

**Boys' Swimming**

**Front row:** Zach Griener, Scott Buckingham, Adam Alexander, Sam Murray, Ross Locke, Brian Scherrer, Marcus Dial, Evan Witte, Sam Noble. **Back row:** Coach Bob Chico, Manager Trevor Foley, Kevin Tucker, Tim Hahn, Randy Rankin. *Photo by Prestige*

*boys' swimming*

**Team finishes 20 points higher than seeded at Conference**

Struggling with small numbers, the members of the boys' swimming and diving team found satisfaction in placing higher in the conference meet than expected. "Conference was one of our best meets of the season because we all swam some of our best times and finished higher than we were seeded by 20 points," said sophomore Marcus Dial.

The team posted a 6-5 record, swimming teams such as Delta, Bloomington South, Hamilton Southeastern and Richmond, who were all ranked teams in the state.

"We were very competitive with all of the teams we swam, but just light in numbers," commented head coach Bob Chico.

The team consisted of 15 boys, including just three seniors, Kevin Tucker, Tim Hahn and Randy Rankin. Rankin and Tucker, who were the team's captains, led the team to a fifth place finish in the North Central Conference meet, along with sophomore Evan Witte and junior Brian Scherrer. The meet was held at the University of Indianapolis on Jan. 22, and the four finished the highest for the team.

Witte placed 2nd in the 50 free to Richmond's Greg Jenkins and 4th in the 100 free. Tucker placed fourth in the 200 IM, and Rankin placed 7th in the 100 yd. butterfly and 8th in the 100 yd. backstroke. Scherrer placed 4th in the 500 yd. free and 8th in the 200 yd. free.

Before the conference meet, Central won all events against 17th-ranked Bloomington South, 124-37. South swam without their top swimmer, state qualifier Logan Hunter, who sat out the meet to take the SATs.

Despite the Bloomington South win, and close wins to Pendleton and Jay County, the boys came up short in their quest to defeat rivals Yorktown, Delta and New Castle.

"We were disappointed (about the loss to Yorktown) because we could have won, and it came down to the last relay," said junior Sam Murray. Central was defeated, 85-92.

Sophomore Ross Locke returned from a successful rookie year as the team's only diver. Locke has been diving for three years, and earned a 7th place finish at this year's NCC meet, two places higher than he was seeded.

"It wasn't my best meet of the year because I placed 6th at Conference last year," said Locke. "My highest score came against Southside with 196 points."

Due to the realignment of the post-season sectional meet, the team traveled to the Hamilton Southeastern sectional, where they faced tougher competition than what they saw in the Jay County sectional.

"There was much more competition this year which made it more challenging to make it back to finals," said senior Kevin Tucker.

§ - Lauren Staggs

*Scoreboard*

Pendleton Hts.	93-88W
Bloomington S.	124-37W
New Castle	77-101L
Hamilton S.E.	59-124L
Yorktown	85-92L
Delta	64-121L
Anderson	116-47W
Richmond	76-104L
Jay Co.	97-81W
NCC	5th
Southside	132-53W
Marion	104-72W
<b>Sectionals</b>	6th

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*Season Highlights*

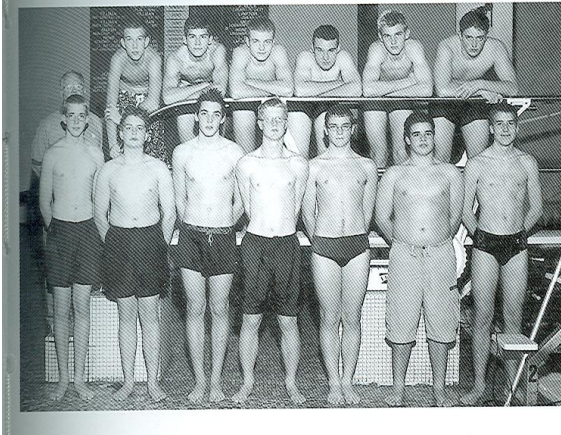
"Doing better than we were supposed to at Conference was our highlight."  
Brian Scherrer, junior swimmer

"When we beat Jay County because it was our closest meet."  
Marcus Dial, sophomore swimmer

"My highlights were all at Conference because I had my season best times."  
Randy Rankin, senior swimmer

