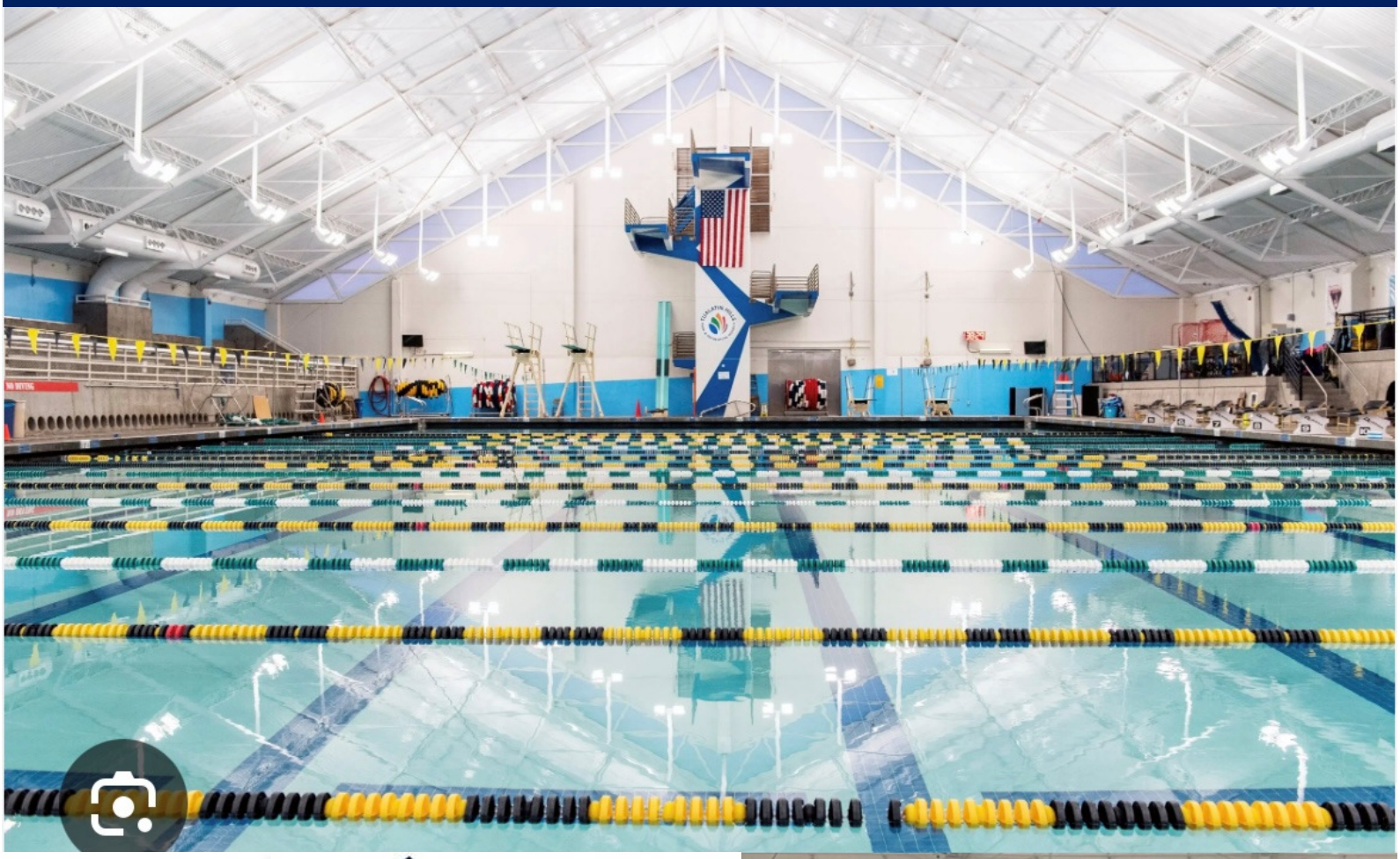
Tualatin Hills Holiday Classic 2025

OA Senior Group at its best



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Tualatin Hills Holiday Classic Senior Championship Recap

