

# CLEVELAND STATE VIKINGS SWIMMING & DIVING

2007-08 Review  
Next: Zone C Diving Prelims  
Mar. 14-16, 2008, All Day  
McCorkle Aquatic Pavillion  
Columbus, Ohio

## 2007-08 Swimming Schedule/Results

		Women (4-10)	Men (11-4)
<b>October</b>			
13	VALPARAISO	L, 81-155	W, 174-52
20	at St. Francis (W)	L, 84-115	
27	GREEN BAY	L, 69-147	W, 132-102
<b>November</b>			
2	ST. BONAVENTURE	L, 55-170	W, 160-82
10	at Miami (OH) (M)		L, 106-132
13	CITY COLLEGE MEET		
	vs. Baldwin Wallace	W, 153-79	W, 177-60
	vs. Gannon	L, 107-123	W, 176-60
	vs. Notre Dame(OH) (W)	W, 150-73	
16	at Notre Dame (M)		L, 124-171
20	at Ohio State (M)		L, 82-147
29	at Miami (OH) Invitational	13th of 16	8th of 9
30	at Miami (OH) Invitational	12th of 16	6th of 16
<b>December</b>			
1	at Miami (OH) Invitational	13th of 16	7th of 16
<b>January</b>			
5	at Holiday Invitational	3rd, 9 pts	
	vs. SUNY Cortland		W, 30-23
12	DUQUESNE	L, 58-156	W, 172-47
	XAVIER	L, 42.5-172.5	W, 175-48
	CANISIUS	W, 155-62	W, 195-40
19	at Wright State	L, 74-143	L, 87-136
26	NIAGARA	W, 132-95	W, 137-89
<b>February</b>			
2	UIC (Senior Day)	L, 83-141	W, 146-92
	YOUNGSTOWN STATE (w)	L, 108-117	
20-23	HL CHAMPIONSHIPS	7th, 187 pts	2nd, 643 pts
<b>March</b>			
14-16	at Zone C Diving Prelims		All Day
27-29	at NCAA Championships		All Day

(m) Men's Meet (w) Women's Meet  
Home meets in **BOLD CAPS**  
\* Horizon League Meet.  
All Home meets held at Robert F. Busbey Natatorium.  
All times are Eastern.

**OFF THE BLOCKS:** Cleveland State men's and women's swimming and diving wrapped up the 2007-08 season at the Horizon League Championships on Saturday, Feb. 23. Here is a brief look at how the Vikings fared at the league championships:

### Men (11-4) – 2nd, 643 points (Feb. 20-23, at Busbey & Ocasek Natatoriums)

The Vikings concluded a spectacular week at the Horizon League Championships with a team runner-up finish. Four Vikings received post-meet honors, including Jakub Dobies (co-athlete of the year), Deni Gasparin (newcomer of the year), Danny Baiko (diver of the year) and Rich Karban (diving coach of the year). The team set six school records, three Horizon League and meet records, and two pool records at Ocasek Natatorium.

### Women (4-10) – 7th, 187 points (Feb. 20-23, at Busbey/Ocasek Natatoriums)

Senior Lesley Jones led all Vikings with 20 points scored, recording the team's top individual finishes in the 50 free (eighth, 20.41) and 100 free (ninth, 53.02). All five Viking relays recorded season-best times, and Jones swam on four of those teams. Deanna Raedel (12th, 200 breast, 2:30.20) and Katie Bellew (11th, 100 fly, 59.17) each contributed top Viking finishes in the breaststroke and butterfly events. Senior Trisha Simon dove her second best lifetime score in the one-meter (197.65), finishing 13th overall.

