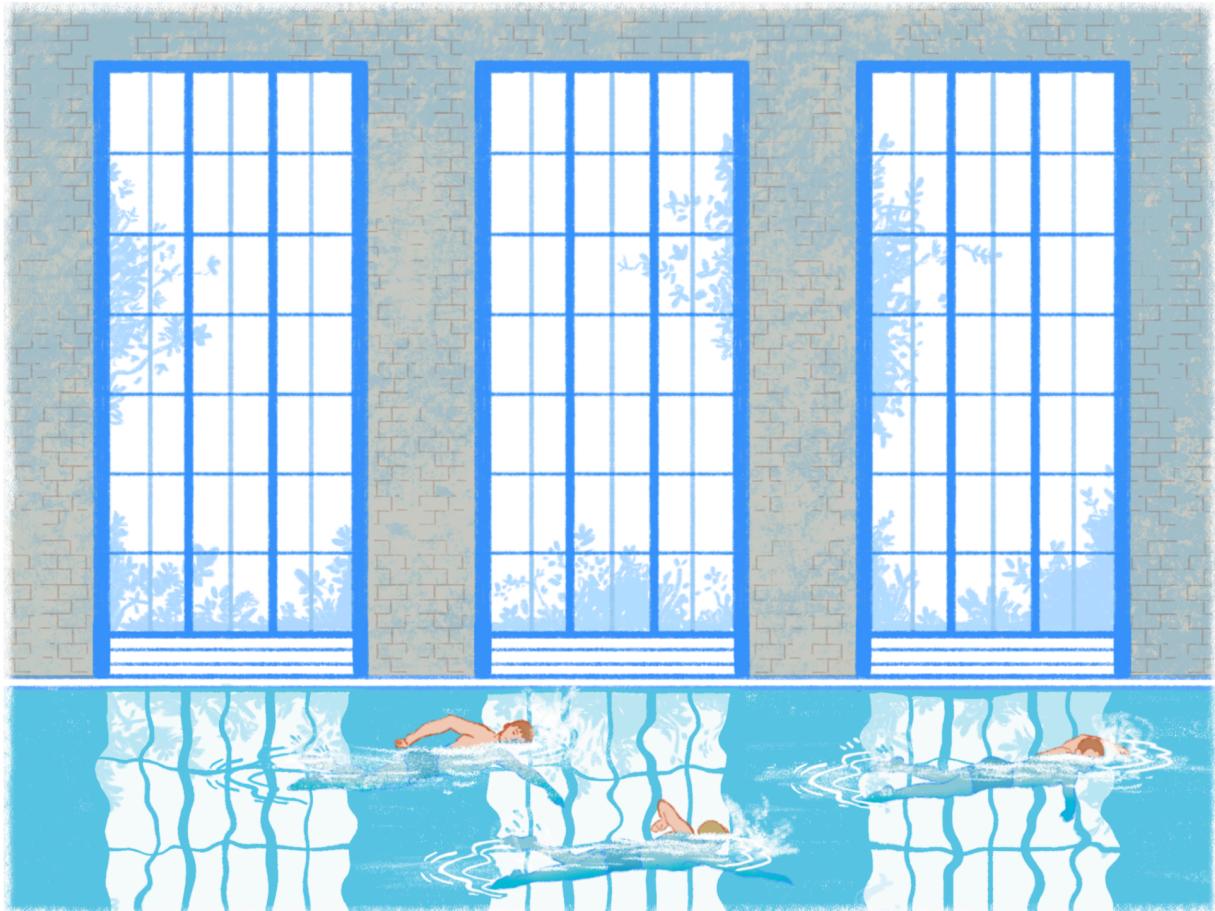


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# The Rams' Reign of Terror

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## A New Man in Charge

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While CU may have plugged one coaching hole, they created a new coaching vacancy on the swim team. With little time until the season, Athletic Director Carlson elected for a short term fix.

In an unprecedented move, Carlson tabbed team captain Ernest Collins to serve double duties as head coach.

Collins was already used to the unprecedented, as he was the first swimmer to be named team captain for two seasons in a row.

It's no wonder he was re-elected captain for the 1932 season. Collins was decidedly the Buff's best swimmer, leading the team in points and boasting several team and conference records in the 150 backstroke and 270 medley relay. He even broke the 200 breaststroke record by 6 seconds.

He was untouchable in the 150 backstroke throughout his four years on the squad; winning ten golds out of sixteen times he competed in the event.



**Ernest Collins**

Swimming wasn't the only area he excelled. Collins was the business manager of the university magazine *Colorado Engineer*. He helped the magazine secure a student loan fund and in 1932, the editorial "received the highest award of any member magazine of the Engineering College Magazine Associated".  
 (SOURCE)

Additional accolades included membership in Phi Delta Theta, Sumalia honor society, and Sigma Tau. He did all of this while also being the treasurer of Eta Kappa Nu

In terms of coaching the swim team, Collins had his work cut out for him.

Collins was inheriting a team, on short notice, that was gutted by departing seniors. Top performing athletes from last year's championship team such as Debenham, Murray, Aikens and Hinderliser were all gone. He would have to mostly rely on fresh recruits.

Meanwhile, the team's best competitor, Colorado State was loaded with talent and aspirations for a title.

To make things even more challenging, Collins, who had never coached before, would have to navigate coaching swimmers that were his same age and were his friends.

Would he be able to rise to the task, or would he and the rest of the CU swim team crumble under the pressure?

## 1931-1932 Season

### Record

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### Head Coach

Ernest Collins

### Team Roster

James Baird	John Bangeman
Ralph Christy	Ernest Collins
Eman	Elmer Halldorson
Robert Hazlett	Lewis Jolly
Charles Moore	William Nagel
Karl Porath	Ramsey
William Wallace	Charles Williams



### Colorado St 43, Colorado 32 - Jan 16, 1932

In October 1931, Colorado State began their first practice of the new season. Like the Buffs, they were coached by their best swimmer: Wilson Longmore. Unlike Collins, this was a temporary gig for Longmore as he assumed the interim title alongside Cresswell, while Coach Tompkins finished his duties as an assistant for the football team.

They brought back the entire core of the team with six letter winners: Longmore, Shanks, Cresswell, Moulton, Gage and Stoddard. These returning Rams no doubt had a chip on their shoulder. Just six months ago, they had a championship stolen from underneath them by a freak act of god. They were itching to prove what they knew last season - that they are the best team in the conference.

Luckily for the Rams, they didn't have to wait long, as they squared off against the Buffs in the first meet of the season.

Colorado State exploded to an early lead. Grabbing a win in the medley relay, followed by first and second places by Longmore and Cresswell in the 100 yard freestyle.



*Colorado State Swim & Dive Team - 1932*

Colorado State was well stocked with exceptional sprint swimmers, as they swept the 50 freestyle with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Collins carried his own team, finishing first in the 200 breaststroke and 150 backstroke with times of 2:59.00 and 2:08.00 respectively

Collins did get some assistance from the team's returning diving specialist James Baird as he snuck out a victory from Shanks. Shanks demonstrated his talents as a two-way athlete at the meet by also winning the 50 free with a time of 26.80

A pair of CU freshman Ralph Christy and Karl Porath demonstrated some potential, earning a handful of second place finishes. Regardless, it wasn't nearly enough to offset the scoring onslaught of the Rams.

For the first time in 16 meets, the Buffs had failed to emerge on top. One thing was certain: Colorado, for the first time in history, was not the top team in the state.

#### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Colorado St	0	3	9	1	8	4	0	0	43
Colorado	0	6	0	8	1	5	0	0	32

\*Missing Relay Scores

Colorado St	RLY	200	50	150	100	DIVE	RLY	RLY	PTS
	BR	FR	BK	FR					
Shanks	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	8
Cresswell	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	6
Longmore	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Stoddard	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Fuller	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Maulton	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Wallace	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	3	9	1	8	4	0	0	43*

Colorado	RLY	200	50	150	100	DIVE	RLY	RLY	PTS
	BR	FR	BK	FR					
Collins	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	10
Baird	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Christy	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Nagel	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Porath	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	6	0	8	1	5	0	0	32*

#### Colorado 59, Wyoming 16 - Feb 6, 1932

Luckily for this young Buffs team, they got to have a palate cleanser against longtime league punching bag - Wyoming.

While Colorado State had finally managed to put together a competitive team, the same couldn't be said for Wyoming.

The Cowboys, again short on talent, also had to absorb the loss of three of their swimmers due to injury and intelligibility.

In their own pool, the Cowboys were out manned and outmatched. Not only were they held off the board in terms of first place finishes, they managed to claim only a single second place via Kraft in the 220 freestyle.

Captain, coach, and swimmer Ernest Collins once again piloted the team to a win by claiming two victories in the 200 breaststroke and 150 backstroke, the same two events he won three weeks earlier against Colorado State.

The meet was a display of the Buffs depth, as 11 men scored points. Baird, Bangemen, Wallace and Hazlett each won an event, combining for 26 points.

Wallace, Bangeman, Williams and Jolly won the 200 freestyle relay at 1:56.00, while Christy, Porath and Baird won the 300 medley relay at 3:48.20.

The Buffs didn't have long to bask in their win, as a return trip to Colorado State loomed on the schedule just a week away.

#### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Colorado	8	8	8	8	8	5	6		59
Wyoming	4	0	1	1	1	4	3		16

Colorado	RLY	200	50	150	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	FR	BK	FR			FR		
Collins	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	10
Baird	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	7
Bangeman	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	7
Wallace	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	7
Hazlett	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Christy	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	5
Porath	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Jolly	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	5
Halldorson	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Nagel	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Williams	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	8	8	8	8	8	8	5	6	59

Wyoming	RLY	200	50	150	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	FR	BK	FR			FR		
Kraft	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Rand	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Bradford	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Parrish	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

Spriggs	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hill	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	4	1	1	1	1	4	3	16

### Colorado 29, Colorado St 46 - Feb 13, 1932

The Rams had humiliated the Buffs at home just two weeks before; now they had to venture into the lion's den at the Farmer Pool in Fort Collins.

