

DISTANCE SWIMMING

By Dennis Matuch



The first pro marathon swim of 1975 will be the 28-mile Mar del Plata marathon in Argentina. This marathon is held in the Atlantic Ocean.

It begins off the shores of Miramar and ends on the beaches of Mar del Plata. Both cities are famous as summer resorts with Mar del Plata being the more favorite, not only for Argentinians but American tourists.

The water is expected to be in the 68-degree range as always. However, waves can be anything from gentle ocean swells to crashing 8-foot waves.

After last year's fiasco, in which foreign swimmers did not receive their prize monies until some three months after the swim (government regulations and red-tape), the sponsors have made sure this year's event will run smoothly.

They have appointed WPMF representative and five times world marathon swimming champion Horatio Iglesias as swim director.

Horatio guarantees that all swimmers will be paid in dollars the night after the swim. Horatio has not only done a marvelous job in organizing the swim, but has persuaded the sponsors to send fully paid round-trip air fares to the top pro swimmers of each country.

This means that Sandra Bucha, John Kinsella and other top Americans, provided they can spare the time from their college duties, will be able to represent the United States. It seems that John Kinsella is going to try and make sure that he retains the world's championship for the United States.

The swim, which will be held on February 15th, is one of the highlights of Mar del Plata's resort season which is now in full swing.

SWIMMING WORLD TO FEATURE CAMP LISTING

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—The March issue of *Swimming World* will feature a complete listing of swimming and diving camps that will be open for enrollment this coming summer. The listing will give the dates of the sessions, locations, instruction available and tuition. Camp directors who have not already sent in their listing are reminded that February 17th is the deadline for same. Contact *Swimming World* for information regarding format, etc.

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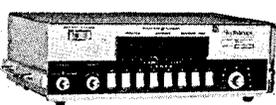
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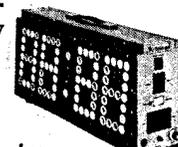
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