

## History of Northern Arizona Men's Swimming & Diving (1990-1999)

The Northern Arizona swimming and diving program began just as the foundation was drying on the Natatorium. The athletics director at the time, Hank Anderson, added a women's swimming and diving program to the athletics department in 1983, and tabbed former Arizona State All-American Pam Rogers as head coach.

Since the program was not affiliated with the Big Sky, Rogers went to find a niche for her new program. After wandering in other conferences, Rogers worked with coaches from other independent schools and established the Pacific Collegiate Swim Conference in 1986, a league of Division I, II and III schools.

The word 'dynasty' was quickly applied to Rogers' program, as NAU won the first four PCSC championships on the women's side (1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990).

Upon the success with the women, athletics director Tom Jurich put Rogers on the national map when he added men's swimming and diving in 1990 and named Rogers the head coach - making her one of only three women in Division I to lead a combined program.

Her winning touch rubbed off on the men, as they won the PCSC title in their first two years (1991, 1992). The men's program would win six titles in seven years.

NAU would reach regional and national success by producing NCAA Championships qualifiers in the 1990s, the program's first such athletes. The first Lumberjack to see NCAA competition was diver Rob Sherman, who finished 22nd in the nation in 1992.

The program joined the National Independent Conference in 1998 and returned to women-only status in 1999 when the men's program was discontinued.

### Men's NCAA Championship Qualifiers

Five different athletes from the men's swimming and diving team qualified for the NCAA Championships between 1992 and 1997. Diver Rob Sherman qualified in 1992 and finished 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mark Perkins qualified in the 1650 freestyle in 1994, and Aaron Dean qualified the same year in the 200 breaststroke

Hunter Shafer qualified in diving in both 1995 and 1996, finishing 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Brian McCluer qualified for both the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle in 1997, finishing 39<sup>th</sup> in both.

### LUMBERJACK MEN'S SWIMMING ALL-TIME RESULTS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Dual Record</u>	<u>Conf.</u>	<u>Finish</u>
90-91	1-6	PCSC	1st
91-92	2-4	PCSC	1st
92-93	3-3	PCSC	3rd
93-94	4-3	PCSC	1st
94-95	9-2	PCSC	1st
95-96	4-4	PCSC	1st
96-97	3-8	PCSC	1st
97-98	4-7	PCSC	2nd
98-99	2-7	NIC	5th
9 yrs	32-34 (.485)		6 conf. titles

PCSC – Pacific Collegiate Swim Conference

NIC – National Independent Conference

## LUMBERJACK MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING SCHOOL RECORDS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Mark</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Meet-Site</u>	<u>Date</u>
50 Free	19.98	Brian McCluer	PCSC-Long Beach	2-13-97
100 Free	44.65	Brian McCluer	NCAA-Minneapolis	3-29-97
200 Free	1:39.92	Brian McCluer	PCSC-Long Beach	2-14-97
500 Free	4:30.24	Bill Creager	PCSC-Long Beach	2-12-98
1000 Free	9:25.26	Mark Perkins	NMSU-Las Cruces	12-5-95
1650 Free	15:33.92	Mark Perkins	PCSC-Long Beach	2-18-94
100 Back	51.19	Trent Guerin	PCSC-Cerritos	2-17-96
200 Back	1:49.95	Fort Guerin	PCSC-Long Beach	2-22-92
100 Breast	55.43	Lance Jones	NIC-Rochester	2-25-99
200 Breast	2:02.11	Peter Chilcott	NIC-Rochester	2-25-99
100 Fly	49.72	Robbert Smit	PCSC-Long Beach	2-21-92
200 Fly	1:49.60	Brent Creager	NIC-Rochester	2-26-99
200 IM	1:51.99	Fort Guerin	PCSC-Long Beach	2-20-92
400 IM	3:57.27	Bill Creager	PCSC-Long Beach	2-13-98
200 Free Relay	1:22.44	McCluer/Whitaker DeCicco/Clifford	PCSC-Long Beach	2-13-97
400 Free Relay	3:04.85	McCluer/Whitaker Clifford/DeCicco	PCSC-Long Beach	2-15-97
800 Free Relay	6:48.61	McCluer/DeCicco Liegeois/Creager	PCSC-Long Beach	2-14-97
200 Medley Relay	1:32.81	T.Guerin/Dean Rainey/McCluer	PCSC-Cerritos	2-15-96
400 Medley Relay	3:22.86	T.Guerin/Dean DeCicco/McCluer	PCSC-Cerritos	2-15-96
1m Dive (6)	303.70	Hunter Shafer	San Diego/UC Irvine	11-11-95
1m Dive (11)	533.90	Hunter Shafer	PCSC-Long Beach	2-19-93
3m Dive (6)	388.87	Gilbert Ballow	New Mexico-Flagstaff	11-18-95
3m Dive (11)	573.15	Hunter Shafer	PCSC-Cerritos	2-17-96