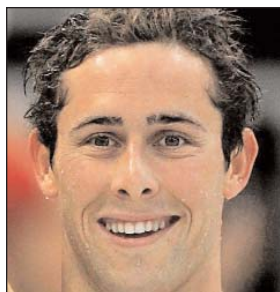




Men's Biographies



Randall Bal

6-4, 196 ... from Fair Oaks, Calif. ... born November 14, 1980 ... Bella Vista HS '99 ... Stanford '03 ... swam for California Capital ... swims for Stanford Swimming. **AGE:** 25

EVENTS: 50m, 100m Back

FAST FACTS

- Competing on first SCWC team.
- Won 11 gold medals on the 2005-06 World Cup circuit, competing in six of the eight stops. He finished fourth in the final points standings.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Captured silver in the 100m back at the 2005 World Championships in Montreal ... World Champion in the 50m back in 2001 ... owns five career U.S. National titles.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

World Championships

2005: 2nd, 100m back
2003: 2nd, 400m FRp; 1st, 400m MRp

2001: 1st, 50m back

Pan Pacific Championships

2002: 2nd, 100m back

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

Six-time National A Team member (2000-05) ... 1998 National Junior Team member.

PERSONAL

Coach: Skip Kenney (since September 1999)

College Major: Psychology

Job Outside of Swimming: part-time coach since January 2006

Future Professional Aspirations: unsure ... hopes to go back to school to get his MBA

Parents: Adrian and Carol ... father is a pharmacist, and mother is a notary

Siblings: older sister (Robyn) who swam for Brigham Young University ... older sister (Tamara) who swam at UCLA and hopes to attend law school

Sports Played Before Swimming: baseball

Nicknames: Turbo ... nicknamed this at Stanford because of his fast stroke rate in backstroke

Pets: three dogs and an exotic bird ... Kona, Snickers and Speedo are all yellow labs that can dive six feet to the bottom of the pool and retrieve their dog toys ... Napili is a talking African Grey parrot

Hobbies Outside the Pool: scuba diving, wakeboarding, water skiing, playing basketball, hanging out with friends

Ultimate Way to Relax: spending quality time with family and friends

Most Influential Person: mother ... "Without her time and energy I would not be where I am today. She has always given 110% in whatever she does."

Sponsors: Speedo

Training Stats: Swims 8,000 yards per day, 3-4 hours a day, 6 days a week



Nick Brunelli

6-2, 195 ... born in Norwood, Mass. ... from Mansfield, Mass. ... born December 18, 1981 ... Mansfield HS '00 ... Arizona State '05 ... swims for Sun Devil Aquatics. **AGE:** 24

EVENTS: 50m, 100m Free, 100m IM

FAST FACTS

- Competing on his second SCWC team.
- In 2004 in Indianapolis, won three medals, including two golds swimming on relays and individual bronze in the 50m free.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Owns the 50m free (scm) American and U.S. Open record ... led off the American record-breaking 400m free relay (scm) at 2004 Short Course Worlds ... competed in finals of the 50m free at the 2005 World Championships, finishing sixth ... narrowly missed a spot on the 2004 Olympic Team, taking third in the 50m free at Olympic Trials.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

World Championships

2005: no medals

Pan American Games

2003: 1st, 400m MR (GR)

Short Course World Championships

2004: 1st, 400m FR (AR); 1st, 400m MRp; 3rd, 50m free

PERSONAL

Coach: Mike Chasson (since 2000)

College Major: Recreation and Tourism

Job Outside of Swimming: Masters swim coach for Sun Devil Masters ... has been coaching since 2004

Future Professional Aspirations: unsure

Parents: John and Cynthia ... father was the postmaster of Mansfield, Mass. (retired), and mother is the Director of Special Education for the Foxborough, Mass., public schools

Siblings: older brother (Mike) is a financial advisor in Boston

Sports Played Before Swimming: baseball

Nickname: Bruno ... it was his grandfather's name; he never got to meet him because he died before Nick was born

Pets: one cat (Pipes) that has had since 2002

Hobbies Outside the Pool: road biking

Ultimate Way to Relax: watching television, traveling

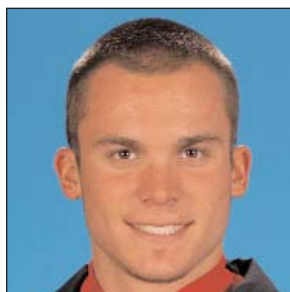
Most Influential Person: parents ... "They always do what's needed to get the job done, and they also drove me to practice EVERY morning."

Training Stats: Swims 11,000 meters/yards per day, 3-4 hours a day, 6 days a week

More: swam for Ocean State Squids while growing up and through high school because high school didn't have a team ... one of his best friends is two-time Olympian Erik Vendt; they carpooled, trained and competed against each other since age 10 ... diehard Red Sox and Patriots fan ... watched the 2004 World Series in Arizona with a couple of friends, but says "the highlight of the Series was beating the Yankees. After that, I was confident the Sox would win."



Men's Biographies



Jayme Cramer

6-1, 190 ... born in Falls Church, Va. ... from Westfield, Ind. ... born January 20, 1983 ... St. Xavier HS '01 ... Stanford '05 ... swims for Stanford Swimming/Southeastern SC. **AGE:** 23

EVENTS: 200m Free, 50m, 100m Fly, 200m Back

FAST FACTS

- Competing on his first SCWC team.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Gold medalist swimming prelims of the 800m free relay at the 2005 World Championships ... won bronze in the 100m back at the 2003 Pan American Games ... earned his first NCAA title in 2004, winning the 200m free.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

World Championships

2005: 1st, 800m FRp

Pan American Games

2003: 3rd, 100m back

Goodwill Games

2001: 3rd, team

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

2005 National B Team member ... 2000 National Junior Team member ... set 17-18 NAG record in 100y back in 2000.

PERSONAL

Coach: Skip Kenney (since 2001)

College Major: Economics

Future Professional Aspirations: baseball general manager ... considering going back to school to get his MBA

Parents: James and Judy ... father is a homebuilder/architect, and mother is a domestic engineer

Siblings: younger brother (Joe) swam at Indiana University

Spouse: engaged to Kate Frances Ripple (sister of former National Team swimmer Shelly Ripple-Johnston) ... they will be married October 7, 2006 in Baton Rouge, La. ... Kate played soccer for one year at Texas A&M, then transferred to LSU where she played her final three years and was team captain as a senior ... she is currently training to compete in triathlons

Sports Played Before Swimming: soccer, baseball, tennis

Nicknames: Jambone

Hobbies Outside the Pool: outdoor activities, going to the beach, playing sports (tennis, basketball, golf), watching television, listening to music, camping

Ultimate Way to Relax: watching television, sitting on his balcony and listening to music

Most Influential Person: parents ... "They have been the best role models in the world."

Training Stats: Swims 12,000 meters/yards per day, 3-4 hours a day, 6 days a week

More: started swimming at age nine to stay in shape for soccer ... huge fan of the Indiana Colts, Indiana Pacers and Cincinnati Reds



Matt Grevers

6-8, 225 ... from Lake Forest, Ill. ... born March 26, 1985 ... Lake Forest HS '03 ... Northwestern '07 ... swims for Scout Aquatics / Northwestern. **AGE:** 21

EVENTS: 50m Fly, 50m, 100m Back, 100m IM

FAST FACTS

- Competing on his first SCWC team.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Swam the finals of five events at the 2005 World University Games, earning two silvers (100m back and 400m medley relay) and two bronze medals (50m back and 400m free relay) ... tied for third in the 100m back at the 2005 World Championship Trials ... captured his first NCAA title in the 100y back in 2005 ... was a repeat NCAA champion in the same event in 2006.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

World University Games

2005: 2nd, 100m back; 2nd, 400m MR; t3rd, 50m back; 3rd, 400m FR

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

2005 National A Team member... 2004 National B Team member ... 2003 National Junior Team member ... set 13-14 NAG record in 200y back in 2000.

