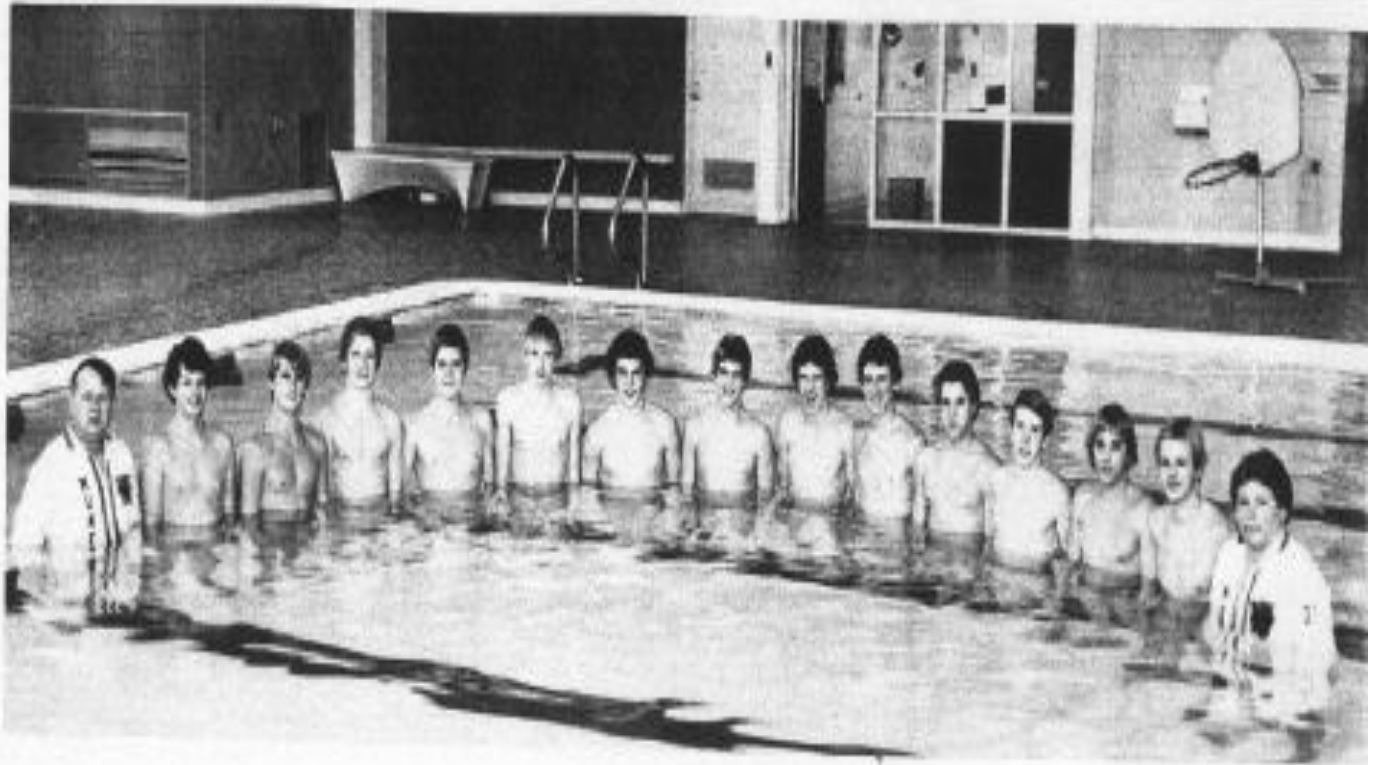


## 1979-1980: 7-7; Coach Bob Chico Begins His First Tour



BOY'S SWIM TEAM Coach Chico, T. Mikesell, R. Weaver, S. Baugh, B. Raker, J. Dalton, T. Dennis, K. Miller, S. Risk, D. Leard, F. Noble, J. Brewer, B. Clements, C. Halsey, Coach Boggs.

