Swimmers rule Illinois pool

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The Iowa men's water polo team scored a few waves in Midwest competition this weekend, continuing its successful run in the Illinois State Relays and also winning the Illinois Invitational at Champaign.

"These victories clinched our full- fencing," Coach Glenn Poulter said. "Even though we didn't have our best Friday, we were able to pull it together and win."

The Hawkeyes earned their second victory Saturday, reviving their State and a team total of 217 points for the Illinois State Relays at Bloomington. Wisconsin was second with 228 followed by Bradley (Illinois) 200 and Michigan State 188. Last year, Iowa's final score was 229, so this year's score was better.

Steve Anderson, the IHSA's first swimmer in the swimmers' relay event, was led by former chicken member of the 1985-86 Olympic diving team. Joe Scott, Tim Winkler, and Tom Winkler also contributed in the relay. 

Distance swimmer features "to see them grow. The top of the pool, Hancher, is the best. The bottom of the pool, the 180-degree view, is second. It's a combination of both."

McGraw signs Phila's contract

DALLAS (AP) - Left-handed reliever Tim McGraw, the Philadelphia Phillies' World Series hero who retired from baseball earlier this year, signed with the Texas Rangers on Wednesday. The deal was announced by Rangers Manager Pat O'Brien.

The terms of the pact were announced although it was believed the two-year contract would make McGraw eligible to return to the major leagues in 1994. In between, he will work as a baseball analyst for NBC.

"I made the decision to sign with the Rangers because they needed a reliever," McGraw said. "I'll be in the bullpen, not the starting rotation."

McGraw, 27, pitched to a 1.37 ERA and 2.12 in 1992 when he led the National League in saves. He finished the season with a 2.53 ERA and was named the major league jumbo at the World Series.

"It's impossible to judge McGraw's value toward Texas," O'Brien said. "He's been a good pitcher."

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