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## Real (not just virtual) Fun

Chris returned . . . briefly. He came just to pick up a copy of the Times and then departed as fast as a Fox fearing that the 15-18s would lure him into making posters. It is a good thing the number of coaches is diminishing because Eric Rosenthal can't count past 5. Fortunately Dayu and Cynthia still make 2. But Cynthia is old enough to find "walk" rounds scary. We hope she didn't watch the Mankillers. Fortunately the lone spectator, Finn Bacon, is a *bit* younger and probably wasn't scared yet. He did get to see a thriller as Avikar Periwai and Brian Boman ended in a dead heat. The Foxes continue to enjoy weather as awesome as Fox swimming. It hasn't thundered --even on Wednesdays. The overworked guards did manage to conjure up some very faint thunder on Thursday. While the Foxes goofed off during the thunder delay, the Kit Foxes worked hard on the breast -- thanks to tough task master, Head Coach Winston Liu. (The other 15-18s thought that the normally clever Winston should have had the Kit Foxes make posters. Making posters tired Molly Kiniry out so much that she . . . .) It is so dry that the Foxes decided to throw Messner Water Balloons at each

other. Rachel Caplan even flew in from sunny Florida to get soaked. She and Hannah Cox couldn't manage to get wet as they were the winners. There are so many Kit Foxes that some pretty small Foxes got deemed Big Foxes. Speaking of Kits, breathing is becoming optional for them. 6-year-old Josh Wolfson and Katie Rothstein added their names to the board. And Phoebe Bacon was the first Kit ever to go 25 no breath . . . fly

## Montgomery Square Meet

On Wednesday, the Foxes were lights out at Montgomery Square. Even in the darkness, however, Sydney Feyerick and many other neon Foxes were visible. (Ian Rosenthal apparently wasn't wearing enough neon to be seen during the back.) In "*light*" of the Foxes' lack of fashion sense, it was ok that you couldn't see them. (Someone actually saw Chris.) Even if you couldn't see the Foxes, you certainly could hear them (no guard super hearing powers needed) -- thanks to the Twomey Vuvuzelas. All the parents must love Mrs. Twomey. The parents did love all the cleaning the Foxes did. The Foxes left the Seahawk Nest *virtually* spotless. The Foxes swept their first 4 events on their way to 17 sweeps. The Foxes won all 12 12

& under free events and swept most. For example, our future big kids (Josh Pilarski, Finn Bacon, Dan Wei Zuo and Scott Post) dropped a combined 30 seconds in the free to go 1-4 in the 6&under free. Josh dropped 12 seconds to win. You would think that Josh would have been happy with that. But no he had to go on and drop another 39 seconds in the back. Finn Bacon, Maggie Hillman, Augusto Iglesias, Nick Sieg, Stefan Tesliuc also dropped more than 10 seconds in events. Reid Bacon, Chris Cochran, Lexi Cochran, Octavio Iglesias, Molly Kiniry, Michael Palmer, Josh Pilarski, Niko Papageorge, Alex Sklar, Alex Smelson, Stefan Tesliuc, Becky Wolfson, and Mei Mei Zuo got all best times. All these best times translated into winning 44 races. Reid Bacon, Chris Cochran, Radhika Mukerji, Amelia Oliver, Olivia Palmer, Lia Papageorge, Ian (Stealth) Rosenthal, Molly Silverberg, and Becky Wolfson were all double event winners. The Foxes were especially excited with these wins because many got double ribbons -- obviously getting ready for Twin Day. With great swimming, Caroline Beuavais Brett Feyerick, Augusto Iglesias, Octavio Iglesias, Lia Papageorge, Josefina Scriven,

Nick Shawley and Juliet Twomey all won trips to Olney. Thanks to wonderful weather, the meet didn't last as long as the 2008 MS Marathon or the Isner-Mahoot tennis match. But it was still too long for Chris who disappeared again.

