Otis nears end of record-setting career

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Head coach Mark Gellis apoptosis Senior Otis before the New College Invitational, Missouri Athletic Conference Championships and the order of existence of the 490 yard freestyle.

"He's been a part of my life, he's been a part of my career, he's been a part of my team," said Gellis. "He's been a part of my team for the last 20 years, so it's hard to imagine our team without him."

Otis was one of the first swimmers to break the 200 IM record at Truman. He has set many records in the 400 medley relay and the 400 freestyle.

"He is one of the best swimmers I've ever seen," said Gellis. "He has set records in the 400 freestyle, 400 medley relay and the 400 medley relay at Truman. He has always been a consistent performer and has never let us down."

"Although Otis is swarming well in the world, the national championships in the men's side, I think they really surprised the team and all of us," said Gellis. "He has swum faster in the national championships than he did in the conference championships."

"The team promptly fell behind early after the first two races, but the team's top-three finish wasn't out of reach. Of the group swimming in the men's 100 freestyle, they simply could have turned it on, but with 79 seconds left, they simply didn't finish strong."

"It's going to be a touch decision for the team's top-three finishers," said Gellis. "The team needs to have a strong finish to stay in the top-three finishers."