PERSONAL

Coach: Bob Groseth (since September 2003)

Parents: Ed and Anja Grevers, both originally from the Netherlands ... father is a landscape architect, and mother is a swim coach

Siblings: older sister (Carolyn) swam for University of Kansas ... older brother (Andy) swam for Northern Illinois

Sports Played Before Swimming: basketball, water polo, volleyball, tennis, soccer

Nicknames: Dutch (because he is Dutch), and Nu, which is the name of his mage in Warcraft (a role-playing game)

Hobbies Outside the Pool: video games, volleyball, basketball, ultimate frisbee, foosball, ping pong

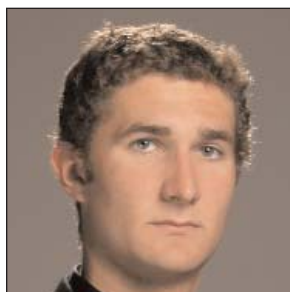
Ultimate Way to Relax: World of Warcraft, video games

Most Influential Person: family ... "Each of my family members inspire me in different ways. As a swim coach, my mom understands swimming from the teacher's perspective as well as the family perspective. My dad and brother are always so proud of all my accomplishments. My sister was a Division I and Olympic Trials qualifier, so she's experienced almost everything I'm about to experience and can offer advice, which helps. Outside of my family, Lea Maurer has had a big influence on me. She showed me how to claim the feeling of accomplishment in a single practice just by putting in a little more effort. She's helped me to see the positives in swimming and made me stick with it."

Training Stats: Swims 4 hours per day, 6 days a week



Men's Biographies



Larsen Jensen

6-0, 172 ... from Bakersfield, Calif. ... born Sept. 1, 1985 ... Mission Viejo HS '03 ... USC '08 ... swam for Mission Viejo ... swims for Trojan. **AGE:** 20

EVENTS: 400m, 1500m Free

FAST FACTS

- Competing on his first SCWC team.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Captured silver in American record time in the 1500m free at the 2004 Olympic Games ... narrowly missed an Olympic medal in the 400m free, finishing fourth ... earned two silver medals at the 2005 World Championships, setting an American record in the 800m free and taking second in the 1500m free ... owns six career U.S. National titles.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

Olympic Games

2004: 2nd, 1500m free (AR)

World Championships

2005: 2nd, 800m free (AR); 2nd, 1500m free

2003: 2nd, 800m free (AR)

Pan Pacific Championships

2002: 2nd, 800m free (AR); 3rd, 1500m free

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

American record holder in the 800m and 1500m free; has broken the 800m free record three times and the 1500m free record twice ... 2004 USA Swimming Breakout Performer of the Year ... two-time All-Star team member (2003-04) ... four-time National A Team member (2002-05) ... set 17-18 NAG records in 400m free and 1500m free in 2004 and 800m free in 2003 ... set 15-16 NAG records in 400m and 800m free in 2002.

PERSONAL

Coach: Mark Schubert (since 2003)

College Major: Political Science

Parents: Alan and Barbara ... parents are almond farmers in Bakersfield, Calif. ... Barbara was also a competitive swimmer

Siblings: younger sister (Lindsey) who is a diver

Nicknames: Larjo ... USC teammates and training partners Erik Vendt and Chad Carvin gave him the nickname

Hobbies Outside the Pool: driving

Ultimate Way to Relax: driving, sleeping

Most Influential Person: father because of his integrity and toughness

Training Stats: Swims 18-20,000 meters/yards per day, 6 hours a day, 6 days a week



Cullen Jones

6-5, 197 ... born in the Bronx, N.Y. ... from New Brunswick, N.J. ... born February 29, 1984 ... St. Benedict's Prep '02 ... NC State '06 ... swims for NC State Aquatics. **AGE:** 22

EVENT: 50m Free

FAST FACTS

- Competing on his first SCWC team.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Set the swimming community spinning with his 50m free swim at the 2005 World University Games, posting a 22.17 in prelims to set a Universiade record ... at the time, it was the eighth-fastest time in history by an American ... went on to capture the gold ... also finished fifth in the 50m free at the 2005 World Championship Trials ... captured his first NCAA title in the 50y free at the 2006 NCAA Championships.

International Medals

World University Games

2005: 1st, 50m free (GRp)

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

2005 National B Team member.

PERSONAL

Coaches: Ed Nessel / Chad Onken / Brooks Teal (since December 2002)

College Major: English (minor in Psychology)

Future Professional Aspirations: write for a men's fashion magazine, such as GQ

Parents: Ronald and Debra ... Ronald (deceased) played basketball at a small college in the Bronx, and Debra was a dancer ... Ronald died of lung cancer in 2000 when Cullen was 16

Notable Relative: distant relative of Rodney Wallace, a former Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle

Sports Played Before Swimming: gymnastics, basketball

Nicknames: CJ, Nova

Pets: one dog (Charlie)

Hobbies Outside the Pool: bartending (at Tosca Italian restaurant), video games, watching movies

Ultimate Way to Relax: watch a movie, play some video games and fall asleep

Most Influential Person: late father Ronald and coach Ed Nessel

Training Stats: 8,000 meters/yards per day, 5-6 hours a day, 6 days a week



Men's Biographies



Jason Lezak

6-4, 205 ... born in Bellflower, Calif. ... from Irvine, Calif. ... born November 12, 1975 ... Irvine HS '94 ... California-Santa Barbara '99 ... swims for Irvine Novaquatics. **AGE:** 30

EVENT: 100m Free

FAST FACTS

- Competing on his third SCWC team.
- Triple gold medalist at the 2004 Short Course Worlds, earning individual gold in the 100m free and gold swimming on the 400m free and medley relays.
- In 2002, swam on the world record-breaking 400m medley relay and the American record-breaking 400m free relay in Moscow.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Gold medalist on world record-breaking 400m medley relay at 2004 Olympic Games, in addition to winning bronze in the 400m free relay ... anchored both 400m medley relays that hold the world record (lcm and scm); his freestyle split at the 2004 Games was the second-fastest performance by an American ... all four of his Olympic medals are from relays ... owns seven career U.S. National titles.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

Olympic Games

2004: 1st, 400m MR (WR); 3rd, 400m FR
2000: 1st, 400m MRp; 2nd, 400m FR (AR)

World Championships

2005: 1st, 400m FR (AR); 1st, 400m MR
2003: 1st, 400m MR (WR); 2nd, 400m FR
2001: no medals

Short Course World Championships

2004: 1st, 100m free; 1st, 400m FR (AR); 1st, 400m MR (WR)
2002: 1st, 400m FR (AR); 1st, 400m MR (WR)

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

American record holder in the 100m free ... American record holder in the 400m free relay (lcm and scm) ... former American record holder in 100m free (scm) ... three-time All-Star Team member (2002-04) ... five-time National A Team member (1999, 2002-05) ... three-time National B Team member (1998, 00-01).

PERSONAL

Coach: David Salo (since 1990)

College Major: Business/Economics

Parents: David and Linda ... father is in leather goods sales, and mother is an elementary school science teacher

Siblings: older sister (Nicole) attended Chapman University and is a social worker ... younger sister (Erin) attended UC-Santa Barbara and is getting her Masters in teaching

Spouse: married Danielle DeAlva on April 24, 2004 ... she competed at the Pan American Games for Mexico in swimming ... she graduated from nursing school in 2006

Sports Played Before Swimming: basketball, baseball, soccer

Pets: one dog ... Bailey is a lab

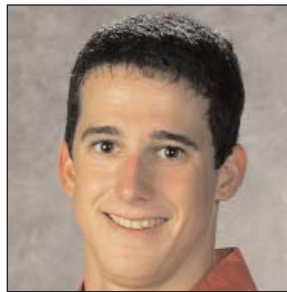
Hobbies Outside the Pool: playing basketball

Ultimate Way to Relax: watching television

Sponsors: Nike, Penta, 24 Hour Fitness

Training Stats: Swims 4,000 meters/yards per day, 2 hours a day, 5 days a week

More: 1994 High School All-American in water polo



Timothy Liebhold

6-7, 190 ... born Los Angeles, Calif. ... from Chapel Hill, N.C. ... born January 2, 1983 ... East Chapel Hill HS '01 ... Wisconsin '06 ... swims for Wisconsin Aquatics. **AGE:** 23

EVENT: 200m IM

FAST FACTS

- Competing on his first U.S. National Team.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Won his first U.S. National title in the 200m IM and finished third in the 400m IM at the 2005 U.S. Summer Nationals ... took fifth in the 400m IM and sixth in the 200m IM at the 2005 World Championship Trials ... was sixth in the 400y IM at the 2005 NCAA Championships ... finished eighth in the 200m IM at the 2004 Olympic Trials.

PERSONAL

Coach: Geoff Hansen (since 2001)

College Major: Civil Engineering

Future Professional Aspirations: Architecture / Civil Engineering

Parents: Tom and Mary ... father is an elementary school teacher, and mother owns her own business (The Kitchen Specialist, Inc.)

