



WORLD PROFESSIONAL MARATHON SWIMMING FEDERATION

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WORLD RANKINGS 1981 MEN

1. Paul Asmuth, U.S.A.	2130
2. Claudio Plit, Argentina	1664
3. James Kegley, U.S.A.	1518
4. Naser El Shazly, Egypt	944
5. Antonio Davalos, Mexico	630
6. James Barry, U.S.A.	603
7. Osama Rachad, Egypt	480
8. Douglas Northway, U.S.A.	310
9. Mohamed Missery, Egypt	269
10. Magdy Mandour, Egypt	250
11. Sultan Kigab, Sudan	195
12. Baher Hamid, Egypt	120
13. Sid Cassidy, U.S.A.	100
14. Ed Flory, U.S.A.	95
15. Tom Popdan, U.S.A.	90
16. Bill Howarth, U.S.A.	80

WORLD RANKINGS 1981 WOMEN

1. Christine Cossette, Canada	2255
2. Joke van Staveren, Holland	1504
3. Nazla Faidalah, Egypt	415
4. Penny Dean, U.S.A.	250
Mona Hossen, Egypt	250
6. Ginny Caldwell, U.S.A.	150

1981 Men's WORLD CHAMPION: Paul Asmuth. A second world championship for Asmuth. He won 4 races in 1981 and broke his own record in lake Memphremagog with 57 minutes.

1981 Women's WORLD CHAMPION: Christine Cossette. Also a second world championship for her. Christine won 6 races and broke Penny Dean's records in Paspêbiac and lake Memphremagog.

The races which got the WPMSF sanction in 1981 were: Atlantic City, La Tuque, lake St John and lake Memphremagog.

Annual meeting, Magog, Canada.

The annual meeting was held in Magog-Canada on August 7.

We talked about the following subjects:

- We would like to receive the contracts earlier in the year, February would be desirable. This year some of the contracts did not arrive before June.
 - We would like to have more bulletins and keep in contact during the year.
 - It will be better to have a meeting after the first race of the year, to inform the swimmers about the latest news, sanctions etc.
- After each race the swimmers can tell the secretariat what they liked or did not like about the swim, so that this can be discussed with the directors for next years race.
- A letter is going to be sent to the Egyptian Long Distance Swimming Federation (and the other races) about minimum prize money and rules which have to be approved to be a sanctioned swim.
 - The Federation needs more people who are involved with the races and will try to get in touch with some retired swimmers. We hope they will help the Federation as Directors.
 - Prize money should go up with a certain percentage of last years purse, so that every position goes up.
 - The lowest prize should be more than the maximal amount paid on an hourly base.

- We elected the following officers for next year:

president	Claudio Plit
vice presidents	Nabil el Shasly
	Loreen Passfield
secretariat	Paul Asmuth
	Joke van Staveren.

All together the meeting lasted longer than most of us wished. This will be better if we have more meetings and keep in better contact. But the meeting is the opportunity to bring in the points you want to discuss, it does not help anybody to run out of the meeting if it lasts longer than you expect and then complain afterwards that things are not as you would like it!

RESULTS OF 1981 PROFESSIONAL RACES

CAIRO, Egypt May 1

32 km Nile River

1. Claudio Plit, Argentina	7.17.45
2. Bill Heiss, U.S.A.	7.32.00
3. Mohamed Missery, Egypt	7.34.20
4. Naser El Shasly, Egypt	7.49.10
5. Roberto Opri, Italy	8.06.30
6. Mona Hossen, Egypt	8.11.20 FIRST WOMAN
7. Douglas Northway, U.S.A.	8.21.20
8. Alfonso Liberti, Italy	8.52.40
9. José Tanko, Yugoslavia	8.58.10
Tina Bishof, U.S.A.	did not finish

LUXOR, Egypt, May 10

20km. River Nile

1. Claudio Plit, Argentina	5.12.20
2. Bill Heiss, U.S.A.	5.21.00
3. Magdy Mandour, Egypt	5.30.15
4. Roberto Opri, Italy	5.48.15
5. Mona Hossen, Egypt	6.04.50 FIRST WOMAN
6. Tina Bishof, U.S.A.	6.06.30 SECOND WOMAN
7. Osama Rachad, Egypt	6.08.30
8. Alfonso Liberti, Italy	6.45.40
9. José Tanko, Yugoslavia	7.19.30
10. Sultan Kigab, Sudan	8.12.00

Unfortunately the course was not very safe, several swimmers left the water with cuts of sharp subjects under the water surface. This was the first time that there was a race in Luxor.

