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**AT Feature:
Matt Martinez Joins Aquatic Times Online
Magazine Staff as Student Intern**

September 3, 2007 Update



Aquatic Times Online Magazine is very excited to announce the addition of Matt Martinez, a 17-year-old junior from De La Salle High School, as an intern reporter and guest columnist. He lives in Walnut Creek with his parents, John and Suzie, and brother Christian. Matt currently swims with Orinda Aquatics and has been swimming since he was seven-years-old. He not only loves the sport of swimming, but is passionate about it!

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Matt started his swimming career at age seven with Dewing Park Swim Team (coached by Brian "Chicken" Holm, now at Blackhawk), and joined Orinda Aquatics (coached by Ronnie and Donnie Heidary) when he was 13. He is also a varsity swimmer for De La Salle and played water polo for them two years previous. Matt credits Brian "Chicken" Holm with inspiring him to swim hard and to take the sport of swimming seriously, and has nothing but great things to say about his current teams and coaches.

Matt's favorite events are the 100 fly, 50 free and 200 medley relay. His extensive swimming career includes setting team and pool records, winning the 11-12 50 freestyle event at County in 2003 and qualifying for North Coast Section (NCS) Championships his first two years of high school.

Matt desires to become a more accomplished swimmer, and his goals are to make top eight at NCS in the 100 butterfly, become an All-American, and eventually get the junior national cut in that same event. He also wants to improve in his studies, which will help him achieve his goal of going to the college of his choice... Arizona State, Boston University, Boston College, or UC Irvine.

Matt loves swimming so much because it gives him peace and, at the same time, helps him release any stress. He also loves to race! "I hate losing in anything, and since swimming is all about racing, it gives me that joy of winning whenever I do. I love to race and I love competition and swimming is probably the most perfect sport for that."

He wants to write for Aquatic Times because he loves writing and enjoys getting his thoughts out there for everyone to see. Also... "I want to write for a publication that interests me. I wouldn't fare well writing all about politics or weather, for example. I want to be a sportswriter, and the sport I know the best is swimming."

Welcome aboard Matt, we look forward to working with you!

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