

## 1989-1990: 11-1-1; the Return of Coach Bob Chico

# Swim Team Places Ninth at State

"We cannot begin without praising Coach Bob Chico," said swim team co-captain Pat Samuels. "In all my years of athletics if there is one person who was most memorable it would definitely be Bob Chico. Coach Chico knows more about swimming and conditioning than anyone else."

The team finished ninth in state competition and third in the North Central Conference. Among state competitors was junior Adam Fero, who finished fourth in 100 freestyle (:46.83) and sixth in 200 freestyle (1:44.24). The 400 freestyle relay team of Greg Sissel, Samuels, Josh Dobbs and Fero placed sixth (3:14.25), while Mike Shelton placed 12th with 365.95 points in the diving competition.

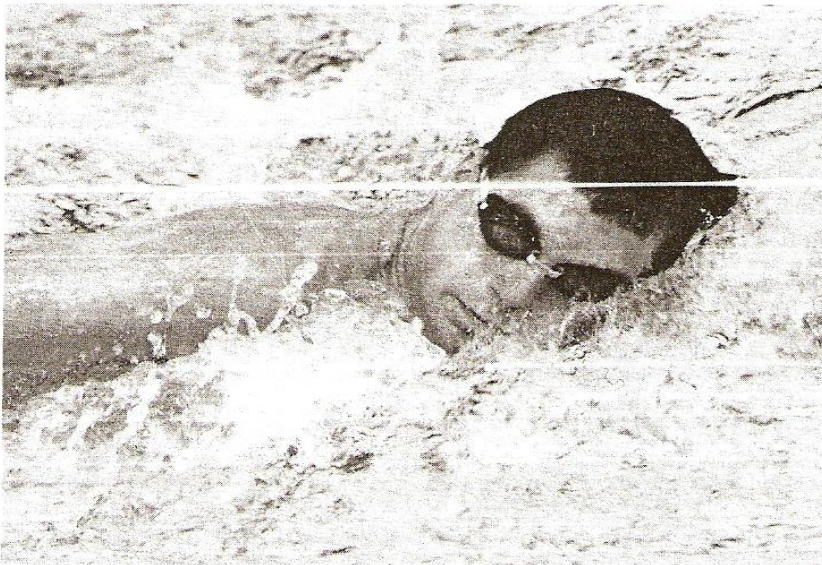
"That's the first time in at least 15 years Cen-

tral has had a diver down there," said Chico. "Those five points kept us ahead of South Bend Riley. Without them we would have been tenth again."

According to co-captain Sissel, the team was extremely happy with the outcome of the sectional. Almost everyone dropped time in his event, which showed the hard work of the team.

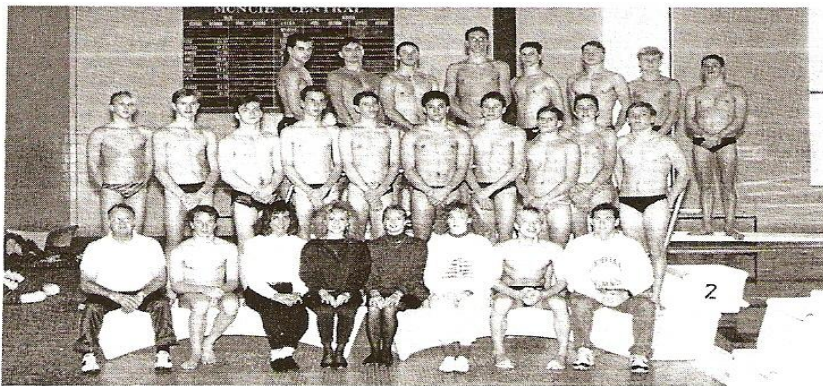
"I did really well this year," said sophomore David Hughes. "All of the training I did over the summer and fall paid off this season. Mid-season my times hit a plateau, but I just hung in there and swam my best. I had a great taper, dropping times by 5 percent. I hope that next year's taper is as good."

*Jolene Rankin*



Senior Brian Tucker strokes his way to a stong finish.