Sibling: older brother (Matt) attended the University of Pennsylvania and got his MBA from UNC-Chapel Hill

Sports Played Before Swimming: baseball

Hobbies Outside the Pool: camping, hiking, anything outdoors, hanging out with friends, watching TV, wasting time on the Internet

Ultimate Way to Relax: in the back country of the Sierra Nevadas with no other people for miles around

Most Influential Person: family ... "They support any endeavor I take on."

Training Stats: Swims 15,000 meters/yards per day, 4 ½ hours a day, 6 days a week

More: was a three-time Academic Big Ten and four-time Dean's List at Wisconsin ... Eagle Scout 1999



Men's Biographies



Ryan Lochte

(LOCK-tee) 6-2, 190 ... born in Bloomfield, N.Y. ... from Daytona Beach, Fla. ... born August 3, 1984 ... Spruce Creek HS '02 ... Florida '07 ... swims for Daytona Beach / Florida.

AGE: 21

EVENTS: 200m Free, 200m Back, 100m Fly, 200m, 400m IM

FAST FACTS

- Competing on his second SCWC team.
- Earned a medal of every color at the 2004 Short Course Worlds in Indianapolis.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Won gold swimming on the American record-breaking 800m free relay that upset the Australians at the 2004 Olympic Games ... also earned an Olympic silver medal in the 200m IM ... triple medalist at the 2005 World Championships, earning gold as a member of the 800m free relay (AR) and bronze medals in the 200m back and 200m IM ... named Swimmer of the Meet at the 2005 NCAA Championships after breaking the American record in the 200y IM ... former American record holder in the 400m IM (scm).

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

Olympic Games

2004: 1st, 800m FR (AR); 2nd, 200m IM

World Championships

2005: 1st, 800m FR (AR); 3rd, 200m back; 3rd, 200m IM

Pan American Games

2003: 1st, 800m FR (GR); 3rd, 200m free

Short Course World Championships

2004: 1st, 800m FR; 2nd, 200 IM; 3rd, 200m free

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

American record holder in the 800m free relay, set at the 2005 World Championships in Montreal ... three-time National A Team member (2003-05) ... 2002 National Junior Team member ... set 17-18 NAG record in 400y IM in 2003.

PERSONAL

Coach: Gregg Troy (since February 2005)

College Major: Sports Rec

Future Professional Aspirations: unsure

Parents: Steve and Ileana ... father is a swim coach, and mother is a day care director

Siblings: two older sisters (Kristin and Megan) and two younger brothers (Devon and Brandon)

Sports Played Before Swimming: soccer, lacrosse, basketball

Pets: three dogs ... Tike and Zeus are Rottweilers, and Spidy is a mixed chow

Hobbies Outside the Pool: playing basketball, skateboarding, surfing

Ultimate Way to Relax: sleeping

Most Influential Person: father ... "He's always been there for me."

Training Stats: Swims 18,000 meters/yards per day, 5-6 hours a day, 6 days a week

More: father was his coach at the Daytona Beach Swim Club



Robert Margalis

6-3, 185 ... born in Queens, N.Y. ... from St. Petersburg, Fla. ... born February 8, 1982 ... Clearwater HS '00 ... Georgia '05 ... swims for Georgia. **AGE:** 24

EVENTS: 400m Free, 400m IM

FAST FACTS

- Competing on his first SCWC team.
- Won the 1500m free at the 2006 World Cup stop in East Meadow, N.Y.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Finished seventh in the 400m IM at the 2005 World Championships ... gold medalist in the 400m IM at the 2003 Pan American Games ... won his second National Title in the 400m IM (and third overall), and finished a close second in the 1500m free at the 2005 ConocoPhillips Summer Nationals ... competed in four events at the 2001 World Champs.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

World Championships

2005: no medals

2001: no medals

Pan American Games

2003: 1st, 400m IM

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

Two-time National A Team member (2001, 2005) ... two-time National B Team member (1999-00) ... 1998 National Junior Team member ... set 15-16 NAG record in 400m IM, breaking Dave Wharton's 1985 mark, at 1997 U.S. Open ... set 11-12 NAG record in 500y free in 1995.

PERSONAL

Coaches: Jack Bauerle and Harvey Humphries (since 2001)

College Major: Consumer Economics / Housing

Future Professional Aspirations: unsure

Parents: Bob and Caryn ... father is in sales, and mother is in accounting

Siblings: younger sister (Stephanie) swam at the University of South Carolina ... younger sister (Melanie) is also a swimmer

Sports Played Before Swimming: soccer, tae kwon do

Nicknames: Robo because he drank a gallon of whole milk and kept it down

Pets: a fish (Emilie) ... used to have a rabbit (Herbie), but he jumped off his third-floor balcony and died

Hobbies Outside the Pool: raquetball

Ultimate Way to Relax: reading a book, throwing a Frisbee in the sun

Training Stats: Swims 20,000 meters/yards per day, 5-6 hours a day, 6 days a week

More: withdrew from high school in 1998 and received GED so he could train full-time



Men's Biographies



Giordan Poglioli

6-2, 180 ... from Peoria, Ill. ... born October 26, 1983 ... Woodruff HS '02 ... Purdue '07 ... swims for Boilermaker Aquatics. **AGE:** 22

EVENTS: 50m, 100m, 200m Breast

FAST FACTS

- Competing on his first SCWC team.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Finished ninth in the 200m breast at the 2005 World University Games; his 'B' finals swim was the 15th-fastest of all-time and was a Universiade record before being broken in the 'A' final ... took fifth in the 200m breast and eighth in the 100m breast at the 2005 World Championship Trials.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

World University Games

2005: no medals

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

2005 National B Team member ... 2003-04 College Swim Coaches of America Academic All-American ... two-time Peoria Journal Star Swimmer of the Year.

PERSONAL

Coach: Dan Ross (since 2002)

College Major: Computer Graphics Technology

Future Professional Aspirations: hopes to swim as long as possible and possibly do some freelance digital artwork on the side ... "After my swimming career I either want to coach swimming at the collegiate level or go into movie special effects work. I have always enjoyed all forms of creative expression, whether it be music or art or writing, whatever. Working on visual effects for movies requires a good mix of technical skill and creativity, which are two of my strong points."

Parents: Tim and Janet ... father is a maintenance technician at BOC Gases, and mother is a special education teacher

Siblings: two brothers (Adam and Austin) ... one sister (Lia) swims for the University of Kansas

Sports Played Before Swimming: gymnastics, soccer, track (was the city track champion for his age group in the 800-meter distance)

Hobbies Outside the Pool: playing guitar, listening to music, spending time with friends ... has owned a guitar since 1996, but has only played it consistently since 2004 ... started out in music by playing the trombone and the viola in the band, jazz band and orchestra in middle school and was a member of the All-City band for two years ... he quit all that when he got to high school, and has stuck with the guitar ever since ... also owns a keyboard, but "my piano skills are very basic as of now. Eventually, when I have time, I would like to become proficient at that as well."

Ultimate Way to Relax: watching TV while eating, sleeping, listening to music

Most Influential Person: dad ... "He is hard working, and he works three jobs to support my family. He never complains, he's determined and selfless, and he makes me want to be a better person."

Training Stats: Swims 12-14,000 meters/yards per day, 6 hours a day, 6 days a week



Chris Thompson

6-5, 204 ... born in San Diego, Calif. ... from Roseburg, Ore. ... lives in Ann Arbor, Mich. ... born November 30, 1978 ... Roseburg HS '97 ... Michigan '02 ... swims for Club Wolverine.

AGE: 27

EVENT: 1500m Free

FAST FACTS

- Competing on his third SCWC team.

- Earned a silver medal in the 1500m free at the 2002 Short Course Worlds in Moscow.

Career Highlights

At the 2000 Olympic Games, became just the second American to break the 15-minute mark in the 1500m free, winning bronze in the process ... bronze medal swim at 1999 Pan Pacific Championships was the then-fastest time by an American since 1984 ... fractured both elbows in a training accident in May 2004 ... owns seven career U.S. National titles, six of them in the 1500m free.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

Olympic Games

2000: 3rd, 1500m free (AR)

World Championships

2005: no medals

2001: no medals

Short Course World Championships

2004: no medals

2002: 2nd, 1500m free

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

Four-time All-Star team member (1998-01) ... four-time National A Team member (1998-01) ... five-time National B Team member (1996-97, 2002-03, 05) ... 1995 National Junior Team member ... two-time Big Ten Swimmer of the Year.

