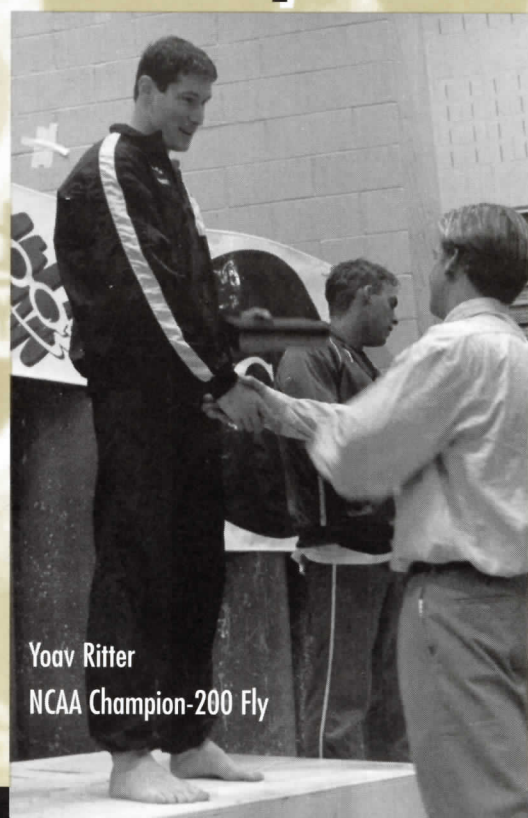


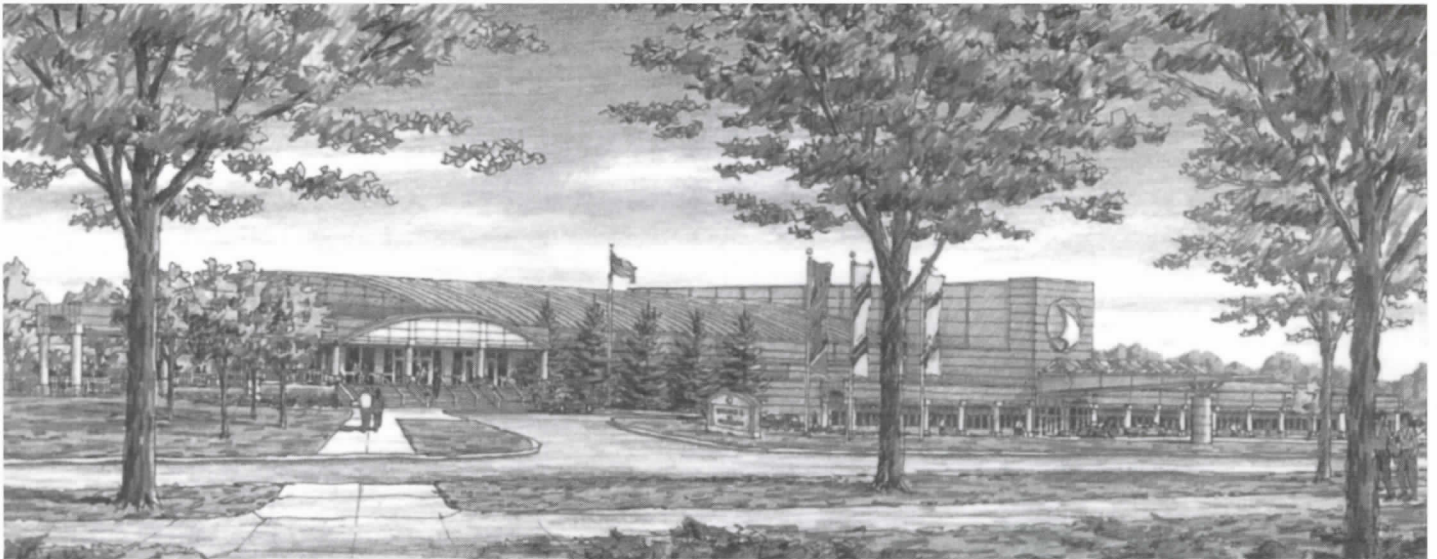
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY 1997-98

MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

***1997 National
Champions***



Yoav Ritter
NCAA Champion-200 Fly



Oakland's New Recreation and Athletic Center

Ground Breaking — Fall 1996

Projected Opening — Fall 1998

Lepley Renovation and Arena: 110,000 square feet

New Recreation Space: 140,000 square feet

Major Spaces

Arena - 3,000 seats for basketball, volleyball and special events

Natatorium - 50-meter x 25-yard pool, bubble pool and spa and
1,000 spectator seats for swim competition

Recreation gym - 3 court gym - basketball, volleyball

Club Sport Area - floor hockey, golf, soccer and volleyball

Running/Walking Track - 4 lanes, 1/10 mile

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4 Racquetball Courts

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Recreation Offices

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Swimming Lessons

Expanded Fitness Training and Wellness Programs

Expanded Intramural and Recreational Programs

Expanded Club Sports

Family Nights

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Tournaments



Summer 1997



Oakland University Quick Facts

Location: Rochester, Michigan 48309-4401

Founded: 1957

Enrollment: 13,956

President: Gary Russi

Faculty Representative: Bill Macauley

Conference: Mid-Continent Conference (1998-99)

Affiliation: NCAA Division I-AAA (1999-2000)

Nickname: Pioneers

Colors: Gold, Black, White

Home Pool: Lepley Sports Center Pool

OU Swimming & Diving Information

Head Coach:

Pete Hovland (Cal State Chico, '76)

Hovland's Record at Oakland:

Four National Championships (1994, 1995, 1996, 1997), NCAA Second Place (1983, 1984, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993), NCAA Third Place (1982, 1986, 1992), NCAA Sixth Place (1985)

Assistant Coach: James Collins and Ken Ehlen

Diving Coach: Don McElreath (Michigan, '78)

1996-97 Dual Meet Record: 11-2

GLIAC Finish: 1st of 5

NCAA Finish: 1st of 23

Recruiting Class Size: 12

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1997-98 Men's Swimming & Diving Schedule

Month	Date	Contest	Time
September	26	BLACK & GOLD INTRASQUAD	7 p.m.
	27	ALUMNI MEET	2 p.m.
October	18	PIONEER FALL CLASSIC (Oakland, Waterloo, Ashland, Hope)	12 noon
	24	at Bowling Green Relays	11 a.m./5 p.m.
November	8	WRIGHT STATE	1 p.m.
	13	TOLEDO	4 p.m.
	21	ASHLAND	4 p.m.
	22	at Buffalo	6 p.m.
December	5	at Eastern Michigan Invitational	5 p.m.
	6	at Eastern Michigan Invitational	10 a.m./6 p.m.
	13	PIONEER DIVING INVITATIONAL	All Day
	20-Jan. 4	at Winter Training Trip - Oahu, Hawaii	
	30	at Hawaii	6 p.m.
January	2-3	at Rainbow Invitational - Oahu, Hawaii	
	10	DENISON	3 p.m.
	16	at Kenyon	4 p.m.
	23	PIONEER INVITE (Ashland, Clarion, NMU)	6 p.m.
	24	PIONEER INVITE (Ashland, Clarion, NMU)	10 am/1 p.m.
	30	EASTERN MICHIGAN	7 p.m.
February	6	at Cincinnati	4 p.m.
	7	at Western Kentucky	12 noon (cst)
	26-28	NIC Championship - Cincinnati, Ohio	12 p.m./7 p.m.

HOME EVENTS IN ALL BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS

All times and dates are tentative and subject to change

Tradition will guide OU into Division I

Oakland University swimming and diving has a new world looming on the horizon. In 1997-98, the Pioneers begin a transition to NCAA Division I status and will compete in the National Independent Conference. As this new era begins, OU will rely on the tradition of Pioneer swimming to lead them into the new era.

"Our strength is going to be our tradition and our success over the past years and building from that," head coach Pete Hovland said. "We are going to use that to our advantage, along with our new Division I status and our new pool."

"This is a whole new world we are entering and I think we will be very competitive at the Division I level. But it is going to take a period of time and it will be interesting to see how the coaching staff and team adjusts and adapts to this transition."

The success at the Division I level won't be an instantaneous one, but will come with

time. This year the Pioneers will work to recover from their loss of 10 all-Americans and some of the fastest swimmers in OU history.

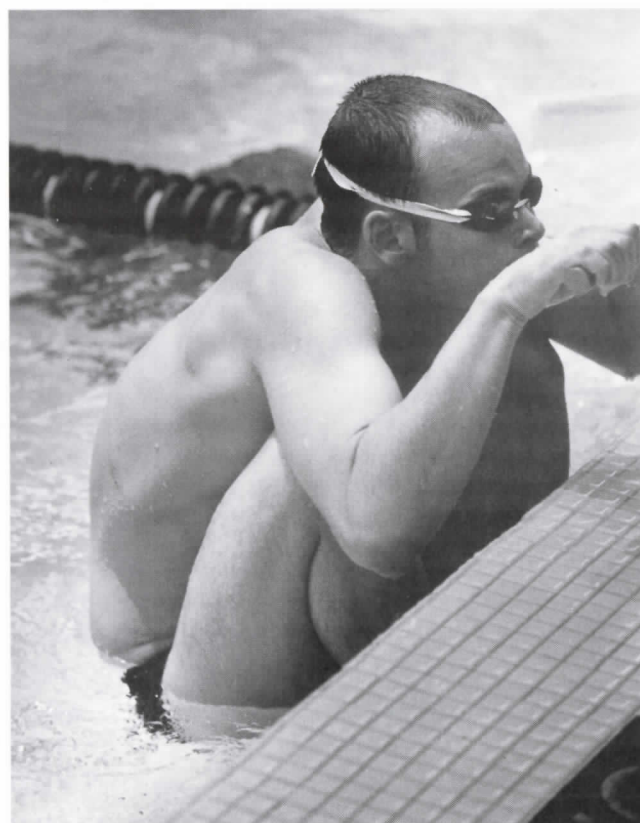
"We have lost a lot in a number of areas," Hovland said. "Across the board, in almost every single area, we have been hurt through graduation losses. There is no way in the world we can replace those guys in one year. It is going to take two or three or maybe even four years to develop a team with that overall caliber. But we knew that four years ago and now we start the rebuilding process all over again."

Heading the list of OU's losses are NCAA champions and all-Americans Jay Judson (200 breaststroke), Ken Ehlen (200, 400 and 800 free relay), James Collins (800 free relay), Joe Snyder (200 and 400 free relay) and Raffi Karapetian (200 and 400 free relay). Nineteen ninety seven all-Americans Kevin Everett, Isaac Farnsworth, David Paxton and Mike Robberson join the list of losses to the OU program.

Although the rebuilding task may be a great one, it starts this year and Hovland has set goals for the 1997-98 program.

"We would like to do as well as we possibly can at the NIC Championship," Hovland said. "This is going to be our focus. We will use the next two years as a transition to help some of our individuals focus on some individual goals as well, such as the Junior and Senior Nationals."

"We definitely have our sights set on the National Independent Conference and competing against those schools. I know we would have done extremely well there the past four years and now we'll have to get back to that level."



