

Blake/Breck Boys Swim & Dive meet against AA swim powerhouse Edina on Jan 4

The Breck-Blake Boys Swim and Dive team started 2008 on January 4 with an away swim meet against True Team and MSHSL State Championship contender Edina. The Team was short-handed due to the holiday break, but provided some good opportunities to swim in the Art Downey Aquatic Center.

In the 200 Medley Relay, the team of **Will Erickson, Thomas Winslow, Sam Pritzker,** and **Jack Markusen** swam a 1:56.35 and the team of **Mike Hanson, Saeed Hakimhashemi, Lars Berg** and **Tim Youtz** finished in 2:46.86.

Nathan Yueh swam a tremendous 1:49.45 winning the 200 Free under last season's state qualifying or cut time of 1:55.42. **Austin Gromatzky** swam a 2:08.43, Jeffrey Portu (2:11.43), and Mike Hanson (2:39.68).

In the 200 Individual Medley, Sam Pritzker swam a 2:15.66, Thomas Winslow (2:19.52), and Will Erickson (2:31.01).

Phelan O'Neill swam a 27.51, **George Humphrey** (29.71), Lars Berg (29.98) and **Elliot Lazar** (41.01) in the 50 Free.

John Piirainen swam a 58.77 and Sam Pritzker a 1:01.75 in the 100 Fly.

In the 100 Free, Thomas Winslow (56.92) edged out Austin Gromatzky (56.99). George Humphrey swam a 1:05.37 and Tim Youtz a 1:26.15.

Nathan Yueh had a terrific victory in the 500 Free (5:12.68, 2007 State cut time 5:14.57) in a close race until he "cranked up" the speed out of the turns at about the 325 yard mark. Phelan O'Neill swam a 6:44.38.

The 200 Free Relay of John Piirainen, Thomas Winslow, Austin Gromatzky, and Nathan Yueh won the 200 Free Relay in a very good mid-season time of 1:37.35 (2007 State cut time 1:35.05). The teams of Jeffrey Portu, Phelan O'Neill, George Humphrey, and Lars Berg finished in 1:54.97, and Mike Hanson, Saeed Hakimhashemi, Elliot Lazar, and Tim Youtz in 2:30.29.

In the 100 Back, Will Erickson swam a 1:07.32 and Jeffrey Portu a 1:09.76.

John Piirainen won the 100 Breast (1:04.94) in a close race beating the 2007 State cut time of 1:06.36 and Lars Berg swam a 1:28.45.

Nathan Yueh, Sam Pritzker, Jeffrey Portu, and John Piirainen won the 400 Free Relay in 3:37.08. Nathan led off the relay with a 50.9. (2007 State qualifying 100 Free time 51.52) The team of Austin Gromatzky, Will Erickson, George Humphrey, and Saeed Hakimhashemi swam a 4:30.63 with Saeed swimming a strong anchor leg to win their heat.

The NEXT MEET is at BRECK on TUESDAY, JAN 8 at 5:30 PM against Watertown-Mayer. Diving is at Blake. Also, the Team welcomed graduated team members Erik

Witzel (St. Olaf) and Will Jenkins (Center College) to practice over the holiday break.
See you at the pool!