

1990: 10-3; Bob Chico Takes Command; 5th in NCC; Third in Sectional; 30th in State Meet; 6 New School Records



Girls' Swimming

Row 1: Mgr. David DeKeyser, Samantha Smith, Allison Lawton, LeDeKeyser, Shannon Jenyk, Megan Slavin; **Row 2:** Mgr. Adam Fero, Tracy Church, Kami Hiatt, Leslie Kaluzynski, Holly Alexander, Jane Marsh, Patricia Renner, Diving Coach Brian Kennedy; **Row 3:** Coach Bob Chico, Melanie Moorehead, Jerrilynn Kallen, Sarah Renner, Adrian Ingram, Jole Rankin, Asst. Coach Doug Coers; **Row 4:** Melissa Baird, Kim Ert, Katherine Pinger, Alisa Springman, Kimmy Hunter, Betsy Barnett, Natalie Stetson, Delora McLaren.

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**Swimmers
PLACE**

At state meet

Six members of the 1990 girls' swim team broke school records during the course of a 10-3 dual meet season and the state meet. Setting the 200 yard medley relay record were seniors Katherine Pinger, Betsy Barnett and Natalie Stetson and junior Alisa Springman. The 200 yard free relay, a new event, also set a record.

"The 200 free relay is a sprint event, it added excitement to the swim meets," said assistant coach Doug Coers.

Finishing 14th at state in the 200 free relay were seniors: Stetson, and Pinger and sophomores Leslie Kaluzynski and Jane Marsh.

Individual records were also broken. Pinger set the 200 yard individual medley and the 100 yard breaststroke and Stetson broke the 50 yard freestyle and the 100 yard freestyle.

"It was nice being able to better my times and set new goals for upcoming swimmers," said Pinger.

Pinger and Stetson, tri-captains

with diver Kami Hiatt, were named the most valuable swimmers. Hiatt was also named most valuable diver.

"They excelled in every aspect of the sport; in the classroom, at practice and during competition," according to Coers.

The team gained three new coaches this season, head coach Eric Chico, asst. Coers and diving coach Brian Kennedy.

New coaches helped lead the team to a third place at sectional, fifth at NCC and 30th at state.

Although the team had many gains throughout the season there was a loss to the team's training schedule since IHSAA cut training time to two weeks.

"We had less time to get in shape in order to swim fast at the end of the season," said Coers.

"I thought we did well with wins and losses. The team had a good attitude and well over 300 best times," said Chico.

Adrian Ingr



1990 Girls' Swimming

	MC OPP	
Marion	144	41
South Adams	136	49
New Castle	108	78
Southside	153	28
Highland	89	97
Yorktown	119	67
Blackford	146	39
Madison Heights	133	51
Pendleton	116	69
Richmond	84	99
Delta	146	40
Anderson	83	104
Jay Co.	136	50
Jay Co. Diving Inv.	5th	
NCC	4th	
Sectional	3rd	
State	30th	

10-3

Stretching Out

Concentrating on their next relay event junior Alisa Springman, senior Katherine Pinger and sophomore Sarah Renner stretch out before the start of the race.

Photo by Jack R

New School Record Holders:

200 Medley Relay: Katherine Pinger, Betsy Barnett, Natalie Stetson, Alisa Springman

100 Breast / 200 IM: Katherine Pinger

50 Free / 100 Free: Natalie Stetson

200 Free Relay: Natalie Stetson, Katherine Pinger, Leslie Kaluzynski, Jane Marsh (14th in State Meet)

1991: 10-1-1; Coach Doug Coers First Tour; 2nd in Sectional; State Qualifiers

MC Girls' Swimming

In The Spotlight

	MC	OPP
Richmond	72	114
Marion	144	41
South Adams	117	69
New Castle	116	70
Southside	140	38
Highland	115	69
Yorktown	115	71
Blackford	138	48
Madison Heights	151	33
Pendleton	103	82
Delta	136	48
Anderson	92	92
Jay County	116	70



Girls Swimming: Row 1: Celest Helton, Tara Cadell, Allyson Bechtel, Jenny Lewis, Natalie Carter, Shayna Rundell, Cathy DeKeyser; **Row 2:** Tracy Boros, Susan Rivers, Tracy Church, Chelle Huffman, Shannon Jenyk, Melanie Moorehead, Sarah Renner, Sam Smith, Alison Lawton, Jane Marsh; **Row 3:** Coach Doug Coers; **Row 4:** Leslie Kaluzinski, Melissa Baird, Kami Hiatt, Delora McLaren, Alisa Springman, Kimmy Hunter, Holly Alexander, Jerrilynn Kallen, Adrian Ingram, Jolene Rankin. **Photo by Prestige.**

Overachievers: Swimmers give best sectional performance ever

The girls' swim team believes in achieving its goals and then some. The team ended its season with a 10-1-1 record, suffering its only loss to Richmond in the season opener and tying with Anderson.

"It [tying with Anderson] was one of our number one goals for the season," said senior Alisa Springman. "It was really great how the team pulled together to tie with a team nobody thought we would do well against."

The team also placed second in the sectional, the highest placing ever. Although the Cats were beaten out for first place by Anderson, Springman was excited with the teams' accomplishment.