Tensions were high, as animosity built up on both sides. Throughout the meet the referee, "*Drew forth sundry, uncalled for and uncomplimentary remarks from the crowd*".

The atmosphere did little to assist the Buffs, as they once again weren't up to par against their in-state rivals.

Longmore of Colorado State exhibited his lethality in the water, winning the 100 freestyle at 59.20 and swimming on both of the Aggies' winning 120 freestyle and 300 medley relays.



Two Swimmers Race at CU/Aggie Duel - Feb 16, 1932

Continuing the 1932 tradition of carrying his team, Collins scored well in his usual events. However, while he won the 200 breaststroke at 2:53.20, his own teammate Christy beat him in the 150 backstroke at 2:08.00.

The win for Christy was a moment of the apprentice surpassing the master. For the remainder of the season, the veteran Collins wasn't able to keep pace with the youthful energy of the freshman.

Christy won the 150 backstroke every time he swam it the rest of the season, culminating in a win at the conference meet a month later.

However, aside from a lone victory by Baird in the fancy diving, all other Colorado swimmers finished third or worse in every event.

The most demoralizing loss came in the final event. In a strange flashback to the 1930 RMC Championship, the Buffs had a chance to steal the freestyle relay and led by three yards late. But just like two years prior, Longmore stormed back and "stole the event out of the fire" as he inched out another win.

If their first meeting of the season was a wakeup call for Colorado, this meet was a descent into their worst nightmare.

Gone were the expectations of another season of swimming glory. With their second straight loss to the Rams, the dreams of Colorado winning their 5th RMC Eastern Championship in 6 years had all but evaporated.

### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Colorado	4	6	1	8	1	5	1	3	29
Colorado St	8	3	8	1	8	4	8	6	46

Colorado	RLY 200 50 150 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS								
	BR	FR	BK	FR	FR				
Collins	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	8
Baird	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Christy	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Bangeman	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Hazlett	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Jolly	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Porath	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	4	6	1	8	1	5	1	3	29

Colorado St	RLY 200 50 150 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS								
	BR	FR	BK	FR	FR				
Longmore	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	2	9
Fuller	2	0	0	1	3	0	3	0	9
Shanks	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	8
Portman	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Stoddard	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	5

Peck	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Cresswell	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Moulton	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Total	8	3	8	1	8	4	8	46

### Colorado 41, Northern CO 34 - Feb 20, 1932

The 1932 iteration of Northern Colorado's swim team was an interesting mix of talent. Tasked with replacing the greatest athlete in team history - Milholland - Coach Peter Brown aimed to replace him in the aggregate with two impressive newcomers Morris and Haynes, and the return of a veteran breaststroker John Fuqua from academic suspension. Paired with sophomore diver and breaststroker Byron Yale, the Bears had a solid core.

The 1932 season had been mixed for UNC. In their first two meets, they drowned the Cowboys by a score of 54-21, before getting drowned themselves by the Rams to the tune of 51-23.

The duel between Colorado and Northern Colorado was too close for comfort, with the Teachers coming within seven points. A true sign of how far the Buffs had stumbled in just one year.

Collins' ten points decided the outcome of the meet, again following a similar pattern of winning the 200 breaststroke and finishing behind Christy in the 150 backstroke.

Ernest Collins is the Pete Rose equivalent of CU Swimming & Diving. In a two decade long hall of fame career, Rose set the MLB hitting record and led the Reds to three World Series championships. In his last few seasons, he added coaching to his playing responsibilities, becoming the last player in MLB history to do both. During his three years as player manager, Rose made an all star game and sported a winning record of 194-170.

While Collins didn't quite have the same level of success as Charlie Hustle, no other athlete in the history of the team provided as much support to the team as a player-coach. It would be 80 years until another athlete of Collins' caliber appeared on the team, as President Kate Booth led CU to four consecutive national championships.

### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Colorado	4	5	4	8	1	5	8	6	41
Northern CO	8	4	5	1	8	4	1	3	34

Colorado	RLY	200	50	150	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	FR	BK	FR			FR		
Collins	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	2	10
Baird	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	7
Christy	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	7
Bangeman	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Jolly	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Nagel	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Story	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	4	5	4	8	1	5	8	6	41

Northern	CORLY	200	50	150	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	FR	BK	FR			FR		
Haynes	2	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	10
Morris	2	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	8
Yale	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	6
Brundage	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Heintz	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
House	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Foster	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Fuqua	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	8	4	5	1	8	4	1	3	34

### RMC East Division - Feb 26, 1932

Any farfetched hopes of CU managing a miracle championship rested on the fact that for the first time ever, Boulder was the host site for a conference meet.

Even with the built-in home pool advantage, the Buffs could do little but stand back and watch as the Rams wave enveloped them in their path to their first stand-alone conference championship.

The main story of the meet was the duel between Longmore and Collins. Both swimmers did their job and were high points for their teams and secured numerous first and second places.

However, like a lot of championships, the meet was not decided going to be decided by either star, but rather the depth of their respective ensemble cast.

As they did all season, Colorado State monopolized the freestyle events. In the ultimate statement of dominance, they almost executed a clean sweep in the 50, 100 and 220 yard freestyle events. With Rams swimmers getting first, second and third in all but the 220 freestyle. CU swimmer Bangeman narrowly kept CSU's Fuller off the podium.

The Buffs meanwhile excelled on the non-freestyle events, cleaning up in the 200 breaststroke, 150 backstroke, fancy diving, and the 300 medley relay. But the Rams eroded away most of the gains from these wins with their own second place finishes.

The end result was an overwhelming triumph for Colorado State. Colorado finished a distant 15 points behind, as the Rams got the unique pleasure of crowning themselves undisputed champions in their rival's home pool.

Northern Colorado and Wyoming were largely irrelevant footnotes on the box score. Wyoming had just one player, Parrish, earn a podium spot. The Bears did little better as they finished a far distant third place.

Collins graduated later that Spring, leaving the Buffs once again rudderless as the program drifted into a further state of free fall in the shadow of the dominant Rams.

#### Meet Box Score

<i>Event</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Wyoming</i>	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	6
<i>Northern CO</i>	6	2	1	0	0	2	0	4	15
<i>Colorado</i>	4	6	8	1	1	5	2	8	35
<i>Colorado St</i>	8	3	0	10	10	4	9	6	50

<i>Wyoming</i>	<i>RLY</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>DIVE</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>RLY</i>	<i>PTS</i>
		<i>BR</i>	<i>BK</i>	<i>FR</i>	<i>FR</i>			<i>FR</i>	
<i>Parish</i>	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Total</i>	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	6

<i>Northern CO</i>	<i>RL</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>DIVE</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>RLY</i>	<i>PTS</i>
		<i>Y</i>	<i>BR</i>	<i>BK</i>	<i>FR</i>	<i>FR</i>		<i>FR</i>	
<i>House</i>	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
<i>Yale</i>	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Morris</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Total</i>	6	2	1	0	0	2	0	4	15

## 1932-1933 Season

### Record

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**Head Coach**  
Edmund Chapman

### Team Roster

Arthur Aikens	Alexander
James Baird	John Bangeman
Bradshaw	Ralph Christy
Clark	R. Curtis
Horace Eakins	Elmer Halldorson
Hans Hansen	Joseph Kagy
Edwin Lauenstein	Maxell
Charles Moore	Karl Porath
Rose	Charles Williams



### Colorado 30, Colorado St 54 - Feb 11, 1933

The job of coaching the Buffs swim team was no longer a glamorous position. Gone were the star athletes and easy victories. Whoever assumed responsibility of the team would have a real challenge on their hands.

That might explain why there weren't too many people interested in the role. Eventually, one man stepped up for the task - Edmund H. Chapman.

Colorado had made some unique decisions for swim coaches over the years. John H. Mason had never coached swimming, but was a talented athlete and was a football coach. When they chose Collins as his replacement, he had never coached at all, but was an elite swimmer.

Chapman was unique because not only was he not a swimmer, but to our knowledge he had never coached a team in his life. What we do know about Chapman is that he was already located on campus.

He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and a master's degree in art from Yale College in 1930, yet he did not swim for the prestigious Bulldogs team.

He then married his wife Affa, and moved to Colorado where he taught as an art instructor for two years before assuming the coaching gig for the CU swim team.

Chapman, along with the other head coaches of the other so-called "minor sports" of gymnastics and wrestling, had little optimism for their squads entering 1933. When asked about the potential for championships, the three coaches, "*shook their heads sadly and said they hoped for the best, but added that this was not their year.*"

When asked specifically about his team, Chapman simply replied, "*It was too early to tell much about the team.*"

There was at least one thing that Chapman and others could tell about this team - it had more talent than last season.

Returning to the team was a rising star in sophomore backstroker Ralph Christy and conference diving champion James Baird. Alongside them were Karl Porath and John Bangeman who both showed promise last year.

They didn't know if yet, but they also benefited from the addition of new swimmers to this experienced core. Freshman Horace Eakins and Hans Hansen would provide the additional depth to create a much more well balanced team than 1932.

The additional depth still paled in comparison to the treasure troves of riches that the Rams possessed. Colorado State brought back an unprecedented 9 lettermen from their previous season. They did not lose a single contributor from last year's championship.

However, just before the season, they did lose two swimmers Portman and Clark. Portman had a serious injury that required surgery and Clark opted to not attend school.

The impact of those minor losses was easily absorbed by the addition of former star and three time conference champion backstroker Bill Lenfesty, who rejoined the team. Lenfesty's return was the solution to one of the team's only holes. The only event that a Ram didn't place in at the conference meet was the backstroke.

