

*1979-1980: 7-2; Sectional Champions; 9<sup>th</sup> in State; New Coach John Troup*



After taking a first in the state meet, the 200 yard medley team of Tim Courtney, Andy Tharp, Jeff Neata, and Clayton Miller happily display their new medals. (Photo by John Schaller)

### ***IHSAA State Champions:***

200 Medley Relay: **Tim Courtney, Andy Tharp, Jeff Neata, Clayton Miller**  
**1:40.74**

1 Meter Diving: **Chip Weiss 448.90**

#### ***State Runner-up:***

**100 Back Tim Courtney**



BOYS' SWIMMING ROW ONE: Manager Kent Reed and Dan Bookout. ROW TWO: John Schaller, Clay Miller, Mark Diebold, Jim Syring, Jim Athey, Mike Stetson, Brian Vogel. ROW THREE: Brian Smith, Chris Foster, Tom Troyan, Jeff Alexander, Chip Weiss, Coach John Troup, and Andy Tharp. (Photo by Mr. Gary Addison)



Preparing junior Steve Reed for a good performance in the 500 freestyle is Coach John Troup. (Photo by John Schaller)

BOYS' VARSITY SWIMMING		
OPPONENT	WE	THEY
Southside	135	35
Haworth	63	108
Carmel Invitational		2nd
Huntington	118	54
Anderson	84	88
Connersville	105	67
Madison Heights	109	62
Yorktown	102	68
New Castle	118	51
North Central Invitational		5th
Conference		2nd
Sectional		1st
State		9th

WON 7 LOST 2

For the first time in Northside's history, the boys' swim team captured two first places during the state championship. The 200 medley relay team of Tim Courtney, Andy Tharp, Jeff Neata, and Clayton Miller won an unexpected victory over favored Munster with a time of 1:40.745; while senior Chip Weiss dived to a first in the one meter diving competition. Senior Tim Courtney added a second place win in the 100 yard backstroke, breaking the old state mark. As a team, the Titans took a ninth place finish, while Munster, for the seventh out of eight times, was crowned state champ.

First year Coach John Troup was very pleased with the accomplishments and goals reached by the team throughout the season and during the state meet. Troup received the honor of being named "Coach of the Year" by the participating coaches in the sectional.

In sectional action, the Titans defeated the host Richmond Red Devils 277 to 220. Tom Troan, Courtney, Weiss, and the 200 medley relay all set records during the meet.

Coach John Troup gave the following awards to the team members: Clayton Miller and Mike Statson, Most Improved Swimmer; Jim Syring, Mental Attitude Award; Andy Tharp, Hustler Award; Chip Weiss, Most Valuable Diver; and Tim Courtney, Most Valuable Swimmer. Courtney was also named as an All-American Candidate in the backstroke.

— Tricia Sparenberg

# 1980-1981: 1-10; Bob Chico Takes Over



Pulling toward the wall, senior Jim Syring glides through the water to capture a third in the 200 freestyle during the Richmond Sectional. (Photo by Nancy Garrett)



## Titans take a plunge

This year was a year for progress on an individual basis," explained co-captain Jim Syring. The Titan swim team finished the season with an impressive total of 246 best times, 23 being achieved in the sectional meet.

In the Richmond Sectional, the 200 medley relay team of Clayton Miller, Mike Stetson, Jim Syring, and Gordon Chauvin stroked to a second place finish, qualifying the team for the state meet. The relay team turned in their season best of 1:44.74, and each individual in the relay received his best split in the race.

Sophomore Clayton Miller also captured a second place in the sectional. Performing in the 100 yard breaststroke, Miller received a time of 1:03.12 which gave him an eight seed in the state. Miller produced his best time of the year at the Olympic Conference meet, where he broke both the conference and school records.

Sophomore Mike Stetson, competing in the 100 yard backstroke, missed the qualification time for state by only .03.

Participating in the state swim meet at Ball State University's John Lewellen Pool, the relay team placed 13th and Miller was disqualified.

First year Coach Bob Chico was pleased with all of the individual success produced.

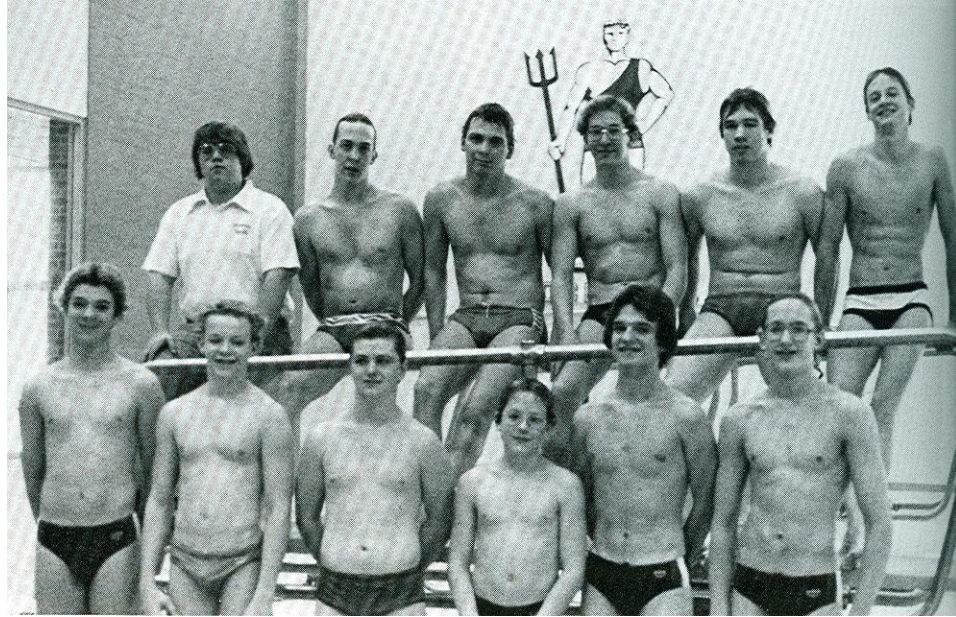
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### SWIMMING

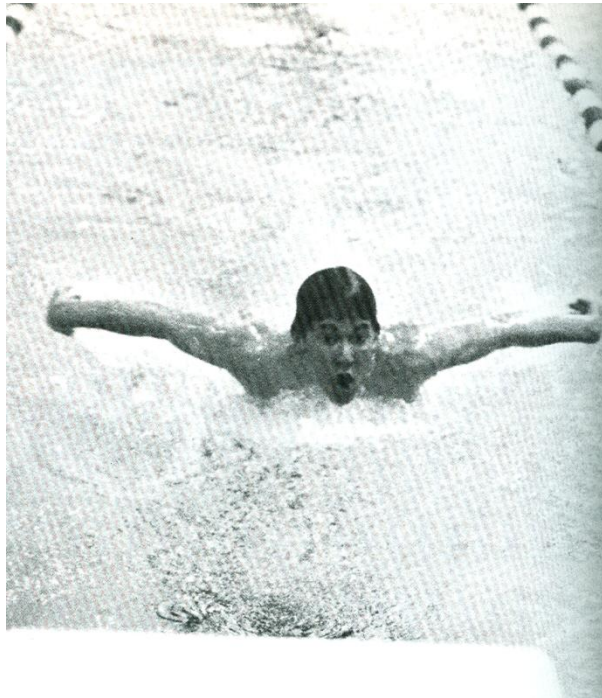
OPPONENT	WE	THEY
South	73	92
Kokomo Haworth	45	125
Carmel Inv.	5th	
Huntington	66	106
Anderson	60	140
Central	79	89
Connersville	70	93
Madison Hts.	89	57
Yorktown	60	107
New Castle	62	107
North Central Inv.	4th	
North Central	47	117
Olympic Conference	5th	
Pendleton Hts.	80	83
Sectional	4th	

