

Season In Review



2003-04 SEASON IN REVIEW

The start of Purdue's 2003 campaign was surrounded by questions. Could the Boilermakers continue their ascent in the Big Ten? Can this team replace eight productive seniors? Will the freshmen be ready for a long season? Well after every race was finished and dive accounted for, the Boilermakers found all their answers, and they hadn't lost as much as they thought.

There were fires in the eyes of the 2003 Boilermakers, flames of competitiveness that refused to be extinguished. This fire, ignited by the likes of Erica Chandler, Christine Leupold and Carrie McCambridge, spread quickly through every member of the roster.

The flames first roared at the Texas A&M Fall Invitational. The Boilermakers were heavy underdogs entering the tournament, as they were forced to match strengths against six nationally ranked programs (Florida State, Notre Dame, SMU, Texas A&M, UCLA and Virginia). After three days of competition, the Boilermakers survived the war with a fifth-place showing, knocking off 17th-ranked Virginia and No. 19 Notre Dame.

Purdue scored 1,233 points at the invitational, beating the Cavaliers by 278 points and the Fighting Irish by 634 points. The Boilermakers also registered 18 NCAA provisional times.

Tracy Duchac (50 freestyle) and McCambridge (platform) established new varsity records, but the breakout performance belonged to junior Katie Seleskie. During her stint in the Lone Star State, Seleskie recorded lifetime bests in all her events, including the 50 and 200-meter freestyle, the 100-meter breaststroke and the 200 and 800-meter freestyle relays.

Seleskie's relay times were among her top highlights, as each team placed third, and with an NCAA provisional mark.

Freshman Susan Hentschel's young career also began to take shape in Texas. The Indianapolis native placed 10th in the 50 free and eighth in the 100 free with an NCAA provisional cut of 50.86. Hentschel, like Seleskie, also was part of the three bronze medal-winning freestyle relay teams.

Following the Texas A&M Invitational, the Boilermakers entered the second half of their dual-meet season, which pitted them against several conference foes, in addition to the Arkansas Razorbacks. In recent years the Southeastern Conference has established itself as one of the top swimming conferences in the nation; and it was the hope of head coach Cathy Wright-Eger that the Razorbacks' style could challenge the Boilermakers.

It was not to be, as the final score read: Purdue 206, Arkansas 88.

Everyone on the Purdue roster contributed to the victory, as 20 Boilermakers scored at least one top-three showing. Chandler and Leupold led the squad with three triumphs, while newcomers Rory Belk and Katharine Telfer each secured two. Belk swept the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke, while Telfer accomplished the same in the 100 and 200 backstroke.

On the diving end, Purdue captured three of the top four spots with McCambridge and freshmen Bethany Jensen and Amanda Miller finishing first, third and fourth off both springboards.



2004 NCAA Qualifiers

2003-04 Results (5-5)

October

25	Indiana Intercollegiates	West Lafayette, Ind.	1st, 736.5 pts.
29	at Miami (Ohio)	Oxford, Ohio	W, 188-112

November

7	at Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L, 144-154
14-15	at Georgia Tech	Atlanta, Ga.	L, 173-180
	vs. Florida Atlantic		W, 233-114
21-23	at Texas A&M Invite	College Station, Texas	5th, 1,233

January

6	Arkansas	West Lafayette, Ind.	W, 206-88
16	at Indiana	Bloomington, Ind.	L, 123-169
17	Michigan State	West Lafayette, Ind.	W, 184.5-112.5
30-31	at Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	L, 114-238
	vs. Minnesota		L, 153-199
	vs. Illinois		W, 189.5-162.5

February

18-21	at Big Ten's	Minneapolis, Minn.	6th, 337.5 pts.
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March

18-20	at NCAA's	College Station, Texas	T36th, 5pts.
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The young divers continued to excel the following weekend at Indiana, a shortened dual in which the divers competed without the swimmers. The divers competed a week ahead of their teammates because of a scheduling conflict with the World Cup Diving Trials. This late change meant that Jensen, Miller and the rest would be competing without coach Wenbo Chen and star McCambridge. Chen was with the men's team in Arizona, and McCambridge was attending a wedding.

Jensen responded to the challenge by finishing first off both springboards. She posted a season-best score of 271.95 off the one-meter and a 272.70 off the three-meter. Miller came through with a runner-up showing off the one-meter and a third-place finish off the three-meter. Newcomer Sarah Lamping also scored points with a pair of fifth-place finishes.

At the end of the diving session, Purdue led its split dual, 27-11; however, the lead would not last through the swimming portion as IU rallied to win, 169-123.

Heading into the Big Ten Championships, the team experienced a few more ups and downs. An overwhelming 184.5 to 112.5 victory over Michigan State helped heal the wounds from the loss to Indiana, but the team could not maintain its momentum at the Wisconsin Quadrangular. As expected, the Boilermakers blasted through Illinois, but were hung out to dry by the nationally ranked Badgers and Minnesota Golden Gophers.

The Boilermakers had been steadily progressing at the Big Ten Championships over the last few years, going from 11th place to fifth in five years. However, Wright-Eger was concerned going into the 2004 conference meet because of what she saw, or rather what she didn't see, from her team at the quadrangular. Her Boilermakers' streak of improvement was in jeopardy.

After losing the likes of All-America performers Lindsay Lange and Lisa Dolansky, it would have been tough for Purdue (or any team) to continue its climb up the conference standings – in fact, their absences could have proved disastrous.

Thankfully, Carrie McCambridge had something to prove. She went out and won three conference diving titles, the first won by a Boilermaker. Her scores not only re-wrote the varsity record book, but they earned her both Diver of the Year and Diver of the Championships citations. McCambridge's mentor, Wenbo Chen, left not only with the Diving Coach of the Year award, but a bald head, as well.

Rookie diver, Amanda Miller, followed McCambridge's lead and scored points off all three boards. Her top finish was a ninth-place score of 336.60, earned off the platform.

In the pool, veterans Duchac, Chandler and Leupold collected their expected points, but the unexpected and unproven freshmen also made themselves known to the Big Ten swimming establishment. Rory Belk, Susan Hentschel and Carlene Takaki all reached the finals of their respective races and set new freshman records in the process.

Belk tied for 11th in the 200 breaststroke with a mark of 2:17.96; Hentschel scored a ninth-place time of 50.26 in the 100 free and a 23.24 in the 50 free, and Takaki recorded a time of 2:01.82 in the 200 butterfly. That weekend, Hentschel also scored with the 400 and 800 freestyle relay teams, which posted new varsity record times of 3:20.83 and 7:18.64.

When the smoke cleared, the damage was minimal. Purdue had only dropped one spot in the standings despite losing a chunk of last year's roster to graduation. And Wright-Eger started seeing the pieces fall into place for this upcoming season.

"We set four freshman records during this meet, so I'm greatly encouraged by their progress," said Wright-Eger. "After losing eight seniors, I'm thrilled to have finished where we did in the standings. With all but three people returning next season, we have nowhere to go but up."

During their four-day stay in the Twin Cities, the Boilermakers recorded six varsity records and 16 NCAA provisional times, while claiming eight finalists and 14 consolation finalists.

Unfortunately, not everyone who posted an NCAA provisional time was invited to the big dance at Texas A&M, as Duchac, McCambridge and Miller served as the team's lone representatives. Highlights were few and far between at the national championships, but Duchac did record a personal best in the 100 free (50.84), McCambridge earned honorable mention All-America status off the three-meter springboard and Miller gained invaluable experience competing at the highest level.

This past spring, all of the questions that surrounded the program had been answered. The loss of eight seniors had negligible effect, the freshmen were prepared beyond anyone's expectations and the Boilermakers' status in the Big Ten remained unchanged.

Credit was given to many at the team's banquet for the overall success of the program, but only the keepers of the flame, the swimmers, divers and coaches, were the ones deserving of it. And as long as the flame still burns in 2004, the rest of the Big Ten can expect a fight every time they face the Boilermakers.



Wenbo Chen – 2004 Big Ten Diving Coach of the Year



2003-04 Women's Swimming Award Winners

Dean's List: Jenni Bean, Karina Bolanos, Jill Collins, Lisa Dolansky, Sarah Lamping, Lindsay Lange, Kristen Melville, Amanda Miller, Autumn Sample, Kimbre Vogel.