Ido Meron

1997-98 Swimming & Diving Roster

Name	Event	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
	Hometown (High School)			
Scott Beebe	Fly/FR	5-9	150	Sr.
	Charlotte (Eaton Rapids)			
Andy Belco	BR/FR	6-2	170	So.
	Plainwell (Plainwell)			
Brian Bliskey	Diving	5-5	145	Fr.
	Troy (Athens)			
Kevin Bobzien	FR/Fly	6-1	195	Jr.
	Orange, CA (Villa Park)			
Wesley Brown	FR	5-8	140	So.
	Bloomfield Hills (Andover)			
Randy Cobb	BR	6-3	190	Jr.
	Westland (Livonia Franklin)			
Todd Duncan	FR	6-2	180	Fr.
	Trenton (Gibraltar Carlson)			
Courtney Dunlap	FR	6-0	180	So.
	Ludington (Ludington)			
Matt Galat	FR	6-1	165	Fr.
	St. Clair Shores (South Lake)			
Mark Gole	FR/BK	6-4	180	Sr.
	Grand Rapids (West Catholic)			
Matthew Henderson	FS/Fly/IM	5-8	150	Fr.
	Alta, Calgary, Canada (George McDougall)			
Jamie Honce	Diving	5-8	145	Jr.
	Troy (U of D Jesuit)			
Erich Kelly	FR	6-1	185	So.
	Novi (Novi)			
Kurt Knoper	FR/BK	6-0	175	So.
	Zeeland (Zeeland)			
Karl Kozicki	FR/IM	6-0	170	Sr.
	Farmington Hills (N. Farmington)			
Scott McHugh	Diving	5-11	160	Jr.
	Grandville (Grandville)			
Ido Meron	BK/IM	5-11	165	So.
	Haifa, Israel (Irony Hey)			
Nate Murphy	FR	5-10	160	So.
	Tecumseh (Tecumseh)			
Dan Naylis	FR	6-2	194	Jr.
	Belmont (Rockford)			
Joseph Noto	Diving	5-7	145	Fr.
	Sparta (Rockford)			
Thiago Orso	FS/BK	6-0	170	So.
	Sao Paulo, Brazil (Objetivo)			
David Puchi II	BR/FS	5-11	140	Fr.
	Mesa, AZ (Mountain Pointe)			
Doug Redway	FS	5-9	145	Fr.
	Kansas City, KS (Sumner Acad.)			
Yoav Ritter	Fly/FR	6-1	175	So.
	Ramat-Gan, Israel (Irony Hey)			
Jamie Taylor	Diving	5-7	145	Fr.
	Livonia (Franklin)			
Eric Tunison	BK/Fly	6-1	165	Fr.
	Erie (Mason)			
Wade Washburn	BR	6-0	160	Fr.
	Erie (Mason)			

Head Coach: Pete Hovland

Assistant Coaches: James Collins, Ken Ehlen

Diving Coach: Don McElreath

Although the numbers of losses seem great, there are 10 all-Americans returning to the Pioneer squad in 1997-98.

Sophomore Courtney Dunlap (Ludington) finished seventh in the 100 freestyle (46.36), senior Mark Gole (Grand Rapids) was a member of the 200 and 400 free relay teams that won the national title and individually he finished fourth in both the 100 (51.29) and 200 (1:52.53) back, seventh in the 50 freestyle (21.21) and eighth in the 200 freestyle (1:42.62), senior Karl Kozicki (Farmington Hills) finished eighth in both the 500 free (4:37.19) and the 400 IM (4:04.70), 10th in the 1,650 free (16:11.31) and 14th in the 200 back (1:55.39), sophomore Ido Meron (Haifa, Israel) finished second in the 200 back (1:50.98) and eighth in the 100 back (51.91), junior Dan Naylis (Belmont) finished seventh in the 200 free (1:41.28), 13th in the 100 free (46.82), 15th in the 1,650 free (16:29.69) and 16th in the 500 free (4:44.27), sophomore Thiago Orso (Sao Paulo, Brazil) was a member of the 800 free relay team that won the national title and individually he finished fourth in both the 200 (1:40.10) and 500 (4:31.28) free, sixth in the 200 back (1:52.68) and 10th in the 100 back (51.98) and sophomore Yoav Ritter (Ramat-Gan, Israel) won the 200 fly (1:50.89), was a part of the runner up 200 and 400 medley relay teams, finished third in the 100 fly (49.83), 12th in the 1,650 free (16:21.19) and 14th in the 500 free (4:37.99).

Here is a look at who may be representing the Black and Gold at the National Independent Conference Championship in February.

Freestyle

Junior transfer Kevin Bobzien (Orange, CA), freshman Todd Duncan (Trenton), Dunlap and Gole should fill the role as the top 100 freestylers. Bobzien will also swim the 50 and Naylis could join the foursome in the 100 free group and will be one of OU's top men in the 200 and 500 free. Orso and sophomore Wes Brown (Bloomfield Hills) should swim the 200 and 500 and Ritter will also swim the 500. Kozicki will lead the way in the 1,650 free. Also seeing action in the freestyle events will be freshmen Matt Henderson (Calgary,

Canada) and Dave Puchi (Mesa, AZ) and sophomore Nate Murphy (Tecumseh).

Butterfly

"This event could be improved over last year because we return Yoav after he won the 200 fly at the NCAA's last year," Hovland said.

Also swimming the butterfly event will be senior Scott Beebe (Charlotte) who did well at the GLIAC championship last year and narrowly missed the NCAA's. Joining Ritter and Beebe will be Bobzien, Henderson and Brown to complete the butterfly corps.

Backstroke

The backstroke should continue to be one of the Pioneers stronger events with the return of Meron and Gole, two of the top returning backstrokers. Also swimming this event will be Orso, Kozicki and sophomores Kurt Knoper (Zeeland) and Erich Kelly (Novi).

Breaststroke

"This may be where we were hurt the most losing a national champion in Jay Judson and Isaac Farnsworth," Hovland said. "They've been two of the top four breaststrokers in the nation the past four years."

Anchoring the breaststroke squad will be freshmen Wade Washburn (Erie) and Puchi.

Individual Medleys

The IMs should see Henderson, Puchi and Kozicki possibly swimming the 400 and the 200 IM is yet to be decided.

Relays

"I think our relays really have a chance to be pretty good this year," Hovland said. "We may not be as fast as we were, but we will get there if our guys continue to improve."

"Dunlap, Bobzien and Gole make a fierce threesome in the relays. If Duncan continues to improve, he could fill the fourth spot in the 200 free. The same foursome could also swim the 400 with the addition of Naylis working in there. The 800 free relay candidates are Naylis, Gole, Dunlap, Orso, Ritter and Brown."

The 200 medley relay should see a combination of Gole, Washburn, Ritter, Bobzien, Duncan, Dunlap and junior Randy Cobb (Westland). The 400 medley relay will feature a combo of Gole, Meron, Orso, Cobb, Belco, Washburn, Bobzien, Ritter, Gole, Naylis, Dunlap and Duncan.

Diving

"This may actually be one of our strengths this year," Hovland said. "We lost two from last years squad, but we've added four. This will probably be our deepest and one of the more talented diving groups in recent memory."

The diving corps will be comprised of juniors Jamie Honce (Troy) and Scott McHugh (Grandville) and freshmen Brian Bliskey (Troy), Joe Noto (Sparta) and Jamie Taylor (Livonia).



Scott Beebe



Pete Hovland

Men's Swimming Coach

17th Season

California-Chico ('76)

Oakland University's men's swimming coach Pete Hovland enters his 17th season in 1997-98. Hovland and the Pioneers have firmly established themselves as one of the most successful Division II swimming and diving programs in the nation and prepare to take it to the next level...NCAA Division I.

The Pioneers have done it all under Hovland. In 1997, OU captured its fourth consecutive National Championship in San Antonio, Texas. In the 1990s alone, Hovland and his Pioneers have claimed four national championships, three NCAA runner-up fin-

ishes and one third-place mark. In his 16 years, Oakland has finished in the top three in the country 15 times, with eight second-place finishes, including five in a row from 1987-91. The success has become habitual for the man who has been selected NCAA Division II Coach of the Year five times.

Hovland has had the honor of coaching the NCAA Division II Swimmer of the Year in seven of his 16 seasons. Chris Zoltak was the last to win the honor, being named Division II's top swimmer in 1994. Prior to that, former assistant coach Doug Allen captured the honor in 1991. Tracy Huth, OU's women's swimming coach, won the honor three times, while Mark VanderMey won it in 1988 and Hilton Woods won it in 1989.

Hovland and Woods spent September of 1988 in Seoul, South Korea, as the two main ingredients of the Netherlands-Antilles Olympic swimming team, Hovland as coach and Woods as its top swimmer. Prior to that the pair was in Indianapolis as Woods captured a Bronze Medal in the 50-meter freestyle at the Pan American Games.

Hovland's Pioneers posted their first unbeaten dual meet season in history in 1994, going 9-0. They repeated that feat in 1995 with an 8-0 dual record.

Hovland reached the 100-win plateau in his 15th season as coach of the Pioneers and upped his career mark to 129-45-1 after the 11-2 tally in 1996-97. In addition, the Pioneers have won 16 straight GLIAC titles under Hovland, 19-in-a-row overall, and have been in the top three nationally

for 18 of the last 20 years and in the top seven for the last 24 seasons.

While the success in the pool has been astounding, it has been matched by success in the classroom. The Pioneers are consistently named as an all-Academic Team by the National Swimming Coaches Association of America, and a number of OU individuals, including 1997 graduate Jay Judson, have been honored by being named to the NSCAA All-Academic Team. With his 3.74 GPA in English Literature and his many athletic accolades, Judson was awarded one of the prestigious \$5,000 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship in 1997.

Prior to being handed the head coaching reins, Hovland served as an assistant to OU head coach Ernie Maglischo for two seasons, one of which was OU's NCAA Championship year. The pair first hooked up at California State University at Chico, where Maglischo coached the 23-time all-American Hovland. While at California-Chico, Hovland won five individual national titles and was part of eight national championship relay squads. He was part of four NCAA Championship teams as a college swimmer. In 1977, he was selected as the Western Conference Swimmer of the Year.

Hovland earned his bachelor's degree in physical education at California-Chico in 1976, and received his master's degree from the University of Northern Iowa three years later. Hovland was an assistant coach at both Chico and Northern Iowa before joining the Pioneers.

THE HOVLAND YEARS

YEAR	RECORD	PCT.	NCAA FINISH
1981-82	5-5-1	.500	3rd
1982-83	11-1	.917	2nd
1983-84	9-4	.692	2nd
1984-85	5-6	.455	6th
1985-86	8-3	.727	3rd
1986-87	9-3	.750	2nd
1987-88	8-2	.800	2nd
1988-89	8-3	.727	2nd
1989-90	7-4	.636	2nd
1990-91	10-3	.769	2nd
1991-92	8-3	.727	3rd
1992-93	5-5	.500	2nd
1993-94	9-0	1.000	1st
1994-95	8-0	1.000	1st
1995-96	8-1	.889	1st
1996-97	11-2	.846	1st

16 seasons 129-45-1 .740 1st - 4 times,
2nd - 8 times,
3rd - 3 times,
6th - once





Don McElreath

Diving Coach

2nd Season

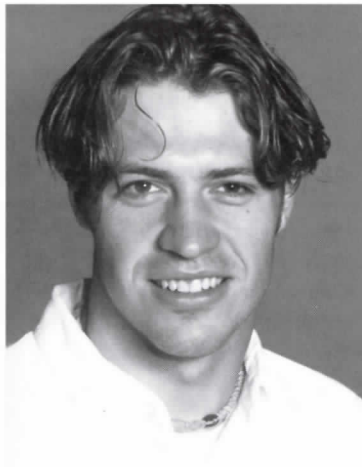
Michigan '78

Oakland University's Don McElreath is entering his second season as the head diving coach for both the men's and women's teams.

In his first season he guided two divers to all-GLIAC and all-America honors. Junior Damion Pulliam earned both honors after finishing sixth on the one-meter and seventh on the three-meter at the 1997 NCAA Championship. Pulliam won both events at the 1997 GLIAC Championship. Freshman Greg Harris claimed 14th place at the NCAA Championship earning him all-America recognition. Harris earned all-GLIAC honors after finishing second on the one-meter and third on the three meter at the GLIAC Championship.

