

Blake/Breck Boys Swim & Dive victory against Watertown-Mayer on Jan 8

The Breck-Blake Boys Swim and Dive team were victorious in their January 8 home meet against Watertown-Mayer. The Team welcomed to the meet St. Olaf college swim coaches David Hauck and Maya Hamilton Etten, former Breck girl's team coach.

In the 200 Medley Relay, the teams of **John Piirainen, Thomas Winslow, Nathan Yueh, and Max Markusen** swam a 1:49.06, **Jack Buchanan, Sam Pritzker, Jeffrey Portu, and Jack Markusen** (1:57.98), **Will Erickson, Lars Berg, George Humphrey, and Jack Freese** (2:10.35), and **Tim Youtz, Saeed Hakimhashemi, Cole Norgaarden and Elliot Lazar** (3:02.35).

Paul Koullick swam the 200 Free in 2:01.99, **Austin Gromatzky** (2:06.70), Will Erickson (2:10.78), Jack Freese (2:27.08) and Mike Hanson (2:41.25).

In the 200 Individual Medley, Nathan Yueh (2:06.15) and John Piirainen (2:08.03) had a strong race with both beating the 2007 state meet cut time of 2:10.67. Jack Buchanan swam a 2:41.29 and Lars Berg a 2:54.47.

Thomas Winslow, Max Markusen, Jack Markusen, Elliot Lazar (41.45) and **Joe Anderson** (43.89) swam the 50 Free but, unfortunately, not all times were available.

The Team was delighted to have diving at the Breck pool for the first time this season instead of separately at Blake, so that they could see eight-grader **John Blake** perform in competition. Against a large group of good competing divers, John Blake nailed his six dives for third place.

In the 100 Fly, Nathan Yueh swam a 57.95 and Sam Pritzker a 1:00.39.

Paul Koullick (56.13) edged out Max Markusen (56.42) in the 100 Free. Tim Youtz swam a 1:22.93 and Cole Norgaarden a 1:29.07.

In the 500 Free, Austin Gromatzky swam a 5:50.27, Jeffrey Portu (5:56.76), George Humphrey (6:32.19), and Jack Freese (6:52.31).

The 200 Free Relay teams of Jack Markusen, Thomas Winslow, Paul Koullick and Sam Pritzker swam a 1:38.46; Will Erickson, Jack Buchanan, George Humphrey and Austin Gromatzky (1:48.11); Mike Hanson, Cole Norgaarden, Joe Anderson and Jack Freese (2:20.49); and Lars Berg, Saeed Hakimhashemi, Elliot Lazar and Tim Youtz (2:26.49).

In the 100 Back, Will Erickson swam a 1:06.26, Jeffrey Portu (1:10.01), and Cole Norgaarden and Joe Anderson's times were not available.

John Piirainen won the 100 Breast in 1:04.79 (2007 State cut time of 1:06.36), Thomas Winslow (1:12.50), Lars Berg (1:25.07), and Saeed Hakimhashemi (1:40.07).

Sam Pritzker, Nathan Yueh, Max Markusen, and John Piirainen won the 400 Free Relay in 3:34.30 closing in on the 2007 State cut time of 3:30.20. The teams of Jeffrey Portu, Koullick, Jack Markusen, and Austin Gromatzky swam at 3:52.45; and Tim Youtz, George Humphrey, Jack Freese, and Mike Hanson a 4:51.86.

The NEXT MEET is at SOUTH ST. PAUL on SATURDAY , JAN 12. Per Coach Rosenberg, "warm-up at Breck at 9:30 AM and then depart for the meet at 11:00 AM. Swimming starts at 1:00 sharp (diving has not been confirmed yet - more info to follow)."
See you at the pool!