Semester Honors: Jenni Bean, Karina Bolanos, Erica Chandler, Jill Collins, Lisa Dolansky, Tracy Duchac, Shannon Funk, Sarah Lamping, Lindsay Lange, Kristen Melville, Amanda Miller, Autumn Sample, Kaleena Stout, Kimbre Vogel.

Academic All-Big Ten: Jennifer Bean, Erica Chandler, Jill Collins, Tracy Duchac, Lindsay Kirchoff, Ashley Koehn, Yvonne Laaper, Christine Leupold, Kristen Melville, Autumn Sample and Katie Seleskie.

CSCAA Academic All-America: Tracy Duchac and Amanda Miller

CSCAA Honorable Mention All-America: Jenni Bean, Rory Belk, Jennifer Merte, Kimbre Vogel, Yvonne Laaper, Erica Chandler and Susan Hentschel.

Most Valuable: Carrie McCambridge

Most Improved: Carlene Takaki

Purdue Pride in Swimming 'P2S' Award: Erica Chandler

"Whatever It Takes": Katie Seleskie

Distinguished Scholar Athletes: Jenni Bean and Autumn Sample

MEET RECAPS

Indiana Intercollegiates

Oct. 25, 2003 ♦ West Lafayette, Ind.

Purdue opened its season playing host to the Indiana Intercollegiates at the Boilermaker Aquatic Center. The Boilermakers dominated their interstate competition, winning with a total of 736.5 points. Placing far behind Purdue were Ball State (452), Indiana (335), Indianapolis (202.5), IUPUI (88), Butler (82), and Valparaiso (74).

Sophomore Erica Chandler led the way for the Boilermakers, grabbing two individual victories as well as sharing a victory with the 200-yard medley relay team. Chandler along with Brandy Keever, Jennifer Merte, and Christine Leupold established the Boilermakers' winning streak early in the afternoon with their time of 1:49.69. Chandler later scored a time of 4:58.11 in the 500 free and a 1:06.66 in the 100 breaststroke.

Leupold and Keever each went on to score individual victories of their own. Leupold placed first in the 200 free, clocking a time of 1:52.01, leading a four-way Boilermaker sweep of the top-four positions. Following Leupold's lead were freshmen Susan Hentschel and Katharine Telfer and sophomore Yvonne Laaper. Keever earned her victory in the 100 backstroke with a time of 58.70, with Telfer touching second at 59.19.

Hentschel rebounded in the 100 free, leading a five-way Purdue sweep with her mark of 52.06. Trailing the talented freshman, who also won the 200 free (1:35.61), were Leupold, Tracy Duchac, Kimbre Vogel, and Katie Seleskie. The Boilermaker women also grabbed a majority of the points in the 50 free, with Duchac touching first in 23.75 and Vogel clocking a third-place time of 24.24.

Purdue brooms were also brought over to the diving end of the aquatic center. In the 1-meter diving competition, Carrie McCambridge earned first-place with a score of 286.05. Fellow Boilermakers Bethany Jensen (269.45), Amanda Miller (242.80), and Lauren Whitmore (240.75) stole the next three spots.

McCambridge and company accomplished the same exact feat off the 3-meter. Again, it was McCambridge leading the pack with her first-place score of 292.50. Miller was very close in second place at 290.10, with Jensen (287.05) and Whitmore (267.05) holding the third and fourth places.

Senior captain Jenni Bean grabbed a silver medal in the 200 individual medley with her mark of 2:09.17. Placing behind the established veteran were Merte (4th - 2:10.12) and Autumn Sample (5th - 2:11.48).

Purdue – 188; Miami (Ohio) – 112

Oct. 29, 2003 ♦ Oxford, Ohio

Purdue opened its 2003-04 dual season with a convincing 188-112 victory over Miami of Ohio at the Nixon Aquatic Center. Four Boilermaker swimmers: Brandy Keever, Christine Leupold, Tracy Duchac and Erica Chandler, each won three events, while diver Carrie McCambridge swept her competition off the 1- and 3-meter springboards for a second consecutive week.

Against the Redhawks, McCambridge posted a score of 193.65 off the 3-meter and diving zone qualifying mark of 285.08 in 1-meter competition. The native of Lewis Center, Ohio has already qualified for central diving zones in both dives just two weeks into the season.

Purdue opened the meet with a two-team sweep of the 200-yard medley relay, and never looked back. The winning team of Keever, Lindsay Kirchoff, Leupold and Duchac led the way, touching the wall in 1:48.00. Placing two seconds behind them, were teammates Katharine Telfer, Rory Belk, Jennifer Merte and Katie Seleskie, who came in at 1:49.99.

The 200 medley relay was just the beginning of a great night for the upperclassmen, Keever, Leupold and Duchac, who would go on to win two more individual titles against Miami.

Keever, tabbed as the team's top returning backstroker in the preseason, proved that she was with a pair of convincing triumphs in the 100 and 200 back. The junior easily disposed of the 100 back field, winning the race by well over two seconds at 58.78. Her runner-up in the 100 back was freshman colleague, Susan Hentschel, who came across the finish line in 1:01.27. In the 200 back, Keever again was no match for her competition, touching by more than a second ahead of everyone else. Keever's winning time was clocked at 2:07.48.

The versatile Leupold earned her victories in the 100 freestyle and the 100 butterfly, just beating out teammate and senior captain, Jenni Bean, in both races by a few ticks. Leupold and Bean finished one-two in both events, which helped stick the Redhawks with a massive point deficit in the early goings.

Leupold clocked a time of 52.32 in the 100 free, and later posted a 58.18 in the 100 fly. Second-place Bean recorded times of 53.14 (100 free) and 59.36 (100 fly).

Bean's first silver medal of the meet was earned in the 50 free, where she placed behind Duchac (23.93) with a mark of 24.50. Finishing behind Bean in the 50 free standings was Seleskie, who scored a time of 24.60. Purdue's three-way sweep of the 50 free kicked off the Boilermaker's second half comeback. Going into the 50 free, Purdue led by one point, after suffering consecutive losses in the 100 breast and 200 fly.

Duchac, who had already won one relay, would win a second with her 400 free relay squad of freshmen Kimbre Vogel, Merte and Hentschel. The 2003 NCAA qualifier led her underclassman team to a first-place time of 3:31.05. Placing second at 3:35.97 was the unit of Telfer, Seleskie, Rachel Sitarz and Yvonne Laaper.

Chandler, a sophomore, continued her hot streak into week two of the regular season with victories in the 200 free, 200 breaststroke and the 200 individual medley.

After Purdue had lost the 1,000 free, Chandler quickly put the Boilermakers back on a track by decimating the Miami competition in the 200 free. Chandler's time of 1:51.37 was over three seconds faster than second-place Merte (1:54.62), and just under four seconds faster than anyone on the Redhawk roster. Eight events later, Chandler scored her second win of the day, with a close victory over Miami's Sarah Baumert in the 200 Breast, touching the wall in 2:24.03 to Baumert's 2:24.35. Chandler closed out her big day with a winning time of 2:07.37 in the 200 IM.

Final Standings

Purdue	736.5
Ball State	452
Indiana	335
Indianapolis	202.5
IUPUI	88
Butler	82
Valparaiso	74



Jill Collins



Carrie McCambridge

Iowa – 154; Purdue –144

Nov. 7, 2003 ♦ Iowa City, Iowa

The slimmest of margins decided the Purdue-Iowa women's swimming and diving meet in Iowa City. Unfortunately for the Boilermakers, they ended up on the short side of a 154-144 score, which gave the Hawkeyes a victory in a Big Ten meet at the UI Fieldhouse.

Going into the final relay, the 400 free, Iowa led 141-140. In a photo finish, the Hawkeyes out-touched the Purdue team of junior Tracy Duchac, freshman Kimbre Vogel, junior Katie Seleskie and freshman Susan Hentschel by a mere one-tenth of a second (3:26.39-3:26.49). Iowa's second relay team placed third, giving the Hawkeyes a total of 13 points for the last event. A first-place finish by Purdue would have given the Boilermakers at least a 151-147 victory.

