

Who Said Cobras Can't Swim?

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High? The South Miami Senior High Swim Team began this year with the help of former Christopher Columbus swimmer Mr. Tony Balboa.

Don't have any idea of what these hardworking swimmers do? Well, there are twelve different races which consists of twenty five yards per lap. Some of the key swimmers are in races such as Rudy Roman in the Breast Stroke 50 free, Jennifer Lacasse in the 100 Free and 100 Breast Stroke,

and Mary Rubin in the 500 Free, which is twenty laps. Danny Villanueva is in the 100 Butterfly, Binsen Gonzalez in the 100 Backstroke, and Lazaro Diaz in the

50 Free Style. There has even been a great improvement for Yesenia Jara in the 200 Free Style by thirty seconds.

The team began practicing the first week of school, meeting at the Tropical Estates Pool next to Rivera Middle. Their hard work and effort have definitely paid off as they have accomplished far more than expected.

In fact, they were invited to compete in the GMAC Tournament on Thursday, October 7th, and Friday, October 8th. Then, in the last meet of the season, Balboa led the team to a first place finish against Jackson.

Balboa hopes that once he is settled in, and as long as he's here, he can continue this new tradition for South Miami High. *The Serpents Tale* wishes the best of luck to Balboa and the South Miami Swim Team.

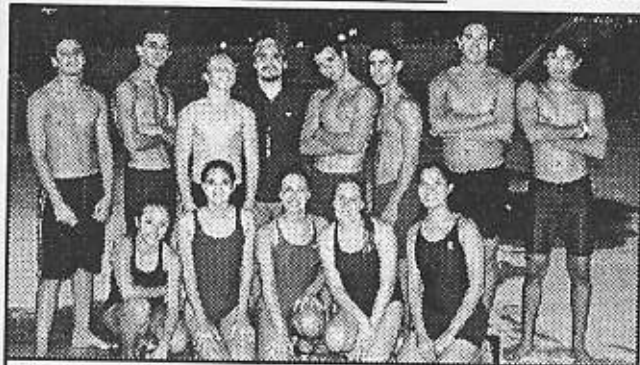


Photo by: H.P.S. Coach Balboa poses with the first ever South Miami Swim Team as they prepare for event.

In the words from *Finding Nemo*, "Just keep swimming, just keep swimming." Did you know that we are beginning a new tradition at South Miami