With that worry gone, the only weakness, if any, was their lack of a standout breaststroker.

Colorado State also benefited from a rule change. In 1933, the Rocky Mountain Conference introduced the first true distance event into competitions. From now on, the 400/440 yard freestyle distance event would be swum to dual and championship meets.

It was a boom for the already freestyle heavy Rams, and they immediately capitalized in that distance event, taking first and second place against CU.

The Rams marked superiority in all freestyle events, also sweeping the 50, 100 and 220 freestyles.

With Lenfesty back in the fold, Christy was bumped from his spot as the best backstroker in the conference and was relegated to second place. Baird clashed with Shanks on the diving board and also came up empty.

The only notable Buff performance came from new swimmer Porath, who continued Colorado's rich breaststroke history by winning the 220 breaststroke with a 3:02.9.

Unlike last year's shocking season opening loss, this loss shocked no one. John H. Mason, now wrestling mentor for the university, was especially unamused, noting that "*Colorado University's chances this year in swimming are not so good.*" The only good thing that

he would dare say about the team was that, "*Some of the men are developing rapidly, and real material may be on hand before the season is over.*"

### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Colorado St	6	1	5	8	8	8	5	8	5	59
Colorado	4	8	4	1	1	4	1	6		30

*Colorado St RLY 220 150 50 400 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS*

	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR		RLY			
Longmore	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	10
Peck	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	8
Fuller	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Cresswell	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Shanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Lenfesty	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Madsen	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	5
Chambers	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Sullivan	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Peterson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	8	1	5	8	8	8	5	8	3	54

*Colorado RLY 220 150 50 400 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS*

	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR		RLY			
Porath	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
Christy	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Eakins	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Baird	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Maxwell	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Alexander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Bradshaw	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Halldorson	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Clark	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Rose	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	4	8	4	1	1	1	4	1	6	30

### Colorado 64, Wyoming 20 - Feb, 1933

In a similar fashion to last year, Colorado wiped the tears of defeat away with a good old fashion thumping of the cross border Cowboys of Wyoming. The exact date and results of this meet are lost to the sands of time, but reports indicate it wasn't good for Wyoming. Christy, Porath and Alexander from Colorado each hung up two first places apiece.



*Wyoming Swimming & Diving Head Coach: Babe Frazer*

Wyoming for its entire existence had labored to develop swim talent. 1933 was no different.

Most of the team was new, and so was the head coach. After years of losing, Coach Porter finally decided to hang up his hat and turned over the team to Raymond "Babe" Frazer.

Frazer was the "Mr. Do Everything" of Wyoming athletics. Throughout the 1920s and 1930s he simultaneously coached boxing, wrestling and gymnastics for the school. After a brief leave of absence in Southern California, he added coaching swimming to his tool belt. He did so despite swimming being brand new for him.

Even with the new guiding hand, the end result was mostly predictable. The Cowboys swimmers were still atrocious and were once again a distant 4th place at the conference meet. But, by possible divine intervention, Wyoming at last one a meet against the Buffs next opponent: Northern Colorado.

#### **Northern CO 22, Colorado 62 - Feb 25, 1933**

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The 1933 edition of the Northern Colorado swim team was an outright disappointment. It didn't start out that way, though.

With Morris and Mason back in the fold to support the show's star player, the team's diver and breastroker extraordinaire, Bryon York, the team had a good, if not mediocre, collection of returners.

The only real subtraction was academically disinclined Fuqua, but his absence was hardly noteworthy given his minimal contributions the year prior.

In short, the team was fairly lackluster, but was in no way worse than last year. A classic third place team.

The team was plagued by a number of ineligibilities that cost them five to six of their swimmers. A couple of the casualties included letterman Ralph Haynes and Adam Heintz. So, when Wyoming came to town, they faced Northern Colorado short-handed.

In a stunner, Wyoming swimmer Vandegotten squeaked out a win in the 50 yard freestyle and gave the downtrodden Cowboys their first dual meet win in 3 years by a score of 45-39.

The Bears, still licking their wounds, limped into a meet against Colorado.

It was an easy victory over the Bear swimmers. UNC failed to place above 2nd in any event.

#### **RMC East Division March 4, 1933**

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At Gunter Hall in Greeley, the inevitable came to pass: Colorado State its second straight title.

Unlike last year though, the Buffs put up a sensational fight, falling just 9 points shy of victory. The strength of the Aggies in freestyle and backstroke was just far too great for Colorado to overcome.

It was the going away party for the Rams' steady leader. Longmore wrapped up his career with three more first place wins, walking off into the sunset with a sparkling record. He never lost an event in a championship meet, and set a school record by scoring 174 points.

Fellow four year seniors Shank and Lenfesty also both ended their tenures with wins in the backstroke and diving respectively.

The Buffs were incredibly well balanced, with eight swimmers getting at least second place or better in their event. They even managed to stake out several first

place finishes, notably John Bangeman became the first RMC champion in the 440 yard freestyle.



*Colorado State Swimming Legend: Wilson Longmore*

The real standout of the meet was freshman Horace Eakins, who finished as the high point leader for Colorado, anchoring both of the team's first place relays. Alongside Christy, Porath, Eakins established a new school record of 3:19.0.

Unfortunately, depth isn't everything, and the Buffs lack of star power limited their ceiling to a competitive second place.

However, with all but one letterman coming back the next year, and after another year of preparation and the departure of several of Colorado State's top swimmers, it appeared that a comeback to the top of the Rocky Mountain Conference was once again possible.

#### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Wyoming	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	10
Northern CO	1	1	1	0	0	2	4	0	2	11
Colorado	12	8	3	0	5	3	2	2	9	44
Colorado St	5	2	5	10	5	6	5	8	6	52

Wyoming	RLY	200	150	50	440	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR	FR			FR	
Parish	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Vandergottem	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rand	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	10

*Northern CO RLY 200 150 50 440 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS*

	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR		
Baird	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Yale	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Gelder	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Mason	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	1	1	1	0	0	2	4	0	2	11

*Colorado RLY 200 150 50 440 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS*

	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR		
Eakins	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	9
Porath	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6
Christy	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	6
Hansen	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Bangeman	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Alexander	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Moore	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Clark	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Halldorson	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Maxwell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Total	12	8	3	0	5	3	2	2	9	44

*Colorado St RLY 200 150 50 440 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS*

	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR		
Longmore	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	15
Peck	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	9
Lenfesty	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Shanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Cresswell	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
Peterson	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Chambers	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Total	5	2	5	10	5	6	5	8	6	52

## 1933-1934 Season

### Record

2-1

### Head Coach

Edmund Chapman

### Team Roster

Alexander	Ralph Christy
Clark	Horace Eakins
Fong	William Haible
Elmer Halldorson	Hans Hansen
Hayes	Edwin Lauenstein
Matthews	Charles Moore
William Nagel	Fergus Pingrey
Karl Porath	Ranger Rogers

### Colorado St 47, Colorado 37 - Feb 10, 1934

On paper, the conference was wide open for the first time in years. Colorado State had lost its face of the franchise in Wilson Longmore.

However, they did not lose their mastermind in Coach G.W. Tompkins. Most coaches would not have been able to rebuild and re-tool a championship team after losing its top three swimmers, but Tompkins wasn't any normal coach.

The biggest trick up his sleeve was the return of Portman. Who was back and healthier than ever after a devastating injury cost him all of last season.

With Peck and Chambers still around and a mix of newcomers, Tompkins was prepared to pull a rabbit out of a hat. Or rather, in this case, a championship out of a hat.

His one concern was the talented team in Boulder. Heading into his team's first meet against Wyoming, Tompkins cautioned that Colorado has a, "*crack team back from last year and that they will be the team to beat for the conference meet*"

Armed with home pool advantage, the Buffs entered the meet with high hopes.

Hans Hansen in his second season showed massive improvement from his favorable freshman year. As he clipped more than three seconds off the 200 breaststroke record, lowering the time to 2:50.4.

With Lenfesty out of the picture, Christy resumed his status as the league's top backstroker, getting first place for Colorado in the 150 backstroke with a time of 1:57.8.



*Don Redd*

Those efforts might have been enough for a win if not for Colorado's State newest Freshman Phenom Don Redd. Redd filled the shoes of both Longmore and Shanks. Not only was he a natural sprint freestyler, but he was also a talented diver.

A year ago, Colorado's James Baird would have dispatched Redd in diving easily. But, Baird had left the board and in his stead was inexperienced freshman Hayes.

Redd's ten points proved to be the difference, extending the Rams win streak over the Buffs to three.

#### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Colorado St	6	3	6	5	8	5	5	6	3	47
Colorado	4	6	5	4	1	4	4	3	6	37

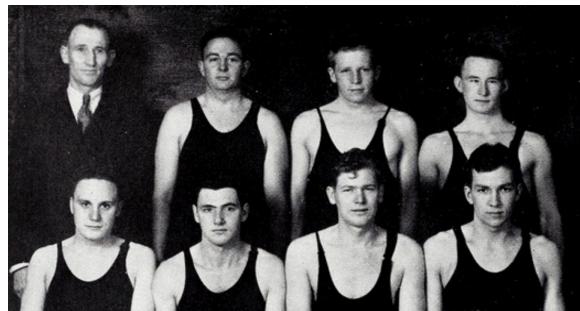
Colorado St	RLY	200	150	50	440	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR	FR				
Portman	1.5	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	10
Redd	1.5	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	10
Peck	1.5	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	6
Allen	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Bingham	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Evans	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Chambers	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Trump	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.5
Weed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	6	3	6	5	8	5	5	6	3	47

Colorado	RLY	200	150	50	440	100	DIV	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR	E	FR			
Hansen	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
Christy	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
Eakins	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	6
Alexander	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
Hayes	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Pingrey	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
Porath	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Clark	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Halldorson	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	4	6	5	4	1	4	4	3	6	37

#### Wyoming 21, Colorado 58 - Feb 17, 1934

For the first time in years, the Wyoming swim team had a semblance of momentum. Under the Coaching of Babe Frazer, they had scored a rare victory against a conference opponent when they upset UNC last year. At the conference meet they came up just a single point shy of a third place finish.

