

MARLINS MASHUP

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A monthly (or so) newsletter brought to you by your Team Reps

OOPS, WE DID IT AGAIN!

The Marlins head to head went smashingly! Our first away meet and we continued to show the McLean Marlin spirit!

From the moment we rocked out in the parking lot to swimming into the pool together as a "school" of Marlins to the stands, the energy was electric! The cheering was so loud the Mantua Marlins looked on with wonder. The cheering, the spirit, the incredible swims – you did it again! I am amazed by you!

The dedication was incredible – from the powerful starts to the determined finishes, each swimmer gave everything they had. The way you cheered for each other, celebrated together, and lifted up your teammates reminded us why being a McLean Marlin is so special. What an honor it is to witness this kind of heart and teamwork!!



MCLEAN MARLINS ROCK N ROLL

SHOUT OUT TO OUR INCREDIBLE COACHES: SEAN CONLEY, JACK FORDE, KEVIN CAMPBELL, MAYA SHARMA, MC RESTREPO, JOEY FERRIS

MARLINS WEEKEND SWIM MEET SPECTACULAR!

*As my voice recovers from Saturday's incredible meet, I'm absolutely **THRILLED** to share some of our most electrifying moments in the pool!*

HEROES OF THE HOUR

Coming in clutch! Nothing like the late-night texts finding alternate swimmers in the final hour. Special

Thank you to **Declan O'Rourke, Lennon Wong and Julian Luina Stabinski** for making the changes to Saturday to swim with the Marlins!



But wait - there's more! **Pearl Chu** dropped a whopping **8.23 seconds** in her backstroke and **Lennon Wong** dropped **7.88 seconds** for free style!

STATS HIGHLIGHTS

Meet Score: LRR 251, ML 169

Meet Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes

Time Drops: 43 swimmers improved their times and have new personal bests!

Time Improvements: Marlins dropped an incredible **151 seconds** (2 minutes and 31 seconds) this meet

Event Sweeps: 4 Events swept by the Marlins

- Girls 8& under 25 M back stroke
- Girls 15-18 50 M Backstroke
- Girls 15-18 50 M Breaststroke
- Girls 8& Under 25 M Butterfly

Swimmers that took 1st in 2 events:

- Merielle Stewert (8) (Free/Back)

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MARLINS MAKE WAVES WITH STUNNING 4-EVENT SWEEP!

Backstroke Brilliance Leads to Total Pool Domination!

The McLean Marlins girls came to **CONQUER** Saturday, and conquer they did! In a display of pure aquatic excellence, our fearless fins swept all four events, leaving the competition wondering what just hit them!

Setting the Tone!

8 & Under 25m Backstroke: The youngest Marlins set the standard sky-high as **Merielle Stewart (8)** sliced through the water like a torpedo, claiming first place and proving that champions come in all sizes! Right behind her, **Cammie Wager (8)** and **Sansa Duresky (8)** made it a McLean triple-threat, serving notice that this was going to be the Marlins' day!

HEART-STOPPING DRAMA!

15-18 Girls Backstroke: But the real fireworks came in the 15-18 backstroke! The tension was **ELECTRIC** as the crowd held its collective breath, eyes glued to the timers. Third place? Fourth place? The difference was razor-thin!

Then the times flashed—and the McLean crowd **ERUPTED!**

Kate Shumate (15), MC Restrepo (18), and Amalya Monroe (15) had done the impossible, stretching every stroke to perfection and edging

out Mantua by a mere **0.37 seconds!** Talk about clutch performance under pressure!

THE FINGERNAIL FINISH!

15-18 Girls Breaststroke: But wait—there's MORE! Just when you thought the drama couldn't get any more intense, the 15-18 girls breaststroke delivered what can only be described as swimming **PERFECTION!**

In a race even tighter than the **women's 100m freestyle at the Paris 2024 Olympics** (where the podium spread was just 0.17 seconds), our Marlins pulled off the impossible: **Nika Walsh (15), Isabelle Vanegas (16), and Ciara O'Rourke (15)** delivered a **1-2-3 SWEEP** decided by just **0.08 seconds!** That's what we call a **FINGERNAIL FINISH**—closer than close, with every stroke mattering and every touch at the wall determining destiny!

DOLPHIN PERFECTION!

8 & Under 25m Butterfly: And last but certainly not least, our youngest Marlins saved the best for last! In the 8 & under 25m butterfly, **Claire Baeder (8), Sansa Duresky (8), and Angie Gao (7)** put on an absolute **CLINIC** in dolphin-like finesse!

With synchronized grace and power that would make actual dolphins jealous, these three incredible swimmers delivered yet another **1-2-3 SWEEP** to cap off the most dominant team performance we've ever witnessed!

The precision, the power, the pure determination, this wasn't just swimming, this was **ART IN MOTION!** *Way to make McLean proud, Marlins! The pool is officially YOURS!* 