

Tankers Depth Pulls Them Through

By Dave Casterline

The 1981-82 Ferris State Men's swimming team encountered a season that could best be described as promising. Although they lost Dan Whalen, All-American diver who transferred to Michigan Tech, the Bulldogs proved that their depth was enough to pull them through.

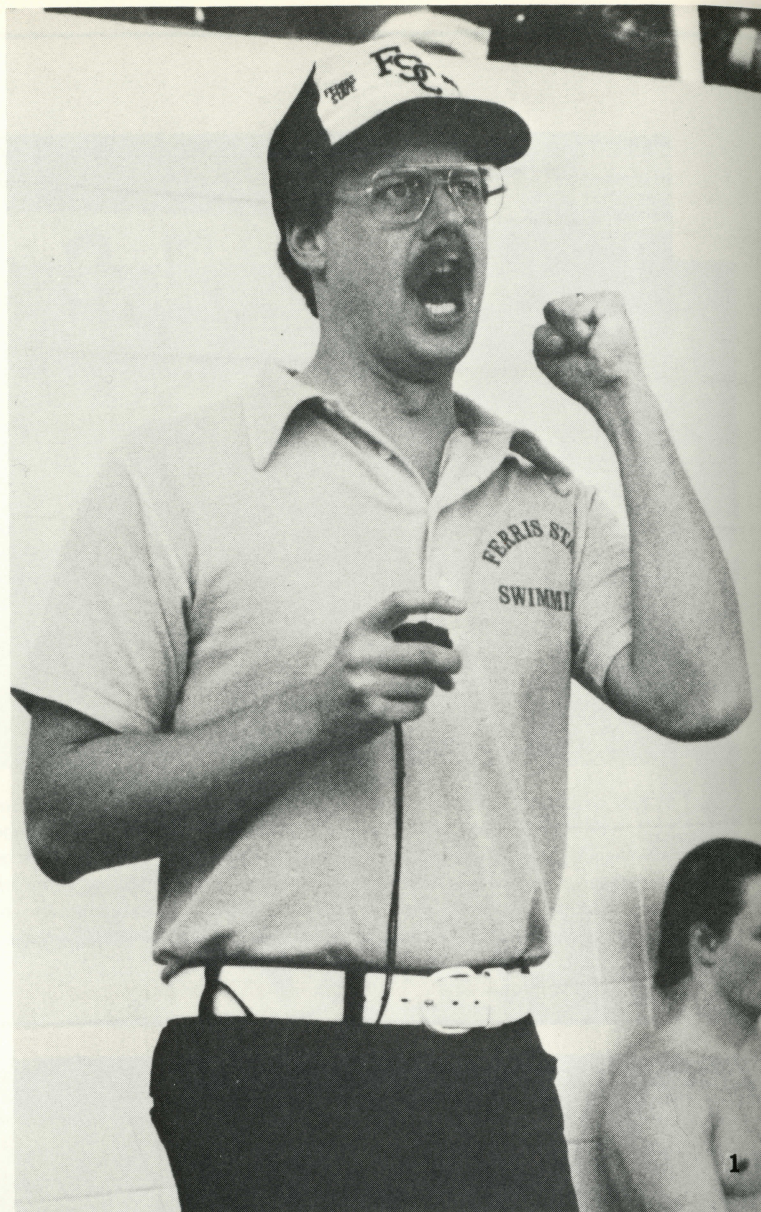
The tankers were led by Peter Milostan, a freestyle specialist, and Brian Greenlees a 500 yard freestyle standout. Greenlees was also on several tanker relay teams that were responsible for breaking several records.

But perhaps the biggest highlight of the season for the Bulldogs was a first place finish at the Grand Rapids Junior College Invitation, where they edged out Grand Rapids Junior College for the championship, 154-140.

"The meet was a very important one for us, and we really showed our character by coming through in the clutch," revealed swimming coach Rick Kowalkowski.

The swimmers broke several pool and meet records as their continuous hard work and determination paid off.

"Our kids really did a job for us throughout the swimming season and never gave up under any circumstances," said Kowalkowski. "They are a team of the future and the more experience they gain the more they will benefit down the road."