McElreath, who also serves as a physical education teacher at Shelby Junior High School in Utica, has been a coach in high school athletics since 1976. He began as the diving coach at Ann Arbor Huron High School, while studying for his Bachelor of Science degree in education at the University of Michigan. The 1978 Michigan graduate has coached both diving and gymnastics at Rochester High School, and has also coached gymnastics at Troy Athens and Birmingham Seaholm High Schools.

He has served as the varsity football defensive coordinator at both Utica and Utica Eisenhower High Schools, the volleyball head coach at Utica Ford High School and as the assistant tennis coach at Troy High School.



James Collins

Assistant Men's Swimming Coach

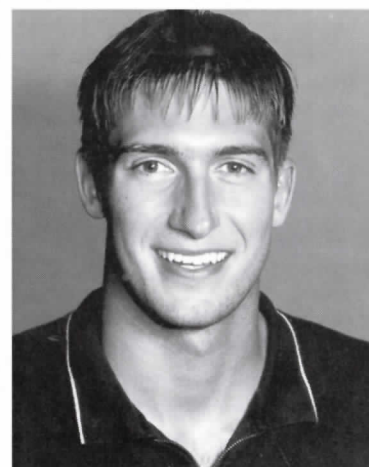
1st Season

James Collins is in his first season as an assistant swimming coach to Pete Hovland. Collins is currently working to complete his undergraduate degree in communications.

Collins was a 20-time all-American, with 15 coming in individual events, in his four seasons on the Pioneer swim team. Collins was a part of the recent four consecutive NCAA national championships (1994-97). In the 1997 NCAA Championship, Collins swam a leg of the national championship 800 free relay team, marking his fifth NCAA title in the four years.

The Huddersfield, England native is in the Oakland record books on two occasions ... 500 freestyle (4:28.32/1996) and 800 freestyle relay (Collins, Kristensen, Albiero, Ehlen/6:38.88/1996).

In addition to his coaching duties at OU, Collins is also a lifeguard and coach of OLY swimming and summer swim camps.



Ken Ehlen

Assistant Men's Swimming Coach

1st Season

Ken Ehlen is in his first season as an assistant swimming coach to Pete Hovland. Ehlen is currently working to complete his undergraduate degree in psychology.

Ehlen was a 24-time all-American, earning a career best seven honors at the 1997 NCAA Championship. Ehlen was a part of the recent four consecutive NCAA national championships (1994-97). In the 1997 NCAA Championship, Ehlen swam a leg of three national championship teams ... the 200, 400 and 800 free relays. In his four years, he was a part of nine national relay titles.

The West Bloomfield native is in the Oakland record book for the 1996 800 freestyle relay time of 6:38.88 (Collins, Kristensen, Albiero, Ehlen).

In addition to his coaching duties at OU, Ehlen is the head swim coach at the Potomac Club in West Bloomfield.

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Scott Beebe

Co-Captain

Butterfly/Freestyle

5-9, 150, Senior

Charlotte, Michigan (Eaton Rapids HS)

Coach Hovland on Beebe

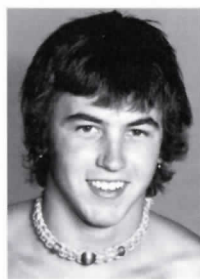
"Scott is one of our three seniors, so I have a lot of expectations as far as leadership. He is going to need to step up and provide the leadership that we need. His strengths are the 100 and 200 butterfly and his off event is the 500 freestyle."

As a Junior ... Conference finalist and just missed qualification for Division II nationals ... his season bests were recorded at the Pioneer Fall Classic (500 free/5:28.29, 50 back/29.29) and the EMU Invitational (100 fly/52.89, 200 fly/2:01.68).

As a Sophomore ... A three-event GLIAC finalist and two-time league relay champ.

High School ... A 1994 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School in Eaton Rapids, Michigan ... earned four letters in swimming under head coach Dave Pfeiffer ... captained the ERHS swim team his junior and senior years ... two-time MVP at Eaton Rapids ... also earned all-Area and all-League honors ... member of the National Honor Society and was a Student Council Representative.

Personal ... Born Scott Beebe on August 17, 1976 in Lansing, Michigan ... parents are Robert and Celinda Dockey ... mathematics major ... has a 3.30 GPA.



Andy Belco

Breaststroke/Freestyle

6-2, 170, Sophomore

Plainwell, Michigan (Plainwell HS)

Coach Hovland on Belco

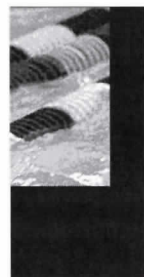
"Andy probably went through a huge transformation last year from high school to college. I think he has

learned a lot and experienced a lot and hopefully that experience will be put to good use this year."

As a Freshman ... His top finishes came in the Pioneer Fall Classic, EMU Invite and in the dual meet at Eastern Michigan ... his top finishes included a 22.27 in the 50 free, a 51.89 in the 100 free, a 30.27 in the 50 breaststroke, a 1:01.91 in the 100 breast and a 2:27.56 in the 200 breast.

High School ... A 1996 graduate of Plainwell High School in Plainwell, Michigan ... swam four years at PHS under head coach John DuBois ... a Class B state finalist who placed fifth in the 100 breaststroke ... member of Plainwell's all-America 200 free relay team that placed second in the state ... Plainwell placed in the top five at the state championship meet during all four of Belco's years ... a member of Plainwell's 1995 Wolverine Conference championship team ... captained the swimming team as a senior ... earned all-League, all-State and all-America honors at PHS ... also was the goalkeeper for the PHS soccer team.

Personal ... Born Andrew N. Belco on March 10, 1978 in Kalamazoo, Michigan ... nickname is Andy ... parents are Tom and Lynn Belco ... father played golf and swam at Western Michigan University ... elementary education major.



Brian Bliskey

Diving

5-5, 145, Freshman

Troy, Michigan (Athens HS)

Coach McElreath on Bliskey

"He has been off for a year after a back injury. He was one of the top high school divers in his league prior to his back injury and should add a lot of depth to our diving team."

High School ... A 1997 Graduate of Athens High School in Troy, Michigan ... four-year letterwinner under head coach Stefanie Hertling ... earned all-League honors as a prepster.

Personal ... Born Brian M. Bliskey on August 1, 1978 ... parents are James and Cindy Bliskey ... mechanical engineering major.



Kevin Bobzien

Butterfly/Freestyle

6-1, 195, Junior

Orange, California (Villa Park HS)

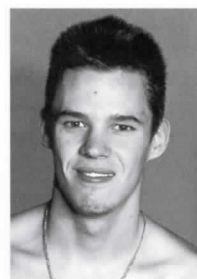
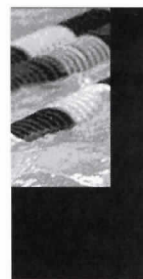
Coach Hovland on Bobzien

"One of our top recruits for this year. He was a successful waterpolo player in his junior college playing days. Kevin joins us at a time in which we need his specialties ... the sprint freestyle, 50 and 100, and 100 butterfly. Kevin will help us fill a big void in those areas."

Before OU ... Swam at Orange Coast Community College as a freshman and at Indian River Community College as a sophomore ... earned 13 all-League, all-District and all-America honors in college thus far.

High School ... A 1994 graduate of Villa Park High School in Orange, California ... earned four letters in swimming under head coach Jeff Ehrlich ... captained the swim team as a senior ... earned all-League, all-District, all-State and all-America honors as a senior.

Personal ... Born Kevin Duane Bobzien on January 16, 1976 in Price, Utah ... nicknames are Bob or Red ... parents are Ray and Lynda Bobzien ... communications major.



Wesley Brown

Freestyle

5-8, 140, Sophomore

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan (Andover HS)

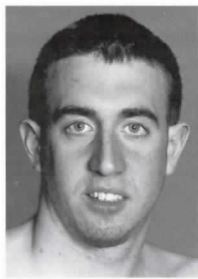
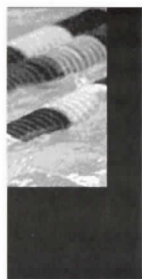
Coach Hovland on Brown

"Wes had a great summer. Hopefully his summer experiences at Region VI's in Cleveland, where he swam some very good times, will carry over and will translate into some bigger swims this year."

As a Freshman ... Saw limited action as a freshman ... recorded his season bests at the Pioneer Fall Classic (500 free/5:13.85, 100 fly/58.00) and the EMU Invitational (200 free/1:44.81, 200 fly/1:57.96).

High School ... A 1996 graduate of Bloomfield Hills Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan ... placed second in the 200 free and third in the 500 free at the state championship meet in 1996 ... a member of four straight state championship teams at BHAHS, helping Andover run its streak to seven ... co-captained the Barons' swim team in 1996.

Personal ... Born Wesley A. Brown on February 26, 1978 in North Carolina ... nickname is Downtown ... parents are Harold and Beverly Brown ... father lettered in fencing at the University of North Carolina ... English Literature major.



Randy Cobb

Breaststroke

6-3, 190, Junior

Westland, Michigan (Livonia Franklin HS)

Coach Hovland on Cobb

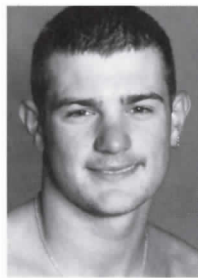
"Randy was one of our top breaststrokers last year and is our top returner this season. He had an off year last year after a very good freshman season. If he returns to form this year in both the 100 and 200 breaststrokes, he'll be a tremendous asset to us. We need him to step up to that next level."

As a Sophomore ... Saw limited action as a sophomore ... recorded his season bests at the Pioneer Fall Classic (100 fly/59.75) and the EMU Invitational (100 breast/59.82, 200 breast/2:10.05, 200 IM/2:01.36).

As a Freshman ... Qualified for nationals, but had the unfortunate distinction of being OU's 19th man on the 18-man championship team ... was GLIAC champion in the 200 breaststroke and co-champion in the 100 breaststroke.

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia, Michigan ... earned three letters (1992, 1994, 1995) at FHS under head coach Jean Pritchard ... earned all-State honors in 1994 and all-League in 1994 and 1995 ... team finished 34th in the state in 1994 and 37th in 1995 ... captained the Patriots swim team twice ... a Class A state finalist in the 100 breast as a senior at FHS, finishing seventh.

Personal ... Born Randall Cobb on Marcy 19, 1997 in Dearborn, Michigan ... nickname is Randy ... parents are Wayne and Ethel Cobb ... computer engineering major.



Todd Duncan

Freestyle

6-2, 180, Freshman

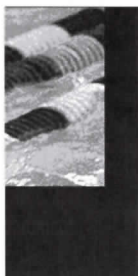
Trenton, Michigan (Gibraltar Carlson HS)

Coach Hovland on Duncan

"Todd is someone that I am pretty high on. He was the third fastest sprint freestyler in the state of Michigan this past year. His best events will be the 50 and 100 freestyles. He'll go through some tremendous adjustments this next year adjusting to collegiate program swimming and eight months a year from high school swimming and three months a year. I truly think he'll surprise some people this year come February and the NIC Championship."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Gibraltar Carlson High School ... earned four letters in swimming under head coach Rick Duncan ... captained the Marauders swim team as a junior and senior ... earned all-League honors all four years at GCHS ... named all-State in the 50 and 100 free in 1997 and was the League's MVP in 1997 ... also lettered in football and track.

Personal ... Born Todd Duncan on May 16, 1979 in Flint, Michigan ... parents are Richard and Kim Duncan ... father swam two years at Central Michigan University ... undecided on a major.



