

Shapers of Muncie Swimming

The following list is teams, places, swimmers and coaches who had an important role shaping the swim community of Muncie. More will be added to this list in the near future.

Dr. Robert Korsgaard- Muncie Burriss High School



Dr. Korsgaard coached Muncie Burriss swimming from 1953 to 1964. He was a “pioneer” to Indiana high school swimming in that he, along with 12 other high schools, began high school competitive swimming. His teams traveled the length of the state, from New Albany to South Bend in order to compete. Muncie Burriss was the first east central Indiana high school to have competitive swim teams so travel was essential.

Under his mentoring Muncie Burriss was IHSA State runner’s up twice, 1956 and 1960. He coached 11 state champions while at Burriss with Lary Schulhof being his most distinguished champion. The Burriss Owls were a dominant swimming power into the 1960’s and were rarely out of the top ten teams at the state finals.

Dr. Korsgaard was recognized for his coaching by being inducted into the Indiana High School Swim Coaches Association’s Hall-of-Fame in 1975. He was also very active in Special Olympics and in 1992 he received the Indiana Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Award. Dr. Korsgaard passed away in June of 2012.

Dr. Lary Schulhof- Muncie Burriss High School/ Indiana Hoosier / Olympian



Lary Schulhof is Muncie's most decorated swim champion. Lary was an all-around swimmer, but his best stroke while a Burriss Owl was the butterfly. He was a three time state champion in the 100 Butterfly from 1957-1960. In those three championships he established new state records. In 1960 his fly time of 54.7 set a high school national record. His 1957 Butterfly championship was the first in IHSAA history. Lary helped the Owls to finish second in the state in the 200 Medley Relay in 1960 and swam the 150 yard Individual Medley to a third place in 1958 and a second place in 1959.

Lary went on to have a stellar career at Indiana University under legendary coach James "Doc" Counsilman. He was a 10 time All-American in the 100 and 200 Butterfly's and in the Medley and 400 Free Relays from 1962-1964. In 1962 Lary was also the USA national champion in the 200 Fly. Lary was in the top five in all of his NCAA championships in the fly's while at IU. He made the 1964 Tokyo Olympics and received the Gold medal on the 400 Free Relay team.

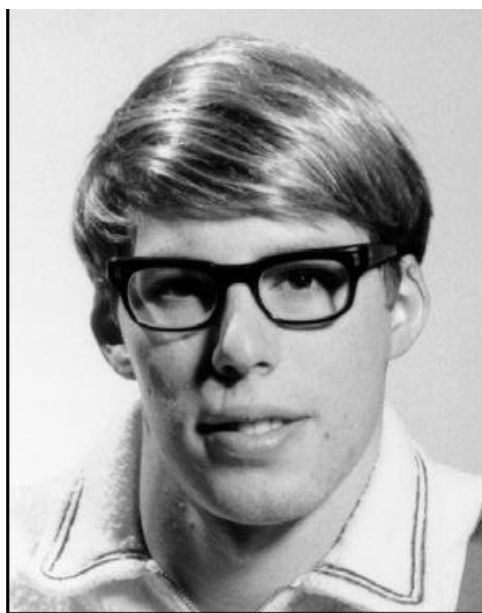
Dr. Schulhof received his A.B. and M.D. degrees from Indiana University, where he completed more than six years of postgraduate neurosurgical training, including a year of pediatric neurosurgery training at Riley Children's Hospital and a fellowship in Cambridge, England. He studied micro-neurosurgery in Zurich, Switzerland and in Gainesville, Florida. He subspecializes in spine surgery. He currently resides in Asheville, North Carolina.

Lary Schulhof was inducted into the Indiana High School Coaches Association Hall-of-Fame as well as the Delaware County Athletic Hall-of-Fame.

Dr. Tom Perrin- Muncie Central Bearcat / Miami of Ohio Redskin



1968 Guard at Catalina Club



Six times individual Mid-American Conference Champion

Tom Perrin started his Bearcat career by breaking school records. He broke them at least ten times in his purple and white career. Tom would win four sectional championships and three North Central Conference titles for Coach Ernie Sutton but it was his IHSAA state championship swims that stand out. As a junior in 1967, Tom would be the first Bearcat to win a swimming state championship in the 100 butterfly by swimming 54.5. The next season Tom would duplicate that effort with a state record swim of 53.9. It was fitting for a fine butterfly swimmer like Tom Perrin to have been the first recipient of the Lary Schulhof Award in 1965.

