared up in time for the first mankillers of the season. Teamwork (and arguably cheating) played a critical role in these mankillers as many Sharks who had already finished were trying to build, destroy and throw parts of the kickboard houses (luckily Max Fuster was not taking part in this cheating as he can throw a kickboard a long distance). Longtime (ok just dating back to last year) fans of mankillers were disappointed not to see perennial anchor David Fan in the final spot. As a result there was no dramatic finish and the yellow team dominated from beginning to end. The rain came back on Friday night just in time for pasta dinner, but the Sharks were able to still eat delicious food thanks to the hard work of many parents.

River Falls Meet

The Sharks used their superpowers to surprisingly keep the rain away as they took to the road again to face off against the River Falls Dolphins. These superpowers must be incredibly strong (especially from Mason "Sparks" Aarhus, Mia Coven, and Aria Kimia who won best dressed), because the Sharks still had enough in the tank for many great swims. Helen Duan (twice), Kiana

Johnson (twice), Max Lee, Amelia Lieske and Summer Yao all dropped over ten seconds in a single event. Kiana dropped an unbelievable 22 seconds in breaststroke for the biggest drop of the day (and some unnamed mean coach still made her swim butterfly). Aylin Aarhus, "Sparks" Aarhus, Maddy Adams, Zoe Cheng, David Fan, Keon Gray, Matt Klein, Jason Liu, Sarah Magazine, Lyla Mahoney, Alex Okun, Eva Yeghyan and Daniel Yi had drops of at least 5 seconds in a single event. Avery Breen (unsurprisingly) showed up late, but still managed to get best times in three events. Zoe Cheng, Connor Combs, Helen Duan, Kiana Johnson, Nick Kim, Shayna Kreiser, Charles Liang, Amelia Lieske, Ben Margolin, Savannah Thompson-Jones, Lucy Villiers, Andrew Vorozheykin, and Eva Yeghyan joined Avery in accomplishing this feat.

Kenmont Meet

On Saturday morning, the Sharks finally returned to the Reef for a home meet against Kenmont. The Sharks were clearly still tired from the pasta dinner and four square on Friday night, as many showed up still wearing their pajamas. This was especially true for Zoe

Cheng, James Lieske, and Yule Pieters who won best dressed. However, once the meet started, the Sharks proved that they were not impacted by the any Friday night activities. The older boys got the meet off to a great start when both relays finished ahead of the Kenmont teams and tied for first place (Eric Lu, Dominic Oertel, Greg Urovsky, Albert Tang, Matt Klein, David Fan, Jonathan Yune, and William Wong swam on these relays). The 15-18 boys continued to be great all day as they outscored the Tsunami boys by 50 points. Matt Klein clearly felt like he did not spend enough time cleaning and vacuuming the pool on Thursday, as he brought out the broom and combined with Greg Urovsky, Eric Lu, and Jonathan Yune to sweep two events. Jonathan, Dominic Oertel and William Wong provided the Sharks' only other sweep of the day. It was also a great day for the 11-12 girls as Kim Abera, Aava Kimia, and Lizzie Nelson all dropped 5 seconds in a single event, with Lizzie having the biggest drop of the day. William Wong also knocked 5 seconds off of his best time. Shayna Kreiser, Max Lee, Erica Lopez, Ben Margolin, and Sarah Solomon were not far behind with drops of at least 3 seconds. Max Fuster, Jordan Kelly, Aava Kimia, Matt Klein, Shayna Kreiser, Cate Ledoux, Lizzie Nelson, Sarah Solomon, Emma Stern, Daniel Wang, William Wong and David Yune all

dropped time in at least 3 events. Ben Margolin, Ashley Thommana and Lucy Villiers swam up to help the team. Ashely also competed against 15-18s on the open age medley, along with fellow 11-12 girl Kim Abera. David Fan woke up early and came to the meet just to swim the relay. Roxana Mobini and Emma Stern were late scratches into events. Eric Lu, Sidney Thompson and Daniel Wang swept their events. Jonathan Yune completed the sweep of the 15-18 boys events and Jingjing Wu completed the sweep of the 9-10 girls events. The meet concluded in spectacular fashion as the Sharks competed against a very fast team and still won the boys graduated free relay for the second week in a row (Jordan Kelly, David Yune, Daniel Wang, Fuster Kyle). The Sharks went to Fuddruckers after the meet to celebrate their great swims and win prizes from the machines.

Best Times Update

The Sharks got a very impressive 112 best times on Wednesday night and followed it up with 87 best times on Saturday morning. This brings their season total to up to 350 and puts them slightly ahead of pace as they work towards their goal of 774. After two weeks last year, they had 294.

Records

After breaking the team record in the girls 9-10 25 breaststroke last week, Sidney Thompson went faster than her old time and re-broke the record this Saturday.

Upcoming Events

On Wednesday night, the Sharks will attempt to stay hidden as they take on the Potomac Woods Demons at the Reef. However, they hope to leave the Tanterra Tarpons seeing double on Saturday morning.