WON 1 LOST 10

Junior Dean Parr psyches himself up for a quick start in the 200 backstroke against his North Central competitors. (Photo by Nancy Garrett)



BOYS' SWIM TEAM ROW ONE: Brent Wickersham, Brent Orrick, Dennis Ross, Steve Hofmann, Dean Parr, Tom Lane. ROW TWO: Mgr. Dan Bookout, Gordon Chauvin, Jim Syring, Clayton Miller, Mike Stetson, Brad Butterfield. (Photo by Nancy Garrett)



Gasping for a breath of air, sophomore Clayton Miller looks forward to reaching the wall and taking a first place finish in the 100 butterfly. (Photo by Nancy Garrett)

## 1981-1982: 4-5-1; 19<sup>th</sup> in State

Northside was represented well in post-season in both the sectional and state meets. Before the sectional, Coach Robert Chico said, "With a super effort, we could finish in third place." Coach Chico got his super effort, and the Titans did finish third with strong performances from Clayton Miller and Mike Stetson.

North qualified four swimmers for the state meet. Miller qualified in the 100 breaststroke, Stetson in the 100 backstroke, and the 200 medley relay team of Miller, Stetson, Jerry Verbrugge, and Tom Lane. North finished nineteenth in the state meet due to the high finishes of Miller and Stetson. Miller finished ninth, and Stetson, fifth.

Despite its good finish in the state meet, this was to be a rebuilding year for the Titans who had only one senior on the team. With all state qualifiers returning, Northside should be strong next year.

Coach Chico gave John Roesner the outstanding diver award, Rick Bowen the most improved award, Doug Coers the rookie award, Tom Lane the mental attitude award,

Mike Stetson the high points award, and Clayton Miller the Phil Perry award. — Bruce Gadziola

BOYS' SWIMMING		
OPPONENT	WE	THEY
Southside	109	59
Haworth	64	108
Carmel Invitational	4th	
Huntington	79	93
Anderson	73	99
Connersville	118	49
Central	82	82
Madison Heights	107	64
Yorktown	57	112
New Castle	87	82
North Central Inv.	5th	
North Central	64	105
Conference	4th	
Sectional	3rd	
State	19th	

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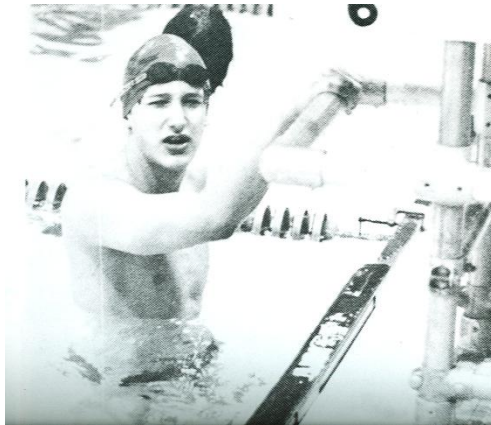
*State Qualifiers:*



*Clayton Miller – 100 Breast / 9<sup>th</sup> in State*

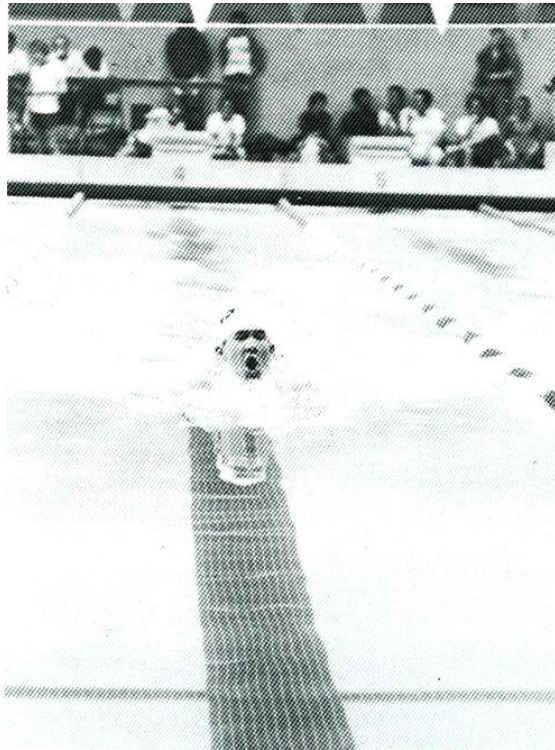
*Mike Stetson – 100 Back / 5<sup>th</sup> in State*

*200 Medley Relay- Stetson, Miller, Jerry Verbrugge, Tom Lane*





BOYS' SWIMMING ROW ONE: Coach Robert Chico, Tom Lane, Brent Wickersham, Chris Courtney, Jerry Verbrugge, Mike Stetson, John Roesner. ROW TWO: Mngr. Dan Bookout, Dan Courtney, Robert Chavers, Brent Orrick, Steve Dyke, Rick Bowen, Clayton Miller. ROW THREE: Steve Hofmann, Mike Rhea, Matt Wise, Dennis Ross, Pat Preston, Doug Coers. (Photo by Mr. Gary Addison)



North's best breaststroker, Clayton Miller, gasps for air on the last lap of the state meet. (Photo by Jay Reed)



## *1982-1983: 11-1; Sectional Champions; 17<sup>th</sup> in State*

# They came, they swam, they conquered!

After a few years of rebuilding, the swim team's 11-1 season was a welcome success. The Titans were 9-0 until North Central beat them in their final home meet.

Even though this was North's first year in the South Adams sectional, the swimmers routed all of their opponents for the crown. Mike Stetson turned in an excellent performance by winning the backstroke and the individual medley. Clayton Miller also had a good day in winning the breaststroke. Mike and Clayton were also on the champion medley relay with Doug Coers and Jerry Verbrugge.