	(some) Swims of the Meet		
	- Claire Meissner	200 back - 1:59.0 - New Junior National Cut!	
	- Andrew Taylor	200 Breast - 2:04.9 (and so many others)	
	- Kat Kracht (see photo)	100 breast - 1:03.8	
	- Emma Sloan	200 IM - 2:04.6 (and so many others)	
	- Rhys Williams	200 breast - 2:07.8 - New Futures Cut	
	- Maxwell Catron	100 back - 53.6 - New Sectional Cut	
	- Aurea Emhoff (15)	200 breast - 2:28.0 - New Sectional Cut	
	- Cruz Tamayo (14)	200 free - 1:47.2/100 fly - 51.7	
	- Sofia Zibell (14)	200 breast - 2:21.9 - big drop	
	- Lucy Kao	100 free - 52.7 - last day	
	- Atlas Metin	50 free - 21.4 - part of a great meet	
	- Kat Lu (15)	200 breast - 2:25.1 - big drop	
	- Aarin Raina (14)	100 back 57.7 - BIG drop	
	- Addison Corso	100 free (split) - 52.6	
	- Anton Secor	200 free - 1:52.9 - 10 sec drop	
	- Tatum Akey	200 IM - 2:13.7 - breakout swim	



	Swimmers of the Meet		
	- Andrew Taylor	see recap	breakout swims in every event
	- Emma Sloan	see recap	ditto
	- Anton Secor	significant time drops in all events	inspirational comeback in a year and a half
	- Kaia Bonham	significant time drops in all events	an impeccable leader (after a year of injury)
	- Isabel Chiarucci	significant time drops in all events	all big drops
	- ALSO: Aurea Emhoff, Kat Lu and Gabby Schaffer - for great meets!		all big drops

	Swimmer	Gr	Events	Note
1	Akey Tatum	Sr 3	200 IM - 2:13.5, 100 back - 2 sec drop	GREAT IM SWIM
2	Andrews Ruth	Sr 4	50 free - 24.4, all strong swims	multiple Super-FInal heats
3	Baker Quinn	Sr 3	100 back - 58.9, near best on all swims	great job building back up
4	Beugelmans Jacob	Sr 4	100 fly - 53.3 - great swim	battled illness
5	Blaylock Anthony	Sr 3	100 fly 51.6, 200 free - 5 sec drop, all best times	a breakout meet
6	Bonham Kaia	Sr 2	200 breast - 2:30.5, all big drops	Swimmer of the Meet runner-up
7	Bratcher Teagan	Sr 3	200 IM - 2:15.9 - 3 sec drop, best time 100 fly	GREAT IM SWIM (last day)
8	Calica Calei	Sr 4	100 breast 1:05.0, 100 fly 57.6, almost all improved	great meet!
9	Catron, Maxwell	Sr 3	100 back - 53.6, big drop 200 fr, 100 fly	new Sectionals cut
10	Chiarucci Isabel	Sr 2	8 second drop in the 200 IM! dropped in every event	high energy!
11	Chiarucci Olivia	Sr 3	best time 100 free - 58.0	more high energy!!
12	Choo Alana	Sr 2	big drop in the 200 free and 100 fly	best times in all events
13	Condon, Meghan	Sr 3	54.8 free split - impressive swimming	only on the team one week!
14	Corso, Addison	Sr 3	52.7 free split!, 1:57.0 - 200 free - great swim	new to team - great addition
15	Cottam, Madelyn	Sr 3	200 back - five seconds faster in finals	An incredible addition to the team!
16	Damen Will	Sr 3	100 fly split - 52.1!, 200 back - 1:59.4	seeing the results of great work
17	Delbridge Laird	Sr 4	competitive swimming through illness	and a resolute leader in every way
18	Dunton Braden	Sr 3	200 free - 1:47.4, 100 fly - 53.6	most swims were best times
19	Emhoff Aurea (14)	Sr 3	100 breast - 1:08.3, 200 breast - 2:28.0	plus big drop in 200 IM and 100 free (split)
20	Feng Eason	Sr 4	50 free - 21.6, at or near best in free	complimented by the host team for leadership
21	Gipner, Madilyn (14)	Sr 2	1:09.8 - 100 breast - 14&U finals	big drops in most events
22	Gottschalk, Rylan	Sr 2	drops in the 200 free and 200 IM	part of great freshman group
23	Griebenow Viola	Sr 4	100 back - 56.1, 200 back - 2:00.3	on the cusp of national level swimming
24	Harvey Madeline	Sr 2	100 fly - 1:00.7 - great swim, 200 back - big drop	part of outstanding freshman group

