

Newport, R.I., August 9 (26.5 Miles): 1. Iglesias, 10:21.20; 2. Schans, 10:43.15; 3. M. Shedid, 11:25.25; 4. Abou-Heif, 11:51.56; 5. Matuch, 11:53.11; 6. Gamei, 11:57.56; 7. Lopez, 12:16.57; 8. El Enen, 12:26.23; 9. Aguirre, DNF; 10. Hetzel, DNF; 11. Huggard, DNF; 12. Venturini, DNF; 13. Stella Taylor, DNF; 14. Ralph Willard, USA, DNF.

Chicoutimi, Que., August 29 (28 Miles): 1. H. Shedid, 11:49.12; 2. Gamei, 11:54.48; 3. M. Shedid, 11:59.45; 4. Abou-Heif, DNF; 5. El Enen, DNF; 6. Lopez, DNF; 7. Lacoursiere, DNF.

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### THE 1970 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

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Men: World Champion: Johan Schans, Holland, 2,883.5 points; 2. Iglesias, Argentina, 2,714; 3. Gamei, UAR, 1,563.5; 4. Travaglio, 1,557.5; 5. M. Shedid, UAR, 1,450.5; 6. Abou-Heif, UAR, 1,361; 7. H. Shedid, UAR, 1,300; 8. Van Scheyndel, Holland, 1,227; 9. Matuch, USA, 1,057; 10. El Enen, UAR, 1,016.5; 11. Lacoursiere, Canada, 946; 12. Lake, England, 811; 13. Saleh, Syria, 680; 14. Erikson, USA, 666; 15. Paesler, USA, 565; 16. Lopez, Argentina, 480.5; 17. Rawda, Lebanon, 424.5; 18. Renford, Australia, 352.5; 19. Barton, USA, 345; 20. Monpetit, Canada, 342; 21. Khamis, Syria, 322; 22. Pare, Canada, 306.5; 23. Park, Canada, 276; 24. Aguirre, Argentina, 271; 25. Hetzel, USA, 268; 26. Lafferty, USA, 264.5; 27. (tie) Koorey, Australia, and Huggard, USA, 258; 29. Pollonini, Italy, 250; 30. Abdeen, UAR, 247; 31. Duenkel, USA, 235; 32. Soliman, Sudan, 198; 33. Poirier, Canada, 191; 34. DeVreng, Holland, 162.5; 35. Forsbrey, Canada, 121; 36. Martinen, Canada, 99; 37. Huffstetler, USA, 80; 38. Hartounian, Canada, 79; 39. Van Aachen, Holland, 75; 40. Venturini, Argentina, 70; 41. Willard, USA, 65. Women: World Champion, Judy DeNijs Van Berkel, Holland, 2,675.5; 2. Taylor, USA, 1,408; 3. Nyad, USA, 750; 4. Schmidt, Canada, 350.

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## 1971 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL STANDINGS:

There were six sanctioned races held during 1971. Swimmers who finished in more than four had their four highest scores totaled. In the final standings, the figures in parentheses indicate the number of races in which the swimmer scored points.

MEN: World Champion -- Horacio Iglesias, Argentina (4), 3,203.5; 2. Abdel Latif Abou-Heif, Egypt (6), 2,576.5; 3. Marwan Shedid, Egypt (4) 1,931.5; 4. Dennis Matuch, USA (4), 1,885; 5. Mahmoud Khamis, Syria (3), 1,824; 6. Guillermo Echeverria, Mexico (2), 1,663; 7. Geoffrey Lake, England (4), 1,612; 8. Mohammed Gamei, Egypt (3), 1,518; 9. Jan Van Scheyndel, Holland (2), 1,339; 10. Hani Hemmat, Egypt, (2) 1,273.

11. Hafez Shedid, Egypt (3), 1,053.5; 12. Marwan Saleh, Syria (2), 951.5; 13. Rogovic Veljko, Yugoslavia (1), 890; 14. Mervyn Sharp, England (2), 773.5; 15. Jon Erikson, USA (2) 724.5; 16. Johan Schans, Holland (1), 698.5; 17. Yvon Monpetit, Canada (2), 629.5; 18. Tabii Abou El Enen, Egypt (1), 503; 19. Marawan Ghazwi, Egypt (1), 496; 20. Abdel Latif El Basha, Egypt (1), 476.

21. Gaston Paré, Canada (1) 443.5; 22. Thomas Hetzel, USA (2), 397; 23. Oscar Bernatene, Argentina (1), 380; 24. Regent Lacoursiere, Canada (1), 369; 25. Fausto Ramirez, Mexico (1), 353; 26. Paul Villagomez, Argentina (1), 348.5; 27. Lucio Mezzadri, Italy (1), 341; 28. Marcello Guiscardo, Argentina (1), 338; 29. Carlos Aguirre, Argentina (1), 332; 30. R. Davis Hart, USA (1), 320.

