

Women's Swimming & Diving

Sunday, January 30, 2005

COACH'S CORNER

Harvard Women's Swimming and Diving is 10-0! With wins over both Princeton 203-116 and Yale 229-90, this is the first undefeated season since 1988-89.

It was an emotional week. Exams ended on Tuesday, Jan. 25th and several of our swimmers and divers had two exams on the last day! Between the blizzard on Sunday dropping 30 inches and another storm on Wednesday adding another 6-8, our team dinner to the Shoemaker's was cancelled. Instead, dinner was in the dining hall and the freshmen skit was in the Eliot Senior Common Room. After a hilarious display of our freshmen's talents (the theme this year was a beauty pageant), they caught up on much needed sleep and worked on their secret pal t-shirts (yes, the tradition is still alive.) We left for Yale on Friday morning and after winning the first relay that night, the team remained focused and never looked back. I have to give credit to our seniors for being such positive role models and leading the team to victory.

After the meet, swimmers and divers joined their parents and friends for an early dinner and then returned at 6:00 pm to cheer on the Harvard Men's team. Although their meet concludes today, it looked like both Harvard teams would be dominating the Ivy League this year. For complete results, please visit the following sites on gocrimson.com:

<http://gocrimson.collegesports.com/sports/w-swim/harv-w-swim-body.html>

<http://gocrimson.collegesports.com/sports/m-swim/harv-m-swim-body.html>

TEAM UPDATE

Molly Ward set a new team record in the 50 back by leading off the 200 Medley Relay in 26.89. Three Yale Pool Records also fell over the weekend: Noelle Bassi, 200 fly 2:01.44; Jane Evans, 400 IM 4:22.66; and Bridget O'Connor, 100 fly 55.98. Harvard won 13 out of 17 events over Princeton with a few 1-2-3 finishes.

Although we are excited to be Ivy League Dual Meet Champions, our goal is to win the Ivy League Conference Championships for the first time since 1992. The meet will be held at Princeton on February 24-26. Finals are at 6:00 pm.

The swimmers and divers not competing at the Ivy League Championships will travel with Angie to the University of Pittsburgh and the ECAC conference meet. Our motto for the end of the season is "Divide and Conquer" and our goal is to return to Boston with two conference victories. This meet will be held from February 25-27 with finals at 6:00 pm (Feb. 27th they begin at 4:00 pm.) If you are in the area for either of these meets, we would love to have your support!

Below are our Top 5 Times through HYP and then a few pictures from the weekend.

50 free

Molly Ward	23.90
Erin Mulkey	24.14

Amanda Slaight	24.26
Kathleen Huber	24.93
Jackie Pangilinan	25.29

100 free

Molly Ward	51.64
Erin Mulkey	51.91
Amanda Slaight	52.91
Lindsay Hart	53.53
Meaghan Colling	53.66

200 free

Molly Ward	1:52.29
Erin Mulkey	1:53.26
Emily Wilson	1:54.08
Noelle Bassi	1:54.33
Bridget O'Connor	1:55.07

500 free

Noelle Bassi	4:56.99
Stacy Blondin	4:59.38
Kelly Blondin	5:00.41
Laurin Weisenthal	5:02.67
Emily Wilson	5:03.21

1000 free

Noelle Bassi	10:09.03
Laurin Weisenthal	10:09.07
Kelly Blondin	10:12.52
Emily Wilson	10:13.89
Stacy Blondin	10:20.84

1650 free

Stacy Blondin	17:08.74
Laurin Weisenthal	17:13.65
Emily Wilson	17:15.83
Kelly Blondin	17:16.71
Steph Greco	17:41.00

100 back

Molly Brethauer	57.58
Lindsay Hart	57.88
Michelle Bright	58.11
Kim Ono	58.33
Molly Ward	58.49

200 back

Lindsay Hart	2:02.21
Michelle Bright	2:02.79
Molly Brethauer	2:04.03
Kim Ono	2:06.22
Emily Stapleton	2:06.56

100 breast

Jackie Pangilinan	1:04.36
LeeAnn Chang	1:05.42
Amanda Slaight	1:06.30
Meaghan Colling	1:06.52
Jane Evans	1:07.52

200 breast

Jackie Pangilinan	2:17.37
LeeAnn Chang	2:17.68
Jane Evans	2:22.61
Meaghan Colling	2:26.17
Amanda Slaight	2:27.02

100 fly

Bridget O'Connor	55.98
Alli Bates	56.21
Molly Brethauer	57.60
Erin Mulkey	57.88
Noelle Bassi	58.04

200 fly

Noelle Bassi	1:59.79
Bridget O'Connor	2:03.99
Jane Evans	2:04.08
Molly Brethauer	2:05.27
Stacy Blondin	2:07.32

200 IM

LeeAnn Chang	2:06.35
Jane Evans	2:06.59
Noelle Bassi	2:07.08
Jackie Pangilinan	2:07.29
Lindsay Hart	2:09.07

400 IM

Jane Evans	4:22.66
Noelle Bassi	4:23.49
Stacy Blondin	4:27.03
Laurin Weisenthal	4:34.27



The Freshmen skit. From left to right: Sam Papadakis, Amanda Slaight, Lindsay Hart, Jackie Pangilinan, Catherine Skoda, Alison Pipitone, Kathleen Huber, Bridget O'Connor (hidden), Meaghan Colling.



Angie and Rebekah reading the SP t-shirts on the bus



Focused and ready to compete. The swimmers and divers enter Yale's pool.



With a comfortable lead, the swimmers await the start of 3 m diving.