PERSONAL

Coach: Bob Bowman (since January 2005)

College Major: History and Classical Civilization

Job Outside of Swimming: assistant coach with the Ann Arbor Swim Club ... has coached since the fall of 2002

Future Professional Aspirations: sports management ... currently attending Eastern Michigan in the sports management graduate program

Parents: Thomas and Nancy ... father is an orthopedic surgeon, and mother is an office manager

Siblings: younger brother (Benjamin) attended North Dakota State ... younger brother (Nicholas) attended the University of Arizona ... younger sister (Kathryn) swims at the University of Arizona

Sports Played Before Swimming: soccer

Hobbies Outside the Pool: coaching, reading, watching sports (especially Michigan football and Kansas basketball)

Ultimate Way to Relax: watching movies

Most Influential Person: parents ... "They taught me about hard work, dedication and persistence."

Sponsors: Speedo

Training Stats: Swims 15,000 meters/day, 4 hours/day, 6 days/week
More: fractured both elbows in a training accident in early May 2004, just 10 weeks prior to the 2004 Olympic Trials ... left elbow was completely healed by December 2004, and right elbow is still not quite 100% ... coming back from left shoulder surgery, which he had in Oct. 2005



Men's Biographies



Scott Usher

6-2, 190 ... born in Fullerton, Neb. ... from Grand Island, Neb. ... lives in Laramie, Wyo. ... born April 27, 1983 ... Grand Island Senior HS '01 ... Wyoming '06 ... swims for Wyoming.
AGE: 22

EVENTS: 50m, 100m, 200m Breast

FAST FACTS

- Competing on his second SCWC team.
- Finished 12th in the 200m breast at the 2004 Short Course Worlds.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Took seventh in the 200m breast at the 2004 Olympic Games ... his first international team was the 2004 Olympics ... narrowly missed making finals of the 200m breast at the 2005 World Championships, finishing ninth ... captured second in the 200m breast and third in the 100m breast at the 2004 NCAA Championships ... not recruited in high school, and was contacted by Wyoming a week before the national signing date.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

Olympic Games

2004: no medals

World Championships

2005: no medals

Short Course World Championships

2004: no medals

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

2004 National A Team member ... 2005 National B Team member.

PERSONAL

Coach: T.J. Johnson (since August 2001)

College Major: Criminal Justice

Future Professional Aspirations: police, FBI officer

Parents: Tom and Pam ... father is an insurance agent, and mother is an office manager at GI Family Radio ... Tom played football for a small college in Nebraska

Siblings: older brother (Alan) attended the University of Nebraska and now owns radio stations in Nebraska

Sports Played Before Swimming: football, basketball, baseball, golf, soccer

Nicknames: Scottie the Hottie ... his friends started calling him that, but his coach thinks it's motivational to call him Scottie the Hottie during main sets

Hobbies Outside the Pool: hiking, bounding, fishing, hunting, hanging out with friends

Ultimate Way to Relax: taking naps, hiking up a mountain and laying in the sun while listening to music

Most Influential Person: Grandma Lacey ... "She always told me that if you try, anything is possible, but you must use all of your heart."

Training Stats: Swims 12,000 meters per day, 4 hours a day, 6 days a week

More: used to train in a lazy river in Nebraska by swimming against the current ... traveling to Athens for the 2004 Olympic Games was his first experience outside of the U.S.



Women's Biographies



Alicia Aemisegger

5-10 ... born in Germany ... from Oreland, Penn... born November 1, 1987 ... Germantown Academy HS '06 ... Princeton '10 ... swims for Germantown Academy. **AGE:** 18

EVENTS: 100m, 200m, 400m IM

FAST FACTS

- Competing on her first U.S. National Team.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Took third in both the 200m and 400m IM at the 2005 ConocoPhillips Summer Nationals ... was third in the 400m IM and sixth in the 200m IM at the 2005 World Championship Trials ... finished second in the 400m IM and fourth in the 200m IM at the 2004 CP Summer Nationals.

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

2005 National B Team member.

PERSONAL

Coach: Richard Shoulberg (since 1999)

Anticipated College Major: Business or Political Science ... will attend Princeton in the fall

Professional Aspirations: International Affairs

Parents: John and Gaynor ... father works in business acquisition, and mother is a teacher

Siblings: two younger sisters (Sarah and Katie) who both also swim

Sports Played Before Swimming: field hockey, soccer, softball, track, basketball, gymnastics

Nickname: Licie

Hobbies Outside the Pool: rock climbing, music

Ultimate Way to Relax: hanging out with friends, listening to music, watching a movie

Most Influential Person: Erika Hanson ... "Her knowledgeable influence has inspired me, and her amazingly positive personality helps me get through tough situations."

Training Stats: Swims 15-18,000 yards per day, 6 hours a day, 7 days a week



Elaine Breden

5-10 ... born in Lexington, Ky. ... from Lexington, Ky. ... born November 18, 1988 ... Trinity Christian Academy '06 ... swims for Wildcat Aquatics. **AGE:** 17

EVENTS: 200m Fly

FAST FACTS

- Competing on her first SCWC team.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Won her first two U.S. National titles in the 100m and 200m fly at the 2005 ConocoPhillips Summer Nationals ... took third in the 200m fly at World Championship Trials ... swam onto the All-time Top 25 Americans list in the 100m fly at the age of 14 while competing in Sydney at the 2003 Youth Olympic Festival.

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

2005 National B Team member ... 2003 National Junior Team member.

PERSONAL

Coach: John Brucato (since the fall of 1999)

Job Outside of Swimming: gives swimming lessons in the summer

Parents: Dan and Lenore ... father is a contractor, and mother is a teacher

Siblings: older sister (Kathleen) attends Harvard and swims on a club team ... younger sister (Caroline) also swims for Wildcat Aquatics

Notable Relatives: cousin is Diane Sawyer (host of *Good Morning America*)

Sports Played Before Swimming: tennis, volleyball, horseback riding, ice skating, gymnastics

Nickname: Lainey

Pet: Leonidas (Leo) is her kitten ... "When he was three months old, Leo attacked Georgia coach Jack Bauerle when Coach Bauerle visited our home. Leo would not leave him alone the entire evening! (Maybe Leo detected bulldog?)"

Hobbies Outside the Pool: reading, playing the piano

Ultimate Way to Relax: listening to all kinds of music, reading, spending time with friends and family, watching movies

Most Influential Person: family and grandfather ... "All of my family has been very supportive of my swimming, and my grandfather Joe Dougherty (called Bepa) is one of my biggest supporters and a great inspiration. He was a pilot in the Vietnam War, and he got a national flying record in 1999."

Charities: volunteer for church and serves as a guest speaker at swim camps

Training Stats: Swims 11-13,000 yards per day, 4 ½ hours a day, 6 days a week

More: can do the human pretzel ... used to be a professional clown ... plays the piano ... was home schooled until 2002 ... has visited 20 different countries and all 50 states



Women's Biographies



Maritza Correia

5-8 ... born in San Juan, Puerto Rico ... from Valrico, Fla. ... born December 23, 1981 ... Tampa Bay Tech HS '99 ... Georgia '05 ... swims for Athens Bulldog. **AGE:** 24

EVENTS: 50m, 100m Free

FAST FACTS

- Competing on her third SCWC team.
- Won gold swimming prelims of the 400m free relay at the 2004 Short Course Worlds.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Earned silver swimming prelims of the 400m free relay at the 2004 Olympic Games ... became the first black woman to qualify for an Olympic swim team ... won four gold medals at the 2005 World University Games, capturing individual gold in the 50m free and three relay golds ... earned a gold medal swimming on prelim 400m free relay at the 2003 World Championships.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

Olympic Games

2004: 2nd, 400m FRp

World Championships

2003: 1st, 400m FRp

2001: 2nd, 400m FR; 1st, 800m FRp

Short Course World Championships

2004: 1st, 400m FRp

1999: no medals

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

Four-time National B Team member (2001, 03-05) ... 1997 National Junior Team member.

PERSONAL

Coach: Jack Bauerle (since August 1999)

College Major: Sociology

Job Outside of Swimming: teaching swim clinics, public speaking

Parents: Vincent and Anne ... father is a mechanical engineer, mother is a head nurse coordinator ... father was on the crew team and mother played tennis at the University of London and went to Wimbledon

Siblings: two older brothers (Justin and Jeremy) ... Justin is a former swimmer currently coaching in Tempe Terrace, Fla.