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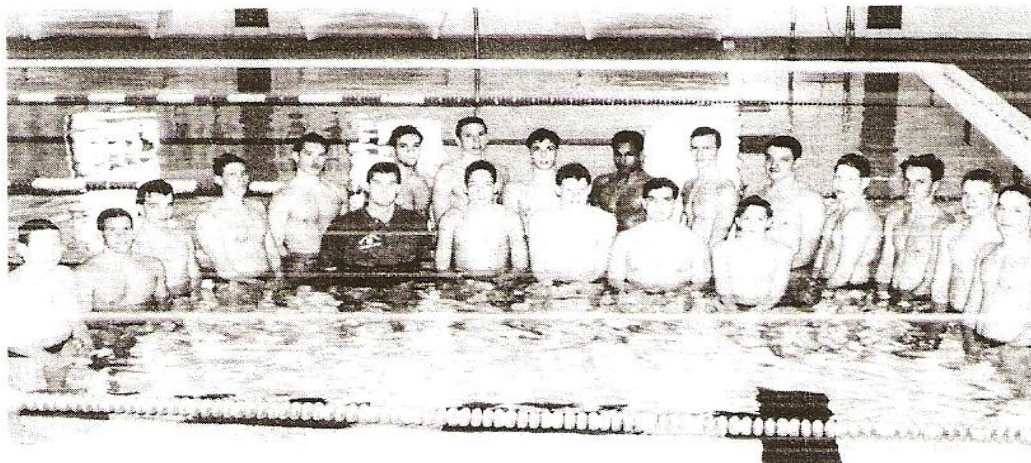


**Boys' Swimming 1989-90.** Row 1: Coach Bob Chico, Brad Tucker, Melanie McVey, Karen Arndt, Jane Marsh, Delora McLaren, Nathan Bowman, Coach Doug Coers; Row 2: Mark Kishel, Dave Dekeyser, Jason Brotherton, Mike Syring, Eric Schamp, Adam Fero, David Hughes, Ben Lawton, Chad Miller, Mike Smitson; Row 3: Brian Tucker, Darrin Hollensbe, Pat Samuels, Greg Sissel, David Barrett, Mike Shelton, Erik Kelly, Scott Keyton.

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### For The Record

Boys' Swimming		
	MC	OPP
Dual Meets		
Pend. Hts.	121	59
Anderson	79	93
New Castle	130	42
Muncie South	126	46
Delta	128	44
Mad. Hts.	115	52
And. Highland	118	54
Pend. Relays	1st	
Blackford	112	38
NCC	3rd	
Muncie South	133	39
Richmond	86	86
Marion	123	47
Yorktown	128	40
Jay County	125	40
Record 11-1-1		
Sectional	3rd	
State	9th	



**1990-91 Boys' Swimming**

**Row 1:** Asst.Coach Doug Coers, Andy Dugan, Andy Stokes, Chad McCauley, David McCauley; **Row 2:** Kari Hiatt, Ben Lawton, Chad Miller, Eric Shamp, Herman Brooks, Adam Fero, David Hughes, Ryan Greene, Brandon Lee, David Dekeyser, Allen Hamm, Kelly Hiatt, Brad Tucker, Ben Moorehead, Andy Pinger

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**Boys' Swimming**

**MC OPP**

Pendleton Heights	111	75
Anderson	52	134
New Castle	119	68
Delta	106	80
Madison Heights	135	38
Anderson Highland	98	85
Pendleton Relays	1st	
Jay County	141	44
NCC	3rd	
Southside	134	50
Richmond	107	78
Marion	140	44
MC Diving Inv.	5th	
Yorktown	119	64
Sectional	2nd	
State	16	

In The Spotlight

	MC	OPP
Pendleton Heights	112	74
Anderson	63	136
New Castle	124	59
Delta	90	96
Yorktown	121	65
Madison Heights	135	48
Pendleton Relays	1st	
Jay County	110	76
North Central Conference	5th	
Southside	134	51
Richmond	105.5	80.5
Marion	102	84
Richmond Sectional	3rd	
State Championship	14th	