**WOMEN'S 2007-08 SEASON REVIEW:** The 2007-08 season was Wally Morton's first at the helm of both the men's and women's programs. Wins did not come easy for an undermanned Viking team this year, as the team finished with a 4-10 overall record (0-5 HL). Despite the team's record, the swimmers and divers continually improved their times week by week, culminating with the team's performance at the league championship. In all, 26 season-best times were recorded at the championship meet, and according to Morton, "everyone had at least one top time this week." Lesley Jones finished her Viking career with the fifth-best 50 free time (24.41 on Feb. 21) and 100 free times (53.02 on Feb. 23) in school history. Freshmen Erin Green and Frances Carrion recorded the eighth and ninth-best times in school history in the 1,650 free (18:03.89 and 18:04.85, respectively) on the meet's final day. In addition, Deanna Raedel finished with the eighth-best time in the 100 breast (1:08.95). Katie Bellew may not have improved upon her school record time in the 100 fly (57.50 in 2006) at the league championships, but earlier in the year she set the eighth-best time in the 200 fly (2:12.61, Feb. 2). She also holds the sixth best 200 breast time (2:28.23, 2005), and the eighth best 200 IM time (2:11.89, 2006). Senior Trisha Simon completed her short one-and-a-half year career with the Vikings by improving her top score in the one-meter to 213.65 (Nov. 13). Last season her top score was 137.05, which she dove at the 2007 league championships. With the team losing three of its top contributors in Jones,

Raedel, and Simon, Morton is likely encouraged by the improvement of his younger swimmers throughout the season. Junior Kristina Nagy recorded a lifetime best of 25.61 in the 50 free at the championship meet, and will be the top returner in that event next season. Freshman Diana Mruk showed vast improvement on her times at the league championship as well, improving her previous best 100 free time (59.66) by four seconds with a time of 55.86 on the meet's final day. Mruk will be the team's top returner in the 100 free next season.

**MORTON ON THE CSU WOMEN:** "The women have been outstanding this year and have represented the school well. They put in hard work every week, and everyone had at least one top time at the championship. I am very proud of our women swimmers and our diver."

**MEN'S 2007-08 SEASON REVIEW:** The 2007-08 season was another winning campaign, as the Vikings won at least 10 dual meets for the seventh year in a row. The team followed up the regular season with a runner-up finish at the league championships. That finish may have been different had the meet been contested at Busbey all four days, since the Vikings were a perfect 10-0 in home duals. Highlights from the season include the myriad of mid-season and post-season awards the Vikings garnered throughout the year. Stephen Grove first won one of two straight Horizon League Male Scholar Athlete of the Week (Oct. 30) awards after winning two events in the Green Bay dual meet and maintaining a 3.82 GPA. On Oct. 31, Dan Baiko won his first of five diver of the week honors, and then went on to win diver of the year honors at the league championships. On Nov. 7, Dave Duecker was named league swimmer of the week. Jakub Dobies then won swimmer of the week for the next three weeks in a row. Dobies finished the season at the league championships tied with Wright State's Nathan Demchuk and Green Bay's Alex Hill for the most individual points scored, earning him co-athlete of the year honors with Demchuk. Dobies now has school records in the 100 (53.77) and 200 (2:00.43) breast and the 100 free (44.62).

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Dobies also set the school's second best times in the 50 free (20.70, on Dec. 1) and 200 IM (1:49.82, on Feb. 21) this season. The Vikings welcomed Deni Gasparin to the team in January. The freshman from Zagreb, Croatia finished the season as the second-best in school history by time in both the 100 (55.34) and 200 (2:01.02) breast. He also set the fifth-best time in school history in the 200 IM (1:51.26). Also making school history was Nedim Nisic, who set the fourth best time in school history in the 100 fly (49.26), and improved his 100 backstroke time (50.77), third-best in school history. Todd Winchell set the second-best time in the 100 back (49.31), sixth-best time in the 100 fly (49.30) and the seventh-best 200 back time (1:52.54). Dave Duecker and Stef Potgieter finished their Viking careers with several top-10 times of their own, as well. Duecker set the school record in the 400 IM (4:56.45), while Potgieter set the fifth-best 100 breast time (56.04) at the league championships. Duecker also set the fifth-best 200 fly time (1:50.74), and the Vikings' best 1,000 free time of the year (9:27.38).

**MORTON ON THE CSU MEN:** "It was a spectacular meet for the men. We didn't even have a full team this year, and to finish runner-up to Wright State, a well balanced team, is incredible. My hat is off to Wright State and their coaching staff. We have an outstanding senior class this year and it hurts to lose them."