Sophomore Carrie McCambridge swept the diving competition for the third consecutive week. She won the 1-meter with 276.83 points, and the 3-meter with 297.30. Freshman Bethany Jensen finished right behind McCambridge in both events, while freshman Lauren Whitmore finished third in both.

All told, Purdue got 32 points from its divers.

Purdue finished 1-2 in both the 50 and 100 free. In the former, Duchac touched in 23.59, while Vogel touched in 24.28. In the latter, junior Christine Leupold out-touched Duchac 52.04-52.07.

Sophomore Erica Chandler and sophomore Yvonne Laaper finished first and second in the 1,000 free. Chandler touched in 10:14.03, while Laaper came in at 10:17.11.

In the first event of the afternoon, Purdue's 400 medley A and B relay teams placed second and third, with times of 3:54.03 and 3:55.90. Iowa won in 3:53.06.

Georgia Tech Triangular Purdue – 233; Florida Atlantic – 114 Georgia Tech – 180; Purdue – 173

Nov. 14–15, 2003 ♦ Atlanta, Ga.

Purdue finished competition at the Georgia Tech/Florida Atlantic triangular meet, handily defeating the Owls 233-114, but were edged out by the host Yellow Jackets, 180-173.

Sophomore diver Carrie McCambridge won the 3-meter competition with a score of 305.32. Her nearest competitor was teammate Bethany Jensen, who posted a score of 285.68. In four meets this season, McCambridge remains undefeated off both springboards; she won the 1-meter during Friday night's action (270.30).

Freshman Susan Hentschel came out of the triangular with four victories and one second-place showing. During the second day of action, Hentschel led all competitors in the 100 free with a winning time of 51.69, and later anchored the 400 free relay team (3:28.05) to victory in the meet's final event. Hentschel's split was timed at 51.27.

Teaming with Hentschel on the winning relay were Tracy Duchac, Christine Leupold and Katie Seleskie. In addition to their relay triumph, both Duchac and Leupold scored second-place finishes in their respective events. Duchac placed behind Hentschel in the 100 free at 52.40 and Leupold led a two-three-four finish for the Boilermakers in the 100 fly, coming in at 58.21. Freshmen Carlene Takaki and Jennifer Merte trailed Leupold to the finish line, coming in at 58.60 and 58.79, respectively.

Merte was one of several Purdue swimmers who also earned a silver medal, with hers coming in the 400 individual medley at 4:29.37. Erica Chandler copped second-place honors in the 500 free (4:58.07) and newcomer Katharine Telfer earned runner-up honors in the 200 back (2:04.95).

Senior team captain Lindsay Kirchoff had a solid showing in the 200 breast, coming across third in 2:26.25.

Purdue began the two-day meet by setting a new Georgia Tech Aquatic Center pool record in the 200 free relay. Junior Tracy Duchac, freshman Kimbre Vogel, junior Katie Seleskie, and freshman Susan Hentschel took first place with a time of 1:34.89 which shattered the old pool record of 1:40.62.

Jenni Bean, who finished first in the 200 IM with a time of 2:07.55, just missing the pool's record of 2:07.54. Merte finished right behind Bean with a time of 2:08.54.

Purdue finished the first day on a high note with the 400 medley relay team of Telfer, Chandler, Leupold and Hentschel grabbing a victory by swimming a 3:52.06.

Day One: Texas A&M Fall Invitational

Nov. 21, 2003 ♦ College Station, Texas

Purdue found itself in fourth place with 421 points after the first day of competition at the Texas A&M Fall Invitational. The Boilermakers received several solid performances from their freestylers, who collected a third-place showing in the 200 freestyle relay, and three top-15 finishes in the 50 free.

Purdue was within striking distance of the nation's top teams, including first-place UCLA (619 points), host A&M (510) and SMU (467). Trailing the Boilermakers were Florida State (417), Virginia (250) and Notre Dame (217).

The Boilermakers made a quick impression on the competition with a third-place finish in the 200 freestyle relay. Purdue's 'A' team of Tracy Duchac, Kimbre Vogel, Katie Seleskie and Susan Hentschel clocked a NCAA 'B' time of 1:43.36, which was just .04 seconds behind runner-up Florida State and just over a half-second behind winner UCLA.

Duchac, Hentschel and Seleskie later provided the Boilermakers with double-digit point totals in the 50-meter freestyle. Duchac led all Purdue swimmers with a fourth-place mark of 25.71, and was followed by Hentschel (10th - 25.96) and Seleskie (14th-26.29). The Boilermakers' success in the freestyle extended to the 400 freestyle, as well, where Erica Chandler placed sixth with a lifetime best of 4:17.09.

Duchac's NCAA 'B' time in the 50 free, when converted to short course yards, broke her previous varsity record of 23.05, which she recorded last season. Seleskie's and Hentschel's marks also are NCAA 'B' marks.

Jenni Bean picked up an eighth-place showing in the 200 individual medley, finishing with an NCAA 'B' time of 2:18.11. The IM competition was dominated by the Aggie and Bruin swimmers, which collected five of the top eight spots.

Off the diving boards, Purdue collected top-eight finishes from Carrie McCambridge and Amanda Miller. McCambridge, coming in on a four-meet undefeated streak, took fourth with a score of 463.15, while Miller placed seventh with a mark of 415.95.

First Day Standings

No. 11 UCLA	619
No. 17 Texas A&M	510
No. 8 SMU	467
Purdue	421
No. 20 Florida State	417
No. 17 Virginia	250
No. 19 Notre Dame	217

MEET RECAPS

Day Two: Texas A&M Invitational

Nov. 22, 2003 ♦ College Station, Texas

Purdue fell from fourth to fifth place during the second day of competition of the Texas A&M Fall Invitational. The Boilermakers, with 907 points, were only six points behind No. 20 Florida State. No. 11 UCLA held the overall lead with 1413 points, while host No. 17 Texas A&M was in second with 1155; No. 8 SMU was in third with 1016.

No. 17 Virginia (589) and No. 19 Notre Dame (483) are placed sixth and seventh.

Head coach Cathy Wright-Eger was particularly pleased with the performance of the 800-meter freestyle relay team, which placed third with an NCAA consideration mark of 8:15.07. Featured on the bronze-medal team were Christine Leupold, Susan Hentschel, Katie Seleskie and Erica Chandler.

"Katie (Seleskie) has been having the meet of her life this weekend," said Wright-Eger. "She's been a catalyst for us in a number of events and is just making a huge difference for the team."

This weekend Seleskie has recorded lifetime bests in all her events, including the 50 (26.29) and 200-meter freestyle (2:04.87), 100-meter breaststroke (1:14.52), and the 200 and 800-meter freestyle relays. All times are measured in short course meters rather than the traditional short course yardage.

The 200 free was Purdue's top individual swimming event, as Leupold and Chandler placed among the top eight. Leupold's time of 2:01.40 was a lifetime best by over two seconds, and just missed setting a new varsity record. The current record is held by Lisa Dolansky, who set it last season. Chandler placed seventh in at 2:04.34.

Chandler and Leupold also made up half the 200 medley relay team, which placed fifth with a mark of 1:56.93. Comprising the remainder of the squad were Brandy Kever, who swam the leadoff backstroke leg, and Hentschel, who took care of the freestyle portion.

For a second consecutive afternoon, two of Purdue's divers cracked the top eight off the one-meter springboard. Carrie McCambridge was again the Boilermakers' top finisher with a third-place score of 269.20, and finishing close behind her in fifth place was freshman Bethany Jensen, who posted an impressive mark of 264.05.

Day Three: Texas A&M Invitational

Nov. 23, 2003 ♦ College Station, Texas

Purdue knocked off two top-20 teams en route to its fifth-place showing at the Texas A&M Fall Invitational. The Boilermakers collected 1,233 points, surpassing the point totals of No. 19 Notre Dame (599) and No. 17 Virginia (955).

The Boilermakers completed the meet with 18 NCAA 'B' cuts and two varsity records, one of which was set by diver Carrie McCambridge off the platform board.

The sophomore sensation, who scored three top-eight finishes over the weekend, finished second in the platform competition with a mark of 408.40. Her score was just .45 points behind winner Taryn Ignacio of Florida State.

