

## *Charlotte's Web*

### *Day three: April 7, 2005*

Today, day three, was pretty much typical (Felicia Lee came in 5<sup>th</sup> in the 200 backstroke), until we got back to the hotel to have dinner. Our coaches have a "No Beach" policy that we begged to have amended by his allowing us to go on the sand after dark (so we wouldn't get more burned or tired by the sun). We decided to take advantage of this amendment by rushing off to the beach right after we left the car. We were running around and playing sand games (we built a 6-person pyramid), until one of us fell in the water. This accident caused about 4 other people to get wet with their clothes on. We were still having fun when we saw the food trays being set up where we eat. Those of us who were wet decided to hurry up and get changed before our coach saw how wet we were (sorry, BG and Jon...), and we ate dinner a little bit later. After finding out our relays for the following day, we dashed back to the beach. Inevitably, some of us were getting pretty rough, and going back the water to ruin a second pair of clothes. We don't remember who started it, but there was a vicious game of keep-away with our teammate, Nick Bassolino's, hat. It was his only one, so he was really trying to get it back. The hat got passed to

puny 12 year-old Felicia who stood not knowing what to do until she was smashed sidelong by 18 year-old Nick. You'd think she'd be the hurt one. Felicia isn't just scary in the pool. Nick was laying there for about 10 minutes when we started realizing something was wrong. He sat up to reveal a swollen eye. It turns out that Felicia had smashed her knee into his eye. He went back to his room later and put ice on it, but nothing could fix the damage that had been done. This morning, we were all amused to find that he had a black eye and a broken blood vessel in the side of his eye. That was the highlight of our day. Friday, there will be a party for New Jersey swimmers, which we will be attending. We're not looking forward to going back to rainy, cold NJ. This has been Sara and Charlotte, write back on Friday

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