**SIX OF 12, NOT BAD:** The Vikings ended last week with six swimmers in the top-twelve point scorers for the championship meet. Jakub Dobies (57 points) was in a three-way tie for first, followed by Deni Gasparin

(fourth, 53 points), Stephen Grove (seventh, 51 points), Dave Duecker (10th, 48 points), Todd Winchell (10th, 48 points), and Nedim Nisic (12th, 46 points). No other school had more than four swimmers in the top 12 for the meet.

### Viking Point Leaders at Horizon League Champ.

Rank	Name	Pts.
1	Jakub Dobies, So.	57
4	Deni Gasparin, Fr.	53
7	Stephen Grove, So.	51
10	Dave Duecker, Sr.	48
10	Todd Winchell, So.	48
12	Nedim Nisic, Jr.	46
23	Dan Baiko, Sr.	40
26	Stef Potgieter, Sr.	38
28	Zvonimir Androic, Fr.	35

### ONE FOR THE

**AGES:** Jakub Dobies has set three school records this season, in the 50 free (20.70, broken by Stephen Grove on Feb. 21), 100 free (44.62), and 200 breaststroke (2:00.43). He also holds the school record in the 100 breaststroke (53.77, set last season). Last year he was the first Viking since Harold Wagner (100 fly, 1987) to swim at the NCAA Championship, where he competed in the 100 breaststroke, finishing 28th overall (54.39).

**...AND AT THE CHAMPIONSHIP:** Dobies excelled at the Horizon League Championships, winning the 100 breast (54.31) and 200 IM (1:53.34 in prelims, 1:49.82 in finals), and swimming on three winning relays. He also was runner-up in the 100 free (45.52). Each relay he was a part of (200 free, 200 medley, 400 free) set school, league, and meet records. He ended the week tied with Green Bay's Alex Hill and Wright State's Nathan Demchuk for the overall lead in points at the championship meet (57).

**...MORE ON DOBIES:** Dobies has set two NCAA "B" qualifying marks this season. His 100 breast time of 54.03 is currently the 13th best time in the nation. His 200 breast time of 2:00.43 is a Horizon League record and the 35th best nationally.

**RECORD SETTING RELAYS:** The Vikings set school, league, and meet records in three relays last week. The 200 free relay (Dobies, Stephen Grove, Deni Gasparin, Mike Marsico, 1:21.35) turned the trick in the meet's first swimming event. The 200 medley relay (Todd Winchell, Dobies, Johan Norling, Grove, 1:29.80) followed with another record time later that day. The final relay to finish in record time for the Vikings was the 400 medley relay (Winchell, Gasparin, Grove, Dobies, 3:18.55). Each relay was the overall event winner.

## 2007-08 Women's Roster

Name	Yr.	Event(s)	Hometown(HS)
Alexandra Bagi	Sr.	Fly/Free	Westlake, OH (Magnificat)
Katie Bellew	Jr.	Fly	Tallassee, AL (Tallassee)
Kristine Bunker	Jr.	Fly/IM	Woodbridge, ON (Lawrence Park)
Sandra Bunker	Jr.	Fly/Free	Woodbridge, ON (Lawrence Park)
Cayce Calvi	Jr.	Free	Hamilton, OH (Lakota West)
Frances Carrion	Fr.	Free/Fly	Coconut Creek, FL (North Broward)
Erin Green	Fr.	Free/Breast	Maitland, FL/Lake Highland
Melissa Heiss	Fr.	Free	Willowick, OH/Mentor
Lesley Jones	Jr.	Free	Mentor, OH (Mentor)
Brittany McCann	So.	Free	Medina, OH (Medina)
Diana Mruk	Fr.	Free	Fairview Park, OH (Fairview)
Kristina Nagy	Jr.	Free	Johnstown, PA (Westmont Hilltop)
Deanna Raedel	Sr.	Free/Breast	Middleburg Hts, OH (Midpark)
Trisha Simon	Sr.	Diving	Brunswick, OH (Brunswick)