Courtney Dunlap

Freestyle

6-0, 180, Sophomore

Ludington, Michigan (Ludington HS)

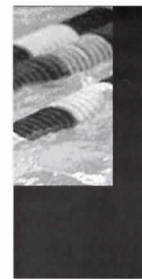
Coach Hovland on Dunlap

"Courtney came in last year as a walk-on. Through a lot of hard work and a tremendous amount of determination, Courtney turned into an all-American his first year and was probably one of our biggest surprises in both the 50 and 100 freestyles. With a year under his belt, we expect him to be a lot more mature and much more confident."

As a Freshman ... Scored in his first NCAA Championship with a seventh-place finish in the 100 freestyle (46.36), a career best ... posted his career best in the 200 free (1:46.50) at the Eastern Michigan Invitational ... earned his first all-America honor with the seventh-place finish at the NCAAs.

High School ... A 1996 graduate of Ludington High School in Ludington, Michigan ... swam four years under Hooker Wellman for LHS ... captained the swim team his senior season ... placed second in the 100 freestyle and third in the 50 freestyle while a senior at Ludington High School ... a prep All-Stater and conference champion.

Personal ... Born Courtney Wayne Dunlap on April 2, 1978 in Ludington, Michigan ... parents are Dennis and Linda Dunlap



Matt Galat

Freestyle

6-1, 165, Freshman

St. Clair Shores, Michigan (South Lake HS)

Coach Hovland on Galat

"Matt is a walkon this season. We have had very good luck with our walkons in the past couple of years and we hope to have that same success with him. He has a way to go, but he will add depth in the sprint freestyle events."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of South Lake High School in St. Clair Shores, Michigan ... earned four letters in swimming under head coach Kerin Powers ... captained the swim team as a sophomore, junior and senior ... named all-League and all-County as a senior.

Personal ... Born Matthew C. Galat on June 21, 1979 ... nickname is Matt ... parents are Donald and Charlotte Galat ... engineering major.



Mark Gole

Co-Captain

Freestyle/Backstroke

6-4, 180, Senior

Grand Rapids, Michigan (W. Catholic HS)

Coach Hovland on Gole

"He is one of our top returning swimmers this year. Mark came to us as a walkon his freshman year and each year has gotten progressively better. In fact, he scored in all four of his individual events at the championship last year and was one of our overall high point scorers."

As a Junior ... Added seven all-America plaudits to his total at the 1997 NCAA Championship ... swam a leg of the 200 free relay and 400 free relay teams that captured the collegiate crowns ... also swam a leg of the 200 medley relay team that finished second at the NCAAs ... individually, he earned 53 points, third best on the squad ... he finished fourth in both the 100 and 200 back with times of 51.29 and 1:52.53, respectively ... claimed seventh place in the 50 free with a time of 21.21 and eight place in the 200 free with a time of 1:42.62 ... his times in the 50 and 100 back (26.05

and 51.10) this season were Oakland's best.

As a Sophomore ... Earned five all-America honors ... won a national title with the 200 free relay unit ... individually placed seventh in the 100 back, eighth in the 100 free, ninth in the 50 free and 16th in the 200 free ... the GLIAC Men's Swimmer of the Year ... won individual titles in the 100 and 200 back and the 50 free.

As a Freshman ... Four-time all-American in 1995 ... was 12th in the 50 free, 13th in the 100 free, 15th in the 200 free and 16th in the 100 back.

High School ... A 1994 graduate of West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan ... earned four letters in swimming under head coach Murray MacGraedy ... captained the swim team as a senior ... placed eighth in the state in the 100 back and 12th in the 100 free as a senior WCHS ... earned all-Conference honors as a senior ... USS short course state champ in the 50 free in 1994 ... Grand Rapids City League champ in the 50 free and the 100 back ... also lettered in cross country and tennis.

Personal ... Born Mark Gole on September 19, 1976 in Grand Rapids, Michigan ... nickname is Gole ... parents are David and Kathleen Gole.



Matthew Henderson

Freestyle/Butterfly/IM

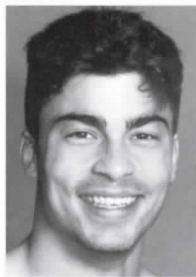
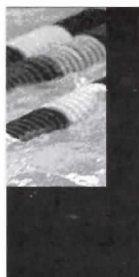
5-8, 150, Freshman
Alta, Calgary, Canada
(George McDougall HS)

Coach Hovland on Henderson

"He is probably one of our top recruits this year. He is very versatile, but is primarily a distance freestyler. He had a pretty good summer. His times coming out of high school should help us in a number of areas this year."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of George McDougall High School in Alta, Calgary, Canada ... holds two Canadian national records in the 100- and 200-meter backstroke.

Personal ... Born Matthew Alex Henderson on February 3, 1979 in Calgary, Canada ... parents are Bruce and Merle Henderson ... business major.



Jamie Honce

Diving

5-8, 145, Junior
Troy, Michigan (U of D Jesuit HS)

Coach McElreath on Honce

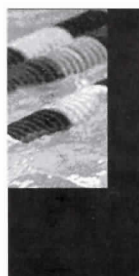
"He is our only returning diver this year and should provide leadership to the diving squad. He is a hard-worker and very dedicated."

As a Sophomore ... His 269.60 points at the Eastern Michigan Invitational in the one-meter diving event was a season best ... his 204.82 points at Toledo on the three-meter board was also a season best.

As a Freshman ... OU's top scorer for both six and 11 dives on the one-meter board and for 11 dives on the three-meter board ... seventh in the GLIAC on the one-meter board and eighth on the three-meter.

High School ... A 1995 graduate of U of D Jesuit High School ... earned two letters at U of D High under head coach Jim Feldman ... also played football and threw the discus as a prepster.

Personal ... Born James Erick Honce on August 1, 1976 in Warren, Michigan ... nickname is Jamie ... parents are Joseph and Sonia Honce ... art history major.



Erich Kelly

Freestyle

6-1, 185, Sophomore
Novi, Michigan (Novi HS)

Coach Hovland on Kelly

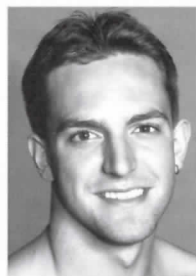
"Erich was one of our more pleasant surprises last year. He had lifetime bests in 200 IM, 400 IM, 200 backstroke last year. Erich likes to work hard and was a very, very talented age group swimmer. He came into his own at the GLIAC meet last year. If he has the same kind of improvements as he did a year ago, then he should do real well for us and score some

points at the NIC Championship."

As a Freshman ... Recorded his top performances at the Pioneer Fall Classic, against Hope and at the EMU Invitational ... his season bests were 1:55.20 (200 free), 5:21.86 (500 free), 58.85 (100 back), 2:03.14 (200 back), 1:59.63 (200 IM) and 4:12.51 (400 IM) in 1996-97.

High School ... A 1996 graduate of Novi High School in Novi, Michigan ... earned four letters under Bill McCord at NHS ... also lettered in football, cross country and baseball at NHS ... a prep all-Academic choice in all four sports as a prepster ... formerly one of the state's top age group swimmers.

Personal ... Born Erich Kelly on May 30, 1978 in West Palm Beach, Florida ... parents are John and Karen Kelly ... undecided on a major ... earned a 3.2 GPA in his second semester as a freshman.



Kurt Knoper

Freestyle/Backstroke

6-0, 175, Sophomore
Zeeland, Michigan (Zeeland HS)

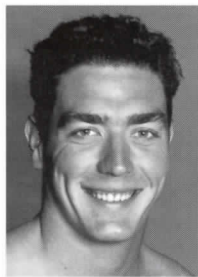
Coach Hovland on Knoper

"He showed considerable improvement last year. Hopefully with continued improvement, he'll take the next step up and will be able to provide some valuable points for us in his events."

As a Freshman ... Saw limited action as a frosh ... recorded season bests at the Pioneer Fall Classic (200 free/1:53.50, 50 back/27.67, 100 back/58.91), vs. Western Ontario (200 back/2:03.70) and the EMU Invitational (50 free/22.16).

High School ... A 1996 graduate of Zeeland High School in Zeeland, Michigan ... four year letterman under head coach Mike Torrey ... captained the swimming team as a senior ... placed 13th in the state in the 100 free ... a nine-time conference champion as a prep swimmer ... a two-year all-State choice ... named MVP three times ... also lettered three years in water polo.

Personal ... Born Kurt Knoper on July 16, 1978 in Zeeland, Michigan ... parents are Bruce and Ruth Knoper ... education major.



Karl Kozicki

Co-Captain
Freestyle/IM
6-0, 170, Senior
Farmington Hills, Michigan
(North Farmington HS)

Coach Hovland on Kozicki

"Karl is probably the hardest working individual on the team. He had his best national championship last year. His versatility is an asset to the program."

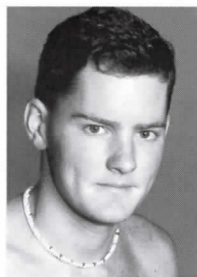
As a Junior ... Earned two all-America honors and two honorable mention all-America honors at the 1997 NAAs ... finished eighth in both the 500 free (4:37.19) and 400 individual medley (4:04.70) at the national championship ... also swam the 1,650 free and finished 10th with his 16:11.31 and swam the 200 back and finished 14th with a time of 1:55.39.

As a Sophomore ... Repeated the three all-America honors from his freshman year ... placed ninth in the 1,650 freestyle and 10th in both the 500 free and the 400 IM.

As a Freshman ... He was 10th in the 500 free, 11th in the 1,650 free, and 14th in the 400 IM at nationals.

High School ... A 1994 graduate of North Farmington High School in Farmington Hills, Michigan ... four-year letterwinner under head coach Danny Knipper ... captained the NFHS swim team as a senior ... earned all-State honors while with the Raiders ... the Raider swim team finished sixth in the state his senior season ... also swam for the Michigan Stingrays club team ... a five event junior national qualifier.

Personal ... Born Karl John Kozicki on August 13, 1976 in Wyandotte, Michigan ... parents are Daniel and Christine Kozicki ... history major.



Scott McHugh

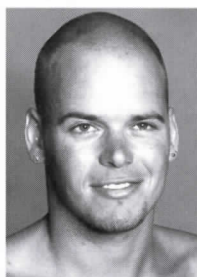
Diving
5-11, 160, Junior
Grandville, Michigan (Grandville HS)
Coach McElreath on McHugh

"He is a former high school state champion. He dove for two years at EMU and has been off for a couple of years. He is extremely talented and is expected to finish very high in our new conference. He stands a chance of winning all of our dual meets. He is really our Division I talent."

Before OU ... Transferred to OU from Eastern Michigan University ... earned two letters at EMU under head coach Rich Karban ... qualified for the NCAA Division I zones as a freshman.

High School ... A 1993 graduate of Grandville High School in Grandville, Michigan ... earned four letters in swimming under head coach Dave Brinks ... captained the Bulldogs as a senior ... earned all-America and all-Conference honors in 1993 ... was a junior national qualifier as a junior and senior ... member of the National Honor Society.

Personal ... Born Scott Patrick McHugh on November 7, 1975 in Grand Rapids, Michigan ... parents are James McHugh and Barbara McHugh ... computer science major.



Ido Meron

Backstroke/IM
5-11, 165, Sophomore
Haifa, Israel (Irony Hey HS)

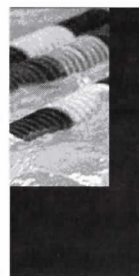
Coach Hovland on Meron

"His best events are the 100 and 200 backstrokes. He is probably our top 200 backstroker on the team and one of the top sprint backstrokers. He will probably swim either on the 400 medley and possibly the 200 medley relay."

As a Freshman ... Recorded 28 points in his first NCAA Championship ... finished second in the 200 back with a 1:50.98 and eighth in the 100 back with a time of 51.91 ... earned two individual all-America honors in 1997 ... recorded Oakland's best time in the 200 back (1:50.73) at the EMU Invitational.

