

Wednesday July 28, 2004

Day two of Nationals. Well yesterday's big event was the opening ceremonies. There were so many teams dressed up showing their team spirit. It was amazing. We decided to dress up as the Pink Ladies and T-Birds (from grease). It took the boys forever to let us slick back their hair, but we finally got Jamie and Pat to do it. Though, Pat's looked more like a mullet than anything. Lets see, there were teams dressed up as jelly beans, vikings, there was a wedding, and my personal favorite, the boys who dressed up as Celtic cheerleaders. That is always an interesting sight.

The best part of the ceremonies though is when the disabled swimmers come and swim a relay for us. It's amazing, here are these swimmers who have faced huge obstacles in their lives and yet have still managed to overcome them. They are amazing role models and I always look forward to seeing them each year.

After a gazillion pictures we stayed to watch Andrew Trepp swim the 400 free. He is on Wilton and we are very close to their team so we decided it would be nice to cheer him on. Plus, he is an amazing swimmer to watch. He was seeded second going into the race but finished first (congrats!). Watching him swim just makes this meet much more comforting. I mean, I see Andrew at many meets back at home and here he is winning nationals. It's the same people who win the meets back home who are winning their events here at nationals.

Today's big event is Emily's birthday. Ohhh boy, it is her sweet 16! We built her a bear and made her wear this huuuge crown to the pool :) Well, its time for me to go cheer for my teammates. Adios!

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"Obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off the goal"