



## Bobcat Swimmers Finish 9-1 Season

In his first year as Grand Blanc Swimming Coach, Mr. Gary Paduch carried his tankers to a splashing 9 win one loss record.

The only defeat came at the hands of a strong and experienced Pontiac Northern squad, 69-36. Although Pontiac dominated most events, the Bobcats pushed hard providing some top records for the Grand Blanc pool. Grand Blanc loses only four seniors, so next year should be an even better meet between these two teams.

The Bobcat Tankers came back strong to beat Northwestern by an overwhelming 77-28 score, taking 10 of 11 events. And the following meet was even more decisive, 80-25 over Saginaw McArthur.

In this meet seven new varsity records were set and two pool records. Ed Olson swam 1:04.7 and Verde Van Sickle whizzed to 23.6 in the 50 Freestyle.

In the final meet of the year with Alpena, Grand Blanc

sailed to another easy victory. Van Sickle pushing his fullest potential qualified for the State meet.

At the State meet held Mar. 12 and 13 at Michigan State University, Van Sickle swam 23.1 and 23.6 to beat the qualifying time of 23.8 twice. In the preliminary Van Sickle met with the competition of Henry Alf, Battle Creek Central, who swam .1 off the national record with a 21.7 time.

Also qualifying for the State meet was diver Greg Blue making a fine showing as Grand Blanc's first diving representative.

Returning next year will be Doug McCombs, sophomore who holds three varsity records and is on the 200 Freestyle relay team, Tony Krutka, sophomore and No. 1 on the 400 Freestyle, Mike Pritchett junior and top breast stroke swimmer and Dave Spaulding, sophomore who was less than a second behind Ed Olson's record setting pace. Mr. Pa-

duch is also counting on some sound backing from the returning juniors.

This year Grand Blanc swimmers broke all Varsity records but one, the 100 backstroke still held by Howard Johnson, and for the first time Grand Blanc had a Junior Varsity team. However, one does not have to be a Varsity Swimmer to compete in meets.

Mr. Paduch also began a Midget Swim program which has been most successful. Mar. 8 saw a meet for these tadpoles between the Paduch Specials and the Unbeatables. The Unbeatables were just that as they won the meet 64-56.

Grand Blanc Varsity and pool records:

200 Med Relay: Pool, 1:53.4 Pontiac Northern, D. Johnson, R. Chambers, B. Hayes, T. Schram. Varsity, 1:59.1 J. LaFave, D. Schneiderham, D. Spaulding, G. Blue.

200 Freestyle: Pool, 1:59.1 Pontiac Northern, S. Yedlin.

Varsity, 2:03.1 D. McCombs.

50 Freestyle: Pool, 23.6 G.B.

V. Van Sickle. Varsity, 23.1 V. Van Sickle.

200 Individual Medley: Pool, 2:20.1 Pont. Northern, C. Hiller. Varsity, 2:30.6 G. DeBolt.

Diving: Pool, 1:48.55 G.B. G. Blue. Varsity, 1:48.55 G. Blue.

100 Butterfly: Pool, 1:02.1 Pontiac Northern, R. Johnson. Varsity, 1:04.7 E. Olson.

100 Freestyle: Pool, 53.7 G.B. D. McCombs. Varsity, 53.7 D. McCombs.

400 Freestyle: Pool, 4:25.6 Pontiac Northern, S. Yedlin. Varsity, 4:31.3 D. McCombs.

100 Backstroke: Pool, 1:02.9 P.N. D. Johnson. Varsity, 1:09.2 H. Johnson.

100 Breaststroke: Pool, 1:10.5 P.N. B. Hayes. Varsity, 1:10.9 V. Van Sickle.

200 Freestyle Relay: Pool, 1:38.3 D. McCombs, E. Barnes, V. Van Sickle, E. Olson. Varsity, 1:38.3 D. McCombs, E. Barnes, V. Van Sickle, E. Olson.