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PROFESSIONAL MARATHON SWIMMING

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Folks write and ask what kind of people become marathon swimmers — and what kind of people marathon swimmers become. "Are they kooks?" one asked recently. Perhaps some TV-bound "armchair athletes" might consider these finely-trained, dedicated swimmers "kooks" — and maybe one or two in a hundred might be called "colorful," or "unique" or even "strange."

But those tempted to class long-distance swimmers as "kooks" by virtue of their unusual specialty might enjoy checking a list of people who have been marathon swimmers. Certainly St. Paul, Julius Caesar and Charlemagne aren't considered to have been "flaky." Nor is King Louis XI (although he is remembered in France as "The Terrible King!"). But since the specific swimming feats of these worthy personages are only sketchily recorded, recent history may prove more instructive.

Two hundred years ago, one of the leading long-distance swimmers of the day was none other than Benjamin Franklin — sage, inventor, diplomat, leisure-time athlete; inventor of the "flippers" and author of a book on swimming. One of Ben's many three-mile swims on the Thames River in 1771 led to his being offered a job as a swimming coach. If he'd accepted, we might still be using gas lamps!

George Gordon Byron — Lord Byron — whose sanity is seldom questioned, became a strong swimmer despite a clubbed foot. On his first jaunt abroad in 1810, the already-famous poet swam across the mouth of the Tagus River at Lisbon; then made his famous Hellespont swim. This latter feat he immortalized in a short poem called, "Written after Swimming from Sestos to Abydos" and again in "Don Juan" (Canto II, if you'd like to check).

In his memoirs, Byron described a race he arranged between an Italian dandy named Cavaliere Angelo Mengaldo, a British friend named Alex Scott and himself. The poet sped 10 miles through the canals of Venice, finishing long after his two rivals had given up, exhausted.

Walter Camp, the father of American football, while a student at Yale in the late 1870s, repeatedly won swimming races from short distances up to five miles. Famed concert pianist, Polish-born Moriz Rosenthal, was so strong a swimmer that when he swam across Lake Como in Italy in 1898, the feat was reported in the *New York Times*.

One of America's more prominent diplomats of recent vintage, Joseph C. Grew, swam the Bosphorus while he was Ambassador to Turkey in 1928 and coached his daughter, Anita, on her 19-mile swim the length of the Bosphorus a year later).

Author Jack London described a 15-mile swim he took in 1891, when he was 15; and there is an unsubstantiated legend on the West Coast that in 1900 he swam the frigid 26 miles from the Farallon Islands to San Francisco to win a \$500 bet. Another American author, Richard Halliburton, claimed the shortest swim on record — in the pool of the Taj Mahal — but he also swam the Dardanelles and through the Panama Canal.

The late John F. Kennedy, who was a backstroker on the Harvard swim team by choice, became a marathoner by accident. In one of the most famous three-mile swims on record, the future President stroked from the site of his wrecked PT boat to Bird Island in the Solomons in August, 1943 — towing a shipmate the entire distance.

And then there's the Yangtze River 9-mile champion, Mao Tse-tung.

In addition to the aforementioned saints, emperors, kings, presidents, ambassadors, poets and authors, the role of marathon swimmers includes the names of hundreds of eminently stable people of highly respectable callings. Matthew Webb, first ever to swim the English Channel, was a sea captain and hero of dozens of rescues at sea.

Comptometer operator Florence Chadwick took a secretarial job in Arabia to earn the money for the first of her famous Channel swims. Reigning pro World Champion racer Horacio Iglesias takes leave from his electrical engineering firm in Buenos Aires to swim in races from 10 to 28 miles each year.

There are doctors (like Judson Dolan of N.Y., who, in 1893,

became first to swim the Messina Strait); dentists (like Harry Huffaker, first to cross Hawaii's Alenuihaha Channel); nurses (like Australia's Desley Williams); legislators (like Hawaiian State Senator Keo Nakama, first conqueror of the 26-mile channel between Oahu and Molokai Islands).