**Head Coach:** Wally Morton, 1st Year

**Assistant Coach:** Andrew Hancock, 1st Year

**Diving Coach:** Rich Karban, 5th Year

## 2007-08 Men's Roster

Name	Yr.	Event(s)	Hometown (HS)
Zvonimir Androic	Fr.	Back/Fly	Zabok, Croatia (Zabok Gymnasium)
Dan Baiko	Sr.	Diving	Brecksville, OH (St. Ignatius)
Volkmar Baur	Jr.	Fly/IM	Lauda, Germany (Wirfschafts Gym)
Jakub Dobies	So.	Breast/IM	Plock, Poland
Taylor Dopuch	Sr.	Fly/Free	Mentor, OH (Mentor)
Dave Duecker	Sr.	Breast/IM	Cedarburg, WI (Cedarburg)
Khaled Elgarnal	Sr.	Free	Lakewood, OH (Orange)
Deni Gasparin	Fr.	Breast/IM	Zagreb, Croatia (X. Gymnasium)
Stephen Grove	So.	Free/Fly	West Chester, OH (Lakota East)
Robert Hundt	Fr.	Free	North Olmtd, OH (NorthOlmstead)
Ari Markle	Sr.	Back/Fly	Gates Mills, OH (Mayfield)
Michael Marsico	Fr.	Free	Elyria, OH (Elyria)
Marko Milenkovic	Jr.	Breast/Free	Nis, Serbia and Montenegro (Gimnazija)
Nedim Nisic	Sr.	Fly/Free	Tuzla, Bosnia (Gym Mesa Selimovic)
Johan Norling	Sr.	Fly/Free	Stockholm, Sweden (Ostra Real)
Stef Potgieter	Sr.	Breast/IM	Sasolburg, South Africa (Sasolburg)
Todd Winchell	So.	Free/Fly	Rochester, NY (Greece Athena)

**Head Coach:** Wally Morton, 27th Year

**Assistant Coach:** Gustavo Barrios, 6th Year

**Diving Coach:** Rich Karban, 5th Year

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Senior diver Dan Baiko has thus far duplicated Chris Dalman's season of a year ago, winning league diver of the week honors five times, winning both the one and three-meter boards at the league championships, and being named diver of the year. Baiko also set an Ocasek Natatorium record in the one-meter dive, scoring 322.65 in the win. While Dalman became the first CSU diver in 32 years to make the trip to the NCAA Championships last year, Baiko's season ended at the Zone C qualifying round a year ago (22nd in the three-meter, 260.75). Baiko will have another opportunity to make it to nationals at this year's Zone C qualifying round from March 14-16.

**GROVE THE WORLD BEATER:** Of the six school records set at the league championship, sophomore Stephen Grove had a hand in five of them. After helping the 200 free and 200 medley relay teams win in record-setting fashion, he set a school record in the prelims of the 50 free (20.41), winning the event with a time of 20.71 in the final heat. Later in the second day he swam on the record-setting 400 medley relay team (3:18.55). Grove then set yet another school record on the third day of competition, this time in the 100 fly (48.86). He finished second overall, and broke a record that had been in place for 21 years, the only Viking record that had been more than eight years old. The previous record holder, Harold Wagner, (48.89) swam at the NCAA Championships for the Vikings in 1987.

**NEW, YET STRANGELY FAMILIAR:** Freshman Deni Gasparin won newcomer of the year honors at the Horizon League Championships. His award marks the second straight year a Viking has received the honor. Like last year's honoree, Jakub Dobies, Gasparin joined the team in January and displayed high proficiency in the breaststroke events. Gasparin won the 200 breast (2:01.02) on the championship's final day, setting a new Ocasek Natatorium record in the process. He also was runner-up in the 100 breast (55.34), third in the 200 IM (1:51.21) and swam on the three record-setting Viking relay teams (200 free, 200 medley, 400 medley, all league champions). He also swam on the fifth-place 800 free relay (3:01.04).

