

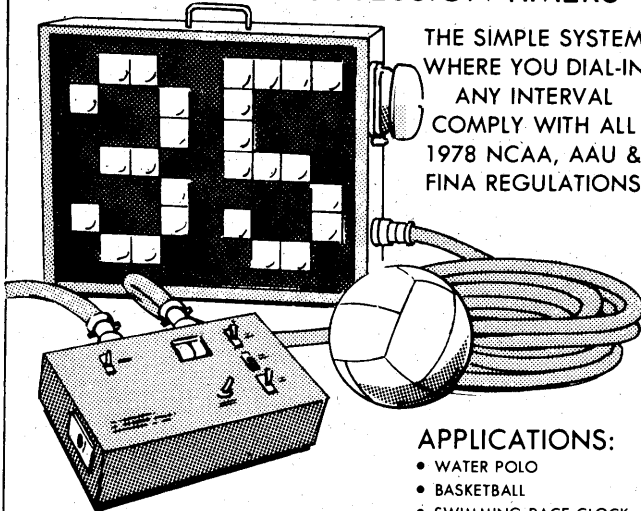
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The World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation has released the following world rankings leaders for 1978:

MEN

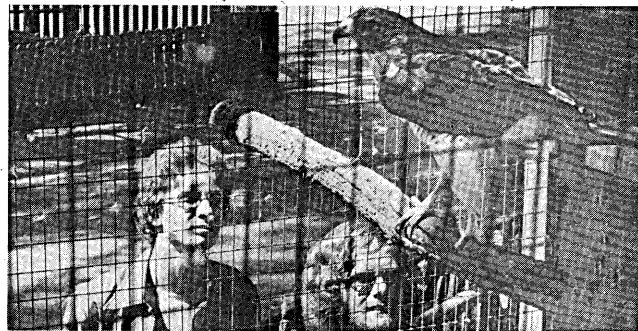
John Kinsella, USA	2315
Marwan Ghazzawi, Egypt	1555
Claudio Pilit, Argentina	1342
Bill Heiss, USA	1047
Nasser Shazly, Egypt	862
Magdy Mandour, Egypt	801
James Barry, USA	690
Raul Villagomez, Mexico	681
Jim Whelan, USA	617
Amin Youseff, Egypt	468
Villeges Perez, Mexico	450
Marwan Saleh, Syria	442
Magdy Farid, Egypt	394
Fiedala, Egypt	393
Ossama Rachad, Egypt	388
Jon Erikson, USA	355
Abas, Egypt	326
Steve Cassidy, USA	259
Mohamed Gamie, Egypt	207
John McCauley, USA	60
Phillip Hellmuth, USA	55
James Doty, USA	50
Ralph Willard, USA	45

WOMEN

Loren Passfield, Canada	1677
Mona Hossin, Egypt	1015
Christine Cosette, Canada	839
Penny Dean, USA	650
Cynthia Nicholas, Canada	554
Jamee Stewart, USA	150
Marla Feldman, USA	125

This is the fourth time that John Kinsella has captured the men's world championship title, with past honors coming in 1974, 1976 and 1977. The only other marathon swimmer to win more championships was Horacio Iglesias of Argentina, who captured five titles between 1967 and 1973. Kinsella became the first American in history to win the Capri-Naples Marathon this year. This is the second world championship for Passfield.

Of the nine professional marathon races held in the world in 1978, only Lake St. John, Chilbougamau, Pepsi Challenge Lake Ontario and the Chicagofest marathons were sanctioned swims and thus eligible for the awarding of points of individual marathoners. ■



Brookfield Zoo's red-tailed hawk Tommy sizes up two of his Illinois Institute of Technology foster parents, IIT varsity swimming team co-captains John Pottle (left) and Steve Gannon. IIT's mascot is the scarlet hawk and the swimmers raised \$100 to adopt Tommy under the zoo's animal adoption program which supports exhibits and services for the public.