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Sargent Smashes Long Standing Record! Evvrieman Returns as Homestand Continues

Perched in a left field bleacher seat high above the playing surface at Yankee Stadium, Jenevieve Evvrieman – known simply as Jena to close friends – sipped her beverage and pondered the situation. Runners at the corners with two outs in the bottom of the eighth and time running out on the Bronx Bombers. The go-ahead run was on first base with the seasoned Yankee captain at bat and a young phenom chucking lightning bolts from the mound. Through her field-glasses, she spied *The Boss** nested comfortably in his luxury box behind home plate and flanked by the ghosts of Ruth and Gehrig. She thought she could make out George Castanza standing in the background.

Most of the fans were from Manhattan, New Jersey and Connecticut, but a few had made the journey from Virginia and other mid-Atlantic states to enjoy the spectacle of Yankee baseball in their nearly new sports cathedral. The New York faithful were on their feet cheering wildly. Oh, the drama!

(Column Intermission #1 – We last heard from Evvrieman two years ago - see June 21, 2008 edition of the Sporting Times. It was an Olympic summer and she was in the middle of a hop-scotch tour through some remote Chinese villages whereupon she meet a Zenmaster who granted her wish to live during interesting times. A resident of Northern Virginia and long time fan of the Makos, Evvrieman traveled extensively but had watched the club progress from a start-up in 2000 to a well-established powerhouse late in the decade. Over the years, she had followed the team's progress via the internet and had set her personal digital assistant to alert her whenever something important happened.)

The big, right-handed pitcher delivered a blazing fastball right down the heart of the plate. Thwack! Derek Jeter's Louisville Slugger sent the ball sailing just over the outstretched glove on the center fielder for a triple to put the Yankees ahead for good. Evvrieman sat back, enjoyed the aroma of 8-dollar-each hotdogs wafting through the evening sky and happily savored the moment. At that instant, the texting feature on her phone began rattling off the proverbial hook!

(Column Intermission #2 – Many thanks to those volunteers that set-up, cleaned-up and hurried-up to keep the meet on a reasonable schedule last week even though weather conditions were less than ideal. For more information about volunteerism, see your friendly neighborhood meet manager or a swim board member.)

Evvrieman peered at the digital readout – a message from the MBW Makos website...hmmm. That *couldn't* be right. She did a double-take and thought back for a moment. She distinctly remembered Kelly Goggins' remarkable effort on June 24, 2000, to set the 14U 50m breaststroke record (40.06s). But, indeed, it was true. With a time of 39.90s, fourteen-year-old Lauren Sargent had lowered the club record that had stood for more than a decade. A rising freshman at Osbourn Park High School, Sargent will compete for the perennially state-ranked Yellow Jackets this winter. Three words for you Lauren...
Un-be-lievable!

Evvrieman roared appreciatively after the final out in the top of the ninth and headed for the turn-styles with 40,000 of her closest friends. She immediately began planning a return to the friendly confines of Superior Court and is expected to arrive in time for the middle stanza of the Makos' long three-week homestand. While she and area fans are enjoying some much needed rain this week, everyone is hoping for clear skies when

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Stonewall Park comes to call. SPS arrives on the heels of an exciting victory last week over Veterans Park (2531-2134). In order to make the meet successful, help is needed from Evvrieman on a myriad of tasks. Timers, records, and runners are required in multiple shifts along with assistance in set-up and clean-up.



Shown here back on July 21, 2007 at the Dale City Meet (she had a

personnel best time that day and the Makos defeated the Frogs by a score of 2653-2288), Lauren Sargent has gradually improved her stroke technique over time. Fast forward three years to 2010, Sargent is the anchor swimmer for the MBW 14U relay squad this summer and had a break-out day at home last Saturday vs. Ashland in the 50m breaststroke. She crushed her seed time by more than a second in route to setting a new team record in the event. Congratulations, Lauren!