2007-08 Women's Top Times			2007-08 Men's Top Times		
<b>50 Freestyle</b>			<b>50 Freestyle</b>		
Lesley Jones	24.41	2/21	Stephen Grove	20.41	2/21
Deanna Raedel	25.13	2/21	Jakub Dobies	20.70	11/29
Kristina Nagy	25.61	2/21	Mike Marsico	20.98	2/21
<b>100 Freestyle</b>			<b>100 Freestyle</b>		
Lesley Jones	53.02	2/23	Jakub Dobies	44.62	11/29
Diana Mruk	55.86	2/23	Stephen Grove	45.78	2/23
Kristina Nagy	56.60	2/23	Mike Marsico	46.04	2/23
<b>200 Freestyle</b>			<b>200 Freestyle</b>		
Lesley Jones	1:58.90	11/29	Jakub Dobies	1:42.14	11/10
Kristine Bunker	1:59.93	2/2	Todd Winchell	1:43.04	11/16
Sandra Bunker	2:03.46	11/29	Marco Milenkovic	1:43.33	2/22
<b>500 Freestyle</b>			<b>500 Freestyle</b>		
Frances Carrion	5:18.24	11/13	Dave Duecker	4:38.54	11/29
Erin Green	5:21.17	2/21	Khaled Elgarnal	4:43.03	2/20
Sandra Bunker	5:25.02	2/21	Zvonimir Androic	4:55.53	11/29
<b>1,000 Freestyle</b>			<b>1,000 Freestyle</b>		
Erin Green	10:49.81	2/20	Dave Duecker	9:27.38	2/20
Frances Carrion	10:53.73	2/20	Khaled Elgarnal	9:52.54	12/19
Kristine Bunker	11:06.06	1/19	Taylor Dopuch	10:13.41	2/20
<b>1,650 Freestyle</b>			<b>1,650 Freestyle</b>		
Erin Green	18:03.89	2/23	Khaled Elgarnal	16:48.68	2/23
Frances Carrion	18:04.85	2/23	Taylor Dopuch	17:07.04	2/23
			Robert Hundt	18:38.01	2/23
<b>100 Butterfly</b>			<b>100 Butterfly</b>		
Katie Bellew	59.17	2/22	Stephen Grove	48.86	2/22
Kristine Bunker	1:00.78	11/29	Nedim Nisic	49.26	2/22
Alex Bagi	1:03.70	2/22	Todd Winchell	49.30	2/22
<b>200 Butterfly</b>			<b>200 Butterfly</b>		
Katie Bellew	2:12.61	2/2	Dave Duecker	1:50.74	2/23
Kristine Bunker	2:15.67	11/29	Nedim Nisic	1:51.81	11/29
Alex Bagi	2:18.35	2/23	Zvonimir Androic	1:53.32	2/23
<b>100 Backstroke</b>			<b>100 Backstroke</b>		
Sandra Bunker	1:01.96	2/22	Todd Winchell	50.31	2/22
Kristine Bunker	1:03.37	11/29	Nedim Nisic	50.77	2/22
Alex Bagi	1:04.58	2/22	Zvonimir Androic	52.30	11/29
<b>200 Backstroke</b>			<b>200 Backstroke</b>		
Sandra Bunker	2:14.90	2/23	Zvonimir Androic	1:52.19	2/23
Alex Bagi	2:22.71	2/2	Todd Winchell	1:52.54	2/23
Deanna Raedel	2:29.94	1/19	Ari Markle	1:58.92	2/23
<b>100 Breaststroke</b>			<b>100 Breaststroke</b>		
Deanna Raedel	1:08.95	2/22	Jakub Dobies	54.03	11/29
Katie Bellew	1:09.32	1/26	Deni Gasparin	55.34	2/22
Brittany McCann	1:11.58	2/22	Stef Potgieter	56.04	2/22
<b>200 Breaststroke</b>			<b>200 Breaststroke</b>		
Katie Bellew	2:28.50	2/2	Jakub Dobies	2:00.43	11/29
Deanna Raedel	2:30.20	2/23	Deni Gasparin	2:01.02	2/23
Erin Green	2:37.95	10/13	Stef Potgieter	2:04.45	2/23
<b>200 Individual Medley</b>			<b>200 Individual Medley</b>		
Katie Bellew	2:18.34	11/29	Jakub Dobies	1:49.82	2/21
Deanna Raedel	2:18.80	11/29	Deni Gasparin	1:51.20	2/21
Kristine Bunker	2:18.83	11/29	Stef Potgieter	1:56.24	2/21
<b>400 Individual Medley</b>			<b>400 Individual Medley</b>		
Kristine Bunker	4:50.10	11/29	Dave Duecker	3:56.45	2/22
Sandra Bunker	4:53.83	11/29	Nedim Nisic	4:10.47	11/29
			Volkmar Baur	4:15.47	1/26

