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PITTSFORD GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM

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First home meet ends in tough loss for Pittsford S'Women

Pittsford, September 20, 2011:

The S'Women of Pittsford had their first home meet on September 13th against the Victor Blue Devils. They prepared for this meet, as they do all their meets, sizing up their competition, figuring out how to swim fast enough to win more events and score more points than the other team. However, this year there is an added dimension to this for the Pittsford squad and Varsity Coach, Marty Keating. Because they do not have varsity divers, they enter every meet with a thirteen point deficit. So, this year, it's not just enough to win, they have to win and cover the point spread. Given the strength of the Victor squad and what they saw at the Hilton Invitational, the team knew it could be a tough meet, and tough it was, from the first start to the last relay.

The Varsity S'Women came on strong in the 200 medley relay, taking second place with the team of Jenny Riley, Amanda House, Jennifer Proper and Steph Andrews. The focus was on earning points and they did so by finishing in the top three in every event. Riley, Kala Wilkins and Andrews swept the 50 free, while Wilkins and Anna Grazulis provided second and third place finishes in the 100 free. Jenny Riley and Danielle Proper finished first and second in the 100 backstroke and

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additional second place finishes came from Olivia Holodnik in the 200 and 500 free, Shannon Dempsey in the 200 IM, Jennifer Proper in the 100 fly and Amanda House in the 100 breaststroke.

The Varsity relay teams tried to keep things close with a first place finish in the 200 free by the team of Andrews, Grazulis, Riley and Wilkins. Additionally, the team of Jennifer Proper, Grazulis, Wilkins, and Dempsey and the team of Holodnik, Lindsay Stone, Danielle Proper and Katie McPherson swam to second and third place finishes in the 400 free.

Although not contributing points to the final meet score (only varsity points count towards the final score) the JV squad, under the leadership of JV Coach, Beth Dobberstein, had a strong showing, delivering first place wins in every event. The relay squads took first and second in the 200 medley relay, 200 free relay and the 400 free relay. Double winners included Audrey Hunt in the 200 and 500 free, Katie Smith in the 50 and 100 free, Madeline Holodnik in the 100 breast and 50 fly, Annie Birmingham in the 200 IM and the 50 fly, and Stephie Riley in the 200 IM and the 100 back.

In the end, the strength of the Victor team proved to be too much for Pittsford to overcome and they lost with a final score of 98-85. It was a tough loss, as they all are, but one that stung just a little bit more given they lost by thirteen points.

The S'Women face off against Hilton in a dual meet on September 20th at Hilton and then they are back at home again on the 22nd, facing Canandaigua.

You can follow the team this season at www.swomen.org.