



2025 SCS Spring Age Group Champs Meet Recap

SWIMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Beach 1

Kenna Danner ~ Miss Danner was one of four Beach 1 athletes to join forces to represent BCS on the lone relay in the 10&Under age group, the 23rd place 200 Medley Relay. She threw down a fantastic split of 43.5 on the Breaststroke leg, which was more than a second better than her flat start time in the event. It was a great experience for her and the rest of the young athletes and we think we will be seeing more of them in future Championship Meet action. Congratulations, Kenna!

Olivia Ionescu-Macri ~ Our third leg (Butterfly) of the 23rd place 200 Medley Relay belonged to Miss Ionescu-Macri, who blazed to an astonishing split of 36.2, which was more than 2.5 seconds faster than her best flat start time in the 50 Fly. Watch out for her down the road. She's just getting started. Great racing, Olivia!

Lena Kwak ~ Miss Kwak raced the anchor leg (Freestyle) of the 23rd place 200 Medley Relay and she did not disappoint, with a HUGE split of 33.1, more than a second faster than her flat start time in the event. No doubt, she has a bright future in this sport and we hope she continues to love it for a long time. Way to go, Lena!

Vivian Nguyen ~ The honor of the leadoff leg (Backstroke) on the 23rd place 200 Medley Relay went to Miss Nguyen. She popped off a swift split of 40.0, which would have been a new personal best (and oh-so-close to breaking that 40 second barrier), if not for a soft touch at the wall during the Back to Breast exchange. She is living proof that details matter, as she continues to be one of the most focused and detail-oriented athletes in the group. Well done, Vivian

Beach 2

Chase Balentine ~ Chase represented Beach 2 as a relay only swimmer at the Spring Age Group Championship. He swam the 400 Free and 400 Medley, swimming the freestyle leg in both events, getting best times in both. Keep up the fast swims and good luck in Beach 3!

Beach 3

Cataleya Bustamante ~ Big thank you to Cataleya for showing up for her team to race in multiple relays at Spring Age Group Championships. She did a fantastic job! Cataleya swam a best time in her 50 Free leg of the 11-12 Girls 200 Free relay by almost one second, to go 29.02. She also went a best time in her 100 Free leg of the 400 Free relay by $\frac{3}{4}$ of a second, going a 1:07.11. Thank you for working hard and doing your best for your team! Way to go Cataleya!

Fiona Cooley ~ Thank you so much Fiona for giving your team your all and participating in a relay at Spring Age Group Champs! Fiona swam the 100 Breaststroke leg in the 400 Medley relay and did a fantastic job.

Sean Everitt ~ Sean did an incredible job, representing his team in two relays at Spring Age Group Champs! He swam in both the Boys 11-12 200 Freestyle Relay and the 400 Freestyle Relay. Great work Sean!

Tyson Imai ~ I am so proud of the hard work that Tyson has been putting in each and every day. His work ethic is evident in his results at Spring Age Group! The way Tyson shows up to compete at every swim meet he attends continues to impress me, especially at these long pre-lims/finals meets. He shows incredible maturity when it comes to taking care of his body and doing the things that he needs to do to succeed, and it shows! Tyson dropped a significant amount of time across the board, in all but one event. I was most impressed by his drop of more than five seconds in the 200 IM! This demonstrates that he is improving tremendously in all four strokes! Tyson also dropped a $\frac{1}{2}$ second in the 100 Breast, placing 2nd overall. He also cut 1.5 seconds in the 50 Fly and 2.25 seconds in the 100 Fly. Incredible work Tyson! I am so proud of you. Keep up the great work.

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Beach 3 (continued)

Jalen Kao ~ Great job to Jalen who swam a 50 Free in the boys 11-12 200 Freestyle Relay at Spring Age Groups. He did an amazing job, going a best time by almost ½ a second! Thank you Jalen for showing up big time to race for your team!

Sohum Kulkarni ~ Thank you Sohum for racing in the 11-12 Boys 400 Medley Relay at Spring Age Group. Sohum swam the 100 Breast leg and did a fantastic job! Thank you Sohum for showing up for your team!

