

Good Competition – MVN Meet Recap

It was good competition for our kids. It's always good to play (swim) against good competition. (Pete Pijl)

The Mission Viejo (MVN) November Turkey Classic is a free weekend meet. This means the meet is open to any of the hundred plus teams in Southern California Swimming (SCS). It is a meet designed for the faster, more competitive swimmers.

10 of our swimmers accepted the challenge of Good Competition. They competed in 58 events and brought home 17 awards, earning a total of 460 points.

Notable Swim

President Kennedy once said, "We choose to go to the moon ... not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one we intend to win."

Bobby Han, Gold, age 12, chose to swim the 400 IM (the most difficult and challenging event) not because it was easy, but because it was hard, because that goal would challenge the best of his energies and skills, and because that challenge was one he was willing to accept. Bobby picked up a First Time B Time for that event. We are impressed!

TEAM RECORDS:

Our swimmers repeatedly demonstrate the highest level of personal performance as team records continue to be broken. The latest records to fall are:

- **Jonathan Ko** - Platinum (7-10 100 Breast);

FIRST TIME SWIMS

Our swimmers continue to work hard on technique. Here we acknowledge the swimmers who accepted the challenge of swimming an event for the very first time.

First Time B Times

Taking personal excellence to the next level these swimmers reached B times the first time swimming these events.

- **Bobby Han** - Gold (11-12 400 IM);

NEW TIMES

More typical are the swimmers exhibiting personal excellence by moving up the time standards from C to B, or to BB, or to A, or to WAG / Age Group Champs (Spring and Summer formerly JO). These swimmers demonstrate their hard work pays off.

New BB Times

- **Giovanni Ortega** - Gold (13-14 100 Free)

New A Times

- **Jovee Andrade** - Platinum (13-14 500 Free);

New AA Times

- *Dominic Valdriz* - Gold (7-10 100 Free);

NEW CHAMPIONSHIP TIMES

WAG

- *Jovee Andrade* - Platinum (13-14 500 Free);
- *Aiden Lee* - Platinum (13-14 100 Free)

SumAG

- *Jovee Andrade* - Platinum (13-14 500 Free);
- *Aiden Lee* - Platinum (13-14 100 Free)

TIME DROPS

BEST TOTAL TIME DROP was earned by *Jovee Andrade* - Platinum with a total (-26.78). **BEST SINGLE TIME DROP** was also earned by *Jovee Andrade* for dropping (-22.66) for her 500 Free.

Getting those harder to get time drops are:

Jovee Andrade - Platinum (-26.78); *Alice Zhu* - Gold (-5.94); *Giovanni Ortega* - Gold (-4.41); *Jonathan Ko* - Platinum (-2.54); *Dominic Valdriz* - Gold (-1.62); *Aiden Lee* - Platinum (-1.21); *Charlotte Ngan* - Gold (-0.52); *Bobby Han* - Gold (-0.26); *Nathan Lee* - Silver (-0.18)

AWARDS & POINTS

Our 10 swimmers brought home 17 awards. 2 1st place, 4 2nd place, 4 3rd place, 2 4th place, 4 5th place, 1 6th place. These are our 1st thru 6th place winners.

1st place

- *Jonathan Ko* - Platinum (7-10 100 Breast, 50 Breast);

2nd place

- *Jovee Andrade* - Platinum (13-14 500 Free);
- *Bobby Han* - Gold (11-12 400 IM);
- *Dominic Valdriz* - Gold (7-10 50 Fly);
- *Elaine Zhang* - Gold (7-10 100 IM)

3rd Place

- *Jonathan Ko* - Platinum (7-10 100 IM);
- *Charlotte Ngan* - Gold (7-10 50 Breast);
- *Dominic Valdriz* - Gold (7-10 50 Free);
- *Alice Zhu* - Gold (7-10 200 Free)

4th Place

- *Jovee Andrade* - Platinum (13-14 200 Free);
- *Charlotte Ngan* - Gold (7-10 100 Breast)

5th Place

- **Jonathan Ko** - Platinum (7-10 50 Free);
- **Aiden Lee** - Platinum (13-14 50 Free);
- **Dominic Valdriz** - Gold (7-10 100 Back, 50 Breast)

6th Place

- **Elaine Zhang** - Gold (7-10 50 Free)

POINTS

Taking **TOP POINTS** at this meet was **Jonathan Ko** - Platinum with 107 points followed closely by **Dominic Valdriz** - Gold with 95 points.

Congratulations to all our point getters.

Jonathan Ko - Platinum (107); **Dominic Valdriz** - Gold (95); **Elaine Zhang** - Gold (54); **Charlotte Ngan** - Gold (50); **Jovee Andrade** - Platinum (41); **Bobby Han** - Gold (38); **Alice Zhu** - Gold (32); **Aiden Lee** - Platinum (29); **Giovanni Ortega** - Gold (10); **Nathan Lee** - Silver (4)

TOP 10 BEST TIMES

New Top 10

Placing their event in the **ALL TIME TOP 10 PERSONAL BEST TIMES** for the first time are:

- **Jovee Andrade** - Platinum (13-14 200 Free, 500 Free);
- **Bobby Han** - Gold (11-12 400 IM);
- **Aiden Lee** - Platinum (13-14 100 Free)

Top 10

Updating their personal bests in the **ALL TIME TOP 10 PERSONAL BEST TIMES** are:

- **Jonathan Ko** - Platinum (7-10 100 Breast);
- **Charlotte Ngan** - Gold (7-10 200 IM);
- **Dominic Valdriz** - Gold (7-10 50 Free)

RELAYS

We did not have any relay events at this meet.

WRAP UP

It's not about winning or losing a competition; it's about beating the doubt within yourself and knowing that each day you are one step closer to you goals. (Jonathan Horton)

Our swimmers learn to become goal oriented. They work hard and take on the competition with a confidence that comes from within, knowing that with each event they are closer to reaching their goals. Then they set new goals.

GO SHARKS

GMA Sherry (Not Shelly)