

# Coaches Recap of Madeline Brown Invitational Swim & Dive Meet

**12/18/09 & 12/19/09**

On Friday evening the **dive team** started this meet off right with excellent results to give us a head start on scoring for Saturday!

For the **Men's dive team**:

**Jack Nyquist won** with a score of 495.50 points and again **qualifying him for state!** Way to go Jack! **Crawford Berry** also had a good meet and he was 4<sup>th</sup> with 331.55 points and this score **qualified him for state!** Congrats boys! Jack's score was almost 150 points ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> place! Two of the male divers didn't even score 150 points! This is looking really good for North Fulton Championships and State!

For the **Women's dive team**:

**Cameron Robertson** was 5<sup>th</sup> with 333.40 points and **qualified for state!** **Maggie McNealy** was 7<sup>th</sup> with 328.80 points and also **qualified for state!** Way to go ladies!

Friday night was also our Holiday party that was hosted by the Buckingham's and Cherry's at the Buckingham's home! The food was shopped for by Vicki but all prepared by Jeremy Buckingham. Hint: Don't send the skinny lady to buy butter for Alfredo sauce, not a good idea! Thank you for a wonderful evening!

On **Saturday** we started off at 7am loading the buses and we got home around 5:30pm! This was a LONG day of swimming in not the best of conditions but our team arrived home with two new trophies to add to our growing collection! We had hoped to have the majority of our team on hand for this meet but we had several out sick or two others with unfortunate family losses. We wish them all the best during this difficult time.

**The ladies** were very excited to show up the guys and take **2<sup>nd</sup> place overall!!!** The men have received a lot of hype, deserving as it may be, the girls have heard enough. The **men** didn't disappoint though they took **3<sup>rd</sup> place overall** and brought home just a slightly smaller trophy than the ladies! Alpharetta took **2<sup>nd</sup> overall** with the **combined** scores! Marist was the overall winner combined as well as for the boys and girls.

We had some excellent swims, record breaking swims, some great races and then we had some swims that were just enough to get the job done on this day. The kids had an exhausting week of exams and many were not only mentally done but physically beat and some were battling illnesses as well.

**Allen Browning had two record breaking swims.** Allen took down the 200IM and 100 Backstroke Pool records! The IM record was held by Olympian Eric Shanteau.

**200 Medley Relay**

We love to start off the meet with this race and our men's relay, however, this one didn't quite end the way we like it to. The boys were just touched out by Marist and lost 1:39.46 to 1:39.38. It was oh so close. Allen led off with a 24.88 in back, Garrett followed with a 27.73, then Alex with 24.82 and David anchored in a 22.03 which was the fastest free split of all teams! We will see them again at Metros so we will get them then!

The ladies were 4<sup>th</sup> and again qualified for state. Oh, the boys have qualified again too. The ladies team of Brandie, Brittany P., Jaclyn and Margaret went 1:57.97. Brittany turned in the fastest 50 breast split of all competitors with a 32.10. Our B relay of Brittany Beisner, Lindsey Bias, Mariel Rico and Megan Russell also qualified for state and placed 11<sup>th</sup>. However, only one relay scored in this meet. The C relay of Brooke, Colleen, Rachael and Caitlin Scanlon just missed qualifying by .46! They were 14<sup>th</sup> and the D relay was 19<sup>th</sup> out of 46 relays!

### **200 Free**

David Vater was 4<sup>th</sup> in 1:51.18 qualifying for state! Cody Reul was 6<sup>th</sup> in 1:52.37 and also qualifying again for state. Two in the top 6, yes! Erik Petrina was just out of the scoring with 17<sup>th</sup> place, they scored top 16. And Drew coming back from being very ill turned in a nice swim and took 33<sup>rd</sup>.

Melanie Lockard was 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2:01.21 and qualifying for state. Julia Ash was 16<sup>th</sup> getting us an important point! They all add up! Rachael F. was just out of the scoring in 18<sup>th</sup> and Emily Buckingham in 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **200 IM**

Allen Browning owned this event with a 1:55.20 and a new pool record. Second place was 1:57.81. Garrett Cottingham was 8<sup>th</sup> and again qualified for state. Two in the top 8! Jacob Saban had a nice race coming from behind for 20<sup>th</sup> and Annce was 28<sup>th</sup>. Annce made this race thanks to Mr. Adams picking him up and bringing him to the meet after he missed the bus!