High School ... A 1994 graduate of Irony Hey High School in Haifa, Israel.

Personal ... Born Ido Meron on July 3, 1975 in Israel ... parents are Gad and Miriam Meron ... communications major ... swam for the Israeli National Team ... a 21-year-old who spent two years in the Israeli military.



Nate Murphy

Freestyle
5-10, 160, Sophomore
Tecumseh, Michigan (Tecumseh HS)

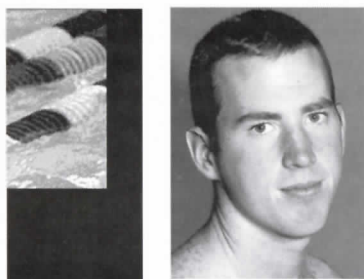
Coach Hovland on Murphy

"Nate made some big adjustments last year from high school swimming. It took us a little longer to figure out what his best events were going to be and how to train him. Hopefully from his experiences last year, he will be a major contributor in the 500 freestyle and the 1,650 and possibly the 200 fly."

As a Freshman ... Saw limited action in 1996-97 ... recorded his best times at the Pioneer Fall Classic (100 back/58.85), the EMU Invitational (200 free/1:47.25, 500 free/4:58.67, 1,650 free/17:09.15), at Hope (200 fly/2:07.55) and at Toledo (1,000 free/10:20.42).

High School ... A 1996 graduate of Tecumseh High School in Tecumseh, Michigan ... swam four years under head coach Larry Reed for the Indians ... captained the Indians his senior season ... a Class B state finalist in the 200 and 500 freestyle as a prepster ... placed second in the 500 and fifth in the 200 ... earned 12 all-Conference (1993-96), four all-State (1995-96), all-Area (1994-96) and League MVP (1994-96) honors at THS.

Personal ... Born Nate Murphy on February 7, 1978 in Tecumseh, Michigan ... nickname is Murf ... parents are Dan and Linda Murphy ... undecided on a major.



Dan Naylis

Freestyle

6-2, 194, Junior

Belmont, Michigan (Rockford HS)

Coach Hovland on Naylis

"Dan is one of our few juniors on the team. He is one of our top returning point scorers from last year's championship team. The actual move from Division II to Division I may help Dan because he'll go from swimming and training for four individual events to three. He should be one of the top candidates to do well in the NIC in the 100, 200 and 500 freestyles."

As a Sophomore ... Scored 19 points in his second NCAA Championship appearance ... was tabbed an all-American after a seventh-place finish in the 200 freestyle (1:41.28) and earned three honorable mention honors after his swims in the 100 free (13th/46.82), 1,650 free (15th/16:29.69) and 500 free (16th/4:44.27) ... he also earned an all-America honor after swimming a leg of the 800 freestyle relay that claimed the national title.

As a Freshman ... Earned a trio of all-America honors, living up to his billing as a solid middle-distance and distance freestyler ... was sixth in the 500 freestyle, ninth in the 200 free and 13th in the 1,650 free.

High School ... A 1994 graduate of Rockford High School in Rockford, Michigan ... an outstanding middle-distance freestyler as a prepster ... placed third in the state in the 500 at 4:35.81 and fourth in the 200 at 1:42.23.

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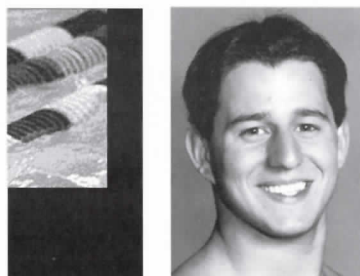
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Personal ... Born Daniel P. Naylis on October 25, 1976 in Grand Rapids, Michigan ... nickname is Red ... mother is Maureen Naylis ... general studies major.



Joseph Noto

Diving

5-7, 145, Freshman

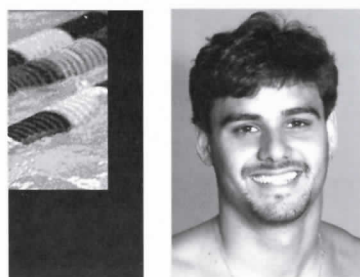
Sparta, Michigan (Rockford HS)

Coach McElreath on Noto

"He is a strong freshman that placed fourth in the Class A state meet last year. He is very talented and is a very hard worker. He has great potential and we see great things for him as a freshman. He should contribute right away."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Rockford High School in Rockford, Michigan ... earned four letters in swimming under head coach Ann Wright ... captained the 1997 swimming team at RHS ... earned all-Area, all-Region and all-State in diving in 1997 ... named to the all-Area Diving Team in 1996 ... team went 34-9 in his four seasons with the Rams ... RHS finished fourth in the state in 1995 ... also lettered in waterpolo three years and was named all-Region in 1997.

Personal ... Born Joseph A. Noto on January 31, 1979 in Grand Rapids, Michigan ... parents are Joseph and Karen Noto ... engineering major.



Thiago Orso

Freestyle/Backstroke

6-0, 170, Sophomore

Sao Paulo, Brazil (Objetivo HS)

Coach Hovland on Orso

"Thiago was our top scorer last year at the NCAAs. I think he has the potential to be a Division I swimmer and should really be able to compete well against the best that the NIC has to offer."

As a Freshman ... Scored 50 points, fourth most

on the squad, at the 1997 NCAA Championship ... finished fourth in the 200 free with a 1:40.10, fourth in the 500 free with a 4:31.28, sixth in the 200 back with a 1:52.68 and 10th in the 100 back with a 51.98 ... earned three individual all-America honors and one honorable mention ... also swam a leg of the 1997 NCAA champion 800 free relay team ... swam a leg of the 400 medley relay team that finished second at the NCAAs ... added two all-America honors with the two relay teams.

High School ... A 1994 graduate of Objetivo High School in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Personal ... Born Thiago Maule Orso on May 2, 1976 in Brazil ... parents are Waldir and Lea Orso.



David Puchi II

Breaststroke/Freestyle

5-11, 140, Freshman

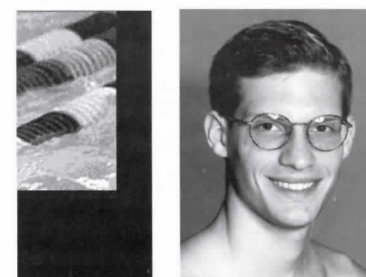
Mesa, Arizona (Mountain Pointe HS)

Coach Hovland on Puchi

"He has been a real pleasant surprise up to this point in time. He is very versatile and swims a number of different events. He had an excellent summer and arrived in great shape. He is tearing the pool up in preseason, so we'll see. It seems like he came prepared to make an impact on the team and to make a name for himself."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Mountain Pointe High School in Mesa, Arizona ... earned two letters at MPHS under head coach Glen Coy ... the Mountain Point team finished second in the state in both 1995-96 and 1996-97.

Personal ... Born David Puchi II on June 29, 1979 in Phoenix, Arizona ... parents are David and Sandra Puchi ... father swam in college ... mathematics major.



Doug Redway

Freestyle

5-9, 145, Freshman

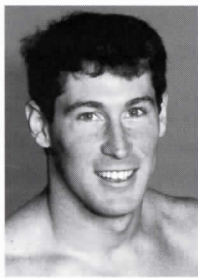
Kansas City, Kansas (Sumner Academy)

Coach Hovland on Redway

"He is somewhat versatile, but we will look to him to swim the 200 and 500 freestyles and possibly the 100 and 1,650. Doug has times that were very close to NCAA Division II qualifying standards a year ago, so he could have an impact depending on how well he improves this year."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Sumner Academy ... swam for the Kansas City Blazers ... ran cross country for Sumner Academy as a junior ... member of the National Honor Society three years ... received the Presidential Academic Excellence Award.

Personal ... Born Douglas Paul Redway on February 7, 1979 in Joliet, Illinois ... nickname is Doug ... parents are Cecil and Gale Redway ... business/accounting major ... sister Melissa Redway is a swim team captain at Drury College.



Yoav Ritter

Butterfly/Freestyle
6-1, 175, Sophomore
Ramat-Gan, Israel (Irony Hey HS)

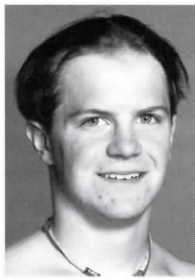
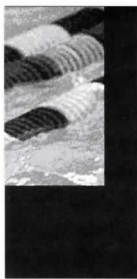
Coach Hovland on Ritter

"He is our one returning national champion from last year and is our top returning butterfly. He received a number of all-America awards and we will need him to step up and perform with the same quality this year. We are going to need big swims from Yoav this year."

As a Freshman ... Scored 44 points in his first NCAA Championship ... won the NCAA individual title in the 200 fly with his 1:50.89 ... finished third in the national meet in the 100 fly with his 49.83 and was 12th and 14th in the 1,650 freestyle (16:21.19) and 500 freestyle (4:37.99), respectively ... earned two all-America honors and two honorable mention all-America honors as an individual at the NCAA Championship ... recorded Oakland's best times in the 50, 100 and 200 fly in 1996-97.

High School ... A 1994 graduate of Irony Hey High School in Haifa, Israel ... swam under coach Avnon Avni while at IHHS.

Personal ... Born Yoav Ritter on June 6, 1975 in Israel ... parents are Nachum and Hanah Ritter ... Yoav swam for the Israeli National Team ... a five-time national champion in Israel in the butterfly events ... 21-year-old who spent two years in the Israeli military ... biology major.



Jamie Taylor

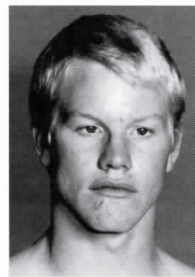
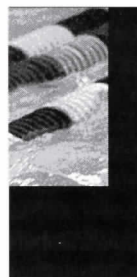
Diving
5-7, 145, Freshman
Livonia, Michigan (Franklin HS)

Coach McElreath on Taylor

"He was ninth at Regionals last year and he has a lot of potential. He has a great background coming out of the Heide Divers Club. He is very strong and should contribute in his first season. If he focuses and works hard, he'll do well."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School in Livonia, Michigan ... earned four letters for the Patriots in his four seasons ... captained the 1997 swimming and diving team ... earned all-League and all-District for the Patriots.

Personal ... Born Jamie Pierce Taylor on August 16, 1979 in Detroit, Michigan ... parents are James and Debra Taylor ... physical therapy major.



Eric Tunison

Backstroke/Butterfly
6-1, 165, Freshman
Erie, Michigan (Mason HS)

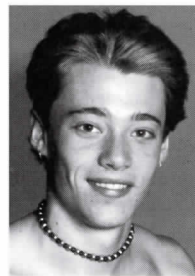
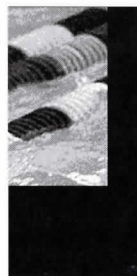
Coach Hovland on Tunison

"He is a walkon this year. He'll primarily swim both the 100 and 200 backstroke and possibly the 200 IM. He is a very bright young man and hopefully he'll make the adjustments to college swimming. We'll just have to wait and see how he does this year."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Erie Mason High School in Erie, Michigan ... earned four letters in swimming under head coach Jack Michael ... earned all-League and all-County his final three years with the Eagles ... named to the all-Region team as a junior and senior and earned all-America plaudits his senior season

... the Eagles went 46-2 in his four years ... captained the 1996-97 swim team, the 1996 football team and the 1997 track team ... also lettered twice in track and once in football ... member of the National Honor Society and Students Against Drunk Driving ... salutatorian of his senior class ... class vice president as a junior.

Personal ... Born Eric C. Tunison on March 13, 1979 in Toledo, Ohio ... nickname is Tuna ... parents are Ray and Chris Tunison ... electrical engineering major.