Notable Relative: godparents were gold medalists in track and field

Sports Played Before Swimming: track and field

Nicknames: 'Ritz

Pets: two dogs ... Maibu is a cocker spaniel, and Tyson is a Jack Russell terrier

Hobbies Outside the Pool: movies, bowling, dancing

Ultimate Way to Relax: hot chocolate, a blanket, and the TV remote

Most Influential Person: always wanted to be like her mom, who has "the heart of an angel"

Sponsors: Nike

Training Stats: Swims 14,000 meters/yards per day, 5 hours a day, 6 days a week

More: parents are from Guyana but went to school in England ... was diagnosed with scoliosis at age six, and doctors recommended either swimming or gymnastics ... also used to do ballet before focusing solely on swimming ... has done work with inner city schools and detention centers to get kids involved in sports, particularly swimming



Mary DeScenza

5-10 ... born in Middlesex, N.J. ... from Naperville, Ill. ... born September 17, 1984 ... Rosary HS '02 ... Georgia '06 ... swims for Athens Bulldog. **AGE:** 21

EVENTS: 200m Free, 50m, 100m, 200m Fly

FAST FACTS

- Competing on her third SCWC team.
- Won two silver medals in the 200m fly and 400m medley relay (prelims) at the 2004 Short Course Worlds.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Won gold, silver, and bronze swimming prelims of the 800m free relay, 400m medley relay and 400m free relay teams (respectively) at the 2005 World Championships ... graduated as the first swimmer in NCAA history to win four consecutive 200-yard butterfly titles ... only Mary T. Meagher has also won four 200 fly NCAA titles when she did it in 1983 and 1985-87 ... narrowly missed a spot on the 2004 Olympic Team, finishing fourth in the 200m fly at the Olympic Trials ... at the 2003 World Championships, earned silver in the 400m medley relay (prelims) and narrowly missed a medal in the 200m fly, taking fourth ... owns two career U.S. National titles.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

World Championships

2005: 1st, 800m FRp; 2nd, 400m MRp; 3rd, 400m FRp

2003: 2nd, 400m MRp

2001: 2nd, 400m MR

Pan Pacific Championships

2002: 2nd, 200m fly

Short Course World Championships

2004: 2nd, 200m fly; 2nd, 400m MRp

2002: 3rd, 200m fly

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

Five-time National A Team member (2001-05) ... 1999 National Junior Team member.

PERSONAL

Coach: Jack Bauerle (since 2002)

College Major: Biology

Future Professional Aspirations: nurse or veterinarian

Parents: Robert and Margaret ... father is a structural engineer, and mother is a homemaker

Siblings: older sister (Katie) and attended William and Mary ... younger sister (Patty) is a swimmer who also qualified for the 2004 Olympic Trials in the 200m fly (same event as Mary)

Sports Played Before Swimming: soccer, softball

Nicknames: Crazy ... nicknamed "Crazy" because she's kind of weird and crazy ... at first, her nickname was Crazy Mary, but then people shortened it to Crazy

Pets: one dog ... Speedo is a long-haired weiner dog

Hobbies Outside the Pool: baking, reading, shopping

Ultimate Way to Relax: laying out on a beach

Most Influential Person: best friend (Michelle Schaeffer) ... "She is so fun and motivating. We have a fun time together."

Training Stats: Swims 12,000 meters/yards per day, 5 hours a day, 6 days a week



Women's Biographies



Jessica Hardy

5-11 ... born in Orange, Calif. ... from Long Beach, Calif. ... born March 12, 1987 ... Long Beach Wilson '05 ... Cal '09 ... swims for Irvine Novaquatics.

AGE: 19

EVENTS: 50m, 100m Breast

FAST FACTS

- Competing on her first SCWC team.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

At the 2005 World Championships, in which she was a U.S. National Team rookie, set a world record in the semis of the 100m breast before ultimately finishing second in the finals; also earned silver in the 50m breast and as a member of the 400m medley relay ... won her second U.S. National title in the 100m breast at the 2005 ConocoPhillips Summer Nationals ... won her first NCAA title in the 100y breast at the 2006 NCAA Championships ... finished fifth in the 100m breast at the 2004 Olympic Trials.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

World Championships

2005: 2nd, 50m breast; 2nd, 100m breast (WRsf); 2nd, 400m MR

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

Former world record holder in the 100m breast ... 2005 National A Team member ... two-time 18&under National Champion at 2004 CP Spring and Summer Nationals ... broke the National High School record in the 100y breast, naming her *Swimming World's* High School Swimmer of the Year.

PERSONAL

Coach: Teri McKeever (since 2005) ... David Salo has also been her coach since 2002

Parents: George Hardy and Denise Robinson ... father is a chemical engineer, and mother is a clinical social worker ... Denise was a former swimmer at Indiana State University ... stepfather is Bill Robinson, and he is an aviation and intellectual properties attorney who attended the U.S. Naval Academy

Siblings: younger sister (Amanda) plays water polo and swims ... one stepsister (Kerri Robinson-Johnson) works as a corporate marketer for McDonalds

Notable Relative: grandfather (John Tourtellot) was on the crew team at Columbia University

Sports Played Before Swimming: water polo

Nicknames: Jess

Pets: three cats ... King Tut, Zeus and Caliente are all Abyssinians

Hobbies Outside the Pool: all water sports (surfing, water polo and scuba diving), hanging out with friends and family ... "I'm your typical 'Southern Cali' girl" ... also enjoys finding good music to listen to, traveling and relaxing as much as possible

Ultimate Way to Relax: laying out on a tropical beach for vacation or on the beach at home in Long Beach

Most Influential People: Dave Salo, Staciana Stitts, parents ... "My parents have always supported me, through the ups and downs."

Training Stats: Swims 6,000 meters/yards per day, 3 hours a day, 6 days a week



Margaret Hoelzer

5-11 ... born in Huntsville, Ala. ... lives in Auburn, Ala. ... born March 30, 1983 ... Huntsville HS '01 ... Auburn '05 ... swims for Auburn Aquatics.

AGE: 23

EVENTS: 50m, 100m, 200m Back

FAST FACTS

- Competing on her second SCWC team.

- At the 2004 Short Course Worlds, earned gold in the 200m back and silver swimming prelims of the 400m medley relay; also narrowly missed a medal in the 100m back, finishing fourth

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Finalist in the 200m back at the 2004 Olympic Games, finishing fifth ... double silver medalist in the 200m back at the 2003 and 2005 World Championships ... won her first U.S. National title in the 200m back at the 2005 World Championship Trials ... won the 200m back at the 2002 Pan Pacific Championships.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

Olympic Games

2004: no medals

World Championships

2005: 2nd, 200m back

2003: 2nd, 200m back; 1st, 800m FRp

Pan Pacific Championships

2002: 1st, 200m back

Short Course World Championships

2004: 1st, 200m back; 2nd, 400m MRp

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

Four-time National A Team member (2002-05) ... 1998 National Junior Team member.

PERSONAL

Coach: David Marsh (since 2001)

College Major: Psychology, minor in Criminology

Future Professional Aspirations: work with abused kids ... is currently in graduate school at Auburn for sociology

Parents: Hans and Elizabeth ... father is an engineer, and mother is a salesperson ... stepfather is Win Livingston, and he is a lawyer ... stepmother is Billie

Siblings: older sister (Martha) ran track at both the University of Alabama and University of North Carolina

Notable Relative: grandfather (Helmut Hoelzer) invented the analog computer during World War II

Sports Played Before Swimming: soccer, gymnastics, track, softball

Nicknames: Marge and Maggie Jo ... nicknamed Marge because "that's what everyone came up with" and Maggie Jo because it's her first and middle names shortened

Hobbies Outside the Pool: reading, sleeping

Ultimate Way to Relax: sleep, lay around, take a bath

Most Influential Person: mother ... "She's my role model and friend."