	WE	THEY
Pendleton Hgts.	82	87
Anderson	66	103
New Castle	94	73
Southside	102	61
Yorktown Relays	4th	
Yorktown	80	91
South Adams	83	87
Delta	85	84
Madison Hgts.	112	58
Connersville Relays	4th	
Highland	92	68
Balckford	105	65
N.C.C. Logansport	4th	
Southside	97	73
Richmond	55	116
Marion	83	88
Jay County	75	91
Richmond Sectionals	6th	

## 1980-1981: 4-10-1; Fritz Noble Sets Diving Record

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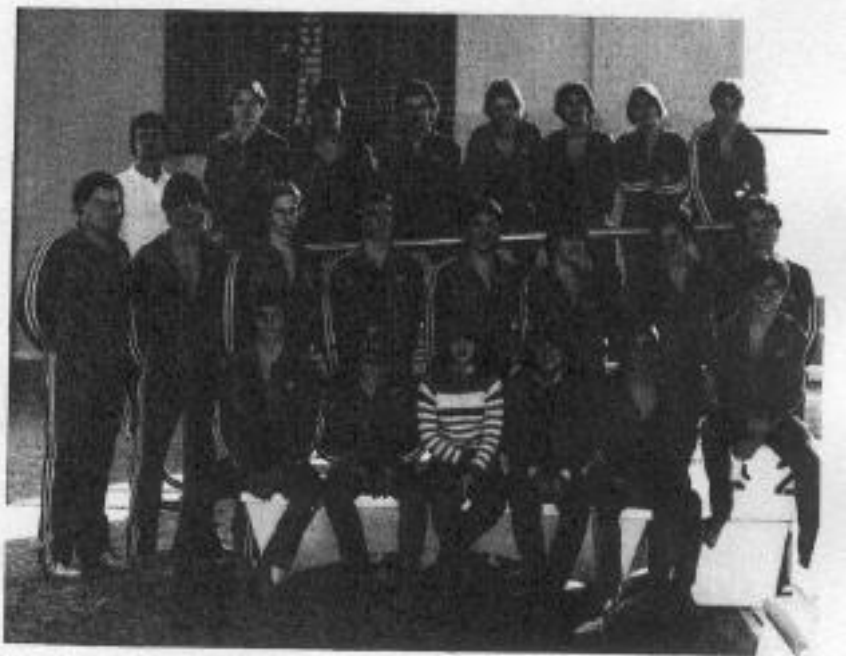
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## 1982-1983: 2-15

1983 Boys Swim Team

	WE	THEY
Pendleton Hgts.	61	111
Anderson	38	133
New Castle	83	88
Southside	79	92
South Adams	100	64
Delta	57	113
Jay Co. Invt.	4th	
Northside	49	123
Madison Hgts.	62	104
Highland	77	88
Blackford	98	73
NCC	7th	
Southside	75.5	95.5
Richmond	47	124
Marion	56	116
Yorktown	49	120
Jay Co.	52	120
Sectionals	10th	



1984 Boys Swim Team:  
 Row 1 — R. Longfellow, L. Ottinger, Mgrs. J. Edwards, J. Tucker, B. Farling;  
 Row 2 — Asst. Coach M. Rossalize, D. Hol-

Tucker, J. Vandagriff, R. Brooks, J. Niklasson;  
 Row 3 — Coach B. Hay, D. Longfellow, M. Long, J. Teal, A. Acres, K. King, D. Osborne, J. Little



Sophomore Chris Tucker gets mentally prepared for his event in a dual meet.



## Current catches young swimmers

Considering what Coach Brian Hay had to work with this season he was "very pleased with the improvement of the team as a whole."

The Bearcat team managed to swim to two dual meet victories, over Blackford and South Adams. They also lost a close hard fought meet to NCC rival New Castle by a margin of only five points. In Tournies, the 'Cats finished 4th at Jay Co. placed 7th at the NCC meet and finished 10th in the sectional with the relay teams advancing to one further round.

