

2004-2005 HUSKIES MEN'S SWIMMING

Oct.	23	at Clarion Invitational	10 a.m.
	30	at Mansfield	11 a.m.
Nov.	13	at Ithaca	1 p.m.
	19	at Albright	6 p.m.
	20	COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	2 p.m.
Dec.	3-5	at Franklin & Marshall Invitational	TBA
Jan.	5	at Port Orange Invitational	12 p.m.
	14	at Shippensburg	6 p.m.
	15	at East Stroudsburg	1 p.m.
	19	KUTZTOWN	6 p.m.
	22	at Indiana (PA)	1 p.m.
	29	WEST CHESTER	1 p.m.
Feb.	17-19	PSAC Champs. at West Chester	1 p.m.
Mar	9-12	NCAA Champs. at Orlando	10 a.m.

Home meets in BOLD CAPS



Head Coach R.J.



R.J. Wojtylak begins his second season as head coach of the men's swim team and director of aquatics. Wojtylak came to Bloomsburg after spending two years as an assistant swim coach at Westminster College.

A 2000 graduate of Wheeling Jesuit University, Wojtylak was a four-year member of the swim team. He served as captain his senior year and lead the Titans to a conference championship.

Wojtylak was previously an assistant swim coach at Findlay High School in Ohio, and a graduate assistant at the University of Findlay, working in enrollment services. He earned his MBA from Findlay in 2002.

2004-05 Roster

Name	Class	Hometown	High School
Travis Backenstoe	Jr.	Walnutport	Northampton
Mark Freeman	So.	Bethlehem	Freedom
Lee Hardin	Sr.	Coal Township	Shamokin
Mark Kamentz	So.	Lincoln Park, NJ	Boonton
Thomas O'Malley	So.	Reading	Interboro
Brandon Palmer	Sr.	Carlisle	Big Spring
Bret Palmer	Jr.	Marysville	Susquenita
Stephen Post	Jr.	Scranton	Scranton
Nicholas Prima	Jr.	Glencoe, Trinidad	Monroe C.C.
Chris Rumpfelt	So.	Shamokin	Shamokin
Rich Seier	Jr.	Bethlehem	Northampton
Ken Smith	Jr.	Philadelphia	Archbishop Ryan
Jim Toolan	Fr.	Norristown	LaSalle
Travis Wagner	Jr.	Mechanicsburg	Mechanicsburg
Eric Weathers	Jr.	Eagleville	Methacton

Season Preview

Pride. Commitment. Collective Responsibility. Three simple themes that Bloomsburg University swimming coach R.J. Wojtylak hopes will pay big dividends for his Huskies in 2004.

"I've tried to stress to the guys that being on the swim team means something; its not something just anyone can do," Wojtylak said. "As a swimmer, you want the guy swimming next to you to be swimming his hardest to push you as well."

This year Wojtylak adds six newcomers to the group of 11 that swam for the Huskies last season. He feels that the team complements each other well and is ready to start the season.

"It's like a new team," the second

year coach said. "Everything is going well and the team's attitude is very positive. This team is ready to become a contender."

To shape this team into a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference contender, Wojtylak has named juniors Travis Wagner and Eric Weathers team captains. He believes that Wagner and Weathers, as well as a few underclassmen, have a shot to make some noise at the conference championships.

But first, Wojtylak wants each swimmer to improve individually.

"Our goal is to first improve our individual times then send as many guys to the conference meet as we can.

Season Preview (cont.)

Once we are at the championships, I want more people to score points to help the team. We'd like to be competing with Kutztown, Indiana (PA) and Shippensburg by the end of the season. Then hopefully, we can send some guys to nationals."

Wojtylak is convinced that a few of his swimmers have a strong shot to make it to nationals, namely three underclassmen.

"Travis Backenstoe is one of our most talented swimmers. He finished in the top six in two events at the conference championships last season." Wojtylak believes that if Backenstoe, last season's most valuable swimmer, works hard, he can possibly win two events at the conference championships and qualify for nationals.

Wojtylak is also confident that Chris Rumpfelt, a sophomore, has a shot to qualify in middle distance freestyle events and that Nicholas Prima, a transfer from Monroe Community College, could compete at the conference level and possibly qualify for nationals in the breaststroke.

Wojtylak is also pleased with the progress of Ken Smith, Bloomsburg's top distance swimmer. "Smith is our most improved swimmer coming into this season. He has worked out and lifted hard and I think he has a really good shot to make it to the conference championships in the 1650 freestyle."

