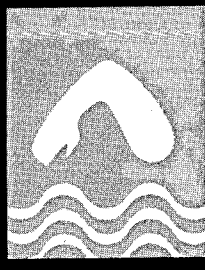


DISTANCE SWIMMING

By Dennis Matuch



Editor's Note: Dennis Matuch is the new Distance Swimming columnist, taking the place of Joe Grossman, former Executive Director of the Marathon Swimming Foundation and Hall of Fame who died April 13 apparently of a heart attack.

The Professional Marathon Swimming will officially start on July 15, when the gun sounds the start of the 20th Capri-Naples International 37 Kilometer swim, swum between the Isle of Capri and the Harbor of Naples, Italy. First prize for this rough open water ocean swim will be \$2,000, with further prize money being awarded to tenth position. A week later, the LaTuque 24-hour team race will get underway on July 21st at 3 p.m. in Lake St. Louis, LaTuque, Quebec, Canada. First prize money for the two-man team race is \$3,500, with prizes being awarded to 12th position. Total cash prizes are over \$13,000.

August 5th will be the 19th International crossing of Lake St. John, a 25-mile rough water lake swim from Peribonka to Roberval, Quebec. First prize is \$3,500 and a total of \$19,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to competitors who complete the 25-mile swim. Last year, because of six and seven foot waves and a water temperature average of 59 degrees, only three swimmers were able to finish the premier of Professional Marathon Swims around the world. The St. John organizers this year are offering a total of \$19,000 in prize money.

The only other professional marathon swim scheduled at this time is the Chicago Lakefront Festival, International 10-mile swim, to be held on Sunday, August 19th at Chicago's Navy Pier. Using a 10-mile triangular course in Lake Michigan, the sponsors hope this swim will bring in thousands of spectators, and are hoping a success this year will make it an annual event. First prize will be \$3,000, and a total of \$10,700 in cash prizes will be given to tenth position.

Entry forms and information for the Chicago Swim can be obtained by writing the Mayor's Office, City Hall, Chicago, Illinois 60602. For information on the other marathons, please write Dennis Matuch, c/o Illinois Institute of Technology, 3040 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois 60616.

DIVING (Cont'd. from page 34)

Scoring 264.20 points, Jon Beach, Perkins S.C., Rochester, N.Y., won the one meter dive for boys 11-12 and also edged Sven Schultz, Dad's Club YMCA, Houston, Texas, 247.90 to 245.15 in the three meter event.

Wanda Boda of the Davis Diving Team, Calif., totaled 258.75 to win the one meter; while Lisa Sharp, Germantown, Pa. took the three meter championship in the girls 11-12 division.

In the boys 13-14 classification, Greg Louganis, La Mesa Divers, Calif., captured the one and three meter championships with scores of 323.15 and 353.90, respectively.

Winning both dives in the girls 13-14 age group was Jenni Chandler, unattached from Atlanta, Ga., scoring 321.90 and 408.20.

Kent Vosler, Ron O'Brien Diving School, Columbus, Ohio, placed first in the boys 15-17 one meter event, totaling 424.45 points. Scott Reich of Sherman Swim School, La Fayette, Calif., scored 405.00 to become the three meter champ.

In the one meter dive for girls 15-17, Sue Rogers scored 355.65 to win the event. Debbie Keplan of Ron O'Brien School, took the three meter dive with 407.95 points.

Tower diving in the boys 12-14 division was won by Tommy Peters, Spartan Athletic S.C., San Antonio, Texas.

Denise Christensen, Desert Dots, S.C., Arizona, edged Evelyn Engel of Santa Clara S.C., 179.30 to 177.95 in the girls 12-14 tower dive.

In other close competition, Melissa Briley of JCC, Houston, Texas, barely beat Lori Wettauer, unattached from Birmingham, Mich., 253.75 to 252.50, while Kent Vosler nipped Jesse Griffith, Spartan S.C., Lansing, Mich., 268.85 to 268.15.

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