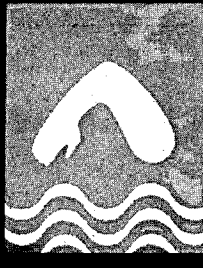


DISTANCE SWIMMING

By Dennis Matuch



If anyone wants to see or enter a first-class pro-marathon swim, he should attend as either a participant or a spectator at one (both preferably) of the two sanctioned pro races on the North American Continent this year: the 10-mile Lake St. John Marathon on August 3rd or the Chicago 10-mile Marathon on August 24th.

The Lake St. John field has probably already been selected (23 boats for 23 swimmers) but you have an outside chance if your qualifications are adequate. The Chicago Marathon has no limit as to entries. It is an ideal race for an amateur in which to turn pro, for the course is just 20 yards from shore.

If you think the swimming would be too arduous, attend as a spectator. Anyone with an interest in swimming should try to be in Chicago on this date. Not only will you see the world's top swimmers in action but you will hear the race's official announcer give a detailed and entertaining description of what is happening.

The voice coming over the public address system will be that of Conrad Wennerberg, the author of the recently issued history of the sport, *Wind, Waves and Sunburn*. I'll guarantee you will learn to distinguish between what constitutes a legitimate marathon swim and the "other kind" after you hear him.

If you would like to enter any of the above races, send for an application form: Traversee Internationale du Lac St. Jean Inc., 851 Boul. St. Joseph, Roberval, P.Q., Canada. For the Chicago swim, write Chicago Lakefront Festival, International Marathon Swim Championship, Mayor's Office, Dept. of Special Events, City Hall, Chicago, Ill. 60602.

Divers from 27 States Compete in National Age Group Championships

Divers from 27 states met in Rochester, Minnesota, June 28-July 1, 1975 to compete in the 1975 National AAU Age Group Diving Championships. Over 440 entries were received.

Johnathan Bingham, Flushing YMCA, won both the one and three meter events in the 10 and under boys' age group.

Bruce Kimball, diving for his father's diving team, Kimball Divers, won both the one and three meter titles in the 11-12 boy's age group. Like Bingham, Kimball had an easy time in the one meter, winning over Ron Oman, Rochester Diving Club, 274.60 to 258.00, after leading the entire contest. The three meter event was a repeat of the 10 and under contest as Kimball had to come from behind to defeat Ronny Meyer, Saints Divers, 291.10 to 273.05. Kimball also won the 14 and under tower event, topping Mike Brown, Grosse Point Swim Club, 246.50 to 221.95. Brown had earlier won the boys' 13-14 three meter event over Dave Goodwin, Dan's Divers, 366.15 to 360.80. Goodwin, however, took the one meter title, 312.70, over George Greenleaf, MVSC, 302.65, and Brown, 297.90.

Greg Louganis, La Mesa Diving Association, won all three titles in the 15-16 boys' division.

Rick Hoss, Los Angeles Diving Club, was a double winner in the boys' 17-18 age group. Hoss outdistanced Jesse Griffin, Spartan Swim Club, in the one meter event, 444.50 to 425.55, and Tony Scott, Ron O'Brien Diving School, in the three meter, 448.60 to 447.70, the closest contest of the meet. Griffin was third in the three meter contest, 421.70 but came back to win the tower event over Steve Jenkins, Eastgate AC, 284.05 to 276.35.

Dana Lindsey, Eastgate, and Kim Jones, Coronado, split honors in the girls' 10 and under division. Dana won the one meter dive over Wendy Wyland, Perkins Swim Club, and Jones, piling up 153.05 points to Wyland's 149.05 and Jones' 146.70. Jones came back to take the three meter contest with 172.65 points to defeat Lindsey, 169.70.

Patricia Bryant, Five Points YMCA, captured the girls' 11-12 one meter crown, coming from behind to edge Lara Gunn, Foot-hills Diving Team, 232.85 to 229.80.

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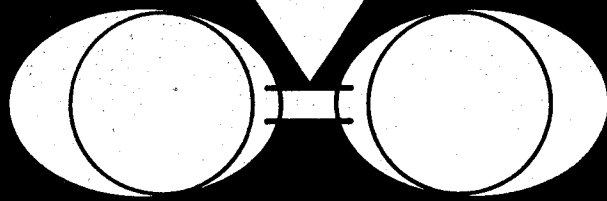
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