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Boone High School Swimmer Sets National Records

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Boone High School has produced some good swimmers through the years, including some who won state championships.

But, in the early 1940's, a Toreador swimmer, Bob Anderson, not only made

quite a name for himself in Iowa, he also became known as one of the top high school swimmers in the nation, holding two national prep sprint records.

Anderson's special exploits began during the 1941-42 season, when, as a sophomore, he set a new state record of 18.9 in the

40-yard freestyle event. That occurred in a dual meet with Des Moines Lincoln.

That mark was lowered by Anderson to 18.8 a few weeks later in competition with Fort Dodge.

Then, late in the season, again swimming against Fort Dodge on January 21, 1942, Anderson won that event in 18.3, the fastest time ever recorded for that event by a high school swimmer in the entire nation.

At the end of that season, in the state meet, Anderson officially set a new state meet record for that event in the preliminaries but was defeated in the finals.

At that same state meet, in 1942, he set a new 100-

yard freestyle record of 54.7 in the preliminaries. Again, he was defeated in the finals and that new record was also erased.

In Anderson's junior season, 1942-43, wartime travel restrictions prevented any real dual meet competition.

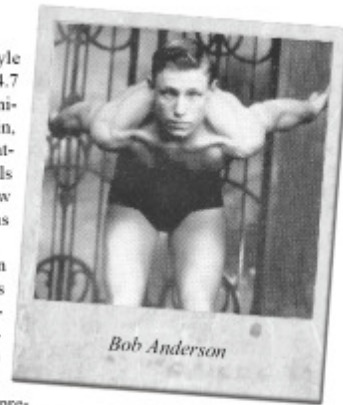
Anderson, however, did participate in the state meet at Ames and set a pair of new national high school records.

In the preliminaries in both the 40 and 100-yard

freestyle events, he set new national marks. His times were 17.9 for the 40 and 52.4 for the 100.

Once again, he lost in the 40-yard final but he won the 100, thus becoming Boone High School's first state

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