"We couldn't have been happier," she said. "It was really a team win. The team cooperated well and really supported each other."

From the outstanding sectional finish, the 200 medley relay team of seniors Kim Hunter, Jerrilynn Kallen, Springman and junior Jane Marsh went on to compete at the state meet, placing 12th.

Springman also finished fifth in the 100 breaststroke, a finish she waited four years to accomplish.

"It's been my goal since my freshman year," she said. "It was great to finally see it accomplished."

The swimmers were joined at the state meet by junior Alison Lawton. In her first appearance at state, Lawton placed 33rd in a field of 59 divers.

"I did okay for the first time, but I could have done better," she said.

According to Portia Renner, one of the keys to the teams' success was the strong support between members.

"This was the first year the team really supported each other. This year there wasn't any bickering or fighting between the members," she said.

All of this success came in the midst of change. Former Assistant Coach Mr. Doug Coers replaced Mr. Bob Chico as head coach.

"With Doug, he relates to the teenagers better because of his age," said Renner. "Mr. Chico engineers everything, but Doug is more the emotional support."

The team is ready to continue its success into next year, despite the loss of many talented seniors.

"We lost one of the best senior classes ever, but we've got a lot of depth, and we're going to be back as strong as ever next year," said Renner.

Angie Marlett

Taking a breath as she leads the race, butterfly competitor Jane Marsh keeps her concentration during the home meet against Anderson. **Photo by Brad Tucker.**

Pulling herself out of the pool after her swim at the Natatorium, senior Kimmy Hunter swims the first leg of the 200 medley relay. **Photo by Brad Tucker.**



Coming up for air in the middle of her breast stroke race, senior Alisa Springman tries to get her best time at the home meet against Anderson. **Photo by Brad Tucker.**

1992: 10-3; Coach Stacy Ships Takes Over; 3rd in Sectional



Row 1: Liz Cannon, Mandi Keyton, Jenny Lewis, Adriene Stanley, Skley, Julie Mansfield, Kirsten Rotz, Sarah Starr, Diving Coach Nancy
Row 2: Asst. Coach Bob Chico, Alison Singer, Tracy Church, Melissa Coy, Alison Bechtel, Celeste Helton, Aimee Robertson, Natalie Carter, Cathy Shayna Rundell, Tara Cadell. **Row 3:** Tracy Boros, Susan Rivers. **Row 4:** Coach Stacy Ships, Laurie DeKeyser, Melanie Moorehead, Adrian Ingram, Sarah Cortia Renner, Leslie Kaluzynski, Jane Marsh, Alison Lawton. *Photo by*

ON TARGET

Girls' Swimming Record: 10-3

	MC	OPP
Richmond	74	112
Marion	149	37
New Castle	132	54
Muncie South	150	34
Highland	103.5	79.5
Yorktown	110	76
Blackford	141	45
Madison Heights	144	42
Pendleton	83	103
Delta	121	64
Anderson	19	107
Jay County	116	70
Jay Co. Diving Invt.	2nd	
Conference	5th	
Sectional	3rd	

Girls' Swimming



On the starting blocks, ready for the 200-yard I.M. race, sophomore Natalie Carter, in lane five, tries to get a good start. Carter also swam the 100-yard butterfly. Along with long and frequent practices, swimmers also had to work with the techniques of a new coach during this season. *Photo by Ann Roberts.*



In pike position, senior Alison Lawton competes in the home meet against Jay County. *Photo by Ann Roberts.*

Diving into the pool to start her 200-yard I.M., senior Portia Renner works to improve her time. *Photo by Ann Roberts.*

Swimmers feel like they are starting over

Tough season guided by new coach

"Working with a new coach this season was sort of like starting all over," said senior Sara Renner. "A new coaching style, techniques, workouts, and rules; it was all a big change that affected everyone."

The new coach, Stacy Ships, explained that her "quality, not quantity" workouts along with her new ideas and routines helped the team do as well as they did at sectional, their best meet of the season.

Some of the new techniques used included more intensity in the workouts, weight lifting, and mental training also.

"I think that the team was ready for someone new. I feel that I had more time, energy, and devotion to of-

fer than the old coach. It was to our advantage, I think, especially for the older swimmers who really came a long way," Ships continued.

Unfortunately, Sara Renner did not agree. "As a team, I felt we had great difficulty trying to work with a new coach. Individually, we learned to swim for ourselves. We were not a close team this year."

Seniors Jane Marsh, Leslie Kaluzynski, and Sara Renner all agree that it was a difficult change to make and everyone had some adjusting to do.

