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Results of WPMF sanctioned races held during 1971:

Aswan, Egypt, March 26, 19 miles: 1. Hani Hemat, UAR, 7:22.53; 2. Mahmoud Khamis, Syria, 7:28.15; 3. Mohammed Gamei, Egypt, 7:33.32; 4. Tabii El Enen, Egypt, 8:05.18; 5. Abdel Latif El Basha, Egypt, 8:07.38; 6. Shadia El Ragab (first woman), Egypt, 8:50.07; 7. Abdel Latif Abou-Heif, Egypt, 8:55.30; 8. Samia Mandour (second woman), Egypt, 9:14.48; 9. Geoffrey Lake, England, 10:05.00; 10. Gizella Ghebhart (third woman), Hungary, 10:50.00.

Guaymas, Mexico, May 29, 26 miles: 1. Guillermo Echeverria, Mexico, 10:46.00; 2. Abou-Heif, Egypt, 11:09.00; 3. Dennis Matuch, USA, 11:11.00; 4. Marwan Shedid, Egypt, 11:38.00; 5. Hafez Shedid, Egypt, 11:54.00; 6. Jon Erikson, USA, 12:15.00; 7. Oscar Bematené, Argentina, 14:21.00; 8. Fausto Ramirez, Mexico, 14:43.00; 9. Reuben Hernandez, Mexico, 15:50.00; 10. Thomas Hetzel, USA, 16:30.00; 11. Oscar Villegas, Mexico, 17:12.00.

Capri-Naples, Italy, July 11, 18 miles: 1. Rogosic Veljko, Yugoslavia, 7:43.51; 2. Guillermo Echeverria, Mexico, 7:50.33; 3. Horacio Iglesias, Argentina, 7:53.51; 4. Marwan Ghazawi, Egypt, 8:27.56; 5. Mahmoud Khamis, Syria, 8:55.09; 6. Marwan Saleh, Syria, 8:57.46; 7. Hani Hemat, Egypt, 9:30.27; 8. Lucio Mezzadri, Italy, 10:02.56; 9. Abdel Latif Abou-Heif, Egypt, 10:06.33; 10. Raymond Dixon, England, 10:15.52; 11. Vincenzo Beninati, Italy, 11:06.51; 12. Shadia El Rageb (first woman), Egypt, 11:42.39; 13. Zoheir Sharfreddin, Lebanon, 11:54.48; 14. Risto Bimbilovski, Yugoslavia, 12:20.53.

Chicoutimi, Canada, July 17, 28 miles: 1. Horacio Iglesias, Argentina, 8:38.50; 2. Abdel Latif Abou-Heif, Egypt, 8:42.20; 3. Marwan Shedid, Egypt, 8:43.39; 4. Jan Van Scheyndel, Holland, 8:43.40; 5. Geoffrey Lake, England, 8:43.46; 6. Mohammed Gamei, Egypt, 8:43.47; 7. Diana Nyad, USA (first woman), 8:46.00; 8. Mervyn Sharp, England, 8:47.24; 9. Dennis Matuch, USA, 8:59.00.

La Tuque, Canada, July 24, 24-hour two-man team race: 1. Iglesias-Schans 176 laps; 2. Abou-Heif-Saleh, 168 laps; 3. Nyad-Gaston Paré (Canada) 167 laps; 4. Carlos Aguirre-Paul Villagomez (both Argentina), 166 laps; 5. R. Davis Hart-Matuch (both USA), 164 laps; 6. Jon Erikson (USA)-Lake, 163 laps; 7. Arthur Deffaa-Selim Rawda (both Lebanon), 161 laps; 8. Hafez and Marwan Shedid, 154 laps; 9. Georges Borque-Yvon Monpetit (both Canada), 139 laps; 10. Sharp-Philip Gollop (both England), 132 laps; 11. Daniel Boyle-Michel Poirier (both Canada), 116 laps; 12. Hetzel-Benson Huggard (both USA), 115 laps; 13. Reg Huffstetler-Jim Doty (both USA), 113 laps.

Roberval, Canada, August 7, 25 Miles: 1. Horacio Iglesias, Argentina, 8:39.43; 2. Jan Van Scheyndel, Holland, 9:07.03; 3. Mahmoud Khamis, Syria, 9:14.54; 4. Abdel Latif Abou-Heif, Egypt, 10:09.54; 5. Marwan Shedid, Egypt, 10:11.41; 6. Geoffrey Lake, England, 10:13.58; 7. Dennis Matuch, USA, 10:26.46; 8. Regent Lacoursiere, Canada, 11:06.02; 9. Yvon Monpetit, Canada, 11:13.36; 10. Mohammed Gamei, Egypt, 11:15.45; 11. Marcello Guiscardo, Argentina, 11:21.35; 12. Hafez Shedid, Egypt, 11:58.45.

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 Ghebhart, 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; George 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, Georffrey 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.

In voting for members of the International Board of Governors, the following were elected: Canada -- Arthur Dufresne and Regent Lacoursiere; USA -- Dennis Matuch and Jim Doty; Egypt -- Marwan Shedid and Abdel Latif Abou-Heif; Lebanon -- Albert Hreische; Argentina -- Jorge Lopez; Holland -- Johan Schans; Australia -- Des Renford; Italy -- Lucio Mezzadri; Mexico -- Fausto Ramirez; New Zealand -- Margaret Macrae; Yugoslavia -- Dicki Bojadzi; England -- Geoffrey Lake. (In several cases the person receiving the greatest number of votes for a specific area was already a member of the Board by virtue of being an officer or past president. The second highest number of votes determined the winner in those cases.)