Marathon swimmers are business tycoons (like Herman Willemse, 1963 pro racing champ, whose prize loot bought big chunks of Utrecht, Holland, real estate); attorneys (like India's Mihir Sen, first to cross the 25-mile Palk Strait); college professors (like history prof Dr. Harry Briggs); career military officers (like Britain's late Admiral Sir Brooke Evans); titled personages (like Brazil's Baron of Sorano, Abilio Couto; Australia's late Countess Walburga von Isaacscu); artists (like Egypt's Marwan Shedid).

We find names of policemen (like the late Tom Blower, first to swim the Irish Sea); bakers (like 1923 English Channel conquerors Ernst Vierkotter and Georges Michel); clergymen (like Father Casimir Plakut of Canada); chemists (like Bill Melloff, whose 46-mile solo on the St. Lawrence in 1957 set a Canadian distance record); journalists (like Britain's Kevin Murphy, who in 1971 became first to swim the 60 miles around the Isle of Wight). There are housewives by the dozens and swimming instructors by the hundreds among the marathoners.

But my file labeled "Kooks" is empty.

BAKER, SIDMAN EXCEL IN MULTNOMAH ATHLETIC CLUB INVITE

PORTLAND, Ore. — Dennis Baker and David Douglas, Swim Club, and Joy Sidman of the host Multnomah Athletic Club were jubilant over their standout performances at the MAC AAA Invitational in February.

Baker made the biggest splash with five wins in the 10 and under competition, while Miss Sidman captured four medals from 10 and under girls races.

Baker put together the 100 free 59.4 (a new Oregon Association mark), 100 breast 1:24.1, 50 fly 29.2, (one second off the association record), and 200 IM 2:30.9 (but set a new high in prelims 2:29.1).

Miss Sidman, although not as spectacular, had solid wins in the 100 free 1:05.0, 100 breast 1:23.8, 50 fly 33.1, and 200 IM 2:37.5.

Shelly Johnson, Arden Hills Swim Club, teammate Cindy Plaisted and John Kingery, MAC, each topped three events. Miss Johnston excelled in the 11-12 200 IM 2:28.4, 100 free 57.5 and 100 fly 1:06.1. Miss Plaisted earned the women's 200 IM in an association record 2:15.8, 200 free 1:59.3 and 400 IM 4:42.7. Kingery tagged the 13-14 200 IM 2:09.7, 100 free 52.3 and 100 back 59.6.

Jim Johnston, Lake Washington Swim Club, Bruce Ross, MAC, and Pat Gjelsteen, Vancouver Swim Club, tossed in double wins for their teams. Johnston claimed the 11-12 200 IM 2:42.2 and 100 free 58.8, while Ross won the men's 200 IM 2:07.0 and 200 breast 2:28.0. Gjelsteen doubled in the 13-14 100 breast 1:10.8 and 100 fly 56.1, but established an association record in the prelims with a 55.1.

Ron Longinotti, San Mateo Aquatic Club, headed the list in the mens 200 free 1:49.6, while Fred Farley, SMAC, was doing the job in the 400 IM 4:41.7. Bob Thornton, MAC, swam to a title in the 200 fly 2:00.9 and Rick Lambert, MAC, led the 200 backstrokers in 2:06.0.

Janet Cochran, West Valley Aquatic Team, zipped ahead in the 200 breast 2:35.8, as Ellie Daniel posted a win in the 200 fly 2:06.5 and Ann Krisik, AH, joined the elite association record holders with her performance in the prelims of the 200 back 2:04.0 as well as winning it in 2:16.6.

Debbie Trzynka, DD, dominated the girls 13-14 100 breast 1:14.1 and Karen Hazen, AH, topped the 200 IM 2:20.8. Wendy Olmsted, V, copped the 100 back 1:05.6, while Michelle Turner, put on the speed in the 100 fly, 1:05.2. Kerry Maddox, V, touched first in the 100 free 58.3.

Tom Funk, SMAC, proved his worth in the 11-12 100 breast 1:15.7. Rick Treleaven, SAC, pushed to the fore in the 100 back 1:08.5 and Kyle Gormley, SMAC, finished first in the 100 fly 1:05.5.

Cyndi McAllam, LWSC, won the 11-12 girls 100 breast 1:19.1 as did Kelly Peyton, DD, the 100 back 1:08.8 and Evi Kosenkranus, LWSC, the 10 and under 100 back 1:18.3.

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