Mackenzie McElroy ~ Mackenzie did an incredible job at her first Spring Age Group Champs! I am extremely impressed by the way that she listens and applies the feedback that I give her at practice and before/after she races. She shows me everyday how much she cares about her performance in this sport and how much she wants to improve. Mackenzie swam three events at this meet. She dropped a massive 12.55 seconds in the 100 Fly. However, the most impressive thing about that amazing swim was not her best time. The most impressive thing that stood out about that swim was that I could tell she has been listening. She is working very hard at utilizing all of the stroke correction that I have been giving her in practice. Great job Mackenzie! Keep it up!

Capri Pierce ~ Huge shout out and thank you to Capri for representing her team and racing on three relays at Spring Age Group Champs! It is evident that she really gave her team everything she's got! Capri swam anchor in the 11-12 Girls 400 Free Relay, going 1:03.22, a personal best by over ½ a second. She also the Free leg in the 11-12 Girls 400 Medley Relay as well as anchor in the Girls 11-12 200 Free Relay where she went a best time by an incredible ¾ of a second! Amazing work Capri! Thank you for showing up for your team.

Beach 5

Olivia Chi ~ Miss Chi concluded a very busy month of racing, which included stops in Mission Viejo, Pasadena and Oceanside, prior to concluding the SCY season with a solid showing in La Mirada at AG Champs. A disappointing DQ in the 100 Fly did not derail her weekend, as she bagged a personal best in the 200 Fly, cracking the 2:10 barrier for the first time and claiming 9th place in the event. Her best finish of the weekend, however, was her 8th place finish in the 200 Back. She also contributed to two scoring relays, including the victorious 200 Medley and the 16th place 400 Medley. Great season, Olivia

Nina Haubner ~ Miss Haubner was a staple on all four relays in La Mirada, taking full advantage of her two leadoff swims to bag personal bests in both the 50 and 100 Backstroke and dropping a respectable 29.0 split on the 200 Free Relay, which was more than a second faster than her best flat start in the 50 Free. Although her teams did not get in the scoring column this time, she promises to be a factor at future Championship meets in the 11-12 age group, as she is currently only 11 years old. Way to go, Nina!

Theo Haubner ~ Mr. Haubner threw down some HUGE splits as a member of three relays in La Mirada: 400 Medley, 200 Free, 200 Medley. His Fly split of 1:00.2 on the 400 Medley was nearly two seconds faster than his best flat start in the event, but his best split belonged to the 24.5 he posted during the 200 Free Relay, almost two seconds faster than his best 50 time from just a month earlier! He is not afraid to work and we are witnessing the fruits of his labor as it manifests itself in the form of great racing. Well done, Theo!

Hana Imai ~ Although it wasn't the meet she had envisioned, Miss Imai fought hard just to qualify for the meet and fought again, as usual, throughout the weekend. She scored big points for the team as a member of the 16th place 400 Medley Relay and raced on three other relays. She swam three individual events, placing as high as 45th in the 200 Breast. She is only 13, so she will have another Spring AG Champs meet in her future and I know she will knock it out of the park, given the chance. Great effort, Hana!

Colin Ionescu-Macri ~ Mr. Ionescu-Macri did not race any individual events, but he made big contributions on the relay front, scoring points on three relays (800 Free, 400 Free, 400 Medley), all of which were top 10 finishes. He started the weekend with a huge split of 1:59 on the 7th place 800 Free Relay, which was nearly four seconds faster than his best 200 Free, and he didn't look back, surpassing his best flat start time in every other relay swim. Watch for him to make a big leap this summer in the 50 meter pool. Let's go, Colin!

Aria Kim ~ Miss Kim came home from La Mirada an Age Group Champion not once, but twice, as a member of two victorious relays (200 Free, 200 Medley), dropping a very swift split of 24.5 on both. She also put points on the board as the Backstroke on the 16th place 400 Medley Relay and led off the 24th place 400 Free Relay with a personal best of 56.87. In individual action, she placed as high as 29th in the 50 Free and probably would have placed higher if it weren't for an unfortunate missed turn. All in all, a great weekend that should give her a big confidence boost going into the long course season. Great racing, Aria!