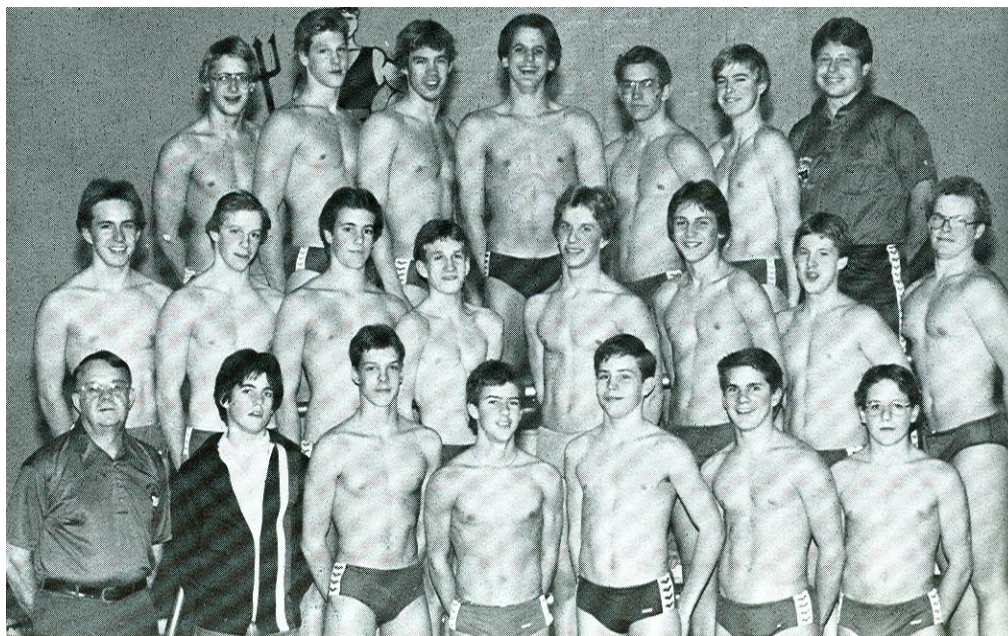
Clayton and Mike qualified for state as individual, and both of North's relay teams participated. Clayton made it to the finals in the breaststroke and finished in fifth place. Mike placed seventh in the backstroke, and the medley relay team of Mike, Clayton, Jerry, and Tom Lane placed ninth. In the team placings, North captured seventeenth.

At the state meet, Clayton was given the Herman F. Keller Mental Attitude Award. The award is given for outstanding academic and athletic performance, and exceptional mental attitude and leadership. According to Clayton, "The neatest experience was to have everyone cheer for me as I walked up to the podium with my parents."

In making this season so successful, many records were set. Clayton set a school record in the 100 yard breaststroke, and Mike set a school record in the 100 yard backstroke. The medley relay team set the conference meet, school, and sectional records.

Mike was given high point honors, and Clayton received the Phil Perry Memorial Award. Chris Dague earned the outstanding diver award, and Mark Fortier was given the rookie award. Most improved honors were taken by Doug Coers, and Doug Piazza was recognized for his mental attitude.

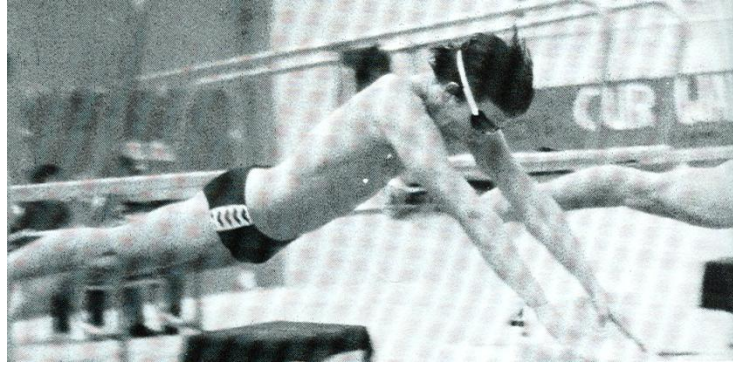




BOYS' SWIMMING ROW ONE: Coach Bob Chico, Mgr. Pere Courtney, Mike Chauvin, Dirk Erchison, Chris Dague, Scott Siler, and Steve Hofmann. ROW TWO: Bruce Chavers, Mark Fortier, Rick Downen, Mike Rhea, Doug Piazza, Matt Lewis, Doug Coers, and Brent Orrick. ROW THREE: Tom Lane, Jerry Verbrugge, Mike Sterson, Chris Courtney, Clayton Miller, Dan Courtney, and Assr. Coach Dave Boggs.

BOYS' SWIMMING

OPPONENT	WE	THEY
Southside	78	49
Haworth	65	62
Carmel Invitational		2nd
Huntington	82	45
Highland	82	45
Anderson	66	61
Connersville	92	35
Central	91	36
Madison Heights	90	37
Yorktown	86	41
New Castle	88	39
North Central Invitational		4th
North Central	48	78
Pendleton Heights	82	45
Sectional		1st
State		17th



Sprinter Rick Bowen flies through the air to get an advantage over his North Central opponent. The state champion Panthers were the only team to beat the Titans in a dual meet.

## *State Qualifiers:*



### *Clayton Miller – IHSAA Herman F. Keller Mental Attitude Recipient*

The IHSAA Executive Committee awards the Herman F. Keller Award for Mental Attitude to an outstanding senior participant in the Boys Swimming and Diving State Finals. The award, named in honor of the former IHSAA assistant commissioner in 1974, is annually presented to the outstanding senior participant who demonstrated excellence in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability in swimming and diving. Each recipient was nominated by his principal and coach. Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, IHSAA corporate partner, awards a \$1,000 scholarship to the school in the name of the recipient.

*100 Breast - 5<sup>th</sup> in State / School Record Holder*

*Mike Stetson – 100 Back / 7<sup>th</sup> in State*

*200 Medley Relay- Stetson, Miller, Jerry Verbrugge, Tom Lane 9<sup>th</sup> in State*

## 1983-1984: 7-4-1; *Sectional Champions; 20<sup>th</sup> in State*



SWIMMING ROW ONE: John Preston, Mitch Twining, Mark Reid, Brad Brammer, Leland Wilhoite, and David Phippen. ROW TWO: Mike Border, Mike Rhea, Bruce Chavers, Mike Chauvin, Chris Dague, Greg Bowen, Doug Coers, and Dirk Etchison. ROW THREE: Steve Hofmann, Doug Piazza, Mark Fortier, Diving coach Ann Lombardi, Coach Bob Chico, Asst. coach Dave Boggs, Tom Lane, Rick Bowen, and Brent Orrick. (Photo by Gary Addison)

### BOYS SWIMMING

OPPONENT	WE	THEY
Haworth Carmel Inv.	81	91
Carmel Inv.	2nd	
Huntington	90	82
Highland	79	93
Anderson	70	102
Southside	110	60
Central	123	49
Madison Hgts.	103	69
Yorktown	86	86
New Castle	113	58
North Central	84	88
Haworth Conf.	2nd	
Pendleton Hgts.	116	56
Sectional	1st	
State		20th

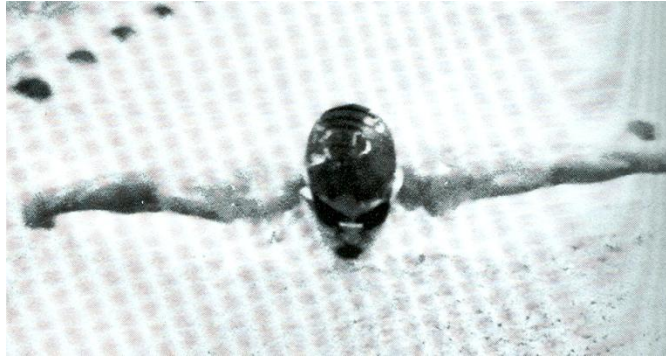
Northside was well represented in both the sectional and state swim meets. The Titans took the first place trophy at the sectional.