Wade Washburn

Breastroke
6-0, 160, Freshman
Erie, Michigan (Mason HS)

Coach Hovland on Washburn

"Wade has a huge upside and depending on how hard he works and how much improvement he makes can possibly help us in the 100 breaststroke. He'll probably have to learn to go to the 200 breast. His third event will be the 200 IM. Hopefully he'll improve between now and February and could possibly score some points for us at the NIC."

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Erie Mason High School in Erie, Michigan ... earned four letters in swimming under head coach Jack Michael ... named all-State in 1997 in swimming ... was the swimming MVP in 1996 and 1997 ... earned 12 varsity letters overall ... also lettered four times in each cross country and track ... captained the 1996 and 1997 swim teams, the 1996 cross country team and the 1997 track team ... the Eagles went 46-2 in his four years ... member of the student council.

Personal ... Born Wade Wesley Wilett Washburn on December 4, 1978 in Toledo, Ohio ... parents are Gary and Debra Washburn ... computer science major.

1996-97 MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING RESULTS

Date	Meet	Score	OU Result
Oct. 19	PIONEER FALL CLASSIC		1st of 5
Oct. 25	at Bowling Green Relays		NTS
Nov. 1	at Toledo	107-130	L
Nov. 8	at Ashland	132-70	W
Nov. 9	at Wright State	130-113	W
Nov. 16	WESTERN ONTARIO	119-76	W
Dec. 6-7	at Eastern Michigan Invitational		1st of 5
Jan. 10	at Eastern Michigan	101-140	L
Jan. 11	at Denison	140.5-105.5	W
Jan. 17	KENYON	144-99	W
Jan. 24-25	at Clarion Invitational		1st of 4
Feb. 1	HOPE	173-67	W
Feb. 7	WAYNE STATE	174-47	W
Feb. 19-22	GLIAC Championships at Northern Michigan		1st of 5
Mar. 12-15	NCAA II Championships at San Antonio, Texas		1st of 23

OAKLAND'S 1996-97 BEST TIMES

Event	Athlete	Time/Score	Event
50 free	Raffi Karapetian	20.14	at EMU Invitational
100 free	Ken Ehlen	45.16	at EMU Invitational
200 free	James Collins	1:39.27	NCAA Championship
500 free	James Collins	4:29.03	NCAA Championship
1000 free	James Collins	9:38.18	at Denison
1650 free	David Paxton	15:49.25	NCAA Championship
50 back	Mark Gole	26.05	Pioneer Fall Classic
100 back	Mark Gole	51.10	NCAA Championship
200 back	Ido Meron	1:50.73	at EMU Invitational
50 breast	Raffi Karapetian	28.68	Pioneer Fall Classic
100 breast	Jay Judson	57.13	NCAA Championship
200 breast	Jay Judson	2:01.59	NCAA Championship
50 fly	Yoav Ritter	24.00	Pioneer Fall Classic
100 fly	Yoav Ritter	49.83	NCAA Championship
200 fly	Yoav Ritter	1:50.89	NCAA Championship
200 IM	Jay Judson	1:52.10	NCAA Championship
400 IM	David Paxton	3:58.20	NCAA Championship
200 medley relay	Gole, Farnsworth, Ritter, Karapetian	1:31.86	NCAA Championship
400 medley relay	Orso, Judson, Ritter, Ehlen	3:22.69	NCAA Championship
200 free relay	Karapetian, Gole, Snyder, Ehlen	1:21.99	NCAA Championship
400 free relay	Karapetian, Gole, Snyder, Ehlen	3:00.38	NCAA Championship
800 free relay	Collins, Naylis, Orso, Ehlen	6:40.29	NCAA Championship
1-meter diving (11)	Damian Pulliam	430.70	NCAA Championship
3-meter diving (11)	Damian Pulliam	430.50	NCAA Championship

MEN'S SWIMMING ALL-AMERICANS

Darin Abbasse (1981-84)	Steve Larson (1984-87)
Arthur Albiero (1994-96)	Gary Lauinger (1974-75)
Doug Allen (1990-93)	Mike McCloskey (1984)
Tom Allen (1978-80)	Eric McIlquham (1989-92)
Dan Andrus (1986)	Doug McIntosh (1978-81)
Adric Arndt (1993-96)	Todd McNeal (1986)
Morgan Bailey (1993-95)	Ido Meron (1997)
Carl Boyd (1990-93)	Matt Michaels (1990-91)
Tom Boyd (1975-78)	Brian Michalik (1983)
Brian Brink (1979-81)	Rod Mitchell (1974-77)
Tim Brooks (1975)	Tim Murphy (1978-80)
Mike Campbell (1969-71)	Dave Nack (1988-89)
Rob Carman (1988)	Mike Nation (1986-89)
Sam Castillo (1994-95)	Dan Naylis (1996-97)
Craig Chappell (1981-84)	Eric Newton (1992-95)
John Christiansen (1982-85)	Patrick Nichols (1974)
Larry Christiansen (1975)	Mike Obenshain (1982)
Doug Cleland (1986-88)	Mike O'Hagen (1978-81)
James Collins (1994-97)	Richie Orr (1989-91)
Art Colton (1969)	Thiago Orso (1997)
Jeff Colton (1983-84)	John Parker (1969-72)
Jeff Cooper (1985-88)	David Paxton (1994-97)
Rick Cozad (1980-82)	Nick Pesch (1991)
Matt Croghan (1984-86)	Sean Peters (1991, 1993-94)
Dario DiFazio (1994-95)	Enos Pritchett (1990, 1992-93)
Ian Dittus (1977-80)	Damian Pulliam (1997)
Mark Doyle (1978-81)	Gary Quittiquit (1970)
Eric Dresbach (1986-89)	Kirk Raddatz (1987, 1989)
Jim Druart (1989)	Steve Ramsey (1986)
Mark Duff (1987-88)	Yoav Ritter (1997)
Courtney Dunlap (1997)	Mike Robberson (1997)
Ken Ehlen (1994-97)	Dave Rogowski (1986-89)
Kevin Everett (1994-97)	Jeff Ross (1990)
Isaac Farnsworth (1994-97)	Mike Sammons (1980-83)
Alan Faust (1981-84)	Greg Santo (1980-81)
Stephen Gallagher (1981-83)	Mike Schmidt (1981-84)
Gordon Geheb (1979-82)	Scott Seeley (1988)
Byron Gibbs (1974)	Jeff Seifert (1989-92)
Mark Gole (1995-97)	James Shirilla (1970)
Gordon Haigh (1979)	Joe Snyder (1995-97)
Marc Hairston (1990-92)	Jason Steele (1996)
Elvind Hansen (1980)	Erik Strom (1988-89)
Jim Hanson (1975-77)	Jon Stump (1993)
Scott Harris (1989-90)	Jim Surowiec (1987-90)
Jordan Hatch (1976-79)	Dale Swezene (1975)
Tracy Huth (1981-84)	Rich Swoboda (1988)
Bob Jenrow (1974-77)	Jon Teal (1989-92)
Curtis Jonas (1982)	Randy Teeters (1995-96)
Jay Judson (1994-97)	Scott Teeters (1976-78)
Raffi Karapetian (1996-97)	Steve Traube (1992)
Mike Karas (1974)	Mike Turney (1988)
Paul Karas (1974-77)	Mark Vandermeij (1985-88)
B.J. Kearney (1978)	Jeff VanNorman (1990-93)
Dale Kelly (1975)	Bruce Verburg (1986-87)
Kevin Kirchner (1975)	Tom Warnica (1985)
Mark Knapp (1989-90)	Shayne Wilson (1989-92)
Chris Knoche (1994, 96)	Hilton Woods (1988-90)
Mike Koleber (1985-87)	Steve Yedlin (1970)
John Kovach (1988, 90-91)	Cory Zieger (1990-91)
Karl Kozicki (1995-97)	Chris Zoltak (1993-96)
Jens Kristensen (1994-96)	Loren Zook (1991)
Jeff Kuhn (1987)	

1997 NCAA INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Swimmer/Event	Time	Place	Points	Total Points
James Collins				
200 freestyle	1:39.27	2nd	17	
500 freestyle	4:29.03	2nd	17	
1,650 freestyle	16:00.94	7th	12	
200 fly	1:54.90	16th	1	47
Courtney Dunlap				
100 freestyle	46.36	7th	12	12
Ken Ehlen				
100 freestyle	45.66	2nd	17	
200 freestyle	1:40.64	5th	14	
200 IM	1:54.68	14th	3	34
Kevin Everett				
200 back	1:54.18	8th	11	11
Isaac Farnsworth				
100 breast	57.30	5th	14	
200 breast	2:04.50	4th	15	
200 IM	1:54.47	8th	11	40
Mark Gole				
50 freestyle	21.21	7th	12	
200 freestyle	1:42.62	8th	11	
100 back	51.29	4th	15	
200 back	1:52.53	4th	15	53
Jay Judson				
100 breast	57.13	3rd	16	
200 breast	2:01.59	1st	20	
200 IM	1:52.10	5th	14	
400 IM	4:02.77	11th	6	56
Raffi Karapetian				
50 freestyle	20.45	2nd	17	
200 freestyle	1:41.37	9th	9	
100 breast	57.77	9th	9	35
Karl Kozicki				
500 freestyle	4:37.19	8th	11	
1,650 freestyle	16:11.31	10th	7	
200 back	1:55.39	14th	3	
400 IM	4:04.70	8th	11	32
Ido Meron				
100 back	51.91	8th	11	
200 back	1:50.98	2nd	17	28
Dan Naylis				
100 freestyle	46.82	13th	4	
200 freestyle	1:41.28	7th	12	
500 freestyle	4:44.27	16th	1	
1,650 freestyle	16:29.69	15th	2	19
Thiago Orso				
200 freestyle	1:40.10	4th	15	
500 freestyle	4:31.28	4th	15	
100 back	51.98	10th	7	
200 back	1:52.68	6th	13	50
David Paxton				
500 freestyle	4:31.65	5th	14	
1,650 freestyle	15:49.25	3rd	16	
200 fly	1:53.78	10th	7	
400 IM	3:58.20	2nd	17	54
Damian Pulliam				
3M Diving	430.50	7th	12	
1M Diving	430.70	6th	13	25
Yaav Ritter				
500 freestyle	4:37.99	14th	3	
1,650 freestyle	16:21.19	12th	5	
100 fly	49.83	3rd	16	
200 fly	1:50.89	1st	20	44
Mike Robberson				
100 back	52.76	12th	5	
200 back	1:52.66	5th	14	19
Joe Synder				
50 freestyle	21.50	14th	3	
100 freestyle	46.12	5th	14	17

YEAR BY YEAR RESULTS

Year	Dual Meet Record	Conference	NCAA
1965	6-3-1	—	—
1966	11-9	—	—
1967	7-5	—	—
1968	11-4	—	—
1969	13-6	—	17th
1970	9-7	—	29th
1971	4-9	—	17th
1972	5-11	—	37th
1973	7-7	—	—
1974	10-6	—	7th
1975	11-1	—	4th
1976	5-5	1st	3rd
1977	5-2	1st	5th
1978	8-3	1st	3rd
1979	6-4	—	2nd
1980	7-3	—	1st
1981	8-3	1st	2nd
1982	5-5-1	1st	3rd
1983	11-1	1st	2nd
1984	9-4	1st	2nd
1985	5-6	1st	6th
1986	8-3	1st	3rd
1987	9-3	1st	2nd
1988	8-2	1st	2nd
1989	8-3	1st	2nd
1990	7-4	1st	2nd
1991	10-3	1st	2nd
1992	8-3	1st	3rd
1993	5-5	1st	2nd
1994	9-0	1st	1st
1995	8-0	—	1st
1996	8-1	1st	1st
1997	11-2	1st	1st
Total	256-129-2 (33 years)		