Ignacio's Seminoles, the No. 20 team in the nation, placed fourth with 1,337.5 points. Topping the final standings were No. 11 UCLA (2,077), No. 17 Texas A&M (1,570.5) and No. 8 SMU (1,450).

The five NCAA 'B' cuts recorded Sunday by the Boilermakers all came courtesy of their freestylers. In the 100-meter freestyle freshman Susan Hentschel led all Old Gold and Black swimmers with her eighth-place time of 56.77, she was followed by upperclassmen Katie Seleskie (57.13) and Tracy Duchac (57.21). Jenni Bean just missed NCAA consideration with her 13th place time of 57.31.

In the 400 freestyle relay, Duchac, Seleskie and Hentschel again clocked an NCAA 'B' time with their third-place mark of 3:24.59. Also part of the bronze-medal winning relay was leadoff swimmer Christine Leupold, who recorded two top-eight showings of her own this weekend.

Sophomore Erica Chandler secured two impressive finishes during the final day of competition, taking ninth in the 1,500-meter free with an NCAA 'B' mark of 16:46.92 and placing 12th in the 200 breaststroke (2:36.58). Rookie Aurora Belk also gave a solid performance in the 200 breast, placing 16th at 2:39.63.

Second Day Standings

No. 11 UCLA	1413
No. 17 Texas A&M	1155
No. 8 SMU	1016
No. 20 Florida State	913
Purdue	907
No. 17 Virginia	589
No. 19 Notre Dame	483

Final Standings

No. 11 UCLA	2,077
No. 17 Texas A&M	1,570.5
No. 8 SMU	1,450
No. 20 Florida State	1,337.5
Purdue	1,233
No. 17 Virginia	955
No. 19 Notre Dame	599

U.S. Open

December 4-6, 2003 ♦ Federal Way, Wash.

Erica Chandler recorded a lifetime best of 4:23.61 in the 400-meter freestyle during the first day of competition at the U.S. Open. In front of a hometown crowd at the King Aquatic Center, Chandler placed 29th out of 77 competitors and came within a half second of qualifying for a spot in Thursday night's finals.

Chandler's performance was one of several highlights for the Purdue women's swim team, which sent a handful of its best to face the top competition in the world. Over 900 swimmers are entered into the three-day long-course meter event, a group that includes American gold medalists Brooke Bennett, Misty Hyman and Megan Quann.

Purdue is just one of 243 entered teams, and is competing against a number of swim clubs and international squads, such as Ukraine, Japan, Canada and The Netherlands.

The 50-meter free group included Christine Leupold, who led the Boilermaker trio with a mark of 27.11. Behind her were fifth-year senior Kim Paradeise and (27.30) and freshman Susan Hentschel (27.39).

Senior Autumn Sample opened the meet for the Boilermakers, recording a time of 2:29.82 in the 200 individual medley. In the 100 butterfly, the senior tri-captain clocked one of her best long-course times at 1:06.52.

Purdue's strongest event during day two of competition was the 200-meter freestyle, which was comprised of Chandler, Hentschel, Christine Leupold and Paradeise. Chandler led all Boilermakers to the finish line with a mark of 2:07.15 with Leupold not far behind at 2:08.61. Paradeise, a fifth-year senior, clocked a mark of 2:09.23, and freshman Hentschel secured a time of 2:11.54.

The Boilermakers wrapped up the three-day competition with a solid showing in the 100-meter freestyle, as Paradeise, Hentschel and Leupold placed among the upper tier of competitors.

Paradeise posted the Boilermakers' best time at 58.75, Hentschel touched the wall in 59.04 and Leupold came across in 59.62.

Sample continued to get better as the weekend went on, and saved her best performance for last, clocking a mark of 2:24.01 in the 200 butterfly. Chandler closed out the meet with a mark of 9:05.68 in the 800 free.

Purdue – 206; Arkansas – 88

Jan. 6, 2004 ♦ West Lafayette, Ind.

The Boilermakers overwhelmed the Arkansas Lady Razorbacks, with a convincing 206-88 triumph. The entire roster contributed to the win, as 20 Purdue student-athletes scored at least one top-three showing. Erica Chandler and Christine Leupold led the team with three wins apiece, while freshmen Rory Belk and Katharine Telfer each secured two.

Chandler and Leupold each picked up their first victory in the opening 200-yard medley relay, posting a winning time of 1:46.85. In addition to those eleven first-place points, the Boilermakers scooped up four second-place points, as the quartet of Brandy Keever, Belk, Carlene Takaki and Katie Seleskie cruised to the finish line in 1:48.20. The one-two sweep propelled Purdue to a 15-2 lead, a lead that would never get threatened.

After their opening victory, the Boilermakers went on to win 13 of the next 15 events. Incredibly, the only events Purdue lost were the ones in which they ran exhibition swimmers towards the end of the meet.

Chandler continued her winning streak into the 1,000 free, coming across the finish line in 10:08.70. Yvonne Laaper and Kristen Melville also contributed to the scoring run, earning the third and fourth spots. Chandler's final win of the afternoon came in the 500 free with a time of 5:00.68; Laaper also fared well in this event coming in third at 5:08.37.

Leupold's two individual wins came in the 200 free and the 100 fly, leading a three-way sweep in the 200 free and a four-way sweep in the 100 fly. Leupold's winning time of 1:53.14, just edged Susan Hentschel, who clocked a 1:53.18. Seleskie completed the sweep with her third-place time of 1:56.90. Even though Hentschel couldn't grab the 200 free title, she did rebound to capture the 100 free prize, coming in at 52.40. Her winning time beat out teammates Kimbre Vogel (52.79) and Tracy Duchac (53.30), who placed second and third, respectively.

Duchac did earn one victory on the day, winning the 50 free in 24.06. Seleskie came in right behind her at 24.23 to keep increasing Purdue's already tremendous lead.

In the 100 fly, Leupold (57.49) was followed by Takaki (57.87), Autumn Sample (59.44) and Jennifer Merte (59.96), making it Purdue's second four-way butterfly sweep. Earlier in the meet, Sample led a Boilermaker sweep in the 200 fly, coming across in 2:07.46. Takaki (2:07.76), Merte (2:09.50) and Sara Hayworth (2:10.93) rounded out the top four.

Newcomers Telfer and Belk were among the big surprises for Purdue, each coming away with a pair of victories. Telfer swept the backstroke competition, while Belk accomplished the same in the breaststroke. Telfer won the 100 back in 58.46, just beating out teammate Brandy Keever, who clocked a mark of 59.02. Telfer's winning time of 2:06.03 was nearly a second faster than runner-up Babsi Auer of Arkansas, who came across in 2:06.47. Lydia DeNuccio scored third-place points for Purdue in the 200 back with a time of 2:07.48.

Belk's pair of wins were among the more convincing of the afternoon. In the 100 breast Belk (1:05.88) finished nearly three seconds ahead of teammate Lindsay Kirchoff (1:08.10), and later in the 200 breast defeated Jenni Bean (2:27.77) by almost six seconds. Belk's winning time in the 200 breast of 2:21.83 was a lifetime best, as was her mark in the 100 breast.

Despite competing for three straight days at the Georgia Diving Invitational, the Purdue divers performed incredibly well. Carrie McCambridge, who has had a phenomenal season thus far, added another win to her resume, scoring a first-place mark of 302.77 off the 3-meter springboard. Bethany Jensen (294.52) and Amanda Miller (260.92) also scored, coming in third and fourth.

McCambridge went on to double her win total, securing a victory in the 1-meter competition with a score of 286.50. Miller (239.10) and Jensen (228.44) again finished third and fourth in this discipline.



Sara Hayworth

Indiana – 169; Purdue – 123

Jan. 16, 2004 ♦ Bloomington, Ind.

After its divers were embarrassed last weekend by Purdue freshmen Bethany Jensen and Amanda Miller, the Indiana swimmers responded in convincing fashion, downing the Boilermakers, 169-123, at the Counsilman Billingsley Aquatic Center.

