

Mustangs Conquer East Ridge in Pool Thriller

Mustangs Clinch Meet Next to Last Event

The Mounds View Mustangs swim & dive team hosted the East Ridge Raptors at Chippewa Middle School on Thursday, January 11 and came away with a hard-earned **97-83** victory. The Mustangs won 7 of 12 events and posted a number of season's best times to run their Suburban East Conference (SEC) dual meet record to 5-0. Sophomore **Will Quackenbush** recorded a pair of wins in the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyle. Junior **Ian Boyles** won the 50-yard freestyle, junior **Will Goldman** won the 100-yard breaststroke, and junior **Tad Tomczyk** won the diving event. The Mustangs also won two of the three relay events, which was one of the keys to the win, along with a favorable ten point margin in the diving well.

The Mustangs took a 10-4 lead with a 1-3 finish in the opening 200-yard medley relay. The Mustang quartet of Pan, Goldman, senior co-captain **Quinn Doan**, and Quackenbush touched the wall first in a season's best time of 1:41.58. The unit of junior **Coby Lessard**, senior **Derek Chen**, junior **Max Jytyla**, and sophomore **Ryan Lawrence** picked up valuable points with a third place swim of 1:50.62. Quackenbush picked up his first win of the evening in the 200 Free with a season's best 1:47.39 clocking. Junior **Jared Martini** finished third in 1:53.03, also a season's best. Pan swam to second place in the 200-yard individual medley in a season's best time of 2:01.28, while senior co-captain **Jason Lou** claimed fourth in a season's best 2:13.72. Boyles' season's best clocking of 22.66 in the 50 Free earned him first place, with Goldman right behind in 23.02 to claim second. At the diving break, the Mustangs had the lead at 35-27.

The Raptors had no divers competing this day, while the Mustangs had two who together tallied tallied 10 points to push the score to 45-27. Tomczyk tallied 139.46 points to claim first, while fellow junior **Josh Bowman** recorded a six-dive score of 136.80 to finish second. In the 100-yard butterfly, Doan claimed second in 55.80, with Jytyla finishing fifth in a season's best 59.17. Boyles was second in the 100-yard freestyle in a season's best 50.90, with Martini finishing third in 51.26. Quackenbush easily won the 500 Free with a 4:55.75 clocking, while eighth grader **Matthew Shen** was fifth in 5:48.42. The Mustangs' lead was now down to eight points at 64-56, but this was as close as the Raptors would get for the rest of the night.

The Mustangs top 200-yard freestyle relay team of Goldman, Pan, Boyles and Martini had a very nice swim of 1:33.73 to claim first. The second unit of Doan, Chen, senior **Thomas Wilkowske**, and Lawrence picked up valuable points with a third place swim of 1:39.11 to push score to 74-60. In the 100-yard backstroke, Lessard finished second in a season's best 1:00.87. Lou (1:02.18) and freshman **Sam Magnuson** (1:04.35) were fourth and fifth, respectively. Magnuson's time was a season's best.

The Mustangs stacked the line-up in the 100 Breast and it paid off. Goldman clocked a season's best 1:03.21 to win the event. Pan was second in a season's best 1:04.41, while Doan's 1:08.68 was good enough for fourth. The Mustangs had clinched the meet at 93-73. In the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, the Raptors finished 1-3, with the Mustang quartet of Martini, Boyles, Lou, and Quackenbush claiming second in a season's best 3:24.88.

In junior varsity competition, the Raptors easily prevailed over the Mustangs by the score of 105-62. Sophomore **Ben Goldman** was the only individual event winner for the Mustangs with wins in both the 50 Free and 100 Breast.

The Mustangs travel to Stillwater to face the perennial league powerhouse Stillwater Ponies on Thursday, January 18, beginning at 6:00 pm.