

GIRLS SWIMMING

Panthers sweep Blue Devils in dual

Submitted to MPM

The Pittsford girls swim team swam to a dominating victory at home on Thursday versus Victor. The Panthers won every individual swimming event and relay.

Pittsford has graciously allowed Victor to share Pittsford pools this fall while their new pool was constructed. However they were in no mood to share the points or victories with their neighbor. The Panthers won the meet 126-60.

The meet got off to a fast start with the 200 Medley Relay. The first three legs were separated by less than a 1/2 second, but when Katie Smith dove in for the final freestyle leg, tied with Victor, the crowd knew that the race was over.

Pittsford cruised to victory as Smith touched the wall 2.5 seconds ahead of her opponent. Her teammates (Stephie Riley, Becca Evans and Anne Marie Mozrall) celebrated the first victory.

In the 200 Free Lindsay

Stone and Annie Birmingham swam to a 1-2 finish, with Katie Drake contributing points in fourth. The next event was predicted to be close as Victor's Natalie Zaravella is a strong versatile swimmer who swims with many of the Pittsford team on PACK. Zaravella established a one-second lead in the first leg after the fly, but Becca Evans and Emma Corby were close behind, one on each shoulder.

Evans whittled down the lead in the next two legs and then sprinted in the last leg to out touch Zaravella in a thrilling finish (2:14.23 versus 2:14.67). Corby was close behind in third in 2:16.31 with Maddie Holodnik fifth (2:24.17).

Pittsford then went 1-2-3 in the 50 free with Smith, Steph Andrews and Katie McPherson getting maximum points.

The next event was Diving and Victor has an excellent group of divers. They proved to be too tough for the Pittsford group and Victor was able to get their only

event win.

Maddie Schaefer (181.05), Katie Mullen (138.30) and Kirsten Fleming (136.90) continue to develop and improve. Two divers also attended the Newark Diving Invitational on Saturday, both had a good day with Schaefer placing sixth and Fleming 10th.

After diving, Pittsford returned to their winning ways with Mozrall (103.07) and Riley (103.71) going 1-2 in the 100 butterfly and Smith and Andrews matching them in the 100 free. In the 500 Free the Panthers went 1-2-3 with Stone, Drake, and Birmingham.

Next up was the 200 Free Relay and the team of Andrews, Corby, Stone and McPherson swam to an easy five-second victory with Victor second and the team of Birmingham, Mozrall, Holodnik and Genny Tripler third.

Riley, Bianca Lopez and Olivia Roche went 1-3-5 in the 100 Back. The final individual event had the feeling of deja

vu with Zaravella going head to head with Evans and Corby.

The end result was identical with Evans out-touching Zaravella in 1/100th of a second. A great race with Evans squeezing out the victory.

The meet closed with the 400 Free relay and Stone, Andrews, Evans and Smith wrapped up the swimming sweep with a 14-second victory.

With all of the focus typically on varsity it is easy for junior varsity to be in the shadows, but they went 1-2-3 in nearly every event.



Pittsford's Maddie Holodnik competes in the 100 breaststroke during the Panthers dual meet against Victor.

Individual winners were (100 Free) and Sarah Minnigh (100 Breast).

At the end of the meet Coach Keating commented "the girls did very well, we are on track (for sectionals and states)."

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