Out of the seventeen members, nine of the swimmers were first year participants, and only two

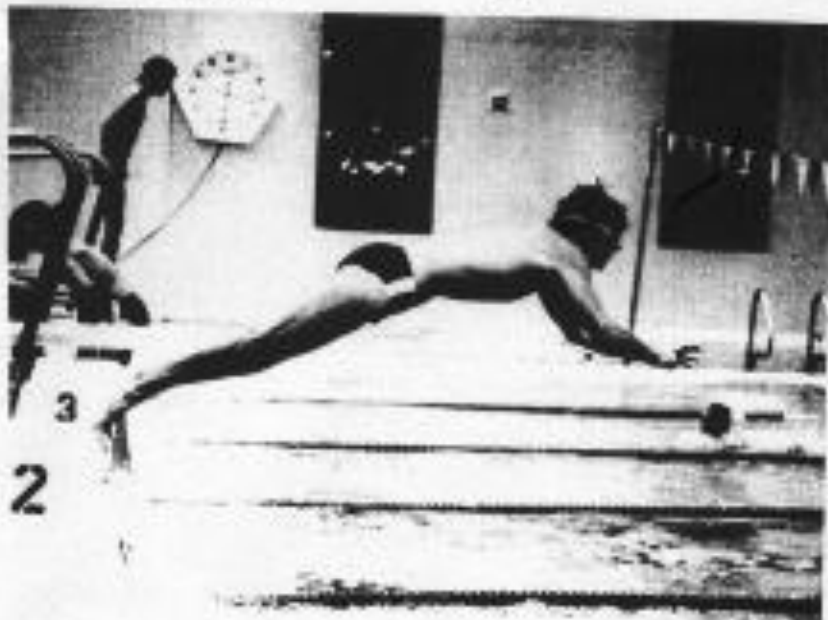
were seniors. After questioning the experience of the team, Coach Hay responded "It definitely has been a rebuilding year."

As far as awards went, senior Donald Hollensbe took home the "High Point Man" while junior Jerry Smith captured the "Attitude Award." The "Outstanding Achievement Award" was earned by junior Ron Brooks. "Most Improved" to sophomore Lance Ottinger and "Rookie of the Year" to freshman Allen Acers.

As for next year, Coach Hay feels that the team will be ready. He feels that they definitely have the experience behind them and they should surprise some people.

Getting off the block to a quick start is senior relay team member Donald Hollensbe.

Sophomore Dean Longfellow prepares himself for a perfect start.



Sophomore Lance Ottinger attempts to find the wall to make his turn for the finish.





# 1985-1986: 5-10-1



**BOYS SWIM TEAM:** ROW 1: Julie Dalton, mgr., Jason Leffler, Mike Hughes, Chris Tucker, Dean Longfellow, Richard Campbell, Ted Pyle, Michele Feick, mgr.; ROW 2: Coach Brian Hay, Eric Ottinger, Greg Howard, Jason Lowe, John Weakland, Scott Stonebraker, Andy Barnett, Jason Haas, David Witty, Lance Ottinger, Mike Tucker.

	MC	OPP
Pendleton Heights	71	101
Anderson	47	125
New Castle	68	104
Southside	86	86
Delta	73	99
Jay County Invt.		4th
Northside	58	111
Madison Heights	80	92
Blackford	114	58
Bluffton	117	103
South Adams	117	59
NCC		8th
Southside	82	90
Richmond	62	109
Marion	62	109
Yorktown	125	44
Jay County	89	82
Sectional		10th

**FINAL RECORD 5-10-1**



**SENIOR LANCE OTTINGER FLIES THROUGH THE WATER** and captures first place points for MC. Ottinger was named Most-Valuable for the '86 season.

## Swimmers deal with inexperience

With an inexperienced team showing much individual improvement, Coach Brian Hay was very pleased with the boys swim team season. The swimmers ended the season with a dual meet record of 5-10-1, finishing strongly with wins over Yorktown and Jay County.

"We had over half the team with no competitive swimming experience at all. By the end of the season, these guys were really dropping their times," said Hay.