The trio of Backenstoe, Wagner, and Bret Palmer look to be the Huskies top

sprint swimmers while Rumpfelt, Weathers and Stephen Post look to be tops in middle distance events for Bloomsburg. Wojtylak feels that the above all have a solid shot at making the conference meet as well as Mark Freeman, the Huskies top backstroke swimmer.

Although the Huskies return only two seniors, Wojtylak feels that those seniors can make a difference. Brandon Palmer, who joined the team after running three seasons of cross-country for the Huskies, looks to swim breast and fly events, while Lee Hardin looks to contribute in freestyle events for Bloomsburg.

Two freshmen also look to contribute for the Huskies in 2004. Wojtylak is impressed with Jim Toolan and Mike Tardive who are a pleasant surprise and could help the Huskies in both freestyle and butterfly events.

As the season approaches, the Huskies' main goal is to continue making positive strides and to improve in the conference. Wojtylak then hopes the team can place well at the conference championships and hopefully sends a few guys to the national championships in Orlando, FL. He believes that if his team can live by the three themes they have set forth for this season, that anything is possible.

Swimmer Profiles



Lee Hardin
Senior
Coal Township
(Shamokin)



Brandon Palmer
Senior
Carlisle
(Big Spring)

Two-year member of Bloomsburg's swim team. Will swim sprint freestyle events for Bloomsburg this season.

Former cross country runner who is swimming his first season for the Huskies. Looks to swim breaststroke and butterfly events for Bloomsburg.

Swimmer Profiles



Travis Backenstoe

Junior, Walnutport (Northampton)

One of the team's top freestyle swimmers and last year's team MVP. Placed first in 17 events for the Huskies last season and was named PSAC Swimmer of the Week after picking up three wins over IUP. Claimed fourth in the 200 and 400-medley relays at the PSAC championships. Also placed fifth in the 50-free, 200-free relay and 400-medley relay at PSAC's.

Bret Palmer

Junior, Marysville (Susquenita)

Will compete mostly in the freestyle events for the Huskies. Finished third in the 50-free freestyle at Lycoming and Ithaca last season. Claimed first in the 200-freestyle at Southern Connecticut, second at the Kutztown Tourney and third at the Bloomsburg Relays.



Nicholas Prima

Junior, Glencoe, Trinidad (Monroe C. C.)

Talented transfer from Monroe Community College who will swim the breaststroke and the individual medley events for the Huskies.

Stephen Post

Junior, Scranton (Scranton)

Will compete in freestyle events for the Huskies. Took sixth place in the 800-freestyle relay at the PSAC championships. Named 2003-04 Bloomsburg Scholar Athlete.



Rich Seier

Junior, Bethlehem (Northampton)

Will swim freestyle events for the Huskies. Finished fourth in the 200-freestyle against Kutztown and fifth in the 400-freestyle against Shippensburg and IUP.

Ken Smith

Junior, Philadelphia (Archbishop Ryan)

Will contribute in the freestyle events for Bloomsburg. Performed well against Kutztown, finishing 4th in the 200-medley and 1000-freestyle, while taking sixth in the 100-backstroke. Had third place finishes in the 400-freestyle against West Chester and IUP.



Swimmer Profiles



Travis Wagner
Junior, Mechanicsburg (Mechanicsburg)

Will be a competitor in the butterfly and freestyle events for the Huskies and is a 2004-05 team captain. Had his best performance against IUP where he finished second in the 400-medley and third in the 50 and 400-freestyle.

Eric Weathers
Junior, Eagleville (Methacton)



Will compete in freestyle events for the Huskies and is a 2004-05 team captain. Finished first in the 400-freestyle against IUP. Took second in the 200-freestyle against Kutztown and the 400-freestyle against West Chester.

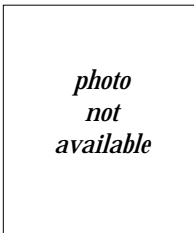


Mark Freeman
Sophomore, Collegeville (Perkiomen Valley)

Will be a competitor in the backstroke and the individual medley events for Bloomsburg. Was one of Bloomsburg's top backstroke swimmers last season, placing in the top three in 11 events.

Mark Kamantz
Sophomore, Lincoln Park, NJ (Boonton)

A three-sport standout in high school, Kamantz was named All-Area and All-Conference in both swimming and golf. He also lettered four years in cross country. Will swim the breast stroke for the Huskies.