Qualifying for the state meet were Doug Piazza in the 50 yard freestyle, Mark Fortier in the 100 yard backstroke, Steve Hofmann in the 100 yard breaststroke, and Doug Coers in the 100 yard butterfly. Also, the freestyle relay team of Piazza, Tom Lane, Rick Bowen, and Leland Wilhoite, along with the medley relay team of Bowen, Coers, Hofmann, and Fortier participated.

Coach Bob Chico gave awards to the following: Chris Dague, most valuable diver; Doug Coers, High Points; Leland Wilhoite, Most Improved; Mark Fortier, Mental Attitude; and Steve Hofmann, the Phil Perry award.

When it came to the diving portion of the meet, the Titans usually had the advantage. In the sectional meet, North placed three drivers in the top six, with Dague winning the competition and advancing to state.

Commenting on the team's year, Hofmann replied, "Our team did well, considering we lost some key swimmers from last year."



Most Improved Leland Wilhoite pushes himself to better his time at a home meet. (Photo by Todd Merickel)

### *State Qualifiers:*

*Doug Piazza 50 Free*

*Mark Fortier 100 Back*

*Doug Coers 100 Butterfly*

*Steve Hofmann 100 Breast*

*Chris Dague Diving*

*200 Medley Relay – Greg Bowen/ Coers/ Hofmann/ Fortier*

*200 Free Relay – Piazza/ Tom Lane/ Bowen/ Leland Wilhoite*



*Steve Hofmann in 100 Breast*

# 1984-1985: 7-3; Sectional Champs; 22<sup>nd</sup> in State Meet

## Swimmers win sectional; five go to state

Compiling a 7-3 record, this year's swimmers displayed an impressive season, finishing second in the conference, and twenty-second in the state meet.

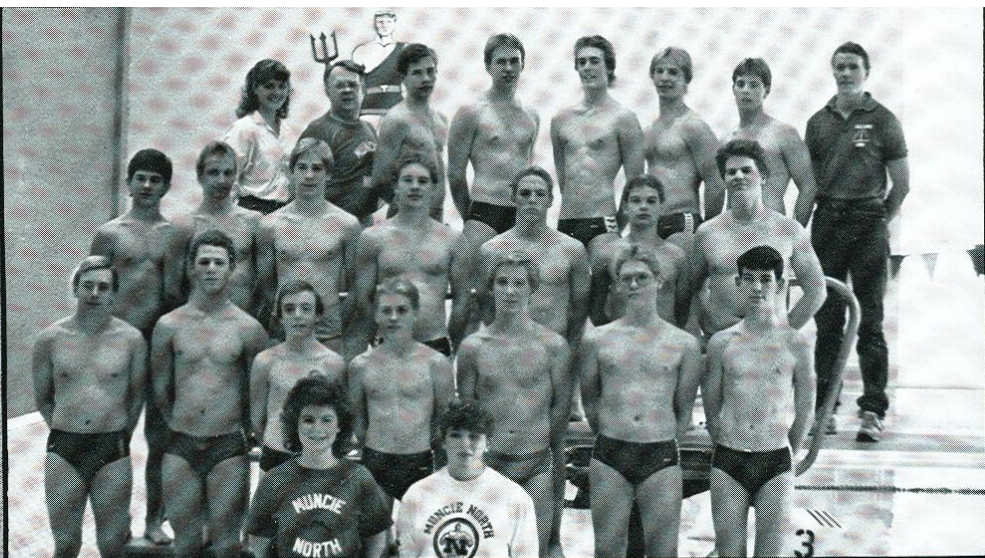
For the third consecutive year, the Titans pulled off another boys' swimming sectional crown at South Adams High School. First place finishes were achieved by the medley relay team consisting of Rick Bowen, Greg Bowen, Leland Wilhoite, and Doug Piazza; and Doug Coers in the individual medley and the 100 yard butterfly. Rick Bowen swam for a first place in the 100 yard backstroke, and also in the

400 freestyle relay with Wilhoite, Coers, and Piazza. Chris Dague finished first in the diving competition.

In the state meet, Bowen placed thirteenth in the 100 yard backstroke, the medley relay team finished with an impressive eleventh place, and Dague finished thirteenth. The 400 freestyle relay team touched the wall in thirteenth place.

"We had a successful season, slow at the start, but our times dropped considerably toward the end of the season," commented Coach Bob Chico.

SWIMMING		
OPPONENT	WE	THEY
Southside	98	73
Anderson	60	112
Carmel Inv.		5th
Huntington	92	79
Highland	84	88
Central	104	67
Madison Heights	100	71
Yorktown	107	63
New Castle	102	70
Conference		2nd
North Central	69	99
Pendleton Heights	116	56
Sectional		1st
State		22nd



BOYS' SWIMMING ROW ONE: Managers Cathy Couch and Debbie Koor. ROW TWO: Tom Cunliffe, Mark Hollands, Tony Baker, Andrew Dekeyser, Brice, Janney, James Verbrugge, and Kyle Terrell. ROW THREE: Andy Hahn, Sean Medsker, John Preston, Greg Bowen, Leland Wilhoite, David Pippen and Mark Reid. ROW FOUR: Diving coach Ann Mills, head coach Robert Chico, Chris Dague, Bruce Chavers, Rick Bowen, Doug Piazza, Doug Coers, and Asst. coach Jim Gendron. (Photo by Frank Petty)



Waiting to receive his first-place ribbon during the sectional for the 200 Individual Medley is captain Doug Coers. (Photo by Heather Beck)