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Beach 5 (continued)

Amia Kisiler ~ Miss Kisiler has been on a roll lately and she carried this momentum into the AG Champs weekend in La Mirada, where she bagged three personal bests (100 Fly, 200 IM, 50 Free). The 200 IM was an improvement of more than 4 seconds, an event in which she claimed 13th place. Her best finish came in the 100 Back (5th) and she Finaled in three other events (200 Back, 200 IM, 50 Free), demonstrating great versatility across many strokes and race distances. Her relay participation was unfortunately cut short by injury, but not before she contributed huge splits to the 2nd place 800 Free Relay and the victorious 400 Free Relay. She continues to be rewarded for doing things the right way and, thanks to her discipline and resilience, this young athlete has a bright future ahead of her. Outstanding racing, Amia!

Adriana Lee ~ Superlative could be a word used to describe Miss Lee's weekend in La Mirada, as she bagged a whopping seven personal bests, improving every single time she raced. It was truly a breakout performance for her and could not have come at a better time, in the final meet of the SCY season. Her best finish came in the 100 Fly (7th) and she Finaled in three other races (200 IM, 50 Back, 50 Fly). She was also a member of all four relays in her age group, helping her team finish as high as 24th place in the 400 Free Relay. Great racing, Adriana!

Eileen Romesser ~ Miss Romesser battled through an illness at AG Champs to post two personal bests, both as the leadoff leg on a relay (200 Free, 200 Medley). Relays were where she made her mark all weekend, beginning with a 2nd place finish in the 800 Free Relay on Thursday night and also featuring a 16th place finish in the 400 Medley Relay. She has done some great work throughout the SCY season, which will no doubt set her up for a big LCM season. Keep up the great effort, Eileen!

Piper Sootkoos ~ Miss Sootkoos dropped solid splits on the 31st place 200 Free Relay (26.8) and 25th place 200 Medley Relay (Fly 28.7). It is safe to say you can put her on the "next up" list to qualify for AG Champs in the upcoming seasons, as she continues to charge hard with great effort and a positive attitude. Keep it up, Piper!

Sellers Stough ~ Mr. Stough was Mr. Relay in La Mirada, racing on all four relays in the 11-12 age group and finishing as high as 22nd place with his teammates on the 400 Free Relay. He even posted a personal best when he led off the 24th place 400 Medley Relay with a 1:11.15 Backstroke split. He is another one on the "next up" list, as he has been putting in some impressive work at practice lately. Great effort, Sellers!

Dylan Thatcher ~ Mr. Thatcher raced three times individually (100 Fly, 200 IM, 50 Back), placing as high as 51st (50 Back), with a new personal best. He then bettered his 50 Back time again, as the leadoff leg of the 31st place 200 Medley Relay, to finish the meet on a high note. This young athlete is eager to improve and we have already noticed a difference in his effort and focus in the few days since AG Champs. Watch out for him this LCM season! Let's go, Dylan!

Mateo Trombley ~ Mr. Trombley has been on fire lately, and that hot streak continued throughout AG Champs in La Mirada. He improved in all three of his individual races (100 Fly, 100 Free, 50 Free), with the biggest improvement coming in the 100 Fly (-1.67), where he cracked the 60 second barrier for the first time to go 59.00. He was also a member of four scoring relays: 5th in 200 Free (23.6 split), 9th in 200 (25.2 Fly split)/400 Medley (58.4 Fly split), 10th in 400 Free (54.4 split). It was a big weekend for this young man and will no doubt give him confidence as we enter the LCM racing season. Congratulations, Mateo!

Senior 2

Kellen Kao ~ Shout out to my boy Kellen Kao for representing Senior 2 in the 400 and 200 Medley relay swimming the 100 Back and 50 Back where he dropped a whopping 5.6 seconds in his 50 Back!

Senior 3

Santiago Baranda ~ Santi was one of our relay athletes and he helped us out tremendously. He swam on the 'A' 800 FR (7th), 'B' 400 Medley, and the 'B' 200 FR where he set a new personal best in his 50 as he led off the relay. Nice job, Santi!