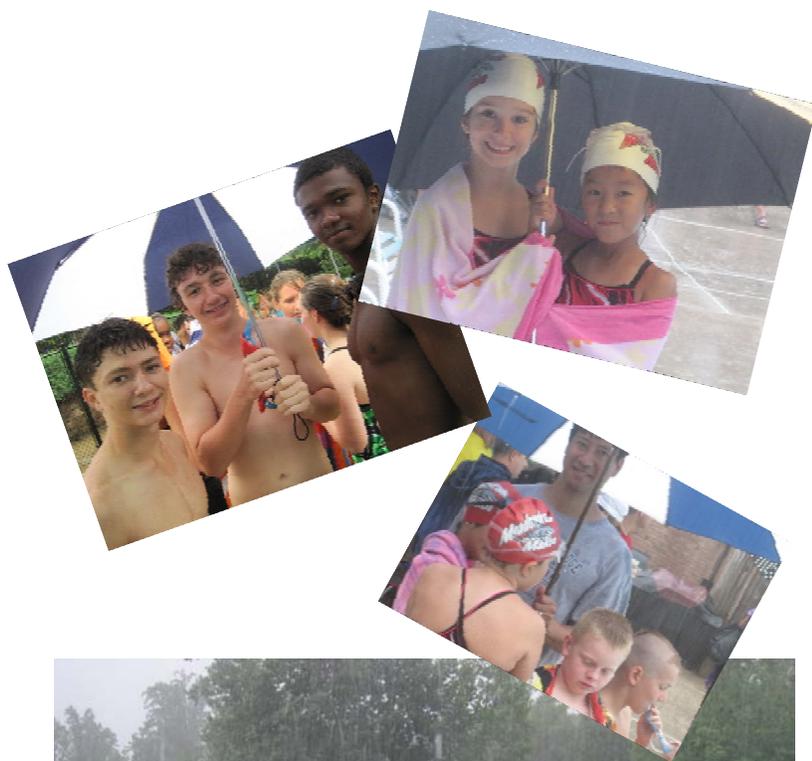


Volunteers at the scoring table assumed a wait-and-see position last week as weather related delays tested even the

most patient of fans. One of the "bright spots" of the day came early when Stephanie Bellamy demonstrated that she is not only a great swimmer, but also a great singer. Thanks much for singing our National Anthem, Stephanie.



Much to the dismay of local youngsters but to the delight of area gardeners, an early morning downpour settled over Manassas this past Saturday and left timers and recorders scurrying for cover. Below - Visibility was challenging at times and umbrellas were in high demand.





Sixteen-year-old Sean Gambarani and the Makos held up well even though weather conditions were ...at

best...miserable. While Sean and teammates Eric Koob, Philip Heil, and Trevor Heckman were slightly off their seed times, they were able to swim fast enough to win the 18U 200m Medley (2:16.24) and Freestyle (1:55.38) relays. They'll have their hands full again this week as they play host to the Stonewall Park Explosion.



While conditions were somewhat slippery, swimmers got a grip on the situation and were

able to improve nonetheless. Notables from this rainy Saturday included brothers Jason and Joshua Smith who shaved a combined 0.87s off their 8U 25m Freestyle times (Jason placed 3rd in the event). Congratulations to Mayce Combs won 2nd place in the girls' 8U 25m freestyle and to Jade Beckett, Chloe Ouellette, Emily Brenner, Rachel Metzger, Emily Heisen, Joy Combs, Abby Willever, and Sophie Graydon who were all in the top 15 finishers of the 37 swimmer field.



You can pick your friends and pick the color of your goggles, but – unfortunately - you can't pick which day it rains.



The Ashland meet is always a reunion of sorts for local swimmers due to the close proximity of the neighborhoods. Here, Jessica Rapone and Sarah

Olsen enjoy a moment with a friend between events. Congratulations to Jessica who dropped 3-seconds off her 50m Butterfly. Below, Morgan McKnight

renews a friendship as well. She went on to lower her 50m Backstroke time by more than 3-seconds.



10U swimmers Avery Ouellette, Rachel Landry, Kelly Sikora, Peyton Whitaker, Peyton Harvey, Alexis Marsh, and Katie Colletti Hoa are all

smiles despite the rain. Hoa has especially good reason to smile as all the details of her butterfly stroke came together this week. Great work, Katie! Watch for this crowd to wreak more havoc on Saturday as they take on the Stonewall Park Explosion.

