

Swimmers Led By Four Senior Captains

Four senior captains will lead the Ferris State College swimming and diving team into the most challenging season in Bulldog history.

This will be the first time that I will have this many seniors on one team," said head coach Rich Kowalkoski. "The talent is here and we have four classy seniors to lead the way."

All-Americans Bill Reber (East Kentwood), in sprint events, and Jeff Cipcic (Battle Creek Central), in diving, top the list of nationally experienced talent. National qualifiers Mark Stasevich (Grosse Ile/Dearborn), in diving, and Steve Rathsack (Grand Blanc), in the freestyle and butterfly, are the other two captains on hand for the 1985-86 season.

With Cipcic and Stasevich, we may have the best diving combination in the nation," Kowalkoski said. "Overall, this year's team is the best at Ferris since our 8-1 squad of 1982-83."

Kowalkoski, in his eighth season at Ferris, has coached the Bulldogs to two straight top 20 finishes at the NCAA Division II National Championships. The Bulldog coach, who lost only one senior to graduation, will enlist 12 freshmen to strengthen his roster for a highly competitive schedule that lists four dual meets against Division I opponents.

Leading the freshmen class are Michigan high school all-state finalists Bill Bertoncin (Birmingham Seaholm) in the butterfly and Phil Hammer (Sterling Hts. Stevenson) in the freestyle. Important home meets on the schedule include the Ferris Invitational December 14, and dual meets against Wayne State on December 13 and Michigan State February 15.

A. Head Coach Rick Kowalowski. B. Take your mark . . . set . . . C. Finishing the final lap. D. **Front Row:** Jeff Kreiser, Bob Fortney, Steve Rathsack, Jeff Cipcic, Bill Reber, Mark Stasevich, Mike Heron, Brad Hescheles. **Row Two:** Rich Kowalkoski (head coach), Pat Casey, Andy Fletcher, Scott Headley, Mark Cornell, Roy Ouellere, Joe Tarkowski, Bill Bertoncin, Pat McLeod, Steve Welch, Tom Pattison, Jeff McCauley, Joel Skinner, Eric Baird, Phil Hammer, Tom Fedokowitz, Mary DeVries (diving coach). E. Looking for the finish line.



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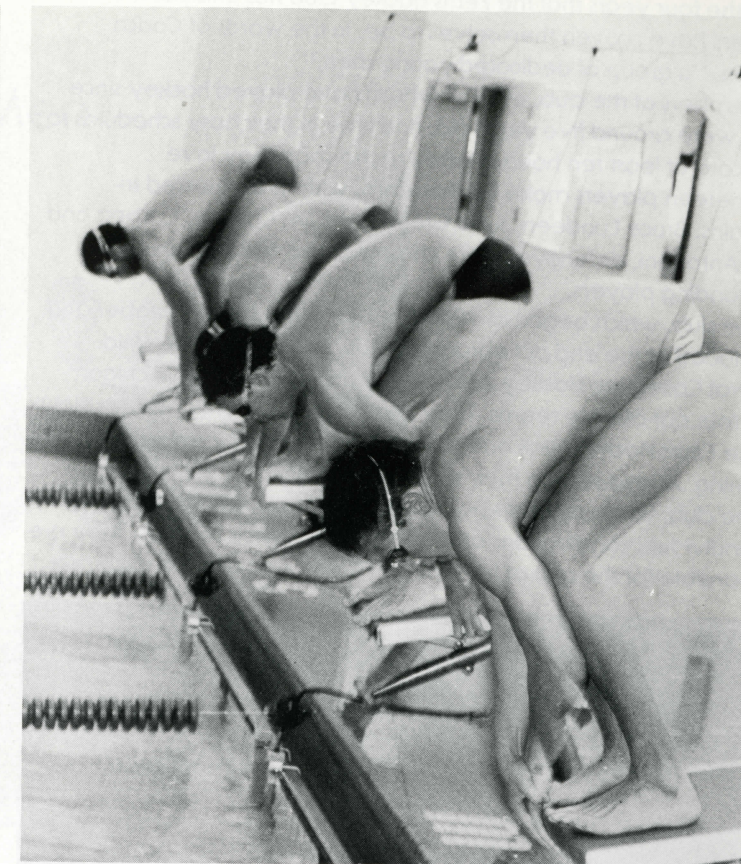
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A. Coach Kowalkoski shouts words of encouragement to his team. B. The tension is high as these swimmers wait for the sound of the starting pistol. C. Really wet, or mousse? Only his hairdresser knows for sure.



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