



Speed demon

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Jalyn Mart, 15, has become a swimming sensation. The McMinnville Swim Team member has won three or more events in every meet this summer.

Mart making waves for McMinnville Swim Team

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When Michael Phelps was dominating Olympic pools, he had a big fan watching his every move. Jalyn Mart watched and wondered, "Why can't that be me?"

By looking at the standings each week at local swim meets, Mart may be well on his way.

The 15-year-old swimmer is a speed demon in local pools, winning almost every competition he enters for McMinnville Swim Team.

Mart blew away the competition Thursday at a home meet against Tullahoma, winning the 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter butterfly and 100-meter individual medley. Even against packed pools, Mart only feels like he's racing one person.

"I'm always competing against myself. I always want to top myself," said Mart. "When I go in, all I'm thinking is 'go faster than last time.'"

Racing against himself is usually his toughest challenge. Many times when Mart hits the wall, his competition is just crossing the halfway point. His speed has been noticed all around, where he routinely tops swimmers three years

older than him.

"You can see the talent. He's driven to succeed, both mentally and physically," said McMinnville Swim Team coach Paige Northcutt, who swam in the 1988 Olympics in South Korea. "He's an active all-around athlete. He plays basketball and baseball at Boyd. He's competitive."

Rae Jean Mart saw her son developing his swimming

skills when their family moved to McMinnville from Orlando. Alone in their above-ground pool, Mart would swim for hours and hours in circles, developing a love for the water.

Those moments alone, just Jalyn and the water, shine through when he starts a competition.

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Champions get crowned



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Grayson Todd reaches to make the grab just before Eastlan Green reaches first in the boys 6-8 championship game.

Supreme is supreme

Once Supreme Building found its groove at the plate, the boys 6-8 tournament trophy found its home.

Supreme Building scored 15 unanswered runs during Friday's matchup against Triple C Nursery to pull out a 19-6 victory in the championship game.

"We were in a dog fight. We got knocked in the mouth in the first inning and came back," said Supreme Building coach Reece Moore. "We came back and fought back. It was a great game and great effort. I'm proud of all my guys."

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Womack wins Sr. league

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Womack Printing needed a win on the final day of the regular season to clinch a title. Winning the boys 12-14 senior league tournament was much easier.

Womack Printing won just one game in the single-elimination tournament featuring three teams, but it was the most important one. Womack Printing topped Gary Steele Karate 10-4 Friday night to sweep the league titles.

Harley Hernandez finished 3-for-3 with six RBIs for Womack Printing while Alex Castenada and Brayan Holguin combined to limit Gary Steele to five hits in the victory.

Alex van Vuuren had a home run in the first inning for Gary Steele, which beat Beasley's Brawlers Tuesday to make the championship game. Taylor Smith and van Vuuren took turns on the mound for Gary Steele, but neither were able to slow down Womack Printing.

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Matthew Colangione celebrates after Womack Printing won the 12-14 senior league Friday.



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