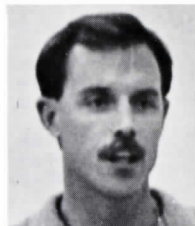


COACH PETE HOVLAND



Entering his fifth season as Oakland University's men's swimming coach, Pete Hovland has a good feeling about this year's squad, one composed of over half freshmen. And that's good, because Hovland feels that this is his best class of newcomers ever.

"We will be a very young team,"

Hovland said, "but we have made tremendous improvement in every event. We think we can compete for third this year, but realistically we are looking two or three years down the road. I think in two or three years we may have a better squad than the national championship squad of 1980."

Hovland and OU have been used to competing in the top three nationally. Until last season's sixth-place finish, the Pioneer swimmers had spent seven straight years in the top three, including four second places and the 1980 title.

The fifth-year OU swim mentor has posted a 30-16-1 dual meet record and has won four straight Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) titles. Hovland had OU ranked first in the NCAA swimming poll a season after missing the national crown by one-half second in the final event. That season he was honored as NCAA Coach of the Year.

Prior to being handed the head coaching reins, Hovland served as assistant to Ernie Maglischo for two seasons, including OU's national championship year. The pair hooked up at California State University-Chico, where Maglischo coached the 23-time All-American Hovland. While at California-Chico, Hovland won five individual national championships and was part of eight national championship relay squads. In 1977, Hovland was selected as Western Conference Swimmer of the Year.

Hovland earned his bachelor's degree in physical education at California-Chico in 1977, and received his master's degree from the University of Northern Iowa, also in physical education, two years later.

1984-85 MEN'S SWIMMING RESULTS

	OU	OPP.
Michigan State University	39	74
Illinois Invitational	3rd out of 4 teams	
Eastern Michigan University	24	89
Purdue University	42	69
Miami University (Ohio)	60	53
University of Michigan	33	74
California State University-Sacramento	74	39
California State University-Chico	51	62
Clarion State College	59	54
Kenyon State College	37	68
Ferris State College	69	39
Wayne State University	60	41
GLIAC Championships	1st out of 4 teams	
Great Lakes Invitational	1st out of 5 teams	
NCAA Championships	6th	
Team Record: (5-6)		
Home meets in bold		

TOP RETURNÉES

JEFF COOPER

Freestyle, individual medley

6-0, 184, Sophomore

Swartz Creek, MI

Was one of the top swimmers in the country as a freshman last year ... earned All-America honors in the 500 freestyle, 1,650 freestyle, 400 individual medley and as a member of the 800 freestyle relay squad ... was named GLIAC Swimmer of the Year, leading OU to its eighth straight league crown ... won the league championship in 500 freestyle, 1,650 freestyle, 400 individual medley and with the 800 freestyle relay squad ... finished fifth in the state in the 500 freestyle as a junior at Swartz Creek High School, and third in the same event as a senior ... was also a state finalist in the 200 freestyle ... was Swartz Creek's Swimmer of the Year in 1984 ... was an All-League performer and state qualifier in golf as well ... majoring in management information systems.

MATT CROGHAN

Freestyle

5-9, 150, Senior

Fremont, CA

Gained All-America honors in the 500 and 1,650 freestyle events for the second straight year ... finished second nationally in the 1,650 for the second year to establish himself as the front runner this season ... was sixth in the 500 after finishing fourth as a sophomore ... will swim those two events, plus the 200 this year ... was part of the 800 freestyle relay GLIAC championship squad ... was unseated as league champion in the 500 and 1,650 freestyle by teammate Jeff Cooper ... set a new school record in the 1,650 (15:45.78), topping the former mark set by current assistant coach Mike Schmidt ... also holds the school 1,000 freestyle mark (9:33.05) ... earned All-America honors at Ohlone Junior College in Fremont, California, in the 500 and 1,650 freestyle events ... was All-Conference in water polo at Ohlone as well ... was a three-time All-League choice at Mission San Jose High School in Fremont, California ... was school MVP as a junior and senior ... majoring in history.

