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Hot

The weather is almost as hot as the blazing Foxes. The Foxes may be blazing in the water but not so much at partying. The Foxes didn't get around to celebrating America's birthday until the 5th. You would think that they could figure out when a holiday called the 4th of July occurs. (Also not blazing is Greg who finally showed for his 1st practice on July 5.

Nonetheless everyone is very excited to have him on board). Even though it was late, the Foxes had just as much fun at the 14th annual Firecracker Relays. As always, the "meet" ended with chair relay. Amelia Oliver and Brian Boman must think alike as they kept drawing in rock, scissors, paper.

Eventually, Brian outsmarted Amelia. With the advantage of the shallow water, the boys avenged last year's loss.

Everyone was blazing to the Wolfson chocolate sauce and maple syrup afterwards. On the next day, the Big Foxes had to remain blazing for a long time at the 2nd annual Drop out 50s, a favorite of the Big Foxes. Fortunately, they didn't have to swim them with their t shirt on, corkscrew or any other crazy way. Even though they don't swim free, almost the entire Bacon clan participated from "big" kid Phoebe to the

slightly bigger kid Mr. Bacon. (On Friday, the Foxes celebrated Mr. Bacon's birthday, making him even Bigger). Middle Big Kid Sophie won the Effort Award.

Winston Liu and Connie Xu were the Men's and Women's Champs and Andy Rosenthal was the Overall Champ. Andy and Winston dueled out for 3 more 50s than last year. As a reward for all their hard work, the Foxes didn't get any maple syrup or chocolate sauce -- just traditional Fox Food -- donuts which they devoured in the NO Donut Zone. On Thursday, the skulk replenished themselves after a relay practice with hot dogs, peanuts and cracker jacks at the Big Train game (watching optional) The Foxes desperately wished that Anya Vinogradsky was there to sing the National Anthem.

Eldwick Meet

At the meet against the Eldwick Sharks, however, they did get to hear Anya sing even though the meet was at the Cove. Despite the tropical jet stream at the Cove, the Foxes were as beautiful in the water as Anya's singing. Apparently Ninjas frighten Sharks or are at least faster than Sharks. For the 7th meet in a row, the Foxes won the first event. Reid (who used to be the Biggest Bacon) Bacon

won the IM (which actually includes Freestyle). Not wanting to get eaten by any Sharks, the Foxes went on to get to the wall first in the next 4 events and 12 out of the first 13 events. Reid won all three of his events (including free). David Mishkin won his 3 events as well. Brooke Barclay, Malinda Messner, Radhika Mukerji, Sarah O'Brien, Josh Pilarski, Ian Rosenthal, Shoshanna Rosenthal, Cyrus Safiran and Molly Silverberg won multiple events. Another multiple event winner, Amelia Oliver, might have been motivated by something other than sharks. Whatever the reason, Nick Sieg dropped 12 seconds in the free. Bettina Papageorge and Ben Long Zuo kept away from Sharks by dropping 8 and 7 seconds. McKay Messner, Ian Rosenthal, James Strand, Allison Jacobs, Palma Price, Gaby Pilarski also dropped a lot of time. Shoshanna Rosenthal's prize for 3 best times and 3 firsts was a trip to Nantucket (umbrella not included). With all best times, Ellen Newbold also won a trip. She didn't mind the weather in Nantucket. Sadly a shark got Molly Kiniry's gall bladder and appendix. Meanwhile, the creative Dayu is constantly inventing new ways to spell T-a-l-l-y-h-o.