"My best meet was against Southside because I had my highest score of 196."  
Ross Locke, sophomore diver

## 2000-2001: 3-8



### Boys' Varsity Swimming

**Front Row:** Cory Brown, Micheal Wulff, Scotty Jackson, Joey Guarneri, Alex Golden, John Reno, Geoff Walker.  
**Back Row:** head coach Bob Chico, David Sterrett, Adam Alexander, Sam Noble, Scott Buckingham, Brian Scherrer, Marcus Dial.  
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## Boys' Swimming 3-8

<b>Pendleton Hts.</b>	62-119 (L)
<b>Heritage Christian</b>	119-44 (W)
<b>New Castle</b>	77-102 (L)
<b>Hamilton S.E.</b>	49-133 (L)
<b>Yorktown</b>	56-128 (L)
<b>Delta</b>	55-130 (L)
<b>Richmond</b>	96-87 (W)
<b>Anderson</b>	61-124 (L)
<b>Jay County</b>	66-118 (L)
<b>NCC</b>	6th
<b>Southside</b>	111-73 (W)
<b>Marion</b>	82-93 (L)
<b>SECTIONAL</b>	



## *2001-2002: 6-5 Bob Chico's Last Season*

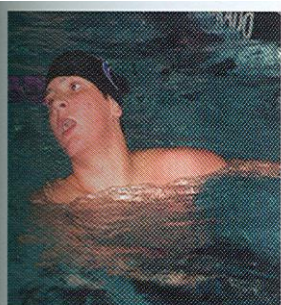
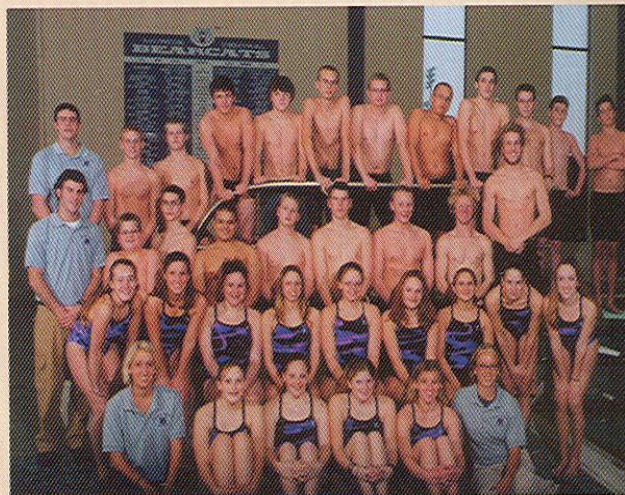


### **Boys' Swimming**

Front row: Tony Harper, Chris Jenkins, Jeremy Barker, Eric Zimmerman. Middle row: diving coach Meredith Demaree, Jordan Howell, Aaron Pohl, Bryan Conwell, Shea Hill, Geoff Walker. Back row: head coach Bob Chico, Michael Wulf, Joey Guarnery, Marcus Dial, Alex Golden, Scotty Jackson, Justin Olebias.

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**Front Row:** Diving Coach Meredith Demaree, Allison Noble, Kristen Londt, Samantha Golden, Asst. Coach Sarah Fauquher **Second Row:** Chrissy Grice, Annie Cairns, Lavonne Cook, Laura Tucker, Emily Coers, Lindsay Terry, Jennifer Sebur, Darcy Miller, Andrea Coombes **Third Row:** Head Coach Adam Cairns, Matt Eckrich, Jacob Privett, Nathan Graham, Sam Hiatt, Brian Hathaway, Jason Kubick, Joe Guarnery, Geoff Walker **Back Row:** Asst. Coach Mike Hagans, Luke Beasley, Shea Hill, Tony Harper, Jordan Howell, Aaron Privett, Michael Wulff, Chris Jenkins, Scotty Jackson, Alex Golden, Robert Coombes, Kyle Kerrigan



"To win means that I worked as hard as I could and it paid off."

-- Kyle Kerrigan  
freshman

A battle of the sexes evolved from the good clean competition, possible under a combined swim and diving team coached with one idea in mind, "being the best they could be."

For the first time in Central athletic history, the former separate teams would practice together, ride the bus together and have team dinners together.