Lucca Boots ~ Luca had another busy weekend in 2025 as he swam in four individual events in La Mirada: 200 Back, 200 Breast, 100 Back (-0.52), and the 200 IM. For relays, he had some fantastic swims in the 'B' 400 Medley and the 'A' 200 Freestyle (5th) where he was faster than his flat start time by almost a full second. Way to go, Luca!

Willamena Hodson ~ Willa's streak of great swims continued at Spring Age Group as she set personal bests in every event she swam in: 50 Free (-0.38), 100 Fly (-1.11), and the 200 IM (-1.35). She was also on three relays: 'B' 400 Free, 'B' 200 Medley, and the 'A' 200 Free (1st!) where she went more than a second faster than her new personal best set on the first day of competition. Great job, Willa!

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Senior 4

Penny Chiu ~ Penny POWERED through the weekend, contributing over 50 points toward the overall BCS TEAM finish! Most impressive was her Finals race on Friday where she rocketing from 4th to 3rd in the 200 Free! What a way to cap off an incredible season!

Max Wang ~ Max arrived with nothing but “MAX”imum effort ALL weekend! Most impressive were 2 of his Finals swims where he showed incredible grit, surging from 7th to 6th in the 50 Free and from 8th to 7th in the 500 Free! It was a great weekend with his fierce competitiveness on full display!

Sam Wang ~ Sam showed up to RACE all weekend, in the fiercely competitive 13-14 Boys division! He was a powerhouse, placing in the TOP 3 in FIVE events! His incredible surge in the 200 Back, rocketing from 3rd to 2nd was a pure delight! All weekend Sam's races showcased his incredible speed and determination!

High Performance

Gabi Brito ~ Gabi went into SAG with the mindset that she wanted to show off her versatility across some of the events that she doesn't race quite as often, and she took advantage of the opportunity in a big, big way. Not only did she go 3-for-3 in lifetime bests, event wins, and BCS team records, but she posted times that establish her as one of the fastest athletes in the country, even in her “off” events! She still got the opportunity to show off her speed leading off our 13/14 relays where she added bonus LTB's in the 200 Free, 100 Free, and 100 Back, and helped bring home big event wins for the team. Atta girl, Gab!

Kayla Sun ~ Kayla continues to do a phenomenal job working hard and pushing herself in the pool and in the gym, and her meet results continue to speak for themselves and highlight how far she's come over the past year. At SAG, she only raced 2 individual events, but she certainly made the most of them by going lifetime bests in both the 200 and 500 Free, earning podium finishes in both events, and nabbing two new Futures cuts in the process! She also contributed a blazing 51-second 100 Freestyle split on our 1st place 13/14 400 Free relay that provided huge points for the team. Let's go, Kayla!

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PERSONAL BEST TIMES

Gabi Brito, Nina Hauber, Willamena Hodson,
Tyson Imai, Adriana Lee,
Kayla Sun, Mateo Trombley

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PERSONAL BESTS TIMES

Aria Kim,

TOP 10 TOTAL TIME DROPPED

(in seconds)

Mackenzie McElroy (-12.55)

Gabi Brito (-10.06)

Tyson Imai (-10.02)

Adriana Lee (-6.86)

Amia Kisiler (-6.60)

Kayla Sun (-5.12)

Willamena Hodson (-2.84)

Mateo Trombley (-2.79)

Sam Wang (-2.29)

Aria Kim (-.92)

Podium Finishers

1st Place

Gabi Brito ~ 200 Back, 200 Fly & 400 IM

13-14 200 Free Relay ~

Gabi Brito, Penny Chiu, Willamena Hodson, Aria Kim

13-14 400 Free Relay ~

Gabi Brito, Penny Chiu, Kayla Sun, Amia Kisiler

13-14 200 Medley Relay ~

Gabi Brito, Penny Chiu, Olivia Chi, Aria Kim

2nd Place

Tyson Imai ~ 100 BR

Kayla Sun ~ 200 Free

Sam Wang ~ 200 IM, 200 Back, 100 & 200 Free

13-14 800 Free Relay ~

Gabi Brito, Penny Chiu, Amia Kisiler, Eileen Rosmesser

3rd Place

Penny Chiu ~ 100 & 200 Free

Tyson Imai ~ 50 BR

Kayla Sun ~ 500 Free

Sam Wang ~ 400 IM