



Campolindo Swims Past Concord

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Photo Gavin Schlissel

The Campolindo Cougars hosted a meet against the Concord Minutemen on Thursday, March 20. On a day when the NCAA March madness began, Campolindo could have overlooked a school that they have historically dominated. However, the Cougars looked as determined as ever, and again were able to dominate the school to the east. The Cougars took care of business and outlasted the Minutemen, 247-74.

Shelbi Luchini was everywhere for the Cougars on Thursday. She not only helped the Cougars with her individual times, but she was able to help her team in the relays as well. Luchini finished first in the 100 yard backstroke and the 100 yard freestyle. Her time of 1:00:32 in the backstroke was a personal best at the time of this meet. Luchini's participation in the 200 yard medley relay helped secure a first place finish for her relay team. The team of Lindsey Mascheroni, Luchini, Caroline Lukins, and Kelley Holt finished the relay with a time of 1:54:01.

The Campolindo Cougars were happy to get any sort of contribution from

one of their star swimmers in Lukins. She was a little under the weather in the meet against Concord, but was still able to finish first in the 100 yard butterfly, and the 200 yard medley relay. Her dedication and drive to simply compete in this meet was a real asset for the Cougars. Lukins' time of 58:64 was not close to her personal best set in the Alhambra meet earlier in the year, when she finished with a time of 57.73, but was still more than enough to finish in first place for that event on Thursday.

The junior thinks this Cougar team is special because they have so many swimmers that can contribute. "We've got a really good team this year. We have a lot of depth," Lukins said.

Tommy Dowley and Nate Erickson had special performances of their own, as each of the swimmers boasted three different first place finishes. Dowley helped propel the Cougars with his contributions in the 200 yard freestyle relay, as well as the 400 yard freestyle relay. The two first-place finishes recorded team times of 1:32:25 and 3:27:36 respectively. "We're

training hard right now, we're trying to swim through it," Dowley said. His time in the 200 yard individual medley was 2:04:71, a personal best.

Erickson's three first place finishes are something that the Cougars have come to expect from Erickson. The standout senior swimmer will be attending the Air Force Academy next year in Colorado Springs, Colo. Erickson was a part of the 400 free relay team with Dowley, Scott Pierce, and Andrew Melton that finished in first. Erickson also helped the 200 medley relay team finish in first with a time of 1:42:02. Chris Chuck, Jeremy Chang, and Dana Foster also contributed to that winning relay team. Erickson finished off the trifecta with a first place finish in the 100 yard backstroke, finishing with a time of 56:93.