"Both teams were at a stage, at a level, that it would be beneficial for all swimmers to practice together. The boys team was small enough that it was

easy to fit the girls in," said head coach Adam Cairns, 1998 Central graduate.

"Boys don't want to be beat by girls, and girls want to beat the boys so they pushed each others," said Cairns.

Some team members were apprehensive when they first heard about the new idea, but it turned out to be a positive experience, bringing everyone together.

"My first reaction was that I didn't think it would work and the lanes would be congested,

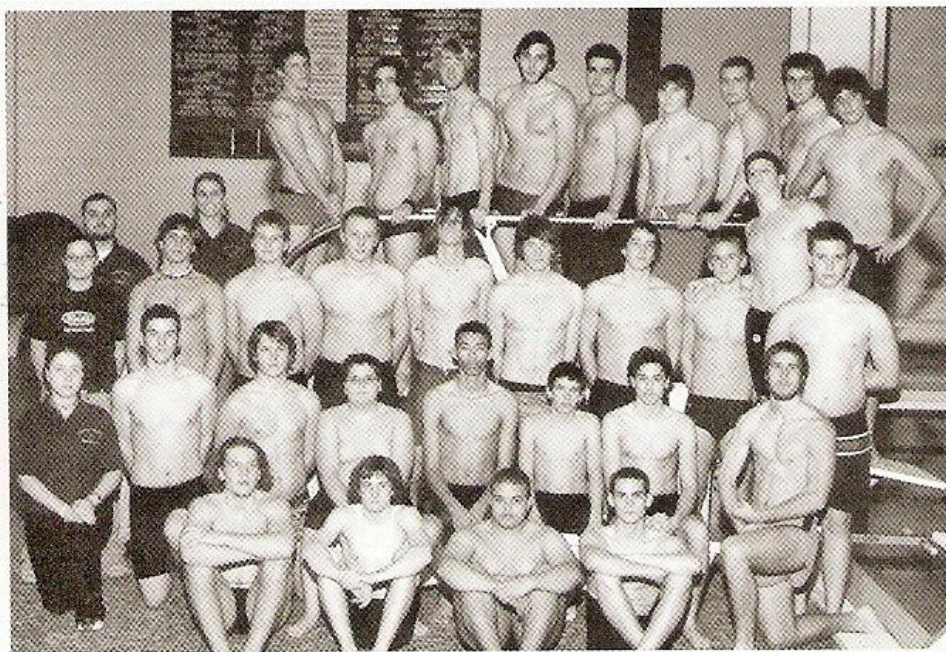


## 2003-2004: 7-2; Coach Steve Spradlin Takes Command

### Boys Varsity Swimming

7-2

Pendleton Hts.	121-58
Heritage Christian	121-58
New Castle	127-40
Yorktown	80-106
Richmond	96-89
Anderson	79-106
Jay County	138-44
NCC	4th
Muncie South	140-32
Marion	131-50
<b>Sectional</b>	8th



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### Boys Swimming

**Front Row:** Greg Jones, Thomas Baierwalter, Nathan Graham, Jake Privett. **Second Row:** Coach Hailey Pethel, Brian Hathaway, Shea Hill, Matt Eckrich, AJ Owensby, Derek Richard, Derek Johnson, Geoff Walker. **Third Row:** Manager Sarah Boyle, Matt Allardt, Sam Hiatt, Jason Kubick, Eric Zimmerman, Bryan Coers, Jon Lyon, Luke Beasley, Robby Coombes, Mark Rivers. **Back Row:** Head coach Steve Spradlin, diving coach Elizabeth Grammelspacher, Reed Scherrer, Henrique Sillman, Joe Guarnery, Scotty Jackson, John Reno, Jordan Howell, Michael Wulff, Alex Golden, Kyle Kerrigan.



