

A New Season

The calendar year of 2018 got off to an interesting start for the Rockshire Pool. Evidently impressed by the record number of swimmers on the Shark's swim team over the past few seasons, the pumps in the community room burst in an attempt to give the Sharks an indoor pool to swim in as well. However, given that many Shark swimmers don't even want to get in when there is a bug in the pool, it was decided that the water in the indoor would have been much too dirty to swim in. The area will instead be used for a new and improved community room (which might be finished in time for 5-year-olds Lindy Cheng and Max Xu to enjoy pasta nights when they are graduating seniors). Also inspired by the many fast Shark swimmers, the pool clock decided to be 5 minutes fast as well. While this leaves many fans hopeful that Shark 8&unders will be negative 4 minutes and 30 seconds in their 25 freestyles this summer, others, including Karine, were disappointed as the fast clock often caused the 11&up practice to start a few minutes early. It is a good thing that Karine is coaching swimming instead of sailing, as she was unable to navigate the winds and get her

Mayflower to practice a few minutes earlier.

Montgomery Square Meet

The Sharks kicked off their dual meet season on Wednesday night by hosting the Montgomery Square Seahawks. Inspired by the CAPTIAL'S STANLEY CUP VICTORY and the start of the World Cup, many Sharks showed up wearing their favorite sports jerseys. Among the best dressed were Juliana Combs, Ashlyn Roberts and Joe Waldron. In the water, the Sharks were just as impressive as the CAPS (and goggles). Max Xu led the way with a 10 second drop in freestyle and a 7 second drop in backstroke. Audrey Aarhus, Mason Aarhus, Carina Chen, Nicolas Cheng, David Fan, Raimi Kvedys, Alex Thompson and Daniel Walker also dropped at least 5 seconds in a single event. Kai Thompson-Jones had 5 best times. Mason Aarhus, Erica Lopez, Tejas Navada and Jingkang Wu were not far behind with best times in 4 events. Carina Chen, Connor Combs, Tim Illig, Devin Johnson, Alex Lopez and Alex Thompson all got best times in three events. The 13-14 girls were dominant all night, as Grace Zhang swept her events and Kim Abera, Helen Duan, Erica Lopez, Lucy Villiers and

Grace combined to sweep four of the five 13-14 girls' races. The Sharks swept three other events on the night, including taking 1st through 16th in the 9-10 boy's backstroke. Mason Aarhus, Daniel Blate, Nicolas Cheng, Connor Combs, Max Fuster, Daniel Franca-Koh, Theo Gittleston, Keon Gray, Tim Illig, Michael Johnson, Nick Kim, Aria Kimia, Raimi Kvedys, Smiles Ledoux, Patrick Liang, James Lieske, Vikram Mishra, Alex Obolensky, Anton Obolensky, Stefan Tabakov, Alex Thompson, Kai Thompson-Jones Santi Villiers, Andrew Vorozheykin and Jerry Yang contributed to those sweeps.

Clarksburg Town Center Meet

On Saturday morning the Sharks put on their hats (but not their CAPS) and boots and burst out the of saloon to lasso the Tiger Sharks from Clarksburg Town Center. The older swimmers got the meet off to a great start by taking 1st and 2nd in the Men's Open Age Medley (James Lieske, David Fan, Max Fuster, Hank Breen, Kai Thompson-Jones, Connor Combs, Greg Urovsky, Dominic Oertel) and winning the Women's Open Age Medley (Yamei Usui, Amelia Lieske, Avery Breen, Cate Ledoux). The meet finished in similar

fashion as Fuster Kyle, Jordan Kelly, David Yune, Joe Waldron, Patrick Liang, Nick Kim, Connor Combs and Alan Sai swept the Boys' Graduated Free Relay and Hawie Abera, Sidney Thompson, Allison Yu, Lucy Stanton, Felicia Wang, Jingjing Wu, Grace Zhang and Laila Kreiser took 2nd and 3rd in the Girls' Graduated Free Relay. Rumors that the boy's relay was so fast because Jordan Kelly swam twice were unfounded. In between the relays, the Sharks were great as well. They swept nine races. Hank Breen, Connor Combs, David Fan, Fuster Kyle, Max Fuster, Madison Kelly, Patrick Liang, James Lieske, Dominic Oertel, Aiden Scherr, Sidney Thompson, Kai Thompson-Jones, Greg Urovsky, Andrew Vorozheykin, Jingjing Wu and ~~J. Kelly~~ David Yune contributed to those sweeps. On Saturday, it was the 13-14 Boy's turn to be dominant, as Connor Combs, Max Fuster, James Lieske, Kai Thompson-Jones and ~~J. Kelly~~ David Yune combined to outscore the CTC 13-14 boys 64 to 16. Hank Breen, David Fan, Dominic Oertel, Tejas Navada and Greg Urovsky similarly combined to outscore the Tiger Shark's 15-18 men 61 to 15. Tejas Navada knocked 7 seconds off of his breaststroke time for the biggest drop of the day. Sabina Blate, Juliana Combs, Amelia Fuster, Madison Kelly, Amelia Lieske, Melissa Lopez, Max Manne and Emma Stern also dropped a lot of time in a single

event. Cate Ledoux and Sidney Thompson had four best times. Kim Abera, Fuster Kyle, Jordan Kelly, Madison Kelly, Patrick Liang, Maddy Manne, Tejas Navada, Yamei Usui and Jingjing Wu dropped time in three events. Amelia Fuster, Yasmine Badr, Kashvi Bhatia, Justin Chen, Emma Illig, Lyla Mahoney, Max Manne, TJ Miller, Elizabeth Mirny, Eshaan Mishra, Dylan Pino, David Ye and Allison Yu competed in their first Saturday meet for the Sharks. Fuster Kyle, Jordan Kelly and David Yune swept their events. Patrick Liang, Devin Johnson and James Lieske completed the sweep of their respective age groups. David Fan, Dominic Oertel and Greg Urovsky combined to sweep the 15-18 boy's events. Hawie Abera, Amelia Fuster, Fuster Kyle and Jingjing Wu won best dressed, although all of the Sharks looked great in their provided bandanas. The Sharks went to the well air-conditioned Potbelly to celebrate their great swims.

Best Times Count

The Sharks got 97 best times on Wednesday and 81 best times on Saturday. The brings their season total to 178. As a reminder, if the Sharks can beat last year's total of 866 best times, Andy will dye his hair green for the banquet.

Records

Jordan Kelly broke Dr. Daniel Wang's Team Records in the Boy's 11-12 Freestyle and Breaststroke. Jordan also broke Rockshire Pool Records in the Boy's 11-12 IM, Freestyle and Breaststroke.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday night will be magical as the Sharks go on the road to face off against Eldwick. On Saturday morning, the will put their spelling skills to the test as they travel to Carderock Springs.