31. R. J. Dixon, England (1), 318; 32. Arthur Deffaa, Lebanon (1), 292; 33. Salim Rawda, Lebanon (1), 280.5; 34. Vincenzo Bennato, Italy (1), 262; 35. Philip Gollop, England (1), 247.5; 36. Georges Borque, Canada (1), 233.5; 37. Daniel Boyle, Canada (1), 231; 38. Michel Poirier, Canada (1), 228; 39. Benson Huggard, USA (1), 216.5; 40. Reuben Hernandez, Mexico (1), 211.

41. James Doty, USA (1), 210; 42. Zoheir Sharfeddin, Lebanon (1) 209; 43. Reggie Huffstetler, USA (1), 206.5; 44. Risto Bimblowski, Yugoslavia (1), 178; 45. Oscar Villegas, Mexico (1), 119.

WOMEN: World Champion -- Shadia El Rageb, Egypt (2), 1,785; 2. Diana Nyad, USA (2), 1,638.5; 3. Samia Mandour, Egypt (1), 730; 4. Gizella Ghebbhart, Hungary (1) 525.

## WPMSF ELECTIONS FOR 1972 OFFICERS:

In mail balloting for 1972 officers, Cliff Lumsdon of Canada was elected President, Judith DeNijs Van Berkel was elected Vice President, Joe Grossman was re-elected Secretary-treasurer, and the International Board of Governors chosen included: Regent Lacoursiere and Arthur Dufresne of Canada; Dennis Matuch and James Doty of USA; Marwan Shedid and Abdel Latif Abou-Heif of UAR; Jeorge Lopez of Argentina, Johan Schans of Holland, Des Renford of Australia, Lucio Mezzadri of Italy, Fausto Ramirez of Mexico, Margaret Macrae Howes of New Zealand, Dicki Bojadzi of Yugoslavia, Geoffrey Lake of England, plus all past Presidents (Willemse, Park, Travaglio and Iglesias) as ex-officio members of the Board. In the balloting, 64 members voted (more than double the number who were ever able to vote at a meeting). For President, Lumsdon received 35 votes, Iglesias 9, Hetzel 4, Willemse, Doty, Matuch and Grossman (ineligible) 2 each; Abou-Heif and Jack Ramsden (ineligible), one each. For Vice President, Judy Van Berkel received 28 votes; Hetzel 6, Ben Huggard, Iglesias and Willemse 3 each; Wozniak, Lake, Abdeen, Schans, Lacoursiere and Matuch, 2 each; and Park, Bourdon, Reta and Weissmuller (ineligible), 1 each. For Secretary-Treasurer, Grossman received 52 votes and Van Berkel, Dufresne, Taylor, Schans and "R. Courtier" (unknown!), 1 each.

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Results of WPMF sanctioned races held during 1972:

Capri-Naples, Italy, July 9; 18 miles: 1. Rogosic Veljko, Yugoslavia, 7:32.50; 2. Horacio Iglesias, Argentina, 7:44.35; 3. Marwan Saleh, Syria, 8:42.35; Shadia El Rageb, Egypt, 11:18.57.

La Tuque, Que., Canada, July 22-23; 24-hour team race: 1. Johan Schans, Holland (90)\* and Horacio Iglesias, Argentina (89); 2. Jon Erikson, USA (90) and Raul Villagomez, Argentina (82); 3. Marwan Shedid, Egypt (86) and Jan Van Scheyndel, Holland (84); 4. Dennis Matuch (83) and Diana Nyad (83), both USA; 5. Carlos Aguirre (82) and Marcello Guiscardo (81), both Argentina; 6. Yvon Monpetit (82) and Yves Lavoie (77), both Canada; 7. Mohammed Gamie (78) and Tabii El Enen (77), both Egypt; 8. Mahmoud Khamis (82) and Said Masri (69), both Syria; 9. Angel Bernatene, Argentina (75) and Philip Gollop, England (72); 10. Sultan Kigab, Sudan (72) and Naste Jonceski, Yugoslavia (66); 11. Edward Bennett (76) and Hassan Abdeen (60), both Canada; 12. Samia Mandour, Egypt (68) and Fausto Ramirez, Mexico (63); 13. Mervyn Sharp, England (71) and Thomas Hetzel, USA (56); 14. Michel Poirier (66) and Daniel Boyle (59), both Canada.

\*Number of laps each team member completed in parenthesis.