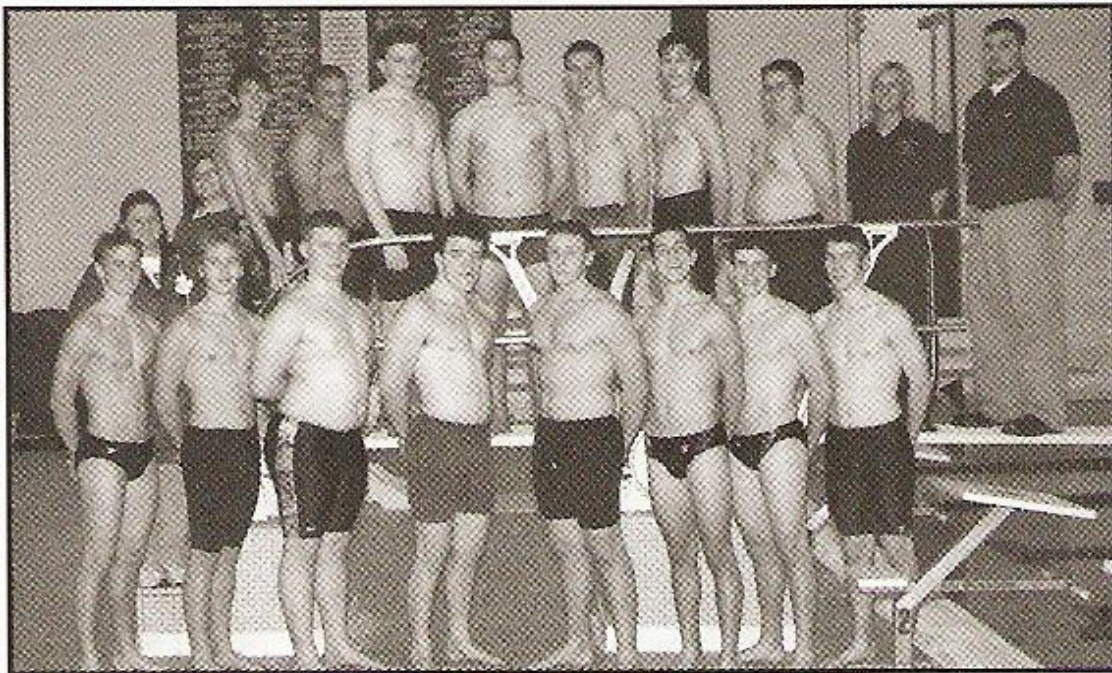
2004-2005: 7-3

## score.

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7-3

Pendleton	B
105-64 W	
Hrtg Chrstan	P
105-61 W	
New Castle	H
107-76 W	
Yorktown	N
52-132 L	
Hunt, North	Y
89-90 L	
Anderson	E
77-103 L	
NCC @ U of I	A
4th	
Jay Co.	N
115-65 W	
And. Highland	J
103-80 W	
Muncie South	A
131-36 W	
Marion	N
132-53 W	
Sectional	S
7th	



