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All Divers Plaque at Divisionals

The Villa Gorilla divers were extremely competitive at the Divisional Championship meet on Sunday, July 27. Sixteen divers were eligible to dive, and everyone placed in the top six of their age group and received a plaque! David Davis, Ryan Wender, Brian Neill and Ryan Merrill qualified to go to All-Stars on Sunday, August 3, by placing first or second. Tara Rohlfing, Colin Wakeman and Tracy Neill finished third, which qualified them as alternates. We already have been told that Tracy will be diving because the second place finisher will be unable to attend. Theresa Harvey and Luke Tonia earned personal bests. The results are as follows:

First Place:

Freshman – David Davis
Junior – Brian Neill

Second Place:

Freshman – Ryan Wender
Junior – Ryan Merrill

Third Place:

Freshman – Tara Rohlfing
Junior – Colin Wakeman
Intermediate – Tracy Neill

Fourth Place:

Freshman – Meredith Turner, Ryan Davis
Junior – Kaitlyn Wender
Senior – Theresa Harvey, Luke Tonia

Fifth Place:

Intermediate – Austin Burks, Jackie Morrogh

Sixth Place:

Junior – Henry Wakeman
Senior – Travis Lauri

It is a thrill to have at least five divers attending All-Stars in our first year. All the divers have worked hard all summer and their effort has made the season incredible.

Congratulations and Good Luck at All-Stars!!



Gorillas Swam Fast at Divisionals



Brendan McAlevy took 1.5 seconds off his 50m backstroke.



Jessica Peckins cut 1.8 seconds off her 50m backstroke.



Joshua Fang knocked 3.4 seconds off his 50m breaststroke.



Patrick Johnson dropped 1.1 seconds in his 50 breaststroke.



Alyssa Brennan cut 2 seconds off her 50 butterfly.

Swimmers On Fire at Divisionals

Villa swimmers were in fine form for the Division 5 Individual Championships at Cardinal Hill on Saturday, July 26. The Gorillas registered 73 personal bests out of 102 swims, four swimmers were Division Champions, and SIX team records were broken. Division Champions were:

- Ryan Merrill – 11-12 boys' freestyle
- Theresa Harvey – 15-18 girls' freestyle and butterfly
- Alex Price – 15-18 boys' freestyle
- Rachael Wray – 13-14 girls' freestyle

Cardinal Hill lived up to its reputation as a fast pool as 19 team records were broken at the meet! Six of those records were set by Villa swimmers – the highlight of which was Travis Lauri smashing by three seconds the 30-year-old IM record, which was set in 1978. With the new records, only ONE 15-18 boys' record has not been broken this year (50m breast)! The new record-holders are:

- Theresa Harvey – who broke her own 15-18 girls' freestyle record with a time of 27.85 and her own 15-18 girls' butterfly record with a time of 30.25.
- Patrick Johnson – who broke his own 15-18 boys' backstroke record with a time of 30.12.
- Travis Lauri – who broke the 15-18 boys' butterfly record, set in 1990, with a time of 27.37 and the 15-18 boys' IM record with a time of 1:03.24.
- Alex Price – who broke the 15-18 boys' freestyle record, set in 1990, with a time of 24.92.

Because of their performances at Divisionals, six Gorillas qualified for All Stars in 11 events:

- Theresa Harvey – 15-18 girls' freestyle – seeded 2nd
- Theresa Harvey – 15-18 girls' butterfly – seeded 5th
- Travis Lauri – 15-18 boys' butterfly – seeded 16th
- Travis Lauri – 15-18 boys' IM – seeded 12th
- Matthew Martinez – 11-12 boys' breaststroke – seeded 12th
- Matthew Martinez – 11-12 boys' IM – seeded 13th
- Ryan Merrill – 11-12 boys' freestyle – seeded 12th
- Ryan Merrill – 11-12 boys' butterfly – seeded 14th
- Alex Price – 15-18 boys' freestyle – seeded 17th
- Rachael Wray – 13-14 girls' freestyle – seeded 11th
- Rachael Wray – 13-14 girls' backstroke – seeded 16th

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**Olympic Swim & Dive
Television Coverage
Begins on August 9th**

A Fond Farewell

Thank you, Coach Matt, for five wonderful summers!

