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Makos and Otters Spark Holiday Weekend

With events such as Wimbledon, Olympic Time Trials, Nascar, Congressional Golf Tournament, and the "Beltway Series" in full swing over the past fortnight, fans of the sporting life have their plates full trying to keep up the action. Weekend festivities continue this morning as the Makos visit Urbanna for a meet in which a few additional tickets to Beijing just may be punched.

Last week, it was the Makos over Ashland (2587-2455). Eric Sargent led the charge with a record setting swim in the 18U 100 IM (1:07.59). Other triple-event winners for the Makos included Sam Pomajevich and Rachel Lund. The 8U swimmers continued their good work and were led by Clayton Bellamy, Elizabeth Healey, and Emily Sterling that checked-in with double-event wins.

Urbanna enters the day after losing to a strong Wellington team last week (3001.5-2172.5). Reilly Cuccinelli paced the Otters with wins in the 10U 100 IM, 25 Breast, and 25 Fly while Matt Campbell contributed wins in the 50 Free and 100 IM on the boys' side.

TWIB Notes

This week in baseball was a roller-coaster ride for local tournament teams and came complete with monumental wins and tough losses. All five Coles tournament teams are still competing for their division championships. The 10U squad reeled off three wins in a row after an early round loss to Fairfax National in the double-elimination affair. They'll get another shot at Fairfax today with the first-pitch slated for 6:00pm. The 11U team won their first game and is in the driver's seat heading into a morning contest today with Chantilly National. The 12U team won big over Gainesville National (12-2) to even their record at 1-1. Ty Lang and the Junior baseball team are looking extremely good after pounding Gainesville (6-0) and Lower Loudon National (16-0). They'll get together with Fairfax Dominion in Fairfax at 5:45pm today to compete for the championship of the upper bracket. On the girls side, the

10U softball team will be at Marshall Elementary on Monday to host Gainesville.

8U Swimmers Enjoy a Day on the Links



Recently, Peyton Harvey (above) and other 8U swimmers enjoyed a trip to the local miniature golf center. Peyton earned an "A" time in the 25m Backstroke event vs. Ashland.

Rachel and Noah Meltzer (below) acknowledge the gallery prior to putting on the 18th green. Noah shaved 3-seconds of his 25m Freestyle in route to a personal best time at the Ashland meet. The normally reserved, Northern Virginia crowd is likely to go wild with enthusiasm again this Saturday when the 8U crowd hits the water.



Faces in the Crowd

Fans of all ages were on hand last Saturday for the Ashland meet. Joshua Smith, shown here atop his dad, cheers on older brother Daniel (below)



just prior to an event. The Makos salute Dr. Smith and the entire nation's military personnel for their continuing efforts to protect and preserve our freedom to assemble for events such as today's swim meet.



Daniel Smith



Jesse and Becca Jones

10U Jessie and 8U Becca are swimming fast and having fun with the Makos this summer. Jessie dropped 0.5-sec off her 50m Breaststroke while Becca shed more than a second off her 25m Freestyle last week.



Jimmy Baumstark

8U Swimmer-of-the-Week Jimmy Baumstark and his colleagues Clayton Bellamy, Cody Bennett, and Steven Cornwell never looked back last Saturday in route to a 1st place finish in the 100m Freestyle Relay (1:42.38). He and Bellamy also teamed-up with Elizabeth Healey and Emily Sterling to win the 100m Mixed Medley Relay (1:39.02). Younger swimmers have benefited greatly from the tutelage of their 18U swimmer-coach counterparts this summer. Baumstark used the instruction to his benefit in the 25m Breaststroke event vs. Ashland and wound up a blue ribbon in that event.



Claire Loper

A rising 7th grader at Benton Middle School, Claire was born on this day just prior the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta and spent her first weeks listening to Bob Costas' live broadcasts of the opening ceremonies and various Olympic events. Last Saturday, she cut nearly 2-seconds off her 100 IM and will look to better that mark today. Happy birthday, Claire!