The change may have been difficult, but the team still competed very well and ended with a 10-3 final season record and placed third

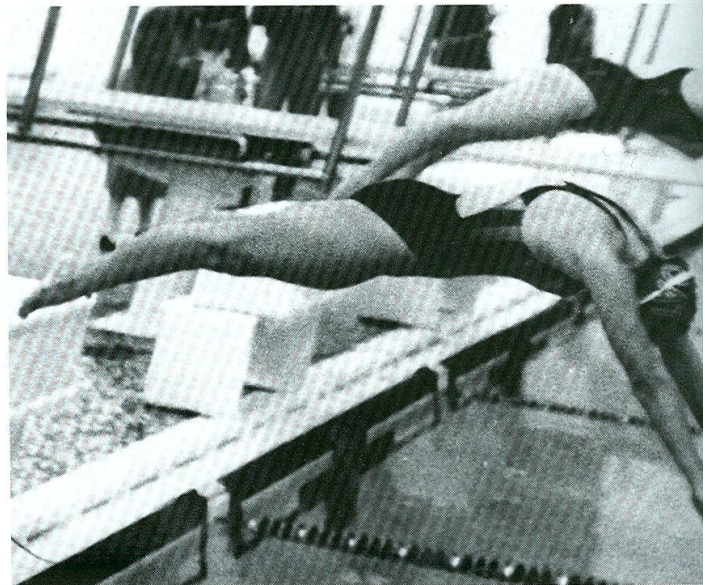
in the sectional.

"Competitively, we did very well. It was mostly led by the seniors and strong leadership by the underclassmen. We all worked hard and paid off," Marsh said.

"I think that the meet of the season was sectional," Coach Ships explained. "The swimmers swam their best time was the end of the season when the swimmers were in their best shape. They were ready."

Summing up the season, Senior Laurie said, "It was a hard season, but we all pulled together to make the best of it. It was a successful season."

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1993: 11-2; Coach Coers Returns



Girls' Swimming

Row 1: Tracey Church, Michelle Shawger, Sam Smith. **Row 2:** Sara Lewis, Brandi Carver, Liz Hinga, Sarah Starr, Jenny Stokes, Meredith McCormick, Sarah Pieroni. **Row 3:** Coach Doug Coers, Mgr. Alison Singer, Wendy Whittern, Abbe Lindemood, Kirsten Rotz, Adrienne Stanley, Sarah Shockley, Margaret Westerlund, Jeni Spade, Liz Cannon, Mandi Keyton, Mgr. Jason Nolley. **Row 4:** Ass't. Coach Bob Chico, Mgr. John Davis, Diving Coach Laura Lund, Tara Caddell, Shayna Rundell, Jenny Lewis, Natalie Carter, Cathy DeKeyser, Celeste Helton, Allyson Bechtel, Julie Mansfield, Christy Jones, Tracy Boros, Susan Rivers.

Photo by Prestige



Surrounded by swimmers, Coach Doug Coers watches over his team. This was Coers' debut year as swimming coach, and he led his team to a 11-2 season finish.

Photo by BJ Bowman

For the Record

Girl's Swimming

Record: 11-2

	MC/opp.
Marion	135 - 55
Richmond	71 - 114
New Castle	114 - 72
Yorktown	109 - 77
Blackford	139 - 47
Madison Hts.	145 - 37
NCC	8th
Pendleton Hts.	127 - 59
Anderson	87 - 99
Jay County	117 - 69
Sectional	3rd

1994: 11-1; Coach Kate Brosnahan Takes Over; 2nd in Sectional

stroke of luck

The girl's swim team ended a near-perfect season record of 11-1, with the only loss to state-ranked Anderson High School. The swim team was the only fall sport to send members to state for the second year in a row.

The Bearcats ended fifth in the North Central Conference meet, and second in Sectional behind Anderson.

"I was very pleased with the season; the girl's were strong throughout," said Coach Kate Brosnahan.

Senior Shayna Rundell, Sophomores Christy Jones and Jeni Spade, and Junior Adrienne Stanley, won the 200 yard medley relay event at the Anderson Sectional and earned a trip to the Indiana High School Athletic Association state meet at the IUPUI Natatorium.

"My personal goals were to get a 1:08 in the 100 yard backstroke. I accomplished that goal in sectionals by getting a 1:07.3. Our main team goals were team unity, and everyone getting a personal best. We achieved those goals without any problems," said Rundell.

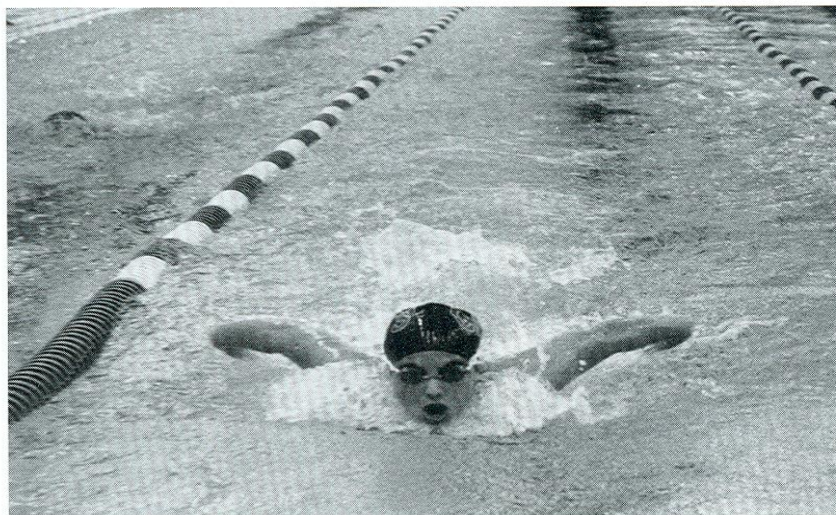
The 200 yard freestyle relay team members placed second at sectional and were also invited to the state meet. Members of the team were Jones, Stanley and Spade, and Senior Natalie Carter.

