

# **The Meadowbrook Woods Sporting Times**

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## **Surging Makos 2<sup>nd</sup> at Tri-Meet; Westridge in Town for Final Home Meet**

With only 20-days remaining until opening ceremonies at Beijing, the MBW 12U boys are making a case for last-minute tickets to China – *just in case Michael Phelps pulls a muscle*. Last Saturday at Wellington, Kenny Parker smashed 50m Backstroke neighborhood record by a half-second (37.13s). Other 12U notables in that event included Nicholas Vaccaro and Tanner Curry who placed 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, respectively, in a field of nineteen swimmers. Sean Rouffa, Kevin Olsen, Lucas Fearsen, and Kenny Parker thrilled the crowd with a blue-ribbon swim in the 100m Freestyle Relay.

On the girls side, Rebecaa Baumstark, Lauren Sargent, Emma Skelley, and Luella Garner earned a whopping 79-team points for their win in the 12U 100m Medley Relay with Garner at the anchor (1:16.08). Interestingly, they reversed the order and won again in the 100m Freestyle Relay (1:05.09). Emily Sterling lowered her seed time by 0.6s and won the 8U 25m Freestyle. Madison Barns earned 19-team points for her win in the 100m IM. Overall, MBW placed second with 3668 points while the Dolphins won with 4249.5 points. Dominion Valley was third with 3372.5 points.

Today the Makos host Westridge in the final home meet of the season and Divisionals are scheduled for next Saturday at Ashland. Following today's contest, Spirit Week goes into full swing with a myriad of wacky relays along with a trip to Splashdown Water Park. On the evening of July 23, it will be a "Battle of the Half-Pints" as the MBW Mini-Makos host the Ashland Little Rays. Clipboard-carrying scouts from both teams will likely be on hand for this one to survey the field of rising stars. The event features a relaxed setting for local fans to catch the action while enjoying a bite of dinner as the Northern Virginia sun sets beyond the trees. The end-of-season party and awards ceremony is slated for July 27 from 1:00-4:00 pm at poolside. The celebration will feature parent relay races and perhaps a bit of tomfoolery.

## **Mini-Makos Pull a Fast One at Urbanna**

The pre-meet conversation between longtime stroke-and-turn officials Dave Sargent, Gary Pomajevich, and Tim Martin may have gone something like this... "What's up with the rain?" ... "Did you order rain?" ... "I didn't order rain." As we enter the home stretch of the ever popular outdoor swimming season, fans have endured blistering heat, gusty winds, and subtropical humidity on a weekly basis in an effort to catch a glimpse of their hometown heroes in action. Swimming in their very first meet with the Makos two weeks ago, the rascals brought with them rain showers than left recorders and runners scurrying about the pool deck in an effort to keep soggy timecards from decomposing.

Unlike the epic five-hour struggle between Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer for this year's Wimbledon crown, there would be no rain delays for the Makos and Otters. While on-lookers wrenched rainwater from their soaked belongings, swimmers buttoned down their goggles and hammered away. Blue ribbons were falling from the sky and the Makos were led by Kevin Olsen, Megan Baner, and Lauren Sargent who won triple-gold while Sam Pomajevich and Madison Barns collected double-event wins. Sargent was flanked by Luella Garner and Aubrey Naujoks as the 12U girls swept 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 50m Freestyle event. Naujoks later anchored the 12U's to a win in the 100m Free Relay (1:08.32). Baner was named swimmer-coach of the week for her work with younger swimmers.

Tanner Curry and Nicolas Vaccaro landed a one-two punch in the boys 12U 100m IM. They later teamed-up with pals Kevin Olsen and Sean Kingsbury to win the 100m Free Relay (1:09.02). Kingsbury also won the 50m Breaststroke event. Other shining stars included Emily Sterling (25 Free), Megan Garman (50 Free), Andrew Gambarani (50 Free), Nicholas Schrieber (50 Back), Mary Kate Sterling (50 Back), and Douglas Barns (50 Breast) who placed first in various events.

## Faces in the Crowd



### Sabrina Townsend

*A rising 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Marshall Elementary, Sabrina paddled through rainy conditions at Urbanna in route to a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in the 25 Fly. She and her 10U teammates are peaking at just the right time with Divisionals slated for next Saturday.*



### Camille Derderian

*Camille Derderian (left) and her 12U teammates had plenty of reason to celebrate at Urbanna as they “won-out” in every heat of the 50m Freestyle. Both Derderian and Shelby Ingram (middle) earned swimmer-of-the-week honors this season.*

### Erin Dolan and Emily Brenner

*It's that time of the season when mini-Makos coaches send their young guns up to the big leagues. Several rookies were called up from the farm just in time to compete in the Urbanna meet. The first-timers included 5-year old Erin Dolan (right) and 8U*



*swimmer-of-the-week Emily Brenner (below) who swam beautifully through various 25m events. Jordan Caretta (5) tested the waters in the 25m freestyle race while her brother (Kyle) stroked his way through the backstroke and freestyle races. In addition to swimming, Jordan enjoys kareoke, dancing, and playing with barbies while Kyle leans towards soccer. Siena Desteno (6) dipped their toes into the pool for the backstroke competition. Seven-year-old Justin Schrieber moved up from the Mini-Makos at Time Trials and has enjoyed a successful summer thus far as a backstroker and freestyler. His hobbies include cub*



*scouts, baseball, and pokemon. Overall, the group involves a healthy mix of rising kindergarteners and 1st graders at Marshall Elementary and is sure to generate plenty of excitement for local fans in the years to come.*