Lake Marion Meet

Raincoats are the latest fashion in Nantucket. Everyone assumes that Mrs. Bacon was well dressed under hers. Reminiscent of the 2001 Deluge Bowl with Little Falls, Chris . . . was absent (surprising no one). Fox Fans were also not surprised that Foxes won the first event for the 8th meet in a row (Andy Rothstein). Connie Xu and the Men's Relay (Chris Verboncoeur, Winston Liu, Andy Rosenthal, Dayu Tsau) won the next two. With a little foreshadowing, the men tried a new order moving Chris to back. Once again, the Foxes took out the broom (ok squeegee) frequently. The 13-14s swept both freestyles (Brian Tsau, Alex Zhang, and Avikar Periwal and Rachel Caplan, Lisa Deng and Evi Liu). Three events later, the Men also swept the free starting a roll where the Foxes swept four out of six events, ending with the Kits sweeping both backs. Shortly thereafter, the Men returned to swim back. It was Dayu's last swim at the Den. With the entire skulk cheering on their favorite coach, Dayu dropped 2 seconds. In the same race, the versatile Chris Verboncoeur swam back for the first time. In beating yet another superstar, Chris broke team and pool records in the back. Later in the meet, Foxes also cheered on Chris in his final swim in the Den in the 50 fly. At half time, the Foxes recognized high school graduates Molly Kiniry,

Chris Verboncoeur, and Conway Xu. Fox Fans were pleased to see Molly out of the hospital. The Foxes will never be able to replace Dayu and Chris. They do have a lot of young talent. The Kits swept 5 out of 8 races. Phoebe Bacon swept her events and by the way set 3 team records. Fox Historians don't recall anyone setting team records in every event in a dual meet. (Mei Mei Zuo completed the sweep.) And it not just the Kits. At 9-10, Kyle Barclay swept his events and Lawrence Redmond completed the sweep. In the very deep 9-10 girls, three different girls won events- Sophie Bacon, Anya Vinogradsky and Brooke Barclay. The meet ended like it started. The Foxes swept both Free relays (Kyle Barclay, Andy Rothstein, Brian Tsau, Josh Wolfson, Lawrence Redmond, Chris Cochran, Alex Zhang, Ales Smerlson, Anya Vinogradsky, Connie Xu, Rachel Caplan, Phoebe Bacon, Sarah O'Brien, Samantha Danshes, Evi Liu, Mei Mei Zuo). With Will Mishkin and Lexi Cochran on the DL, many Foxes stepped up. Ben Williams decided Nantucket was better than the Jersey shore. Brooke Barclay, Charlotte Beauvais, Hannah Cox and Ian Rosenthal all picked up events. Juliet Twomey swam up.

Relay Carnival

On Sunday, the Foxes drove out to Lake Marion to compete in a relay carnival. After a *brief*

discussion of what is a step, the Foxes finally got to swim. (They should have decided what shallow is). The mighty Foxes won 4 relays: Mixed 11-12 Free (Chris Cochran, Samantha Danshes, Connie Xu, Andy Rothstein); Mixed 13-14 Free (Alex Zhang, Rachel Caplan, Lisa Deng, Brian Tsau); Boys 9-10 Medley (Sammy Daggett, Kyle Barclay, Lawrence Redmond, Will Mishkin) and Boys Crescendo (Josh Wolfson, Andy Rothstein, Chris Verboncoeur, Alex Zhang, Kyle Barclay). These swimmers will represent the Foxes at All-Star Relays. Very strong in every age group, the Foxes placed in the top 3 in an impressive 16 out of 22 races. The girls' free relay set a new team record (Anya Vinogradsky, Connie Xu, Rachel Caplan and Mei Mei Zuo).

Upcoming Events

On Monday, the Skulk heads to the 2nd sweetest place on earth (after Pitango's). Mrs. Verboncoeur and Mrs. McCaffery already left in case they get lost. On Tuesday, Phoebe Bacon, Kyle Barclay, Lisa Deng, Chris Verboncoeur, and Anya Vinogradsky compete in Longcourse, the most prestigious meet. On Wednesday, the Foxes fly with the Eagles of Old Farm at the Den. On Saturday, Foxes travel to face Mighty Mohican. On Sunday, the Foxes discover whether Hawaii or Nantucket is sunnier at the PIRC.