Purdue's divers, competing a week early due to the ongoing World Cup Trials, gave their swimming cohorts a 27-11 lead entering the second portion of the dual meet. Unfortunately, the Boilermakers would not be able to gain another victory as the No. 12-ranked Hoosiers outraced their intrastate rivals through the remaining 14 events.

Lindsay Kirchoff and Autumn Sample were among the team's highlights, as both recorded season bests in their respective events. Kirchoff clocked short course meter times of 1:13.43 in the 100-breaststroke and a 2:39.48 in the 200 breast. Sample posted her season-best mark in the 200 butterfly with a 2:19.44.

Indiana built up its lead right from the first event, stealing the top two spots in the 200 medley relay. The Hoosiers then captured the top three spots in four of the next five events, including the 800 and 200 free, 100 back and 200 fly.

Purdue mounted a slight comeback in the latter stages of the meet, taking the two and three spots in five events. Following Tracy Duchac's third-place showing in the 50 free, Susan Hentschel and Katie Seleskie took the second and third spots in the 100 free. Other top-three point totals were secured by Katharine Telfer and Lydia DeNuccio in the 200 back, Erica Chandler and Yvonne Laaper in the 400 free, Christine Leupold and Carlene Takaki in the 100 fly and Jennifer Merte and Jenni Bean in the 200 individual medley.

Kirchoff, Rory Belk and Bean collected first through third points in the 200 breast after Indiana designated their swimmers as exhibitions.

The weekend prior, during the diving-only session, Jensen gave Purdue two wins off the springboards. The sweep was a first for Jensen, who scored marks of 271.95 (1-meter) and 272.70 (3-meter).

Jensen's 1-meter score of 271.95 was a career best, and was over 20 points higher than teammate Amanda Miller's second-place score of 251.40. Heather Chapman was Indiana's top diver in the 1-meter competition, scoring a mark of 243.75. Miller's mark was also a career best.

Jensen completed the sweep with her winning 3-meter score of 272.70, which easily beat Lindsay Weigle's score of 265.05. Miller again provided quality points for the Boilermakers, with her third-place score of 260.35. Freshman Sarah Lamping also scored for Purdue, placing fifth in both competitions.

Purdue's diving dominance at Indiana was especially impressive considering their No. 1 starter, sophomore Carrie McCambridge, was attending a wedding, and diving coach Wenbo Chen was with the men's squad in Arizona.

Purdue – 184.5; Michigan State – 112.5

Jan. 19, 2004 ♦ West Lafayette, Ind.

The squad improved its record to 4-3 overall with a 184.5-112.5 win over Michigan State at the Boiler-maker Aquatic Center on Saturday, Jan. 17. The loss dropped the Spartans' record to 1-6.

The Boilermakers rebounded from a loss at Indiana on Friday to post the decisive victory. Despite starting the meet with a second-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay, Purdue rallied to take three of the top four spots in the second event, the 1,000-yard freestyle, to move ahead 21-15. Sophomore Erica Chandler took the top spot in the 1,000 with a time of 10:21.13.

Purdue continued to pour it on from that point forward. The Boilermakers won 11 of 12 individual swimming events, with three swimmers collecting two first-place finishes. Freshman Susan Hentschel won the 100-yard freestyle in 51.92, and won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:53.12. Junior Brandy Keever won both the 100-yard backstroke (58.49), and the 200-yard backstroke (2:06.42). Freshman Carlene Takaki won the 100-yard butterfly (58.25), and the 200-yard butterfly (2:07.07).

Other individual winners for Purdue were junior Tracy Duchac in the 50-yard freestyle (23.68); junior Christine Leupold in the 500-yard freestyle (5:04.49); freshman Rory Belk in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:20.85); and senior Jenni Bean in the 200 IM (2:09.28). Belk's time in the 200 breast was a lifetime best.

Bean was one of three seniors to compete in her final home meet Saturday. The others were Lindsay Kirchoff and Autumn Sample. Kirchoff's best finish was third place in the 100-yard backstroke (1:07.05); Sample's was second place in the 200-yard butterfly (2:07.90).

Purdue went 1-2-3 in the 100-yard backstroke, 200-yard butterfly, 100-yard freestyle, and 200-yard backstroke.

Michigan State's lone individual win came in the 100-yard breaststroke, with Spartan Courtney Ellabarger touching in 1:04.90. Belk finished runner-up, in 1:05.73.

The Spartans, who began the meet with a relay win, closed the swimming events with a 200-yard freestyle relay victory in 1:35.75.

In 1-meter diving, Michigan State's Katelyn Edwards won with 269.17 points. Purdue freshman Amanda Miller placed second, with 264.07 points. In 3-meter diving, Miller and Edwards flip-flopped, with Miller winning (266.77), and Edwards finishing as runner-up (263.24).

"This win means a lot coming off the loss to IU," said head coach Cathy Wright-Eger. "We rebounded very well, and we concentrated on our strengths, which was what I expected to accomplish. Our win gives this team a huge boost of confidence, and the more confidence we gain the faster we become."

Day One: Big Ten Championships

Feb. 18, 2004 ♦ Minneapolis, Minn.

Purdue finished tied for fourth place with Iowa and host Minnesota after one day of competition at the Big Ten Championships. The Boilermakers totaled 56 points, finishing sixth in the 200-yard medley relay and fourth in the 800 freestyle relay.

Purdue's time of 1:43.14 in the 200 medley relay was a season best, while its mark of 7:18.64 in the 800 free relay established a new varsity record. The previous school record of 7:19.94 was posted at last year's conference championships by Lisa Dolansky, Jenni Bean, Christine Leupold and Erica Chandler.

Brandy Keever, Chandler and Leupold all recorded lifetime bests with their relay splits in the 200 medley. Chandler then recorded a lifetime best in the 800 free relay with her split of 1:47.58, as did freshman Susan Hentschel, who clocked a split of 1:49.02. Leupold and Bean led off the relay with splits of 1:49.45 and 1:52.59.

Keever's, Chandler's and Leupold's lifetime best split times in the 200 medley were clocked at 26.76, 29.01 and 24.70. Anchor Tracy Duchac nearly recorded a personal best, with her clip of 22.67.

"I'm very proud of both relay teams' performances, considering all the new people we had to utilize," said head coach Cathy Wright-Eger. "We had a great first day, and I'm excited about what we'll see the rest of the way. We will definitely come back tomorrow ready to go."

Michigan leads with 74 points, and Wisconsin and Penn State are tied for second with 66 points. Michigan State is behind Purdue with 36, while archrival Indiana is in sixth with 32 points.

Wright-Eger said that the number of false starts in both relays had a profound effect on the standings. Indiana, Illinois and Ohio State were all disqualified in the 200 medley relay, and Northwestern was penalized in the 800 free relay.

Big Ten Quadrangular

**Wisconsin – 238; Purdue – 114
Minnesota – 199; Purdue – 153
Purdue – 189.5; Illinois – 162.5**

Jan. 30-31, 2004 ♦ Madison, Wis.

The Boilermakers posted a 1-2 record at the season ending Wisconsin Quadrangular. Purdue defeated Illinois, 189.5-162.5, but lost to the No. 11 Badgers, 238-114, and the No. 24 Golden Gophers, 199-153.

Head coach Cathy Wright-Eger said the quad meet was like a roller coaster ride. Among the highs were the second-place showings of Erica Chandler in the 1,000 freestyle, Tracy Duchac in the 50 free and Carrie McCambridge in the 3-meter and 1-meter diving disciplines.

"Erica stepped it up big time," said Wright-Eger. "She had a phenomenal swim in the 1,000 and was just out-touched by (Wisconsin's) Carly Piper. Erica swam with her the whole way. It was a great swim for her and built up her confidence."

Piper is one of the top swimmers in the Big Ten. She currently holds the conference's top times in every freestyle race ranging from the 200 to the 1,650.

Wright-Eger also was pleased with the second-place finish of the 800 free relay team, which was without regular starters Christine Leupold and Katie Seleskie. Katharine Telfer filled in nicely for Leupold, providing the team with a second-leg split time of 1:51.79.

McCambridge's second-place score of 277.90 in the one-meter competition was just three points behind Minnesota's Shannon Jackson, who posted a winning mark of 280.90.