## *State Qualifiers:*

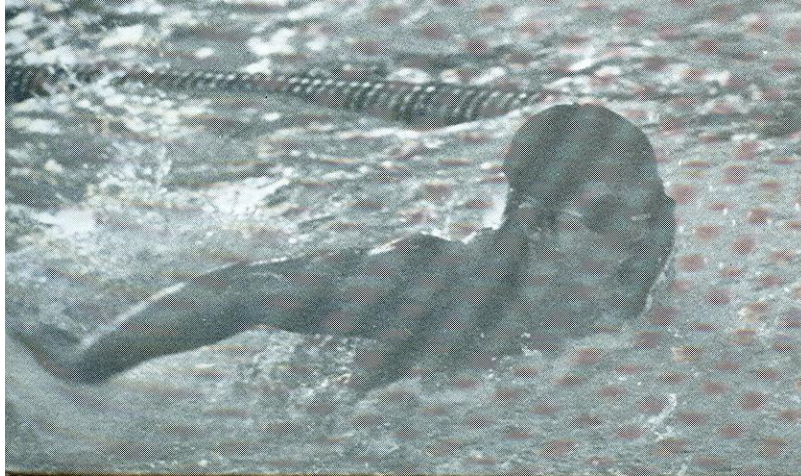
*Doug Coers – 200 IM / 100 Fly*

*Rick Bowen – 100 Back / 13<sup>th</sup> in State*

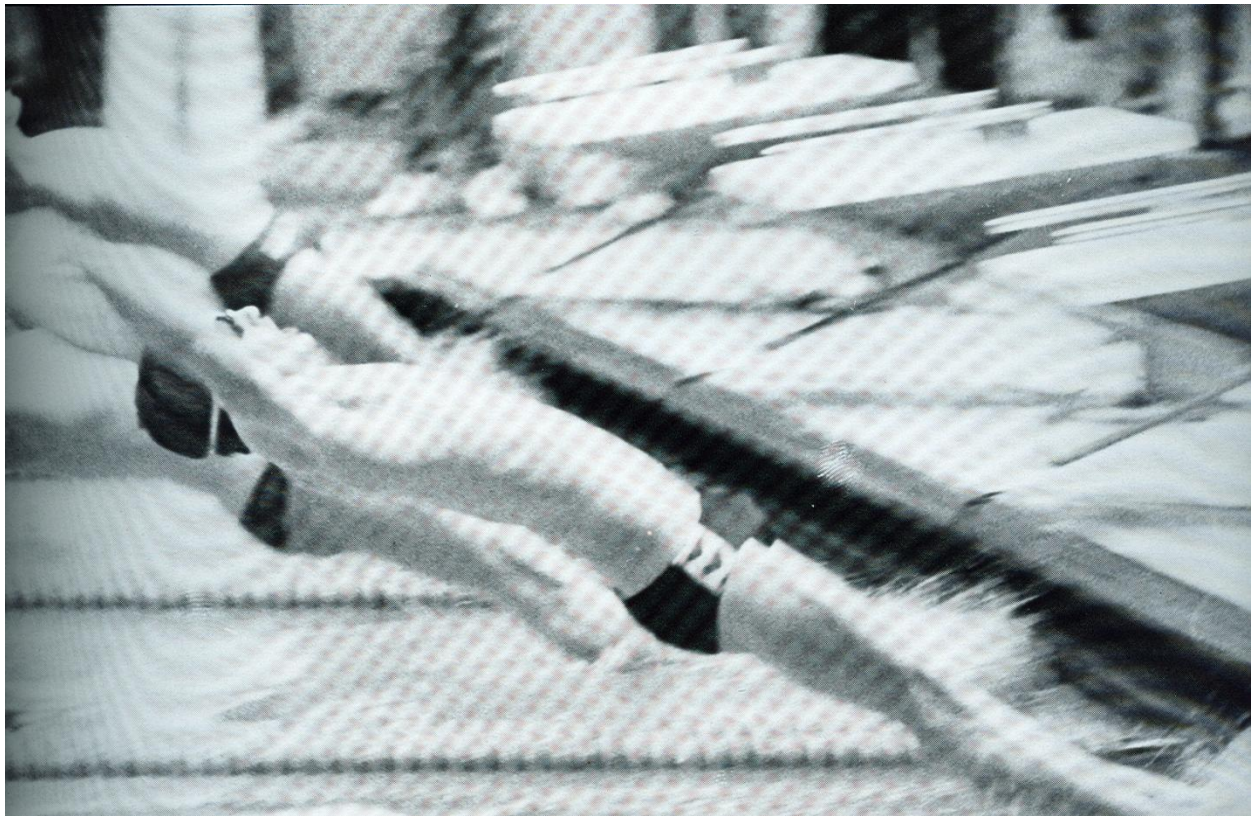
*Chris Dague – Diving / 13<sup>th</sup> in State*

*200 Medley Relay- Bowen/ Greg Bowen/ Leland Wilhoite/ Doug Piazza / 11<sup>th</sup> in State*

*400 Free Relay – R. Bowen/ Wilhoite/ Coers/ Piazza / 13<sup>th</sup> in State*



*Doug Coers in 100 Butterfly*



Off to a good start in the 100 yard backstroke during the state meet at the Natatorium in Indianapolis is senior Rick Bowen. (Photo by Mark Reid)



## 1985-1986: 8-2; 25<sup>th</sup> in State Meet



BOYS' SWIMMING ROW ONE: Diving Coach Ann Mills, student manager Erich Rothhaar, Walker Marsh, John Marshall, Gary Piazza, Andy DeKeyser, and student manager Cathy Couch. ROW TWO: Head Coach Bob Chico, Tom Cunniffe, Niels Buchler, Jamie Verbrugge, Brice Jan-

ney, Andy Miller, Eric Piazza, and Assistant Coach Vince VonDervelon. ROW THREE: John Preston, Leland Wilhoite, Greg Bowen, Mike Chauvin, Chris Dague, Gilbert Alberding and Sean Medsker. (Photo by Mr. Gary Addison)

### BOYS' SWIMMING

OPPONENT	WE	THEY
Southside	107	65
Anderson	54	115
Carmel Invitational	4th	
Huntington	87	85
Highland	103	68
Central	111	58
Madison Heights	98	74
Yorktown	122	43
New Castle	103	69
Conference	4th	
North Central	38	130
Pendleton Heights	100	71
Sectional	2nd	
State	25th	

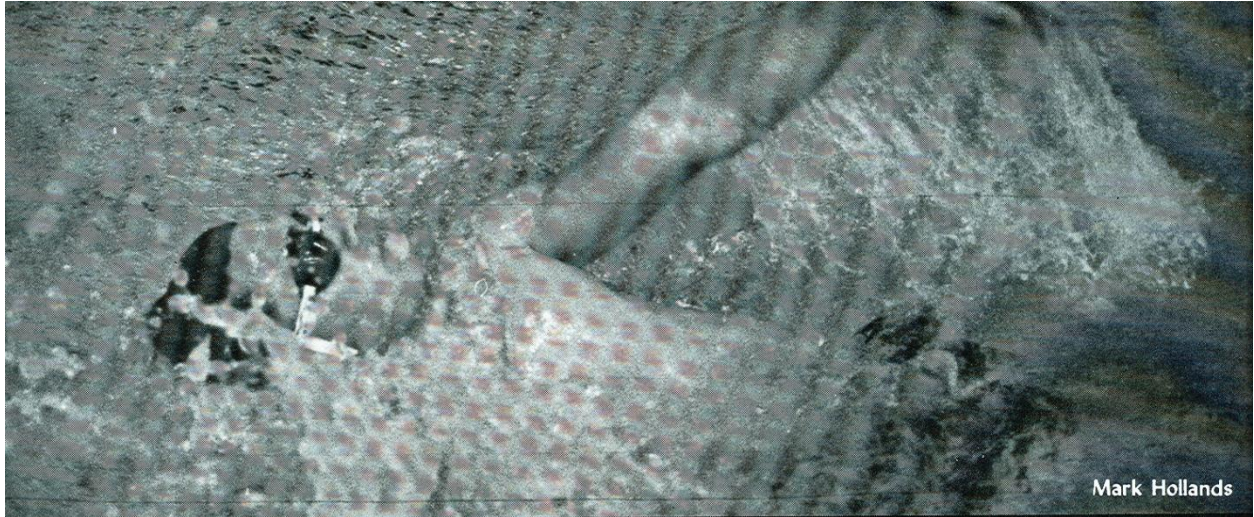
## Swimmers advance to state

Once again the North tankers advanced to the State meet, held in the Indianapolis Natorium, by placing second in the sectional.

