

Dear Dennis, ^{LAKE ONTARIO} ~~(RUSSIA)~~ Sept. 74

Honestly wish you had been here because it turned out to be your kind of swim. Not cold (65-70) but fourth place didn't come in until after 15 hrs (Shedid) so it was a bit like John St. Jean 1972. You swam a terrific race, especially working hard through a strong current to pass Schans - broke him and he got out. Iglesias in fantastic shape doesn't know if he's coming to all of the Canada swims this year. Might skip Ja Jugu anyway. As for me, we all heart enough hard-luck stories to last us a life-time but facts are facts and the fact is the box of food for myself never made it to my boat. (Here the boats wait for you about 1/2 mile out instead of starting with you.) For the time I was in, I wavered from 5, 6th, + 7th positions and even though I've only been swimming one hour a day, I felt good and strong. Feeling a little weak because of no sugar (only black coffee on the boat) and beginning to be sea-sick after about 4 hrs. Swam to another boat to ask for ORE or anything but they refused to give. Hard to believe, I think. Anyway, I lasted 7 1/2 hrs. and I think if I had had something to absorb the salt water or calm my stomach I could have made it. But as it was ... Santa Fe is supposed to be a long one (65 km) but with the current so only an 8 or 9 hour swim. And fresh water, hooray. Made a pact in November with Bob Duenkel (swam with Bill Barton one year) for Ja Jugu. Received word from him a while before I came here →

that he is to have a new job in Art-Jan-
surdle and won't be able to get away for ~~7-50~~
any time during the summer. After the race
won, made a deal with Marcello Guiscardo
which could be good. If you're interested,
Mr. Studid has written the Maggy Mandown
& hopes to team up with him again but I
should think Maggy a fool if he doesn't go
with Ossama or Ghazawi or somebody else
Keeley have no idea but I think Studid
will be looking for a partner in the months
to come. Did Joe Judge offer you anything
for swimming it alone?

Grad school is turning out to be a fantastic
experience for me - very involved in the
literature and happy to be in an unre-
tentious program, such is NYU. Am also
in love with New York. Fast pace, a
thousand things to do and I find my-
self very productive and creative there.
Bar-tending for spare money. Got to see
how the predators live, you know. Drop
me a line soon time & let me know
how much you boys beat John Forest
by, how you're doing swimming and other
wise, if you've heard anything about a
Mexico swim in June, if Chicago is on
again, & anything else you might care
to share. NYAD: 205 W. 15th St.
Take care & I'll see you #3K
Love summer, Diana N.Y., N.Y. 10011
P.S. If you see Magant, give my best, please.