"I was very happy for those who worked hard all season and saw the results. That is what it's all about," Hay added.

Junior David Witty also thought the team's hard work paid off.

"We had a strong rookie line-up which progressed through the year. They and

the returning lettermen put in the work that allowed us to have the strong finish at the end of the season," said Witty.

The team had a group of sophomores who came on very strong during the season. This group was sophomores Michael Hughes, Eric Ottinger, Greg Howard and John Weakland. Hay said that he has very high hopes for them in the near future.

Coach Hay gave four awards. Lance Ottinger was named Most Valuable.

"Lance led the way for us. Not only was he the high scorer, but, more important, he set a fine example for the rest of the team to follow," said Hay.

Junior Ted Pyle was named the Most Improved. Eric Ottinger earned the Mental Attitude award and freshman Mike Tucker was named Rookie of the Year.

**LEANING OFF THE STARTING BLOCK**, as he hears the gun fire is freshman Jason Leffler.



## 1986-1987: 5-9-1; Coach Stephens Takes Over

Muncie Central's boys' swim team had a new coach this year, but the results of the season were similar to the previous year.

The team won four dual meets and a three-way meet against the same teams they had victories over last year. Also repeating events from last year, the swimmers tied cross-city rival Southside in their first dual meet but failed to overcome the Rebels the second time.

The swimmers' one big weakness, according to first year coach and Central graduate Jeff Stephens, was that they had so few swimmers on the team.

"We had some strong swimmers who could win events, but we lost in the other places because we didn't have the depth that nearly all the other teams we swam against had," said Stephens.

Junior Greg Howard also thought the team's lack of members hindered the team in

their success.

"We could have won maybe two or three more meets if we had more swimmers, but as it was, our lack of depth cost us points for third and fourth places," said Howard.

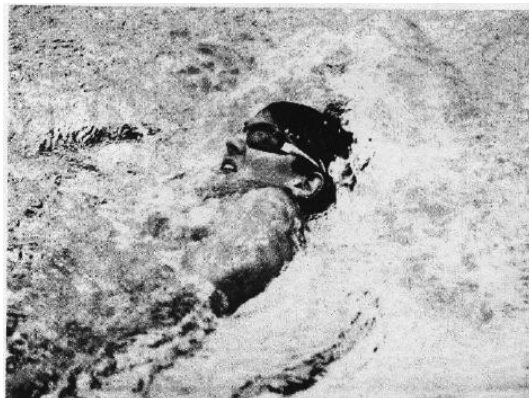
Although it hurt their record, the lack of members did have some good come of it.

"I liked the fact that everyone on the team can contribute and participate in the meets. The team really got together at the end of the year to win our last two meets," said sophomore Bob Weaver.

Stephens said there were no disappointments for him during his season as coach.

"I look at everything as a learning experience. My goals and hopes for each swimmer are the same. I enjoy seeing individuals work hard and see the results of that work in the meets," said Stephens.

Ted Pyle



Freshman Darrin Hollensbe shows determination as he swims the backstroke leg of the 200 yard medley relay. Photo by Peoples Photo Center



**1986-87 Boys' Swim Team:** Row 1: Michele Cooper, Mgr., Mike Pryor, Ted Pyle, David Barrett, Darrin Hollensbe, Bill Shook, Jason Brotherton, Bob Weaver, Richard Campbell; Row 2: Coach Jeff Stephens, Greg Howard, David Witty, Jason Leffler, Mike Hughes, Eric Ottinger, Jason Lowe, Mike Tucker, John Weakland, Scott Stonebraker

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### Boys' Swimming

MC OPP	
Pendleton Heights	73 99
Anderson	71 96
New Castle	60 112
Southside	85 85
Jay County Invitational 5th	
Northside	54 118
Madison Heights	70 102
Anderson Highland	61 111
Pendleton Heights Relays	
2nd	
Blackford	118 52
3-Way Meet	114
Bluffton	90
South Adams	75
NCC 8th	
Southside	80 90
Richmond	54 112
Marion	79 92
Yorktown	92 79
Jay County	88 84
Sectional 9th	
Final Record: 5-9-1	

Hoping for a good score, sophomore Jason Lowe concentrates as he performs an inward dive.