MIKE KOLEBER

Freestyle

6-3, 186, Senior

Washington, MI

Three-time All-American last year, achieving his honor in the 50 freestyle, 400 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay ... also qualified for the nationals in the 100 and 200 freestyle ... should excel in all five events again this year ... won individual GLIAC championships in the 50 and 100 freestyle events ... was also a part of the league champion 400 medley and 400 freestyle relay squads ... transferred to OU from the United States Naval Academy ... also previously attended Macomb Community College ... was selected as Macomb County's Outstanding Senior Swimmer as a senior at Washington Eisenhower High School ... was the county's 50 and 100 freestyle champion that year ... won the 200 freestyle title as a junior, and the 200 and 500 in his sophomore year ... swam under current OU coach Pete Hovland for the Oakland Live Y'ers ... swam the final leg of the 400 medley relay at the YMCA Nationals in 1982, winning the first national title for OLY, with current teammate Doug Cleland ... majoring in marketing.

STEVE LARSON

Freestyle, backstroke

6-3, 185, Junior

Kentwood, MI

One of the nation's best swimmers in both the freestyle and backstroke ... one of two OU six-time All-Americans last year along with Mark VanderMey ... earned his honors in the 100 and 200 backstroke, the 50 freestyle, the 400 and 800 freestyle relays and the 400 medley relay ... qualified first nationally in the 100 backstroke and second in the 200, placing second and fifth respectively ... was GLIAC champion in both backstroke events, as well as with the 400 freestyle and 400 medley relay squads ... qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle events as a freshman ... garnered All-America honors in the 50 freestyle and with the 400 freestyle relay squad ... was GLIAC champion in the 50 freestyle and with the 800 freestyle relay unit ... was a four-time All-American as a prepster at East Kentwood High School ... was a member of the Michigan Class A 400 freestyle relay champions as a senior when East Kentwood won the state crown ... majoring in electrical engineering.

MARK VANDERMEY

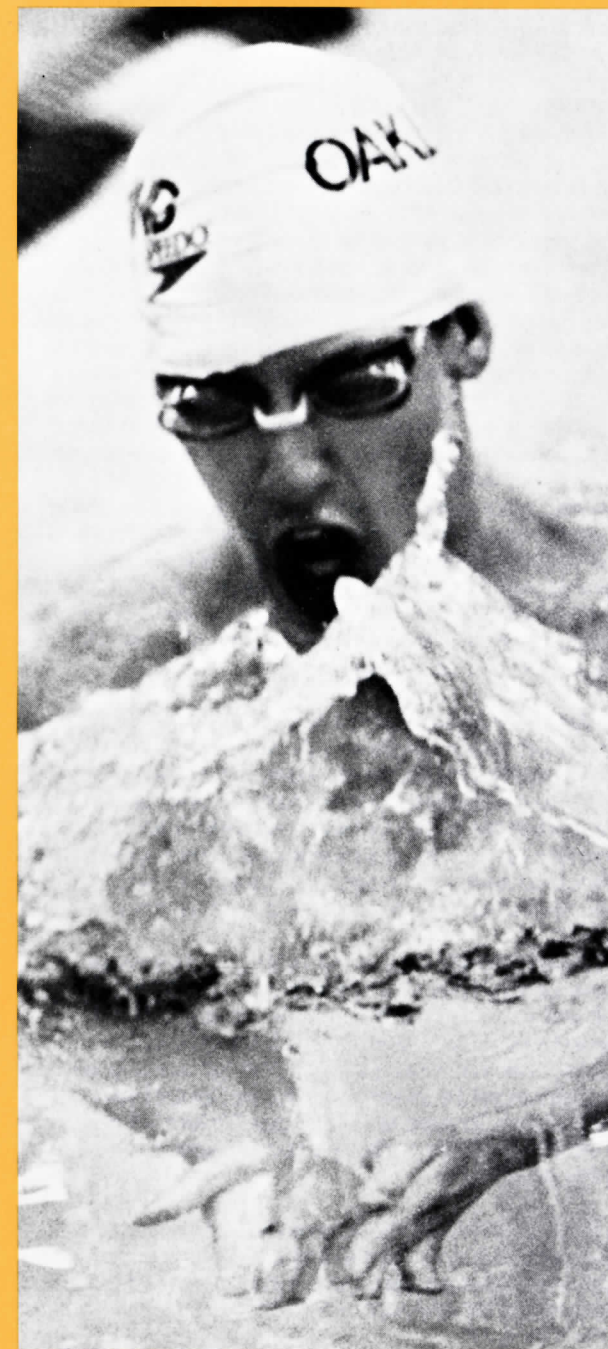
Freestyle, Breaststroke, Individual Medley

