



OFF THE BLOCKS

Honors still accumulate for Tim Shaw, the 17-year-old superstar of Long Beach Aquatic Club. Tim, only the second man in history to hold all three world records in the 200 m., 400 m. and 1500 m. freestyle, was named by Citizens Savings Athletic Foundation (formerly Helms Athletic Foundation) as the Southern California Athlete of the Month (August). He joins previous winners Mike Marshall and Andy Messersmith of the baseball Dodgers.

Wedding bells rang out for two former Olympic gold medal winners last month. Jane Barkman, Wayne, Penn., 1968 and 1972 Olympic freestyle relay member, was married to Garrett Doug Tyler, Knoxville, Tennessee. Steve Genter, Lakewood, Calif., silver medal winner in the 1972 men's 200 m. freestyle and a member of the winning 4 x 200 m. freestyle relay, was married to Swiss Olympic swimmer Erica Reugg.

Swiss national coach Tony Ulrich was a happy man when he returned to his Geneva home from the European Championships. His wife had given birth to a baby girl while he was with his team in Vienna.

Congressman James O'Hara of Michigan is the key man working for passage of the Amateur Athletic Bill S3500. This is the House of Representatives' version of the Pearson bill which has passed the Senate. Congressman O'Hara has advised that he would be most pleased to receive the views on S3500 from swimming coaches. There will be hearings on this bill before Congress adjourns. To voice your views, write Congressman James O'Hara, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. Be sure to refer to his bill No. S3500.

Charles Hauner, 23, who is the assistant swim coach at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, California, is now the head coach at Lodi High School.

At the Virginia State Senior Swimming Championships, Beth O'Connor, 13, shattered her best times, clocking 1:07.2 in the 100 m. fly, 1:01.5 for 100 m. free, 1:11.0 for 100 m. back and 2:33.0 for 200 m. IM.

At the Eastern All Star Swim Meet, Wilmington, Delaware, Andy Lockman and Jane Triau, representing the Rockville Municipal Swim Center, Maryland won the high point awards for 11-12 boys and girls. These two swimmers also had outstanding performances during the summer in the Potomac Valley AAU. Lockman set a new record in the boys 11-12 100 m. fly, 1:09.0 and Jane set records for 200 m. IM, 2:39.4 and 50 m. free, 29.8.

The International Swimming Hall of Fame, sponsors of the national Swim-a-thon has received a final report on the Swim-a-thon held by the New Trier East Swimming organization in Winnetka,

Illinois. David H. Robertson, director of swimming at New Trier High, reports that his swimmers with the cooperation of the girls' club earned more than \$15,000 in pledges making this the biggest high school Swim-a-thon ever. The Hall of Fame has its Swim-a-thon properly and legally registered with the U.S. Patent Office so that it is protected in every way. You are urged to carefully examine the literature presented to you when you are approached for a pledge. Swimmers are likewise urged not to participate in a Swim-a-thon sponsored by any organization other than the International Swimming Hall of Fame. This is swimming's own fund raising program.

Sandra Bucha, 19-year-old Stanford undergraduate is now a professional swimmer. She won't make as much as Mark Spitz, but she ranks at the top in long distance professional marathon swims. Said Sandra, "I didn't know there was any such thing" as she was interviewed by the press prior to her 10-mile race at Montreal's Laval Nature Park. "I read about it in a magazine called *Swimming World* and was quite surprised. I didn't think I would do very well." So Sandra went into training for a couple of weeks, never having swum over three miles in her life, and set a world record in a 10-mile swim in Lake Michigan this summer.

Omission Department: The winners of the National AAU Age Group Boys 11-12 3-meter springboard event were: Bruce Kimball, Ann Arbor SC, 281.15; Ronny Meyer, Saints Divers, 260.05; Dan Watson, Unat., Ky., 255.75; Rob Bitner, Ron O'Brien Diving School, 245.90; Billy Travis, Sherman Divers, 235.75; and Ron Oman, Rochester SC, 228.15.

Tarn Thompson of Swampscott, Penn., will be the University of Pennsylvania swimming captain for the upcoming season.

If water polo isn't going in your section of the nation, at least it's going great in California. KNBC-TV, Los Angeles' NBC outlet telecast a match between last year's undefeated CIF, Southern Section championship Sunny Hills High School squad and title contender Downey High School. The game on September 18 was seen by Southern California viewers on Sunday, September 22 at 11 a.m. That's a better effort for aquatics than CBS which has yet to announce the date for the National AAU Long Course Swimming Championships held way back on August 25-28. The sensational USA-DDR meet, that was front page sports news the world over back on August 31 and September 1 was finally aired on Sept. 21.

In Southern California, 165 high school teams will compete in water polo this fall,

with groupings ultimately leading to a championship.

Big Eight Universities are moving rapidly to provide athletic programs for girls. Kansas University has named Marian Washington as an assistant director of intercollegiate athletics for women's sports. Kansas coeds will compete in nine sports and \$63,000 has been added to the state's appropriations for women's athletics. Oklahoma has earmarked \$41,000 for women's athletics and Missouri, \$42,000.

Dr. Barry McCoy is replacing Harold Hacker at Lock Haven State while Hacker is on a year's leave of absence. Vic Hecker, former coach at Lynwood SC and high school is the head swimming and water polo coach at University of Nevada at Las Vegas. The Las Vegas school boasts of a brand new 50 m. natatorium with a bulkhead.

NCAA postgraduate scholarships of \$1,000 have been awarded to 80 student athletes. To be eligible for an NCAA post graduate scholarship, each student athlete must have an accumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for three years of college studies and must have excelled on the playing field as well. Swimmers honored this year: John Kinsella, Indiana, Division I; Steven Estabrook, Cal State at Fullerton, Division II; James Kruse, Univ. of California at Irvine, (polo), Division II; Richard James, Kenyon College, Division III; Stephen McFarland, Univ. of Miami, at large (diver).

Barbara Streisand will star in a film that features swimming, called "Funny Lady." But she can't swim. And even when cajoled into immersion, she demanded water as steamy as a hot tub. La Streisand is an important person on the set and when she asks for 92-degree water, she gets 92-degree water. Even in an entire 50-meter, Olympic size tank near the Los Angeles Coliseum. It must have been the first time ever that the L.A. Swim Stadium had it so hot. Marion Kane, former coach of the Merionettes synchro team of San Francisco was chosen as technical director and brought 26 of her Merionettes down to film some scenes. It was impossible to swim in the near-boiling water so the pool was cooled down and the synchro swimmers worked from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the next morning... while Barbara was off the set. "Funny Lady" is a story about Fannie Brice, impresario Billy Rose and Olympic swimmer Eleanor Holm, an Olympic 1932 100 m. backstroke champion, both married to Billy Rose during his notorious career.

The new Concord Swim Club, site of the AAU Long Course Nationals has a new program and a new staff. Nort Thornton, University of California head swimming coach, will be the head coach of the Concord club. Joining Thornton from the Foothill based Los Altos Aquatic Club are Ruth Snyder and John Snyder and the remaining Concord coach, Ron Dadami. Concord Swim Club's water polo team is coached by Pete Cutino and they were the 1974 AAU National titlists. Thornton, with the support of the City of Concord, has initiated a new swimming program on every aspect of swimming for every age.

Fred T. Creech, a 1974 graduate of