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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. Dermis 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.

(NOTE: In computing 1972 championship standings it was necessary to divide points scored by each team in the Saguenay marathon equally between team-members since race officials made no attempt to determine exact time or distance each individual swimmer covered.)

### MARATHON SWIMMING HALL OF FAME

On January 1, the Selection Committee of the MSHOF will begin selection of the six persons who will be elected during 1973. Nominations from all members are eagerly sought and should be addressed to the Secretary of the WPMSF. At the same time, a history of the sport of marathon swimming (amateur and professional, races and solo swims) is being prepared for publication. Many WPMSF members have NOT submitted resume forms. Those who do not will have no chance of being listed in this first-ever history of our sport. Forms are enclosed with this Bulletin to those who have not already submitted forms. Please fill them out and mail them to the Secretary. This is your last chance to be listed in the history book of marathon swimming!

### CONGRATULATIONS:

Four-time World Champion Horacio Iglesias and his wife Albina became parents of their first child -- a son, named Luciano -- on July 25. Congratulations on the arrival of the future champion!

WPMSF member R. Davis Hart set a new speed record for the England-to-France English Channel crossing in August: 9:44, on August 22. Dave's time was 13 minutes better than the record set only one month earlier by Miss Lynne Cox of California, and is only nine minutes above the France-England record held by Barry Watson of England.

### WPMSF ELECTIONS FOR 1973:

The term of the 1972 officers of WPMSF expire on December 31, 1972. Enclosed are mail ballots for officers for the calendar year 1973. Deadline for receipt of ballots is December 20, 1972. Results will be tabulated and members informed of the results. Vote for one member for President; one member for Vice President; one for Secretary-Treasurer, and one person from your own country or geographical area (Europe, South America, Middle East, etc.) to represent you on the International Board of Governors. You need not sign your name to your ballot.

**MEMBERS WHOSE 1971 DUES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD OFFICE!**

Officers for 1972 are: President, Cliff Lumsdon, Canada; Vice President, Judy DeNijs Van Berkel, Holland; Secretary-Treasurer, Joe Grossman, USA; Board of Governors: Regent Lacoursiere and Arthur Dufresne (Canada); Jorge Lopes (Argentina); Dennis Matuch and James Doty (USA); Marwan Shedid and Abdel Latif Abou-Heif (Egypt); Johan Schans (Holland); Des Renford (Australia); Lucio Mezzadri (Italy); Fausto Ramirez (Mexico); Margaret Macrae Howes, (New Zealand); Dicki Bojadzi (Yugoslavia) and Geoffrey Lake (England), plus all past presidents (Herman Willemse, Giulio Travaglio, George Park and Iglesias).

### MAIL CALL!

Do not delay! Send your election ballots, your resume forms (if you have not already done so) and your dues (\$5 U.S.) if you have not paid your 1972 dues, to the Secretary. (1) If you live in the U.S. or Canada, mail to this address:

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Accra (IS)  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20521

(2) If you live outside North  
America, mail to this  
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P.O. Box 2288  
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The final international rankings for 1972 were:

Men: Champion -- Iglesias, 2,153 points; 2nd, Van Scheyndel, 1,833; 3rd, Villagomez, 1,619; 4th, Schans, 1,430; 5th, Shedid, 1383; 6th, Dennis Matuch, U.S.A., 1,266; 7th, Marwan Saleh, Syria, 1,139; 8th, Jon Erikson, U.S.A., 918; 9th, Rogosic Veljko, Yugoslavia, 890; 10th, Mohammed Khamis, Syria, 854.

Eleventh, Yvon Monpetit, Canada, 593; 12th, Carlos Aguirre, Argentina, 582; 13th, Marcello Guiscardo, Argentina, 577; 14th, Mohammed Gamie, Egypt, 569; 15th, Tabii Abou El Enen, Egypt, 564; 16th, Edward Bennett, Canada, 513; 17th, Hassan Abdeen, Canada, 488; 18th, Phillip Gollop, England, 484; 19th, Mervyn Sharp, England, 445; 20th, Thomas Hetzel, U.S.A., 434.

Twenty-first, Geoffrey Lake, England, 313; 22nd, Oscar Bernatene, Argentina, 270; 23rd, Said Masri, Syria, 265; 24th, Sultan Kigab, Sudan, 260; 25th, Naste Jonceski, Yugoslavia, 250; 26th, Fausto Ramirez, Mexico, 235; 27th, Michel Poirier, Canada, 230; 28th, Daniel Boyle, Canada, 215, and 29th, Jacques Bernier, Canada, 205.

Women: Champion -- El Rageb, 890 points; 2nd, Nyad, 695, and 3rd, Samia Mandour, Egypt, 525.

The annual Wheeler-Davids Trophy, awarded annually for outstanding contributions to the sport of long-distance swimming, was awarded for 1972 to Buck Dawson, Executive Director of the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, in recognition of his support for marathon swimming through his work at the ISHOF and for his skill as the trainer and coach of long-distance swimming champions.