Stanley placed third in the 50 yard freestyle at sectional and was invited to state. "I was very happy about being picked up for state. It was a goal I have had for all three years," said Stanley.

In her first year of coaching at Central, Brosnahan was accompanied by Walker Marsh.

"We had two new coaches and everyone adjusted and worked well with them. Everyone got along very well this year. There was a lot of team unity with everyone supporting each other," said Senior Jeni Lewis.

Waiting for the start signal is swimmer Sara Lewis. *Photo by Josh Jones*



State-bound. Natalie Carter swims the butterfly at a home meet. Carter was also a member of the 200 medley relay team that went to state. *Photo by Josh Jones*



Our'Cats. Senior swimmer Celeste Helton helped her team to a near perfect record of 11-1. Two new swim coaches, Walker Marsh and Kate Brosnahan, assisted the team. *Photo by Josh Jones*

State Qualifiers: *200 Medley Relay: Shayna Rundell, Christy Jones, Jeni Spade,*

Adrienne Stanley—Sectional Champions

50 Free: Adrienne Stanley

200 Free Relay: Christy Jones, Jeni Spade, Natali Carter, Adrienne Stanley

Swimming- Row 1: Jeni Spade, Wendy Whittern, Brandi Carver, Sarah Pieroni, Jennifer Scherrer. Row 2: Christy Jones, Lisa Thomas, Sara Lewis, Meredith McCormick, Kendra Bowman, Kelly Londt, Coach Kami Bronnenburg, Coach Jill Thom, Coach Kate Brosnahan, Abby Carnes, Christy Shrieve, Jennifer Frye, Marie Baird, Karen Crawley, Katie Griffith. Row 3: Manager Alan Westerlund, Manager Adam Cairnes, Sarah Starr, Tiffanie Caddell, Christy Scantland, Margaret Westerlund, Sarah Shockley, Adrienne Stanley, Liz Hinga, Mandi Keyton. *Photo by Lifetouch*



1995: 12-3; 2nd in NCC and Sectional

In the swim of things is Kendra Bowman, who competed in the 200 individual medley at sectionals. Bowman was also a member of the 200 medley relay team that finished 15 in State. Bowman broke the school's 100 backstroke record in 1:02. *Photo by Cory Pippin*



Swimming & Diving

12-3

Bl. South
95-91
Marion
141-45
Richmond
88-98
New Castle
118-68
Southside
138-44
Highland
111-75
Yorktown
88-98
Blackford
147-57
NCC
tied-2nd
Madison Hghts.
151-36
Hamilton SE
54-125
Greenwood
125-44
Pendleton Hghts.
121-64
Delta
111-75
Anderson
96-89
Jay County
118-68
Sectional
2nd

1996: 9-2; Jill Thom Leads Bearcats; 2nd in Sectional; Records Fall; State Ranked

#9 Girl's Swimming

As she stands on the block waiting for the gun to sound, everything except for the visualization of victory is tuned out.

"It's like there's nothing else in the entire pool," said senior co-captain Sarah Pieroni. "You are so focused on what's about to happen, nothing else can penetrate your thoughts."

Whether it's waiting on the blocks or on the boards, members of the girl's swimming and diving team put together a 9-2 season filled with highlights including a top state ranking, and victories over county rivals Yorktown and Delta on December 17 and 19.

"Beating Yorktown and Delta, along with being ranked in the top 20 in the state, capped off a great week," Sophomore Kendra Bowman said.

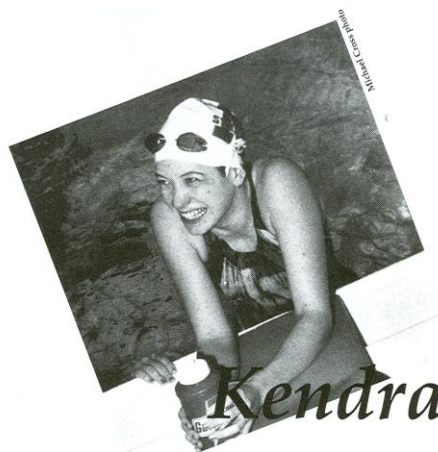
Along with being ranked in the state, this was also a season full of record breakers, with more than 10 school and/or pool records going down.

One of the records that was broken was one set by current assistant coach Kathryn Pinger, and was broken by Bowman with a time of 2:17.70; two seconds faster than the mark of 2:19.83 set by Pinger in 1990.

"I was amazed that such a long-standing record was broken," said head coach Jill Thom. "It was one of Kendra's goals this year to break at least one record, and she did. I was very excited for her."

"I was amazed that I broke the record," said Bowman. "I knew it was possible, but I never imaged that I'd do it."

The team sent the 200 medley relay team of Senior Jenifer Spade, Sophomores Bowman and Katie Griffith, and Freshman Amy Spade to state, along with the 400 freestyle relay team of Seniors Spade and Meredith McCormick, and Griffith and Bowman. Two individual swimmers, Griffith and Bowman, also competed, finishing in 9th and 15th.



