

## HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING



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Rock Island senior Nduwikunda David, who was born in a refugee camp in Tanzania, is the first person in his family to learn to swim. He was voted to be a captain on the swim team this year.

# Refugee develops into leader of 'swim family'

Rocks rally around captain who is first in his family to swim

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The words are completely unintelligible to all but one person in the huddle of the Rock Island boys swim team, yet the pre-meet speech resonates with everyone because of how it's delivered and who it comes from.

He can now speak fluent English, but Nduwikunda David sometimes breaks into his native tongue when trying to motivate his teammates before a competition. With a wide smile and an energetic aura emanating from his small frame, David is able to impart a message that transcends language barriers and ignites a charge in his fellow Rocks.

"For a couple of the captain's speeches he's spoken Swahili," senior co-captain John Ponsetto said. "We don't understand what he's saying, but we just get so pumped just from the way it sounds."

Born in a refugee camp in Tanzania, David is the first person in his family to learn how to swim. When he joined Rock Island's



Rock Island senior Nduwikunda David, a Tanzanian refugee who first learned to swim as a freshman, says being in the water relaxes him. "I just keep going and then everything else just goes away. You just keep swimming, like Nemo," he said.

team as a shy freshman he had zero experience in the water and had to wear "every kind of flotation aid you could think of just to get from one end of the pool to the other," coach Grant Bramer said.

Four years later, David's skills still haven't caught up to those of his teammates who have far more experience, but his work ethic and upbeat personality have made him a leader on the team. When captains were decided at the start of the season, it was David who received the most votes.

"Some of them are faster than me, but I like talking to everybody," David said. "I think that's why they chose me, because I interact with everyone."

With two meets left in David's prep career, the coaches who taught him to swim and provided him with a support system when he needed it are in awe of how far he's come.

"If (the captain's vote) says anything about how the team rallies to him and looks to him for leadership, that's the biggest argument you can make,"

Bramer said. "To go from being a no-name in the sport and barely being able to swim, to senior year being a captain and representing us on the championship team, that's a big deal. A big deal."

## Born as a refugee

David never had the chance to grow up in his father's homeland. Barutwanayo Jacques was born in the small East African nation of Burundi, which shares borders with Rwanda to the north,

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IOWA AT INDIANA,  
8 P.M., ESPN

## Clash at the point keys big matchup

Iowa's Clemmons, Gesell go up against Indiana star Ferrell

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IOWA CITY — Fran McCaffery admitted he can't ever recall having a situation quite like what he has on this year's Iowa basketball team.

Most college basketball coaches consider themselves fortunate if they have one good point guard. If they're really lucky, it's a battle-hardened senior.

Having two such guys? McCaffery uses the word "luxury" to describe what it's like to have both Mike Gesell and Anthony Clemmons on his roster.

"You look at our ability to play tough teams oftentimes on the road and not turn the ball over, it's a function of those two guys," McCaffery said. "If you're not turning the ball over, you've got a chance every time you take the floor."

The question to be answered tonight when the fourth-ranked Hawkeyes visit Indiana in a Big Ten showdown: Is it better to have two really good senior point guards or one great one?

The Hoosiers' Yogi Ferrell also is a fourth-year starter and an All-American candidate who has helped steer his team into contention for the Big Ten title. Indiana is 9-2 in league play, just a game behind the front-running Hawkeyes, and there's little question that Ferrell is a primary reason.

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Ferrell



Gesell



Clemmons

## AUGUSTANA 76, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 60

## No. 1 Vikings finish off unbeaten home regular season

Augustana nails eight 3-pointers to shoot down Wesleyan zone

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Illinois Wesleyan wasn't the only basketball team that showed up at Augustana's Carver Center in a zone Wednesday night.

The top-ranked Vikings were in a zone of their own, striking quickly against the 2-3 zone the Titans deployed at the onset of Augustana's 76-60 College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin men's basketball win.

"We had a little success against them with the zone at our place

and were up two at the half, so we thought we would see how they would handle it," Illinois Wesleyan coach Ron Rose said. "They handled it. They were clearly the aggressor early."

Jawan Straughter knocked down 3-point baskets on the Vikings' first two possessions of the game, sending Augustana to a lead that reached 13-2 when Hunter Hill buried a three of his own just over five minutes into the game.

"We expected some zone and we were ready for it," Hill said. "It helped us start the way we like to start, fast."

Finishing off its first undefeated regular season at home since the 1978-79 season, the Vikings

knocked down eight shots from behind the arc in the game including a 4-for-5 performance by Dylan Sortillo.

The sophomore from Bettendorf buried three during a stretch of just over two-and-a-half minutes, helping Augustana open a 34-16 lead with 6 minutes, 4 seconds remaining in an opening half that ended with the Vikings in control 38-25.

"Dylan really blew the game open for us. He's been passing up some shots lately and we got him a lot of looks in practice on Monday that really seemed to pay off," Augustana coach Grey Giovannine said.



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Augustana's Tayvion Johnson (25) hits a jumper over a Wesleyan defender Wednesday at the Carver Center.

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# Vickers replacing injured Stewart at Daytona 500

to discuss its plans for the No. 14 Chevrolet. A person familiar with the situation told AP on Wednesday that it will be Vickers. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team is awaiting word from NASCAR on whether Vick-

Vickers is only expected to run at Daytona, which opens Friday ahead of the Feb. 21 season-opening Daytona 500. SHR is still looking at all of its options for beyond Daytona. Stewart is expected to race at some point this year.

He was looking forward to last season, but surgery in December 2014 to repair a hole in his heart sidelined him for the first two races.

"David's a great kid. It's going to be pretty impossible to replace him," Bramer said. "He's been a big character builder and a big character on our team. It's going to be sad seeing him go."







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