OU MEN IN NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1969	17th	1979	2nd	1988	2nd
1970	29th	1980	1st	1989	2nd
1971	17th	1981	2nd	1990	2nd
1972	37th	1982	3rd	1991	2nd
1974	7th	1983	2nd	1992	3rd
1975	4th	1984	2nd	1993	2nd
1976	3rd	1985	6th	1994	1st
1977	5th	1986	3rd	1995	1st
1978	3rd	1987	2nd	1996	1st

OAKLAND ALL-TIME RECORDS

SCHOOL

Event	Record Holder	Time	Year
50 freestyle	Raffi Karapetian	20.09	1996
100 freestyle	Hilton Woods	44.16	1990
200 freestyle	Hilton Woods	1:38.35	1989
500 freestyle	James Collins	4:28.32	1996
1,000 freestyle	David Paxton	9:29.77	1995
1,650 freestyle	David Paxton	15:39.97	1995
100 butterfly	Eric McIlquham	48.60	1992
200 butterfly	Doug Allen	1:49.52	1991
100 backstroke	Chris Zoltak	48.75	1996
200 backstroke	Chris Zoltak	1:47.93	1995
100 breaststroke	Mark VanderMey	55.17	1988
200 breaststroke	Mark VanderMey	1:58.77	1987
200 individual medley	Mark VanderMey	1:50.31	1988
400 individual medley	Randy Teeters	3:57.89	1996
1-meter diving (6)	Dario DiFazio	340.05	1994
1-meter diving (11)	Dario DiFazio	633.75	1995
3-meter diving (6)	Dario DiFazio	359.175	1994
3-meter diving (11)	Dario DiFazio	651.76	1995
200 freestyle relay	Teal, McIlquham, Seifert, Orr	1:20.95	1991
400 freestyle relay	McIlquham, Teal, Kovach, Woods	2:59.58	1990
800 freestyle relay	Collins, Kristensen, Albiero, Ehlen	6:38.88	1996
200 medley relay	Orr, Michaels, McIlquham, Seifert	1:30.27	1991
400 medley relay	Boyd, Van Norman, McIlquham, Teal	3:18.40	1992

POOL

Event	Record Holder	School	Time	Year
50 freestyle	Hilton Woods	OU	20.87	1989
100 freestyle	Gustavo Borges	UM	45.44	1991
200 freestyle	Dennis Mulvihill	Kenyon	1:40.71	1987
500 freestyle	K. Miller	EMU	4:33.67	1983
1,000 freestyle	K. Miller	EMU	9:28.66	1984
1,650 freestyle	Matt Croghan	OU	16:16.04	1986
100 butterfly	Mark McDowell	OU	50.48	1988
200 butterfly	A. Boyd	Toronto	1:52.94	1990
100 backstroke	Carl Boyd	OU	50.98	1992
200 backstroke	Steve Bigelow	UM	1:50.94	1991
100 breaststroke	Mark VanderMey	OU	57.32	1988
200 breaststroke	Mark VanderMey	OU	2:05.97	1988
200 individual medley	R. Watson	Toronto	1:51.94	1990
400 individual medley	Randy Teeters	OU	4:06.86	1996
1-meter diving (6)	Dario DiFazio	OU	340.05	1994
1-meter diving (11)	Dario DiFazio	OU	554.125	1995
3-meter diving (6)	Dario DiFazio	OU	359.175	1994
3-meter diving (11)	Dario DiFazio	OU	594.00	1985
200 freestyle relay	Peters, Seifert, Pritchett, Teal	OU	1:24.44	1991
400 freestyle relay	Teal, Seifert, McIlquham, Woods	OU	3:05.25	1991
800 freestyle relay	Collins, Albiero, Kristensen, Ehlen	OU	6:57.61	1996
200 medley relay	Boyd, Van Norman, McIlquham, Teal	OU	1:34.98	1992
400 medley relay	Albiero, Arndt, Zoltak, Bailey	OU	3:28.32	1994

GLIAC YEAR-BY-YEAR STANDINGS

1997	Oakland 698	1986	Oakland 457
Ashland 385	Grand Valley State 311	Ferris State 261.5	Wayne State 131
Wayne State 266	Gannon 252	Grand Valley State 122.5	Michigan Tech 59
1996	Oakland 706	1985	Oakland 522
Grand Valley State 406	Wayne State 351	Ferris State 485	Michigan Tech 297
Ashland 269	Gannon 196	Wayne State 249	Grand Valley State 144
1995	No championship meet held.	1984	Oakland 643
1994	Oakland 789	Ferris State 535	Wayne State 273
Grand Valley State 394.5	Ferris State 349	Michigan Tech 213	
Wayne State 290.5	1983	Oakland 540	Ferris State 505.5
1993	Oakland 804	Wayne State 465.5	Michigan Tech 163
Ferris State 458	Grand Valley State 340	1982	Oakland 687
Wayne State	1992	Wayne State 458	Ferris State 254
Oakland 708	Ferris State 437	Michigan Tech 174	
Grand Valley State 358	Wayne State 183	1981	Oakland 607
1991	Oakland 815	Wayne State 475	Ferris State 340
Ferris State 368	Grand Valley State 345	Michigan Tech 178	
Grand Valley State 345	Michigan Tech 293	1980	No championship meet held.
Wayne State 134	1979	No championship meet held.	
1990	Oakland 798.5	1978	Oakland 258
Ferris State 402.5	Grand Valley State 374.5	Northern Michigan 184	Wayne State 160
Grand Valley State 374.5	Wayne State 211	Ferris State 108	
Wayne State 211	Michigan Tech 201	1977	Oakland 292
Michigan Tech 201	1989	Northern Michigan 188	Wayne State 183
Oakland 797	Ferris State 422	Ferris State 53	
Ferris State 422	Grand Valley State 332	1976	Oakland 311
Grand Valley State 332	Michigan Tech 222	Wayne State 180	Northern Michigan 172
Michigan Tech 222	Wayne State 208	Ferris State 48	
Wayne State 208	1988	Oakland 691	Ferris State 385
Oakland 691	Ferris State 385	Wayne State 313	Grand Valley State 193
Ferris State 385	Wayne State 193	Michigan Tech 158	
Wayne State 193	1987	Oakland 952	Ferris State 637
Michigan Tech 158	Oakland 952	Wayne State 388.5	Grand Valley State 344
1987	Ferris State 637	Wayne State 276.5	
Oakland 952	Wayne State 388.5		
Ferris State 637	Grand Valley State 344		
Wayne State 388.5	Wayne State 276.5		

OAKLAND'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Event	Athlete	Year	Event	Athlete	Year	Event	Athlete	Year
50 freestyle	Hilton Woods	1988	100 backstroke	Mark Doyle	1978	400 IM	Tracy Huth	1981
	Hilton Woods	1989		Mark Doyle	1979		Tracy Huth	1982
	Hilton Woods	1990		Mark Doyle	1980		Tracy Huth	1983
	Morgan Bailey	1994		Mark Doyle	1981		Tracy Huth	1984
	Raffi Karapetian	1996		Jeff Colton	1983		Doug Allen	1991
100 freestyle	Hilton Woods	1990		Steve Larson	1987		David Paxton	1995
	Jon Teal	1992	200 backstroke	Carl Boyd	1992	One-meter diving	Marc Hairston	1991
200 freestyle	Mark Vagle	1980		Chris Zoltak	1995		Marc Hairston	1992
	Mark Vagle	1981		Chris Zoltak	1996		Dario DiFazio	1994
	Hilton Woods	1989		Mark Doyle	1978	Three-meter diving	Dario DiFazio	1994
	James Collins	1995		Mark Doyle	1980		Dario DiFazio	1995
500 freestyle	Paul Karas	1974		Mark Doyle	1981	200 medley relay	Richie Orr, Jim Surowiec, Eric McIlquham, Dave Rogowski	1989
	Erik Strom	1989		Jeff Colton	1983		Richie Orr, Jim Surowiec, Eric McIlquham, Jon Teal	1990
	David Paxton	1994		Chris Zoltak	1995		Richie Orr, Matt Michaels, Eric McIlquham, Jeff Seifert	1991
	David Paxton	1995	100 breaststroke	Mark VanderMey	1986		Carl Boyd, Jeff Van Norman, Eric McIlquham, Jeff Seifert	1992
1,650 freestyle	Mike Schmidt	1983		Mark VanderMey	1987		Carl Boyd, Jeff Van Norman, Chris Zoltak, Enos Pritchett	1993
	David Paxton	1994		Mark VanderMey	1988		Morgan Bailey, Adric Arndt, Chris Zoltak, Sean Peters	1994
	David Paxton	1995	200 breaststroke	Mark VanderMey	1988		Morgan Bailey, Randy Teeters, Chris Zoltak, Joe Snyder	1995
100 butterfly	Eric McIlquham	1990		Jay Judson	1996		Chris Zoltak, Randy Teeters, Joe Snyder, Raffi Karapetian	1996
	Eric McIlquham	1992	200 IM	Jay Judson	1997	400 medley relay	Jeff Colton, Tracy Huth, Alan Faust, Darin Abbasse	1983
	Chris Zoltak	1993		Tom Boyd	1978		Hilton Woods, Mark VanderMey, Mike Nation, Dave Rogowski	1988
	Chris Zoltak	1994		Tracy Huth	1981	200 freestyle relay	Richie Orr, Jim Surowiec, Eric Dresbach, Hilton Woods	1989
	Chris Zoltak	1995		Tracy Huth	1982		Richie Orr, Jim Surowiec, Eric McIlquham, Hilton Woods	1990
200 butterfly	Paul Karas	1976		Tracy Huth	1983		Richie Orr, Matt Michaels, Eric McIlquham, Jon Teal	1991
	Ian Dittus	1979		Tracy Huth	1984		Carl Boyd, Jeff Van Norman, Eric McIlquham, Jon Teal	1992
	Ian Dittus	1980		Mark VanderMey	1988		Morgan Bailey, Jay Judson, Chris Zoltak, Jens Kristensen	1995
	Doug Allen	1991		Doug Allen	1991		Chris Zoltak, Jay Judson, Joe Snyder, Ken Ehlen	1996
	Yoav Ritter	1997		Doug Allen	1992		Dave Rogowski, Jeff Seifert, Jon Teal, Eric McIlquham	1989
				Arthur Albiero	1995		Eric McIlquham, Enos Pritchett, Richie Orr, Jon Teal	1990
							Jon Teal, Eric McIlquham, Jeff Seifert, Richie Orr	1991
							Eric McIlquham, Jeff Seifert, Enos Pritchett, Jon Teal	1992
							Morgan Bailey, Sean Peters, Jon Stump, Enos Pritchett	1993
							Morgan Bailey, Joe Snyder, Ken Ehlen, Chris Zoltak	1995
							Raffi Karapetian, Joe Snyder, Mark Gole, Randy Teeters	1996
							Raffi Karapetian, Mark Gole, Joe Snyder, Ken Ehlen	1997
						400 freestyle relay	Darin Abbasse, Tracy Huth, Gordon Gehab, Mark Vagle	1981
							Dave Rogowski, Eric Dresbach, Eric McIlquham, Hilton Woods	1989
						800 freestyle relay	Eric McIlquham, Jon Teal, John Kovach, Hilton Woods	1990
							Sean Peters, Morgan Bailey, Enos Pritchett, Chris Zoltak	1993
							James Collins, Ken Ehlen, Sean Peters, Morgan Bailey	1994
							Morgan Bailey, Joe Snyder, Ken Ehlen, Jens Kristensen	1995
							Ken Ehlen, Jens Kristensen, Chris Zoltak, Raffi Karapetian	1996
							Raffi Karapetian, Mark Gole, Joe Snyder, Ken Ehlen	1997
							Mike O'Hagen, Gordon Gehab, Ian Dittus, Mark Vagle	1980
							Mike O'Hagen, Mark Vagle, Gordon Gehab, Tracy Huth	1981
							Craig Chappell, Steve Gallagher, Mike Schmidt, Tracy Huth	1983
							Tracy Huth, Craig Chappell, Mike McCloskey, Mike Schmidt	1984
							Mark VanderMey, John Kovach, Erik Strom, Hilton Woods	1988
							Erik Strom, Eric Dresbach, Scott Harris, Hilton Woods	1989
							James Collins, Jens Kristensen, Ken Ehlen, Arthur Albiero	1995
							James Collins, Jens Kristensen, Arthur Albiero, Ken Ehlen	1996
							James Collins, Dan Naylis, Thiago Orso, Ken Ehlen	1997

