

# Top Laurel swimmers smash meet records

## Laurel Invitational

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West Laurel's Matt Stevens broke three meet records in the July 12 Laurel Invitational Swim Meet at Fairland Aquatic Center, a contest that had a total of nine meet records shattered.

The annual event has top swimmers from five Laurel teams (Montpelier, West Laurel, Laurel City, Russett and West Arundel) competing for city-wide bragging rights. All teams also compete in the Prince-Mont Swim League, but are split up in different league divisions and rarely get a chance to compete.

Stevens broke the record in boys 15-18 100-meter freestyle at 54.78, 15-18 50-meter breaststroke at 32.75 and 100-meter

IM at 1:03.27.

Russett swimmer Taylor Hicks broke two meet records: girls 13-14 50-meter butterfly at 31.18, and girls 13-14 breaststroke at 38.31. She added a win in the 13-14 IM and was a triple winner.

Another triple-winner, Thomas Brown de Colstoun, of Montpelier, broke the meet record for boys 10-and-under 25-meter butterfly with a time of 16.50, and also won boys 9-10 50-meter freestyle and 25-meter backstroke.

Triple-winner Dylan Buehler, also from Montpelier, broke two meet records — boys 11-12 50-meter butterfly at 31.31, and 50-meter breaststroke at 38.43 — and topped it off with a win in the 12-and-under IM.

Other triple winners included Russett swimmers Allison Ritter, for 8-and-under 25-meter freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke, and 15-18 swimmer Michaela Guild, who won 100-meter freestyle, 50-

meter breaststroke and 100-meter IM.

Three West Arundel swimmers were double winners at the Invitational: Hunter Tessier, in boys 13-14 butterfly and backstroke, Kellianne Venit, for girls 13-14 50-meter free and back, and Micah Norsworthy, for boys 8-and-under 25-meter freestyle and backstroke. Other double winners were Nick Mills, of Montpelier, who won in boys 13-14 freestyle and 50-meter breaststroke, and Erin Kane, of West Laurel, who won for girls 11-12 50-meter butterfly and 12-and-under 100 IM.

The top times for teams and events at the city invitational meet are listed below:

MC (Montpelier), WL (West Laurel), LC (Laurel City), R (Russett) and WA (West Arundel)

10-U 25m butterfly: boys, Thomas Brown de Colstoun, MC, 16.50; girls, Alyssa Webb, WA, 18.78.

11-12 50m butterfly: boys, Dylan Buehler, MC, 31.31; girls, Erin Kane, WL, 36.61.

13-14 50m butterfly: boys, Hunter Tessier, WA, 34.33; girls, Taylor Hicks, R, 31.18.

15-18 50m butterfly: boys, Eric Brothman, WL, 28.90; girls, Caitlin Raynor, WL, 33.81.

8-U 25m freestyle: boys, Micah Norsworthy, WA, 19.49; girls, Allison Ritter, R, 19.04.

9-10 50m freestyle: boys, Thomas Brown de Colstoun, MC, 32.56; girls, Eanna Keys, LC, 36.38.

11-12 50m freestyle: boys, Peter Moyer, WA, 33.93; girls, Paris Hicks, R, 32.25.

13-14 50m freestyle: boys, Nick Mills, MC, 30.41; girls, Kellianne Venit, WA, 29.78.

15-18 100m freestyle: boys, Matt Stevens, WL, 54.78; girls, Michaela Guild, R, 1:03.86.

8-U 25m breaststroke: boys, Alex Holtz, WA, 31.55; girls, Allison Ritter, R, 25.15.

9-10 25m breaststroke: boys, Jay Venit, WA, 20.68; girls, Colette Pierce, WA, 21.00.

11-12 50m breaststroke: boys, Dylan Buehler, MC, 38.43; girls, Abbey Holmes, WL, 42.00.

13-14 50m breaststroke: boys, Nick Mills, MC, 39.40; girls, Taylor Hicks, R, 38.31.

15-18 50m breaststroke: boys, Matt Stevens, WL, 32.75; girls, Michaela Guild, R, 38.84.

9-10 25m backstroke: boys, Thomas Brown de Colstoun, MC, 17.53; girls, Suzannah Mills,

MC, 19.37.