Her older brothers left some large shoes to fill, but for Sophomore Kendra Bowman the greater the challenge, the greater the fun.

"I have a lot to live up to because of my big brothers' accomplishments but that's all right with me. I just want to try that much harder," said Bowman.

Bowman credits her parents for starting her in swimming when she was four.

"They just threw me in the water and said 'swim' and I did. No, really I took lessons when I was four at the YMCA," Bowman joked.

Bowman's deceased brother Matt, who was also a swimmer, was her source of inspiration when her times would get tough. She thinks of him as one of her biggest role models.

"Even though Matt isn't with me anymore, I still think of him a lot. He was a great role model, as a swimmer and a big brother," said Bowman.

Brother BJ, 1994 graduate, and Matt swam competitively for the Bearcats. Since seventh grade their sister has broken nine records. Her best events include the 100 backstroke and the 200 individual medley. Her younger brother Ryan, will be a high school swimmer next year.

"The first record that I broke, 100 backstroke, was probably my most memorable. It was so important not just for me but for my family as well; swimming is a big part of all my family members' lives," said Bowman.

Story by Maria Voke

Girl's Swimming and Diving, 9-2

Turning Point

"After the team beat Bloomington South we gained a lot more confidence."

Jeni Spade, senior

Team Habit

"We sang the 'Little Green Frog' song before we competed."

Margaret Westerlund, senior

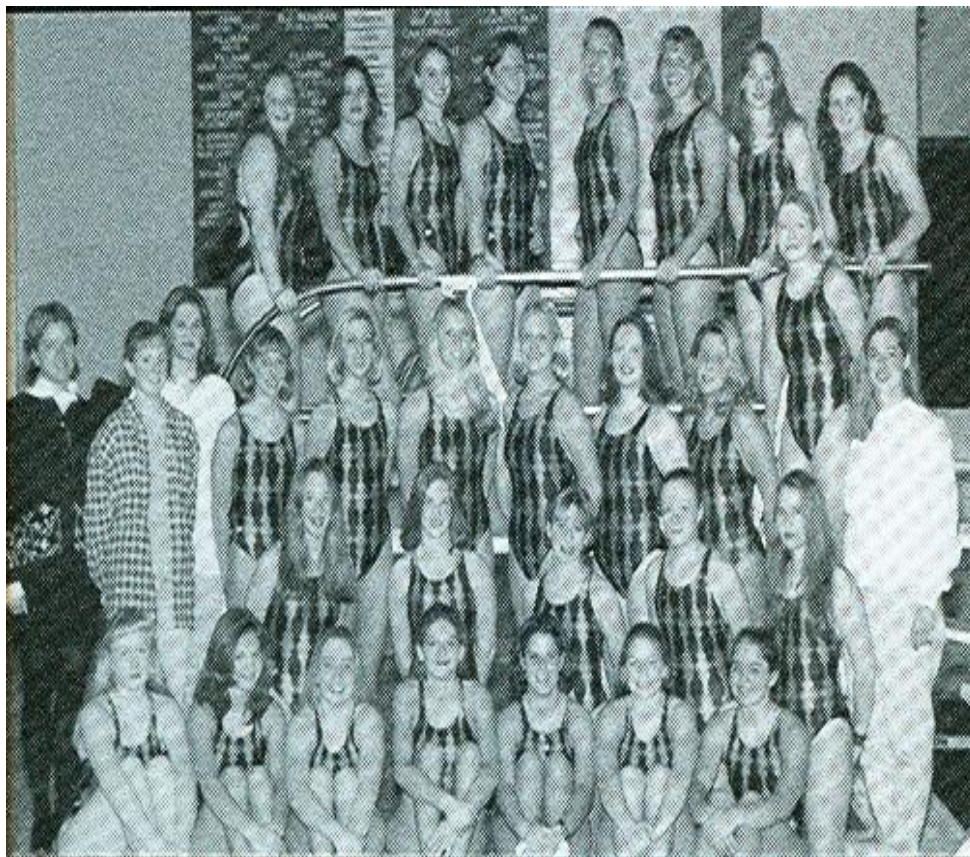
Blackford	137-42W
Pendleton Hts.	134-52W
Anderson	85-100L
Bloomington So.	98-88W
New Castle	122-42W
Hamilton SE	109-76W
Yorktown	106-80W
Delta	114-72W
NCC Diving	5th
NCC	5th
Jay Co.	146-60W
Southside	138-41W
Richmond	26-110L
Sectional	2nd

Season

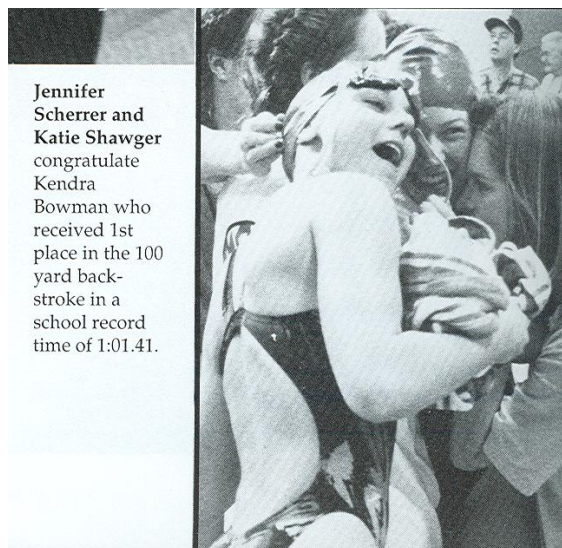
Highlight

"After we beat HamiltonSE, because the boys and girls were cheering for each other."

