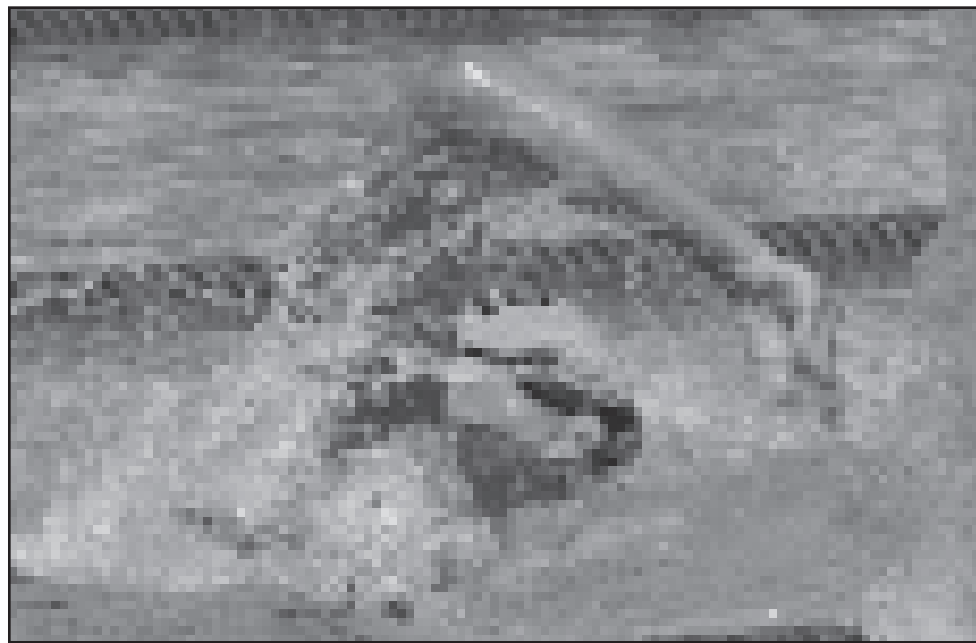


Swimming Finals



Marisa Purcell won both the 200 Freestyle and the 100 Backstroke. Photos by Shelley Kemp, www.kemp.photorelect.com

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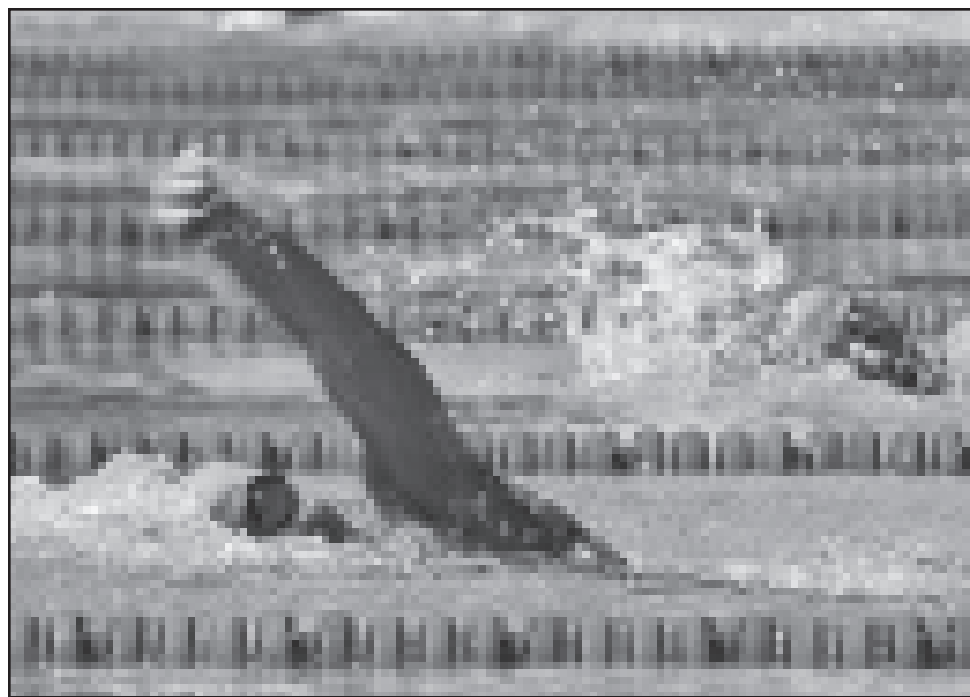
This year's edition of the Bay League Swimming Finals was a real crowd pleaser – for both the Boys and Girls – especially Mira Costa High School's climb to finish runner-up in both varsity divisions, but proved an exclamation for both Dual Meet Champion Teams, Palos Verdes HS (Girls) and Peninsula HS (Boys) by the end of the afternoon.