25	Hwang, Jayden	Sr 2	best time in 100 free	close to best times in main events
26	Kao Lucy	Sr 4	100 free - 52.7!, best time - 100 breast	great finals swim on last night
27	Kracht Kat	Sr 4	100 breast 1:03.8, best time 200 breast	A SOM (Swim-of-the-Meet!) - best "alternate"!!!
28	Lapcevic Holden (14)	Sr 2	best times in all (100 free split - 55.5)	an inspirational comeback from 2024
29	Lkhagvasuren Matthew	Sr 3	great 100 and 200 fly, best time 100 free	great leadership as always
30	Lu Katelyn	Sr 3	200 breast - 2:25.1 (out in best 100!)	drops in all events (7 seconds off in the 400 IM)
31	Lush Griffin	Sr 4	best times - 50 & 100 free	at best time in the 100 fly
32	McConnell, Mia	Sr 3	best times in the 50 free & 100 breast	battled through illness / thank you for the signs!
33	Meissner Claire	Sr 4	incredible 100 back (56.1) and 200 back	Junior National cut to close out the meet!!!
34	Metin Atlas	Sr 4	200 free - 1:43.4, 50 free 21.4, 100 free 47.0!	all best times! great meet (and leadership)
35	Michaels, August	Sr 2	big drop in 200 free, 100 fly and 100 back	part of great freshman group
36	Mispagel Danny	Sr 3	200 breast - 2:16 - big drop	best times in 50 free, 200 IM, 100 free
37	Motes Anna	Sr 4	100 breast - 1:05.5 - best time; and 100 free	with stoic leadership
38	Nichols Haven	Sr 3	big drops - 200 free, 200 fly, and 100 fly (54.3)	all best times
39	Paik, Eshaan (14)	Sr 3	best times - 100 fly, 400 IM, 200 breast, 100 back	great 400 IM final - 9 seconds faster than prelims
40	Raina, Aarin (14)	Sr 2	100 back - 57.7 - a swim of the meet!	all best times!
41	Rasera-Holden, Iris	Sr 3	best times in 200 free, 100 breast, 200 IM, and 100 free	best race on Sunday night
42	Schaffer, Gabby	Sr 2	all best times - 15 second drop in 200 back!	great meet (best behind the block dance!)
43	Secor Anton	Sr 2	200 free - 10 second drop (1:52), fly - 57, free - 51	a Swimmer of the Meet
44	Secor Dimitri	Sr 4	best times in 100 breast, 50 free (21.9), 200 breast (2:12)	multiple super finals
45	Shane, Kiera	Sr 2	best time in 100 breast and 100 free	great support and energy
46	Sherman Sabrina	Sr 2	best time in 200 free and 100 free	part of great freshman group
47	Sloan Emma	Sr 4	200 IM - 2:04, 200 free - 1:52, fly - 55.3 - top swims of mee	Swimmer of the Meet
48	Swanson Harper (14)	Sr 3	great 100 free split in relay	fought through illness
49	Tamayo Cruz (14)	Sr 4	200 free 1:47.2; 100 fly - 51.7 - two big swims (at 14)	swimmer of the session, 14&U event wins
50	Taylor Andrew	Sr 4	all incredible swims: fly 51.8, IM 1:56.4, and on and on	swimmer of the meet!
51	Thorn Leeson Chloe	Sr 3	best time in 100 & 200 fly	great role model (as always)
52	Veronda Tess	Sr 3	best time - 50 free, 100 breast, 100 fly, 100 free	great RC (room captain)!
53	Ward Ada	Sr 2	200 back - 5 sec drop, 400 IM - 7 sec drop	high energy throughout meet
54	Wasicek Tobias	Sr 3	100 fly - big drop, best times 200 IM, 100 free	LANDED THE PLANE SAFELY!!!!!!!!!!
55	Williams, Rhys	Sr 4	100 breast - 58.4, 200 breast - 2:07.8 (Futures cut)	first year on team. First big peak meet - great job!
56	Yu Gavin	Sr 4	best times - 400 IM and 100 back	training will pay off in all events
57	Yuan, Ariel	Sr 2	best times - 100 back and 100 free	always (very) positive
58	Yung, Lily	Sr 4	at best times - 50 free, 200 free - 1:52.1, 100 fly - 55.02	preparing for Juniors
59	Zibell Sofia (14)	Sr 4	100 breast - 1:04.7, 200 breast - 2:21.9 (big drop)	both 14&U wins