Charities: works with various charities through the Auburn swim team

Sponsors: Speedo

Training Stats: Swims more than 10,000 meters/yards per day, 5-6 hours a day, 6 days a week



Women's Biographies



Tara Kirk

5-6 ... born in Bremerton, Wash. ... from Bremerton, Wash. ... born July 12, 1982 ... Bremerton HS '00 ... Stanford '05 ... swims for Palo Alto Stanford. **AGE:** 23

EVENTS: 50m, 100m, 200m Breast

FAST FACTS

- Competing on her third SCWC team.
- Won silver on the American record-setting 400m medley relay, in addition to two bronze medals in the 50m and 100m breast at the 2004 Short Course Worlds.
- World record holder in the 100m breast (scm).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Silver medalist (prelims) in the 400m medley relay at the 2004 Olympic Games ... earned silver swimming prelims of the 400m medley relay, and claimed bronze in the 100m breast at the 2005 World Championships; narrowly missed a medal in the 50m breast, finishing fourth ... finished her collegiate career with a perfect record in the 100 breast, winning four-straight NCAA titles and breaking the world record (scm) at her final NCAA meet in 2004.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

Olympic Games

2004: 2nd, 400m MRp

World Championships

2005: 2nd, 400m MRp; 3rd, 100m breast

2003: 2nd, 400m MRp

Short Course World Championships

2004: 2nd, 400m MR (AR); 3rd, 50m breast; 3rd, 100m breast

2000: 3rd, 50m breast

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

American record holder in the 50m and 200m breast and 400m medley relay (scm) ... four-time National A Team member (2002-05) ... 2001 National B Team member ... became the first Stanford woman ever to win the Honda Broderick Cup for NCAA female athlete of the year.

PERSONAL

Coach: Lea Maurer (since 2005)

College Major: BA in Human Biology, MA in Anthropological Sciences

Master's Thesis: "Reflections: Using H5N1 Avian Influenza to Investigate the Pandemic of 1918." ... "I compared the bird flu virus that is currently spreading across the world to an influenza epidemic that affected the whole world and killed about 50 million people in 1918 and 1919. I proposed that the two viruses are a lot alike in several different ways, and what I found out was pretty scary. My ideas were actually proven by a group of researchers who published in *Science* magazine in October (2005)."

Future Prof. Aspirations: work for the World Health Organization

Parents: Jeff and Margaret ... both parents are electrical engineers

Siblings: younger sister (Dana) was a 2004 Olympian and National Team member ... they were the first sisters to swim on the same Olympic team

Sports Played Before Swimming: soccer, gymnastics, track, diving

Nickname: Captain Kirk

Hobbies Outside the Pool: many! ... currently working on a family cookbook of all the old recipes in her family ... "I've learned a lot about cooking, but that wasn't hard since I hardly knew anything before!" ... taking a Latin dance class in May 2006 to "become more graceful, but also not a high starting point" ... enjoys hanging out with friends

Sponsor: Speedo

Training Stats: Swims 6-13,000 meters/yards per day, 3-8 hours a day, 6 days a week

More: was a Rhodes Scholar finalist in the fall of 2005, which means she made the final interview round and was one of a few called back for a second interview; in the end, she wasn't chosen ... "I was pretty disappointed, but I'll just have to take a different path to change the world."



Rachel Komisarz

5-8 ... born in Detroit, Mich. ... from Louisville, Ky. ... born December 5, 1976 ... Warren Mott HS '95 ... Kentucky '99 ... swims for Lakeside. **AGE:** 29

EVENTS: 50m, 100m Fly

FAST FACTS

- Competing on her third SCWC team.
- Has earned five Short Course Worlds medals, including gold swimming on the 800m free relay that set the U.S. Open record in 2004.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Earned gold in the 800m free relay (prelims) and silver in the 400m medley relay (prelims) at the 2004 Olympic Games ... still holds the American record in the 800m free relay (scm), set at the 2002 Short Course World Championships ... won gold and silver in the 800m free relay (prelims) and 400m medley relay (respectively) at the 2005 World Championships; narrowly missed an individual medal, taking fourth in the 100m fly ... won her first U.S. National title in the 100m fly at the 2005 World Championship Trials ... in 2001, won five medals at WUGs, tying her for the most medals by an American at one Universiade.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

Olympic Games

2004: 1st, 800m FRp; 2nd, 400m MRp

World Championships

2005: 1st, 400m FRp; 2nd, 400m MRp

2003: 1st, 800m FR (AR)

Short Course World Championships

2004: 1st, 800m FR (USO); 2nd, 100m fly

2002: 3rd, 400m free; 2nd, 800m FR (AR); 2nd, 400m MR (AR)

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

American record holder in the 800m free relay (scm) ... former American record holder in the 800m free relay (lcm) ... two-time National A Team member (2004-05) ... two-time National B Team member (2001-02).

PERSONAL

Coach: Mike DeBoor (since 2000)

College Major: Exercise Science

Job Outside of Swimming: Certified Personal Trainer

Parents: father is a truck driver, and mother is a bookkeeper

Siblings: older sister (Theresa) went to the University of Michigan ... younger brother (Jeffrey)

Spouse: engaged to Jeff Baugh ... he proposed on Dec. 27, 2005 in front of his family ... they plan to be married in May of 2007 on the beach in Marco Island, Fla.

Sports Played Before Swimming: gymnastics, track

Pets: two dogs ... Abby and Ali are Boxers

Hobbies Outside the Pool: movies, cooking

Ultimate Way to Relax: reading books

Most Influential Person: her fiancé (Jeff Baugh) ... "He helps motivate me everyday."

Charities: Women's Sport Foundation

Training Stats: Swims 12,000 meters/yards per day, 4 hours a day, 6 days a week

More: didn't start swimming until age 17; a back injury forced her to give up a promising gymnastics career (she competed at the Junior Olympics)



Women's Biographies



Carly Piper

6-2, 173 ... born in Detroit, Mich. ... from Grosse Pointe, Mich. ... lives in Madison, Wisc. ... born September 23, 1983 ... Grosse Pointe North HS '01 ... Wisconsin '06 ... swims for Wisconsin Aquatics. **AGE:** 22

EVENTS: 400m, 800m Free

FAST FACTS

- Competing on her second SCWC team.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Gold medalist on the 800m free relay that broke the 17-year-old world record at the Olympic Games ... also won gold on the 800m free relay at the 2003 Pan American Games ... won her first U.S. National title in the 400m free at the 2005 World Championship Trials ... made finals in the 500y and 1650y free at the 2005 NCAA Championships.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

Olympic Games

2004: 1st, 800m FR (WR)

World Championships

2005: no medals

Short Course World Championships

2004: no medals

ADDITIONAL AWARDS/HONORS

2005 National B Team member ... 2004 USA Swimming Relay Performance of the Year (Olympic 800m free relay).

PERSONAL

Coach: Geoff Hanson (since 2001)

College Major: Zoology

Future Professional Aspirations: something to do with animals, possibly vet tech school ... "The bonds that people have with their pets is so interesting to me."

Parents: Kenneth and Carol ... father is a quality assurance inspector for General Dynamics, and mother is an aerobics instructor

Siblings: older sister (Cortney) swam at the University of Tennessee

Sports Played Before Swimming: gymnastics, dance

Nicknames: Pipes, Carlita Sanchez ... nicknamed "Pipes" because her friends shortened her last name ... nicknamed "Carlita Sanchez" because "my uncle always called me Carlita. When I came to school, my coaches randomly started calling me it also, and it stuck. The Sanchez part was added because Carlita sounds Spanish."

Hobbies Outside the Pool: making jewelry (necklaces, earrings, bracelets, all by hand); adds a star to all her pieces as a "trademark" ... loves cooking everything; "My favorite dishes are raspberry chicken and a stuffed cabbage lasagna that my family calls 'the Polish lasagna.' I also love cooking fish because there are so many things you can do with it. If I wasn't swimming, I would probably go to culinary school in France. That would be a dream." ... also enjoys listening to music, being outside, watching hockey or basketball (Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Pistons), hanging out with friends

Ultimate Way to Relax: laying outside in the sun, sitting out by the lake in Madison with friends, going to a spa

Charities: is passionate about breast cancer research, specifically because her mother was diagnosed when Carly was in sixth grade (but has since made a full recovery) and her grandmother died when Carly was in grade school ... "Supporting the cause is something that can only get us closer to finding a cure."

Training Stats: Swims 10-15,000 meters/yards per day, 4 hours a day, 6 days a week



Kaitlin Sandeno

5-7 ... born in Mission Viejo, Calif. ... lives in Los Angeles, Calif. ... born March 13, 1983 ... El Toro HS '01 ... USC '06 ... swims for Trojan. **AGE:** 23

EVENTS: 200m Free, 200m Back, 100m, 200m, 400m IM

FAST FACTS

- Competing on her second SCWC team.
- Won four gold medals (three on the first day alone) at the 2004 Short Course Worlds.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

A two-time Olympian who has won four medals (gold, silver, two bronze) ... anchored the 800m free relay that captured gold and broke the 17-year-old world record at the 2004 Olympic Games ... also won silver in the 400m IM in American record time, bronze in the 400m free and narrowly missed a medal in the 200m fly (she took fourth) ... at the 2000 Games, earned bronze in the 800m free ... American record holder in the 400m IM (lcm and scm) ... owns 10 career U.S. National titles.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

Olympic Games

2004: 1st, 800m FR (WR); 2nd, 400m IM (AR); 3rd, 400m free

2000: 3rd, 800m free

World Championships

2005: 1st, 800m FR (CR); 3rd, 400m IM

2001: 3rd, 800m free; 3rd, 200m fly

Short Course World Championships

2004: 1st, 400m free; 1st, 200m fly; 1st, 400m IM (AR); 1st, 800m FR

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

2004 USA Swimming Comeback Athlete of the Year and Relay Performance of the Year (Olympic 800m free relay) ... six-time National A Team member (1999-01, 03-05) ... 1998 National B Team member.

