

# Prosper Swim Teams Battle Plano West In First Dual Meet of the Season



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On October 9, 2019 Prosper's Varsity and Junior Varsity Swim Teams traveled to the Tom Muehlenbeck Natatorium in Plano to compete in their first dual meet against Plano West High School. The meet was the second for our Varsity Team, which, after their 2nd place win the week prior in Frisco, had spent their recent training sessions refining their skills. Meanwhile, the JV team made a strong debut in this, their first meet. Although the Teams did not come away with the win, they made a strong showing and highlights from the night were abundant.

In this second meet, the Varsity Team continued to show strength in their relays. The women's team was victorious in all three relay events! The energy in the room was palpable, as Sophomore Sabrina Giachini sped through the anchor leg of the 400 Free Relay, securing a win for her and her teammates, Madeline Lesko, Bethany Sitz, and Jocelyn Hayes. New to Eagle Swimming, Bethany Sitz, made a statement by taking 1st place in the 100 Back. Throughout the competition, Junior Jocelyn Hayes shone bright with a 1st place finish in the 100 Free, a 3rd place finish in the 100 Breast, a 1st place finish







in the 200 Free Relay, with her teammates Katherine Kieffer, Heather Pappas, and Caroline Egger, and a 1st place finish in the 400 Free Relay mentioned above. In the ultimate test of swimming stamina, Sophomore Abby Griffith earned her first win of the season in the 500 Free. The men's team also made their presence and skill known throughout the meet. Fans were on their feet for the Men's 200 Medley Relay, as Ethan Hogan, Saxon Boring, Mithuun Ramesh, and Justice Hunt secured a solid victory, brought home by Hunt's outstanding 50 Free anchor leg. Hunt, a Junior, also scored an impressive 2nd place in the 200 IM. Sophomore Ethan Hogan dominated the field in the 100 Back, and Junior Mithuun Ramesh did the same in the 100 Breast.

For the JV Team, fans were "impressed by their team camaraderie and support for one another." Their cohesiveness was evident as they had cheering sections at the turn end of the pool throughout the meet. For Roman Vallarino, Riley Collins, Meghna Kalagara, Rachel Saenz, Austin Russell, Hannah Tejada, and Zachary Meyer, this was their first ever swim meet,, which they handled with skill and grace. Freshman, Rocky Streiner earned a 6th place finish in the 100 Back. The JV team held their own throughout the competition striving to put in their best performance. They will become an even stronger force as their training and experience continues.

The Swim and Dive Team is thrilled to be hosting their first home meet in the new Prosper Natatorium on October 15. They are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to compete against Plano East while also showing off their gorgeous new facility!