

2019 October Senior Sunday Series # 3

Experience – We Got This!

It was October 20 and the 3rd and final qualifying meet in the Senior Sunday Series. By now We Got This figured out. Or so we thought We knew we probably had to cover some timing chairs but received no communication about how many and what lanes. Swimmers knew the meet was pre-seeded but received no communication about heat and lane assignments. So when we arrived bright and early at the beautiful Mission Viejo Aquatic Center we fully expected to find all this information posted. Well, we were wrong. Nothing. Then the announcer said, “Volunteers wanted for timing chairs”. It’s a free for all. Parents from other teams are trying to pretend they didn’t hear. Our team got together immediately, picked 3 chairs, picked the lanes (2 chairs to a lane), assigned chairs, and took our chairs. We Got This!

Since heats and lanes weren’t posted we started to wonder if the swimmers got to pick their own heat and lanes. Now that would be interesting! But, admin handed each coach the heat and lane assignments just before the meet started! That’s one way to get the kids to talk to their coach BEFORE they swim!

OUR SENIOR TEAM VOLUNTEERS

Throughout the Series we came together as a team to make this happen for our kids. So Hats Off to our wonderful parents Who Got This!

- *Alison Apodaco & Raul Castaneda* (Jesie Castaneda)
- *Lydia & Ryan Cummins* (Samantha Cummins)
- *Liliane Phan & Rick DiBello & GMA Sherry* (Michael DiBello)
- *Renee & Donald Dykier* (Garrett Dykier)
- *Melissa & John Haygood* (Beaver Haygood)
- *Anika & Daniel Lee* (Nathan Lee)
- *Ernie Lopez & Nancy Reyes* (Nailyn & Nohely Lopez)
- *Marni (Our Coach) & Dan O’Dell* (Teagan O’Dell)
- *Carmela & Alvin Pedroche* (Luke Pedroche)
- *Jackie & David Villarreal* (Victoria Villarreal)
- *Stacy & Scott Wheeler* (Madeline Wheeler)

FINALS QUALIFIER

Close to 1,000 swimmers competed over the 3 meet series. Only the top 32 in each event qualified to compete in the Senior Series Championship Meet Nov 16-17. Congratulations to *Teagan O’Dell* who qualified:

- Place 2 - 100 Back,
- Place 5 - 50 Free,
- Place 8 - 100 Breast,
- Place 11 - 200 Back,
- Place 15 - 200 IM,
- Place 26 - 100 Fly,

TEAM RECORDS

Individuals

- *Luke Pedroche*: 13-14 200 Fly

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RELAYS

Girls 400 Free Relay Team placed 3th: 1) *Nohely Lopez*, 2) *Victoria Villarreal*, 3) *Nailyn Lopez*, 4) *Jesie Castaneda*.

Boys 400 Free Relay Team placed 4th and set a new **TEAM RECORD**: 1) *Garrett Dykier*, 2) *Michael DiBello*, 3) *Luke Pedroche*, 4) *Beaver Haygood*.

NEW TIMES

New Seniors

- *Michael DiBello* (200 Back)

New Far West

- *Michael DiBello* (13-14 200 Back)

New WAG

- *Maddie Wheeler* (13-14 1650 Free)

AWARDS

1ST Place

- *Teagan O'Dell*, (Open 100 Fl, 50 Free)

2nd Place

- *Madeline Wheeler*, (Open 1650 Free)

3rd Place

- *Jesie Castaneda*, (Open 200 Back)
- *Sammy Cummins*, (Open 200 Fly)
- *Michael DiBello*, (Open 200 Back)

4th Place

- *Sammy Cummins*, (Open 100 Fly)
- *Garrett Dykier*, (Open 50 Free)
- *Victoria Villarreal*, (Open 400 IM)

5th Place

- *Jesie Castaneda*, (Open 400 IM)
- *Beaver Haygood*, (Open 100 Free)
- *Luke Pedroche*, (Open 200 Fly)
- *Victoria Villarreal*, (Open 100 Free)

6th Place

- *Michael DiBello*, (Open 400 IM)
- *Nohley Lopez*, (Open 50 Free)

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POINTS

Teagan O'Dell (14); *Sammy Cummins* (7); *Jesie Castaneda* (6); *Maddie Wheeler* (5); *Victoria Villarreal* (5); *Michael DiBello* (5); *Garrett Dykier* (3); *Beaver Haygood* (2); *Luke Pedroche* (2); *Nohley Lopez* (1).

TIME DROPS

Well done to these time drops.

Maddie Wheeler (-38.98); *Michael DiBello* (-7.65); *Luke Pedroche* (-1.39).

WRAP UP

We sure learned a lot about Senior Meets from this experience. But none of this could have happened without the guidance from our *Coach Marni*. Our kids excelled under her coaching and the parents came together under her leadership.

Coach Marni ... we sure are glad **We Got You!**

GO SHARKS – YOU ROCK!

GMA Sherry