First Day Standings

Michigan	74
Wisconsin	66
Penn State	64
Iowa	56
Minnesota	56
Purdue	56
Michigan State	36
Indiana	32
Northwestern	24
Illinois	22
Ohio State	18

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS RECAP

Day Two: Big Ten Championships

Feb. 19, 2004 ♦ Minneapolis, Minn.

Sophomore diver Carrie McCambridge won the one-meter diving title during day two of the Big Ten Championships, becoming the first Purdue diver ever to win a conference title. McCambridge finished with a school, conference and pool-record mark of 321.80 points.

Penn State's Lisa Silvestri finished runner-up to McCambridge, more than 30 points behind at 291.60. Silvestri led the field during prelims with a then-Minnesota Aquatic Center record score of 304.75. McCambridge's score also shattered the previous varsity record of 308.45, which was registered by Kara-Hajek Gustafson in 2002.

The Boilermakers completed the championships' second day in fifth place with 158 points. Ahead of Purdue are Michigan (213), Wisconsin (199), Indiana (187) and Penn State (186). Host Minnesota is in sixth, nine points behind the Boilermakers.

Purdue started its night with a fourth-place time of 1:31.89 in the 200-yard freestyle relay, missing the school record by .2 seconds. Tracy Duchac, Katie Seleskie, Kimbre Vogel and Susan Hentschel recorded individual splits of 23.27, 23.06, 22.96 and 22.60.

Duchac, Hentschel and Seleskie came back to compete in the finals of the 50 free. Hentschel, a freshman in her first individual event, placed fifth with a time of 23.26. Duchac followed in sixth at 23.28 and Seleskie scored a 13th-place time of 23.41.

Head coach Cathy Wright-Eger has been greatly impressed with Hentschel's performances over the last two days.

"She was on the 800 free relay that placed fourth, then she was on the 200 free relay that placed fourth, and in her first individual event, she places fifth," said Wright-Eger. "Susan is the real deal. The better the competition she faces, the better she swims."

Erica Chandler and Yvonne Laaper combined for 10 points in the 500 free. Chandler recorded her second lifetime best of the day, clocking a ninth-place time of 4:49.12. Her afternoon qualifying time was marked at 4:50.35. Yvonne Laaper placed 16th at 4:55.18.

Christine Leupold placed 10th in the 200 individual medley, but placed fourth on the team's all-time top performance list, with her mark of 2:03.85. Jenni Bean, who owns the 200 IM's varsity record of 2:01.46, placed 16th at 2:05.89.

Second Day Standings

Michigan	213
Wisconsin	199
Indiana	187
Penn State	186
Purdue	158
Minnesota	149
Iowa	76
Michigan State	68
Northwestern	65
Ohio State	61
Illinois	42

Day Three: Big Ten Championships

Feb. 20, 2004 ♦ Minneapolis, Minn.

Sophomore diver Carrie McCambridge captured her second springboard title in as many nights, winning the three-meter competition with a final score of 544.35 during day three of the Big Ten Championships.

McCambridge won the one-meter title Thursday night with a 321.80 and will compete off the platform Saturday, in an attempt to sweep all three diving events.

Head coach Cathy Wright-Eger credits McCambridge's attitude as being a difference maker.

"I've never seen an athlete at Purdue who possesses this much confidence," said Wright-Eger, who has experienced 17 postseasons as Boilermaker head coach. "She is an absolutely amazing talent and just dominated her competition tonight."

McCambridge's closest competitor was Ohio State's Julie Broms, who posted a mark of 530.65. Purdue also received points from freshman Amanda Miller, who registered a 13th-place score of 414.80.

McCambridge trailed Broms after Friday's prelim session, but went on to dominate the semifinal and final rounds. She is the first Purdue swimmer or diver to win two events at one championship meet since 1980 when Sally Johnson won the 200 and 400 individual medleys.

In the pool, Purdue began its night shift with a solid seventh-place outing in the 400 medley relay. The team, which was comprised of Katherine Telfer, Erica Chandler, Christine Leupold and Susan Hentschel, recorded a season-best time of 3:47.18. Chandler, Leupold and Hentschel clocked lifetime-best splits in this race, with Chandler posting a 1:04.73 in the breaststroke, Leupold a 55.26 in the butterfly and Hentschel a 49.63 in the freestyle.

Chandler and Leupold moved on to score more points in the 200 freestyle. Chandler placed seventh with a time of 1:48.62 and Leupold touched the wall 13th at 1:49.88. Rookie Jennifer Merte improved two places in the 400 individual medley. During prelims, Merte placed 16th with a 4:27.08, but jumped to 14th in the finals with a 4:25.56.

Third Day Standings

Indiana	417.5
Penn State	396.5
Michigan	396
Wisconsin	343
Minnesota	287
Purdue	225
Northwestern	137
Ohio State	132
Iowa	109
Michigan State	90
Illinois	69



Brandy Keever



Katharine Telfer

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS RECAP

Day Four: Big Ten Championships

Feb. 20, 2004 ♦ Minneapolis, Minn.

Three days. Three competitions. Three victories.

Sophomore Carrie McCambridge made Purdue diving history at the Big Ten Championships, winning the platform competition with a score of 413.50. She is the first Boilermaker swimmer or diver ever to win three events at a single conference championship meet.

McCambridge won the one-meter title Thursday with a pool-record mark of 321.80, and on Friday won the three-meter discipline with a score of 544.35.

McCambridge also is the first Boilermaker swimmer or diver to win three career Big Ten titles. Maureen Fahey, Jayne Kramer, Mary Street, Sally Johnson, Darlene Warta and Kim Fritsch all won two during their illustrious careers.

Since the platform diving competition became part of the championship format in 1988, only three divers have successfully completed the sweep: McCambridge in 2004, Indiana's Sara Reiling in 2003 and Michigan's Mary Fischbach in 1988.

McCambridge was selected as the Big Ten's Diver of Year and Diver of the Championships for her accomplishment; her mentor, Wenbo Chen, was named Diving Coach of the Year. They are the first Boilermakers to win any postseason conference honor since 1990, when head coach Cathy Wright-Eger was tabbed Swimming Coach of the Year.

"I'm so overwhelmed right now, I'm on cloud nine," said McCambridge, "Going into the final round of the last day, I just wanted to stay relaxed and have fun."

"She dove straight into the water on almost every dive, so I'm very proud of her," said Chen. "Carrie showed great consistency and confidence throughout the championships, but I'm surprised she won the platform. She competed a lot this week, with all the preliminary and semifinal rounds to go through, so going into tonight's finals I told her that she's done a great job and I'm already happy with her performance."

"Wenbo has meant tons to me," said McCambridge. "He pushes me so hard in practice every day, that half the time I love him and the other half I hate him. But all that hard work paid off."

Rookie Amanda Miller also was very productive in all three diving events, scoring in each competition. Miller placed ninth off the platform at 336.60, was 13th off the 3-meter (414.80) and 14th off the 1-meter (234.40).

The future looks bright for Purdue swimming, as well. Led by three freshman finalists, the Boilermakers secured sixth place at the Big Ten Championships, scoring 337.5 points.

Aurora Belk, Susan Hentschel, and Carlene Takaki all overcame tremendous odds and opposition to reach the finals of their respective events, making head coach Cathy Wright-Eger quite pleased.

"We set four freshman records during this meet, so I'm greatly encouraged by their progress," said Wright-Eger. "After losing eight seniors, all of whom were Big Ten scorers, I'm thrilled to have finished where we did in the standings. With all but three people returning to this team next season, we have nowhere to go but up."

Michigan won the team title with 604.5 points. The Wolverines were followed by Penn State, Indiana, Wisconsin and host Minnesota.

In the 200 breaststroke, Belk earned her first championship meet points, tying Minnesota's Bridget McCoy for 11th place at 2:17.69. Takaki followed with a ninth-place showing in the 200 butterfly, clocking a personal record of 2:01.82. Her time was faster than those of two swimmers in the 'A' finals, including teammate Autumn Sample, who placed seventh at 2:03.17.