PERSONAL

Coach: Mark Schubert (since 2001)

College Major: History

Future Professional Aspirations: broadcasting ... was a commentator for the 2006 Women's NCAA Championships

Parents: Tom and Jill ... father is a site manager for John Laing Luxury Homes in Newport Beach, Calif., and mother is a homemaker

Siblings: two older sisters (Amy and Camlyn) ... Amy is the mother of three, and Camlyn is the mother of two

Sports Played Before Swimming: soccer, cross country, dance, volleyball

Hobbies Outside the Pool: shopping, traveling, public speaking

Ultimate Way to Relax: lay out at the beach, go to parent's house for the weekend

Most Influential Person: parents and family ... "They just mean the world to me."

Charities: travels around the country promoting asthma awareness

Sponsors: Nike, Penta, Mutual of Omaha, Glaxosmithkline

Training Stats: Swims 19,000 meters/yards per day, 5 hours a day, 6 days a week

More: gave up future college eligibility after 2004 Olympic Trials ... suffered a career threatening back injury (stress fracture) in 2001 that took six months to diagnose; she continued to swim, but it wasn't until the 2003 Spring Nationals that she returned to top form



Women's Biographies



Rebecca Soni

5-7... born in Freehold, N.J. ... from Plainsboro, N.J. ... born March 18, 1987 ... West Windsor Plainsboro HS '05 ... USC '09 ... swam for Scarlet ... swims for USC. **AGE:** 19

EVENTS: 200m Breast

FAST FACTS

- Competing on her first SCWC team.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Captured three medals at the 2005 World University Games, including double silver in the 100m and 200m breast and gold swimming prelims of the 400m medley relay ... won her first U.S. National title at the 2005 ConocoPhillips Summer Nationals, taking first in the 200m breast ... was third in the 200m breast and fourth in the 100m breast at the 2005 World Championship Trials ... took home her first NCAA title in the 200y breast at the 2006 NCAA Championships.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

World University Games

2005: 1st, 400m MRp; 2nd, 100m breast; 2nd, 200m breast

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

2005 National A Team member.

PERSONAL

Coach: Mark Schubert (since 2005) ... Thomas Speedling was her coach from 2000-05

College Major: Kinesiology

Future Professional Aspirations: unsure, but probably something related to physical therapy or exercise science

Parents: Peter and Kinga ... father works in real estate, and mother is a nurse ... parents came to America from Hungary and Romania before she was born

Siblings: older sister (Rita) swam for Texas A&M

Sports Played Before Swimming: gymnastics

Nicknames: Reb

Pets: one cat (Charlie)

Hobbies Outside the Pool: learning new things such as skateboarding, spending time with friends, exploring Los Angeles

Ultimate Way to Relax: a day at the beach

Most Influential Person: parents ... "They support me no matter what happens."

Charities: has done some fundraising for hurricane relief funds

Training Stats: Swims 14,000 meters/yards per day, 3-4 hours a day, 6 days a week



Amanda Weir

6-0 ... born in Davenport, Iowa ... from Lawrenceville, Ga. ... born March 11, 1986 ... Brookwood HS '04 ... USC '09 ... swims for Swim Atlanta. **AGE:** 20

EVENTS: 50m, 100m Free

FAST FACTS

- Competing on her second SCWC team.

- At the 2004 Short Course Worlds in Indianapolis, led off the American record-breaking 400m free relay that won gold, in addition to earning silver swimming prelims of the 400m medley relay.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Captured silver medals in the 400m medley relay (prelims) and American record-setting 400m free relay at the 2004 Olympic Games ... won two relay medals at the 2005 World Championships and narrowly missed individual bronze, finishing tied for fourth in the 100m free ... broke the Pan American record in the 100m free leading off the 400m free relay at the 2003 Pan Am Games, becoming the fourth-fastest American ever in that event ... won her first two U.S. National titles at the 2005 ConocoPhillips Summer Nationals, taking the 50m and 100m free.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

Olympic Games

2004: 2nd, 400m FR (AR); 2nd, 400m MRp

World Championships

2005: 2nd, 400m MR; 3rd, 400m FR

Pan American Games

2003: 1st, 400m FR (GR; GR leadoff); 1st, 400m MR

Short Course World Championships

2004: 1st, 400m FR (AR); 2nd, 400m MRp

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

Member of both American record-breaking 400m free relays (lcm and scm) ... three-time National A Team member (2003-05) ... 2000 National Junior Team member ... has broken a slew of NAG records, most recently the 17-18 NAG record in 100y free in 2004.

PERSONAL

Coach: Chris Davis (since 1998)

College Major: Graphic Design/Advertising

Future Professional Aspirations: Graphic Design

Parents: Jim and Julie ... father is an acoustic engineer, and mother is a fourth-grade teacher ... Jim played basketball at Central College in Iowa, and mom ran track at Central College

Siblings: younger brother (Caleb) swims and plays basketball

Notable Relative: great uncle was Burl Ives (singer, actor)

Nicknames: Hollywood, AJ ... nicknamed "Hollywood" because she loves sunglasses and always wears them ... "AJ" because her middle name is Jo

Hobbies Outside the Pool: drawing, reading, shopping

Ultimate Way to Relax: lay out at the beach, floating in the ocean

Most Influential Person: parents ... "They always believe in me and have taught me that there is more to life than swimming."

Training Stats: Swims 8-12,000 meters/yards per day, 3-4 hours a day, 6 days a week

More: swam for Georgia from 2004-05 before transferring to USC in the fall of 2006



Women's Biographies



Kate Ziegler

5-11 ... born in Fairfax, Va. ... from Great Falls, Va. ... born June 27, 1988 ... Bishop O'Connell HS '06 ... swims for The Fish. **AGE:** 17

EVENTS: 400m, 800m Free

FAST FACTS

- Competing on her second SCWC team.
- Earned a silver medal in the 800m free at the 2004 Short Course Worlds, her first U.S. National Team
- American record holder in the 800m free (scm), most recently lowering her own mark at the 2006 FINA World Cup stop in East Meadow, N.Y.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Double gold medalist in the 800m and 1500m free at the 2005 World Championships ... first broke Sippy Woodhead's 25-year-old American record in the 800m free at the 2005 FINA World Cup in New York, which at the time was the oldest American record on the books ... has been on a record-breaking spree in the past four months, taking down two of Janet Evans' distance freestyle records: 500y free (Feb. '06) and 1000y free (Dec. '05) ... owns six career U.S. National titles.

INTERNATIONAL MEDALS

World Championships

2005: 1st, 800m free; 1st, 1500m free

Short Course World Championships

2004: 2nd, 800m free

ADDITIONAL HONORS/RECORDS

Two-time National A Team member (2004-05) ... 2004 National Junior Team member ... broke the 15-year-old 15-16 NAG record in the 1000y free and the 22-year-old 15-16 NAG record in the 1650y free in 2005.

PERSONAL

Coach: Ray Benecki (since 2000)

Future Professional Aspirations: interior decorating or psychology ... loves fashion, and has considered becoming a personal shopper

Parents: Don and Cathy ... father is the retired financial officer for a computer company, and mother is a homemaker

Siblings: older brother (David) graduated from MIT ... older sister (Anne) attended Mary Washington

Sports Played Before Swimming: basketball, softball

Hobbies Outside the Pool: shopping, hanging out with friends

Ultimate Way to Relax: sleeping, taking a bath

Most Influential Person: parents and swim coach (Ray Benecki) ... "I wouldn't be where I am today as a swimmer without Ray."

Training Stats: Swims 10-15,000 meters/yards per day, 2-4 hours a day, 7 days a week



Coach Biographies / Men's Team

Eric Hansen

POSITION: Men's Head Coach

RESIDENCE: Madison, Wisc.