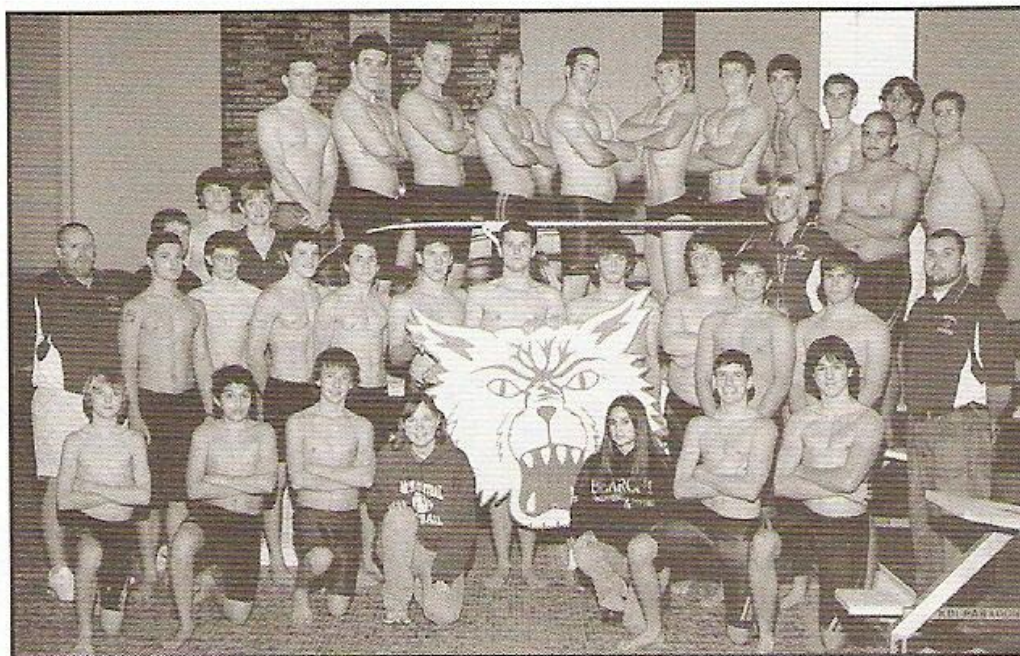
### **VARSITY SWIMMING:**

**Front Row: Luke Beasley, Sam Hiatt, Mark Rivers, Mitch Johnson, Jason Kubick, Kyle Kerrigan, Rob Coombes, Brian Hathaway. Back Row: Diving coach Lura Abrell, mgr. Sarah Boyle, Derek Richard, Nathan Graham, Evan Wilson, Shea Hill, Jimmy Carnes, Derek Johnson, Matt Eckrich, coach Keisha Velte, head coach Steve Spradlin.**

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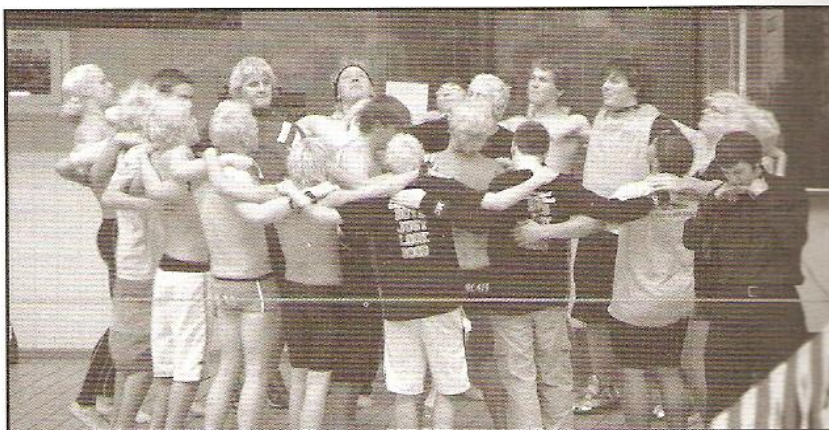


## 2005-2006: 11-1; New Pool Record



### Boys Swimming and Diving

Front row: Stephen Purtlebaugh, Morgan Ali, Austin Tyler, manager Emily Varner, manager Ameria Wagner, Derek Richard, Derek Johnson. Second row: coach Ray Shackelford, Billy Burgess, Dylan Rowe, Devon Hill, Mitchell Parmerlee, James Carnes, Jerred Byrd, Cort Fondon, Dalton Coers, coach Keisha Velte, Josh Taulbee, Ryan Nelson, coach Steve Spradlin. Back row: assistant coach Shea Hill, Tyler Bowen, coach Gena Coers, Evan Wilson, Mitchell Johnson, Jason Kubick, Brian Hathaway, Luke Beasley, Rob Coombes, Kyle Kerrigan, Jake Privett, Nathan Graham, Domingo Valladares, Matt Eckrich. *Photo by Prestige*



Engaged in a pre-meet ritual are members of the boys swim team who form a circle and spell out "Bearcats" on the pool deck before each meet. The swimmers finished second in the North Central Conference.

*Photo by Joe Coombes*



# Boys 200 freestyle relay team breaks 14-year pool record

As senior Kyle Kerrigan awaited the official start of the 200 freestyle relay at the Southside meet, the rest of the team and the fans, anticipated breaking the pool record.

The official start buzzer sent Kerrigan into the water to start the relay that would become the fastest in the pool's history.

"It's pretty cool because coming into the season I had no idea our relay would end up being ranked sixth in the state," freshman Devon Hill said.

Kerrigan completed the first 50 in 22.39, and as he touched the wall, senior Luke Beasley's momentum sent him flying off the block to start the second leg.

The rest of the team rushed to the side of the pool chanting each swimmer's name as they prepared to enter the water.

"We were pretty excited for them to get their names on the wall," sophomore Jimmy Carnes said.

Beasley finished his run at 23.19, and as Hill dove into the pool, the chant of "Devon," began.

