

Women's Swimming & Diving

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

COACH'S CORNER

Harvard Women's Swimming and Diving
2005 Ivy League Champions

Final score: Harvard 1615
Princeton 1389

Thank you to all the parents, alumni and fans who cheered us on to victory. It was a magical season and we truly appreciate your support. We would like to post pictures from the weekend on our web site. Please e-mail any great photos to me at morawski@fas.harvard.edu.

Although NCAA information won't be posted until Friday, it looks like both Noelle Bassi and Jackie Pangilinan will make the meet.

Ivy Championships recap:

Before the meet: We arrived in NJ on Tuesday night and the team rested all day Wednesday. Several swimmers were battling flu like symptoms but Keith made a trip to a natural food store and a few home remedies like ginger tea certainly helped. Our team was treated to a wonderful meal at the Olive Garden by Jane Evans' aunt and uncle, Barbara and Frank Vannerson. As the noise level rose at dinner and several of them raced to complete the complimentary word find game typically given to children to keep them amused, I knew the team had the necessary enthusiasm needed to begin the meet. (by the way, Michelle Bright is the word find champion.)

Day 1: It is always fun to begin the meet with the 200 Free Relay. This year, Amanda Slaight led off in her best time of 23.66. She then finished second to Molly Ward in the 50 free and Noelle Bassi won the 500 free. Unfortunately, we were disqualified in the 400 Medley Relay. It was a questionable call, but since we were in the lead by so much, the focus of the officials was only on our team.

Day 2: Using the disqualification as a rallying point, 14 out of 16 morning swims made finals. Later that evening, we began the meet with a 1-2-3 finish in the 1000 free by Stacy Blondin, Kelly Blondin and Laurin Weisenthal. Noelle Bassi won the 400 IM, Bridget O'Connor and Alli Bates went 1-2 in the 100 fly.

Day 3: Only ahead by 55 points, we needed a big morning to offset Princeton's 6 divers (when you score to 24 places, 3 extra divers add a significant number of points.) While Stacy received the Ironwoman award on Friday night for doubling the 1000 and 400 IM, Jane Evans doubled the 200 breast and 200 fly on Saturday and finaled in both events. That night, we went 1-2-4-5 in the 1650 and won the 200 breast and 200 fly.

Team records include:

100 breast:	Jackie Pangilinan	1:03.65
400 IM:	Noelle Bassi	4:18.86
500 free:	Noelle Bassi	4:50.78

Ivy Championships:

<http://www.thecrimson.com/article.aspx?ref=506024>

<http://gocrimson.collegesports.com/sports/w-swim/recaps/022605aaa.html>

HARVARD finishes 3rd at ECACs.

Both the Harvard men and women finished third at the ECAC Championships. With 12 swimmers and 1 diver, our women held their own against teams with 18 athletes. Their dedication and determination will pave the way for future ECAC teams to WIN the meet. Highlights include: Catherine Skoda and Kate O'Brien who finaled in all three of their events and Jess Davidson who finished 3rd in the 400 IM with a 4:32.

ECACs

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TEAM UPDATE

Top Times this Season:

50 free

Molly Ward	23.50
Amanda Slaight	23.54
Erin Mulkey	23.96
Kyle Cutter	24.74

100 free

Molly Ward	51.05
Erin Mulkey	51.34
Amanda Slaight	51.73
Meaghan Colling	52.69

200 free

Molly Ward	1:50.69
Emily Wilson	1:51.56
Erin Mulkey	1:52.67
Noelle Bassi	1:53.33

500 free

Noelle Bassi	4:50.78
Emily Wilson	4:54.37
Laurin Weisenthal	4:54.77

Kelly Blondin	4:55.70
Michelle Bright	4:58.48

1000 free

Stacy Blondin	10:01.95
Kelly Blondin	10:03.33
Laurin Weisenthal	10:03.39
Noelle Bassi	10:09.03

1650 free

Stacy Blondin	16:51.05
Kelly Blondin	16:52.92
Emily Wilson	16:59.60
Laurin Weisenthal	17:02.31

100 back

Molly Brethauer	57.58
Michelle Bright	57.15
Lindsay Hart	57.24
Emily Stapleton	57.27
Molly Ward	57.37

200 back

Michelle Bright	2:00.16
Emily Stapleton	2:01.36
Lindsay Hart	2:02.20
Molly Brethauer	2:04.03

100 breast

Jackie Pangilinan	1:03.65
Amanda Slaight	1:04.21
Meaghan Colling	1:04.26
LeeAnn Chang	1:05.00

200 breast

Jackie Pangilinan	2:15.37
LeeAnn Chang	2:17.10
Meaghan Colling	2:18.98
Jane Evans	2:19.51

100 fly

Bridget O'Connor	55.98
Alli Bates	56.04
Erin Mulkey	56.80
Molly Brethauer	57.60

200 fly

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

200 IM

Meaghan Colling	2:04.66
Jackie Pangilinan	2:04.80
Emily Stapleton	2:05.08
LeeAnn Chang	2:05.39

400 IM

Noelle Bassi	4:18.86
Jane Evans	4:20.67
Stacy Blondin	4:23.71
Jess Davidson	4:32.23

Final Scores:

<i>1</i>	<i>Harvard</i>	<i>1615</i>
2	Princeton	1389
3	Brown	1002.50
4	Yale	980
5	Pennsylvania	937.50
6	Columbia	746
7	Cornell	551
8	Darmouth	542

ALUMNI UPDATE

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It was great to see the Classes of 2003 and 2004 in attendance and many others of you who made the trip to Princeton. We truly appreciate your support and hope you had fun at the social event following the meet.