COACHES: Wisconsin

PREVIOUS TEAMS:

- 2003 Pan American Games, men's head coach
- 2002 Short Course World Championships, men's head coach
- Member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic Team advisory staff
- 1994 World Championships, assistant coach

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Head Coach at the University of Wisconsin since 1999
- Head Coach of the Phoenix Swim Club (1992-95)
- Assistant Coach at the University of Arizona (1996-99)
- Assistant Coach at the University of Florida (1995-96)

OTHER:

- Most recent Olympians: Carly Piper and Adam Mania
- A native of Sioux City, Iowa, was a member of the U.S. National Team from 1987-92 and served as the captain of the U.S. team for the 1991 World University Games
- Was a six-time NCAA All-American at Iowa State University
- Two-time Big 8 Conference Swimmer of the Year (1987 and 1988)
- Named the Iowa State Athlete of the Year in 1988
- Graduated from Iowa State in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in exercise science and received his master's degree in exercise physiology from Arizona in 1990

Mike Bottom

POSITION: Men's Assistant Coach

RESIDENCE: Oakland, Calif.

COACHES: Cal Aquatics

PREVIOUS TEAMS:

- 2001 World Championships, men's assistant coach
- 2001 Goodwill Games, World Team assistant coach
- Has served on Olympic staffs for Ecuador, Venezuela and Croatia, and World Championships staff for Poland

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Co-Head Coach at Cal-Berkeley since 1997
- Sprint Coach at Phoenix Swim Club (1995-98)
- Assistant Coach at the Univ. of Southern California (1995-97)
- Assistant Coach at Auburn (1991-94)

OTHER:

- Considered one of the world's top sprint coaches, has coached Gary Hall, Jr. (10 Olympic medals, including five gold), Anthony Ervin (2000 Olympic gold medalist), Jon Olsen (four-time Olympic gold medalist), Bill Pilczuk (1998 World champion) and a number of international Olympians
- Member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team
- Graduated from Summa Cum Laude from USC with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and received the Scholar-Athlete Award for the graduating athlete with the highest GPA
- Received a master's degree in counseling at Auburn
- While swimming at USC, was a member of three NCAA Championship teams from 1975-77
- He and his wife (Laura Lyn) have one daughter (Dublyn)

Pete Morgan

POSITION: Men's Assistant Coach

RESIDENCE: Fairfax Station, Va.

COACHES: Curl-Burke

PREVIOUS TEAMS:

- 2005 National Junior Team, men's head coach
- 2001 World Championships, assistant coach

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Started the Curl Burke Swim Club with partner Rick Curl in 1978
- Assistant Coach at Solotar Swim Club (1975-78)

OTHER:

- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 1974 with a degree in education
- He and his wife (Suzy) have two children (Dylan and Katy)



Coach Biographies / Women's Team

Mike DeBoor

POSITION: Women's Head Coach

RESIDENCE: Louisville, Ky.

COACHES: Lakeside

PREVIOUS TEAMS:

- 2005 National Junior Team, women's assistant coach
- 2005 Regional Distance Camp, assistant coach
- 2003 USA Swimming Boys Select Camp, head coach
- 2002 and 2004 FINA USA World Cup Team
- 1995 USA Olympic Development Camp, assistant coach
- 1995 USA Swimming Girls Select Camp, assistant coach

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Head Coach of Lakeside Aquatics since 1993 ... was an assistant coach from 1987-93

OTHER:

- Has been named the Kentucky Swimming Senior Coach of the Year six times and twice named the ASCA Age Group Coach of the Year
- Currently serves as the Senior Vice Chairman of Kentucky Swimming and has served as the Head Coach on four Kentucky All-Star Teams and coached three Kentucky Zone Teams

Chris Davis

POSITION: Women's Assistant Coach

RESIDENCE: Berkeley Lake, Ga.

COACHES: Swim Atlanta

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Co-founder and co-owner of Swim Atlanta since 1977, where he is the National Coach
- Former assistant Coach at Auburn University

OTHER:

- He and his wife (Susan) have three children (Chris, Scot and Whitney) who are all swimmers
- Graduated from Auburn University

Mark Schubert

POSITION: Women's Assistant Coach

RESIDENCE: Surfside, Calif.

COACHES: University of Southern California, Trojan Swim Club

PREVIOUS TEAMS:

- Has served on seven consecutive U.S. Olympic coaching staffs, three as a head coach (men in 2000 and women in 1992 and 2004)
- Seven-time World Championship team coach (1978, '82, '86, '91, '94, '98, '03); head men's and women's coach in 1982
- 1999 Pan Pacific Championships men's head coach

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Was hired at the University of Southern California in 1992 as men's head coach; added women's head coach title in 1993
- Head Coach at the University of Texas (1989-92)
- Head Coach of Texas Aquatics (1988-92)
- Head Coach of Mission Bay Makos Swim Team (1986-89)
- Head Coach of Mission Viejo Nadadores (1972-85)
- Head Coach of Cuyahoga Falls High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (1971-72)
- Began his coaching career at the University of Kentucky as an assistant coach from 1969-71

OTHER:

- Named the USA Swimming National Team Head Coach & General Manager in March 2006
- Has won three NCAA titles (1990, '91, '97), and his athletes have won 49 NCAA individual titles
- 1999 USA Swimming, U.S. Olympic and ASCA Coach of the Year
- 1997 USA Swimming, U.S. Olympic, ASCA, NCAA and Pac-10 Coach of the Year
- Five-time American Swimming Coaches Association Coach of the Year (1975-76, '81, '97, '99)
- Inducted in the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1997
- Winningest club coach in USA Swimming history, earning a record 63 U.S. National team titles in his coaching career
- Swam at Kentucky from 1967-69, and graduated in 1971 with a B.A. in education
- He and his wife (Joke) have two daughters (Tatum and Leigh)



Manager Biographies

Joe Hendee

POSITION: Head Manager
RESIDENCE: Knoxville, Tenn.
COACHES: Tennessee

PREVIOUS TEAMS:

- 2003 Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool, assistant manager
- 2000 Short Course World Championships, manager
- 1999 National Junior Team Camp, manager
- 1997 National Junior Team Camp, manager
- 1995 National Junior Team, manager
- Three-time Olympic Festival (1989, 1993)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Assistant Coach at the University of Tennessee since 1985 ... also coaches the Tennessee Aquatics
- Various other coaching positions, including: UT Gatorade South and Pilot Aquatic Club of Knoxville; Ray Bussard's clinics, United Swimming Clinics and the 1996 Select Camp in Colorado Springs; Knoxville Racquet Club

OTHER:

- Inducted into the Tennessee Swimming Hall of Fame prior to the 2003-04 season
- He and his wife (Shelli) have two daughters (Claire and Caroline)

Steve Eckelkamp

POSITION: Assistant Manager
RESIDENCE: Boca Raton, Fla.
COACHES: Florida Atlantic

PREVIOUS TEAMS:

- 2001 Goodwill Games, assistant manager
- 1997 World University Games, head manager
- 1995 Olympic Festival staff
- 1993 Long Distance Training Camp
- 1991 World University Games, assistant manager
- 1991 LEN Cup

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Head Women's Coach at Florida Atlantic University since 1989
- Started a men's program at FAU in 1991
- Assistant Men's Coach at the University of Minnesota (1985-89)
- Head Coach at Indian River Community College (1984-85)
- Assistant Coach at Indian River Community College (1981-84)
- Coach at Burnsville Swim Club (1979-81)
- Coach at St. Paul Athletic Club (1976-79)
- Coached NCAA Champion Bela Szabdos in 1995 and more than 100 All-Americans

OTHER:

- Holds a world speed record in the Guinness Book of World Records for canoeing the length of the Mississippi River (1980)
- Wife (Lisa) is from Roydon, England ... they have one son (Yuri) who is four years old

Jackie Yost

POSITION: Assistant Manager
RESIDENCE: Virginia Beach, Va.
COACHES: Old Dominion

PREVIOUS TEAMS:

- 2005 World Championships, head manager
- 2005 Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool, head manager
- 2004 Olympic Games, assistant manager
- 2003 World Championships, assistant manager
- 2003 Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool, assistant manager
- 2002 Short Course World Championships, assistant manager

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Assistant Coach at Old Dominion since 2004
- Former head Coach at Youngstown State
- Former head Coach at Penguin Swimming Club
- Former assistant Coach at American
- Former assistant Coach at Texas A&M

OTHER:

- 1994 United States Masters Swimming All-American, achieving a number one national ranking that season
- Graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1992 with a degree in history and completed her master's degree in 1998 at American University
- Married to Pat