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The End is Coming!

Doing his best imitation of Chris, Richard started skipping practices. On Monday Richard missed practice to play with a large skulk of Foxes (and the Churchill baseball team) at the O'Brien Hershey Park. The Foxes are so fast that many got there before the event even started. Once it actually started, 32 Foxes from Finn Bacon to Amelia Oliver rode the Log Flume together. Exhibiting the same endurance she had in the Drop Out 50s, Rachel Caplan (and friends) lasted so long that she is still there. This endurance training was great practice for the Mohican Marathon. On Tuesday, Richard skipped practice to attend the Coaches' Invitational Longcourse Meet. An impressive 5 Foxes were invited to compete, the most since 2002. Phoebe Bacon (swimming in her 1st) and Chris Verboncoeur (swimming in his last) both finished second. Kyle Barclay, Lisa Deng and Anya Vinogradsky also are top 8 in the County. On Friday morning, Richard actually showed up for The Final Day Meet. (Mrs. McCaffery apparently bribed Cynthia and him. Or perhaps the earthquake woke them up early. (Another failed attempt by the Churchill Computer

Hackers (aka guards) to close the pool). Team Dayu took the early lead against Team Greg and Cynthia. Foreshadowing the Mohican Marathon, Brian Boman showed up mid meet to help Greg and Cynthia pull even. As usual, it came down to the Flop. Thanks to newcomer Aliya Klein's loud smack, Team Dayu held on for the victory. Afternoon practice produced the largest skulk of Floppers ever. Once again a newcomer, Nathan Subrahmanian, outflopped all the veteran Floppers. For the last time this season the Foxes filled their now very red bellies with delicacies from the Smelson Smorgasboard. Then the Foxes twirled hoola hoops around their still red bellies. Because the Foxes excel at everything, no one was surprised that the Female Twirlers were outstanding. Eventually Malinda Messner and Laney Williams outlasted the stiff competition. Fox Fans were a little more surprised to see so many Male Twirlers, especially of the large variety and would have preferred to see them on Saturday. Kyle Barclay dominated the slightly less strong boys side.

Old Farm Meet

While veterans expect to hear thunder at an Old Farm meet, the Churchill Hackers left

nothing to chance and cut off power to the pool. Surprisingly, PEPCO was as fast as a Fox and got the power up in time. (Where was PEPCO in February?). In the end, there was electricity in the pump room but not in the sky. And the Foxes got to prove once again that they are faster than PEPCO (normally not impressive). Reid Bacon and Twirler Barclay went 1-2 in the 1st event once again. With two best times, Reid swept his events. Ian Rosenthal also swept his events. Olivia Palmer dropped over 11 seconds in 2 events to sweep hers. James Strand and Matthew Visnich each dropped 11 seconds in a single event. Maggie Hillman, Bettina Papageorge, Gaby Pilaski, Josh Pilarski, Shoshana Rosenthal, and Nick Sieg also dropped a lot of time in events. The Foxes are so fast that they celebrated Halloween in July. This time the witches brought out the broom an impressive 13 times. Clearly the Foxes won many events. In addition to Reid, Ian and Olivia, Brooke Barclay, Brett Feyerick, Cate McCaffery, Malinda Messner, Olivia Palmer, Avikar Periwal, Shoshana Rosenthal, Cyrus Safiran and Kerry Scott were multiple event winners.

Mohican Marathon

The Foxes are improving in

every way. Last year, they could only spell T. This year, they spelled out the entire T-a-l-l-y-h-o. For some reason, Dayu was the only one in the Cs and Lake Marion was in the Es. For the 10th dual meet of the season, a Fox (Chris ("I'll pick swimming over football") Cochran) won the first event. In the second event, five minutes later, Connie ("Cannonball") Xu won by dropping over a second. Twenty minutes later, Ben ("Long") Zuo, Josh ("I'll break Chris's records") Wolfson and Brett ("No Breath") Feyerick dropped time to score even more unexpected points for the Foxes. In all, 10 out of 12 Kits dropped time in the Free, starting the Foxes on a roll of best times. Perhaps, they were just hoping to get out of Mohican by Sunday. Phoebe Bacon and Katie Rothstein got under 18 and 20 for the first time. Sydney Feyerick and Ben Long Zuo had all best times. Everybody got into the act. With Chris Verboncoeur, Winston Liu and Andy Rosenthal off at Senior Champs, the Foxes were very fortunate to have Brian Boman, Dayu and Conway Xu back at Mohican. Conway lead the team with a Kit-Like 12 second drop in the 1M Dayu had three best times to score many unexpected points. Laney Williams and Gaby Pilarski picked up events for the ailing Samantha Danshes. In the 11-12 breast, these girls teamed up with Sydney Feyerick to drop a

combined 8 seconds. Three events and 25 minutes later, Fox Fans were reminded of the 2004 Seven Locks Meet when a young David Iselin returned from Senior Champs. This time it was Chris Verboncoeur who came back to help the Foxes. The Foxes all thanked the Mohican Announcer. Swimming his final race in a dual meet for the second time, Chris of course won. Chris's unexpected arrival spurred on the Foxes to great swimming in the fly. Eventually, the meet got to the final individual event (slightly before Finn's bedtime) where the Women (Olivia Parven, Katy Verboncoeur and Amelia ("I'm bound for South Africa") Oliver) went 2,3,4 to outscore Mohican. Five minutes later, the boys free relay of Kyle Barclay, Andy Rothstein, Alex Zhang and Ben Long Zuo held off a very strong Mohican team. Kyle Barclay was the only Fox to sweep his events against Mohican.

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Desperately needing a vacation, the hard working Foxes took the Dan-Katz Airlines to Hawaii -- much drier than Nantucket. Hawaii (aka the Den) looked like Paradise except for the lifeguard stand, which apparently was a casualty of a volcano. (At least there was no earthquake). None of the Foxes will actually end up being lifeguards because they are very hard of hearing. Fortunately, they are very loud so they can hear each other even if they can't hear any Sea Monster.

While it is not safe to swim without guards, at least the Foxes are very good swimmers. Indeed the Foxes won 12 out of 26 relays. 38 Foxes were on winning relays. Marcus Antolli, Cameron Barclay, Charlotte Beauvais, Janie Cai, Lexi Cochran, Michelle Dan, Nealie Deol, Lelia Durand, Chris Ervin, Kelly Ervin, Melissa Ervin, Brett Feyerick, Julia Fox-Rabinovich, Joseph Gardemal, Jenna Kupferschmid, Sydney Levine, David Mishkin, William Mishkin, Eric Mollard, Sarah O'Brien, Lia Papageorge, Indra Perival, Gaby Pilarski, Ceci Price, Jackson Resnick, Eric Rosenthal, Ian Rosenthal, Shoshana Rosenthal, Katie Rothstein, Nick Shawley, James Strand, Nathan Subrahmanian, Juliet Twomey, Ben Williams, Laney Williams and Ben Long Zuo.

Upcoming Events

Hopefully, sometime this week the Mohican Marathon will actually end. On Wednesday night, the guards can "hear" thunder if they would like. On Friday afternoon, the Foxes will head to the theater to see Despicable Me. On Friday night, the Foxes will leave for Glenwood to get there very early Saturday morning for Divisionals. The Times will not comment on any activity in between. On Sunday, the Foxes will celebrate one of their greatest seasons ever at the Banquet.