

2005 State Champion Boys Swim Team

The 2005 State Champion Boys swim team completed the season with a record of 13-2. The team was led by Head Coach Todd Sudol and Assistant Coach Adele Morgan. The team had ended the previous season (2004) with the program's first State Sectional Title Championship and only one win away from competing in the state final. The team's very successful 2004 season helped to lay the groundwork for what would become the most successful campaign to date and a dominant five year stretch for boys swimming in the state of NJ. Members of the 2005 State Championship team, not only won a State Sectional title in 2004, but went on to win sectional titles again in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008.



The juniors and seniors from the 2005 team established a standard for the younger swimmers and an expectation of winning. This expectation that originated from the early championship teams is still evident in the program today. Since 2008, the boys team has gone on to win 2 Somerset County Championship Titles, 3 Skyland Conference Championship Titles, 1 State Sectional Title, has crowned several State Champions at the Individual State Swimming Championships (MOC's), and have had swimmers earn numerous "All American" Awards. The accomplishments & significance of the 2005 team will never be forgotten. Their season will always be known as the "tipping point" moment for the program. A program that began more than a decade earlier with the inaugural season being the 1992-93 school year.

The 2005 state final was held at The College of New Jersey. This was a special moment for Coach Sudol. TCNJ was his alma mater, where he spent four years on the swim team, and now his boys were in that very same pool battling to win a state championship title. That day, the 2005 team defeated Bridgewater Raritan (101-69) to win the state championship title and avenged an earlier dual meet season loss to Bridgewater (84-86). That special day was really just a culmination of 'winning' momentum. In the weeks leading up to the state championship the boys had captured the Skyland Conference Swim Championship, won the Somerset County Championship and their second consecutive Central Jersey State Sectional Title.

The boys' confidence grew with each win and the team bond grew stronger. It became clear this was not about one individual, but all of them working together to accomplish their goal. The boys walked off the pool deck that afternoon as "champions". They were one strong team whose high school swimming experience had forever changed and their legacy forged. Some of them graduated that June and went on to swim in college and some never put on a racing suit again. Underclassmen went on to play a spring sport, then a fall sport, before returning for another winter swim season where they would continue their championship title runs. Regardless of where they moved on to or what they decided to pursue in life they all have history together, a common bond that will forever stand. That historic day and the team's achievements have now become the "yard stick" to measure past, current and future Hillsborough swim teams by.

The Hall of Fame Committee is proud to induct the 2005 State Champion Boys Swim Team into the 2017 Class of the HHS Hall of Fame