Melissa Schreiber was with us for the first time this season, yay! Melissa was 3<sup>rd</sup> and qualified for state with a 2:19.91. Brittany Parkey battling bronchitis was 11<sup>th</sup> and Brittany Beisner was 13<sup>th</sup> and Mariel Rico raced hard and got in there for 16<sup>th</sup>! All four in the top 16!

### **50 Free**

There were 157 men in the 50 Free! Tyler Lipscomb was so close again to the state q time of 23.50 going 23.73 and taking 8<sup>th</sup>. Alex Forte was 12<sup>th</sup> in 24.05 and then Reed Ash went 25.43 for 33<sup>rd</sup> and Justin Stubel 26.34 was 54<sup>th</sup>.

The ladies had 196 in this event, ugh, with some of them just breaking a minute in a 50! Margaret Nickens was 6<sup>th</sup> in 26.08, winning her heat and beating several in the top heat. This time is a state q time! Amanda P. was 17<sup>th</sup> and just out of the scoring with 27.30; Julia Ash was 24<sup>th</sup> in 27.81 and Ashley Williams 29<sup>th</sup> with 27.99.

They took the diving break after the 50 Free and here were the scores at this point in the meet:

Boys:

Marist 164, GAC 145, AHS 144 and St. Pius X 140 – A very close meet!

Girls:

Marist 203, AHS 114, St. Pius X 112 tied with GAC at 112 – Also very close standings.

The team has now consumed the majority of the snack table and we've sent out requests for bagels, answered by the Lockards! Thank you! Then they are still hungry and the call goes out for Subs and the Philps respond along with other volunteers and at one point I thought multiple sandwich orders were on the way? Thank you to all our parents that feed them...non-stop! We left Susan Lipscomb to watch them and monitor the situation, a great job that none of us want!

### **100 Fly**

David Vater was 2<sup>nd</sup> in 53.35 and qualified for state again and Alex Forte was 8<sup>th</sup>. Jaelyn Rohal was 8<sup>th</sup> and again qualified for state, not in her best time but enough to get us the points. Mariel Rico got in there again for points in 16<sup>th</sup>. These points are very important! Rachael just recovering from illness was swimming for Lindsay Hogan who was out sick and took 22<sup>nd</sup> and Elizabeth Faucher was 26<sup>th</sup>.

After 100 Fly scoring standings:

Boys GAC 183, Marist 181 and AHS 172 - Still very close and within striking distance of 1<sup>st</sup>!

Girls Marist 240, GAC 150, AHS 126, St. Pius X 119 – Falling behind but hanging in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **100 Free**

Tyler was having one of those “just a smidge off” kind of days. Tyler was 4<sup>th</sup> in 52.03; the state cut is 52.00, UGH! He had a great swim though! Two others scored for us too: Parker Alford was 13<sup>th</sup> and Erik Petrina was 14<sup>th</sup>! Justin Stubel was 33<sup>rd</sup> out of 121 in this event!

The ladies were led by Margaret Nickens taking 9<sup>th</sup> in 57.49 and qualifying for state. There were 156 girls in the 100 Free, OMG!

### **500 Free**

This event saw a pool record fall to Will Freeman of GAC in 4:31.92. For those of you that wondered why I was cheering for Elliott Brockelbank of South Forsyth in this race, along with cheering for Reese Cherry, it's because I wanted Elliott to beat Will as he did in the 200 Free and because GAC was ahead of us in the meet and South Forsyth was not a threat. Reese had an excellent swim in 4:55.06 and took 3<sup>rd</sup> and qualified for state too! All 4 of our boys scored in this event giving us valuable points. You should always fill the 500! Parker was 10<sup>th</sup> and just missed the state cut by .21, UGH! He went 5:20.21 and the cut is 5:20.00. Alex Evonsion is getting better at this event all the time, taking off time and almost breaking 6:00.00, but taking 13<sup>th</sup> place for us. Zach Campbell dropped a lot of time as well and got in there for 16<sup>th</sup>!!!

