

LMYA Dolphins Take On East County Stingrays

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Swimmers kick off meet at Acalanes

Photo by Jordan Fong

The LMYA Dolphins had a home meet against the East County Stingrays at Acalanes Saturday, June 16. The weather started out cold and windy, but that didn't prevent the swimmers from having a fun and rewarding day. Some swimmers walked away with ribbons, but nearly all the swimmers went home with smiles on their faces.

The first boys event of the day was the six and under 100-yard medley relay. LMYA won this impressive relay by almost two minutes, finishing with a time of 2:35.63. This relay team consisted of Christopher Vanhoven, Nicholas Catalanello, Christopher Rogers, and Alec Baker.

Alec Baker had a fantastic day for the LMYA Dolphins, as he went on to record five first place finishes. After the relay, Baker's next win came in the 25-yard freestyle, as he recorded a time of 25.07. His next conquest was the 25-yard backstroke, recording a time of 33.20. His last two events were perhaps his most impressive. He won the 25-yard butterfly by almost eleven seconds, finishing with a time of 30.45. His final event would put a cap on a stellar day, as Baker went on to help his 100-yard freestyle relay team finish in first place. His team won with a time of 2:16.66.

The LMYA seven- and eight-year-old girls won the third event of the day by capturing the 100-yard medley relay. The team finished with a time of 1:24.48. Each swimmer on this relay team would go on to record at least one individual first place finish Saturday.

Melissa Elliott was one of the integral parts of the aforementioned relay team. She would take home three first place ribbons Saturday. She won the 25-yard backstroke with a time of 22.45. Elliott finished the day

by capturing first place in the 25-yard butterfly as well, posting a score of 20.54.

The other three swimmers of the relay team took home two first place ribbons a piece. Kaitlin Zarembinski took first place in the 100-yard IM, with a time of 1:46.15. Becca Buck posted a time of 24.74 in winning the 25-yard backstroke. The final swimmer in the girls relay team

was Ally Taga-Anderson. She took first place in the 25-yard freestyle, with her time of 17.41.

A few other swimmers stood out with their impressive times Saturday. Reider Martinsen coasted to a first place finish in the six and under boys 25-yard backstroke. He won this race by almost ten seconds, finishing with a time of 31.51. Eight-year-old Mathew Renfro also posted an impressive time with his 31.68 blue ribbon finish in the 25-yard breaststroke.

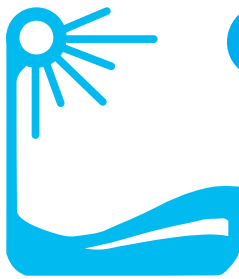
Head LMYA Coach Kristen Sissener was very impressed with the improvement of this team from last year. Sissener said that what makes LMYA special this year is that if the kids want a super competitive environment, they can have it. Or, if they just want to have fun, they can come and do that as well. "With the kids who want to compete, we are teaching them not just to swim, but to race," Sissener said.



LMYA Dolphin pushes forward

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