Hill finished his lap in 22.37, then senior anchor Rob Coombes, blasted off the block. Coombes, who'd never broken 22 seconds in a 50 split, held the fate of the relay in his hands.

The pool began to feel and sound like a sold out Colt's playoff game.

"I knew in my mind that they could get it, they worked so hard for it," junior Sara Proctor said.

Coombes went a personal best split of 21.76, beating the previous 1992 pool record of 1:30.15 by less than a second. The relay posted a time of 1:29.71.

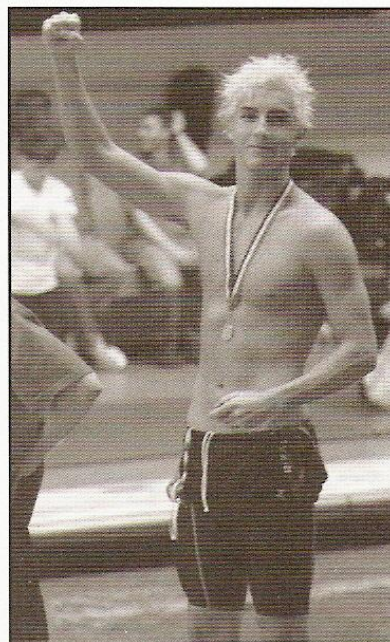
"When I swam at Catalina, Nathan Bowman was my coach -- he was on the relay team that we broke -- and he was a big influence in my swimming career," Coombes said. "I feel that we broke a legend's record."

- Allison Noble, Dereck Parker

Boys	
Pendleton Heights	W
Heritage Christian	W
New Castle	W
Yorktown	L
Greenfield Cent.	W
Huntington	W
Anderson Hghlnd.	W
Richmond	W
Anderson	W
Jay County	W
NCC @ Natatorium	2nd
Muncie South	W
Marion	W
Sectionals	3rd

Swimmer Kyle Kerrigan celebrates his first place finish at the IUPUI Natatorium Conference meet. Kerrigan won four medals: 50 free, 100 free, 200-free and 400 free-relays