Kendra Bowman, sophomore

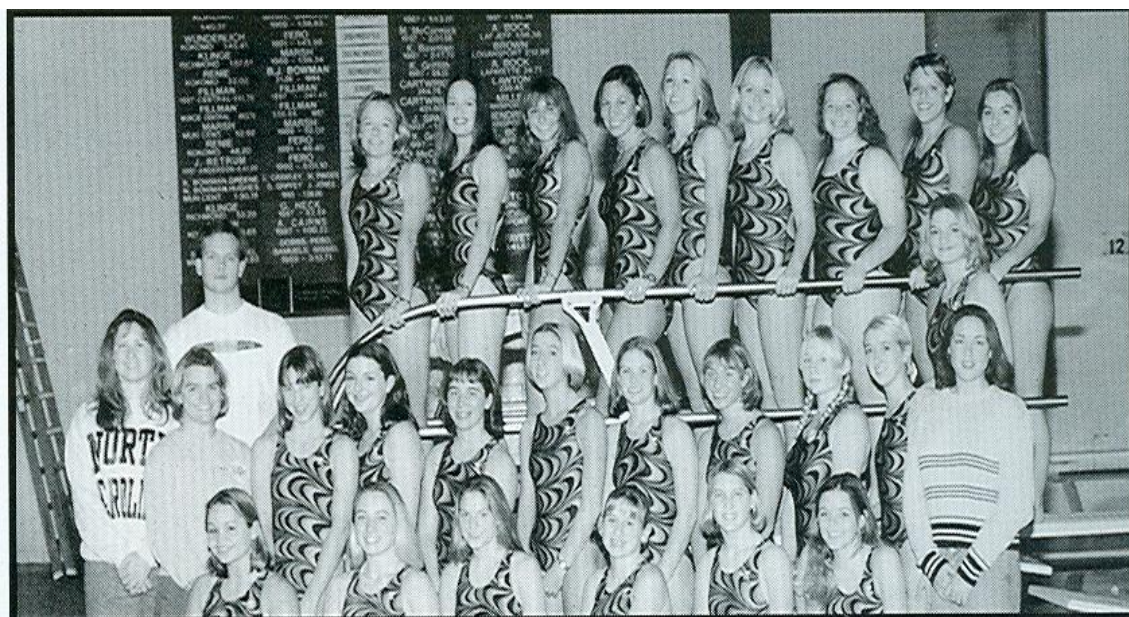


Front row: Emily Cross, Jackie Yost, Haley Pathel, Abby Hinga, Tiffanie Caddel, Katie Spisak, Carly Whittern. Second row: Sara Rotz, Abby Cairns, Tracy Madsen, Shernoa Shinnock, Tracy Smith. Third row: Coach Jill Thom, Mgr. Kasey Hirshell, Mgr. Brenna Brown, Amy Spade, Allison Demeree, Katie Griffith, Maria Baird, Jessica Stanley, Karen Crawley, Asst. coach Kathryn Pinger. Fourth row: Kelly Londt, Clarissa Cancherini, Jennifer Scherrer, Christi Scantland, Margaret Westerlund, Jeni Spade, Jennifer Frye, Meredith McCormick.



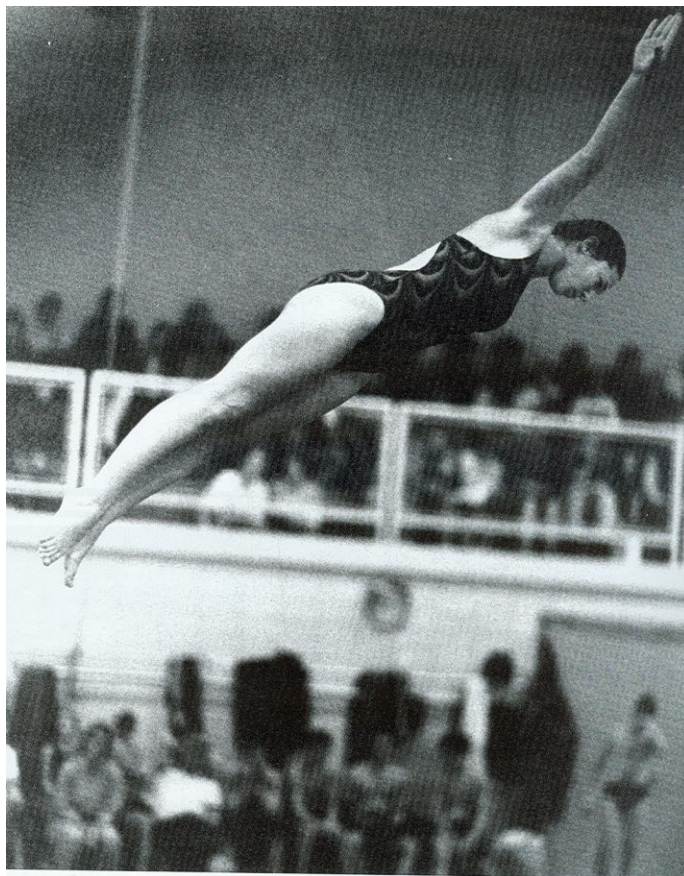
Jennifer Scherrer and Katie Shawger congratulate Kendra Bowman who received 1st place in the 100 yard backstroke in a school record time of 1:01.41.