Wyoming Swim Team (1934)



The team was hamstrung by ineligibility and a lack of participants, leaving the team to be composed of a mere seven men.

They had some talent amongst the seven though with Parrish, a quality backstroker and Mortara a speedy sprinter, and Fowler a respectable breastrooker.

It is nearly impossible to win any meets with such few men regardless of their talent. They gave their best effort against the Buffs, but Christy, Eakins, Hansen and Alexander racked up easy points to dispatch Wyoming by 27.

#### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Wyoming	2	3	5	5	1	3	0	1	1	21
Colorado	8	6	4	4	8	6	8	8	6	58

Wyoming	RLY	20	150	50	44	100	DIV	220	RLY	PT
	0	BK	F	0	FR	E	FR	S		
	BR	R	FR							
Mortara	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	8
Parrish	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Fowler	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Nelson	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	2	3	5	5	1	3	0	1	1	21

Colorado	RLY	20	150	50	44	100	DIV	220	RLY	PT
	0	BK	F	FR	FR	E	FR	S		
	BR	R								
Pingrey	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	7
Hansen	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
Alexander	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	6
Moore	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5
Christy	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	5
Clark	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Eakins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5

<i>Halldorson</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
<i>Rogers</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
<i>Hayes</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
<i>Nagel</i>	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Haible</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Matthews</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Lauenstein</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Total</i>	8	6	4	4	8	6	8	8	6	58

### Colorado 45, Northern CO 39 - Feb 24, 1934

The 1934 Northern Colorado swim team was far more competitive than it had been the year before.

A year after the Bear hit their lowest of lows, a competitive team emerged like a phoenix from the burnt ashes. The difference was the addition of two new swimmers, Wayne Berry and Hank Brown.

Technically only one of the duo, Wayne Berry was completely new to the team. Hank Brown, of no relation to head coach Pete Brown, was technically on the team last season. Brown was one of the several swimmers unable to compete due to academic ineligibility.

His absence was sorely missed. In 1932 he won the Colorado AAU diving competition, and likely would have contended for an RMC diving championship in 1933.



*Wayne Berry (1934)*

Now that he could finally dive, Brown wasn't pulling any punches as he coasted to a win in the event against the Buffs.

If Brown dazzled, then Berry absolutely excelled, exploiting Colorado's weakness at freestyle to score a hat trick of first places in the 50, 100 and 220 freestyle.

Because of their efforts heading into the final relay, the Bears, who lost to CU by 40 a year ago, trailed by just a single point.

Nevertheless, Christy, Hansen, and Alexander's 300 medley relay time of 3:37.0 squashed the scrappy Bears and secured the victory for Colorado.

### Meet Box Score

<i>Event</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Colorado</i>	8	8	6	4	4	4	4	0	7	45
<i>Northern CO</i>	4	1	3	5	5	5	9	5	2	39

<i>Colorado</i>	<i>RLY</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>DIV</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>RLY</i>	<i>PT</i>
	<i>0</i>	<i>BK</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>FR</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>FR</i>		<i>S</i>	
	<i>BR</i>		<i>R</i>	<i>FR</i>						
<i>Eakins</i>	2	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	8
<i>Hansen</i>	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
<i>Christy</i>	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
<i>Alexander</i>	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	6
<i>Moore</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5
<i>Haible</i>	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Clark</i>	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Rogers</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
<i>Matthews</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Lauenstein</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Nagel</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Total</i>	8	8	6	4	4	0	4	7	45	

<i>Northern CO</i>	<i>RLY</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>440</i>	<i>100DIVE</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>RLY</i>	<i>PTS</i>	
	<i>BR</i>	<i>BK</i>	<i>FR</i>	<i>FR</i>	<i>FR</i>		<i>FR</i>			
<i>Berry</i>	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	15
<i>Wilson</i>	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Brown</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
<i>Sarby</i>	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>House</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
<i>Millers</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Hayes</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Total</i>	4	1	3	5	5	5	9	5	2	39

## RMC East Division March 3, 1934

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This year's championship meet was unlike any other. For the first time, there were three true title contenders. You had the two time defending champion Rams, an experienced and deep team with the Buffs, and the young upstart Bears hoping to crash the party and win their first ever title. And don't forget Wyoming, just there to have a good time and maybe get a third place or two.

Colorado was the first team to separate itself from the pack via their calling card of medley events. The Buffs won the medley relay, then followed it up with a win in the 200 breaststroke by Hansen, and a win in the 150 backstroke by Christy.

Even though the meet had plenty of intrigue, it was far from the fastest meet. Only two records fell, the free relay to Colorado and the 220 yard freestyle to Wayne Berry (UNC) with a time of 2:29.3

Led by a first place finish from Hansen and Christy, Colorado swimming and diving placed 2nd at the RMC championships in 1934. The Buffs put up a fierce competition against incumbent Colorado State, narrowly missing the victory by four points. Northern Colorado followed closely behind, only falling five points behind Colorado.

In the sprint freestyle, Northern Colorado announced themselves as their star Wayne Berry beat Colorado State's freshman stud Redd.

It was the first of three freestyle wins for Berry in the afternoon. He also won the 100 and 220 freestyle. In the 220 freestyle, he set a new conference mark by nearly 3 seconds with a time of 2:29.3

It was a true tour de force performance for Berry, as he accomplished something that no other RMC swimmer - even Wilson Longmore did - by winning three individual events.

His teammate Brown provided support on the boards with a win in the diving, and the Bears were showing their full claws.

The Rams meanwhile didn't have many spectacular performances. They won only a single individual event as Evans won the 440 freestyle, however they did consistently have swimmers win 2nd place throughout the meet.

Although all three teams took different roads, all three teams entered the freestyle relay in one tight heap.

Colorado State led with 31 points, Colorado was close behind with 29 points, and Northern Colorado was still in contention with 25 points of their own.

The Rams had built their dynasty the last four years off their ruthless control of the freestyle events. Although they had faltered this year, surrendering points to the unbeatable Berry, the same would not happen in the relay.

Colorado State exploded in the water, as Peck, Trump, Evans and Portman combined to set a new conference record of 4:02, and secure a third straight championship for the Rams.

It was a gritty win for the Rams. Arguably the finest of their entire run. In their weakest year, with their least talented team and with finer competition throughout the conference, they were still able to rise above and stay on top.

### Meet Box Score

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Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Wyoming	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	11
Northern CO	4	0	2	5	2	5	5	5	2	30
Colorado	6	6	5	3	1	2	4	0	8	35
Colorado St	8	3	1	3	8	4	2	6	4	39

Wyoming	RLY	200	150	50	440	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PT
	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR			FR		S
Parrish	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Fowler	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	11

Northern CO	RLY	200	150	50	440	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR			FR		S
Berry	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	15
Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Sorvy	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

<i>Wilson</i>	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
<i>Total</i>	4	0	2	5	2	5	5	2	30

<i>Colorado</i>	<i>RLY</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>440</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>DIVE</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>RLY PTS</i>
	<i>BR</i>	<i>BK</i>	<i>FR</i>	<i>FR</i>	<i>FR</i>			<i>FR</i>	
<i>Hansen</i>	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Christy</i>	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Fong</i>	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
<i>Alexander</i>	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Pingrey</i>	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
<i>Haible</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Eakins</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Nagel</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Halldorson</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Total</i>	6	6	5	3	1	2	4	0	35

<i>Colorado St</i>	<i>RL</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>440</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>DIVE</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>RLY PTS</i>	
	<i>Y</i>	<i>BR</i>	<i>BK</i>	<i>FR</i>	<i>FR</i>	<i>FR</i>		<i>FR</i>		
<i>Evans</i>	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	6
<i>Portman</i>	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	6
<i>Redd</i>	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	5
<i>Allen</i>	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Trump</i>	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Peck</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
<i>Bingham</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Total</i>	8	3	1	3	8	4	2	6	4	39

## 1934-1935 Season

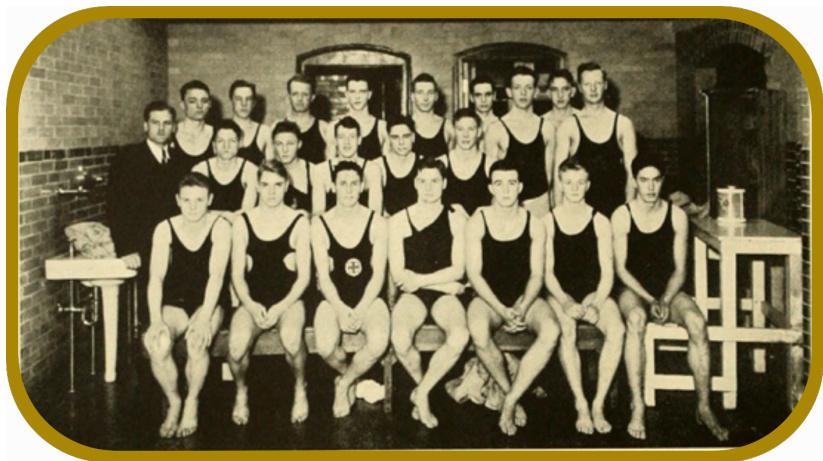
### Record

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**Head Coach**  
Edmund Chapman

### Team Roster

Lucien Bissy	Charles Bumstead
Ralph Christy	William DeBacker
Horace Eakins	William Haible
Hans Hansen	John Hayes
Julian Hayes	Clarence Kemper
Harold Koonce	Roy Lee
Bill Mark	James McHugh
Leet White	Charles Williams
Jack Wolcott	



### School of Mines 36, Colorado 48 - Jan 26, 1935

For the third time, Colorado School of Mines had a brand new swim team. The Orediggers had a proud and rich tradition of starting a swim team only to shutter it.