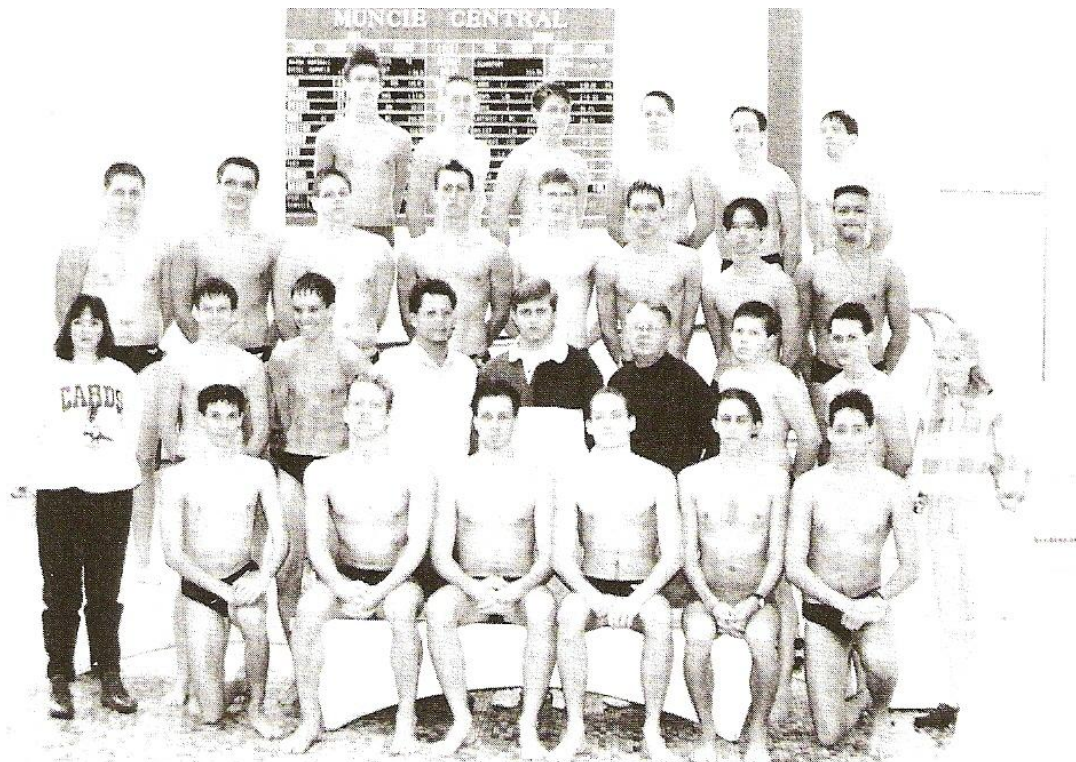


**Boys' Swimming:** Row 1: Mgr. Melanïe Moorehead, Rob Stewart, Dan Macedo, Drew Toivonen, Mgr. Jane Marsh; Row 2: Coach Lance Ottinger, Rob Stewart, Josh Jones, Ben Moorehead, Andy Pinger, Nathan Bowman, Andy Dugan, Scott Springman; Row 3: Coach Bob Chico, Andy Stokes, Kelly Hiatt, Brandon Lee, Ryan Greene, David Hughes, B.J. Bowman, Brad Tucker, Kerry Hiatt; Photo by Prestige.

## ON TARGET

Boys' Swimming Record: 9-2

	MC	OPP
Pendelton Heights	116	70
Anderson	85	101
New Castle	126	59
Delta	114	72
Madison Heights	140	33
Highland	96	90
Jay County	123.5	61.5
NCC Championship	5th	
Southside	136	49
Richmond	64	122
Marion	135	48
Diving Invitational	5th	
Yorktown	113	72
Sectional	4th	
State	29th	

