

MARLINS MASHUP

SPECIAL EDITION

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Blue-Blooded Fish Bring Mission-Driven Excellence

The Little Rocky Run pool became a sea of blue and white as our Marlins descended upon the Carnival Relays with the heart of a marlin and unwavering dedication. What started as a competitive meet quickly transformed into a showcase of Marlin spirit, with the thunderous chants of "MARLIN FEAST" echoing across the aquatic center.

From the moment our swimmers hit the deck, it was clear this would be no ordinary meet. The Marlins arrived with an intensity that sent ripples through Division 3, their blue-blooded determination visible in every stroke, turn, and relay exchange. The team's energy was infectious, creating an atmosphere that had spectators and competitors alike taking notice of their mission-driven approach.

The waters may have settled at Little Rocky Run, but the impact of this Marlin dedication will be felt throughout Division 3 for meets to come. When the final times were posted, one thing was certain: the Marlins had competed with heart, and they were ready to continue their mission.



STATS HIGHLIGHTS

First Place Finishes!

- GIRLS 11-12 100 M Medley Relay
- BOYS 13-14 200 M Medley Relay



A massive wave of congratulations to our 8 & Under Boys Medley and Free Relay Team:

- ★ Ezekiel Vera (7)
- ★ Max Vladimiroff (8)
- ★ William Thomas (8)
- ★ Teddy Brody (7)

This tiny-but-mighty team may be small in size, but they are big in splash. Medley or free, frontstroke or backstroke, candy or no candy—**they are coming for that win!** 🍬 💧

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11-12 GIRLS: 100 MEDLEY - A GROUP LIKE NO OTHER

For the **4th (yes 4th) straight relay** in a row, these four young ladies have represented the Marlins with such grace. They stand along the deck, lined up and ready to go, unsuspecting of the pure dominance they are about to unleash on the competition. **Piper Pleva (12)** steps into the pool ready to pull her way through 25m of backstroke, counting like no one is next to her, handing off to **Caroline**

Wager (11), who glides like a marlin in her finessed breaststroke, followed by **Emily Lispey (11)** who completed a **25m NO BREATHER FLY**, dolphin kick after dolphin kick until the final leg. For the 4th straight week, **Alexandra Lopez (12)** dives in unphased - it comes down to her freestyle and whether she can attack the wall first, and for 4 straight weeks - SHE SUCCEEDS! This week these ladies held off the competition **by .09 seconds for the 1st place finish** and a whopping 14 points for McLean!

13-14 Boys: 100 Medley - What's in Their Wheaties?

Our 13-14 boys did not come to play around - they came to compete and compete they did, but boy did they make us wait for it! **August Price (13)** glides off the wall like a backstroke beast with an effortless stroke count and explosive push off the wall, smoothly handing it off to **Daniel "Torpedo" Vladimiroff (14)**, who makes the

breaststroke look absolutely effortless while pulling ahead of the pack. Then **Nico Li (14)** unleashes his Orca-like power in the butterfly, keeping the Marlins charging forward. As he touches the wall, **Eesa Rasheed (13)** knew the mission and stepped-up big time, completing his 50m freestyle with such grace and glide that he pulled off the thrilling finish by just **.53 seconds!**

Cheers to Our Silky Smooth 15-18 Men's Marlins!

The challenge was clear: Get silky smooth.

And our senior Marlin men? They didn't just accept it — they *embraced* it with a vengeance (and a healthy dose of Nair).

With the help of supportive sisters, slightly skeptical moms, and a few brave YouTube tutorials, our 15-18 boys took to the task of leg-shaving like true champions. Parents may be asking:

"Why the smooth legs, boys?" Well, allow us to break it down — science, style, and speed all wrapped into one hilarious, chlorine-scented package.

Why Shave? The Splashy Truth:

🌀 **Reduced Drag:**

Shaving means less resistance — which means faster splits, smoother strokes, and yes, *more* splashy entrances.

💧 **Enhanced Feel for the Water:**

It's not just about the hair — shaving actually removes the top layer of dead skin cells, making swimmers more sensitive to the water's texture. That heightened "feel" lets them adjust and optimize their strokes mid-race. It's like upgrading your swim-sense to version 2.0.

But Did It Work?

Oh, it *definitely* worked. Our newly smooth Marlin Men crushed it on the relays — both Medley and Free.

Individual splits? Faster. Transitions? Sharper. Team vibe? Unstoppable. Whether it was the reduced drag or just the shared camaraderie of a group exfoliation experience, the results speak for themselves.

So next time you hear a bottle of Nair snap open in the bathroom... don't panic. Just grab the aftershave aloe and cheer them on. Because if smooth legs mean fast lanes — this won't be the last time our Marlins go full dolphin-mode. Glide on, boys. Glide on. 🐬