In 1923, they, along with the University of Denver, were one of the first teams to assemble a swim squad. It lasted a single meet. Five years later, a new team emerged from the fruits of an athletic expansion.

For years, Mines only competed in three big sports: Football, Basketball and Baseball



Mines Diver (1935)

It lasted just one rough season that saw them score a single win. Plans were made for the team to compete in 1929, but for reasons unknown that never materialized.

Now in 1935, the team was back. One problem that had plagued prior iterations of the team was the far from ideal conditions of the on campus pool. Heading into the season, the administration remedied this situation by securing the local indoor pool, aptly named the Golden Plunge for use in competition and training.

The Oredigger team was coached by George Scott. Scott was the mastermind behind not just the rebooting of the swim team, but all minor sports at Mines.

Although Scott may have organized the team and was the coach on paper, arguably the real coach of the group was team captain Enrique Bugarin.



Unlike many other men on the team, Bugarin came in with loads of experience. Bugarin had the unique distinction of representing his home country of the Philippines in the 1932 Olympics.

The young Bugarin didn't see much action in the Olympics, no records indicate that he competed, however he did learn a great deal from it.

The most important piece of knowledge that he brought back with him to Golden was a new swimming technique innovated by the Japanese national team called, "The Japanese Crawl"

Following a disastrous 1928 Olympics, Japan studied their swimmers underwater and determined that a stroke which placed an emphasis on strong consistent kicks paired with increased body rotation focused around the rolling of the shoulders. This differed from the commonly held belief at the time that the optimal stroke was to stay square shouldered with minimal body movement.

In 1932, they put their method to the test at the Olympics, and the results shocked the world. After not entering a single swimmer in the previous Olympics, Japan's Crawl propelled them to five golds, none more shocking than their win in the 4 by 200 freestyle relay.

Bugarin watched with awe. In Japan's success, he saw the potential future for his young upstart team.

The new Mines team brought their version of the Japanese Crawl into their first meet in Boulder.

Although no meet results exist, the Orediggers performed better than anyone could have expected, losing by a mere 12 points.

A fantastic start for a new program on the rise.

### **Colorado St 44, Colorado 40 - Feb 17, 1935**

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The Rams were once again the team to beat in the Rocky Mountain Conference. The best swimmers from last year's team: Portman, Redd, Trump and Evans were back.

Even though they just barely won the last year, Coach Tompkins, "*harbored hope of winning for a fourth consecutive season the swimming title of the eastern division.*"

A win by the Rams this year would allow them to surpass the Buffs for the most conference titles with five.

The Buffs who came incredibly close to unseating the Rams retained their best swimmers in Eakins, Christy and Hansen.

They filled a crucial hole in the diving department. Ever since the departure of conference champion James Baird, the Buffs struggled to find an heir apparent. Elmer Halldorson and Fong both took cracks at it in 1933 and 1934, but neither could score better than 2nd at the conference meet.

With freshman Bill Mark, the Buffs had found a worthy successor. His middle name might as well have been High because he only scored high marks with the judges.

With his influx of points, Colorado and Colorado State were tied at 33 points each at the end of the fancy diving.

By this point, it wouldn't be unreasonable to assume that Murray D. Trump on CSU would want to stop the count of the meet and take home a draw. However, Aggie swimmers Portman and Evans dominated the 220 freestyle, winning the event at a time of 2:39.0. Even a Buff victory in the 300 medley relay wasn't enough to alter the outcome of the meet. Eakins was high point for Colorado, finishing second in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle.

### **Meet Box Score**

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Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Colorado St	8	3	1	5	8	5	3	8	3	44
Colorado	4	6	8	4	1	4	6	1	6	40

	Colorado St	RLY	200	150	50	440	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PTS
		BR	BK	FR	FR	FR			FR		
Portman	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	12
Evans	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	10

<i>Redd</i>	0	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	8
<i>Allen</i>	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<i>Millers</i>	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Coon</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Trump</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Total</i>	8	3	1	5	8	5	3	8	3	44

Colorado	RLY 200 150 50 440 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS									
	BR	BK	FR							
<i>Eakins</i>	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	2	8
<i>Bumstead</i>	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
<i>Christy</i>	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
<i>Mark</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
<i>Wolcott</i>	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Hansen</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Poyen</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>White</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>DeBacker</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Hayes</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Bissey</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Total</i>	4	6	8	4	1	4	6	1	6	40

### Colorado 50, Wyoming 34 - Feb 16, 1935

In 1935, we entered a small information black hole in terms of the Wyoming team. From 1935 to 1940 a lack of yearbooks or newspaper articles made it hard to piece together much about the team besides the athletes that competed in meets.

We assume that Coach "Babe" was still leading the Cowboys, but regardless of who was in charge, the team had continued to show improvement.

Since they bottomed out four seasons ago, Wyoming slowly narrowed the gap against Colorado in dual meets. By 1935, they had closed to within 16 points of the Buffs.

The Cowboys still had a lot of room to grow in stroke events, but in the freestyle they showed real promise. Harvey and Bishop secured 1st and 2nd place in the 440 freestyle and the quartet of McLaughlin, Richard, Gorrell and Campbell swept the Buffs away in the 400 freestyle relay at 4:22.4.

Colorado easily took the reins out of the Cowboys' hands in the remaining events. Eakins dominated the sprint freestyle events, with Haible, Christy, Mark and Bissey each securing a first place.

The only weakness on Colorado's team was the lack of a distance freestyler. In the dual meets between Colorado State, Northern Colorado and Wyoming, every Buff swimmer finished below 2nd place in the 440 freestyle.

### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
<i>Colorado</i>	3	8	5	6	1	5	8	8	6	50
<i>Wyoming</i>	8	1	4	3	8	4	1	1	4	34

Colorado	RLY 200 150 50 440 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS									
	BR	BK	FR							
<i>Eakins</i>	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	3	0	13
<i>Haible</i>	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Christy</i>	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Mark</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
<i>Bissey</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
<i>Bumstead</i>	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Hayes</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
<i>Poyen</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Neel</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Total</i>	3	8	5	6	1	5	8	8	6	50

Wyoming	RLY 200 150 50 440 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS									
	BR	BK	FR							
<i>Harvey</i>	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Mortara</i>	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
<i>Parrish</i>	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Bishop</i>	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Loeffler</i>	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
<i>Campbell</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
<i>McLaughlin</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Richard</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Gorrell</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Warren</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Sullivan</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Total</i>	8	1	4	3	8	4	1	1	4	34

### Northern CO 38, Colorado 47 - Feb 23, 1935

In a brutal blow to both the Bears and the sport of swimming, the conference's brightest star Wayne Berry was nowhere to be found. After dominating the summer circuit of regional meets, for some unknown reason he decided not to attend school and thus was unable to complete this season.

This left the Bears out in the cold without access to berries, which is never an ideal situation for a Bear. Regardless, without Berry, Northern Colorado's very narrow championship dreams dissipated as quickly as they had emerged.

It wasn't all gloom and doom for UNC, though. They still had the elite diving skills of Brown.

Northern Colorado capitalized on Colorado's lack of distance freestylers with Gelder and Wilson racking up 16 points in the 440 and 220 freestyles. While there were no outstanding performances from the Buffs, consistency across the board kept Colorado on top. Had Berry from UNC been at the meet, the outcome would almost certainly have been flipped.

#### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Colorado	6	5	6	8	1	8	4	1	8	47
Northern CO	8	4	3	1	8	1	5	8	0	38

Colorado	RLY	200	150	50	440	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR
Hansen	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Christy	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
DeBacker	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Neel	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Hayes	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	4
Poyen	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Mark	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Wolcott	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Williams	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bissey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	6	5	6	8	1	8	4	1	8	47

Northern CO	RLY	200	150	50	440	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR
Gelder	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	10
Wilson	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	10

Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Peavey	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Sorby	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Fuqua	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Drowes	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Miller	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gootzel	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	8	4	3	1	8	1	5	8	0	38

### RMC East Division March 2, 1935

For the first time in RMC history, the University of Denver and Colorado School of Mines participated in the championship. While Denver showed no signs of life, Mines grabbed a respectable 3rd place behind the juggernaut Rams and Buffs.

Whatever prowess UNC and Wyoming showed against Colorado in previous dual meets were wiped away, with both teams finishing tied for a pitiful 5th place.

Bumstead, Eakins and Mark were the only Buffs to win any individual events. The relay team of Christy, Bumstead and Eakins won the 300 medley relay at a time of 3:25.1. Other podium finishes in the non-freestyle events from Hansen, Christy and Hayes helped Colorado scrap their way to 33 points.

Colorado State showed no mercy in the freestyle events. The Rams won the 400 freestyle relay and had four swimmers place in the top 4 in the 220 freestyle. In fact, had the Rams only swam in the freestyle events, they still would have tied for first with CU.

#### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Denver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyoming	6	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	11
Northern CO	0	3	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	11
Mines	2	1	6	2	2	2	2	0	6	17
Colorado	4	7	2	5	5	2	0	0	8	33
Colorado St	8	3	5	5	0	9	0	11	4	45

Wyoming	RLY	200	150	50	440	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR
Lefler	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bishop	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Farrar	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	6	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	11

*Northern CORLY 200 150 50 440 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS*

	<i>BR</i>	<i>BK</i>	<i>FR</i>							
<i>Sorby</i>	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Gelder</i>	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Brown</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
<i>Wilson</i>	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Total</i>	0	3	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	11

*Mines RLY 200 150 50 440 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS*

	<i>BR</i>	<i>BK</i>	<i>FR</i>							
<i>Bugarin</i>	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Jenkins</i>	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
<i>Feeley</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Sears</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Total</i>	2	1	6	2	2	2	0	6	17	

*Colorado RLY 200 150 50 440 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS*

	<i>BR</i>	<i>BK</i>	<i>FR</i>							
<i>Bumstead</i>	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
<i>Eakins</i>	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	7
<i>Mark</i>	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Christy</i>	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
<i>Hayes</i>	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
<i>Hansen</i>	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Total</i>	4	7	2	5	5	2	0	0	8	33

*Colorado St RLY 200 150 50 440 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS*

	<i>BR</i>	<i>BK</i>	<i>FR</i>							
<i>Portman</i>	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	5	0	12
<i>Redd</i>	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	9
<i>Evans</i>	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	7
<i>Trump</i>	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
<i>Peck</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4
<i>Allen</i>	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Garner</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Total</i>	8	3	5	5	0	9	0	11	4	45

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# The Miners Hit Pay Dirt

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## 1935-1936 Season

### Record

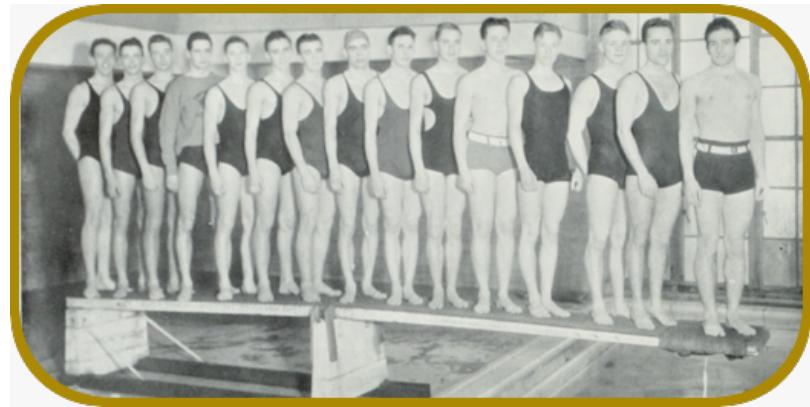
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### Head Coach

Paul Bradley

### Team Roster

Calvin Baker	George Barcus
Lucien Bissey	Charles Bumstead
William DeBacker	James Glass
William Haible	John Hayes
George Holdredge	Clarence Kember
Frank Lee	Bill Mark
Robert McCloud	Norman Neel
John Poyen	Joe Reed



### School of Mines 48, Colorado 36 - Jan 25, 1936

After their first solid year on the block, Mines was ready to take names. The first name of the 1936 season was Colorado. Jenkins and Hemiker emerged as the team's superstars, crushing Colorado in the 100 and 220 freestyles, respectively.

In addition to almost every man from last year's team returning, Mines Head Coach Scott heavily recruited in the offseason. His statement, "come on all your swimmers, turn out for your intramural swimming teams. How do you know that you can't swim until you try? You can make a letter in swimming!" worked wonders on the team's growing population.

The previous season, Colorado struggled with a lack of freestylers, a problem that new head coach Paul Bradley had not yet resolved. Bumstead was beginning to emerge as the team's top breaststroker, taking first in the event with a time of 2:49.5. DeBacker also made waves in the 50 freestyle, finishing at 26.6. (*team record? Sounds really quick*)

### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Mines	8	3	8	3	8	5	1	5	6	47
Colorado	3	6	1	6	1	4	8	4	3	36

Mines	RLY	220	150	50	440	100	DV	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR
Jenkins	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	2	10
Hemiker	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	10
Bugarin	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
Sears	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Freeley	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Baker	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Heniker	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tarbox	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tribbs	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hundhauser	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Olund	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	8	3	8	3	8	5	1	5	6	47

Colorado	RLY	220	150	50	440	100	DV	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR
DeBacker	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	6
Bumstead	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Mark	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Poyen	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	4
Hayes	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Holdredge	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Haible	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Baker	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bissey	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Neel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	3	6	0	6	1	4	8	4	3	36

### Colorado 36, Colorado St 48 - Feb 8, 1936

Colorado won every non-freestyle event, with Bill Mark soaring into the position as the team's ace diver. Colorado didn't have an answer for Colorado State's freestyle dominance, only Debacker's 26.6 victory in the 50 freestyle survived the onslaught. Bumstead, Hayes, DeBacker and Mark chalked up wins in various individual events and relays.

### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Colorado St	8	3	3	3	8	8	4	8	3	48
Colorado	4	6	6	6	1	1	5	1	6	36

Colorado St RLY 200 150 50 440 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS										
	BR	BK	FR							
Clark	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	12
Coon	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	8
Allen	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	8
Evans	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	5
Gorsuch	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Gullett	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Gardner	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Weed	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Total	8	3	3	3	8	8	4	8	3	48

Colorado RLY 200 150 50 440 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS										
	BR	BK	FR							
Bumstead	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
Hayes	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
DeBacker	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Mark	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Poyen	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
Bissey	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Haible	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Baker	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Neel	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	4	6	6	6	1	1	5	1	6	36

### Wyoming 28, Colorado 57 - Feb 15, 1936

No raw results exist, but the score indicates that Wyoming was taken down a peg compared to prior years. While still terrible, one must wonder what was going on up north if Mines was able to build a team from scratch and beat CU in less than a year.

### Colorado 42, Northern CO 42 - Feb 22, 1936

Northern Colorado was here to feast. While Colorado won the final event in the 300 medley relay, the Buffs completely choked away the lead in the 220 freestyle. Berry was back, back again, and he was telling his UNC friends. It's a miracle CU even tied with UNC, winning only 2 individual events. UNC's lack of depth prevented a total catastrophe. Colorado's lack of distance freestyler problem has now grown into a complete lack of any freestylers. An ominous sign of what was coming for them at RMC.

### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Colorado	8	8	3	4	3	3	6	1	6	42
Northern CO	4	1	6	5	6	6	3	8	3	42

Colorado RLY 200 150 50 440 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS										
	BR	BK	FR							
DeBacker	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
Neel	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	5
Haible	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Bumstead	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Hayes	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Mark	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Bissey	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	4
Poyen	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Lee	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Holdredge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	8	8	3	4	3	3	6	1	6	42

Northern CORLY 200 150 50 440 100 DIVE 220 RLY PTS										
	BR	BK	FR							
Berry	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	15
Gelder	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	8
Sorby	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
McGlothan	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Masou	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wilson	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rooper	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	4	1	6	5	6	6	3	8	3	42

### RMC East Division Feb 29, 1936

The signs had been there all season, but the 1936 RMC championship could only be summarized by one word: disappointment.

Perhaps it was a fluke of the extra February day. As far as our archives indicate, Colorado never participated in a swim meet on this accursed day again.

The rookie Mines team won the Eastern Division, compiling a win in a majority of the events. This championship, combined with their followup 1937 title, traces a similar story to that of the Florida Marlins. Both the Mines swim team and Florida Marlins were expansion teams who won two championships within just a few years of their existence, only to have years of mediocrity follow.

Berry of UNC put on a show, campaigning to first place in the 440, 100 and 220 freestyle events. This alone was enough to place UNC above Colorado, who finished in a pitiful fourth place.

The only Buff swimmer to win an event was Bill Mark in the fancy diving, who came back after Brown of Northern Colorado beat him in the preliminaries. “Ross Bumstead, in poor form, lost his breaststroke title to Sears of Mines, who won the event with a time five seconds slower than Bumstead’s division record.”

However, the Buffs actually had second place within their grasp. The 300 medley relay saw Colorado on track to win the event, only for the judges to rule DeBacker and his relay disqualified for a false start.

This all-time low for the CU swim team caused Paul Bradley to throw in the towel on his one-year career as head coach. Things could only get better from here.

### **Meet Box Score**

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*The box score is a little fucky. I can't get UNC to have the right amount of points without subtracting. The other teams are also a little off. Might need another look at.*

## 1936-1937 Season

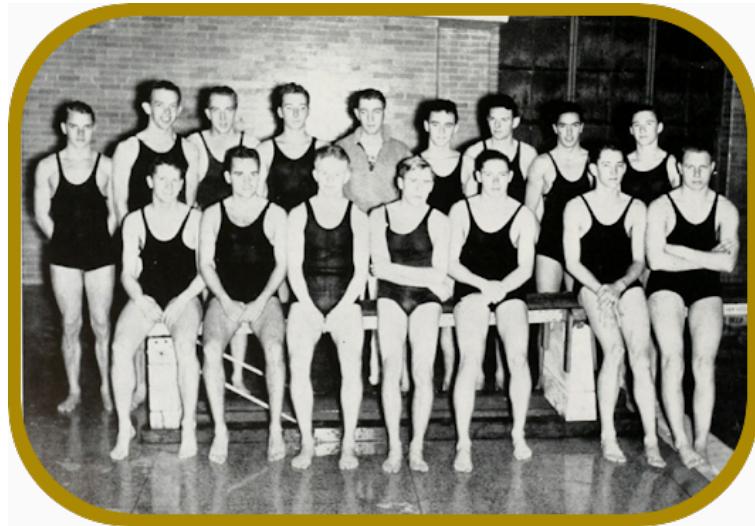
### Record

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**Head Coach**  
Howard "Doc" Waite

### Team Roster

Calvin Baker	Charles Bumstead
Robert Crume	James Glass
Goodman	John Hayes
George Holdredge	Horace Holmes
Clarence Kemper	Hugh Jones
Frank Lee	Robert Mains
Bill Mark	John Poyen
Jack Wolcott	



### School of Mines 54, Colorado 30 - Jan 23, 1937

The results of the meet between Mines and Colorado on January 23 are slightly muddled, with the report omitting several swimmers' names. Regardless, this meet marked Mines' tenth consecutive victory, winning seven out of nine events.