MARATHON SWIMMING HALL OF FAME

Every single WPMSF member who submitted a ballot voted "Yes" on the proposal to establish a Marathon Swimming Foundation to conduct a Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame. When the voting ended with that mandate, the Secretary moved to get the Hall of Fame underway. Pending later approval, and to get the project started, the Secretary asked Commander C. Gerald Forsberg ("Mr. Marathon Swimming") of England and International Swimming Hall of Fame Executive Director Buck Dawson to join him as an interim Selection Board.

Ground rules established included a limit of six names per year voted into the Hall of Fame. Since racing swimmers would in many cases otherwise be excluded, it was decided that the men's and women's World Champion each year would automatically be voted into the Hall of Fame, with the provision that a person could only be elected once (thus Judy DeNijs, who won the women's championship six times, was only voted into the Hall of Fame once). Also, a category of "Contributors to the Sport of Marathon Swimming" was included among the six, which can include non-swimmers who have agreed that both amateur and professional, both men and women, both past and present swimmers and contributors would be eligible for inclusion. The Selection Board chose six names for each year from 1963 (when the WPMSF began to organize the history of the sport) through 1970 and announced the initial selections in May, 1971.

Those chosen in the initial eight "classes" were: 1963 -- Matthew Webb, England; Gertrude Ederle, USA; George Young, Canada; Herman Willemsse, Holland; Mary Martha Simm, USA, and Sir William Butlin, England (Contributor). 1964 -- Antonio Abertondo, Argentina; Tom Blower, England; Greta Andersen, USA; Abdel Latif Abou-Heif, Egypt; Judith DeNijs, Holland, and William Wrigley, Jr., USA (Contributor). 1965 -- Pedro Candiotti, Argentina; John Sigmund, USA; Cmdr. Gerald Forsberg, England; Annette Kellerman, Australia; Brojen Das, Pakistan, and Gen. Ali Sabry, Egypt (Contributor). 1966 -- Charles "Jimmy" Zibbleman, USA; Florence Chadwick, USA; Hassan Abdel Rehim, Egypt; Mihir Sen, India; Giulio Travaglio, Italy, and George N. Duthie, Canada (Contributor).

1967 -- Marilyn Bell, Canada; Lottie Schoemmel, USA; Keo Nekama, USA; Jose Cortinas, Cuba; Horacio Iglesias, Argentina, and The Cavill Family, Australia (Contributors); 1968 -- Barry Davenport, New Zealand; Otto Kammerich, Germany; Henry Sullivan, USA; Tom Park, USA; Linda McGill, Australia, and Jabez Wolffe, England (Contributor). 1969 -- Bert Thomas, USA; Cliff Lumsdon, Canada; Mercedes Gleitze, England; David Smith, USA; Patti Thompson, Canada, and Carlos Larriera, Argentina (Contributor). 1970 -- Montserrat Tresserras, Spain; Brenda Sherratt, England; Helge Jensen, Denmark; Robert Dowling, USA; Johan Schans, Holland, and Jonny Weissmuller, USA (Contributor).

Any member, active or affiliate; any newspaperman or any fan of marathon swimming may nominate any swimmer, past or present, to be considered for election into the Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame. To nominate a swimmer or contributor, send the name of the nominee with at least a paragraph explaining the reason it is felt that person deserves consideration. Where possible, include the year a certain feat was accomplished and any information available on where that person is now located.

Among the names of nominees under consideration for 1971 and future year nominations are: Col. Stewart Evans, USA; Ted Erikson, USA; Davis Dalton, USA; Harry Huffaker, USA; Eva Morrison, USA; Yekhezkiel Isaac, Israel; Lenore Modell, USA; Clarence Giles, USA; Baptista Pereira, Portugal; Wm. Sadlo, Jr., USA; Regent Lacoursiere, Canada; Jim Woods, USA; Kevin Murphy, England; Ernst Vierkotter, Germany; Georges Michel, France; Jason Zirganos, Greece; Lillian Harrison, Argentina; I. Faizulin, USSR; Jenny James, England; Niko Nestor, Yugoslavia; Palmer Donnelly, USA; Zittenfield Twins, USA; Diane Struble, USA; Charles Durborow, USA; Ann Meraw, Canada; Myrtle Huddleston, USA; Magda Molnar, Hungary; Norman Ross, USA; Jon Erikson, USA; Kendall Mellor, England; Keith Hancox, New Zealand; Giovanni Gambi, Italy; Jenny Kammergaard, Denmark; S.G. Minglos, Greece; Millie Corson, USA; Enrico Tiraboschi, Italy; Bill Stevens, USA, and contributors including Lord Byron, England; Sam Rockett, England; Dr. Hiram Baddelley, Australia; Jim Toomey, USA and Damian Beltran Piza, Mexico.

RACES FOR 1972

At this writing, there are the following possibilities for races in 1972: Argentina -- one or two races possible for January, February and/or March. Canada -- renewal of the Canadian National Exhibition races at Toronto. USA -- inauguration of a race on Lake Michigan at Chicago; in the Atlantic Ocean off Asbury Park, N.J., and near Charlotte, North Carolina. Egypt -- renewals of the races held in 1970 at Aswan and on the Nile River. Lebanon -- renewal of the Seida-Beirut races. Syria -- renewal of the Jableh-Latakia races. Definite for 1972 so far are the races at Guaymas, Mexico; Naples, Italy; Chicoutimi, La Tuque and Roberval, Quebec, Canada. Information will be provided when it is received by the Federation.

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