Believe in Yourself

Believe in yourself and the rest will fall into place. Have faith in you own abilities, work hard, and there is nothing you cannot accomplish. (Brad Henry)

The Oct 2022 OTTR Fest 'C' Meet was a challenge for our swimmers and our parents in many ways, but we rose above. This was a beginner level meet for swimmers with no times (NT) or 'C" times. Our swimmers did very well and showed their belief in themselves and faith in their abilities. Our coaches are very encouraged by the hard work demonstrated by all our up-and-coming swimmers.

RISING STARS

Dominic Cordero had a very good meet, dropping a total of -10.47, getting a new B time for his 50 Free, ranking second in **POINTS** with 24, and improving his **TOP 10** swims for all 3 events.

Osman Azurdia continues to drop time and improve his performance. He was our **TOP POINTS** with 56.

Aaron Virgen-Calcoa dropped significant time in all 4 of his events for a total time drop of -10.91. All 4 of his swims placed in the **TOP 10 ALL TIME BEST TIMES**, his 100 Free making the **TOP 10** for the very first time.

ON THE WATCH LIST

Kaylin Harriman, age 8, dropped -25.83 seconds for her 25 Free and earned **BEST TOTAL TIME DROP** and **BEST SINGLE TIME DROP**. And she's only just begun.

This was *Reese Harriman's* very first swim meet. He swam a 50 Free and 50 Back and placed both swims in the **TOP 10 ALL TIME BEST TIMES** for 7-10. He's on the way.

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.

New C Times

Attaining personal excellence and getting their first C times are:

- *Osman Azurdia* (15-18 100 Free, 50 Free);
- *Izay Cabral* (13-14 100 Back);
- **Zarek Cabral** (11-12 100 Free);
- Anthony Cooper (13-14 50 Free);
- Evelyn Harriman (5-8 25 Back, 25 Free);
- *Kaylin Harriman* (5-8 50 Free);
- Reese Harriman (7-10 50 Back, 50 Free);
- *Grace Ma* (11-12 100 IM);
- *Nicholas Marzullo* (13-14 100 Fly)

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 / JO. These swimmers demonstrate their hard work pays off.

New B Times

• *Dominic Cordero* (11-12 50 Free);

TIME DROPS

BEST TOTAL TIME DROP goes to *Kaylin Harriman* for dropping a total of -25.83. **BEST SINGLE TIME DROP** also goes to *Kaylin*. She dropped -25.83 for her 5-8 25 Free.

Getting those harder to get time drops are:

Nicholas Marzullo (-19.78); Aaron Virgen-Calcoa (-10.91); Dominic Cordero (-10.47); Zarek Cabral (-5.36); Izay Cabral (-4.7); Osman Azurdia (-2.92); Elyse Cordero (-1.34).

AWARDS & POINTS

These are our 1st thru 6th place winners.

4th Place

• *Osman Azurdia* (15-18 100 Free, 50 Free);

5th Place

- *Osman Azurdia* (15-18 200 IM);
- Dominic Cordero (11-12 50 Free);

6th Place

• *Elyse Cordero* (15-18 100 Back);

POINTS

Taking **TOP POINTS** at this meet was *Osman Azurdia* with 56 points.

Congratulations to all our point getters.

- Osman Azurdia (56);
- Dominic Cordero (24);
- *Elyse Cordero* (22);
- Aaron Virgen-Calcoa (7);
- Nicholas Marzullo (6);
- Reese Harriman (5)

TOP 10 BEST TIMES

New Top 10

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

- Reese Harriman (7-10 50 Free, 50 Back);
- Aaron Virgen-Calcoa (11-12 100 Free)

Top 10

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

• Zarek Cabral (11-12 50 Back);

- *Dominic Cordero* (11-12 100 IM, 50 Free, 50 Breast);
- *Elyse Cordero* (15-18 100 Back);
- Aaron Virgen-Calcoa (11-12 50 Free, 50 Fly, 50 Back)

RELAYS

We did not have any relay events at this meet.

WRAP UP

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. (Helen Keller)

As we move forward to rebuild we have faith, hope, and confidence in our swimmers, our families, and our coaches. We are a TEAM.

GO THUNDERBOLTS

GMA Sherry