

SPEEDO Eastern Zone Southern Sectionals Report
March 17 – 20, 2005

We had a total of 456 swimmers (257 females, 198 males) from 71 different Swim clubs. Approximately 95 coaches were at this meet. There were 1,472 individual Entries and 178 relay entries.

Jim Sheehan served as meet referee, and Frank Ching was the Administrative Referee. Terry Randolph did a superb job handling all the entries. Mary Turner and Terry Randolph also served as Assistant Administrative Referees for the meet. VSI had a strong presence in the officials lineup. Among those on deck were George Homewood, Jerry Hayes, Janet Law, Michael Downs, John Thompson, George Smith, Gary Calloway, and Jim Frye. Carl Carlson served as CTS Operator for the entire meet, and Jeff Verhoef worked as Announcer for all sessions. Other participating VSI officials included Jeanette Smith (program sales), Tish Smyth (Ready Room) and Bill Randolph (Timer).

The Sound System and the Copy Machines worked quite well. There were at least 200 heat sheets printed for each session. Hospitality food was served by several nearby restaurants, for a total of 11 meals. Each of the 9 meals on Fri, Sat, and Sunday had approximately 130 diners.

The T shirts came off nicely. George and Harold had T shirts for the assigned positions AND for those individuals working in other capacities for a majority of the meet. The SPEEDO swimmer / spectator T shirts were sold by the Swim and Rho vendor.

Deck Access credentials were used, and were passed out in the coaches' registration. Three nearby restaurants were advertised on the access tags, in exchange for discounts on their food.

The George Mason Univ. crew did a nice job with the facility and traffic control. The timing equipment worked very well.

Michael Downs obtained photos after each session, for placing on the WEB.

Awards Ceremonies were done during Finals, after every 2 to 4 events, with an elevated podium for the awards.

Real Time Results were posted to the VSI Web Site.

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