

# CHERRY VALLEY TIGERS



2014



Best of Luck to our Graduating Seniors

Mackenzie Tyler

Marissa Clemens

Tyler Brake

Special Thanks to our Coaches

Kate Mead

Lynn Marie Juan

Theresa Layman

# THE 2014 CHERRY VALLEY TIGERS HIGH POINT WINNERS

8 & Under Girls

**Hazel Lymp**

*45.75 Points*

8 & Under Boys

**Benjamin Manns**

*37.25 Points*

9-10 Girls

**Keira Poyatt**

*56.75 Points*

9-10 Boys

**Chancellor Blanchard**

*55.75 Points*

11-12 Girls

**Isabella Blanchard**

*34.25 Points*

11-12 Boys

**Owen Brown**

*65.75 Points*

13-14 Girls

**Maggie McMillan**

*60.00 Points*

13-14 Boys

**Dillon Hoffman**

*51.25 Points*

15-18 Girls

**Melissa Malik**

*35.50 Points*

15-18 Boys

**Andrew Robertson**

*24.25 Points*

# TRICOUNTY 2014 F DIVISION STANDINGS

F Division		GT	CV	VS	CH	HA	BF
Voorhees	5-0	W 274-208	W 313-240	XXXXXXXX	W 351-194	W 370-184	W 322-227
Georgetown	4-1	XXXXXXXX	W 294-260	L 208-274	W 300-252	W 309-240	W 292-255
<b>Cherry Valley</b>	<b>3-2</b>	<b>L 260-294</b>	<b>XXXXXXXX</b>	<b>L 240-313</b>	<b>W 312-239</b>	<b>W 330-222</b>	<b>W 279-275</b>
Barclay Farm	2-3	L 255-292	L 275-279	L 227-322	W 280-269	W 293-259	XXXXXXXX
Charleston	1-4	L 252-300	L 239-312	L 194-351	XXXXXXXX	W 289-262	L 269-280
Haddontowne	0-5	L 240-309	L 222-330	L 184-370	L 262-289	XXXXXXXX	L 259-293

Voorhees moves up to E Division in 2015

Whitman Square moves down to F Division in 2015

## *From the Coaches*

The Cherry Valley Tigers thank our fabulous coaches for another terrific season. Your dedication to the team and our swimmers, both in and out of the pool, is greatly appreciated! We are lucky to have such committed, caring coaches.

### **FROM COACH KATE**

The Tigers have come to the end of another exciting season. I would like to thank those of you who worked hard and were determined to do your best. Thank you to those of you who send out the positive energy we need to keep us going. I had some very memorable moments this year. All I ever ask is for you to work hard and do your best. You will have some good days and some bad but TRYING is what counts. Good luck to those going to Tri-County.

I want to start by thanking Jim Lymper for all of his hard work as a Tri-County Rep and everything else he does for this team. It is a thankless unpaid job with many hours of work. I would also like to thank ALL of the parents who keep this team running. The meets always seem to run so smoothly with all of your help: the starter, ribbon writers, announcer, timers, officiating, record keepers, and the card distributors. We, by far, have the best parents and pool.

Finally, thanks so much to Coach Theresa and Coach Lynn for all of your efforts throughout the season. Each season, Theresa's extraordinary efforts with our youngest, newest swimmers are demonstrated by their success in the pool. And this year, it was great to have Lynn back where she belongs with the Cherry Valley Tigers! Lynn's dedication and determination have clearly rubbed off on the entire team.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I will see some of you at school.

Katie

## ***FROM COACH LYNN***

Hi Tigers!

I can't begin to tell you how excited I was when I was asked to return to coach at Cherry Valley this swim season. I couldn't wait to be back at the pool where I grew up, learned to swim, and competed. Being a Tiger is a huge part of who I am, and values and interactions that occurred at this pool and with this team, continue to shape me today.

That being said, I want to congratulate the 2014 Tigers on a great season. You fought hard at each and every meet we had, and best times were achieved by swimmers in all age groups all season long. Nothing makes a coach happier than watching a swimmer finally "get it" and put what they learn at practice into action. Watching them go a best time, and climb out of the pool smiling, makes me smile too.

