

## Diving towards success

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The boys' swim team is striving for a great season this year with their new coach and renovated pool. Coach Ehlers is not returning this season, and he will be replaced by Craig Frederickson.

He will be assisted by the girl's current swim coach, Amy Hrycyk, who expects Galesburg to win conference this season but believes "it will be a fight for 2nd between United Township, Rock Island,

and us." Last year the team received high finishes in several events placing 2nd overall for conference.

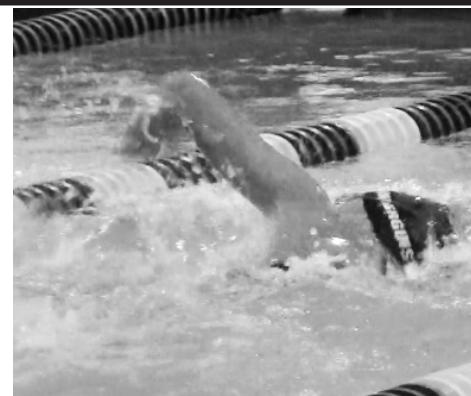
The team's goals are to work hard, improve throughout the season, and be top contenders against Galesburg's strong team.

Along with the new coach, the boys get to practice and compete in their own pool again, which will provide a home-court advantage and boost morale. Var-

sity junior at MHS, Jake Taylor, predicts that, "It's going to be an okay season but not too great."

He believes, however, that this season should be better than the last, especially with the new, freshman talent.

Coach Frederickson also expects the swimmers to "achieve personal bests and gain teamwork skills" this swim season, which will help give the boys the drive they need to compete for a higher ranking this year at sectionals after losing to Galesburg and Dunlap last year.



*Moline swimmer, Kara Christiansen, in the lead at a home swim meet (Photo by Terronez)*



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