The Boilermakers earned most of their points from the freestyle trio of Katie Seleskie, Susan Hentschel and Christine Leupold. Seleskie, making her first Big Ten 'A' finals appearance, scored a seventh-place time of 50.55 in the 100 free; Hentschel came in ninth at 50.26 and Leupold crossed 15th in 50.81. Hentschel's mark was a lifetime best.

These three, along with junior Tracy Duchac, closed the championships by setting a varsity record in the 400 free relay. Their third-place time of 3:20.83, broke the record set last season by Jenni Bean, Lindsay Lange, Duchac and Kim Paradeise (3:22.12). Erica Chandler started Purdue's night with a 15th-place showing in the 1,650-yard freestyle, recording a season-best time of 16:48.85.

Overall, it was a very successful meet for the Boilermakers. During their four days at Minnesota, the team recorded six varsity records, 16 NCAA 'B' cuts, had eight top-eight finalists and 14 consolation finalists.

Final Standings

Michigan	604.5
Penn State	590.5
Indiana	563.5
Wisconsin	503
Minnesota	412.5
Purdue	337.5
Northwestern	222
Ohio State	196
Iowa	152
Michigan State	123
Illinois	107.5



Morgan Goldthwaite



Jennifer Merte

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS RECAP

Day One: NCAA Championships

March 18, 2004 ♦ College Station, Texas

Tracy Duchac, Carrie McCambridge and Amanda Miller all missed making the finals of Thursday's competitions at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships. Duchac is done until Saturday, but, McCambridge and Miller go again Friday off the three-meter springboard.

"The team got off to a rough start today," said head coach Cathy Wright-Eger. "All of them realize that they are capable of performing better, and since they are all intense competitors, I know they're all more disappointed than anyone on the coaching staff. They have to remember that it was just one day, don't throw in the towel, just refocus and keep going."

McCambridge completed the one-meter competition with a final score of 230.75. The Big Ten Diver of the Year attained round-by-round scores of 42.55, 36.40, 35.10, 32.40, 37.50 and 46.80. Miller finished her first NCAA diving competition with a mark of 224.95. Her round-by-round scores were 42.00, 31.05, 46.80, 32.40, 35.00 and 37.70.

Duchac missed making the finals of the 50-meter freestyle, placing seventh in her heat with a time of 26.04 seconds; 23.33 seconds when converted to yards. Her next attempt comes Saturday in the prelims of the 100-meter freestyle; Duchac's season best time is 51.23.

Day Two: NCAA Championships

March 19, 2004 ♦ College Station, Texas

Diver Carrie McCambridge earned her first Honorable Mention All-America title Friday afternoon at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships, placing 12th off the three-meter springboard with a score of 483.60. Her finish gave the Boilermakers five points, their first of the meet.

In three-meter competition, each diver takes six dives, and if they finish among the top 24, they'll record five more dives in a semifinal round. McCambridge was in 15th after the prelims and moved up to 12th after the semifinals, becoming the first Boilermaker diver to score at NCAA's since Nicole Zlotnik in 1992. Zlotnik, like McCambridge, also was an NCAA Honorable Mention All-American; they are the only two Boilermakers in the history of the program to claim this title.

McCambridge's round-by-round prelim scores were 54.60, 40.60, 37.80, 50.40, 52.20 and 50.40 to give her a 15th-place total of 286.00. Her best score of 54.60 was attained off a backward 2-1/2 somersault. At the end of prelims, McCambridge was ahead of all her Big Ten rivals, including Indiana's Lindsay Weigle, Penn State's Alison Riccobono and Lisa Silvestri, Michigan's Tealin Kelemen and Minnesota's Rebecca Cornwailthe.

In the semis, McCambridge registered scores of 33.60, 37.80, 38.00, 44.10 and 44.10 to give her an afternoon total of 483.60. Again, the native of Lewis Center, Ohio, placed ahead of all her Big Ten rivals, passing Weigle on her 11th and final dive.

Freshman Amanda Miller did not advance to the semis, but put together a solid prelim round of 251.65 points. Her round-by-round scores were 49.95, 40.50, 37.80, 40.60, 46.40 and 36.40, giving her a 35th-place finish. Her best dive was an inward 2 1/2 somersault pike, for which she earned the 49.95.

Both Miller and McCambridge compete again Saturday off the platform. The diving tandem have excelled in platform this season, with both scoring at the Big Ten Championships and last week at the Central Regional Diving Zones.

Day Three: NCAA Championships

March 20, 2004 ♦ College Station, Texas

Purdue's stay at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships came to an end with Tracy Duchac scoring a lifetime best in the prelims of the 100-meter freestyle. Duchac recorded a time of 56.75, which, when converted to yards gave her a personal best of 50.84. Her previous best was a 51.23, which she posted at the Big Ten Championships. Swimming in lane one of the first heat, the Wisconsin Rapids native placed second, but finished 58th out of 88 competitors. Duchac's converted time of 50.84 ranks as the eighth-best time in Purdue history, surpassing Diane Reberger, who clocked a 50.99 in 1990.

Off the platform diving board, Carrie McCambridge placed 18th and Amanda Miller took 21st. McCambridge fought back from last place to put herself into contention late in the competition, but a two-point penalty invoked by the judges on the last dive cost her a chance to score more points. McCambridge was stuck in 23rd place through five rounds, but clawed her way back to 17th through eight rounds. On her final dive, an armstand forward somersault, McCambridge balked on the 10-meter platform and each judge was forced to remove two points from their scores.

McCambridge's round-by-round scores were 43.30, 46.20, 38.85, 31.20, 45.00, 31.50, 41.00, 47.25 and 28.50. Her best dive came in the eighth round after she successfully completed a forward 1 1/2 somersault with a twist off the 10-meter board. Miller finished with a score of 341.80, her second highest platform score of the season. Her round-by-round scores were 54.60, 35.00, 51.00, 26.10, 39.20, 28.00, 34.00, 36.10 and 37.80. Miller's top dive also was off the 10-meter, as she completed an inward 2 1/2 somersault.

Final Standings

Auburn	569
Georgia	431
Arizona	369
Florida	253
Stanford	237
California	235.5
UCLA	195
Texas	169
Southern Cal	160
Wisconsin	135
South Carolina	120.5
Indiana	119
Michigan	114.5
Arizona State	107
Penn State	101
Texas A&M	100.5
Florida State	84
SMU	72
Virginia	53
Oregon State	45
Alabama	43
Houston	36
North Carolina	31
LSU	29.5
Notre Dame	28
Hawaii	24.5
Arkansas	24
Tennessee	23
Maryland	14
Rutgers	14
Pacific	14
Richmond	13
Georgia Tech	7
Villanova	6
Minnesota	6
Connecticut	5
Ohio State	5
Purdue	5
Oakland	2
Clemson	2
Illinois	2
Northeastern	1
Brown	1

Individual High Point

Kaitlin Sandeno, USC	57
Natalie Coughlin, California	56
Margaret Hoelzer, Auburn	54
Kirsty Coventry, Auburn	54
Emily Mason, Arizona	50
Whitney Myers, Arizona	47
Sara McLarty, Florida	45
Jessica Hayes, Arizona	42
Alida DiPlacido, Texas A&M	40.5
Tara Kirk, Stanford	40
Kara Lynn Joyce, Georgia	40
Agnes Kovacs, Arizona State	40

SEASON BEST TIMES & SCORES

50 Freestyle (NCAA 'A' 22.88; 'B' 23.56)

22.95VB	Tracy Duchac	Big Tens
23.24FB	Susan Hentschel	Big Tens
23.34B	Katie Seleskie	Big Tens
23.54B^	Christine Leupold	Texas A&M
23.67^	Kimbire Vogel	Texas A&M

100 Freestyle (NCAA 'A' 49.78; 'B' 51.27)

50.26FB	Susan Hentschel	Big Tens
50.52B	Christine Leupold	Texas A&M
50.53B	Katie Seleskie	Big Tens
50.84^	Tracy Duchac	NCAA
51.30	Jenni Bean	Big Tens

200 Freestyle (NCAA 'A' 1:47.61; 'B' 1:50.83)

1:48.50VB	Erica Chandler	Big Tens
1:48.77B^	Christine Leupold	Texas A&M
1:49.59B^	Susan Hentschel	Texas A&M
1:50.19	Jenni Bean	Boiler-Make-It
1:50.98	Katharine Telfer	Big Tens