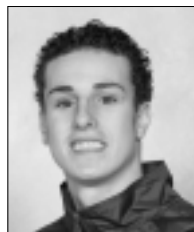


Thomas O'Malley
Sophomore, Reading (Interboro)

Will swim the freestyle events. Finished sixth in the 400-freestyle against Ithaca and ninth in the 200-freestyle at the Bloomsburg Relays.

Chris Rumfelt
Sophomore, Shamokin (Shamokin)

One of the Huskies top freestyle swimmers a season ago. Had 13 first place finishes last season, including four, first-place finishes at the Kutztown Invitational.



Swimmer Profiles / Over The Years



Jim Toolan

Freshman, Norristown (LaSalle)

Played water polo for LaSalle high school. Will compete in freestyle events for the Huskies this season.

Over the Years

Year	Record	Year	Record	Year	Record	Year	Record
1959-60	0-6	1970-71	10-5	1981-82	6-5	1992-93	2-6-1
1960-61	0-6	1971-72	10-4	1982-83	7-5	1993-94	3-6
1961-62	1-7	1972-73	10-3	1983-84	8-3	1994-95	3-5
1962-63	3-5	1973-74	9-5	1984-85	4-8	1995-96	6-7
1963-64	2-6	1974-75	8-6	1985-86	4-6	1996-97	5-5
1964-65	2-6	1975-76	5-8	1986-87	2-7	1997-98	4-7
1965-66	8-4	1976-77	4-7	1987-88	4-6	1998-99	1-8-1
1966-67	6-5-1	1977-78	7-5	1988-89	4-4	1999-2000	4-6
1967-68	9-2	1978-79	5-8	1989-90	3-6	2000-01	4-6
1968-69	9-2-1	1979-80	5-7	1990-91	3-5	2001-02	6-3
1969-70	10-3	1980-81	3-9	1991-92	0-9	202-03	1-4-1
						2003-04	2-4

All-Time Coaches' Records

Years	Coach	Record
1959-60	Don Heilman	0-6
1960-61	Bob Zeigler	0-6
1961-69; 1970-85	Eli McLaughlin	141-125-2
1969-70	Cecil Turberville	10-3
1985-86	Mary Gardner	4-6
1986-92	Dave Rider	16-37
1992-2002	Roch King	38-59-2
2002-03	Ned Hampford	1-4-1
2003-present	R.J. Wojtylak	2-4

2003-04 Top Performances / Results

Event	Time	Opponent	Swimmer(s)
50-Free	21.49	PSAC Championships	Travis Backenstoe
100-Free	47.78	PSAC Championships	Travis Backenstoe
200-Free	1:43.98	S. Connecticut Inv.	Chris Rumfelt
500-Free	5:01.09	Shippensburg	Andrew Wise
1000-Free	10:19.42	PSAC Championships	Andrew Wise
1650-Free	17:28.30	S. Connecticut Inv.	David Rude
100-Back	53.86	S. Connecticut Inv.	Brandon Hilt
200-Back	1:59.00	S. Connecticut Inv.	Brandon Hilt
100-Breast	1:01.32	S. Connecticut Inv.	Jason Davis
200-Breast	2:17.95	S. Connecticut Inv.	Jason Davis
100-Butterfly	51.93	Lycoming	Tom DiSalvatore
200-Butterfly	2:05.67	PSAC Championships	Tom DiSalvatore
200-Individual Medley	2:03.86	PSAC Championships	Tom DiSalvatore
400-Individual Medley	4:29.08	Shippensburg	Tom DiSalvatore
400-Medley Relay	3:39.49	Shippensburg	Hilt, DiSalvatore
			Backenstoe, Davis
200-Free Relay	1:26.96	S. Connecticut Inv.	Rumfelt, Palmer
			Wise, Backenstoe
400-Free Relay	3:13.09	S. Connecticut Inv.	Rumfelt, Wise
			Hilt, Backenstoe
800-Free Relay	7:17.61	S. Connecticut Inv.	Wise, DiSalvatore
			Post, Rumfelt

2003-04 Results (2-4)

Oct.	25	at Clarion Invitational	2nd
Nov.	2	BLOOMSBURG RELAYS	2nd
	4	at Lycoming	W, 120-83
	5	at Bucknell Invitational	NO TEAM SCORING
	15	ITHACA	L, 134-71
	21-22	at Kutztown Invitational	2nd
Dec.	5-6	at Southern Connecticut Invitational	2nd
Jan.	7	at Port Orange Invitational	2nd
	16	SHIPPENSBURG	L, 114-91
	28	at Kutztown	L, 104-101
	31	at West Chester	L, 165-95.5
Feb.	7	INDIANA (PA)	W, 107-98
	22-24	at PSAC Championships	6th