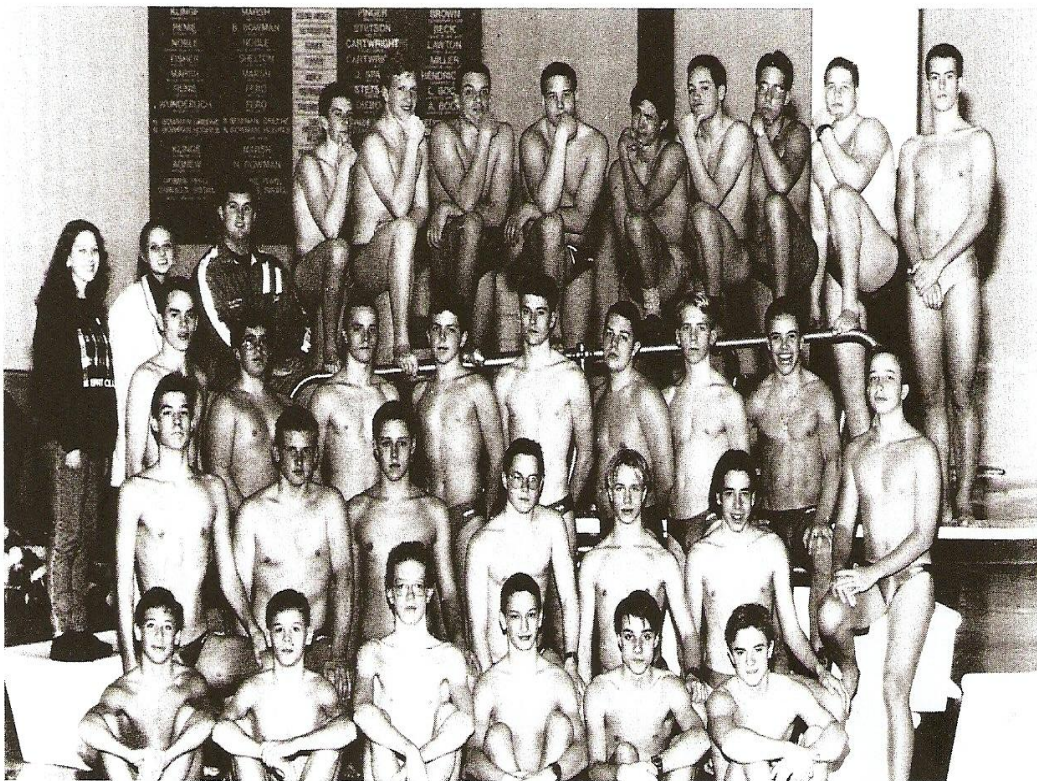


**Boys' Swimming:** Row 1: Matt Lorenz, Nathan Bowman, Brad Tucker, Andy Pinger, Joe Scagnolli, Andy Dugan; Row 2: Mgr. Kirsten Rotz, Doug Shrieve, Josh Jones, Diving Coach Chip Weiss, Asst. Swim Coach Chris Wheat, Swim Coach Bob Chico, Scott Springman, Spencer Coletta, Mgr. Jenny Stokes; Row 3: Kelly Hiatt, Allen Hamm, Kerry Hiatt, Drew Toivenan, Ben Moorehead, B. J. Bowman, Chris Hunter, John Davis; Row 4: Michael Pinger, Matt Bowman, Jason Nolley, Jon Bowles, Cory Martin, Andrew Payne. *Photo by Prestige.*

