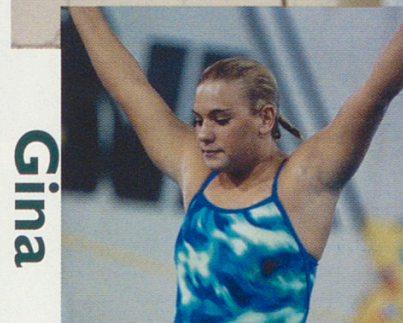




Senior Spotlight



Gina Sylvester a four year varsity diver, concluded her season with a 4th place finish at the state meet. This was a great accomplishment for her, surpassing her 5th place finish from the previous year. In addition, Sylvester won the GMC and finished second at the district meet.



Gina

Sylvester



Row 1: Mike Pennerman, 10, Nick Mayer, 9, Coach Phipps, Stevi DiaMasso, 10, Brian Ruff, 9, **Row 2:** Gina Sylvester, 12, Sarah Stoced, 9, Amanda Cone, 10, Brittany Martin, 10, Mark Schrock, 12.

Platform above the rest

Divers take season to greater heights

By: Katie Loftspring

LESS WAS MORE. No splash was best for divers. A clear entry earned more points for veteran divers **Gina Sylvester, 12**, and **Stevi DiaMasso, 10**, as well as for rookie divers **Mike Pennerman, 10**, **Brian Ruff, 9**, and **Mark Schrock, 12**.

Five days a week at 8:00 p.m. during the winter season, these divers came back to

school for an hour of diving practice. Although diving is really an individual sport, there was nothing individual about this group of students. There was always someone there whether it be at practice or during a meet, to congratulate, or to give advice on how the individual could improve their dive.

With only two returning divers, the season started out a little rocky, but concluded just

the opposite.

"Some of the divers were quick to learn their six dives, and some had trouble. Overall I am satisfied with the team," said **Coach Jack Phipps**. Sylvester finished first in the GMC and 4th at the state meet. Divers Pennerman and DiaMasso placed 11th and 13th in the district meet.