Although PVHS won both the Girls and Boys Medley Relays, the most exciting early event of the meet was the Girls 200-yard Freestyle, where #1 seed Chaya Zabudoff (PV) was challenged by the hometown favorite and #2 Marisa Purcell (MC). The race was down to the wire and the result was a rare tie to the 100th of a second – resulting in co-champions of the event in equal 1:54.12 times. Purcell came back to also win the 100-yard Backstroke, finishing as MCHS only 2-event winner. Before the Freestyle Relays,

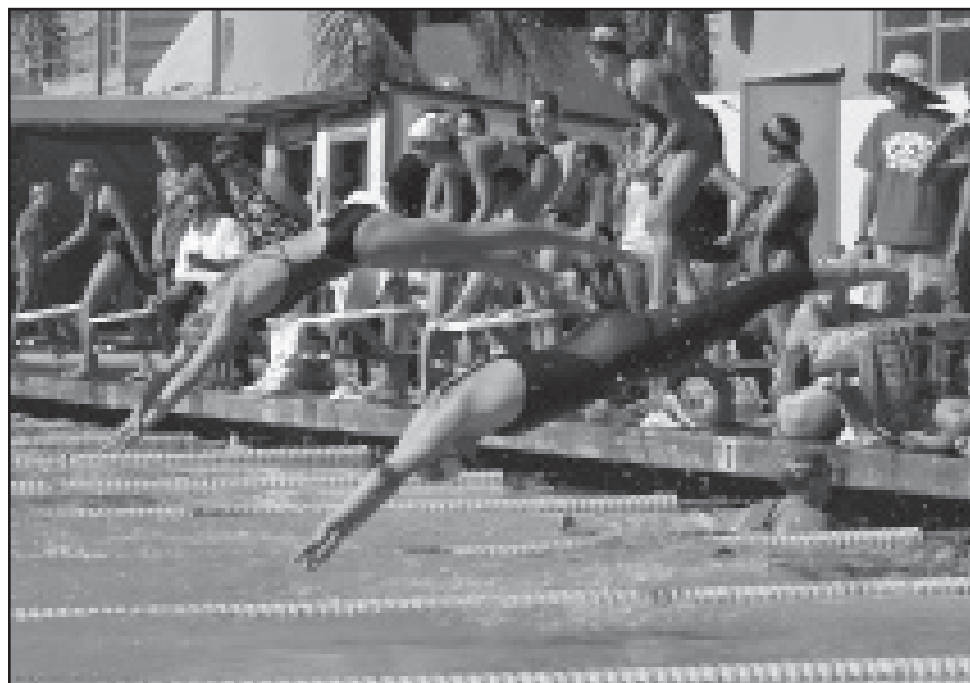
Taylor Spivey (MCHS) vaulted to the top of the victory stand with a wire-to-wire win in the 500 Freestyle distance event.

On the Boys side, also before the Relays, Kevin Reinhardt (50 Free), Eric Yan (100 Fly), and Kevin Silberman (100 Free) were all Gold Medalists and hence League Champions for 2009. But even more astounding – Mira Costa won the 200-yard Freestyle Relays in all, yes ALL DIVISIONS – Frosh-Soph Boys and Girls and Varsity Boys and Girls! The Varsity Boys set two new Bay League Records, 1:28.12 in the 200 (Reinhardt, Austin Jones, Yan, Silberman) and 3:14.64 in the 400 (Reinhardt, Jones, Andrew Giesecking, Silberman), the shorter relay time of 1:29.56 being set only one year ago by Peninsula HS, but the latter time 3:15.71 being set 30 years ago in 1979 by Rolling Hills HS!

Congratulations, Dream Team; Congratulations Head Coach, Dan Bartlett; Congratulations, Mustangs! •



Taylor Spivey holds off the challenge from Redondo's Shelby Haroldson to win the 500 Freestyle.



Marissa Purcell anchored the winning varsity Freestyle Relay along with teammates, Kristian Keith, Taylor Spivey and Adina Luo.



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