The Record Book

Event	Name	Year	Time
50-free	Stu Marvin	1978	21.20
100-free	Stu Marvin	1978	46.20
200-free	Stu Marvin	1978	1:41.90
500-free	Jeremy Kipp	1996	4:40.98
1,000-free	Jeff Jones	1992	9:52.52
1,650-free	Jeff Jones	1993	16:32.34
100-back	Brandon Hilt	2001	52.65
200-back	Jeff Jones	1993	1:55.48
100-breast	Jason Davis	2002	58.20
200-breast	Jason Davis	2001	2:09.74
100-fly	Matt Rajotte	1996	52.24
200-fly	Wayne Richards	1979	1:55.00
200-individual medley	Jason Davis	2001	1:58.50
400-individual medley	Clarence Hirst	1993	4:17.00
200-medley relay	Brandon Hilt, Jason Davis	2001	1:36.57
	Andrew Rider, Steve Fisher		
400-medley relay	Brandon Hilt, Jason Davis	2002	3:32.13
	Tom DiSalvatore, John May		
200-free relay	Steve Fisher, Brandon Hilt	2001	1:25.95
	Dave Robinson, Andrew Rider		
400-free relay	Keith Torok, Wayne Richards	1978	3:10.20
	Steve Price, Stu Marvin		
800-free relay	Andrew Rider, Jason Davis	2001	7:05.32
	Robert Struble, Dave Robinson		





























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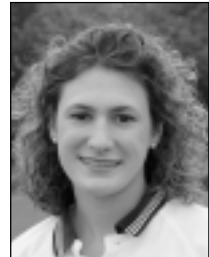
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About Bloomsburg

Bloomsburg University, a member of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education, is a four-year coeducational public university founded in 1839. Through the stages of its development from a normal school to a teachers college to a multipurpose state college and finally to a university in 1983, the institution has retained its emphasis on liberal arts and career education.

Bloomsburg is recognized as one of the best 100 public universities in the United States, and excellence, ranging from its 11 NCAA championships to its international reputation in a number of its academic programs, is an attitude found throughout the faculty and staff.

About 90 percent of Bloomsburg's students come from throughout Pennsylvania, creating a diverse mix of cultures and ideas. It's a place where friendships that last a lifetime begin. And it's a busy place — with more than 160 student organizations and activities, NCAA Division II athletic programs and a popular recreation center.

The university's Division of Continuing and Distance Education serves students through nondegree credit courses, noncredit minicourses, off-campus classes, credit for life experience and distance learning courses on public television. The Town of Bloomsburg, located in the Susquehanna River Valley, has a population of about 12,000 people. The central business district is just three blocks southwest of campus, and includes more than 80 retail stores, restaurants, and the Bloomsburg Fair in September. More stores, restaurants and theaters can be found along nearby Route 11 and at the Columbia Mall, northwest of town.

The university is within a one-hour drive from such cities as Hazleton, Williamsport, Wilkes-Barre and Scranton; 1.5 hours from Harrisburg; 2.5 hours from Philadelphia; three hours from New York City and Baltimore; and four hours from Pittsburgh and Washington, DC.

A Few Facts About Bloomsburg

Enrollment— Total enrollment is over 8,040, with an average incoming SAT of 1070 and class rank in the upper 25 percent; Bloomsburg admits one in seven applicants and has a four-year retention rate significantly higher than the national average. About 60 percent are women and 10 percent are non-traditional. About 90 percent of Bloomsburg graduates are quickly placed in their chosen fields.

Faculty— With approximately 1,000 employees, Bloomsburg University has 383 full-time faculty, 70 percent of whom hold doctoral degrees and 72 percent of whom are tenured. The staff is organized into four divisions: Academic Affairs, Administration, Student Life and University Advancement. Governance is through the State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors and through the university's Council of Trustees.

Degrees— Bloomsburg University offers 63 baccalaureate degrees, 18 master's degrees and a joint doctoral degree in elementary education in cooperation with Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Financial Aid— About 70 percent of all students receive some form of financial aid; average amount of aid is \$10,026 per year.

Cost—About \$4,900 per semester for Pennsylvania residents (tuition, fees, typical room and meal plans), \$8,200 for non-residents.

School Colors, Mascot— The school colors, originally "lemon and garnet," have been maroon and gold since the 1920s. In the early 1930s, the Husky became the school mascot when a dog owned by a faculty member accompanied Adm. Richard E. Byrd on an expedition to the South Pole.