### Diving Top Scores

<b>Women 1 Meter 6 Dives</b>			<b>Men 1 Meter 6 Dives</b>		
Trisha Simon	213.65	11/13	Dan Baiko	322.65	2/23
			Brody Fiesler	152.20	11/13
			<b>Men 3 Meter 6 Dives</b>		
			Dan Baiko	352.65	11/20
			Brody Fiesler	151.70	11/13

**DUECKER NEVER BETTER:** After flirting with the school record in the 400 IM the past four years (coming within .5 of the previous record, 3:59.20, last season), senior Dave Duecker finally broke through at the Horizon League Championships, shattering the old record by three seconds and setting a new mark of 3:56.45. Duecker was finished second in the event by only two-tenths of a second to swimmer of the year Nathan Demchuk (of Wright State). Duecker was also second in the 1,000 free (9:27.38), and fifth in the 200 fly (1:50.74), and was on the fifth place 800 free relay (Winchell, Gasparin, Nisic, 6:49.66).

**W FOR WINCHELL:** Sophomore Todd Winchell also was a member of the three record setting Viking relays at the league championships. Individually, he won the 100 back (50.31), was fourth in the 100 fly (49.30), and sixth in the 200 back (1:52.54).

**JONES LED THE WAY:** Lesley Jones recorded season best times in the 50 free (eighth, 20.41) and 100 free (ninth, 53.02) at the league championships. She had the best showing at the championship meet by any on the women's team, leading the Vikings with 20 points scored throughout the week.

**LEADING SEVERAL CATEGORIES:** Katie Bellew finished 2008 with the Vikings' top times in the 100 fly (59.17), 200 fly (2:12.61), 200 breast (2:28.50), and 200 IM (2:18.34). She also scored nine points at the league championships, second-best on the team.

**DOUBLE BUNKER:** Twin sisters Kristine and Sandra Bunker led the team in several events in 2008. Sandra has the Vikings' top times in the 50 (30.84), 100 (1:01.96) and 200 back (2:14.90). Meanwhile, Kristine topped the Vikings in the 400 IM (4:50.10) this season.

**SIMON SAYS:** Senior Trisha Simon finished 13th (197.65) in the one-meter dive at the league championship, and dove 60 points better than she did at the championship a year ago (15th, 131.35) in her first semester as a diver. Simon only started diving in January of last season, and had a background in gymnastics before picking up diving.

**SHE'S GOING THE DISTANCE:** Freshmen Erin Green and Frances Carrion became the eighth and ninth-best swimmers in school history in the 1,650 free in 2008. Both times (18:03.89 and 18:04.85) were achieved at the league championships.

**RAEDEL BROUGHT HER BEST:** Senior Deanna Raedel swam her best times in her last meet as a Viking at the league championships, including a 2:30.20 in the 200 breast (12th overall) and a 1:08.95 in the 100 breast (13th overall).

### MEN'S & WOMEN'S HEAD COACH:

**WALLY MORTON** (Miami (OH) '70)

**At CSU** (as Men's Coach): 241-133-1 (27th Year)  
(as Women's Coach): 4-10-0 (1st Year)

**Overall:** Same as above

Wally Morton has led the Vikings to 12 conference championships and 21 winning seasons in his 27 years at the helm of the men's program. Morton has guided the Vikings to seven straight seasons of 10 or more dual meet victories, and a Viking has won the male swimmer of the year award in four of the last six seasons. Morton has taken over as the head women's coach this season, his first at the helm of both the men's and women's programs. Morton also serves as the school's director of competitive aquatics, and has been with CSU for 32 total years.

**UP NEXT:** Dan Baiko will attempt to qualify for the NCAA Championships at the Zone C Diving NCAA Championship Prelims at Ohio State University from March 14-16.