Head Coach Tess Jarrett likes what she sees this summer and cited Clayton Bellamy for his outstanding efforts in practice that have resulted in huge time drops. Congratulations to Zack Meltzer who has moved up to “The Show” from the Mini-Makos program and has been competing in the 25 Freestyle. Rachel Lund swam her best freestyle time of a 28.89s at the Firecracker Relays held on July 5 at Bridlewood (she is the current team record holder in that event). Nick Vaccaro made it on to the 14U boys A freestyle relay team. Swimming in her first season with the Makos, fourteen-year-old Reagan Goulla has improved dramatically in both practice and at meets. At Ashland, she sliced more than 4-seconds off her 50m Breaststroke. Evvrieman is proud of you!

Featured Races vs. Stonewall Park

“Roll Call” is a long standing tradition that plays out before every game at Yankee Stadium in which fans chant each position-player’s name and are generally rewarded with a tip-of-the-cap. According to virtual times provided by the good folks at Reachforthewall.com, the Makos have a golden opportunity for a win this weekend vs. Stonewall Park. Given that there will likely be some extremely close races in various events, we’ve come up with an attendance list of sorts and a note of encouragement for our hometown heroes. Times indicated are *projected* results based on last week’s meet.

- 1) 50m Freestyle
Philip Heil - you’re within the thickness of a bow string from William Teller in the 50m Freestyle (29.40 vs. 29.35) – *Shoot an apple off my shoulder!*

Lindsay Sterling – *See what you can do with Lauren Yeung* (34.25s vs. 34.14s).

Rhyanna O’Neal (43.66s) vs. Lauren McCormick (44.12s) – *Team points are up for grabs!*

Stephanie Bellamy – You’re neck and neck with Angela Jividen (39.05s vs. 39.19s) – *Better hurry.*

- 2) 100IM
Liam Turner – We may have to close our eyes when you race Christopher Byrom in the 100IM (1:50.80 vs. 1:50.58). *Be brave!*

Madison Barns – Emily Dixon is right behind you (1:43.26 vs. 1:43.12) – *Go quickly, my friend.*

Aubrey Naujoks – Ah yes, a longtime neighborhood favorite with a very, very good backstroke... *Aubrey - Pull a fast one on Kerry O’Bannon* (1:31.63 vs. 1:31.15).

Miss Maria Barzegar – *Say hello to Miss Maralee Bell for us* (1:51.01 vs. 4:49.77).

- 3) Backstroke
Aidan-Claire Cudahy (24.47s) vs. Ivylynn Powell (24.15s) – *Feel the electricity when two of the county’s best get together.*

- 4) Breaststroke
Mr. William Bennett – Meet Mr. Ryan Wence... *off you go now* (1:05.16 vs. 1:06.25).

Peyton Harvey vs. Kylie Ann Wickstrom – This could be an ESPN moment (1:05.31 vs. 1:04.32). Walker Landry (1:01.27) vs. Christopher Byrom (1:00.20). *Dah-duhdah. Dah-duhdah.*

Dylan Gehr (51.00s) vs. Mathew Byrom (49.18s) – *Yes, another one of those pesky Byrom brothers.*

Zoe Nowoslawski (55.27s) vs. Sara Skaggs (55.04s) – *Say their names fast, three times.*

- 5) Butterfly

Trenton Sorensen (46.48s) vs. Jordan Springman (45.58s) – *We seeeee ya, Trent!*

- 6) Freestyle Relay

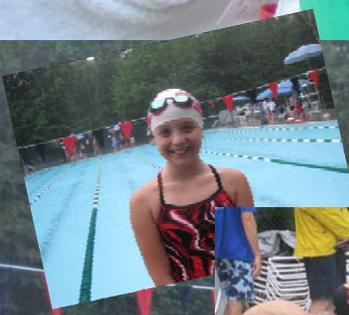
Abigail Lee, Abby Willever, Aislinn Turner, and Chloe Ouellette (2:04.03) vs. Nikki Huynh, Tala Natour, Laura Skaggs, and Ivylynn Powell (2:09.47) – *Reminds me of those hooked-arm ‘monkeys in a barrel’ - Does anyone else play with those? Have a nice race, ladies.*

Kelly Sikora, Alexis Marsh, Katie Colletti Hoa, and Avery Ouellette (1:36.53) vs. Cloe Hallahan, Juliana Natour, Katie Dixon, and Kylie Ann Wickstrom (1:36.79) – *Weren’t they on the late edition of Sports Center last night?*

Go Makos!

Faces in the Crowd











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