GLIAC SWIMMING RECORDS AND 1997 CHAMPIONS

Event	Record Holder	1997 Champion
50 freestyle	Jon Stump, OU, 20.80, 1993	Trevor Morgan, OU, 21.41
100 freestyle	Jon Teal, OU, 45.99, 1992	Trevor Morgan, OU, 47.06
200 freestyle	Mark VanderMey, OU, 1:40.74, 1987	Wesley Brown, OU, 1:44.13
500 freestyle	James Collins, OU, 4:34.91, 1996	George Damianidis, AU, 4:39.13
1,650 freestyle	James Collins, OU, 16:02.23, 1996	George Damianidis, AU, 16:32.14
100 butterfly	Eric McIlquham, OU, 50.62, 1992	Yoav Ritter, OU, 52.12
200 butterfly	Mike Nation, OU, 1:53.62, 1987	Bryan Parsons, AU, 1:55.38
100 backstroke	Carl Boyd, OU, 51.44, 1992	Mike Robberson, OU, 54.17
200 backstroke	Carl Boyd, OU, 1:53.13, 1992	Billy Wood, WSU, 1:56.89
100 breaststroke	Mark VanderMey, OU, 57.10, 1987	Brett Lindenmuth, GU, 59.20
200 breaststroke	Mark VanderMey, OU, 2:03.77, 1988	Brett Lindenmuth, GU, 2:08.61
200 individual medley	Mark VanderMey, OU, 1:53.51, 1987	Erich Kelly, OU, 1:57.19
400 individual medley	David Paxton, OU, 4:04.90, 1994	George Damianidis, AU, 4:05.72
One-meter diving	Dario DiFazio, OU, 552.95, 1994	Damian Pulliam, OU, 481.45
Three-meter diving	Dario DiFazio, OU, 570.80, 1994	Damian Pulliam, OU, 481.20
200 medley relay	Boyd, Rogalski, McIlquham, Pritchett, OU, 1:34.49,	Robberson, Judson, Beebe, 1991, Morgan, OU, 1:37.44
400 medley relay	Woods, VanderMey, Orr, Seeley, OU, 3:27.09, 1988	Knoper, Cobb, Beebe, Ehlen, OU, 3:32.86
200 freestyle relay	Stump, Pritchett, Stafford, Peters, OU, 1:22.25, 1993	Morgan, Dunlap, Belco, Knoche, 1:24.97
400 freestyle relay	Stump, Peters, Pesch, Teal, OU, 3:05.56, 1991	Dunlap, Brown, Knoche, Ehlen, OU, 3:08.97
800 freestyle relay	Seeley, Pesch, Cooper, VanderMey, OU, 6:56.12, 1987	Brown, Murphy, Dunlap, Ehlen, OU, 7:02.89

OU Administration



Gary Russi

President

Gary D. Russi was appointed university president on April 12, 1996, after serving 15 months as Oakland University's interim president and vice president for academic affairs. Before that he was the university's chief academic officer for a year-and-a-half. Russi is the school's fifth president.

During his tenure as interim president, Russi brought to life Oakland's 10-year Strategic Plan. OU has experienced record enrollment growth, major campus construction, new degree programs, increased community and business partnerships, and historic agreements with community colleges worldwide.

Russi, who is also a tenured professor in health sciences, came to Oakland from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He was Drake's vice president for research and strategic planning, and a tenured professor of pharmacology and toxicology. Russi also served as vice provost for academic affairs, vice provost for planning and budgeting, and director of university planning.

An American Council on Education Fellow in 1982-83, Russi received his baccalaureate in pharmacy in 1969 from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a doctorate in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of Kansas in 1972.



Amy Stabley Hirschman

Sports Information Director

Amy Hirschman joined the Oakland athletic staff as the SID in June of 1997. Hirschman will handle all of the day-to-day responsibilities of the sports information office and the publicity of all 13 NCAA Division I Pioneer athletic programs.

Hirschman comes to OU from the University of Texas, where she spent five years as an Assistant Sports

Information Director. At UT her primary responsibility was handling the publicity efforts for the Longhorn baseball team. She also supervised student management of media relations for tennis and golf and assisted in game-day operations for football and basketball. Hirschman was the editor of the football game day programs and oversaw the 20-person student SID staff. She served as the media director for NCAA Baseball Regionals in 1993, 1994 and 1996.

The 28-year-old native of Mount Pleasant graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1991. At CMU, she served as a student assistant in the sports information office for four years. Prior to joining the UT staff, Hirschman served as an intern in the Michigan State University sports information office (1991-92).

Hirschman is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and has won many awards for writing and publications. Her Texas baseball media guide was voted second best in the nation in 1997.

The former Amy Stabley is married to Steve Hirschman, a former pitcher at Michigan State, and the couple resides in Rochester Hills. Stabley Hirschman is part three to a three-generation SID family. Her grandfather, the late Fred Stabley Sr., was SID at Michigan State for 33 years (1947-80) and her father, Fred Stabley Jr., is the current SID at Central Michigan (1982-present). The threesome is the first, and only, three generation SID family in the history of CoSIDA and collegiate athletics.



Jack Mehl

Director of Athletics

Jack Mehl, Oakland University's fourth athletic director in history, enters his third season as the director of the Pioneers in 1997-98.

As Mehl embarks on his third year at the helm of Oakland athletics, the Pioneers are venturing into a whole new world for themselves. OU has changed its NCAA affiliation from Division II to Division I-AAA (1999-2000) and has joined

the Mid-Continent Conference (1998-99).

Mehl came to Oakland from his position as Business and Marketing Manager for the Rose Bowl, a position he held since 1993.

Mehl served as the Director of Athletics at Florida Atlantic University for 12 years, from 1979-91. At FAU, Mehl was responsible for proposals which moved the school's athletic program from the NAIA to the NCAA Division II level, and ultimately to its current affiliation at the NCAA Division I level. He administered a 14-sport program at FAU which operated with a budget in excess of \$2 million.

Mehl has also been a coach of both golf and basketball during his career in athletics. He was Florida Atlantic's golf coach during his first five years as AD from 1979-84. He was a coach of basketball at three different institutions, including the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he served as head coach from 1975-78. He was an assistant coach at Ohio State University under Fred Taylor during the 1974-75 season and was an assistant at Otterbein College from 1972-74.

Mehl received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health and Physical Education from Otterbein College in 1972 and a Master of Arts degree from Ohio State University in 1974.

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Mid-Continent Conference



Established in 1982 as the Association of Mid-Continent Universities (AMCU), the Mid-Continent Conference has grown into a nationally competitive league while continuing to enhance a tradition of ethics and integrity throughout its 15 years of existence.

The Mid-Continent Conference was formed when eight Midwestern universities joined together as a new NCAA Division I conference for men's athletics. Representing six states, AMCU-8 original members were Cleveland State, Eastern Illinois, Illinois-Chicago, Northern Iowa, Southwest Missouri State, Valparaiso, Western Illinois and Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Conference membership also changed as Northern Illinois was admitted in 1989, followed by Wright State and Youngstown State in 1991 and Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1992.

The 1992-93 season marked an additional

milestone for the Mid-Continent Conference. Women's athletics made its full-fledged debut in the conference with six championship sports (volleyball, cross country, swimming and diving, basketball, tennis and softball). Furthermore, the Mid-Con has added three women's championship sports within the last three years: indoor and outdoor track & field (1995-96) and golf (1997-98).

The Mid-Con enters its 16th season in 1997-98 with nine schools comprising its membership, SUNY-Buffalo, Chicago State, UMKC, Northeastern Illinois, Oral Roberts, Southern Utah, Valparaiso, Western Illinois and Youngstown State. The Mid-Continent

Conference sponsors 18 championship sports: men's & women's basketball, men's & women's cross country, men's & women's swimming and diving, men's & women's indoor and outdoor track, men's & women's tennis, men's & women's golf, baseball, men's soccer, women's volleyball and softball. Oakland will join the Mid-Continent Conference for the 1998-99 season.

In addition to its national prominence in men's and women's basketball, the Mid-Con has enjoyed national success in other sports as well. In baseball, both Troy State (1995 & '97) and Northeastern Illinois (1996) earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament with decisive wins in their respective Play-In series. Valparaiso has advanced to the NCAA Women's Volleyball Play-In in 1994, 1995 and 1996. The Mid-Con's softball champion has advanced to the NCAA Tournament each of the last four years.

Oakland University — Pioneering the Future

"Pioneering the Future" is the best way to describe the excitement building at Oakland University today. This comprehensive campus is in its 40th year and continues to increase its programs, facilities, resources and enrollment.

Through the leadership of OU President Gary D. Russi, Oakland students are acquiring the skills they need to succeed in a complex and rapidly changing workplace.

Of Oakland's full-time faculty, 87 percent have earned Ph.D.s from many of the nation's finest research institutions. Ninety-eight percent of undergraduate students are taught by faculty. Quality of academics continues to be recognized — for 1996

OU was rated 23rd in academic reputation by U.S. News and World Report among the top 122 Midwestern regional colleges and universities.

Highlights for OU in 1997:

- Dedication of a new \$43-million Science and Engineering Building. The university's first classroom/office building since O'Dowd Hall was built in 1981 is linked to existing Dodge Hall of Engineering and Hannah Hall of Science to provide much-needed lab, office and classroom space.
- Following a comprehensive review of intercollegiate athletics, the Oakland University Board of Trustees approved the university's athletic program from NCAA Division II to Division I-AAA.
- Oakland and the Henry Ford Health System have formed the first partnership of its kind in the nation between a state-supported university and a private health care system. The alliance will prepare nurses for a rapidly changing health care environment, including managed care.
- Oakland's School of Engineering and Computer Science is becoming the "automotive school" for the Big Three automakers. The school has numerous partnerships with each, and was the first to respond to Chrysler Corporation's offer to experience today's manufacturing environment by placing faculty interns in plants, research laboratories and offices.

- Inclusion in America's 100 Best College Buys 1997-1998, by John Culler & Sons.

OU's cultural enterprises attract more than 500,000 visitors each year to its beautiful 1,441-acre campus. Patrons of art, theatre, music and historic preservation recognize Oakland's Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Theatre, Music Festival and Hall as second to none.

Dedicated to preparing students for the challenges of a rapidly changing workplace and society, the university is organized into the College of Arts and Sciences and the schools of Business Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Sciences and Nursing.

Oakland offers undergraduate programs in 71 areas with master's and doctoral programs in 45 areas.

Oakland University was created in 1957 when the late Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson donated their 1,500-acre estate and \$2 million to begin a new college in Oakland County. Named Michigan State University-Oakland, the new campus enrolled its first students in 1959. In 1963, its name was changed to Oakland University, and in 1970 the Michigan Legislature recognized the maturity and stature of the university by granting it autonomy. The governor appointed Oakland University's first board of trustees in 1970.





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