

# DISTANCE SWIMMING

By Dennis Matuch



## RESULTS (HOURS, MINUTES, SECONDS)

### FIRST RACE

1. John Kinsella (USA) .....	3:37:06
2. Claudio Plit (Arg.) .....	3:40:35
3. Jon Erikson (USA) .....	3:48:00
4. Raul Villagomez (Mex.) .....	3:48:55
5. Loreen Passfield (Can.) .....	3:49:18
6. Amin Yousseff (Egypt) .....	3:50:41
7. Ray Dixon (England) .....	3:54:53
8. Cynthia Nicholas (Can.) .....	3:57:38
9. Dennis Matuch (USA) .....	4:06:03
10. Beher Hamid (Egypt) .....	4:25:29
11. Guy Montpetit (Can.) .....	4:54:42
12. Ossama Rachad (Egypt) .....	4:57:57
13. Sultan Kigab (Egypt) .....	5:11:10
14. Mohamed Gamie (Egypt) .....	5:24:37

### SECOND RACE

1. Claudio Plit .....	1:41:17
2. John Kinsella .....	1:43:27
3. Loreen Passfield .....	1:47:39
4. Raul Villagomez .....	1:47:45
5. Ray Dixon .....	1:49:58
6. Jon Erikson .....	1:52:53
7. Cynthia Nicholas .....	1:54:21
8. Dennis Matuch .....	1:54:40
9. Ossama Rachad .....	1:54:55
10. Baher Hamid .....	1:57:50

### THIRD RACE

(min., secs., tenths)	
1. John Kinsella .....	24:39.0
2. Claudio Plit .....	24:39.5
3. Jon Erikson .....	26:58.5
4. Raul Villagomez .....	26:59.5
5. Loreen Passfield .....	27:00.0
6. Ray Dixon .....	27:28.0

John Kinsella, last year's world professional marathon swimming champion, won the season's first sanctioned pro race held in Chibougamau, Quebec on July 10th. The Chibougamau race is a three-part race. The first part is a ten-mile race. The first 12 swimmers to finish qualify to enter the second part which is a five-mile race. It is held two hours after the last qualifier finishes. The third part is a 1.23-mile race in which the first six swimmers of the second race qualify to enter. The total purse for all three events amounts to \$12,675. The course is a 500 meter circular one which means there are 33 laps to be swum in the 10-mile race.

Although Kinsella won the first race, coming in some 3 minutes, 29 seconds ahead of Argentina's Claudio Plit, Plit was able to beat John by 2 minutes, 10 seconds in the five-mile race. The 59-degree water was probably a factor that slowed Kinsella as Plit is one of the top cold water racers in the world.

In the last race Kinsella and Plit battled together for the entire 1.23 mile race, alternating the lead six times. Kinsella touched out Plit at the end.

Gilles Potvin, director of the race, said the committee was pleased with the race and they were already making plans for next year's event. Over 24 pro marathon swimmers from all over the world competed. One of the spectator's favorites was 19-year-old Loreen Passfield of Canada who qualified for the second and third races.

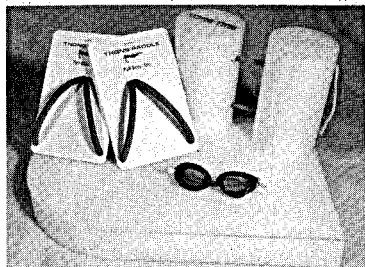
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