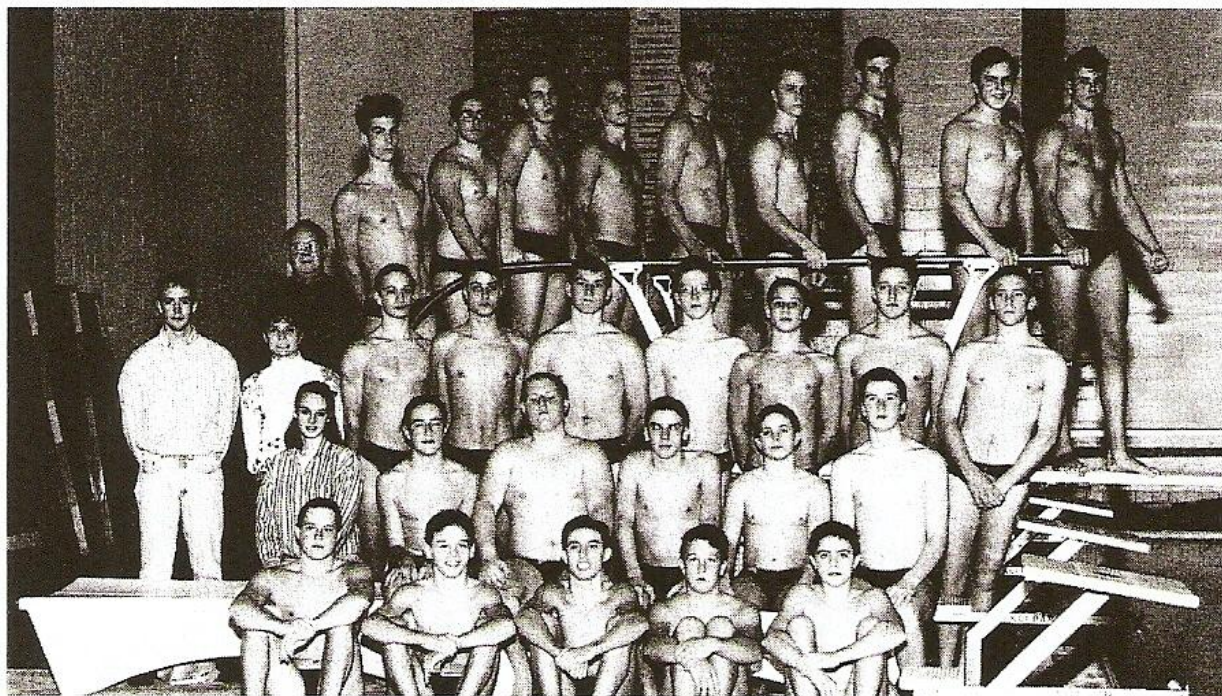
**Boy's Swimming**

**Row 1:** Joey Dugan, Ryan Fillmann, Gordon Heck, Geoff Kallen, Ryan Robertson, Anthony Ellison. **Row 2:** Michael Pinger, Jeremy VanPelt, Luke Crawley, Caleb Staton, Jon Branham, T.J. Bechtel, Cory Martin. **Row 3:** John Marquell, Andy Payne, Dan Branham, Scott Springman, Dan Griffey, John Bowles, Matt Murray, Josh Jones. **Row 4:** Manager Abbe Lindemood, Manager Lisa Dalton, Asst. Coach Doug Coers, Anthony Dylenski, Ben Moorehead, Alan Hamm, Kelly Hiatt, Chris Hunter, B.J. Bowman, Andy Dugan, Kerry Hiatt, Drew Toivonen.

*Photo by Prestige*



## 1994-1995: 11-0; First Time NCC Champs, Sectional Champs



**Boys Swimming** Front row: Caleb Staton, Ryan Fillman, Nick Rundell, Jeremy Johns, Michael Haggens. Second row: Mgr. Jennifer Frye, Casey Staton, Matt Wenning, Adam Cairnes, Kent Echelbarger, Greg Rivers. Third row: Asst. Coach Walker Marsh, Asst. Coach Kate Brosnahan, Geoff Kallen, Ryan Robertson, Scott Cress, Gordon Heck, Joe Dugan, Luke Crawley, Matt Murrary. Back row: Coach Bob Chico, Michael Pinger, Andrew Paine, John Bowles, Cory Martin, Jeremy VanPelt, Dan Branham, Dan Griffey, Scott Springman, Josh Jones. *Photo by Prestige*

Coach Bob Chico was honored in addition to his team as he received the "NCC Coach of the Year" award.

"It felt really good winning the NCC title again in diving, but it felt a lot better winning conference as a team for the first time ever. Winning as a team really helped team unity and made the rest of the year more enjoyable," said Sophomore Ryan Fillmann.

The pre-meet seedings indicated that Lafayette Jeff would win NCC by a big margin, but the Bearcats proved it wrong.

"We only won one event at the NCC, so I didn't think we had a very good chance of winning," said Junior Mike Pinger. "But our team has such tremendous depth that we had enough extra places to win." The swimmers beat Lafayette Jeff by 1.5 points.

Ryan Fillmann won his second consecutive NCC title and set a school record with a time of 437.52.

**Swimming  
& Diving**

7-2

Pendleton Hts.