Practice pays off. I think we had a lot of swimmers learn that lesson this summer. Being timed in practice made many swimmers swim faster on a daily basis, and that carried over to the way they raced in meets. I personally was amazed when swimmers would achieve their best times in practice. If you can swim that fast in the middle of a workout, there is no limit to how fast you'll go in a race. No matter what sport or activity you pursue during the school year, remember: practice IS important. You can have fun doing it, but just remember to actually DO IT.

At this time, I would now like to extend a huge thanks to the parents of the Tigers. You do so much for all of the kids, from bringing them to practice on a daily basis, to supporting them on the sidelines at meets, to volunteering to work at our swim meets. Parents- you are not thanked enough, and I want you to know that we appreciate all of the things you do for us and for your swimmers. It is impossible to run a meet without parent volunteers, and our parents are always willing to step up and help out wherever they are needed. Thank you!!

Lastly, I want to thank my fellow coaches, Kate and Theresa. Thank you for welcoming me back. I had a great time working alongside both of you this summer, and I can only hope that you enjoyed the season as much as I did. Thank you both for all that you do for this team!

I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summers, and when September comes around Tigers, I expect you to attack your schoolwork with the same determination and effort that you put forth this summer in the pool. Thank you everyone for a great season!

Coach Lynn

## ***FROM COACH THERESA***

What a great and talented group of 8 & under swimmers we had this season. We even had several swimmers join the team mid-season, which only means we will be better and stronger next year. Thank you to each and every one of you for making me smile, laugh, want to pull my hair out, but most of all made me proud of all your achievements. Have fun the rest of the summer and be safe.

Coach Theresa

## *FAREWELL TEAM GRADUATES*

The Cherry Valley Tigers thank all of our graduating seniors for their dedication over the years and wish each of you all the best in your future endeavors!!

### ***Marissa Clemens***

Marissa joined the Cherry Valley Tigers when she was eight years old, first as a member of the Training Squad and shortly thereafter she began swimming in A & B meets. She has continued on the swim team ever since. Her favorite stroke is the breast stroke and her least favorite is the dreaded backstroke. Marissa has had a lot of fun over the years at the meets, pep rallies and has participated in the Cherry Bowl many times including the Cherry Bowl parades. Marissa has met a lot of nice swimmers, coaches and families over the years and enjoyed the family atmosphere at Cherry Valley. She seems to get satisfaction out of the fact that girls 15-18 swim 50 meters for the breast stroke while boys, namely her brother Michael, have to swim 100 meters. You may not have known that Marissa has a competitive streak. Her only regret is that she will not be swimming on the team when Cherry Valley hosts the Cherry Bowl as her youngest brother Brian loves to remind her.

In addition to swimming, Marissa has been very active in the community. She has been an altar server at her parish Church of St. Peter in Merchantville for the past seven years. Marissa has also been serving as a dedicated volunteer at the Cherry Hill Library and received the President's award for Service for 4 consecutive years. She has served hundreds of hours volunteering as a reading tutor for 2nd and 3rd grade children and leading other activities in the children's and teen departments. She has also been a member of the Library's Junior Friends since it was formed. This is a fundraising group for youth services and Marissa served as the President for the last two years.

At Cherry Hill High School West, Marissa was a member of the Girls' Swim team that went to the state finals in her freshman year. Marissa sang for the choral group at West called West Singers, one of the audition groups, which she really enjoyed. She also was a member of the Community Service Club, Book Club, Vice President of the National Honor Society and has enjoyed the many senior activities this year. Marissa received the Friends scholarship from the Cherry Hill library and also a Merit scholarship from The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) where Marissa will be attending this fall. Marissa has liked working with young children so much that she will be majoring in Elementary Education and English to pursue her dream of becoming a teacher.

We are all so proud of Marissa's accomplishments but even more proud of what a beautiful young lady she has become both inside and out. Best of Luck Marissa!!!

### ***Mackenzie Tyler***

Mackenzie, where do we begin... it feels like only yesterday when we joined Cherry Valley 13 years ago. That first summer at 5 years old our little girl in pig tails was making her band and starting her journey as a Cherry Valley Tiger. Mackenzie has been a member of the swim team since she was 6 years old. She grew to love the sport and the Cherry Valley family. Her favorite stroke has always been Breast stroke, which apparently runs in the family. Over the years she worked hard to become a better swimmer and member of the team. She enjoyed participating in all the team activities, helping out the coaches and volunteering where ever needed.