Fascinatingly, the Oredigger newspaper refers to Carlson Pool as a "slow pool." While certainly slow by today's standards, it was quite a bold claim considering the Mines' pool was known for being over 80 degrees during meets.

Feeley from Mines led the 150 backstroke for the first five laps, but he temporarily lost his head with 25 yards left to go. This gave Hayes from CU time to beat him for second place.

As tradition, the Mines swimmers threw freshman manager, Roberts, into the pool, clothes and all.

It was another impressive triumph for Mines, who by now have won every meet since their reformation last year.

### Colorado ??, Denver ?? - Jan 30, 1937

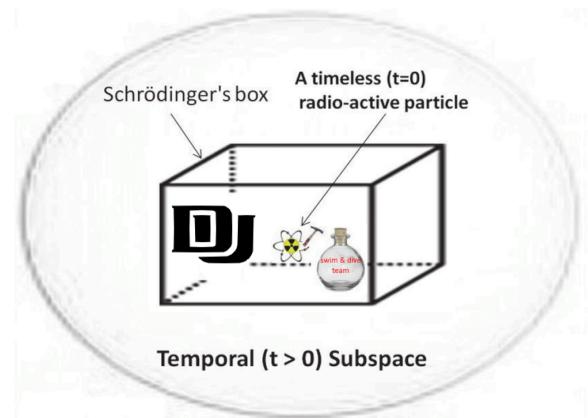
In 1935, famed German physicist Erwin Schrödinger proposed a scenario that has come to bear his name.

In that thought experiment, Schrödinger described a closed cardboard box. Inside that box alongside the cat is a vial of poison and radioactive material. There is a monitor that will smash the vial if it detects the radiation. With the poison released, the cat will die.

Inevitably, we know based on logic that the cat will in fact die. However, with the box closed to the outside world, it is impossible to tell if the cat is alive or dead until it is opened.

That means in the interim, the cat is both simultaneously dead and alive.

It is a compelling thought experiment. Which interestingly can be applied to this 1937 meet against the University of Denver.



We know that there was a swim meet scheduled against DU, set to take place on January 30th. Yet, no results or proof that the meet actually occurred exist anywhere.

It's Schrödinger meet. In a strange way, the meet both happened and didn't happen.

Regardless, it is worth exploring the team that the Buffs potentially faced on January 30th.

Contrary to the common practice of the yearbooks featuring all of their varsity sports, the official University of Denver yearbook "The Kynewsisbok" never mentions them directly.

As a consequence, we know incredibly little about the University of Denver swim team in the 1930s.

The last time that we heard from the Pioneers swim team was back at the start of collegiate swimming in Colorado. After a tumultuous few seasons in existence, the team folded after the 1925 season.

The first mention of their resurrection is in 1935. As they squared off against the freshly minted Mines team in a battle of upstart programs.

As neither team had an on campus pool, the meet took place at the Denver Athletic Club (D.A.C.) which is still in operation today.

*The D.A.C. est 1884*



Even though both teams were in their first year back, they were a valley apart in terms of talent. Mines had several elite swimmers that got them 3rd place at the conference meet. Denver on the other hand was a cluster of men that were interested in swimming which were described as, "*fairly slow*". Consisting of four men: Meeker, Johnson, Bennett, and Pipkin they combined for just 27 points against 57 points for Mines.

Ralph Meeker was the best of the DU boys, as he won the 200 breaststroke.

If the name Meeker sounds familiar to you, it is probably because it is the name of both a town and mountain in Colorado. Both of which were named after Nathan Meeker.

The elder Meeker was an important and controversial figure in Colorado history. He was the founder of the city of Greeley and also started and wrote for the Greeley Tribune. He was a poor businessman though and eventually fell on hard times. Seeking cash, Meeker accepted a job as an "Indian Agent" near Ute territory. He showed great neglect for the Ute's culture, and his actions raised tensions between the tribe. Eventually those tensions boiled over into violence after Meeker called for assistance from federal troops.

Viewing the troop's presence as an act of war, the Utes slaughtered Meeker and his family in an event that would go down as the Meeker Massacre.

Now 60 years later, possibly of distant relation to Nathan, Meeker carried on his ancestor's mixed legacy in the swimming pool.

In 1937, Meeker was one of just two swimmers alongside Pipkin that even bothered to return to the team. The team was in such dire straits that the student newspaper described the "outlook for the Pioneer team seems very dark unless more men report for workout"

Two weeks later, those two men swam against the University of Colorado, or perhaps they didn't. Either way, the world will never know.

#### **Colorado St 43, Colorado 41 - Feb 6, 1937**

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A tale of who would win? A top-heavy team or one with depth? In this case, it was CSU with the top heavy squad. The meet was already decided going into the 300 medley relay, even a solid 3:41.3 by Hayes, Bumstead and Poyen only brought the Buffs to within 2. Lack of freestyle outside Poyen in the 50 continued to plague the team. But an argument could be made that CSU has begun to have a problem with a lack of any non freestylers.

**Meet Box Score**

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Colorado St	8	4	1	4	6	8	1	8	3	43
Colorado	4	5	8	5	3	1	8	1	6	41

Colorado St	RLY	200	150	50	440	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR	FR			FR	
Allen	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	13
Clark	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	10
Redd	2	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	8
Thal	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Bice	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Langridge	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nelson	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gates	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Weed	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	8	4	1	4	6	8	1	8	3	43

Colorado	RLY	200	150	50	440	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR	FR			FR	
Bumstead	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	
Hayes	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	7	
Poyen	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	7	
Mark	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	
Glass	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	4
Wolcott	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Holdredge	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Holmes	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	4	5	8	5	3	1	8	1	6	41

**Colorado 43, Wyoming 41 - Feb 13, 1937**

Colorado barely escaped the clutches of the Cowboys, finishing just two points ahead. In a weird twist, Wyoming only won the relays and the 50 freestyle. All other events fell to the Buffs. Glass was the remedy for CU's prior lack of distance freestylers, winning the 440 freestyle at 6:42.5 and the 220 yard freestyle at 2:26.2. Against Colorado State, however, those times wouldn't have yielded a first place. Bumstead, Hayes, Poyen and Mark filled in the other first place finishes for a frighteningly close meet.

**Meet Box Score**

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Colorado	4	6	6	1	5	5	8	5	3	43
Wyoming	4	5	8	5	3	1	8	1	6	41

Colorado	RLY	200	150	50	440	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR	FR			FR	
Glass	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0
Bumstead	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Hayes	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Poyen	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Mark	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Holdredge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Crume	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wolcott	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Holmes	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	4	6	6	1	5	5	8	5	3	43

Wyoming	RLY	200	150	50	440	100	DIVE	220	RLY	PTS
	BR	BK	FR	FR	FR	FR			FR	
Loeffler	2	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	8
Hatfield	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	6
Campbell	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	5
McCreery	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	6
Morgan	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
McLaughlin	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
Allen	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	8	3	3	8	4	4	1	4	6	41

**Northern CO 22, Colorado 59 - Feb 20, 1937**

No raw results 😞. But based on the score I think Perry is out of the picture. A true return to form with a classic thumping of UNC. Also at some point we should do a tidbit about the coach change

**RMC East Division Feb 27, 1937**

Despite the home field advantage, Colorado was unable to stop Mines from successfully defending their title.

"Nils Christianson of Mines, who swam on the 1936 Philippine Olympic team, undoubtedly was the outstanding man of the meet. Three of Mines' blue ribbons were won by him, in the 50, 100 and 440 yard freestyles; he also set conference records in the 50 and 100." Those conference records were lowered to 24.8 and 56.6 respectively.

Bill Mark, still undefeated in the fancy diving, set a new school record at 133 points. Similarly undefeated and conference record holder, Bumstead garnered another first place for the Buffs in the 200 breaststroke at 2:15.5.

These performances tapped out a thoroughly mediocre season for Colorado. However, with Doc Waite returning as coach and most of the core still several years out from graduation, the years ahead looked promising.

#### **Meet Box Score**

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*I can get the smaller teams like UNC, WYO and Denver to match the scores, but the top 3 Mines, CU and CSU I can't get to match without subtracting a lot.*

## 1937-1938 Season

### Record

4-0

**Head Coach**  
Howard "Doc" Waite

### Team Roster

Thomas Atkinson	Finken
James Glass	John Hayes
George Holdredge	Horace Holmes
Jack Lee	Aubrey Leonard
Julian Lloyd	Robern Mains
Bill Mark	Rawson McCotter
Peyton Musselwhite	John Poyen
Orville Opperman	Carleton Reed
Raymond Vandapool	Sidney Wilson



### Colorado 58, Northern CO 17 - Jan 22, 1938

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Box Score has a disturbance in the force. A guy named Sample is listed as being a swimmer for both UNC and the CSU meet later.