Entered in only three events, North finished in twenty-fifth place. Team members competing in the state meet were Walker Marsh, Greg Bowen, and David Phippen in the medley relay, Leland Wilhoite in the 50 Butterfly, and Chris Dague in the diving competition.

The team was 8-2 in dual meets and placed well in both the Carmel Invitational and the conference. The team has a lot to look forward to next year, as they have fourteen letter winners returning, including the medley relay team which advanced to the state meet this year.

Coach Bob Chico and diving coach Ann Mills were both pleased with this year's season, as were the fans and team members.



*State Qualifiers:*

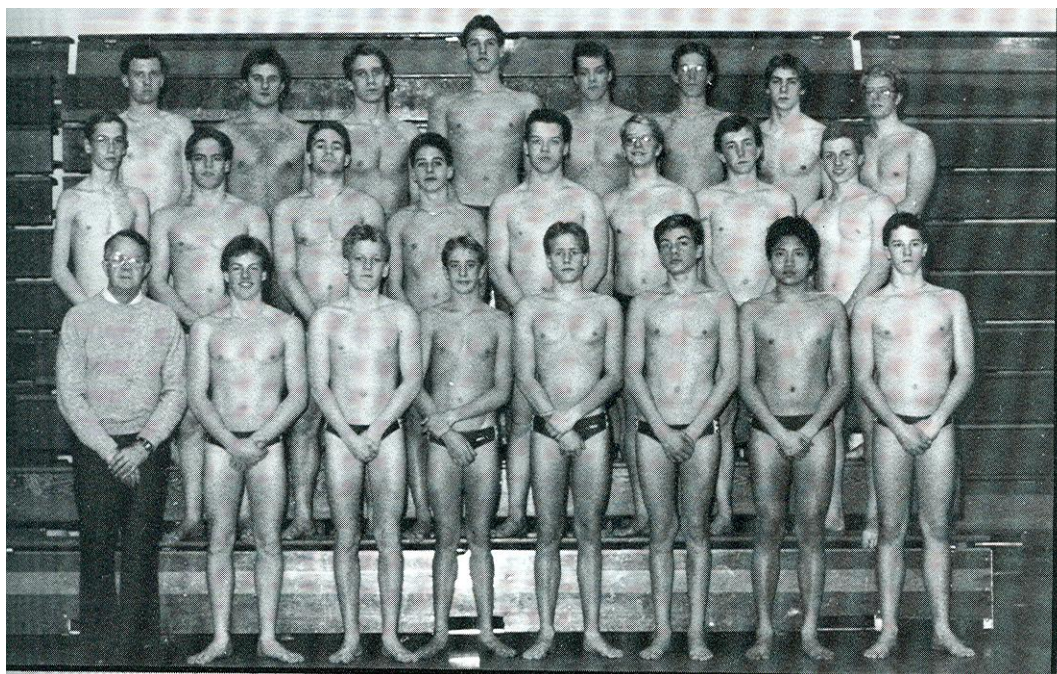
*200 Medley Relay- Walker Marsh/ Greg Bowen/ Leland Wilhoite/ David Pippen*

*Leland Wilhoite- 100 Butterfly*

*Chris Dague – Diving*



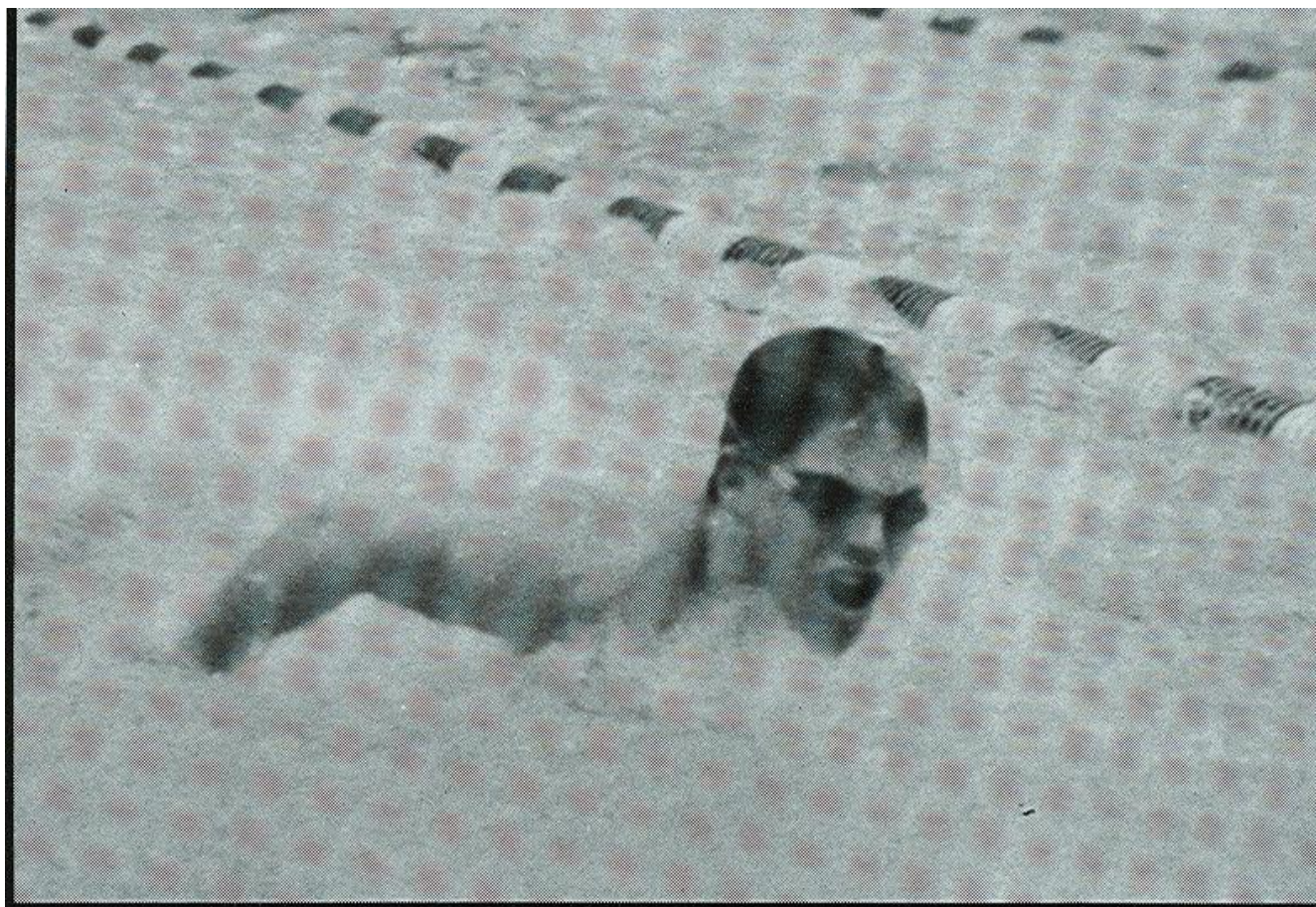
## 1986-1987: 5-3; *Sectional Champions*



