Swim teams split final meet

By Steven Wheatman

The men's and women's swimming teams finished their regular season at the Alumni Pool Saturday. The men's team won 72-36 while the women's team lost its meet 95-45.

The men's 400-yard medley relay team of John Belzer '84, Bob Schoeller '84, Andy Renshaw '85, and Peter Hickman '85 quickly quieted an excited visiting crowd with a first place finish and a national qualifying time of 3:58.32.

In individual events, Erik Betez '87 won the 1000-yard freestyle in 10:14.91. Brett Miwa '86 just edged out teammate Bill Giordan '87 to take second in the 200-yard freestyle. Joe Lo '86 then splashed to a first place finish in the 50-yard freestyle in 22.24 seconds, tying his own school record from two weeks ago.

The diving team of Clark Dorman '87, Peter Ulrich '86, and Andy Marshall '87 turned in an uncontested 1-2-3 finish.

Andy Renshaw '85 won the 200-yard freestyle with a national qualifying time of 1:47.80. Hickman and Lo delivered a 1-2 punch in the 100-yard freestyle with times of 49.07 and 50.83 seconds.

The 500-yard freestyle finished dramatically when Belzer came from behind to win by one-hundredth of a second with an impressive time of 4:52.01.

With the meet out of the Polar Bear's reach, the 400-yard freestyle relay team relaxed and had fun in the final event. Andy Lumsdane '85 swam the first leg of the relay with the butterfly stroke. Teammates Miwa, Giordan, and Renshaw kept with the more conventional crawl stroke to turn in a winning time of 3:24.69.

While drying off from a playful dunk by his victorious team, head coach John Benedick said this meet was the type he wanted for the upcoming New England Division III Championships on Feb. 25 in Springfield.

The women's medley-team of Irene Griff '87, Megan Smith '86, Valerie Beyer '85 and Bonny Schwenke '86 took second place in the 200-yard relay to start the meet.

In the grueling 1000-yard freestyle, Krista Carlson '84 and Barb Nickles '85 captured second and third place respectively with times of 11:33.49 and 11:45.08. Julie Marquet '87 placed third in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:14.00. Betty Betz '84 finished second in the 100-yard backstroke.

In the 200-yard butterfly, Rebecca Perry '86 and Beyer turned in times of 2:20.60 and 2:20.76 respectively to take second and third place. Smith was MIT's top finisher in the 200-yard freestyle with a third place time of 30.49.

Brett Miwa '86 starts the second leg of the 400-yard freestyle relay against Bowdoin College during Saturday's meet.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Marquet took third with a 1:01.40 performance. In the 500-yard freestyle, Carlson and Nickles turned in a national first and third place with times of 5:42.45 and 5:50.32 respectively. Perry and Beyer repeated their performances in the 100-yard butterfly, finishing 1:01.09 and 1:01.33.

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