### School of Mines 25, Colorado 50 - Feb 9, 1938

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No raw results 😞

### Wyoming L, Colorado W - Feb 12, 1938

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No raw results 😞 and no score 😞

### Colorado 57, Colorado St 18 - Feb 19, 1938

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See above

### Big 7 East Division Feb 26, 1938

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Box score needs a lot of work

## 1938-1939 Season

### Record

5-0

**Head Coach**  
Howard "Doc" Waite

### Team Roster

Curtis Benster	Richard Counley
Davis	Henry Ellwood
William Gross	Horace Holmes
Richard Law	Frank Lee
Aubrey Leonard	Edson McCluskey
Rawson McCotter	Raymond Vandapool



Wyoming 32, Colorado 42 - Jan 21, 1939

### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Wyoming	4	3	4	3	3	6	6	3	0	32
Colorado	2	6	5	5	6	3	3	6	6	42
Wyoming	RLY	200	50	DV	100	150	200	440	RLY PTS	
	FR	FR		FR	BK	BR	FR			
Orr	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	6
Hatfield	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	6
Savarsky	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Mullens	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Law	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Larson	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Emerson	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	4	3	4	3	3	6	6	3	0	32
Colorado	RLY	200	50	DV	100	150	200	440	RLY PTS	
	FR	FR		FR	BK	BR	FR			
Vandapool	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	15
Holmes	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
McCluskey	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Benster	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Leonard	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Lee	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Davis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	2	6	5	5	6	3	3	6	6	42

### Colorado 45, Colorado St 30 - Jan 28, 1939

### Meet Box Score

Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Colorado	3	8	8	3	8	4	1	5	5	45
Colorado St	0	1	5	6	1	5	8	4	0	30
Colorado	RLY	200	50	DV	100	150	200	440	RLY PTS	
	FR	FR		FR	BK	BR	FR			
Vandapool	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	15
Law	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	x	6
Holmes	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	x	5
Leonard	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Lee	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	x	3
McCluskey	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Benster	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Counley	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
McCotter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1
Total	3	8	8	3	8	4	1	5	5	45
Colorado	RLY	200	50	DV	100	150	200	440	RLY PTS	
	FR	FR		FR	BK	BR	FR			
Zirkle	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	10
Baird	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	6
Ritter	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Groshong	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Allen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Gunn	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sneddon	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

<i>Miller</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Total</i>	0	1	5	6	1	5	8	4	30

### School of Mines 26, Colorado 49 - Feb 4, 1939

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#### Meet Box Score

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Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Mines	2	3	3	4	1	1	8	4	0	26
Colorado	4	6	6	5	8	8	1	5	6	49

Mines	RLY	220	50	DV	100	150	200	440	RLY	PTS
	FR	FR	FR	FR	BK	BR	FR			
Natividad	x	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Berger	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Bryan	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Thurber	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Castro	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Knorr	x	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Botello	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Roberts	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	2	3	3	4	1	1	8	4	0	26

Colorado	RLY	220	50	DV	100	150	200	440	RLY	PTS
	FR	FR	FR	FR	BK	BR	FR			
Vandapool	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	x	10
Holmes	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	8
Law	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	5
McCluskey	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Counley	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Leonard	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Lee	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
McCotter	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Benster	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Gross	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0
Law	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0
<i>Total</i>	4	6	6	5	8	8	1	5	6	49

### Colorado 36, Wyoming 36 - Feb 11, 1939

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No raw results 😞 - actually needs review

### Colorado St 36, Colorado 39 - Feb 18, 1939

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#### Meet Box Score

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Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Colorado St	4	1	3	6	3	6	8	4	1	36
Colorado	1	8	6	3	6	3	1	5	6	39

Colorado	RLY	220	50	DV	100	150	200	440	RLY	PTS
St	FR	FR	FR	FR	BK	BR	FR			
Zirkle	x	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	8
Ritter	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Groshong	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Allen	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4
Gunn	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
McIlvain	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Sneddon	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Baird	x	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hill	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	4	1	3	6	3	6	8	4	1	36

Colorado	RLY	220	50	DV	100	150	200	440	RLY	PTS
FR	FR	FR	FR	BK	BR	FR				
Vandapool	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	10
Law	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	8
Holmes	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
McCluskey	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Counley	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
McCotter	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Benster	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Total</i>	1	8	6	3	6	3	1	5	6	39

### Big 7 East Division Feb 25, 1939

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Box Score Coming Soon

## 1939-1940 Season

### Record

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**Head Coach**  
Howard "Doc" Waite

### Team Roster

George Caypless	Richard Counley
Henry Ellwood	Jackson Fuller
James Glass	Richard Law
Aubrey Leonard	Alvin List Jr.
Edson McCluskey	Cameron Merrifield
Rodenbeck	Francis Shallenberger
H. Clay Shelton Jr.	Raymond Vandapool



**Northern CO 19, Colorado 65 - Jan 12, 1940**

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Box Score Coming Soon

**Colorado 51, Wyoming 16 - Jan, 1940**

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No raw results 😞

No raw results 😞

**Colorado 48.5, Colorado St 26.5 - Jan 27, 1940**

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Box Score Coming Soon

**Big 7 East Division Feb 24, 1940**

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Box Score Coming Soon

**Colorado 48, Nebraska 36 - Feb 5, 1940**

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Box Score Coming Soon

**Wyoming 19, Colorado 61 - Feb 10, 1940**

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Box Score Coming Soon

**School of Mines 23, Colorado 56 - Feb 14, 1940**

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No raw results 😞

**Colorado St 33, Colorado 51 - Feb 17, 1940**

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Box Score Coming Soon

**New Mexico Military Inst. 31, Colo. 44 - Feb, 1940**

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## 1940-1941 Season

**Record**  
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**Head Coach**  
Robert Shelton

**Team Roster**

Allen	Gerald Bauer
William Bigum	William Blakey
Brigham	Paul Clark
Gordon Garland	Greenwell
Alvin F. List Jr.	Cameron Merrifield
Smith	Allan Rogers
Dave Robinson	Arthur K. Underwood Jr.
Harold Wagner	



**Wyoming 26, Colorado 52 - Jan 18, 1941**

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No raw results 😞

**Colorado St 43, Colorado 41 - Jan 25, 1941**

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Box Score Coming Soon

Box Score Coming Soon

**Kansas St, School of Mines, Colo. Tri - Feb 1, 1941**

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Box Score Coming Soon

**Northern CO 22, Colorado 62 - Feb 7, 1941**

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Box Score Coming Soon

**Colorado 49, Wyoming 33 - Feb, 1941**

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Box Score Coming Soon

**Colorado 34, Colorado St 50 - Feb 15, 1941**

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Box Score Coming Soon

**Big 7 East Division Feb 22, 1941**

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Box Score Coming Soon

**Nebraska 30, Colorado 49 - Mar 7, 1941**

## 1941-1942 Season

### Record

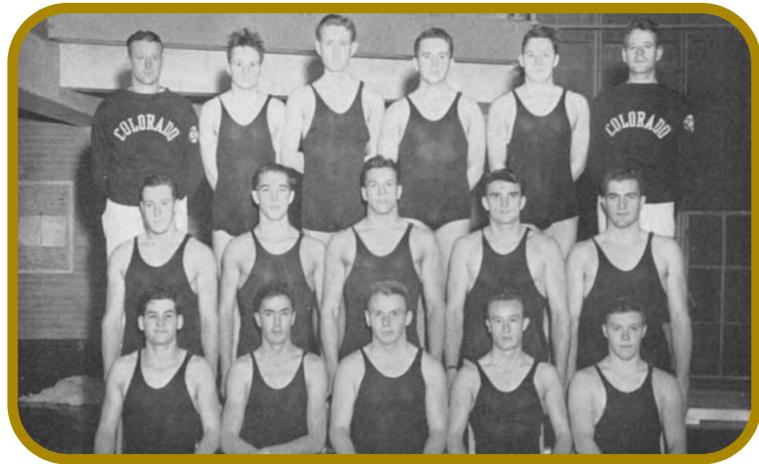
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### Head Coach

Robert Shelton

### Team Roster

Gerald Bauer	Burt Beers
George Belders	William Bigum
Paul Clark	Harold Daniels
John Davis	James Dumm
Eugene Eaton	Gordon Garland
Alvin F. List Jr.	Cameron Merrifield
George Ward	John Wolcott




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**Colorado 70, Wyoming 14 - Jan 17, 1942**

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Box Score Coming Soon

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**Colorado 51, Colorado St 23 - Jan 31, 1942**

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Box Score Coming Soon

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**Colorado St 27, Colorado 57 - Feb 7 1942**

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Box Score Coming Soon

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**Big 7 East Division Feb 21, 1942**

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Box Score Coming Soon

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**Weber St 39, Colorado 36 - Feb 28, 1942**

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Box Score Coming Soon

## Summer 1944 Season

### Record

N/A

### Head Coach

Chief Kyle Leonard

### Team Roster

Reid Barker	Donald Brereton
Case	Gelnes
Richard Hart	Kenneth Kaylor
Norman Levy	Al Look
Joe Knittle	Andy Rechnitzer
Bob Rogers	Clark Rose
Seitz	Smith
Rollin Wilson	Stanley Weiner



### Denver A.A.U. - August 27, 1944

With the war raging in Europe & Asia, talks began about bringing back athletics to CU, including men's swimming. Organized by Navy Chief Leonard, practices began in July in Carlson pool. The team was completely constituted of naval trainees. By August, other teams of the former Mountain States Conference had forged other fledgling teams.

Colorado took first place at a regional A.A.U. meet held in Denver. While no exact results exist, we do know how well Colorado swimmers performed.

Workhorse of the team was Rollin Wilson, who claimed two victories in the 100 and 400 meter freestyle. Joe Knittle and Reid Barker claimed 1st and 2nd place respectively in the 200 meter free. Al Look, and Bob Rogers took second and fourth respectively in the 200 meter breaststroke while Andy Rechnitzer secured third in the 200 meter back. The relay team of Wilson, Barker, Gilmore, and Knittle took first over the Multnomah Athletic Club by two yards to take the 400 freestyle relay event.

"In addition to entering various events, the men gave demonstrations of abandon-ship tactics, protection against sharks and other swimming instruction given to all naval trainees."

This AAU meet in Denver is the only recorded swimming activity by the university between fall 1942 and spring 1947. Presumably, Chief Leonard departed his duties as a naval officer after the war ended, and no one was left to take charge of the swim team for another year. In 1947, CU joined the Big 7 (8) conference, and athletics resumed in full capacity.

*Denver A.A.U. swimming meet. Circa August 1944*



**SOURCE FOR ALL OF THIS - 1945 yearbook and a little head canon. Feel free to edit.**