BOYS' SWIMMING ROW ONE: Coach Bob Chico, John Marshall, Mike Smitson, Walker Marsh, Jeff Bowen, Mike Shelton, Arnold Ma, and Pat Samuels. ROW TWO: Mike Syring, Leland Wilhoite, Greg Bowen, Scott Keyton, Andy Miller, Fred Piazza, Mike Mitchell, and Andy Dekeyser. ROW THREE: Noel Bartlett, Brad Hart, Brice Janney, Jamie Verbrugge, Mike Chauvin, Greg Sissel, John Preston, and Gary Piazza. (Photo by Mr. Gary Addison)

### BOYS' SWIMMING

OPPONENT	WE	THEY
South	125	47
Anderson	71	101
Carmel Inv.		3rd
Huntington	95	77
Highland	78	94
Central	118	54
Madison Hgts.	109	63
Yorktown		Cancelled
New Castle	103	69
Conference		3rd
N. Central	68	103
Pendleton Hgts.		Cancelled
Sectional		1st



Senior Leland Wilhoite gasps for a quick breath while working toward his all-time best record. (Photo by Mike Pelfree)

*State Qualifiers:*

*Greg Bowen*



Capturing the sectional crown at South Adams, the 1986-87 boys' swim team qualified two relays and two individuals for the state meet at the Natatorium in Indianapolis. The team has won four out of the last five sectional titles under Coach Bob Chico. Coach Chico was very pleased with this, because it was the main goal he had set for the team at the beginning of the year.

This year was of great satisfaction to the team as well as to the coach, because the team had the disadvantage of not having its home pool. This was accomplished with the excellent leadership of the seniors and their ability to help manage the large team and provide the raw support needed to unite as a team.

Coach Chico was definitely pleased with the younger members of the team. They were the nucleus of the team and will be a strong point in future years with their experience. This being somewhat a young team, it also was one of the largest ever. The large team provided great depth in each event, which also proved to be an advantage.

Senior and state qualifier Greg Bowen commented, "It would have been nice to have had our own pool, but we managed to win as ALWAYS!"

*1987-1988: 9-1; Sectional Champions; Swan Song for Muncie Northside Swimming*

## **Swimmers advance to state**



“Next year when Central is successful, everyone will realize it is due to the great tradition Coach Chico brought from NHS.”

— Jamie Verbrugge

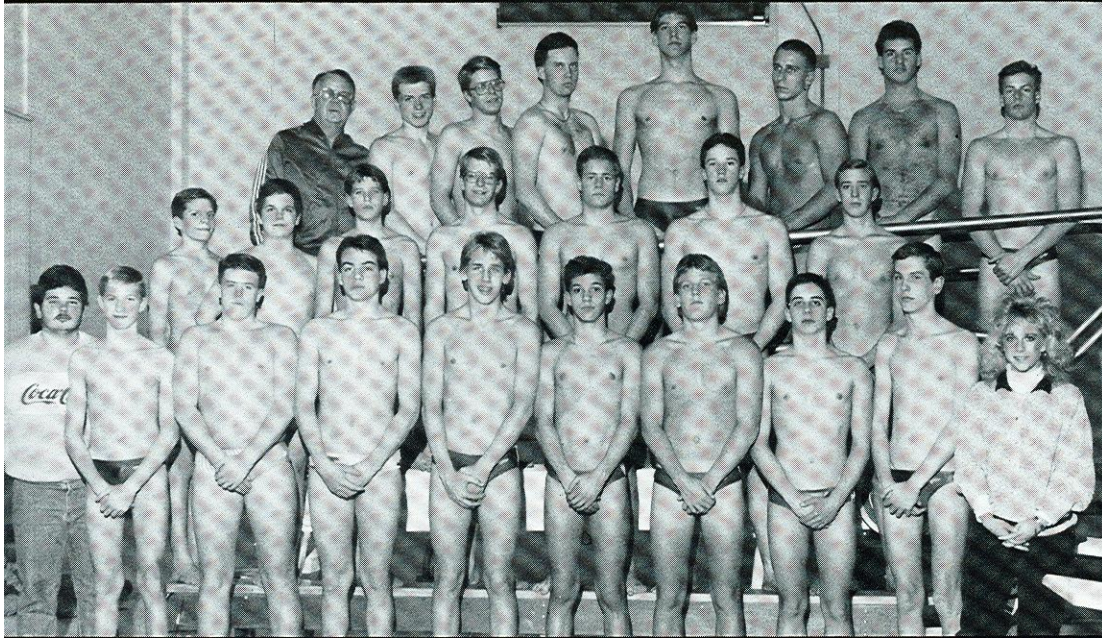
Northside was very well represented at the state swim meet. The swimmers dominated their sectional, beating the nearest team by 140 points while sending seven boys on to the state meet. At the sectional meet, Coach Bob Chico was chosen by the other coaches as the Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year.

The Titans ended their last season with a 9-1 record. They also finished second at the Olympic Conference meet with senior Brice Janney, juniors Walker Marsh and John Marshall, and sophomore Greg Sissel earning all-conference titles by winning the medley relay.