6-5, 185, Sophomore

Grandville, MI

Was a six-time All-American last year as a freshman, earning those honors in the 100 and 200 breaststroke, the 200 individual medley and with the 400 and 800 freestyle and 400 medley relay squads ... finished fourth in the 100 breaststroke, sixth in the 200 breaststroke and eighth in the 200 individual medley ... also won GLIAC championships in his three individual events plus the two freestyle relays ... set a new league record in the 100 breaststroke (59.537) ... was a three-time Class A All-State performer in the 100 breaststroke while at Grandville High School ... was state runner-up and an All-American as a senior ... was fourth in the state as a junior and third as a sophomore in that event ... All-Conference for three seasons ... led Grandville to a 10th place finish in the Class A meet as a senior ... holds school records in the 100 breaststroke, the 50 and 100 freestyle, and the 200 individual medley ... majoring in mathematics.

Oakland University Men's Swimming 1985-86



All-American Mark VanderMey

1985-86 MEN'S SWIMMING OUTLOOK

In 1984-85, Oakland University swimming took its smallest group in years to the NCAA Division II Championships. Subsequently, the Pioneers' 6th-place finish was the worst showing by OU in the nationals since the 7th-place squad of 10 years prior. This year, with five returning swimmers who accounted for 21 All-America awards — plus the team's best recruiting class ever — that should dramatically change.

FREESTYLE: The freestyle squad had no national scorers for the first time in several years in the 100 and 200, but recruiting has greatly aided these events, while the other freestyle units remain strong. The 50 freestyle features returning All-Americans Steve Larson and Mike Koleber, plus NCAA qualifier Steve Ramsey. The addition of freshmen Dan Andrus and Dave Rogowski will make this event even stronger. These two newcomers will also form the backbone of the 100 freestyle, along with Koleber, the lone returnee. In the 200, Koleber and Matt Croghan were national qualifiers, but were shut out of the scoring. Iowa transfer Bruce VerBurg may be the swimmer to make the difference in this event. VerBurg was a Big 10 finalist and Michigan Class A Swimmer of the Year as a prepster. Andrus and fellow freshmen John Monroe and Kirk Raddatz will also swim this event. The 500 will be one of OU's stronger events, led by All-Americans Croghan and Jeff Cooper. Senior Jeff Pryor, plus freshmen Monroe, Raddatz and Mike Nation, will also swim the 500. Croghan was second nationally in the 1,650, and is the nation's leading returnee. Along with Cooper, Raddatz and Monroe, this should also be a strong event.

BUTTERFLY: Recruiting will really make a difference in the butterfly. Four freshmen will compete in the butterfly events, led by Eric Dresbach, fourth in the state and eighth in the Junior Nationals with a time that would have placed him sixth in the NCAA Division II last year. Mike Nation, who also had a scoring time last year, Dave Rogowski and Mark McDowell, third in Michigan Class B in 1985, make this event a solid one for both the present and future.

BACKSTROKE: One of the nation's best backstrokers, Steve Larson, leads this stroke. Larson qualified first in the 100 and second in the 200, placing second and fifth respectively to earn All-America honors in both. Steve Hussey was a national qualifier in the 100 last year, and he and Larson will be joined in the 100 by Doug Cleland, a transfer from Tennessee. Larson and Cleland will be joined in the 200 by Bruce VerBurg, who has swam a top-six time in this event.

