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## LONG-DISTANCE SWIMMING

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Horacio Iglesias of Argentina, a 27-year-old electrical engineer from Buenos Aires, has become the first man ever to win the title of World Champion Marathon Swimmer four times. Iglesias, in swimming to the 1972 title in a season where there were only four races sanctioned by the World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation, amassed 2,153 points with first places in team races at La Tuque and Chicoutimi (both in Quebec) and a second-place finish in the prestigious Capri-Naples race.

"Iggy" was joined in the marathon swimming throne by Miss Shadia El Rageb of Egypt, who won her second consecutive women's World Championship title by virtue of her victory in the Capri-Naples women's division.

The Argentinian -- nicknamed "Dorado," after one of his country's fastest game fish -- successfully defended the title he won in 1971. He was also the 1967 and 1969 titlist.

Among the 29 men who scored points (for finishing positions, comparative times and distances swum) in 1972, Holland's Jan Van Scheyndel finished second with 1,833 points scored while winning the 25-mile race at Roberval, Que.; and placing third at both La Tuque and Chicoutimi. Raul Villagomez of Argentina, with 1,619 points, was third; Johan Schans of Holland was fourth with 1,430 points, and Marwan Shedid of Egypt was fifth with 1,383 points.

Rounding out the top ten were: 6th, Dennis Matuch of Chicago (1,266 points); Marwan Saleh of Syria (1,139); Jon Erikson of Chicago (918); Rogosic Veljko of Yugoslavia (890) and Mohammed Khamis of Syria (854). They were followed in order by Yvon Monpetit of Canada (593), Carlos Aguirre of Argentina (582), Marcello Guiscardo of Argentina (577), Mohammed Gamie of Egypt (569) and Tabii Abou El Enen of Egypt (569).

Only three female swimmers completed races during 1972. Miss El Rageb scored 890 points in winning the Italian race's women's division; Diana Nyad of Ft. Lauderdale received 695 for being the first woman home in the La Tuque team event, and Egypt's Samia Mandour scored 525 as Miss Myad's runnerup at La Tuque.

Miss El Rageb is the second woman to win the female crown more than once. In the 10 years since champions have been chosen by the WPMSF, Holland's Judith DeNijs Van Berkel has been the victor six times -- five of them in succession, between 1964 and 1968.

Turning to amateur long-distance racing, David Pratten was the 1972 winner of the British Long Distance Swimming Association's annual 5-mile championship, covering the distance on Trentham Lake in 2:02.19. Women's winner Valeria Whitworth-Taylor, who won the five-miler in 2:14.26, was also first gal home in the Torbay 8-mile women's race in 4:05.35; in the distaff division of the Coniston Water 5½-mile race in 2:01.08, and the Morecambe Bay 9-mile women's event in 2:34.00.

Among the men, Alan Mitchell won both the Torbay and Coniston Water races, the former in 3:59.00 and the latter in 2:03.35; and Michael Read was the Morecambe Bay men's winner in 2:41.00.

Magdi Mandour of Egypt won the men's section of the 21-mile Nile River Arab Amateur race in 8:14.07, while F.A. Kader, also of Egypt, was first woman in 11:05.24.

The Amateurs at Capri-to-Naples were led home by the same Mr. Mandour, who set a record with a 7:42.07 completion of the 18-mile test.

In Spain, where long-distance swimming has long been frowned upon, an amateur 10-mile race from Tortosa to Amposta on the River Ebor was won by Esteban Montia of Spain, who finished the second annual race in a record 2:31.30.

Our Scouts at the English Channel have followed up the August SW "Notes & Comments from Overseas" report that one Rev. Richard Vick had been told by "the voice of the Lord" to swim the English Channel to raise funds for repairs to his church. He apparently misunderstood the message, for when the 47-year-old clergyman set out to answer the call, he managed to cover one-third of the distance -- 7 miles -- in 3½ hours of swimming. One hopes his valiant effort succeeded in providing some assistance for the church.