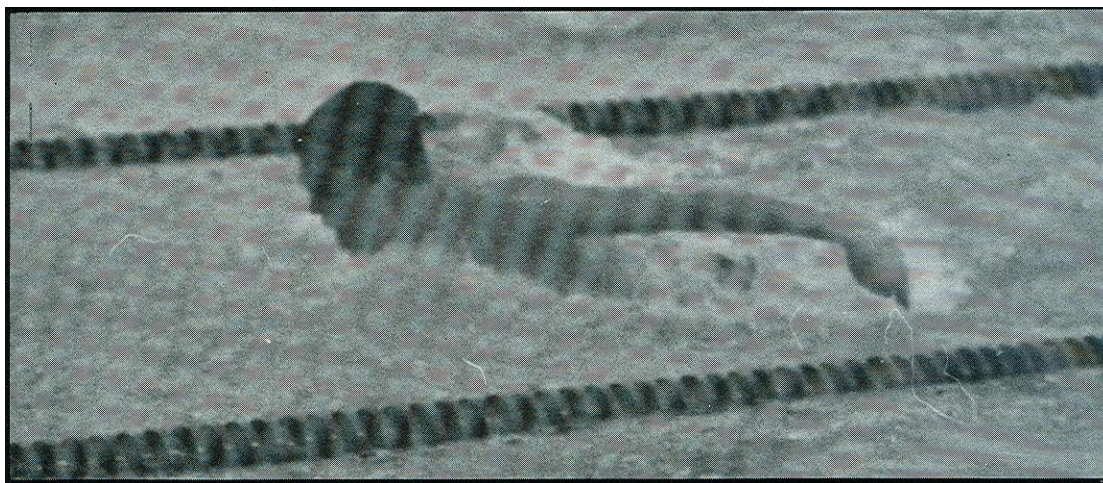
Advancing to the state meet were the medley relay team, and the free-style relay team of Janney, Doug Snyder, Jamie Verbrugge, and Adam Fero. Also advancing were individuals Marsh and Marshall. Both relays set school records for North, while the free relay earned a seventh place finish. Individually, Marsh placed thirteenth in the 100-backstroke event.

At the awards banquet, swimmers earning awards were Marsh, High Point Swimmer; Fero, Rookie Award; Sissel, Mental Attitude; Snyder, Most Improved; Mike Shelton, High Point Diving; and Marshall, Phil Perry Memorial award.

“We had a great season, only losing one meet and that was to the state champions,” stated Marsh.



BOYS' SWIMMING ROW ONE: Manager Jason Elwood, Dave DeKeyser, R.C. Shackelford, Mike Shelton, Patrick Hughes, Adam Fero, Mike Smitson, Scott Keyton, Mike Syring, and Manager Karen Arndt. ROW TWO: Ben Lawton, Chad McCauley, Eric Schamp, Fred Piazza, Jeff Bowen, Pat Samuels, and Walker Marsh. ROW THREE: Coach Bob Chico, Andy DeKeyser, Gary Piazza, Noel Bartlett, Jamie Verbrugge, Brice Janney, Doug Snyder, and John Marshall. (Photo by Weaver's)

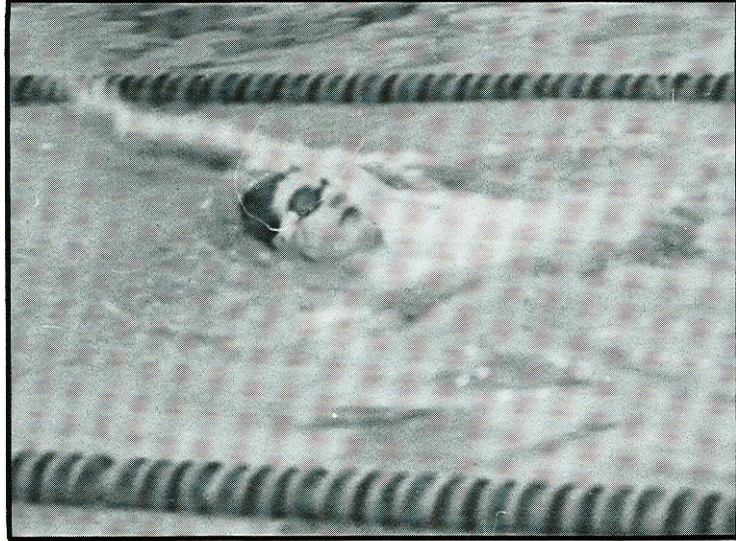


Greg Sissel, sophomore swimmer, captures first place swimming butterfly in a meet against Madison Heights. Sissel was on the medley relay team that competed in

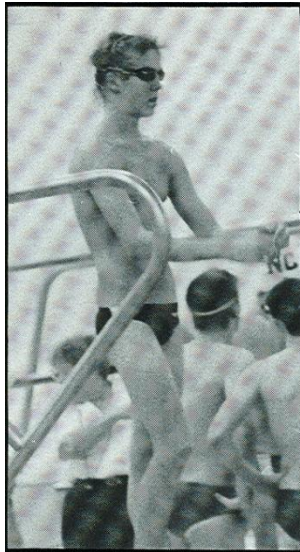
the state meet at the IU Natatorium. (Photo by Bill Dietz)

## SWIMMING

OPPONENT	WE	THEY
Southside	120	52
Anderson	75	97
Carmel Inv. 2nd		
Huntington	126	46
Highland	92	80
Central	113	59
Madison Heights	119	52
Yorktown	131	41
New Castle	113	59
Conference 2nd		
Delta	116	56
Blackford	129	42
Sectional 1st		
State 16th		

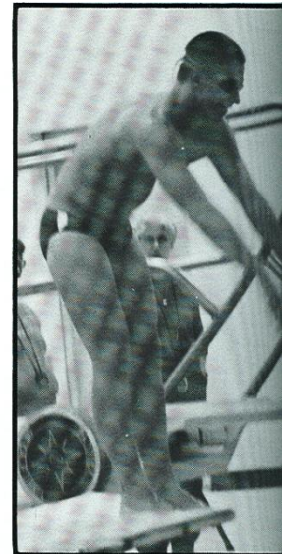
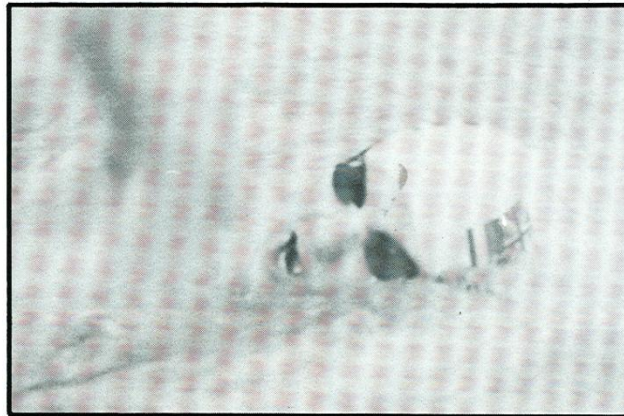


Senior Jamie Verbrugge strokes for the lead to give the Titans a win over Central. (Photo by Mike Pelfree)



In preparation for his part in the medley relay is junior Walker Marsh. (Photo by Bill Dietz)

Coming up for air, sophomore Pat Samuels finishes the 50-free style. (Photo by Mike Pelfree)



### *State Qualifiers:*

*200 Medley Relay- Brice Janney, Walker Marsh, John Marshall, Greg Sissel*

*400 Free Relay- Brice Janney, Doug Snyder, Jamie Verbrugge, Adam Fero / 7<sup>th</sup> in State*

*100 Back – Walker Marsh / 13<sup>th</sup> in State*