

Mikhail Gorelik went a 1:59.90 for the 200 meter fly to win this event at the Spartakiade. The time was right, but the name was wrong. It should have read, "Sergey Fesenko."

John Flanagan, head coach of the North Virginia Fun and Fitness Swim Team of Arlington, Va., reported that his team swept both titles at the 1979 Senior National AAU Long Distance Championships in Charlottesville, Va. Kelly Parker won the women's individual title, covering the four-mile distance in a new record time of 83:27.4, followed closely by teammate Debbie Zimic in 83:48.2. The same men's and women's squads took both Junior National titles in 1978.

Gregg Beeman has been named as the new head swimming coach for the Las Vegas Aquatic Club. Beeman is also employed as a school psychologist. Beeman will base his program on sound psychological, stroke technique and endurance training principles.

Lake Forest Swim Club won its second straight Central AAU age group swimming championship last August in Springfield, Ill. The club qualified 48 swimmers, ranging in age from seven to 18, and scored 488 points for a 100½-point margin over runner-up B.R. Ryall YMCA (the national YMCA champ) of Wheaton, Ill. Jill Hintz, who earlier in the summer broke a national age group record in the 100 breast, won the 10 and under high point award. Other outstanding swimmers for Coaches John Leonard and Guy Edson included Pam Lechner, Stacy Cassidy, Bill Powers, Carrie Champion and Linnea Magnua.

Peter Andersen, former swim coach at Furman University, has taken the coaching job at Hinsdale Central High School, replacing Don Watson. Andersen also got married, Sept. 15.

Walter L. Hutcherson, Jr., passed away last July 10, 1979. "Hutch" was the coach of the Los Angeles Marlins Swim Team since its inception in 1955. He will be missed because he made many contributions in the world of swimming.

Masters swimming lost one of its top swimmers as a result of a tragic death. Dr. George S. Hill of the Long Beach Masters was found dead, shot in the head execution style, in a hangar at the Torrance, Calif., airport. He was 35 years old.

Karen Stronach, a nationally-ranked Masters swimmer, has been appointed head coach of the Barracuda/Neptune Swim Club in Norfolk, Va. She is also the chairman of the Masters Swimming Committee for the Virginia AAU.

Laurence Chalip has returned to the United States from New Zealand to take over head coaching duties with the Dayton Dolphins of Ohio.

Food for thought: if the Mission Viejo Nadadores swimming and diving teams

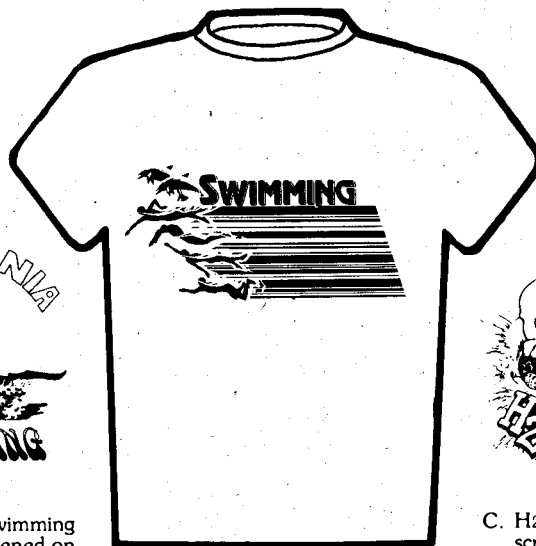
had entered the Pan-American Games as an individual nation, they would have finished fifth in gold medals. As it turned out, Nadadore athletes contributed 10 of the U.S. team's 127 gold medals. Brian Goodell, Linda Jezek and Jesse Vassallo each won two golds in individual efforts. Goodell and Jezek each added one more gold in relay events. In diving, the Nadadores' Greg Louganis took two gold medals in both the springboard and platform events. The Nadadores' efforts placed them ahead of 17 other nations in gold medals. With their three silver and three bronze medals, the team's total of 16 would have landed them in eighth place overall.

● Marathon swimmer Jon Erikson, a physical education teacher at Spohn Middle School in Hammond, Ind.,

recently completed a successful two-way crossing of the English Channel. He set a couple of records while doing so, but he was still disappointed. Erikson's goal was to make an unprecedented triple crossing. As it was, the 24 year old set a men's record for a single crossing of eight hours, 38 minutes and for a double crossing of 22 hours, 16 minutes. Women hold both all-time records. Erikson, who has crossed the Channel on six occasions, said he'll try for a triple crossing next year.

The National Federation of State High School Associations has compiled a list of the most consecutive boys' state high school swimming championships. Punahou High School of Honolulu, Hawaii, holds the record at 22 straight. Punahou won its first state title in 1958

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