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# 1987-1988: 11-4-1; Coach Lynn Allardt

## Relay team drops five seconds, sets new school record

The boys' swim team ended the season with an 11-4-1 record. The only losses were to the top three sectional teams Anderson, Richmond and Highland and to city rival Northside.

"The team wanted to do well, and they did," said first year coach Lynn Allardt.

"Our sectional is one of the toughest in the state," said Allardt.

The team placed two relay teams and seven individuals at sectionals. The 200 medley relay team with seniors Michael Hughes, Eric Ottinger, Greg Howard and junior Mike Tucker placed seventh.

Ottinger also placed eighth in the 200-yard individual medley. Howard placed fifth and Tucker placed ninth in the 50-yard free style. Hughes placed seventh in the 100-yard freestyle.

Sophomore David Barnett placed tenth in the 100-yard

### Stat Facts

Two relay teams and seven individuals placed at sectional.

backstroke. Senior John Weakland placed 12th in 100-yard breaststroke.

In diving Richard Campbell placed 11th.

Also a part of the Central swim team that has done well this season are divers. Sophomore Jason Brotherton and junior Richard Campbell. Brotherton won the Jay County Invitational and has a record of 11-4.

The team consisting of Howard, Hughes, Ottinger and Tucker finished third in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The relay team of Howard, Hughes, Ottinger and Tucker

also broke a school record that had been set in 1971.

"This relay team led the whole team throughout the year. They seldom ever lost!" said Allardt.

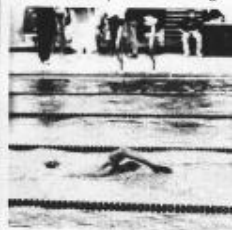
"I felt we had an excellent season. It was the first year since I've been at Central that we've actually intimidated other teams," said senior Michael Hughes. "With state champions Anderson in our sectionals we didn't have much of a chance to advance but everyone swam well and got personal bests, and our 400-yard free relay dropped 5 seconds off our best time and broke the school record."

"Our depth is what helped us swim many meets. Besides the top swimmers we had many swimmers who often got 2nd, 3rd, or 4th places," she said. "We had an outstanding season, with the team's positive attitude and hard work."

• Marguerite Muterspaugh

• **Stroking.** Senior Scott Stonebraker makes an effort to win in the freestyle event.

Photo by Connie Cartwright



Showing. Junior Jason Leffler makes his point clear as he gets ready to compete in a relay.

Photo by Angie Parker



• **Boys' Swimming.** Row 1: Asst Coach Lance Ottinger, Thian Phian, Bill Shook, Josh Dobbs, Darrin Hollensbe, Jason Leffler, Bob Weaver, David Barnett, Jason Brotherton, Chad Miller; Row 2: Coach Lynn Allardt; Row 3: Jason Lowe, Eric Ottinger, John Weakland, Mike Hughes, Scott Stonebraker, Mike Tucker, Eric Seward, Greg Howard, Chris Routh.

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Boys' swimming		
	MC	OPP
Pendleton Hgs	92	77
Anderson	88	106
New Castle	88	6
Southside	97	75
Delta	90	82
Jay County Inv. 2nd		
Northside	99	113
Highland	70	182
Pendleton Inv. 1st		
Blackford	115	56
Bluffton	126	75
South Adams	126	
NCC 8th		
Madison Hgs	110	60
Southside	108	66
Richmond	41	131
Marion	95	77
Yorktown	100	69
Jay County	88	81
<b>Sectional 6th</b>		
<b>Final Record 11-4-1</b>		

# 1988-1989: 11-1-1

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***Coaching turnover  
makes the 1980s a long  
decade for Bearcat  
Swimmers.....record  
sinks to 44-75-4  
despite a strong finish.***