Saguenay River, Que., Canada, July 29; 28-mile team race: 1. Iglesias-Schans, 9:58.17\*; 2. Khamis-Saleh, 10:00.50; 3. Shedid-Van Scheyndel, 10:05.35; 4. Erikson-Villagomez, 10:23.20; 5. Matuch-Geoffrey Lake, England, 10:28.24; 6. Lavoie-Monpetit, 10:42.40; 7. Gamie-El Enen, 11:00.58; 8. Aguirre-Guiscardo, 11:35.45; 9. Abdeen-Bennett, 11:43.15; 10. Gollop-Hetzel, 12:15.55; 11. Sharp-Jacques Bernier, Canada, 12:39.38.

\*Race officials did not time individual contestants.

Lac St. Jean, Roberval, Que., Canada, August 6; 25 miles: 1. Van Scheyndel, 10:38.43; 2. Villagomez, 11:37.13; 3. Matuch, 11:45.25.

Result of non-sanctioned race:

First Arab Nile Marathon, Cairo, April 9; 21 miles: 1. Ossama Rashad, Egypt, 8:19.16; 2. Khamis, 8:28.16; 3. Hani Hemat, Egypt, 8:32.53; 4. Marwan Saleh, 8:33.50; 5. Baher A. Hamid, Egypt, 8:52.10; 6. Fares A. Rehim, Egypt, 8:52.22; 7. Gamie, 9:01.08; 8. El Enen, 9:02.24; 9. Abdel Latif El Basha, Egypt, 9:39.09; 10. Abdel Latif Abou-Heif, Egypt, 10:15.55; 11. Shadia El Rageb, 10:23.36; 12. Samia Mandour, 10:46.52; 13. Zoheir Sarafeddine, Lebanon, 11:14.22.

## 1972 WPMF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL STANDINGS

MEN: Champion, Iglesias, 2,153 points; 2. Van Scheyndel, 1,833; 3. Villagomez, 1,619; 4. Schans, 1,430; 5. Shedid, 1,383; 6. Matuch, 1,266; 7. Saleh, 1,139; 8. Erikson, 918; 9. Veljko, 890; 10. Khamis, 854; 11. Monpetit, 593; 12. Aguirre, 582; 13. Guiscardo, 577; 14. Gamie, 569; 15. El Enen, 564; 16. Bennett, 513; 17. Abdeen, 488; 18. Gollop, 484; 19. Sharp, 445; 20. Hetzel, 434; 21. Lake, 313; 22. Bernatene, 270; 23. Masri, 265; 24. Kigab, 260; 25. Jonceski, 250; 26. Ramirez, 235; 27. Poirier, 230; 28. Boyle, 215; 29. Bernier, 205. WOMEN: Champion, Shadia El Rageb, 890; 2. Nyad, 695; 3. Mandour, 525.

WOMEN - W.P.M.S.F. POINT TOTALS - 1973

1. Corrie Dixon	Holland	1600 pts.	(women's world champion)
2. Shadia El Ragib	U.A.R.	1211 "	
3. Diana Nyad	U.S.A.	939 "	
4. Sandra Bucha	U.S.A.	750 "	
5. Angela Marchetti	Argentina	705 "	
6. Samia Mandour	U.A.R.	299 "	
7. Sahar Mansour	U.A.R.	230 "	

Horatio Iglesias won the world's championship for an unprecedented fifth time. No other swimmer has won the championship as often as Horatio.

Swimmers and coaches were amazed by the competition this year. Ossama Rashad of the U.A.R., who is only 19 years old, startled everyone with his great performances. Magdy Mandour (U.A.R.) and Claudio Plitt (Arg.) moved up in ratings as they gained in experience. Among the women the new face was Corrie Abelaar Dixon of Holland (She broke Greta Andersen's English Channel Record on 1971 in her England to France crossing). Teamed with her husband Raymond, they came within one and a third miles of first place at LaTuque. Sandra Bucha's (U.S.A.) startling second place finish at Chicago in which she (as well as Schans) broke the previous world's record for 10 miles has us all waiting to see if she will swim in any 1974 races. Congratulations to our new World's Champions.

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sports today are aware of that fact. It remains for the sponsors of pro marathon events to learn.

Today pro marathon races have the potential to blossom into the greatest of sporting events when the public becomes aware of one fact. It is the only sport in which women and men can compete against each other equally on a physical basis. If and when this extraordinary fact is combined with the lure of big money, the coffers of sponsors and swimmers will increase along with the satisfaction of the public.

When is a world champion not a world champion?

One answer to that question is when the champion comes up against a statistician. Shortly after I sent out the latest World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation bulletin to its members, I was hounded, pounded and vilified by a few interested members. The beating I received was harsher than any I experienced in pro swimming. The reason: in the bulletin, the tabulations of the pro swimmers for the season showed that Diana Nyad had beaten out Sandra Bucha for the women's world championship.

I was accused of partiality and dishonesty. How could a swimmer who had two sixths, one tenth, one 14th, one 21st, and one 13th place (Diana Nyad) beat out a swimmer who had one first, two seconds, and a third (Sandra Bucha) for the world's championship?

