

## WORLD BEST (Cont'd. from page 35)

PERCENTAGE OF WORLD RANKINGS BY COUNTRY					
MEN	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972
USA	50.25	64.53	60.6	46.0	56.0
USSR	11.50	6.66	7.9	12.7	9.0
CAN	5.75	5.06			
AUS	5.50	2.66	4.0	6.7	4.0
GBR	4.75	3.73			
DDR	4.75	4.53	5.6	10.0	6.7
WGE	4.25	3.73	4.0	4.3	4.0
HUN	3.75	1.6			
WOMEN	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972
USA	35.63	43.14	41.0	39.7	47.0
DDR	21.80	22.85	16.9	16.3	10.7
CAN	16.48	13.71	10.7	5.7	2.7
USSR	6.11	2.28	2.7	5.0	3.7
AUS	5.58	5.42	5.0	5.3	7.0
HOL	3.72	2.85	5.0	5.3	7.0

### 1976 PROGRESSION OF WORLD RECORDS

MEN	1975 WR	1976 WR
100 M. FREE	50.59	49.44
Times Broken in 1976: 3 (Montgomery 2, Skinner)		
200 M. FREE	1:50.32	1:50.29
Times Broken in 1976: 1 (B. Furniss)		
400 M. FREE	3:53.31	3:51.93
Times Broken in 1976: 2 (Goodell 2)		
800 M. FREE	8:09.60	8:01.54
Times Broken in 1976: 3 (Holland 2, Hackett)		
1500 M. FREE	15:20.91	15:02.40
Times Broken in 1976: 3 (Holland, Goodell 2)		
100 M. BACK	56.30	55.49
Times Broken in 1976: 2 (Naber 2)		
200 M. BACK	2:01.87	1:59.19
Times Broken in 1976: 2 (Naber 2)		
100 M. BREAST	1:03.88	1:03.11
Times Broken in 1976: 3 (Hencken 3)		
200 M. BREAST	2:18.21	2:15.11
Times Broken in 1976: 1 (Wilkie 1)		
100 M. FLY	54.27	54.27
Times Broken in 1976: 0		
200 M. FLY	2:00.70	1:59.23
Times Broken in 1976: 2 (Pyttel 1, Bruner 1)		
200 M. IM	2:06.08	2:06.08
Times Broken in 1976: 0		
400 M. IM	4:28.89	4:23.68
Times Broken in 1976: 2 (Verraszto 1, Strachan 1)		
400 M. FREE RELAY	3:24.85	3:24.85
Times Broken in 1976: 0		
800 M. FREE RELAY	7:30.54	7:23.22
Times Broken in 1976: 2 (USA National Team 2)		
400 M. MED. RELAY	3:48.16	3:42.22
Times Broken in 1976: 2 (USA National Team 2)		
WOMEN	1975 WR	1976 WR
100 M. FREE	56.22	55.65
Times Broken in 1976: 2 (Ender 2)		
200 M. FREE	2:02.27	1:59.26
Times Broken in 1976: 2 (Ender 2)		
400 M. FREE	4:14.76	4:09.89
Times Broken in 1976: 2 (Krause 1, Thumer 1)		
800 M. FREE	8:43.48	8:37.14
Times Broken in 1976: 3 (Thumer, Babashoff, Thumer)		
1500 M. FREE	16:33.94	16:33.94
Times Broken in 1976: 0		
100 M. BACK	1:02.98	1:01.51
Times Broken in 1976: 3 (Richter, Ender, Richter)		
200 M. BACK	2:15.46	2:12.47
Times Broken in 1976: 3 (Stille 2, Treiber)		
100 M. BREAST	1:12.28	1:10.86
Times Broken in 1976: 3 (Nitschke, Anke 2)		
200 M. BREAST	2:34.99	2:33.35
Times Broken in 1976: 1 (Koshevaia)		
100 M. FLY	1:01.24	1:00.13
Times Broken in 1976: 2 (Ender 2)		
200 M. FLY	2:13.76	2:11.22
Times Broken in 1976: 3 (Kother-Gabriel 3)		
200 M. IM	2:18.33	2:17.14
Times Broken in 1976: 2 (Tauber, Ender)		
400 M. IM	4:52.20	4:42.77
Times Broken in 1976: 2 (Treiber, Tauber)		
400 M. FREE RELAY	3:49.37	3:44.82
Times Broken in 1976: DDR SC Dynamo, USA National Team)		
400 M. MED. RELAY	4:13.78	4:07.95
Times Broken in 1976: 2 (DDR SC Dynamo, DDR National Team)		

TOTAL WORLD RECORDS BROKEN IN 1976: 60

# DISTANCE SWIMMING



The World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation named John Kinsella of the United States the No. 1 professional marathon swimmer in the world for 1976. Kinsella won the title over Argentinian Claudio Plit who was last year's world champion.

In two of the three sanctioned marathon swims held this year, Kinsella set new records. In the 16-mile Chibougamau, Quebec marathon, Kinsella bested Plit by almost ten minutes. At the 21-mile Lake St. John marathon, also in Quebec, Kinsella set a new record when he crossed the lake in seven hours and 18.6 seconds. Kinsella won over \$10,000 in both swims. Neither swimmer entered the 18.5-mile Capri-Naples marathon.

Kinsella broke the 30-year domination of the sport by foreign swimmers in 1974 when he won the world's championship in his first year as a professional. However he lost the title to Plit in 1975 when he was forced to withdraw from three races because of cold water. As an amateur Kinsella swam for Indiana University. Under the guidance of Doc Councilman, he became the first person to swim the 1500 meter event in under 16 minutes. In 1968 he won a silver medal in that event at the Olympics. In the 1942 Olympics he won a gold medal as a member of the 800 freestyle relay.

The women's championship was won by 18-year-old Cynthia Nicholas of Canada, who made her debut as a professional marathon swimmer this year. She competed against the men and was the first woman to finish the Chibougamau and Lake St. John marathons when she placed sixth and fifth, respectively. Cynthia, as a 16-year-old, set the record for a Lake Ontario crossing in 1974 when she covered the 32-mile distance from Niagara on the Lake to Toronto in 15 hours and 10 minutes. In 1975 she made a record crossing of the English Channel (France to England) in nine hours and 46 minutes.

### FINAL 1976 WORLD RANKINGS

Men	10. Dennis Matuch, USA . . . . . 397
1. John Kinsella, USA . . . . . 1475	Maheer Saleh, Syria . . . . . 397
2. Claudio Plit, Argentina . . . 1004	
3. Marwan Saleh, Syria . . . . . 799	
4. Marwan Ghazzawi, Egypt . . 690	
5. Rogosic Veljko, Yugoslavia 603	
6. Richard Campion, Australia 535	
7. Raul Villagomez, Mexico . . 532	
8. Jon Erikson, USA . . . . . 449	
9. Mahmud Khamis, Syria . . . 410	
Women	1. Cynthia Nicholas, Canada 1375
2. Loreen Passfield, Canada. 1211	
3. Jenny Anderson, Australia. 869	
4. Kim Lumsdon, Canada . . . . 403	
Rawia Mansour, Egypt . . . . 403	
6. Angela Marchetti, Argen. . . 286	



"GOLDEN" BOYS—David Edgar (left) and David Wilkie, the only recent Olympic gold medalists from South Florida, were guests of honor at the Swim Facility Operators Association of America meeting, held at the Swimming Hall of Fame. Edgar won his relay gold in 1972, while Wilkie, who attended the University of Miami, won the 200 breast for Great Britain in 1976.