BREASTSTROKE: Sophomore Mark VanderMey, an All-American in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke as a freshman, returns to lead these events. VanderMey was fourth in the 100 and sixth in the 200 in his first season as a Pioneer. Another sophomore, Jeff Kuhn, qualified for the nationals in both events, and with added improvement could be a scorer in both this year. Rob Carman, a freshman from Troy, will be the third breaststroker and has a lot of potential.

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: Mark VanderMey rules the 200 IM for Oakland as well, placing eighth nationally to earn All-America honors last year. Steve Hussey, a conference finalist in this event, also returns, but the real impact could be made by Doug Cleland and Eric Dresbach, both state finalists in high school. OU is a bit weaker in the 400, where Jeff Cooper was an All-American last year. Cleland and freshman John Monroe will likely join Cooper.

RELAYS: The 400 and 800 freestyle and 400 medley relay squads earned All-America status last year, and many of those swimmers are back. The medley squad was fifth nationally, and returns Steve Larson, Mike Koleber and Mark VanderMey. The 800 freestyle relay also returns three in Larson, VanderMey and Cooper, and will likely be joined by Bruce VerBurg. Those three also were on the 400 free squad, but that unit could sport a new look in newcomers Dan Andrus, Dave Rogowski and VerBurg, among others.

DIVING: For the first time in six years, the Pioneers are optimistic that a diver will score in the nationals. Three freshmen, Matt Ford, Brian Sheehan and Todd McNeal, all state finalists last year in Michigan, comprise the diving unit, which will actually be a Pioneer strength this year.

SUMMARY: "We may send our largest team to the nationals," coach Pete Hovland said. What that depends on is how fast the freshmen develop and how they respond to the pressure of a major national meet. OU has made tremendous improvement in every event thanks to the newcomers and may be able to reach its goal of returning to the top three nationally while winning an unprecedented ninth straight GLIAC title.

1985-86 MEN'S SWIMMING ROSTER

NAME	HT.	WT.	CL.	EVENT	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
Dan ANDRUS	6-0	180	Fr.	FR	Grand Rapids, MI/East Kentwood
Rob CARMAN	5-8	130	Fr.	BR	Troy, MI/Athens
Doug CLELAND	6-3	185	So.	BK, IM	Rochester, MI/Adams
Jeff COOPER	6-0	184	So.	FR, IM	Swartz Creek, MI/Swartz Creek
Matt CROGHAN	5-9	150	Sr.	FR	Fremont, CA/Mission San Jose
Eric DRESBACH	6-1	163	Fr.	Fly, IM	Flint, MI/Carmen
Matt FORD	5-7	145	Fr.	Diving	Redford, MI/Union
Steve HUSSEY	6-3	175	Jr.	BK, IM	Lansing, MI/Everett
Mike KOLEBER	6-3	186	Sr.	FR	Washington, MI/Eisenhower
Jeff KUHN	6-1	170	So.	BR	Kentwood, MI/East Kentwood
Steve LARSON	6-3	185	Jr.	FR, BK	Kentwood, MI/East Kentwood
Mark McDOWELL	5-11	154	Fr.	FR, Fly	Wyoming, MI/Wyoming Park
Todd McNEAL	5-9	154	Fr.	Diving	Holland, MI/Holland
John MONROE	6-0	175	Fr.	FR, IM	Lansing, MI/Eastern
Mike NATION	6-0	145	Fr.	Fly	Cheney, WA/Cheney
Jeff PRYOR	6-1	185	Sr.	FR	Inkster, MI/Cherry Hill
Kirk RADDATZ	6-4	195	Fr.	FR	Farmington Hills, MI/Harrison
Steve RAMSEY	6-0	150	So.	FR	Manchester, MI/Chelsea
Dave ROGOWSKI	6-1	165	Fr.	FR, Fly	Anchorage, AK/Bartlett
Brian SHEEHAN	5-10	150	Fr.	Diving	Troy, MI/Birmingham Brother Rice
Mark VANDERMEY	6-5	185	So.	FR, BR, IM	Grandville, MI/Grandville
Paul VAN OPHEM	6-2	160	Fr.	FR	Washington, MI/Romeo
Bruce VERBURG	5-11	165	Jr.	FR, BK	Sterling Heights, MI/Henry Ford II