Orinda Aquatics traveled with 59 swimmers (largest “flight” group ever) in what may have been the best winter peak meet in the team’s history. With over 200 best times and some truly extraordinary races (please see the Performance Recap), it was *extremely* positive (team) and productive (swimming), which is rare for a December peak meet. One key take-a-way was the impressive group of freshmen and first-time travelers. Their spirit, maturity, integrity, (and humor) added immeasurable depth of the trip, and to the group as a whole. And of course, we could never operate at the level and standard that we do, without our senior leaders and room captains. They are the lynch-pin to “the art of team travel” and drive every aspect of this process.

We thank the parents for supporting your children to travel with the team, and express our sincere gratitude to these great athletes for being the class of youth sports (and youth character).

We wish the best to our swimmers attending the PacSwim Age-Group Championships in San Ramon, and to our seven Junior National qualifiers in Texas!

We also wish everyone a very happy holiday, and after we return from the break, we will turn our attention to our next major swimming event and team trip, Clovis! Donnie & Ronnie

Travel













Competition












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A very sincere thank you to Amy Smith for her support, and to our amazing parents for organizing over 300 meals (three lunches and two dinners) led by *recon expert and parent extraordinaire,* Debbie Santos, and orchestrated on site by Vanessa Bratcher, Jay Taylor, Leah Kao, and Heather White.

And a very special thank you to our new dear friend *and bus driver,* Jason, the best in the business!





Departure









HI MR. BUS DRIVER!

THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH A BRIGHT AND POSITIVE PERSON! IT'S A GREAT EXPERIENCE TO HAVE A FUN PERSON WITH A BIG SMILE GREET US EVERY TIME WE GET ON THE BUS.

SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS A COMPANION DURING OUR STAY IN OREGON - YOU ~~MAKE~~ REMIND ME THAT GOOD PEOPLE ARE STILL OUT THERE.

STAY SAFE AND THANK YOU!

APPY EARLY HOLIDAYS, OA SWIMMER

An example of why these kids are unique and special –

a text from a parent (below)

"Thank you so much for the amazing opportunity you provided all these swimmers. I am so grateful that my child was able to have this experience.

I am also grateful that I was there to be able to see so much of it in action. Yes, watching the swims was fun and exciting, however, there were so many moments outside of the actual racing that stick with me even more. These swimmers are truly incredible individuals that you have cultivated.

A moment that really stood out to me happened yesterday after the men's 100 free prelim. I was standing near the lunch delivery, and multiple OA swimmers walked out into the hallway to catch their breath. One in particular was having a difficult time recovering. His teammates, also still recovering, immediately jumped into action to ensure he was ok. They kept their eye on him to ensure he didn't get worse and then asked me to watch him when they ran inside to grab a towel and other items for him, returning at light speed to his side.

I saw so many moments of leadership, camaraderie, encouragement, and care all weekend. And I am hearing more from my child now that we are home - some really inspiring stories about her room captain and the conversations they had before bed each night. An incredible weekend filled with core memories, education, and life learning lessons that cannot be taught in a classroom.

This all reminded me that this is so much more than just competition. It truly is about life."