Northern Iowa Swimming 1975-76

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NORTHERN IOWA
Swimming
1975-76

Co-captains Bruce Verink (left) and Scott Broshar with Head Coach Glen Henry.
Quick Facts

LOCATION: Cedar Falls, Iowa  50613
FOUNDED: 1876
ENROLLMENT: 8,900
PRESIDENT: Dr. John J. Kamerick
ORIGINAL SWIMMING TEAM: 1966-67
TEAM Nickname: Panthers
SCHOOL COLORS: Purple and Old Gold
HOME FACILITY: Men's Varsity Pool
CONFERENCE: North Central
NATIONAL AFFILIATION: NCAA Division II
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Stan B. Sheriff
ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR & BUSINESS MANAGER: R. C. Johnson
FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE: Dr. Raymond Schlicher
HEAD COACH: Glen Henry (Chadron State, 1963)
YEAR AT UNI: 10th
RECORD AT UNI: 62-43
COLLEGIATE RECORD: 62-43
ASSISTANT COACH: Bob Putman (Slippery Rock State, 1973)
LETTERMEN RETURNING: 8
LETTERMEN LOST: 11
1974-75 DUAL RECORD: 8-1
CONFERENCE FINISH: 1st
NATIONAL FINISH: 16th (NCAA Division II)
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Head Coach GLEN HENRY

Since coming to Northern Iowa in 1966 as the school's first swimming coach, Coach Glen Henry has turned the Panther swimming program into a College Division power. In the past five years, Henry teams have chalked up 47-13 record and captured the North Central Conference championship four consecutive years.

A 1963 graduate of Chadron State, Nebraska, Henry was a two-year letterman in football. After graduation, he coached at Greybull, Wyoming, before returning to his alma mater and starting its swimming program in 1965. Henry was appointed to a three-year position on the NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Committee effective last September 1. Other coaching experience includes football stints at Chadron State as an assistant and with the Panther grid squad when he first came to UNI.

Glen and wife, Karen, have two daughters and one son. Lisa is 16, Lori 9, and Lance 11. The Henrys reside in Cedar Falls.

Season Record Conf. Finish
1966-67 0-7
1967-68 1-8 1st
1968-69 3-7 1st
1969-70 11-8 2nd
1970-71 14-4 2nd
1971-72 7-4 1st
1972-73 10-3 1st
1973-74 8-1 1st
1974-75 8-1 1st

*Unofficial NCC Tournament

The Panther Outlook

Lack of depth on the 1975-76 Northern Iowa swim team is Coach Glen Henry's main concern in trying to regain the North Central Conference Championship for the fifth season in a row. Losing 11 lettermen, including three All-Americans, it becomes tough to duplicate last season's 8-1 record and conference showing.

The schedule is tougher in 1975-76 with the addition of Missouri and Minnesota, but the Panthers are looking forward to another exciting campaign. "We're enthusiastic about our season and eager to jump into action," says Henry. "Our team is young with just two seniors, but our future looks bright."

Filling the gaps created by last year's graduates are nine returning lettermen including school and conference record holders and eight new freshmen prospects.

Sophomore Kevin Meacham (Des Moines), counted on heavily for middle and long distance, is back after a great season in 1974-75 which qualified him as All-American. Returning for their final season are seniors Mike Radech (Davenport) and co-captain Bruce Verink (Iowa Falls). Radech, a three-time national qualifier in diving, holds UNI records in both one-meter and three-meter diving. A great team leader, Verink competes in the I.M. and breaststroke. Others returning feature Chris Bakkie (Des Moines, Jr.) in long distance events, John Bender (Cedar Falls, So.) performing on the boards, and national butterfly qualifier Tom Brandon (Council Bluffs, So.). This season's other co-captain, Scott Broshar (Waterloo, Jr.), performed last season in the butterfly events and has qualified twice for national competition in his career.

Bruce Davis (Marshalltown, Jr.) remains the number one sprint man on the team, while Randy Martin (Washington, Jr.) holds the school record in the 100-yrd. breaststroke at 1:04.73.

"Our goal is set for a 500 season and winning the conference championship," says Henry. "If we can stay healthy and maintain a good attitude, we should be able to accomplish these goals."

The Panther schedule outlines home meets with Mankato State, Wisconsin-Platteville, South Dakota State, Minnesota, and Western Illinois. UNI travels to Bradley, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin-LaCrosse. The tankers initiate the season at Ames in the All Iowa Relays Nov. 15.
Meet the Panthers

CHRIS BAKKIE          RICH BAKKIE          JOHN BENDER          TOM BRANDON          SCOTT BROSHAR

JEFF BROWN           K. C. CORNISH       BRUCE DAVIS         JAMIE HANCOCK        KEVIN MEACHAM

RANDY MARTIN        MIKE RADECH         SCOTT SQUIRES       BRUCE VERINK        TOM WHALEN

GLEN HENRY          BOB PUTMAN          RODNEY HARDESTY
What to Expect

BAKKIE, Chris--A two year letterman, Chris will be the man to watch in longer freestyle events including the 500 and 1000.

