

MARLINS MASHUP

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POOL WARS: Marlins and Gators Fight to the bitter end

Saturday's dual meet between the underdog McLean Marlins and the powerhouse Little Hunting Park Gators transformed into an epic aquatic duel that had spectators on their feet until the very last stroke.

Battle of the Titans In lane 2, 4, and 6 the Gator—all raw power and relentless determination, slicing through water like a prehistoric predator. In lane 1, 3, and 5, the Marlin—sleek and built for speed, cutting through the pool with ocean-born grace. Two apex swimmers embodying their teams' fighting spirits. From the opening 8 and under Freestyle, these teams traded blows like prizefighters. Event after event, the lead changed hands. The Gator attacked with ferocity that made lane ropes tremble. The Marlin answered with fluid freestyle strokes that seemed effortless. Neither creature would yield an inch!

The Final Showdown: Heading into the relays, the score was deadlocked—it was anyone's meet. Back and forth, back and forth, each team answering the other's surge with their own display of power and grace. In the end, this was another amazing battle for the McLean Marlins. While the final score wasn't in their favor, the grand prize of fierce determination belonged to them. They had pushed the Gators to their absolute limit, proving that sometimes the truest victory isn't found on the scoreboard—it's found in the heart of a warrior who never stops fighting.

STATS HIGHLIGHTS

Meet Score: LHP 224, ML 196

Meet Duration: 2 hours 23 minutes

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

Time Improvements: Marlins dropped an incredible **57.5 seconds**

15-18 Boys showed up to dominate Event Sweeps: 2 Events swept by the Marlins

- Boys 15-18 Butterfly
- Boys 15-18 50 M Breaststroke

Swimmers that took 1st in 2 events:

- Cammie Wager (8) (Back/Breast)
- Thomas William (8) (Free/Fly)
- Emily Lipsey (11) (Breast/Fly)
- Daniel Vladimiroff (14) (Free/Breast)
- Kate Shumate (15) (Free/Back)

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! A heartfelt thank you to **Vance Gore** for answering the call and coming out of

retirement to support our recent meets. Your dedication and expertise helped ensure the show goes on! 🎭 ✨! 🙌

But wait - there's more! Ella Hardy dropped a whopping **7.7 seconds** in her freestyle and Jubilee Vera dropped **4.44 seconds** for her breaststroke! **21 swimmers** dropped by more than **1 SECOND!** For anyone that has tried to drop time on a 25 or 50- over a second is an incredible accomplishment on week 3 of NVSL!

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🏊 MARLINS MAKE WAVES WITH STUNNING 2-EVENT SWEEP! 🏊

Backstroke Brilliance Leads to Total Pool Domination!

The McLean Marlins **15-18 Men** lathered up in **BENGAY** 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!

🏊 BACKSTROKE DOMINATION!

Our men swept the 50m backstroke podium: **Brandon Bedestani (1st)**, **Landon Frantz (2nd)**, and **Kevin Campbell (3rd)** in 32.62 - leaving the Gators 4 seconds behind! 🥇🥈🥉!

🦋 **THE DOMINATION CONTINUES!** Men's 50m Fly was another clean sweep: **Sarp Dilber** led the charge (1st), **Kevin Campbell** stayed hot (2nd), and **Declan O'Rourke** sealed the 1-2-3! 🔥💪🌟

ALL-STAR ALERT! **Tyson Wager** delivered an absolutely STELLAR performance, clocking in at **40.94** - what a phenomenal swim! This kid is pure magic in the water! 🌟🏊🌀

🦋 THE FINGERNAIL FINISH! ⚡

We had countless nail-biters that kept everyone glued to the timers spinning their boards like roulette wheels! The suspense was broken only by thunderous Marlins roars when victory was ours. Here's to our fingernail-finish champions who know how to bring the drama! 🦋⚡

🏊 FREESTYLE FRENZY!

William Thomas dove into his 25 Free like a rocket and kicked his way to victory by just **0.16 seconds** - talk about making every stroke count! What a way to start the meet! 🌀

The wins kept rolling: **Merielle Stewart** opened strong with a **0.85** victory, followed by **Ella Hardy's 0.56** triumph over LHP! **Caroline Wager** kept the

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momentum with a nail-biting **0.5** win. Then came the **SHOWDOWN** - teammates **Landon Frantz** and **Sarp Dilber** battled to the wall with Landon edging out by just **0.13!** **Kate Shumate** capped off the freestyle sweep, stretching for a **0.52** victory! 🏊⚡

🔥 **ENERGY NEVER STOPS!** Our 13-14 boys delivered a crushing 1-2 punch with **August Price** blazing to victory in 34.46 and **Nico Li** securing second at 34.56 - together they dominated LHP by 0.35 seconds! Teamwork makes the dream work! 🤝🏊

🌟 **BREASTSTROKE BRILLIANCE!** **Daniel Vladimiroff** continues his stellar season, easily crushing the competition with another **all-star time** in the 50 Breast! The momentum kept flowing as **Carys Campbell** glided gracefully to a smooth **0.32-second** victory! 🏊💎

🦋 **PHENOMENAL FLY FINALE!** **Ella Hardy** delivered the **RACE OF THE DAY** - touching at 21.27 with 2nd place at 21.28 for a heart-stopping **0.01-second victory!** **Emily Lipsey** made butterfly look effortless with her commanding first place! Then our Men's 15-18 squad absolutely **DEMOLISHED** the field with a 1-2-3 sweep, finishing **3.7 seconds** ahead of everyone else!

What a way to end! 🔥⚡🏆

