Prosper Swim Teams Make Strong Showing at Hebron Invitational Meet and Join the PISD Family in Dedicating New Natatorium

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On November 2, 2019, the Prosper Varsity and Junior Varsity Swim Teams traveled to the Lewisville ISD Eastside Aquatic Center in The Colony to compete in the Hebron Invitational Meet. In the face of strong competition, the Eagles made a stand. The Boys’ and Girls’ Varsity Teams scored a combined 1337 points to claim the title of Meet Champions! The Varsity Girls dominated, scoring 702 points in comparison to second place Coppell High School’s 298 points. The Varsity Boys’ team came in a strong second with a score of 635 points compared to first place Coppell’s 677 points. The JV Boys’ and Girls’ teams achieved rankings of 5th and 6th place overall, respectively, while also beating out the Varsity 5A team from Red Oak High School.

During the meet, the Varsity teams commanded the pool, scoring first place in 19 of 22 events. Prosper monopolized the relays, scoring first place in every relay contest! Within the individual events, the women of the 200 Free kept the fans cheering as they conquered the competition. Sabrina Giachini, Jocelyn Hayes, Bethany Sitz, and Miku Yoshioka placed first, second, third, and fourth, respectively. The team’s swimmers cheered from the sidelines as Abigail Griffith, Morgan Frazier, and Adriana Hart accomplished first, second, and third place in the 200 IM. The girls’ winning streak continued through the 50 Free, where Madeline Lesko seemed to glide effortlessly through the water to achieve first place, Caroline Egger came in a strong second place and Jocelyn Hayes rounded out 3rd place. Miku Yoshioka, Bethany Sitz, and Katherine Kieffer accomplished first, second, and third in the 100 Fly, pushing themselves over the water in dramatic fashion.

The Prosper Varsity Boys continued to shine in The Colony. Mithuun Ramesh had an outstanding showing, placing first in the Men’s 200 Individual Medley and also in the 100 Fly. The Aquatic Center filled with energy as Ethan Hogan and Caleb Audia pushed to first and second places against fast competition. Lane White sped to first in the 50 Free, coming in at a mere 22.77 seconds. The longest event at the meet was the 500 Freestyle. The 500 Free is a marathon swim requiring each swimmer to have someone keep track of their laps because there are so many. Kadence Griffin and Samuel Taylor showed off their long-distance abilities, coming in first and second place in that challenge of endurance.

The Junior Varsity Team held their own throughout the meet. The JV relay teams are continuing to show growth with more experience at competition. The JV Women’s 200 Medley Relay and 200 Free Relay accomplished 7th place overall among all the competition. The Men’s 200 Medley Relay came in 8th, with Rocky Steiner kicking it off with a strong first leg and Timothy Elmore speeding through the third leg of the relay. Individual highlights for the JV team included a 7th place for Amanda Thrasher in the 200 Free, a 10th place for Rocky Streiner in the 100 Fly, and a 9th place for Bailee Nelson in the 100 Back. The JV Team will compete in their first all JV meet on Friday, November 8 at the Dallas Cup in Plano.

After the Meet, the team headed back home for the new PISD Natatorium’s dedication and ribbon cutting where they celebrated with PISD Administrators, friends, and family. Coach Sarah Milne noted the significance of the event when emphasizing, “For those of you that have been a part of the Prosper community, this has been something that we have looked forward to for years. I am so thankful that we have an awesome district that constructed an amazing facility.” The team really cannot thank the Prosper ISD and the Community for all their support and encouragement. The new Natatorium will only strengthen the team and their opportunities to excel. Thank you, Prosper!