BAKKIE, Rich--A top freshman prospect, Rich has potential to help out in the 200, 100 and 500 freestyle and could add speed to the 800 and 400 free relays.

BENDER, John--A sophomore, John is a steady competitor and could become top divers in the conference. With a little work he should qualify for nationals.

BRANDON, Tom--A national qualifier as a freshman, Tom has potential to become All-American this season. He is counted on heavily in the 100 and 200 butterfly.

BROSHAR, Scott--Co-Captain of the Panther team, Scott is a two-time national qualifier in the 100 and 200 butterfly. He hopes for All-American honors this year and should get it. A great team leader.

BROWN, Jeff--A freshman, Jeff is trying competitive swimming for the first time. Time will tell how Jeff will do on the Panther team.

CORNISH, K.C.--An I.M. swimmer from Sigourney, K.C. was a one-man team as a prep. Could become a great swimmer in time. Good attitude and wants to excel.

DAVIS, Bruce--No. 1 sprint man on team, was a national qualifier and is a top All-American candidate this year. Has tremendous future in the 50, 100 and 200 free.

HANCOCK, Jamie--A young diver, Jamie should add depth to the boards for UNI. Could become a great diver before he finishes.

HUNTOON, David--A freshman from a tough Des Moines Hoover swim club, Dave adds strength on the boards. Has bright future in diving.

MEACHAM, Kevin--An All-American his freshman year, Kevin could become another Bill Fowler for UNI. Should be a bright light in the middle and long distances.

MARTIN, Randy--Holder of school record in 100 breaststroke, Randy has yet to finish a season without an illness. If he can stay healthy, this could become his best season.

RADECH, Mike--Three years a national qualifier, Mike wants it all again this season and could become All-American before he finishes. A great dual meet diver and holds records in both one and three-meter boards.

SQUIRES, Scott--A freshman, Scott is a prize recruit from Cedar Rapids Kennedy. Last year he finished 2nd in the state 100 breaststroke and could qualify for nationals. Also adds depth to the medley relay and 200 breaststroke.

VERHUEL, Rick--Winner of state 50 free last year as prep, Rick should definitely be All-American prospect 50 and 100 free. Also a wide receiver on the Panther football squad.

VERINK, Bruce--Co-Captain, Bruce finished last season with flying colors with best times of his career in the breaststroke and I.M. at the conference meet. Eager to start tough in his final season.

WHALEN, Tom--Clinton, freshman, Tom is a versatile swimmer and can help the Panther team in all strokes. Is on heavily in the I.M. and backstroke.

1975-76 Roster

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**BENDER, John**

**BRANDON, Tom**

**BROSHAR, Scott**

**BROWN, Jeff**

**CORNISH, K.C.**

**DAVIS, Bruce**

**HANCOCK, Jamie**

**HUNTOON, David**

**MEACHAM, Kevin**

**MARTIN, Randy**

**RADECH, Mike**

**SQUIRES, Scott**

**VERHUEL, Rick**

**VERINK, Bruce**

**WHALEN, Tom**

*Designates Varsity Letters Won

1974-75 Results

82 Mankato State
87 North Dakota
62 Bradley
63 Iowa
74 Wisconsin-Platteville
61 Southwest Minnesota
67 South Dakota State
73 Wisconsin-LaCrosse
43 Western Illinois

All Iowa Relays 8–2nds, 4–3rds
Big Eight Relays 8th
North Central Conference 1st
NCAA Division II 16th
University of Northern Iowa

The University of Northern Iowa is relatively new in name but the school itself is nearly 100 years old. Created by the Iowa General Assembly, the University opened in 1876 as Iowa State Normal. In 1908, the name was changed to Iowa State Teachers College and under this name attained a national reputation as a leader in the field of teacher education. In 1961, the name was again changed to State College of Iowa and six years later, received its present name.

Teacher education remains the chief function of the university, although a wide-ranging program of non-teaching courses including professional training in business and science-related areas are now offered.

Maintenance of a well-rounded intercollegiate athletic program is of prime interest to the UNI staff. The success of this endeavor is indicated by the fact Panther teams have won the North Central Conference all-sports trophy the last four years.

The University retains membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division II, in addition to being one of eight schools in the rugged NCC — America's premier college division league. A full round of 11 intercollegiate sports are sponsored by the conference and all have individual championships.