11-12 50m backstroke: boys, Jake Harkcom, WA, 40.22; girls, Alexandra Bowman, R, 37.90.

13-14 50m backstroke: boys, Hunter Tessier, WA, 38.81; girls, Kellianne Venit, WA, 35.75.

15-18 50m backstroke: boys, Eric Brothman, WL, 30.93; girls, Caitlin Raynor, WL, 33.63.

8-U 25m backstroke: boys, Micah Norsworthy, WA, 28.34; girls, Allison Ritter, R, 23.43.

12-U 100m IM: boys, Dylan Buehler MC, 1:15.96; girls, Erin Kane, WL, 1:20.18.

13-14 100m IM: boys, Tony Bagileo, WL, 1:18.50; girls, Taylor Hicks, R, 1:12.37.

15-18 100m IM: boys, Matt Stevens, WL, 1:03.27; girls, Michaela Guild, R, 1:15.13.

18-U 225m freestyle relay: boys, Arkely Conde, Thomas Brown de Colstoun, Dylan Buehler, Nick Mills, Brian Abdo, Lucas Brown de Colstoun, MC, 2:31.54; girls, Elanna Bellofatto, Lauren Ritter, Paris Hicks, Taylor Hicks, Michaela Guild, Allison Ritter, R, 2:34.47.

18-U 200m medley relay: boys, Eric Brothman, Matt Stevens, Nolan Smith, Spencer Smith, WL, 2:00.90; girls, Caitlin Raynor, Ashley Cohee, Sarah Pankratz, Jessica Sweitzer, WL, 2:22.37.

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Guild said after the 100 IM. "I just put my head down and kept going. I really wasn't focused on winning anything when I got here. I just wanted to lower my times and maybe move up a few spots. The 50 breast was really close. These events aren't easy for me. I'm used to swimming distance events in college, like the 500 and the 1,000. These races are really short."

Guild was seeded fourth in the 100 free but dropped four seconds from her seed time and edged top-seeded Jessica Sweitzer (West Laurel) by four-tenths of a second. The 50 breast came down to the wall as Guild out-touched defending champion Stephanie Blau (Montpelier) by six one-hundredths of a second. Seeded fourth in the 100 IM, Guild dropped four seconds and defeated Sweitzer and Blau by nearly a second to complete the day's most unexpected triple.

Montpelier settled for fourth in the team standings, but two of its younger swimmers served notice that they will be a force for at least the next six summers. Dylan Buehler won the 11-12 boys' 50 butterfly (31.31), 50 breast (38.43) and 100 IM (1:15.96) by a combined margin of nearly 34 seconds. He established new meet records in the fly and breast. Thomas Brown de Colstoun won the 9-10 boys' 25 fly (16.50), 50 free (32.56) and 25 back (17.53), taking the 25 fly in meet record time.

Russett swimmer Taylor Hicks won three events in the 13-14 girls' division, capping her triple with a narrow victory over West Arundel's Kellianne Venit, who also was in quest of her third victory. Hicks won the 50 fly (31.18) by more than five seconds, took the 50 breast (38.31) by more than eight seconds and then edged Venit by one-half length to take the 100 IM (1:12.37). Hicks set new meet records in both the 50 fly and 50 breast.

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Mills (9-10 girls free and back)

In another Division B meet, held at Patuxent Greens in Laurel, the Silver Spring Swim Team lost to Whitehall, 291-264. No further details were reported.

In addition to a full slate of dual meets July 11, the 28th annual Laurel Invitational Swimming Championship will be held July 12 at 5 p.m. at Fairland Aquatic Center in West Laurel. Teams taking part will be Laurel City, Montpelier, Russett, West Arundel and West Laurel.

Montpelier improved to 1-2 with a 288-278 win over Greenbelt in Division B. Triple winners for Montpelier were Thomas Brown de Colstoun (U-10 boys fly, 9-10 breast and back), Dylan Buehler (11-12 boys fly, breast and IM), Jesse Walter (U-8 boys free, breast and back) and Nick Mills (13-14 boys free, breast and IM). Double winners were Anna Walter (U-10 girls butterfly and 9-10 breast), Joe Mills (boys 15-18 back and 100 IM) and Suzannah