Mackenzie's love for life spreads to everyone as soon as you see her wonderful smile and beautiful spirit. She has always been a very special and caring person. She has always tried to be thoughtful and considerate in the way she lives life. Over the years Mackenzie has shown great passion for several

things. She chose to be Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz for Halloween several years in a row and has expressed her loyal love for Chinese Food with great zeal from the time we can remember. Mackenzie has always looked forward to the Summer months. She loves going to the pool and beach with her family and friends. Her appreciation for simple pleasures and enjoying life's special moments are some of the things that make her remarkable.

Mackenzie has loved playing soccer from the time she was 4 years old up to her senior year at Cherry Hill West. During her time at Cherry Hill West, she was a member of the student and class government, and was elected student Governor her Sophomore year. Mackenzie was a member of the varsity soccer, swimming and track teams, where she competed with passion for the sport and supported her team. Mackenzie was the recipient of the Cherry Hill West swim team Keeper of the Lion award (which is given to the lady lion who stood out as a model member of the swim team and showed dedication and commitment to success of the team). In addition, Mackenzie was also the recipient of the Lynn McNitt Most Spirited Award, which is dedicated to the swimmer with the most heart and love of the team.

Mackenzie has proclaimed herself the Princess of our family. She will gladly let you wait on all her, especially when she is hungry and tired and cannot seem to make that LONG walk from the couch to the Kitchen. But at the same time, Mackenzie is extremely very caring and sweet. She is constantly there whenever anyone needs a hand. Her family and friends are so important to her and she always makes sure to let them know. From the time we can remember, Mackenzie has had the ability to connect with children and they have naturally been drawn to her. From the time she was 8 years old she has always wanted to be a teacher. So, it was no surprise when she chose to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education this Fall at Rowan University.

Mackenzie, as your parents, we would like you to know what an honor and gift it is having you as our daughter. We all are so proud of the person you are and of all your accomplishments. You are such a beautiful young woman and we are excited to see you continue to grow as you head off to college. We love you!

### ***Tyler Brake***

So much to say about Tyler Brake - a swimmer at age 6 - enjoying the fun and camaraderie of the team. Making it into Cherry Bowl 8 times and Tri-County 4 times. The highlight for him was at age 8 when he was asked to be part of the 16-18 relay since they were short a swimmer - he swam with all his heart and they won the relay. The picture still sits on his dresser to this day. He swam until 8th grade and as a freshman decided to take his passion seriously - wrestling. He was a 4 year captain and had the 2nd highest winnings in Cherry Hill West wrestling history and achieved his ultimate goal of making it to states. His also achieved the distinguished title as a Cherry Hill West Hall of Famer- excelling in English and history, taking AP courses and acing his SATs. We could not be prouder of his many achievements and know that he will continue to grow as he begins his college career at Clemson University studying Special Education/secondary education with a focus on history. As you know he decided to return to the Cherry Valley swim team this year and has enjoyed the fun and camaraderie once again. Go Tigers!

### ***Melissa Malik***

Even though Melissa graduated high school last year, she was still eligible to come back for her 18-year-old season at Cherry Valley! Not only was Melissa an inspiration to the younger swimmers, but also she performed in the pool, earning the high point award for the 15-18 girls age group. Melissa will be entering her sophomore year at Arcadia University where she is a member of the women's swim team. Thanks for joining us for a farewell season. Good luck, Melissa!!

# SEE YOU NEXT SUMMER!

## 2015 SEASON

(dates and meets are tentative!)

Saturday, May 23	Pool Opens
Tuesday, May 26	After School Practice begins
<i>Wednesday, June 17</i>	<i>School's Out</i>
Thursday, June 18	Pool Opens Full Time
Thursday, June 18	Morning Practices Start
Saturday, June 20	Week One A-Meet (at Charleston)
Wednesday, June 24	B-Meet One
Saturday, June 27	Week Two A-Meet (Haddontowne)
Wednesday, July 1	B-Meet Two
Saturday, July 4	Week Three A-Meet (at Whitman Square)
Wednesday, July 8	B-Meet Three
Saturday, July 11	Week Four A-Meet (Georgetown)
Wednesday, July 15	B-Meet Four
Saturday, July 18	Week Five A-Meet (Barclay Farm)
Saturday, July 25	Cherry Bowl
Saturday, July 25	Swim Team Banquet
August 1 & 2	Tri-County Championships