The answer to that question is in the 1968 bulletin of the Federation. When the late Joe Grossman, the previous secretary, approached a pro-football statistician and asked him to come up with a fair and equitable point system in rating pro marathon swimmers, the statistician came up with the following (adopted by unanimous vote of Federation members):

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Thus, it can be seen that when a tally is made, you pick a swimmer's best races; that is, races that will give him or her the greatest number of points. Joe Grossman and the statistician thought that this system would be the fairest way.

If money won were a criteria there would be inequities. For example: the Nile river (23 miles) marathon pays \$1,000 to the winner while the Chicago Marathon (10 miles) pays \$3,000.

When I first sat down to make the tally, it appeared that Sandra was a shoo-in. When the figures came out, I was as surprised as most of the bulletin readers were to become. However, I was bound by the Federation Rules. I could not arbitrarily ignore them, for then I would be open to even harsher criticism. These rules were voted on and adopted by the members themselves. I myself have over the years attempted to get our members to take a look at these rules for determining pro swimmer's rankings.

If there is anything I've learned to appreciate this past summer, it is the words of the research scientist who once said, "Never claim to make a discovery in science unless you have taken into consideration nature's hand I may add, statistician's misplaced sense of humor." And this is said with all respect to two of the finest and beautiful pro marathoners I know — Sandra Bucha and Diana Nyad.



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## 1975 WORLD RATINGS: Men

1. Claudio Plitt(Argentina)	2,137	21. Francisco Gaos(Argentina)	312
2. Amin Youssef(Egypt)	1,609	22. Carlos Larriera(Argentina)	299
3. John Kinsella(USA)	1,550	23. Dennis Matuch(USA)	291
4. Ossama Rachad(Egypt)	1,135	24. Marwan Ghazzawi(Egypt)	279
5. Juan Faimberg(Argentina)	1,097	25. Miguel Cruz(Argentina)	274
6. Marwan Saleh(Syria)	973	26. Ricardo Alzugaray(Argentina)	234
7. Maher Saleh(Syria)	846	27. Anibal Marzo(Argentina)	225
8. Raymond Dixon(England)	774	28. Davis Hart(USA)	219
9. Marcelo Guiscardo(Arg.)	713	29. Oscar Bernatene(Argentina)	210
10. Alberto Santiago(Arg.)	612	30. Guillermo Venturini(Argentina)	200
11. Jose Barreyro(Arg.)	510	31. Magdy Mandour(Egypt)	195
12. Phillip Dodson(USA)	483	32. Gochiello Giovanni(Italy)	190
13. Rogosic Veljko(Yugoslavia)	473	33. Naste Jencevski(Yugoslavia)	185
14. Alfredo Camarero(Arg.)	457	34. Zoheir Sharaf El- Din(Lebanon)	180 tie
15. Jon Erikson(USA)	447	35. Juan Carlos Upton(Argentina)	180 "
16. Jose Romero(Argentina)	439	36. Ricardo Conte(Argentina)	175
17. Osvaldo Schellemborg(Arg.)	437	37. Yvon Montpetit(Canada)	160
18. Richard Campion(Australia)	370	38. Graham Johnston(S. Africa)	131
19. Raul Villagomez(Mexico)	369		120
20. Raul Carrizo(Arg.)	341		

## 1975 WORLD RATINGS: Women

1. Angela Marchetti(Argentina)	1,760	5. Sahar Mansour(Egypt)	695
2. Sandra Bucha(USA)	1,350	6. Jennifer Anderson(Australia)	532
3. Diana Nyad(USA)	853	7. Jamee Stewart(USA)	300
4. Loreen Passfield(Canada)	750	8. Mabel Garrido(Argentina)	225

Scoring formula according to Federation rules(Bulletin #10, Autumn, 1968; Bulletin 16, Winter 1971; Bulletin Vol. 3, #2, Feb. 1975). This year unanimous vote by members kept in effect the Federation's policy of counting one-half plus one of the SANCTIONED RACES in the final tabulations(Mar del Plata, Santa Fe-Coronda, Apri-Naples, Lake St. John, Chicago). All other races were non-sanctioned and thus not eligible for inclusion in the final point standings. The variations of the current in the Santa Fe-Coronda River(rainfall, tides, etc.)make it impossible to calculate distance swum exactly. Geographic distance between cities was kept 39 miles)as tabulation distance.

There may be two more pro swims in October(24-Mile Suez Canal and a 15 mile swim in Syria. The sponsors are erratic: Information is given out much too late to inform all the top world professionals; Prizes are too low to the top pros; tendency to cancel the race at the last moment(1974 Suez Canal was cancelled after five Federations already were on their way there; 1975 Nile River race also cancelled. If held these races are unsanctioned.

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