

## ***Eastern Express Swim Team kicks off the Long Course Season at the Memorial Day Invitational***

After ending the Short Course Season in March '07 at the Speedo Sectionals, Nationals and Junior Olympics, Express swimmers continue their successes in the pool at the Memorial Day Invitational, held at Rutgers University.

Stand out performances came from the following swimmers (all times listed are in Long Course Meters):

**Julia Anderson**, a seventh grader from the Charter School, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200 Free with a 2:15.38, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400 Free with a 4:43.67, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 Free with a 1:03.45, 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Back with a 1:14.46, and 6<sup>th</sup> in the 200 Back with a 2:38.81. She accomplished this just days after turning 13 and swimming in the next age group. As a 12 year old, Julia placed 1<sup>st</sup> in all 9 events she swam at NJ Junior Olympics, winning the High Point Award. Then, competing on the NJ Zone Team in Buffalo, NY, she won the 200 Free and 200 Back with National Reportable Top 16 times, and qualified for the Janet Evans Grand Prix meet at USC in July.

**Alex Field**, a freshman at Hopewell Valley High School, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400IM with a new meet record of 4:54.77, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200IM with a new meet record of 2:20.74, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100 Breast with a 1:15.31, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200 Breast with a 2:42.16, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100 Fly with a 1:04.13 and 7<sup>th</sup> in the 200 Free with a 2:12.23. This follows his strong finish at NJ Junior Olympics where he was the 3<sup>rd</sup> place High Point winner, and added another Sectional Qualifying Time in the 100 Breast.

**Brittany Iacouzze**, a senior from Stuart Country Day School, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400 Free with a 4:24.79. Brittany also ended the short course season at Sectionals by being the 10<sup>th</sup> Highest Scoring woman, and went on to compete at Nationals held in the Nassau County Aquatic Center in Long Island, NY. She will be attending Yale University in the fall.

**Matthew Kietlinski**, a freshman at Hopewell Valley High School, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200 Free with a 2:06.80, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400 Free with a 4:27.42, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200IM with a 2:42.77, and 7<sup>th</sup> in the 1500 Free with a 17:37.32. Sister **Samantha Kietlinski**, a sophomore at Hopewell Valley High School, placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 200 Free with a 2:11.65, 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Free with a 1:01.29 and 8<sup>th</sup> in the 200 Fly with a 2:31.55. Both Matthew and Samantha finished the short course season strongly at NJ Junior Olympics, each the 2<sup>nd</sup> High Point winner for their respective age groups. Matthew added another Sectional Qualifying Time in the 500 Free and the 200 Fly.

**Meghan Leddy**, a junior from Montgomery High School, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400IM with a 4:59.41, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100 Back with a 1:06.24, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200IM with a 2:24.16, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200 Back with a 2:20.65, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800 Free with a 9:06.53 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400 Free with a 4:28.28. This meet follows a great end to the short course season where Meghan won the

High Point Award at the Speedo Sectionals at Harvard University, and placed top 8 in the 400 IM and 200 Back at Nationals held in the Nassau County Aquatic Center in Long Island, NY. In addition, Meghan has qualified for the 2008 Olympic Trials in the 200 Back and the 400 IM, has competed on the National Junior Team at Junior Pan Pacs, and placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the 5K and 13<sup>th</sup> in the 10K at the Open Water Nationals, which qualifies her to compete for the Open Water World Championship Trials.

**Sean Mackenzie**, a sophomore from Princeton High School, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1500 Free with a 16:36.84, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200 IM with a 2:19.42. This follows a strong meet at the Speedo Sectionals at Harvard University where Sean placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 1650 Free, qualifying him for Junior Nationals.

Other top 8 finishers at the Memorial Day Invitational in the 15 and Over Division included **JanMichael Blakley** who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 50 Free (24.68) and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 Free, and **Josh Chen** who placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the 200 Fly.

In the 13/14 Division, **Nathan Hirschbein** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50 Free, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100 Free and 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Fly, **Mike Leddy** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200 Back, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100 Back, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200 Breast, 4<sup>th</sup> in the 200IM, 6<sup>th</sup> in the 400IM and 6<sup>th</sup> in the 400 Free, **Jillian Liwacz** placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Fly, 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Free and 8<sup>th</sup> in the 200IM, **Paul Schafer** placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200 Fly (2:23.30), 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 Fly, 4<sup>th</sup> in the 50 Free, 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Free and 6<sup>th</sup> in the 200IM, and **Michelle Stefandl** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200 Free, 4<sup>th</sup> in the 400 Free and 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Free.

In the 11/12 Division, **Peter Kalibat** placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the 200 Free and 8<sup>th</sup> in the 200IM, and **Hannah Matheson** placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 50 Fly (32.85), 4<sup>th</sup> in the 200 Free, 5<sup>th</sup> in the 50 Back, 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Back, 8<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Fly and 8<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Free.

In the 10 & Under Division, **Andrew Field** placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Back.