Melanie Lockard was 4<sup>th</sup> in an exciting race. She again qualified for state in this event. Jaelyn Rohal was 7<sup>th</sup> and also qualified for state, again. Brittany Beisner was in there for valuable points at 11<sup>th</sup> and Emily Buckingham went in and just missed 16<sup>th</sup> taking 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **200 Free Relay**

The boys took 4<sup>th</sup> place in 1:35.00 and again qualified for state. The team of: Tyler, Erik, Alex F. and Cody Ruel. Tyler was 23.41, Erik 24.87, Alex 23.32 and Cody 23.40. The ladies took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 1:46.78 and qualifying for state. Our B relay would've given us 7<sup>th</sup>, two in the top 8!

The A relay of Julia Ash 27.32, Melissa 27.00, Margaret 26.24 and Melanie 26.22.

Score after the 200 Free Relays:

Boys Marist 286, GAC 264, AHS 252

Girls Marist 300 and pulling away, GAC 192, AHS 168 and St. Pius 167 – Only one point ahead!

### **100 Back**

Allen Browning picked up his second pool record and win of the day going 53.03. Cody Reul got us valuable points in 8<sup>th</sup> with 1:00.14. Reed Ash was 22<sup>nd</sup> and Drew Domnauer was 28<sup>th</sup>.

Amanda Philp again just missed the state cut in this event in 1:06.75, the cut is 1:06.00. She took 9<sup>th</sup> just ahead of Ashley Williams in 10<sup>th</sup> and Brandie Banner in 12<sup>th</sup>. Just out of the points in 17<sup>th</sup> was Kirsten Scanlon swimming for Lindsay Hogan.

After Backstroke the girls have dropped to 4<sup>th</sup> to St. Pius by 4 points! The boys are holding 3<sup>rd</sup> behind GAC by 17pts!!!!

### **100 Breast**

Garrett Cottingham was 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1:01.22 and Reese Cherry was 8<sup>th</sup> in 1:05.75, both qualifying for state in this event. Jacob Saban was 29<sup>th</sup> and Alex Evonsion had a great start and took off time and took 36<sup>th</sup> place.

Brittany Parkey won in a close race and again qualified for state. Melissa took 4<sup>th</sup> and qualified for state along with Brittany. All 4 of our girls got in the top 16; this was huge at this point of the meet! Thanks to Lindsey Bias taking 15<sup>th</sup> and Colleen Adam getting in for 16<sup>th</sup>! There were 63 girls in this event.

### **After Breaststroke and going in to the final event the scores are:**

Boys Marist 360, GAC 321 and AHS 311, Only 10 points down, we need to beat Marist and GAC in the 400 and hope for DQ's too!

Girls Marist is out of reach, AHS 260.5 and GAC is 239, then St. Pius X. We've moved in to 2<sup>nd</sup> because of the breaststroke results! We need to race GAC and St. Pius in the 400!

### **400 Free Relay**

The boys won!!! This was an exciting way to end the meet. We were in the lead with David going 49.56, Tyler holding on in 51.11, Cody giving it everything in 51.02 but dropping to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Allen took off to hunt them down and went 46.76 to there 48.69!!!! We win! However, GAC took 2<sup>nd</sup> and Marist 3<sup>rd</sup>. We needed Marist to beat GAC or anyone else to beat GAC, or for them to get DQ'd, but that didn't happen.

The boys took 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, losing by 4 points!

Our B relay was up there in 7<sup>th</sup> with Parker, Reed, Reese and Garrett.  
Both relays qualified for state.

The ladies didn't have a great race but it was enough to hold on to 2<sup>nd</sup> place! The A relay of Melissa, Julia, Jaclyn and Melanie took 5<sup>th</sup> and qualified for state again. Our B relay was 9<sup>th</sup> and also qualified for state, Ashley, Brittany B, Amanda P and Brandie.

**There were 24 teams in the meet.**

**Top 5 combined scores:**

Marist	838
AHS	639.5
GAC	624
St. Pius	461.5
Etowah	428

**Women:**

Marist	446
AHS	288.5
St. Pius	269.5
GAC	269
Etowah	238

**Men:**

Marist	392
GAC	355
AHS	351
St. Pius	192
Etowah	190

We will see some of these teams again at Metros and we will get them next time!  
Next up is our own North Fulton Championships! The ladies are looking for their first win of this meet! The men are looking for a 3 peat as defending champions!  
We are hosting this meet on Friday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at Chamblee Dynamo. Please plan on attending and helping out!

Get some rest and try not to eat too much over the holidays! Please get in and swim at least 3 to 4 x's over the break!!!!

Coach Lisa and Coach Emily

