

Open Letter to Karine

Karine was out of town for much of the week. Whether she was searching for good cockroach farm locations in Lebanon or just trying to avoid the bugs is unknown. Either way, she returned to Rockshire realizing that she had missed out on many inside jokes (and you probably thought that Andy's jokes never change). This *Review* will serve as an open letter to Karine, catching her up on everything she missed over the past week and allowing her to be a part of the inside jokes once again.

Unfortunately (or perhaps fortunately), the Sharks had too many great swims this week for the *Review* to include many inside jokes and we will get right into all of the fast swimming.

Coaches Longcourse

On Tuesday night (back when Karine was still in town), 4 Sharks competed in the prestigious Coaches Long Course Meet. Only 8 swimmers were invited to swim in each event in a 50m (i.e., a very very long) pool. Competing against the fastest swimmers in the entire county, Jingjing Wu won the Girl's 11-12 IM and finished 4th in the freestyle. Jordan Kelly took 2nd in both of his races, the IM and breast. Madison Kelly took 5th in the fly and 7th in the IM. Jason

Cobb was 6th in the backstroke. All 4 Sharks moved up their seed in at least one of their races.

Old Farm Meet

On Wednesday night, the Sharks took their horses to the Old Farm road, as they faced off against the Old Farm Eagles Fun Team at home. The Sharks, however, proved to be both fun and fast. Mason Aarhus led the way with a 19-second drop in IM. Mason (again), Josh Freedman, Luke Hussman, George Xie, Jerry Yang and Clement Yuryev also dropped at least 5 seconds in an event.

Swimmers who dropped at least 3 seconds in an event included (*deep breath*) Salma Badr, Yasmine Badr, Skyla Butcher, Helen Duan, Amelia Fuster, Emma Guo, Michael Johnson, Raimi Kvedys (twice), Christina Martirosova (twice), Will Metcalf, TJ Miller, Tejas Navada, Lukas Nuredini, Andrew Okun, Dylan Pino, Emily Qian, Savannah Thompson-Jones, Georgie Xie (twice), Jenny Xu and Jerry Yang. Josh Freedman dropped time in 5 events. Ethan Mahoney and George Xie were not far behind with 4 best times. Mason Aarhus, Juliana Combs, Amelia Fuster, Michael Johnson, Raimi Kvedys, Christina Martirosova, Tejas Navada and Jerry Yang earned 3 best times. The Sharks will still

be great even when any current new town roads eventually become old town roads, as they swept the 8&under boy's free and breast and swept the 6&under boy's free for the 4th time in 5 weeks. Justin Chen, Luke Hussman, Larry Liao, Haidan Ma, Max Manne, TJ Miller, Lukas Nuredini, Andrew Okun, Brandon Pino and Clement Yuryev contributed to those sweeps. The Sharks also swept the 13-14 boy's IM (Nick Kim, Daniel Blate, Devin Johnson, Jean-Luc Tessier, Santi Villiers, Ethan Mahoney) and 11-12 boy's fly (Aiden Scherr, George Xie, Andrey Tarpunov, Patrick Liang). Skyla Butcher, Amelia Fuster, Michael Johnson and Melissa Lopez won best dressed.

Friday Activities

On Friday morning, the Sharks took part in the 4th annual "last day meet". After a back and forth competition, with both teams sweeping events, Team Caroline had a slight lead over Team Maddy heading into the belly flop portion of the event. For the 3rd year in a row, the Sharks proved to be excellent floppers and as a result, a few Sharks were forced to sacrifice their stomachs three times before a winner could be determined. Fuster Kyle, Max Fuster, Miranda Kvedys and James Lieske and Amelie Tessier were the "lucky" finalists forced

to flop three times. Ultimately, Fuster Kyle took first, securing the victory for Team Caroline, with Max and James taking 2nd and 3rd respectively. On Friday afternoon, the Sharks took a well-deserved break from practice to watch Toy Story 4. Luckily for they toys, the backstroke flags in the movie, were in much better shape than the Rockshire backstroke flags.