HEAD COACH: Pete HOVLAND

DIVING COACH: Don MASON

ASSISTANT COACH: Mike SCHMIDT

FR — Freestyle BR — Breaststroke BK — Backstroke Fly — Butterfly
IM — Individual Medley

1985-86 MEN'S SWIMMING SCHEDULE

Fri.	Nov. 1	Bowling Green Relays — Diving	4 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 2	Bowling Green Relays — Swimming	10:00 a.m.
Fri.	Nov. 22	Michigan State University	7:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat.	Dec. 6-7	Eastern Michigan Invite	Fri. 6:00 p.m. Sat. 2:00 p.m.
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Sat.	Jan. 11	Wright State University (Coed)	2:00 p.m.
Wed.	Jan. 15	University of Michigan	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	Jan. 17	Miami University (Ohio)	4:00 p.m.
Wed.	Jan. 22	California State University-Chico (Telephone Meet)	5:00 p.m.
Fri.	Jan. 24	Edinboro State College (Coed)	6:00 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 25	Clarion State College (Coed)	1:00 p.m.
Fri.	Jan. 31	Kenyon College	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 1	Ferris State College	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	Feb. 7	Wayne State University	7:00 p.m.
Thu.	Feb. 20	Great Lakes Conference Championships (at Oakland University)	prelims 11:00 a.m. finals 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	Feb. 21	Great Lakes Conference Championships (at Oakland University)	prelims 11:00 a.m. finals 7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 22	Great Lakes Conference Championships (at Oakland University)	prelims 11:00 a.m. finals 6:00 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 23	Black-Gold Qualifying Meet	TBA
Wed.-Sat.	Mar. 12, 13, 14, 15	NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships — Orlando, Florida	

Home meets in bold

MEN'S SWIMMING RECORDS

50 freestyle	G. Gehab, 20.99, 1981
100 freestyle	M. Vagle, 46.29, 1981
200 freestyle	T. Huth, 1:39.92, 1984
500 freestyle	M. Schmidt, 4:34.15, 1983
1000 freestyle	M. Croghan, 9:33.05, 1984
1650 freestyle	M. Croghan, 15:45.78, 1985
100 butterfly	A. Faust, 50.51, 1983
200 butterfly	A. Faust, 1:51.35, 1983
100 backstroke	J. Colton, 51.56, 1983
200 backstroke	M. Doyle, 1:51.92, 1981
100 breaststroke	M. VanderMey, 57.60, 1985
200 breaststroke	M. VanderMey, 2:04.67, 1985
200 individual medley	T. Huth, 1:52.39, 1981
400 individual medley	T. Huth, 4:00.17, 1984
400 freestyle relay	Michalik, Huth, Abasse, Christiansen, 3:05.01, 1983
800 freestyle relay	Gehab, O'Hagen, Huth, Vagle, 6:47.11, 1982
400 medley relay	Larson, VanderMey, Christianson, Koleber, 3:27.37, 1985
One-meter diving	B.J. Kearney, 317.80, 1981
(six dives)	
One-meter diving	D. Phillips, 473.25, 1981
(11 dives)	
Three-meter diving	Eubanks, 274.30, 1983
(six dives)	
Three-meter diving	B.J. Kearney, 462.25, 1979
(11 dives)	

OU ATHLETIC DIRECTORY

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Location: Rochester, Michigan
Founded: 1957
Nickname: Pioneers
Colors: gold, white and black
Affiliation: NCAA Division II
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