151-54

Anderson

86-99

New Castle

129-56

Hamilton SE

92-95

Delta

126-62

Yorktown

cancelled

Highland

cancelled

Jay County

120-65

NCC

2nd

Southside

145-57

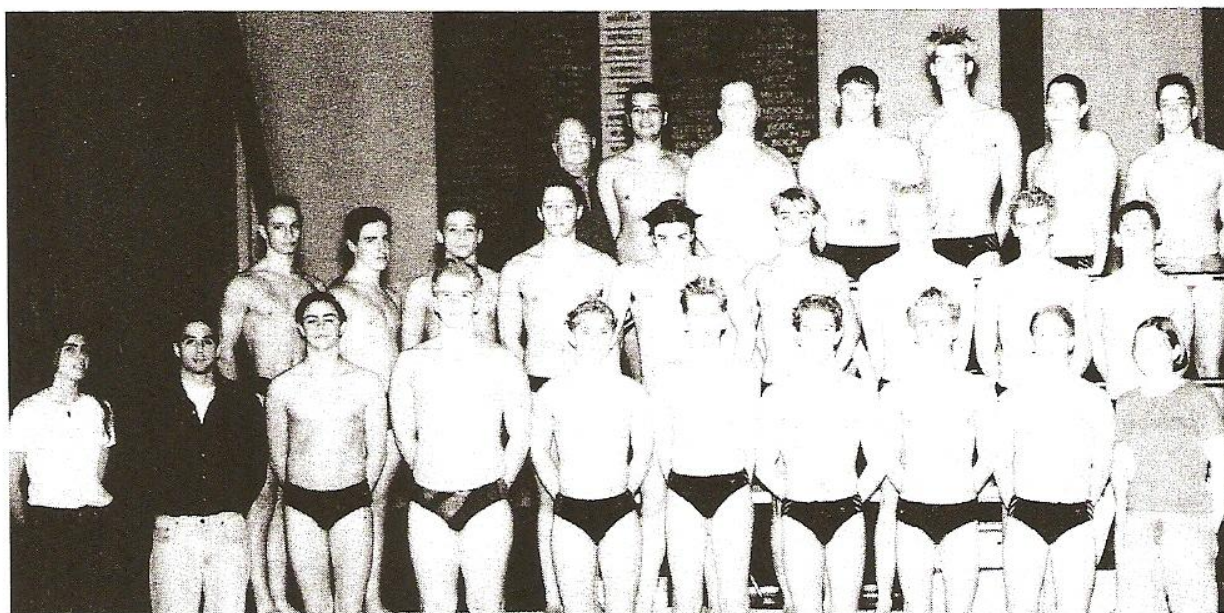
Marion

122-64

MC Diving Inv.

1st

**Boy's Swimming and Diving**—Row 1: Coach Amber Cytacki  
Coach Scott Keyton, Michael Hagens, Greg Rivers, Kurt  
Echelbarger, Alan Westerlund, Chris Taylor, Nick Rundell, Jeremy  
Johns, Manager Kendra Bowman. Row 2: Geoff Kallen, Casey  
Staton, Joe Dugan, Luke Crawley, Anthony Ellison, Ryan  
Robertson, Gordon Heck, Adam Cairns, Ryan Fillmann. Row 3:  
Coach Bob Chico, Thiago Caravahlo, Joe Londt, Scott Cress,  
Michael Pinger, John Bowles, Cory Martin. *Photo by Lifetouch*



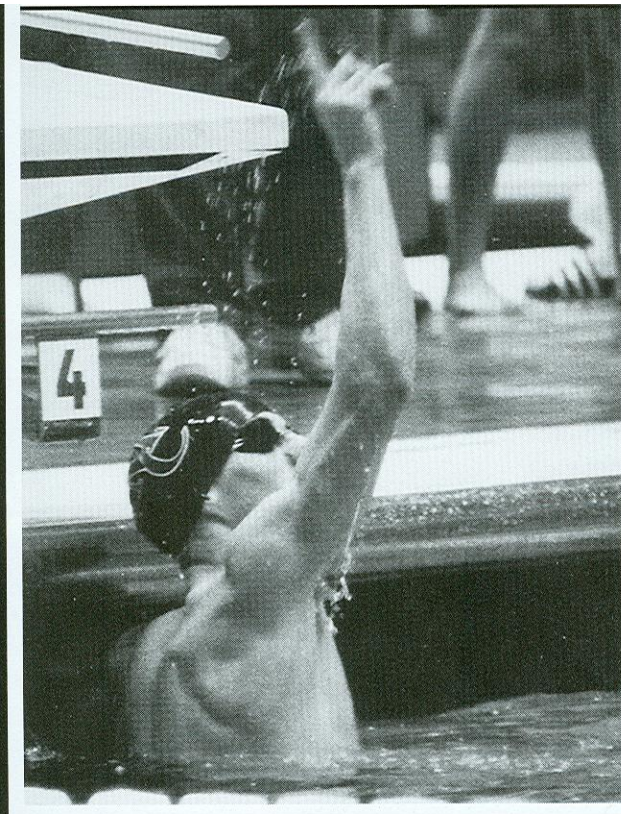
**1996-1997: 11-0; Conference and Sectional Champions**



Front row: Mgr. Katie Shawger, Baron Gillion, George Helton, Jesse Sebastian, Alan Westerlund, Randy Rankin, Damon Sanders, Asst. Coach Kathryn Pinger. Second row: Brian Carnes, Michael Hagans, Craig Miller, Chris Taylor, Adam Cairns, Greg Rivers, Nick Rundell, Jeremy Johns, Donyell White. Third row: Coach Bob Chico, Mark Custer, Geoff Kallen, Gordon Heck, Ryan Robertson, Ryan Fillmann, Luke Crawley.

