

# *The Meadowbrook Woods Sporting Times*

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## **Makos Roar Back into Action; Flying Ducks in Town Today**

Over the years, Meadowbrook Woods has been home to some remarkable swimming siblings and that tradition continued as the Makos kicked off the 2012 season last at home Saturday. When 9-year old Andrew Healey shaved 6-seconds off his 50m freestyle seed time in the early going, he may not have known that he was setting the pace for his older siblings. Inspired by their younger brother's effort, Elizabeth (12) and Matthew (14) jumped on the bandwagon and each raced to triple event wins.

Kathleen Weiser (14) set the stage for her younger sister (Mary Kate) and old younger brother (Mike) with wins in the 50m freestyle, backstroke and fly. The speedy threesome combined for total of six first-place finishes and their relay teams ran the table.



*Area swimmers dove into the 2012 outdoor season last week. The Makos found themselves in the thick of things and swam past visiting Stonewall Park by a score of 2493-2067.*



*Shown here between pals Katie Hao (left) and Emily Sterling (right), Rachel Landry and her brothers (Jacob and Walker) are one of several triple-siblings swimming for MBW. Fans are hoping for another strong effort this week as MBW concludes a two-week home stand. Following today's meet, the Makos will be on the road for the next two Saturdays prior to returning to the friendly confines of Superior Court on July 14 when Westridge comes to call.*

One of MBW's most improved swimmers during the past several years; Daniel Smith (14) shaved nearly 5-seconds off his 100m IM which was good for an overall 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. Joshua (8) followed up with a 4-sec drop in his 25m freestyle which carried him to a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish and PWA time. Their middle brother – Jason – won the 10U 100IM, 50 Back, and 25 Fly.

The Meltzers (Noah, Rachel and Sarah) sprang into action as well. Noah (12) dropped 7/10-sec off his 50m Freestyle in route to a PWB time. Rachel continued her good work in the 50m backstroke with a 5-sec time drop. Sarah is part of an impressive group of 6-year-olds swimming in their rookie seasons

with the Makos. This summer, she's working hard on the 25m freestyle, backstroke and butterfly.

MBW hosts Ben Lomond today who defeated Lake Manassas last week (2317-2087). The two clubs last met way back July 7, 2007 to cap the holiday week festivities. The Flying Ducks edged the Makos on that first Saturday of July by a score of 2564-2520. Then swimming in the 10U flight, Aubrey Naujoks swam PWA times in the 25m backstroke and 50m freestyle. Now a rising junior at nearby Osbourn Park High School where she swims for the Yellow Jackets, Naujoks continues to be one MBW's best 18U backstrokers.

The Makos will rely again this week on a balanced attack up and down the line-up as they try to race past the Ducks. Featured events include MBW's 8U Camille Dallaire and BLST's Maya Bravo who have very similar times in the 25m freestyle. MBW's Ryan Marks will challenge Philip Britten in the 12U 50m freestyle. Based on last week's times, Jasmine Beckett will be nearly neck-and-neck with the Ducks' Alison Chavez in the 8U 50m freestyle.

In addition to individual events, the relay race outlook is particularly intriguing this week. Our crystal ball has 10U racers Jared Rouffa, Michael Gerhart, Riley O'Neal and Jason Smith matching up tightly with the Ducks' Scott Spencer, Parker Sutherland, Troy Brown and Vedant Bhaiva in the 100 medley relay. They'll need to be down in the range of a buck forty-two to keep it close. *Hurry boys!*

On the 14U girls' side, watch for Allyson Cummins, the Weiser sisters and Julia Vaccaro to battle Ben Lomond's Katie Cornelious, April Young, Kerrie Romagna, and Nathalie Rojas to a photo finish in the 200m freestyle relay. Should be a good one. *Go Makos!*

## Faces in the Crowd



*From left to right; 8U swimmers Emma Pahls, Casey Utsler, and Emma and Libby Weaver were all smiles last Saturday as the Makos stormed past Stonewall Park. Emma P. dropped ½-sec from her 25m Freestyle while Emma W. chipped in a PWB time in the 25m backstroke. Her younger sister – Libby – shed 1/3-sec off her 25m Freestyle. Casey had a break-out day in the freestyle as she lowered her seed time by near 11-seconds. Great job girls!*



*Long time Makos Avery Ouellette and Lauren Pion had an impressive outing on Opening Day in the 12U Division. Avery dropped 3-sec off her 100m IM and swam-up with the first place finishing 14U medley relay team. Lauren dropped 8-sec from her 100IM time and was within the top three overall finishers in the IM, backstroke, and breaststroke events in which she posted PWB times.*