

Charlotte's Web

Day two: April 6, 2005

Day two of SC Nats 2005 was no less interesting or exciting than was the first day. The events of today were the 100 fly, 200 free, 200 breast, 400 free relay, and 1000 free. In the morning, our swimmers did well- especially 12 year olds Felicia Lee, and Stephanie Ferrell. They swam such amazing times in the 100 fly and 200 breast respectively that they made it back to championship finals. Alex Fishman swam a best time in his 200 breast with a time of 2:19.41. It was much windier today than any other day we have experienced so far, and it was really chilly when we got out of the water. Most of us aren't used to the sun (we bought tinted goggles), and the wind, so it brought another element of interest to our swimming. While I was standing behind the blocks, a girl in a heat before me was getting ready to put on her goggles when they snapped at the nosepiece. She was so stressed out until she spotted her teammate who had already swam. Luckily, 80% of the swimmers here wear Lady Vanquishers, so she had no trouble wearing them through her race. Overall, the morning prelims went along without a hitch.

FINALS DAY TWO. Finals April 6th, 2005 of Short Course YMCA Nationals will go down in history as the Montclair 12 year-old MASSACRE. Beginning with Stephanie Ferrell in the 200 breaststroke who was seeded 7th in the championship finals heat beat a competitor to come in 6th overall. We were so proud of her. The biggest surprise of the evening was Felicia Lee. She was seeded 6th in the 100 fly with a time of 56.8. We watched the race with apprehension as she touched at the 50 at about 5th place. She seemed very relaxed, and on her last lap she began gaining on everyone. When we looked at the scoreboard we saw (with absolute amazement) that she had placed 2nd!!! We were so excited for her! After our celebrations we took a team photo on the podium and went home to have chicken Parm and pasta with red sauce. We look forward to tomorrow.

Thanks for reading, this has been Alex and Charlotte

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