Tom attended Miami of Ohio University where his swimming talents took him to six individual Mid-American Conference championships and three relay championships. In 1972 Tom was named Swimmer of the Year in the MAC and Miami's Athlete of the Year. Tom graduated cum laude and became the first Miami athlete to win a NCAA post-graduate scholarship. Tom would go onto Indiana School of Medicine graduating in 1976. He currently practices in the Indianapolis area specializing in preventive medicine.

Dr. Tom Perrin was inducted into the Miami of Ohio Hall-of-Fame in 1986 and the Delaware County Hall-of-Fame in 1990.

The Muncie Downtown YMCA

It would be a major injustice to the historical record to discount the influence that this facility has had on Muncie swim history. The downtown Y shaped history by introducing swimming as a basic life skill and introduced hundreds to competitive swimming.



The YMCA circa 1930s



The YMCA circa 1962

Aided by an initial gift stimulus of \$150,000 by brothers F.C. and E.B. Ball, the citizens of Muncie raised an additional \$100,000 to build the downtown Y on the corner of Adams and Jefferson streets. On May 30, 1913 the cornerstone was laid. A small but well-built swimming pool was to be found at the basement level of the building. Swim classes were carried out yearly in the pool. Muncie Central would use this facility for intramural swimming, swim classes and by th1950s hold meets in the facility. Many stories relate how difficult practices were in such a cramped pool. The Bearcat's called this home until 1970.



Bob Chico- The Dean of Muncie High School Swimming

Bob Chico perhaps is one of the most influential individuals to the sport of swimming in Muncie and Delaware County history. His legacies to the sport is noticed not only here in Muncie but throughout the state and at the national level.

Bob started out in the sport like many--a parent! Starting in 1965 Bob became involved in AAU/Club swimming when his five daughters swam for Coach Jim McGinnis at the Muncie YWCA girls swim team. During the late 1960's and throughout the 1970s Bob served as President of the Indiana AAU, served as Indiana Swimming Senior and Age Group Chairman and served as Championship Site Selection Chair for US Swimming for two years. Bob also was one of the co-founders of Oceanus Swim Club and later Cardinal Community Swim Club. It was Bob Chico's background in club swimming that really benefited both Northside and Muncie Central swimming in the 1970s. It is no accident that the juggernaut of Northside Boys and Girls swimming of that decade was impacted by Bob Chico's club coaching. That club connection has continued to impact the fortunes of Muncie high school swimming to this day.



Long time Cardinal Head Coach Tony Santino recognizes Bob Chico at the 25th anniversary of Cardinal Community Swim Club.

It was his career as a high school coach that stands as his greatest legacy. In 1979 he served as head coach of the Muncie Central Bearcats. His team finished with an 11-6 record. The next year he became the head coach of the Muncie Northside Titans. Bob's record of the Titan tankers was a dual meet record of 51-29-2, won five IHSAA sectional titles, coached 26 individual Titans to sectional championships and had 12 relay team champions. Seven of his eight Titan teams went to the IHSAA state championship and in 1983 Clayton Miller, a breaststroker at the state meet, won the Herman Keller Mental Attitude Award, swimming's equivalent to basketball's Trester Award. In 1988 Northside consolidated into Muncie Central. 1988 Northside graduate Jamie Verbrugge was prophetic by stating, "Next year when Central is successful, everyone will realize it is due to the great tradition Bob Chico brought from Northside High School."

His Bearcat stint as head coach from 1988-2002 had an astounding dual meet record of 111-38-1 and coached the Bearcats to their first North Central Conference Championship in 1995 and again in 1997. Bob won three IHSAA sectional championship and coached 40 individual and 12 relay sectional champions. He was a five time "Sectional Coach of the Year" elected by his peers and was named twice as "North Central Conference Coach of the Year." In his ten IHSAA State championship meets his highest finishes were 9th in 1990 and 10th place in 1989 and 1998. In 1995 Bob had his first state champion with Ryan Fillman.

His combined Northside and Muncie Central dual meet record was an astounding 179-78-3! Bob coached 56 sectional champions and 25 sectional champion relay teams. Bob was also the Bearcat Girls head coach during the 1990-91 season and had a 10-3 dual meet record and had two individuals and one relay at the state finals.

In "retirement" he coached Ritchie Caudill at two state championships for Muncie Burriss in 2001-2002 and was co-head coach with the late Jim Leffler at Yorktown High School in 2007-2008 and led the Tigers to a Conference Championship where both were named "Coach of the Year."

Bob's coaching influence has been formative to the coaching profession as seven of his assistants and former swimmers became successful club, high school and college coaches. Bob Chico also inspired the creation of this website with his meticulous record keeping and the admiration I have for his coaching record. The Muncie community was blessed with his dedication and expertise to the sport of swimming.