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Here we are at Day 2 of the Nationals competition. Everyone is still pumped from his or her amazing swims yesterday and I can't wait to watch today's events. As you all know, yesterday was the Opening Ceremonies. Each year the costume ideas get better and better. There were pirates, gingerbread people, cowboys, presents, and many other colorful costumes. LEHY dressed up as our coaches... Marcy, Eric, and Coach Ed. It was fun!! I think the best part of opening ceremonies though is when the disabled swimmers swim for us. From the start of their race, to the finish, the swimmers, coaches and fans were all on our feet cheering for them. It was truly a great feeling when they all finished and each finish was greeted with an uproar of cheers! The smiles on their faces were unexplainable. So many of us take our swimming abilities for granted without even realizing that we are doing so. I think that by watching these swimmers swim we realize how lucky we are to be competing here at a national level competition. Personally, I feel very blessed to have just been given the opportunity to be a swimmer. I can't even count the friends and memories I have made through this sport and attending meets such as this one. I hope that everyone someday gets to attend this meet, or at least a meet like this one. It's not just about how you swim at this meet, it's about your team. What I've also seen here is swimmers cheering for other swimmers who are not on their team. By seeing other people succeed, whether team mates or not, everyone's confidence seems to be boosted. I know that LEHY is always up and cheering for Cheshire & Wilton swimmers. It's just a good feeling knowing that you are being supported not only by your team, but also by your friends.

Today, I am just swimming in the 400 Freestyle Relay. I was pleased with my swimming yesterday and as a whole, LEHY started off Nationals on a very good note. There were many best times, and both the men and women's relays went best times. Well, that's it for today, but I'll be sure to write again tomorrow!!

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"The race doesn't always go to the stronger or faster man, sooner or later the man who wins is the man who thinks he can"