#### Tanterra Meet

The Foxes tried to double their fun by cloning each Fox in the second (what else) Twin Day. Richard, Cynthia and Dayu were hoping that Chris got cloned . . . (Verbconoeur and Cochran that is). The 15-18s are *thrilled* to make twice as many posters this week for the recently cloned 11-12s. Because it was Twin Day, they made two for Sophie Sophie Bacon Bacon. At the sound of the bagpipes (two of course), the Foxes concluded that they were at the Loch facing their dreaded arch rival the Nessies. The Tarpon Ocean suited the Foxes just fine however. For the quad meet in a row, the Foxes got on a roll by winning the 1st event. Outside smoke, Chris Cochran dropped 2 seconds to win the IM. In fact, the Foxes won the 1st 5 individual events and 10 out of the first 11 events. During that string, Alex Smelson won his 1st race on a Saturday. In total, the Foxes won 33 out of 46 events. The Foxes continued the cleanliness kick. (Any time the Foxes want to clean the guards' office . . . .) Twins Phoebe Bacon and Mei Mei Zuo, Kyle Barclay and Lawrence Redmond, jet-setting but dry Rachel Caplan and Lisa

Deng combined to sweep all the events in their age groups. Impressively, triplets, Avikar Periwal, Brian Tsau and Alex Zhang, each won an event. Although Tanterra found a big Tarpon almost as fast as Chris Verboncoeur in the free, Chris fought him off to sweep his events once again. In the free, Fox triplets took out the broom three times (girls 8&under and 11-12 and boys 13-14). In total, Foxes triplets swept 8 times. (13-14 girls IM and breast, 8 & under breast and fly and 11-12 fly). As a result, the very clean 8&under girls outscored the Tarpons 52-11. Because it was Twin Day, twins went 1-2 another 8 times. (Next week, it is going to be Quad Week.) Traditionalists were pleased to see some swimming up on the increasingly deep Foxes. Lisa Deng, Radhika Mukerji, Eric Rosenthal, Darian Safiran, Molly Silverberg, Brian Tsau and Laney Williams swam the Big Kids Relays. The traditionalists also liked that the Foxes finished strong in the fly, winning 8 out of 10 races and sweeping twice to clean up any remaining crumbs. Lawrence "Ian" Redmond won his first event as a Fox. Conway Xu dropped 10 seconds in his 100 breast. Hopefully, the Cal Tech bound Conway can count to 10 (and thus higher than Eric can). Conway got all best times as did Kyle Barclay, Caroline Beauvais, Brian Boman and Ian "Lawrence" Rosenthal.

Without Vuvuzelas or Bag Pipes, the Foxes still managed to make a lot of noise with a Cow Bell. Appropriately, the meet ended as 2 quads won the Twin Free Relays. Kyle Barclay, Andy Rothstein, Alex Zhang and Alex Smelson and Anya Vinogradsky, Connie Xu, Rachel Caplan and Phoebe Bacon. On the last relay, Mei Mei Zuo reeled in a Tarpon so that our Girls Twin Relays could go 1-2 (Brooke Barclay, Radhika Mukerji and Evi Liu). As soon as Mei Mei touched, the Foxes dashed to Cal Tort to outtouch the Halloween Hurricanes. Cal Tort could teach the Bean Bag a few things about handling many hungry swimmers.

#### Records

Chris Verboncoeur broke Tarpon Ocean Records in the IM and the fly. And Phoebe Bacon broke another Tarpon Ocean record in the fly (albeit a bit younger). It was also a new Fox team record. A week after breaking a 30-year-old record, Lisa Deng broke a *slightly* more recent record (one week) by lowering her breast record.

#### Upcoming Events

On Wednesday, the Foxes finally face their arch rival, the Nessies at the Den (with or without bagpipes). On Saturday, the Foxes head to Glenwood to determine whether Foxes or Tigers are better swimmers. The 15-18s will probably be making posters all week. Chris will be doing something else.