

## Experience and youth combined

Ferris swim Coach Rick Kowalkoski came up with the formula. It's not a new one, nor is it unique. Sometimes it works, and sometimes it doesn't. But as far as Ferris' growing swim team goes the formula is adding up just right.

Youth plus experience, indeed, were important factors in Ferris State's swimming picture.

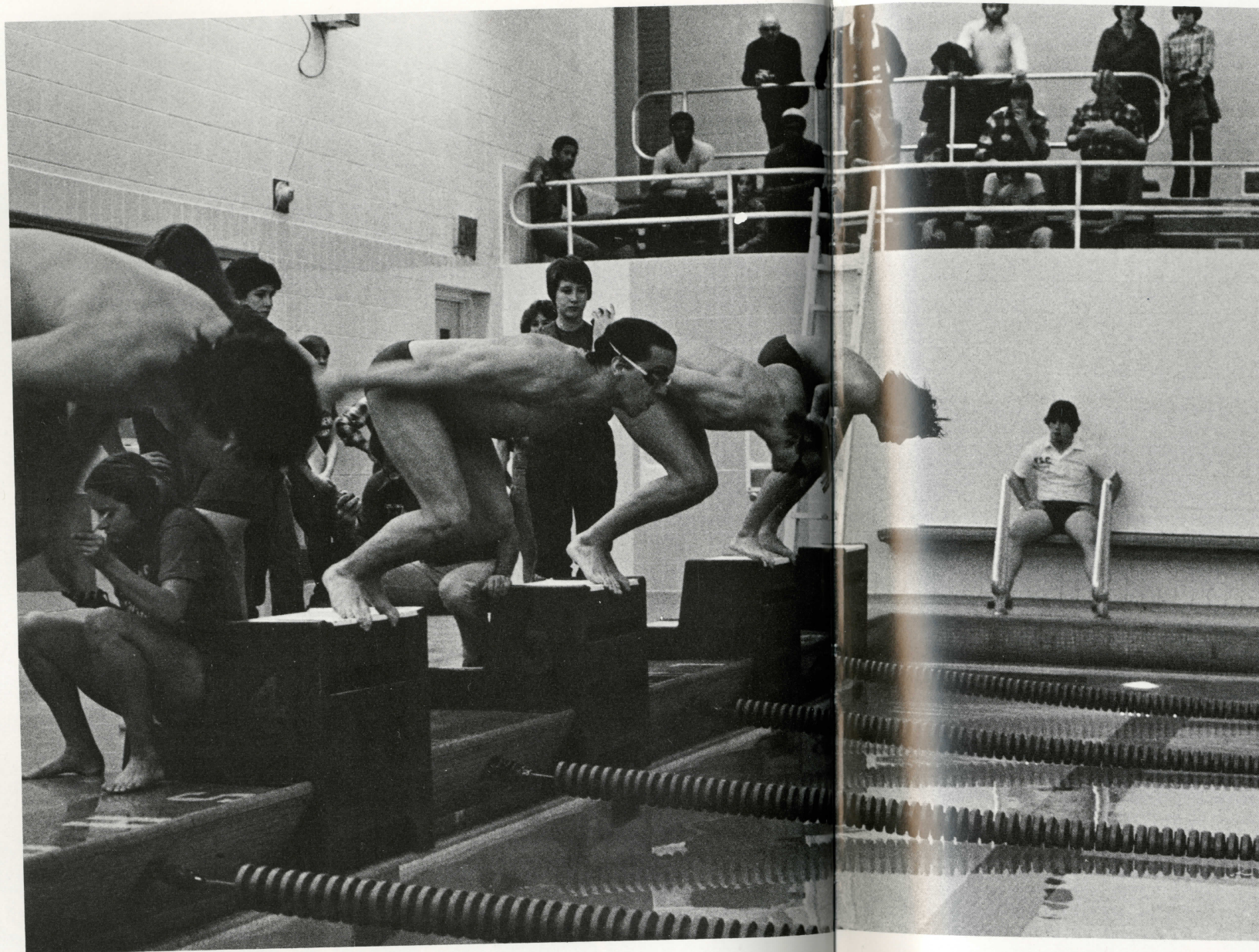
An early highlight of the year was when the Bulldogs erupted with a 62-51 victory over NCAA Division III swim power Kalamazoo. Not only did the Bulldogs avenge the previous year's loss, but it marked the first time in Ferris' swim history that the tankers have doused Kalamazoo.

Kowalkoski's talented blend of young and veteran performers gave the Bulldogs a 6-6 record (two of the losses were to Western Michigan and Central Michigan).

Leading the way for Ferris during the 1978-79 season were a pair of "oldies" and a bevy of newcomers. Senior Tom Love and junior captain Phil Clelland are the "vets" who left a challenging wake for their young teammates.

"I couldn't be happier with Phil. He's starting to meet his potential and, if he keeps it up, he'll reach his peak by the end of his career," cited Kowalkoski about his team captain, who is a junior.

"Tom has to rank as one of the better sprinters in the state. He was on



the verge of greatness all season," said Kowalkoski of Love.

Love reached one of his and Kowalkoski's goals in the Kalamazoo meet. He qualified for the NAIA national championships in the 50-yard freestyle. He also took a first in the 100-yard freestyle and helped the freestyle relay team to a national qualifying time.

Love was joined by teammates Dwight Sinclair, Mark Tomlinson and Peter Milstan on the relay squad that competed in Huntsville, Alabama in mid-March at the NAIA meet.

Meanwhile, Clelland continued to be strong in several events for Ferris, swimming the individual medley and the backstroke. For conditioning purposes, the junior captain swam the 1,000-yard freestyle for Ferris early in the season, resetting his own school record in the event.

However, the record didn't last long thanks to one of Ferris' many

Bulldogs Tom Love (wearing goggles) and Dwight Sinclair (far Lane) were a big help to coach Rick Kowalkoski in both individual races, as well as in relays.

"rookies."

Freshman Rick Murt, broke Clelland's 1,000-yard freestyle mark. But Murt wasn't the whole story of Ferris' new swim talent.

Peter Milostan and Dwight Sinclair, half of the freestyle relay team that qualified for the nationals, were also freshmen. Walk on freshman Doug Campbell quickly proved his ability as well. Campbell swam breaststroke and the 400-yard medley events.

Ferris' diving picture had an entirely new look as well. Freshmen Dan Whalen and Kevin Hirdes were notching points for Ferris in the one and three-meter boards.



Freshman Dan Whalen was an able competitor in diving and undoubtedly will be counted on considerably for the next few years.

### An even break

FSC VS		OPP
W	80 Albion	33
W	80 Calvin	26
L	29 Central Michigan	82
L	32 Wayne State	80
W	62 Kalamazoo	51
L	39 Oakland	73
L	53 Valparaiso	59
L	73 DePorro	32
W	66 Hope	22
L	41 Northern Michigan	71
W	60 Grand Rapids J.C.	53
L	27 Western Michigan	83

Final Record: 6-6 Dual

