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Pirates Run Rampant as Makos Host Old Bridge in Final Home Meet of Season

Captain Jack Sparrow brought his swash-buckling swagger back to movie theaters this week and real-life “pirate” Rafael Nadal made a big impression on the Queen with some dashing moves at the All England Club. Closer to home, the MBW Makos continue to sail through crystal clear waters under sunny skies. However, choppy currents and strong undertows are expected this morning as the “Breakers” of Old Bridge pay a visit. The Breakers lost a heart-breaker last week to Ashland in which the difference was just 9-points.

In a 2680-2362 loss to Urbanna last Saturday, the Makos were led by a parade of swimmers who posted personal best times. Triple event winner Gabrielle Mizerak stroked her way to a new team record in the 14U 100 IM (1:12.07). Kenny Parker, Corbin Foucart, and Courtney Mizerak also posted triple-event wins. Madison Barns had her best meet to date with wins in the 8U 25 Free and 25 Breast. Double event winner Rachel Lund checked in with brilliant performances in the 14U 50 Free and 50 Breast. The following speedsters posted PWSL “A” times: Sean Gambarani (100 IM), Emma Skelley (50 Free), Abigail Foucart (50 Free), Engie Mohsen (50 Free), Grace Kam (50 Back), Natalie Sterling (50 Breast).

Next Saturday, the Makos visit Ashland prior to wrapping up the 2006 campaign at Divisionals that will be hosted by these same Old Bridge Breakers. Founded in 1996, the Breakers are seeking to capture their 5th straight Divisionals crown.

This week in Makos History

Way back in July 2001, C. Ralph, Stephanie Baumgartner, Jenny Lyons, and C. Redmond set the girls 12U 100 Free Relay Record with a blistering time of 1:00.22 at Virginia Oaks.

The Game within the Game

When asked by a reporter “Why is your team continually successful year after year?” an old ball coach reflected for a moment and responded that people need three things to be “successful” – something to do, something to look forward to, and someone to love. This recipe continues to be on target for athletes of all ages striving to be all they can be. Each week holds the promise to new challenges, accomplishments, and set-backs associated with athletic endeavors. Long after their summers in PWSL are complete, swimmers and fans will likely look back on their love for the sport and the friendships made.

Faces in the Crowd



10U girls strike a pose at Ridgewood



10U boys grab a bite to eat at the Urbanna meet.