

## **Mustangs Defeat Park in Pool Action**

### **Mustangs Now 4-0 in Suburban East Conference**

The Mounds View Mustangs swim & dive team traveled to Cottage Grove on Tuesday, January 5 to take on the Park Wolfpack and came away with a 96-79 win. The Mustangs won 9 of 12 events on the evening program to run their Suburban East Conference (SEC) dual meet record to 4-0. Sophomore **Will Quackenbush** was a double winner for the Mustangs, finishing first in both the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyle events. Sophomore **Isaac Pan** also picked up a pair of wins in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard butterfly. A trio of juniors also notched big wins for the Mustangs - **Tad Tomczyk** (diving), **Coby Lessard** (100-yard backstroke), and **Will Goldman** (100-yard breaststroke). The Mustangs also won 2 of the 3 relay events.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 10-4 lead with a 1-3 finish in the opening 200-yard medley relay. The Mustang quartet of Pan, Will Goldman, senior co-captain **Quinn Doan**, and junior **Ian Boyles** touched the wall first in 1:45.12. The third place unit of Lessard, sophomore **Ben Goldman**, junior **Max Jytyla**, and senior co-captain **Jason Lou**, finished third in 1:54.72. Quackenbush won the 200 Free by over twelve seconds in 1:51.74. Freshman **Isaac Landin** was fourth in 2:07.02, with senior **Atakan Yurttas** right behind in 2:07.52. Pan notched his first win in the 200 IM with a swim of 2:07.97. Lou (2:16.51) and freshman **Sam Magnuson** (2:23.94) were third and fourth, respectively. The Mustangs had a 2-3-4 finish in the 50 Free. Will Goldman was second in 23.72, Boyles third in 24.03, and junior Jared Martini was fourth in 24.10. At the diving break, the Mustangs had the lead at 39-23.

In diving, Tomczyk won his dual meet competition of the season with a six-dive score of 165.60 on the one-meter board. The Mustangs then proceeded to sweep the top three places in the 100 Fly. Pan touched the wall first in 55.84, with Doan right behind in 56.31. Jytyla completed the sweep in 1:01.63. Martini was second in the 100 Free in 51.48. Boyles' 55.59 was good enough for fourth, and senior **Thomas Wilkowske** claimed fifth in 55.88. Quackenbush was never seriously challenged in the 500 and cruised to the win in 5:00.47. Landin (5:45.35) and eighth grader **Matthew Shen** (5:51.68) were fourth and fifth, respectively. The Mustangs easily won the 200-yard freestyle relay. The quartet Will Goldman, Pan, Martini, and Quackenbush finished first with a 1:32.59 clocking. Doan, Jytyla, senior **Derek Chen**, and Yurttas claimed third in 1:40.78. The Mustangs now enjoyed a comfortable lead at 84-50.

Lessard notched his first varsity win of the season with a 1:05.51 clocking in the 100 Back to help the Mustangs clinch the meet. Lou was second in 1:02.72, while Magnuson finished fourth in 1:05.47. At this point, the Mustangs led the meet 96-54 and decided to swim the final two events on the program as "exhibition," meaning that points earned did not count toward the final score. Will Goldman won the 100 Breast with a nice swim of 1:05.16. Doan was third in 1:08.90, and Jytyla claimed fifth in 1:15.68. To close out the meet, the Mustangs had a 2-3 finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The unit Boyles, sophomore **Ryan Lawrence**, Lou, and Quackenbush clocked a 3:36.03 to claim second. The quartet of Yurttas, Landin, Magnuson, and Wilkowske finished third in 3:49.40.

In junior varsity competition, the Mustangs defeated the Wolfpack, 98-72. Individual event winners for the Mustangs were senior **David Severson** (200 Free & 500 Free), Lessard (200 IM), Lawrence (50 Free), Yurttas (100 Fly), Wilkowske (100 Back), and Ben Goldman (100 Breast). The JVs also won the 200 Medley Relay.

The Mustangs will host the East Ridge Raptors at Chippewa Middle School on Thursday, January 11 at 6:00 pm. It will be Senior Night and the last home meet for eight Mustang seniors. Diving competition will take place at 5:15 pm at Lake Middle School in Woodbury.