NCC Meet

On Saturday morning, the Sharks shone brightly (especially best-dressed winner Helen Duan) as they traveled to North Chevy Chase to take on the Sharx. The Shark~~s~~ showed that they were better spellers and great swimmers. They swept 7 events. Hawie Abera, Emma Barrow, Max Fuster, Devin Johnson, Jordan Kelly, Nick Kim, Haile Ma, Maddy Manne, Lucy Stanton and Summer Yao contributed to those sweeps. The Shark~~s~~ 9-10 girl's (Hawie, Emma, Haile, Maddy, Lucy, Summer) swept all of their events and outscored the Sharx 9-10 girl's by 56 points. Felicia Wang had the biggest drop of the day. Kayleigh Barrow, Lindi Cheng, Julia Liao, Larry Liao and Daniel Walker also dropped a lot of time in an event. Daniel Blate, Jason Cobb, Brandon Pino and Alex Thompson had multiple best times. The Shark~~s~~ closed out the meet in spectacular fashion, as Hawie Abera, Jingjing Wu, Helen Duan, Amelia Fuster, Maddy Manne, Madison Kelly, Kim Abera and Olivia Qin took 1st and 3rd in

the girl's graduated freestyle relay. Earlier in the meet, James Lieske, Jordan Kelly, Greg Urovksy, CG, David Fan, Kai Thompson-Jones, Alex Obolensky and Nick Kim took 2nd and 3rd in the boy's medley relay. Hawie Abera, Jason Cobb and Jordan Kelly swept their events. Maddy Manne, Alex Thompson and Max Fuster completed the sweep of their age groups. Madison Kelly and Jingjing Wu combined to sweep the 11-12 girl's events. Emma Illig swam up to help the team (and still dropped time in backstroke). Sabina Blate was added into the meet on Saturday morning (and still dropped time in freestyle). The Shark~~s~~ won the most important race of the day, when they beat Potomac Woods to Noodles & Company for lunch.

PIRC

On Sunday morning, the Sharks traveled to Wonderland (aka Tallyho) for the Potomac Invitational Relay Carnival. The Sharks won 13 of the 34 relays. Lindi Cheng was on 4 of those relays. Miranda Kvedys and TJ Miller were each on 3 winning relays. CG, Helen Duan, David Fan, Haiden Ma, Eshaan Mishra, Alana Lamb, Larry Liao, Julia Liao, Ethan Mahoney and Brandon Pino were all on 2 winning relays. Kim Abera, Yasmine Badr, Zena Badr, Daniel Blate, Juliana Combs, Josh Freedman, Tim Illig, Kayleigh Hepburn, Max Manne, Katherine Lei, Tejas Navada, Lukas Nuredini, Anton Obolensky, Lucy Stanton, Jean-

Luc Tessier, Felicia Wang, Summer Yao and David Ye were also on winning relays. The future continues to look great, as the Sharks' 8&unders dominated all day. They won 5 of the 10 8&under relays, including the 6&under relay. Lev Gorban and Summer Yao won best dressed.

Best Times Update

The Sharks got 102 best times on Wednesday and 32 best times on Saturday, bringing their season total to 770. Even with Divisionals still to come, they have already surpassed last year's total of 720 best times, ensuring that Andy will have dye his hair green at the banquet.

Records

Even with a memory book, the *Review* couldn't remember all of the fast swimming that happened in week 4, and failed to mention that Daniel Wang broke the Rockshire team record in the 15-18 boy's butterfly. In week 5, Jordan Kelly broke the North Chevy Chase pool records in the 13-14 boy's IM and breaststroke.

Upcoming Events

On Friday night, the Sharks will fuel up for Divisionals with a dinner at Cici's Pizza. On Saturday morning, they will try to leave the rest of Division I feeling green with envy at Divisionals. On Sunday night, they will get dressed up and celebrate a great season with the team banquet.