Photo by Joe Coombes

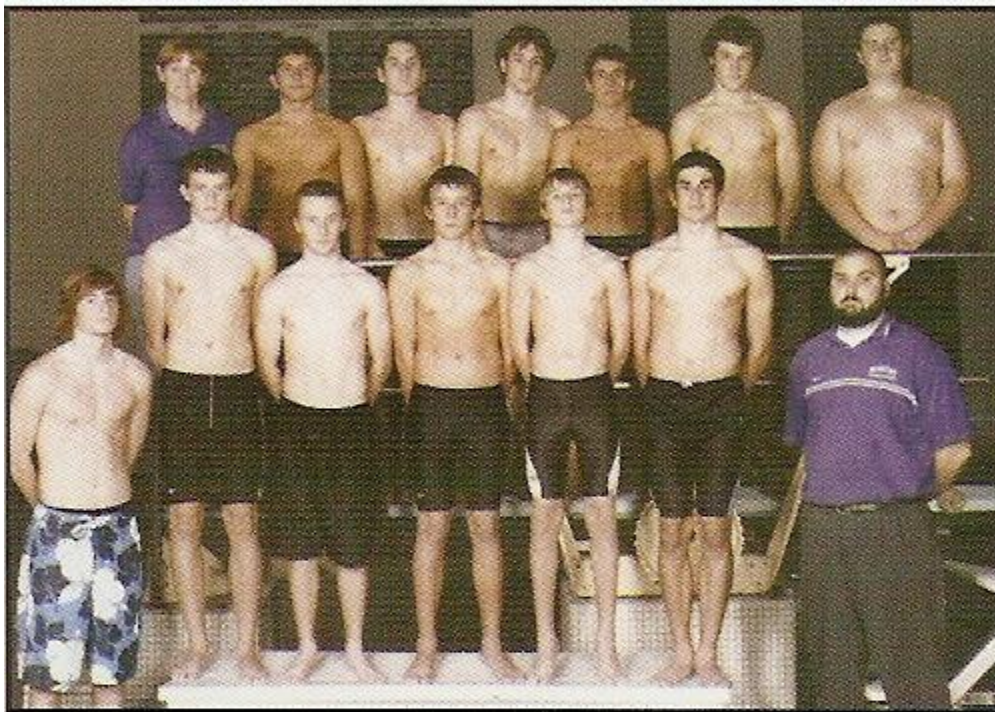




## 2006-2007: 9-4

### Boys Swimming & Diving

Pendleton Hghts.	125-58 W
Heritage Christian	131-47 W
New Castle	108-70 W
Yorktown	60-125 L
Delta	105-78 W
Greenfield Central	105-64 W
Anderson Highland	69-117 L
Huntington	79-106 L
Richmond	78-108 L
Anderson	108-75 W
Jay County	110-76 W
NCC	2nd of 8
Muncie South	122-53 W
Marion	107-77 W
Sectionals	3rd of 12
State	15th medley relay 20th 200 free relay Hill: 50 free- 15th 100 free- 25th



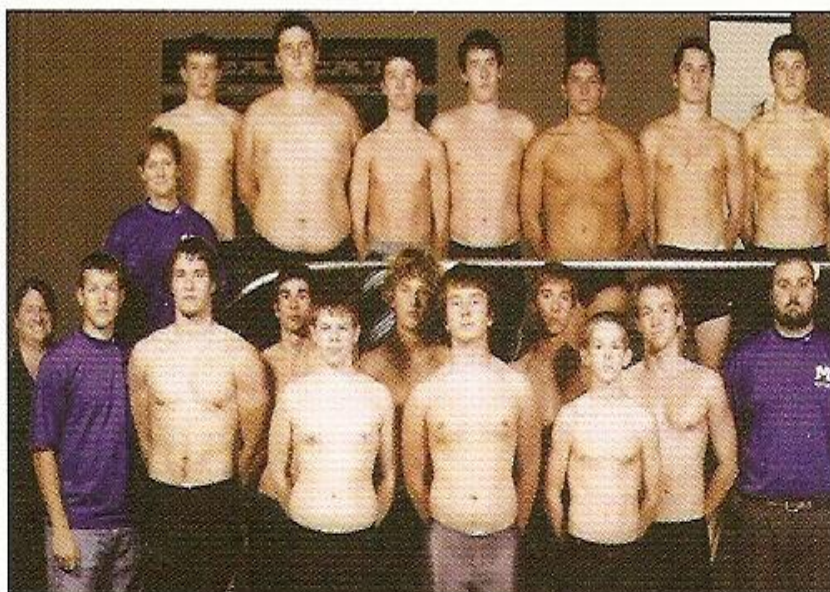
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**First Row:** Grant Hernly, Dylan Rowe, Tyler Smith, Austin Tyler, Stephen Purtlebaugh, Chase Koontz, coach Steve Spradlin. **Back Row:** ass't coach Gena Coers, Josh Taulbee, Mitch Parmerlee, Derek Johnson, Derek Richard, Devon Hill, Dalton Coers.

## 2007-2008: 12-1; NCC and Sectional Champions

12-1

Opponent	MC	THEM
Pendleton	119	58
Htg. Christian	115	68
New Castle	128	55
Richmond	101	85
Delta	108	78
Greenfield	116	64
And. Highland	103	80
Huntington	107	79
NCC	1st	
Jay County	165	146
Anderson	113	66
Yorktown	89	96
Southside	136	35
Marion	107	77
<b>Sectional</b>	1st	
<b>State</b>	20th	



### Boys Swimming

**Front Row:** head diving coach Kami Abrell, Coach Shea Hill, David Abrell, Chase Koontz, Adam Parks, JP Dowdle, Tyler Quast, Tim Miller, Josh Burton, Daniel Proctor, head coach Steve Spradlin.

**Back Row:** coach Gena Coers, Dylan Rowe, Dalton Coers, Eli Hiatt, Jimmy Carnes, Josh Taulbee, Mitchell Parmerlee, Devon Hill.

photo by crabtree

### Jay County Sectional Champions

*Devon Hill-50 and 100 Free/ Daniel Proctor-200 IM, 100 Breast/ Jimmy Carnes-200 Free/ JP Dowdle-500 Free- Individual Champions/ Sectional Records in 100 Free and 200IM*

*200 Medley Relay Champions/New Sectional Record (Miller, Proctor, Parmerlee, Hill)*

*200 Free Relay Champions/ New Sectional Record (Proctor, Koontz, Parmerlee, Hill)*