*1997-1998: 8-3: Leonard Kraus Named Coach;
Girls' Season Moves to Winter; 2nd in Sectional*



1st Row: Carly Whittern, Hailey Pethel, Katie Spisak, Tracy Madsen, Katie Flatter, Megan Reed, Rebecca Torres. **2nd Row:** Asst. Coach Anna Coy, Asst. Coach Shelly Panning, Amanda Stellwag, Lisa Armantrout, Lauren Staggs, Allison Demaree, Abby Cairns, Amy Spade, Emily Cross, Meredith Demaree, Abby Hinga. **3rd Row:** Head Coach Leonard Kraus, Sharona Shinnock, Jessica Stanley, Jennifer Scherrer, Christy Scantland, Katie Griffith, Marie Baird, Kelly Londt, Karen Crawley, Nandy Lima.

Blackford	142-41 W	Delta	101-84 L
Pendleton Hts.	132-54 W	Anderson	102-81 W
Bloomington S.	95-94 W	NCC Swim Meet	4th place
New Castle	104-81 W	Jay County	109-77 W
Hamilton SE	109-76 L	Southside	109-51 W
Yorktown	107.5-76.5 W	Sectionals	2nd place



On her way to a first place finish in the diving competition, **Christy Scantland** springs off the board in an away meet against Anderson. Not only did Scantland win the diving competition, Muncie Central also won the meet. *Photo by Cory Pibbin*

Girl's Swimming/Diving

Quick Facts

Coach: Leonard Kraus, 1st year

Assistant Coach: Anna Coy, Shelly Panning

Record: 8-3

Returning Varsity Members: Carly Whittern, Hailey Pethel, Katie Spisak, Tracy Madsen, Allison Demaree, Abby Cairns, Amy Spade, Abby Hinga, Karen Crawley, Kelly Londt, Marie Baird, Katie Griffith, Jennifer Scherrer, Jessica Stanley, Sharona Shinnock, Christy Scantland, Emily Cross

Key Newcomers: Lauren Staggs, Meredith Demaree, Katie Flatter

Team Superstition: Doing a team cheer before meets

Highlight of Season: Placing fourth in the North Central Conference swim meet

Player Says: "We had a great season, and we really worked together as a team all year." - *Abby Cairns*

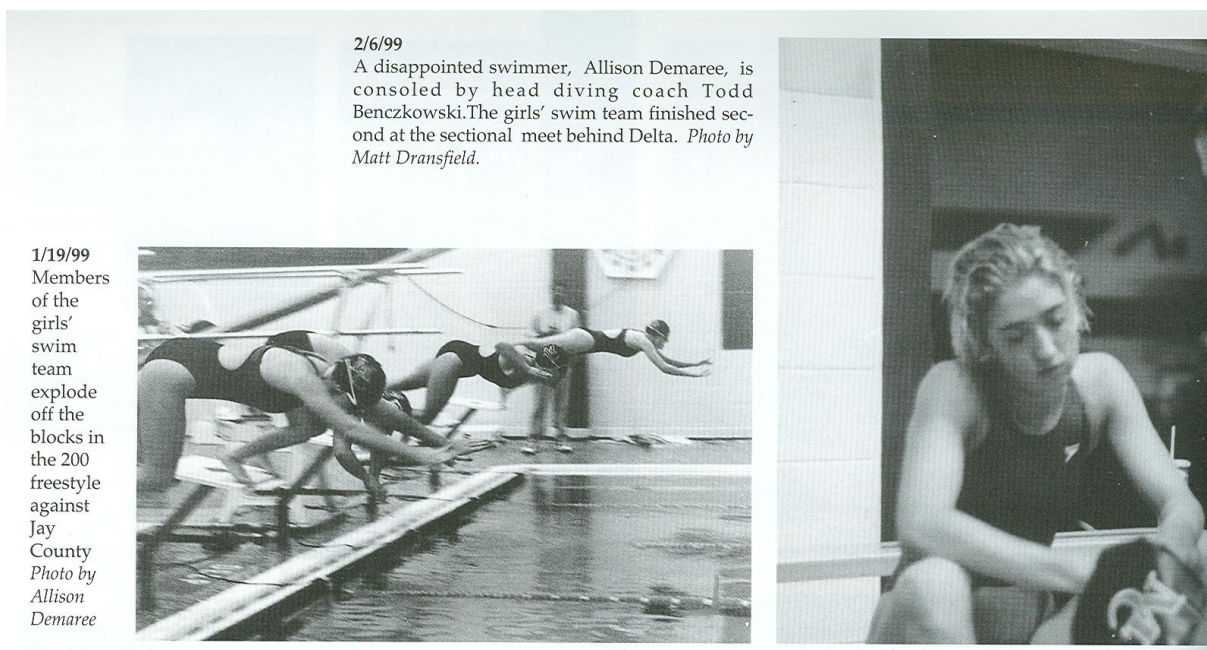
Coach Says: "It was a new thing going into high school. The girls did everything I asked them too." - *Leonard Kraus*