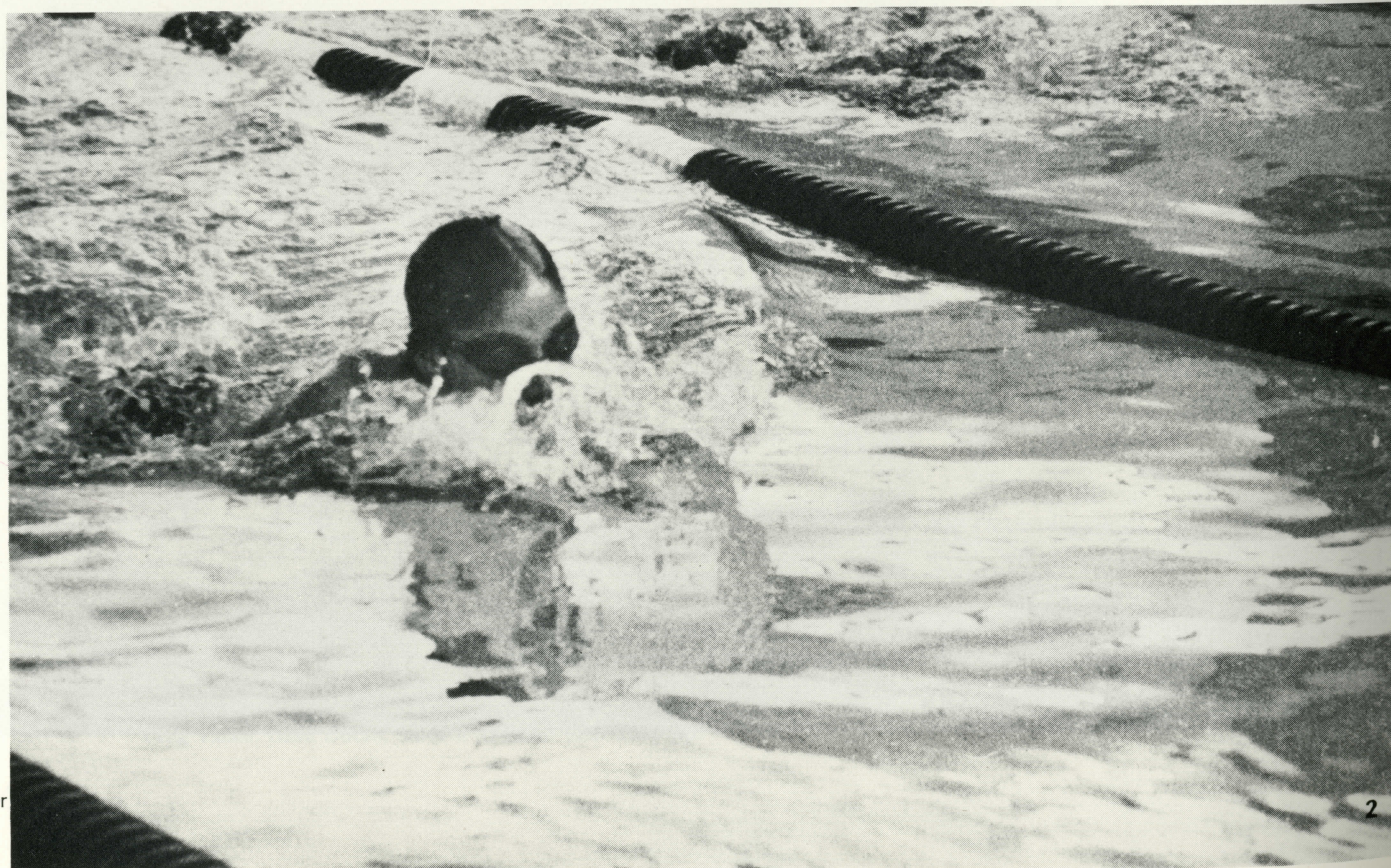


1. Coach Rick Kowalkowski directs his team to a victory.
2. Breaststroke was one of the team's strong points this year.



1. A backward dive is perfected off the board.
2. The swimmers have a bright future with help from backstroker.

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Front Row: Dave Larraza, Mark Stasevich, Brian Hurley, Steve Rathsack, Brian Hendrickson, Tom Armstrong, Peter Milostan. Back Row: Coach Rick Kowalkowski, Nick Trost, Mick Vanderveer, Scott Cornell, Rick Bacheller, Brian Greenlees, Scott Montgomery, Tim Cahill, Dwight Sinclair.

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