*400 Free Relay Champions (Koontz, Rowe, Miller, Carnes)*

### State Meet

*200 Medley Relay 11<sup>th</sup> / 200 Free Relay 13<sup>th</sup> / 400 Free Relay 28<sup>th</sup>/*

*Hill- 50 Free 14<sup>th</sup>, 100 Free 18<sup>th</sup> / Proctor- 200 IM 25<sup>th</sup>, 100 Breast 27<sup>th</sup>/Carnes-200 Free 31<sup>st</sup>/ JP Dowdle-500 Free 31<sup>st</sup>/ 20<sup>th</sup> Place as Team*

**Final State Ranking: 19th**



*2008-2009: 11-1; Zionsville Invitational Champions; Sectional Champions; 12<sup>th</sup> Place at IHSAA State Finals; 5<sup>th</sup> Place in Hall of Fame Classic*



**Front Row:** Zane Parker, Dan Proctor, Tyler Quast, JP Dowdle, Tim Miller, Steve Mahon, Adam Parks **Second Row:** Coach Brent Bowman, Matthias Dorau, Zach Haller, Nathaniel Fox, Joe Coombes, Aram Horowitz, Mason Jones, Kevin Robertson, Coach Shea Hill **Back Row:** Coach Gena Coers, Andrew Ledbetter, Tyler Smith, Devon Hill, Mitch Parmerlee, Dalton Coers, Stephen Purtlebaugh, Dylan Rowe, Head Coach Steve Spradlin





Churning through practice is freshman Zach Haller. "Breaststroke is my weak stroke so I try and work on it a lot," Haller said. Haller is regarded as a freshman standout.

• photo by Samantha Peterman



Zionsville Invitational Champs



Jay County Sectional Champions





“We may not have as much depth as other teams, but we have a lot of talent at the top that shows in conference and sectional.”

-Steve Spradlin, coach

## Swimmers nearly perfect

The boys had a near-perfect season, falling only to local rivals and state-ranked Yorktown High School by eight points.

The regular season’s loss was the second year in a row the boys lost to the Tigers by single digits.

“It was kind of disappointing because it was my senior year,” senior Dylan Rowe said. “But it was still a very exciting meet, and we did a good job.”

With an award-winning coach and five senior boys, expectations were high for the boys swim team.

“Coach Steve expected

more of us this year. We all did a good job of stepping up,” sophomore Timmy Miller said. “It’s been a fun year, especially with all the seniors.”

Hard work and long hours were required of the team outside of the pool, as coaches increased their focus on the weight room.

“I like the weight room better than the pool sometimes,” freshmen Mason Jones said. “The other boys have really encouraged me to bench more and get better. I’ve gotten stronger through the past few months.”

Team spirit also became more prominent when all 18 members of the team bleached their hair before the conference meet.

“It didn’t take much to get me to bleach my hair, but some of the guys were a little apprehensive at first,” freshman Nathaniel Fox said. “It has increased team unity because it shows that we are the swim team.”

The hard-working swimmers won their sectional and came in 12th at state, breaking three school records.

• story by Mariah Noble

Pendleton	W	125	-	54
Her. Christian	W	111	-	69
Hall of Fame Meet	5th	xx	-	-
New Castle	W	114	-	71
Zionsville Inv.	1st	xx	-	-
Delta	W	112	-	68
Greenfield Central	W	117	-	63
And. Highland	W	95	-	91
Huntington N.	W	113	-	72
NCC at BSU	2nd	xx	-	-
Jay County	W	xx	-	xx
Anderson	W	122	-	64
Yorktown	W	89	-	97
Muncie Southside	W	117	-	39
Sectional	1st	xx	-	-
State	12th	6 individuals		
		3 relays		

### New School Records:

Devon Hill 50 Free 21.16

Daniel Proctor 200 IM 1:57.54

Miller, Proctor, Parmerlee, Hill 200 Medley Relay 1:36.20 ( All-American Status )

*The millennium brings the departure of legendary Coach Bob Chico and brings Coach Steve Spradlin into the Bearcat winning tradition. Two Sectional titles, another NCC championship, strong state finalists, new school records and All-American swimmers allows the decade of 2000 to be one of the best in Muncie Central history. Bearcat swimmers go 77-34!*

*What will the 2010 season bring?*