Pendleton Hts.	135-51W
Anderson	126-57W
Bloomington So.	95-91 W
New Castle	130-56W
Hamilton S.E.	103.5-82.5W
Yorktown	107-78W
Delta	136-50W
NCC Diving Inv.	1st
NCC	1st
Jay Co.	127-59W
Southside	156-30W
Richmond	113-73W
Marion	130-56W
Sectional	1st



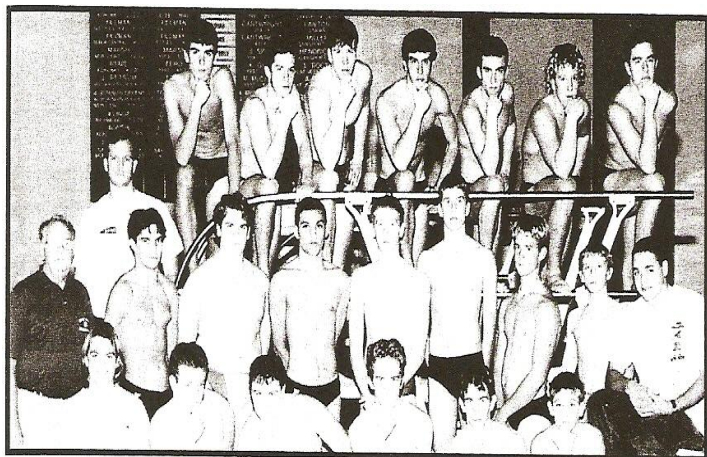


Nick Rundell celebrates his triumphant win in the 100 yard butterfly at North Central Conference.



Perfecting his form, **Nick Rundell** competes in the 100 meter butterfly. Rundell won two individual events and two relays at the Conference swim meet.  
*Photo by Adam Cairns*

## 1997-1998: 8-2; Sectional Champions



**1st Row:** Shellie Panning, Sam Noble, Scott Buckingham, Sam Murray, Jason Russell, Brian Scherrer. **2nd Row:** Head Coach Bob Chico, Randy Rankin, Tim Hahn, Jesse Sebastian, Ryan Bowman, Alan Westerlund, Malachi Greiner, Barron Gillon, Asst. Coach B.J. Bowman. **3rd Row:** Asst. Coach Leonard Kraus, Craig Miller, Chris Taylor, Greg Rivers, Adam Cairns, Nick Rundell, Jeremy Johns, Casey Staton.

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Pendleton Hts.	105-80 W
Bloomington South	95-91 W
New Castle	117-68 W
Hamilton SE	80-106 L
Yorktown	106-80 W
Delta	105-81 W
Anderson	101-85 W
NCC Swim Meet	4th place
Jay County	129-57 W
Richmond	91.5-94.5 L
Southside	144-41 W
<b>Sectionals</b>	1st Place

## Boys' Swimming/Diving

### Quick Facts

**Coach:** Bob Chico, 10th year

**Assistant Coaches:** Leonard Kraus, B.J. Bowman

**Record:** 8-2

**Returning Varsity Members:** Barron Gillon, Alan Westerlund, Tim Hahn, Randy Rankin, Craig Miller, Chris Taylor, Greg Rivers, Adam Cairns, Nick Rundell, Jeremy Johns, Casey Staton, Jesse Sebastian

**Key Newcomers:** Ryan Bowman, Brian Scherrer

**Team Superstition:** Shaving heads before Sectionals

**Highlight of Season:** Winning 7 of 11 events at the North Central Conference swim meet

**Player Says:** "This season was fun. I think we proved ourselves worthy of a state-ranking." - *Chris Taylor*

**Coach Says:** "We had a good dual meet season. We came very close to repeating as North Central Conference champions, only falling short of first place by six points." - *Bob Chico*

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## 1998-1999: 5-4

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***With Northside closed and Coach Chico bringing stability to the program, Bearcat swimming tradition grows with school records, first time NCC Championships and Sectional Championships.***

***Cats swim to a fine 88-16-1 record.***

