

# **The Meadowbrook Woods Sporting Times**

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## **Makos Hop Past Frogs, Dive into Divisionals**

With a huge win over cross-town rival Dale City (2653-2288) last Saturday, the MBW Makos enter today's Divisional tri-meet with all the swagger of a home run hitter strolling to the plate with two on & two outs in the bottom of the ninth and chasing two runs. Whether your favorite number is 714 or 755, everyone has to be pleased with the numbers put up by the squad in this meet and all summer long. Starting from scratch at spring training, many swimmers are peaking at just right time – apparently having studied replays of the amazing 1969 New York Mets. Boys who posted personal best times vs. Dale City include Jimmy Baumstark, Clayton Bellamy, CJ Brenner, Noah Meltzer, Chase Blackwell, Trevor Fearson, Timothy McEvoy, Jack Watkins, Walker Landry, John Laufer, Nicholas Vaccaro, Samuel Fleshman, Dylan Gehr, and Roman Naujoks. On the girls' side, Lauren Pion, Kelly Sikora, Peyton Harvey, Daniela Johnson, Rachel Landry, Emily Sterling, Madison Laufer, Gigi Maniaci, Madison Barnes, Morgan Combs, Nichole Koob, Hannah Braley, Devin Kaucher, Claire Loper, Erin McEvoy, Kendra Sabol, Shelby Ingram, Lauren Sargent, Lauren Kingsbury, Alex Lund, and Shannon Drollinger posted personal bests.

In the early going last week, Kenny Parker took us back to the roaring twenties with upper-deck, Ruthian blasts in the 10U 100 IM (1:30.23) and 50 Back (37.88) events. Rachel Lund had a tape measure shot of her own in the 18U 100 IM (1:15.81).

Just a year removed from the Makos AAA farm system, the 8U girls turned a rare “triple play” by taking gold, silver and bronze in the 100 Freestyle Relay event. Gigi Maniaci - Riley Curry - Emily Sterling - Megan Garman (1:31.55); Elizabeth Healey - Lauren Pion - Rachel Russo - Samantha Townsend (1:58.91); and Julia Vaccaro - Lakyn Fearson – Emily Laufer – Rachel Landry (2:05.22) glided home in a perfect chevron configuration for the win. Fueled with enthusiasm and a pinch of pixie dust, these girls are on track to become household names in the coming years.

From frolicking 8U's, we move on to laid-back, teenage “Young Guns” who wouldn't flinch at the

notion of facing the 1927 Yankees “Murderers Row” with the winning run in scoring position. Sporting southern California surfer-dude hairstyles and steel belted rib-cages, this wrecking crew tends bring the high, hard stuff regularly. Congratulations to our own Bronx Bombers Joe Cornwell, Eric Koob, Ty Lang, and Cougar Hagen who won first place and set club records in the 14U 200 Free and Medley relay events at 2:01.25 and 2:23.63, respectively, and to Nicolas Marsilio, Andrew Gambarani, Jacob Laufer, and Eric Sargent at 2:02.54 and 2:31.69 in the 18U division.

From pitching we move on to hitting. Renowned batter Ted Williams developed arguably the best “stroke technique” in baseball history. Working hard this summer, the Makos have several technicians of their own that set “A” times at the Dale City meet. 10U Ella Vanderzyl glided beautifully through 100-meters in the IM at 1:44.25 in route to an overall 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish. 10U John Laufer pushed hard in the 25 Fly (20.78) to grab 4<sup>th</sup> place. Samuel Fleshman won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 12U 50 Back at 46.61 and Samantha Townsend was magnificent in the 8U 25 Free at 23.87 which was also good enough for an overall 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish.

Since we're in the mood to debate all-time greats, Willie Mays made arguably the best catch ever deep in the outfield while running away from home plate in game one of the 1954 World Series to rob the Cleveland Indians of a win. Can the Makos catch up with Wellington and Kingsbrooke this morning? As you linger over the burger bar condiments, find a friend and pass the time debating your own top ten moments in sports history.

## **Trivia Quiz**

In keeping with the baseball theme, this week's trivia quiz is dedicated to Boston Red Sox batting legend Ted Williams who is the last person to have a batting average over .400. Can you guess his nickname?

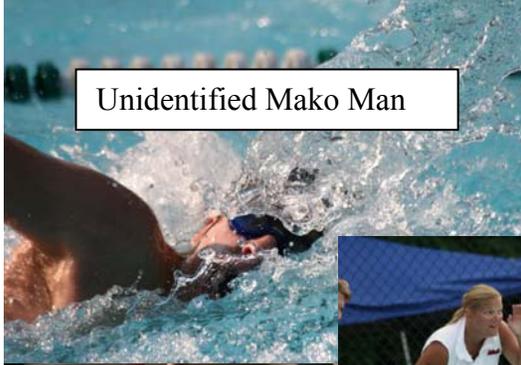
- (a) The Sultan of Swat
- (b) The Say Hey Kid
- (c) The Splendid Splinter or
- (d) The Mako Man

Faces in the Crowd ("Ten Thousand Maniacs" edition)





Unidentified Mako Man



Hurry Kenny!



“Gee Willickers, that guy is fast!”



Thank you, Clerk-of-the-Course

