



ALL STARS SPLASH

TPDC Swim Team

All-Stars Put on a Show..

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Boy oh Boy! The odds could not have been more against us at our Division Championship Meet! Did you ever wonder why our boys and girls relay teams were not seeded #1 in the meet? They had not lost to any of the other 5 teams this season and the PMSL top times had them both as #1. But like I have said in the past, the psych sheet is just that, it does not determine who the winners will be. That determination is made at the end of each race. Our swimmers did not let the seeding distract their focus. They simply used the opportunity given to them to compete and made the best of the situation. A couple other races that come to mind are the backstroke events, in which Theo swam from the 1st heat and placed 3rd in the event, and also Kemi, swimming in the 1st heat with "No Time" and placing 3rd in the event. We had many other swims where our swimmers stepped up big time and knocked off swimmers that were seeded higher in the event. With the division championship meet victory, we were able to secure a place in the A division for next season. Congratulations swimmers on a spectacular meet!! **GO TPDC All-Stars!!!**

2008 Season Review

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With the end of the season upon us, I can't help but reflect on our accomplishments as a team and how talented our swimmers are. Even though we started the season a little slow, I believed then that we had what it took to still be able to pull off a victorious season. Many of our swimmers showed marked improvement each week! The quote, "Life is lived forward but understood backward" cannot be more relevant to this season. Looking back at the final outcome, we can point fingers at one or two incidents that caused the season to turn out the way it did. But this season is over. Hopefully all our swimmers had some fun, made a few friends and can't wait till next summer to do this all over again. The final standing for this team within any PMSL division will be measured by the amount of commitment and time that we as parents put into doing the little things, no matter how small, to help our swimmers to succeed and ultimately help to make our team stronger.

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*They provided
free Italian ice
for our
swimmers at the
"Pizza Party"*

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*They provided
pizza for our
"PIZZA
PARTY"*

SUPPORT
LEDO PIZZA
*On Georgia
Ave, NW*

*They provided
pizza for our
"Back to Pool"
Night*

Upcoming Social Event

Team Awards & Banquet

August 3 @ 1:00 pm at Takoma

Parents & Swimmers, our annual end-of season, team Awards and Banquet, is scheduled to take place at Takoma Recreation Center on Sunday August 3. This is a change in venue from the last few years. Please be prepared to bring food as this event is a pot-luck. We hope to start the awards ceremony at 3:00 pm. See you all there!

Thanks to all the families that participated in the "Sponsor Me" Fundraiser!

Winners will be announced at the banquet!

When you support our sponsors be sure to tell them "thank you" for their donations to the team!

Congratulations Swimmers

The following swimmers represented TPDC at the division championship meet:

8 & U Boys—Jon Bendana & Richard Holassie

8 & U Girls—Olivia Bartholomew & Brittney Ross

9—10 Boys—Theo Bates, Sidney Horton, Willis Thomas, III & Devi Ylli

9—10 Girls—Elon Epps, Nnenna Nwaezeapu, Kennedy Redmond & Antoinette Ross

11—12 Boys—Kahlil Epps, Joel Goode, Jared Miller & Marques Ross

11—12 Girls—Maddision Lightfoot, Aliyah Sola, Erin Strong-Williams & Kai Waller,

13—14 Boys—Malachi Bostic-Wattley, Bradford Ellison, Ryan Howard & Joseph Singleton,

13—14 Girls—Katherine Bendana, Chantice Caruth, Shadé Chism & Amina Wilson

15—18 Boys—Bradford Jackson, Brandon Jackson, Anthony Ross & Keven Smith

15—18 Girls—Ruby Blackstone, Marissa Gentry, Bianca Thompson & Kemi Watson

CONGRATULATIONS!

Many of these swimmers will swim in the final meet of the 2008 season this Sunday at BSR. SWIM FAST ALL-STAR!

2008 Coaching Staff

HEAD COACH

ROB GREEN
8th Season

Assistant Coach

Rob Green, Jr.
3rd Season

Assistant Coach

Miguel Orellana
2nd Season

Assistant Coach

Crosby Threadwell
1st Season

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OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADS



CONGRATULATIONS!

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Special "goodbye" to the Blackstone Family

Coach Green

Kemi Watson Ruby Blackstone Brandon Jackson Bianca Thompson

2008 Division Championship Meet Scores

**Takoma Park
221**

**Belair Bath & Tennis
205.5**

**Maximum Velocity
Propulsion
201**

**Strathmore Bel Pre
174.5**

**Theresa Banks
149**

**West Laurel
143**



DIVISION "A" Ranking

(Unofficial)

MVP—1st

SBP—2nd

TP—3rd

BBT—4th

TB—5th

WLS—6th



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group/TakomaParkDC/](http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/TakomaParkDC/)

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The first dual meet of the 2009 season will be on June 20, 2009 with subsequent meets on June 27, July 4, July 11, July 18, July 25 (Divisionals) & August 1 (All-Stars). Please plan accordingly...

RECORD BREAKERS

The following individual pool records was set at Belair Bath & Tennis pool:

Amina Wilson—13-14 girls
50 Back & 100 IM

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TPDC—Takoma Park DC Swim Team is one of the founding members of the Prince Mont Swim League. The team's home pool is located in Takoma Park, DC. The team is coached by Rob Green who has been the coach for the last 7 seasons.

Many swimmers on the swim team begun from as young as 5 years old and continue thru until they turn 18 years old.

Summer swimming is The BOMB!

Come out and get in the Swim of Things with TPDC!

GO TPDC ALL STARS!

July-August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 CHEVERLEY RELAYS Swimmers Availability Deadline for All-Stars Meet	28 Practice 5—7 PM	29 Practice 5—7 PM	30 Practice 5—7 PM Parents Meet- ing @ 6:00 pm	31 Practice 5—7 PM	1 Practice 5—6 PM Last Practice	2 ALL-STARS MEET @ BSR 7:00 AM to 12 Noon
3 Team Awards & Banquet At Takoma Recreation Center from 3:00 pm	4	5	6	7	8	9

**2008 HAS BEEN GREAT! BUT FOR 2009 WE CAN'T WAIT!!
VACATION BEGINS AFTER AUGUST 1, 2009.**