1998-1999: 7-2; Andy Mullendore takes the Helm



Front Row: Diving Coach Todd Benckowski, Mgr. Brenna Brown, Lisa Armantrout, Amber Stellwag, Abby Cairns, Meredith Demaree, Kendra Whetsel, Kelly Spisak, Megan Reed, Tracy Madsen, Carly Whittern, Hailey Pethtel, Lauren Staggs, Asst.Coach Julie Hemminger,

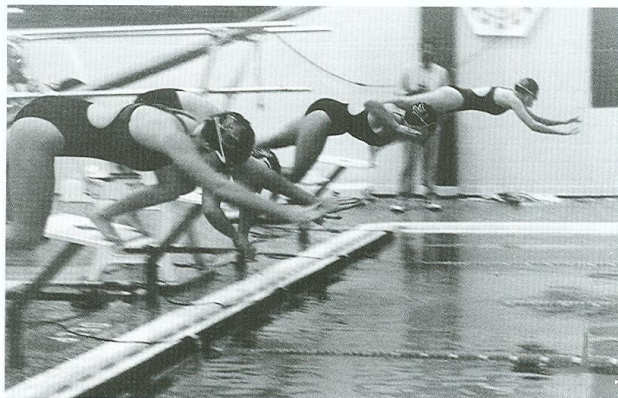
Head Coach Andy Mullendore. Back Row: Amy Spade, Abby Thomas, Kendra Bowman, Karen Crawley, Allison Demaree, Marie Baird, Katie Griffith, Cameron Miller, Abby Hinga, Jessica Stanley, Sharona Shinnock, Katie Flatter, Katie Reno, Hannah Ellis. *Photo by Prestige*



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A disappointed swimmer, Allison Demaree, is consoled by head diving coach Todd Benckowski. The girls' swim team finished second at the sectional meet behind Delta. *Photo by Matt Dransfield.*

1/19/99
Members of the girls' swim team explode off the blocks in the 200 freestyle against Jay County
Photo by Allison Demaree



Unpredictable season

Girls' swimmers battle the odds; send 2 individuals, 1 relay to state

A disqualification and a miscommunication were mental obstacles to overcome as the girls' swim team survived a winning, but unpredictable season.

"The disappointments in our season were unexpected and unpreventable," said junior Abby Cairns.

The team started off the season with a record of 4-0 and an 18th place state ranking.

"We started off really strong and had a lot of confidence going into the rest of the season," said junior Amy Spade.

After losing a close meet to state power Hamilton Southeastern, 89-97, they beat Yorktown, 107-78.

"Hamilton Southeastern was a very good team, and we swam really well, so we were pleased with the outcome," said sophomore Lauren Staggs.

As the girls prepared for an encounter with their biggest rival, Delta, illness overcame a few important team members. They ended up losing by a score of 82-104.

"Kendra (Bowman) was out of school sick that day and could not swim, and I had to drop out of our last relay because I wasn't feeling well," said senior Katie Griffith.

Then one of those unexpected things happened at the North Central Conference meet in Indianapolis. The medley relay team was disqualified for a false start. The points that could have been scored in that

event might have placed the team a few spots higher in the meet.

"If that relay had placed as high as they were supposed to, we probably would have finished third instead of fourth," said junior Abby Hinga.

Then at the sectional preliminaries a miscommunication between coach Andy Mullendore and the members of the 400 freestyle relay caused them to miss the event.

"We never heard our coach give the final decision on the fourth member of the relay, and we just missed the race," said Spade.

In the sectional finals, the girls went on to finish second as a team, behind Delta, while advancing four swimmers on to the state meet. Griffith qualified in the 100 freestyle, Bowman qualified in the 100 butterfly, and the medley relay team of Bowman, Griffith, Spade and Staggs also qualified.

"Losing to Delta was disappointing, but we swam well, and that's all we can do," said Bowman.

Even though the team goal of a sectional championship was not achieved, the team was pleased with the season.

"We worked really hard all season, and both the swimmers and divers improved a lot," said junior diver Meredith Demaree.

by Dan Gibson

"We never heard our coach give the final decision on the fourth member of the relay, and we just missed the race."

Amy Spade, junior

Scoreboards

Blackford	142-46 W
Pendleton H.	110-76 W
Bloomington S.	105-81 W
New Castle	99-87 W
Hamilton S.E.	89-97 L
Yorktown	107-78 W
Delta	82-104 L
Jay County	126-55 W
NCC	4th Place
Southside	108-73 W
Sectional	2nd Place



2/6/99
Four fans, Carly Whittern, Hailey Pethtel, Abby Thomas and Karen Crawley cheered every event in sectional finals from the poolside. *Photo by Elizabeth Bailey*



1/19/99
Junior Hailey Pethtel competes in the 100 yard butterfly in a meet against Jay County. The girls won by a score of 126-55. *Photo by Matt Roberts*