500 Freestyle (NCAA 'A' 4:45.46; 'B' 4:54.02)

4:49.12B	Erica Chandler	Big Tens
4:53.29B	Yvonne Laaper	Big Tens
4:53.71B	Katharine Telfer	Big Tens
4:58.64^	Christine Leupold	Texas A&M
5:04.05	Susan Hentschel	Iowa

1,000 Freestyle

10:02.12(s)^	Erica Chandler	Texas A&M
10:17.11	Yvonne Laaper	Iowa
10:39.87	Lydia DeNuccio	Miami
10:40.46^	Erin Gettings	Texas A&M
10:52.63(s)	Kristen Melville	Big Tens

1,650 Freestyle (NCAA 'A' 16:23.54; 'B' 16:54.03)

16:48.85B	Erica Chandler	Big Tens
17:29.98^	Yvonne Laaper	Texas A&M
17:55.30^	Erin Gettings	Texas A&M
18:04.71	Kristen Melville	Big Tens

100 Backstroke (NCAA 'A' 54.47; 'B' 56.10)

56.90^	Brandy Keever	Texas A&M
57.44^	Katharine Telfer	Texas A&M
57.81^	Kimbire Vogel	Texas A&M
57.94	Lydia DeNuccio	Big Tens
58.90	Rachel Sitarz	Big Tens

200 Backstroke (NCAA 'A' 1:58.24; 'B' 2:01.78)

2:03.26	Brandy Keever	Big Tens
2:03.91^	Kimbire Vogel	Texas A&M
2:04.31^	Katharine Telfer	Texas A&M
2:06.51	Lydia DeNuccio	Big Tens
2:06.61	Erica Chandler	Mich. State

100 Breaststroke (NCAA 'A' 1:02.00; 'B' 1:03.86)

1:04.77	Rory Belk	Big Tens
1:05.53^	Erica Chandler	Texas A&M
1:05.79^	Lindsay Kirchoff	Indiana
1:06.35^	Katie Seleskie	Texas A&M
1:06.41	Tracy Duchac	Big Tens

200 Breaststroke (NCAA 'A' 2:14.25; 'B' 2:18.27)

2:17.56FB	Rory Belk	Big Tens
2:20.29^	Erica Chandler	Texas A&M
2:22.07	Yvonne Laaper	Big Tens
2:22.89^	Lindsay Kirchoff	Indiana
2:26.71^	Morgan Goldthwaite	Texas A&M

100 Butterfly (NCAA 'A' 53.75; 'B' 55.36)

56.09	Autumn Sample	Big Tens
56.67^	Christine Leupold	Texas A&M
56.83	Carlene Takaki	Big Tens
57.10^	Jennifer Merte	Texas A&M
59.16^	Lydia DeNuccio	Texas A&M

200 Butterfly (NCAA 'A' 1:58.11; 'B' 2:01.65)

2:01.82F	Carlene Takaki	Big Tens
2:02.58	Autumn Sample	Big Tens
2:08.97^	Jennifer Merte	Texas A&M
2:09.32^	Sara Hayworth	Texas A&M

200 IM (NCAA 'A' 2:00.67; 'B' 2:04.29)

2:03.74B^	Jenni Bean	Texas A&M
2:03.85B	Christine Leupold	Big Tens
2:04.48^	Jennifer Merte	Texas A&M
2:06.11	Autumn Sample	Big Tens
2:06.59	Rory Belk	Big Tens

400 IM (NCAA 'A' 4:15.93; 'B' 4:23.60)

4:20.52B^	Jennifer Merte	Texas A&M
4:26.03^	Yvonne Laaper	Texas A&M
4:27.50^	Jenni Bean	Texas A&M
4:28.94	Erica Chandler	Wisconsin Quad
4:30.13^	Autumn Sample	Texas A&M

200 Freestyle Relay (NCAA 'A' 1:31.01; 'B' 1:33.74)

1:31.89B	Purdue 'A'	Big Tens
	(Duchac 23.27, Seleskie 23.06, Vogel 22.96, Hentschel 22.60)	
1:32.61B^	Purdue 'A'	Texas A&M
	(Duchac 23.19, Vogel 23.35, Seleskie 23.27, Hentschel 22.77)	

400 Freestyle Relay (NCAA 'A' 3:18.95; 'B' 3:24.91)

3:20.83VB	Purdue 'A'	Big Tens
	(Seleskie 50.62, Leupold 50.13, Duchac 50.23, Hentschel 49.86)	
3:22.15B^	Purdue 'A'	Texas A&M
	(Leupold 50.86, Duchac 51.17, Seleskie 50.16, Hentschel 49.94)	

800 Freestyle Relay (NCAA 'A' 7:11.65; 'B' 7:24.59)

7:18.64VB	Purdue 'A'	Big Tens
	(Leupold 1:49.45, Bean 1:52.59, Chandler 1:47.58, Hentschel 1:49.02)	
7:23.58B^	Purdue 'A'	Texas A&M
	(Leupold 1:49.95, Hentschel 1:52.21, Seleskie 1:51.37, Chandler 1:50.53)	

200 Medley Relay (NCAA 'A' 1:39.90; 'B' 1:42.89)

1:43.14	Purdue 'A'	Big Tens
	(Keever 26.76, Chandler 29.01, Leupold 24.70, Duchac 22.67)	
1:44.76^	Purdue 'A'	Texas A&M
	(Keever 26.94, Chandler 29.53, Leupold 25.15, Hentschel 23.14)	

400 Medley Relay (NCAA 'A' 3:38.32; 'B' 3:44.86)

3:47.18	Purdue 'A'	Big Tens
	(Telfer, 57.56, Chandler 1:04.73, Leupold 55.26, Hentschel 49.63)	
3:50.41^	Purdue 'A'	Texas A&M
	(Telfer 57.44, Chandler 1:05.24, Leupold 56.44, Hentschel 51.27)	

One-meter Diving – Six dives (Zones – 255)

321.80V(z)	Carrie McCambridge	Big Tens
271.95(z)	Bethany Jensen	Indiana
264.07(z)	Amanda Miller	Mich. State
250.05	Lauren Whitmore	Miami
213.37	Sara Lamping	Mich. State

One-meter Diving – 12 dives

530.55	Carrie McCambridge	Zones
517.65	Amanda Miller	Zones

Three-meter Diving – Six dives (Zones – 270)

305.32(z)	Carrie McCambridge	G.T./F.A.
294.52(z)	Bethany Jensen	Arkansas
290.10(z)	Amanda Miller	Intercoll.
267.65	Lauren Whitmore	Intercoll.
228.98	Sara Lamping	Iowa

Three-meter Diving – 11 dives (Zones – 425)

544.35V(z)	Carrie McCambridge	Big Tens
445.75(z)	Amanda Miller	Wisconsin Quad
399.10	Bethany Jensen	Texas A&M
372.35	Sarah Lamping	Wisconsin Quad
323.30	Amber Kerns	Wisconsin Quad

Platform Diving – Nine dives (Zones – 365)

413.50V(z)	Carrie McCambridge	Big Tens
343.85	Amanda Miller	Zones
208.40	Amber Kerns	Big Tens
205.25	Sarah Lamping	Big Tens

Key

V – Varsity Record; F – Freshman Record; B – NCAA Provisional Time
(z) – regional diving zone qualifying mark; (r) – leadoff relay split
(s) – split time; (*) – converted from short-course meters

Meet	Date
Intrasquad	(10/24)
Indiana Intercollegiate	(10/25)
Miami	(10/29)
Iowa	(11/7)
Georgia Tech/Florida Atlantic	(11/15-11/15)
Texas A&M Fall Invite	(11/21-11/23)
U.S. Open	(12/4 - 12/6)
Georgia Diving Invite	(1/3 - 1/5)
Arkansas	(1/6)
Indiana	(1/16)
Michigan State	(1/17)
Wisconsin Quad	(1/30 - 1/31)
Big Ten Championships	(2/18 - 2/21)
Boiler-Make-It	(2/29)
NCAA Diving Zones	(3/12 - 14)
NCAA Championships	(3/18 - 20)