ATLANTIC CITY round the island swim, July 13

very rough ocean, bay flat, greater part against the current, water temperature ocean 83, bay very warm.

1. Paul Asmuth, U.S.A.	8.49.30	
2. James Kegley, U.S.A.	9.25.04	
3. Claudio Plit, Argentina	9.42.35	
4. James Barry, U.S.A.	10.01.50	
5. Christine Cossette, Canada	10.21.01	FIRST WOMAN
6. Joke van Staveren, Netherlands	10.26.49	SECOND WOMAN
7. Naser El Shasly, Egypt	10.39.26	
8. Sid Cassidy, U.S.A.	10.51.07	x
9. Penny Dean, U.S.A.	10.54.24	THIRD WOMAN x
10. Ginny Caldwell, U.S.A.	11.09.57	FOURTH WOMAN x
11. Ed Flory, U.S.A.	11.10.37	x
12. Tom Popdan, U.S.A.	11.24.30	x
13. Ossama Rachad, Egypt	11.25.40	x
14. Bill Howarth, U.S.A.	11.33.43	x
John Freihofer, U.S.A.	DNF	
Charles Draper, U.S.A.	DNF	
Charles Chapman, U.S.A.	DNF	
Douglas Northway, U.S.A.	DNF	
Nazla Fedallah, Egypt	DNF	

DNF= Did Not Finish

x= more than 2 hour after the winner

Some swimmers should have read their contracts better before they started. The limit was according to the winner, which is reasonable.

LA TUQUE , Quebec, July 19

24 km closed circuit, flat water, temperature $\pm 68^{\circ}$

Positions at the time that the first swimmer finished.

1. Paul Asmuth	U.S.A.	45 laps
2. James Kegley	U.S.A.	43
3. James Barry	U.S.A.	42
Douglas Northway	U.S.A.	42
5. Naser El Shasley	Egypt	41
6. Christine Cossette	Canada	40
7. Magdy Mandour	Egypt	40
8. Osama Rachad	Egypt	40
9. Joke van Staveren	Netherlands	39
10. Eaher Hamid	Egypt	36
11. Sultan Kigab	Sudan	33
12. Nazla Faidalah	Egypt	33

CAPRI-NAPLES ITALY, July 19

Because of the weather circumstances changed into a 10 mile race in Naples harbour.

1. Claudio Flit, Argentina	3.21
2. Roberto Opni, Italy	3.26

No official results received

LAKE ST JOHN, Quebec, Canada, July 26

21 miles, very rough, water temperature $\pm 62^{\circ}$ F.

1. Claudio Flit	Argentina	8.45.38	
2. James Kegley,	U.S.A.	8.52.39	
3. Naser El Shasly,	Egypt	9.07.42	
4. Antonio Davalos,	Mexico	9.25.33	
5. Mohamed Missery,	Egypt	9.41.28	
6. Christine Cossette,	Canada	9.44.09	FIRST WOMAN
7. Joke van Staveren,	Netherlands	10.04.22	SECOND WOMAN
8. Magdy Mandour,	Egypt	10.04.55	
Ossama Rachad,	Egypt	taken out	

Disappointing was the lack of consideration of the direction according to their 10 hour time limit, under these circumstances. In this race participated also several amateur swimmers. Robert Lachance from Canada and Philip Rush from New Zealand finished. Their times were 9.15.53 and 9.51.12. Pat Benson, Jocelyn Tremblay, Mac Teskey, Josée Lachance, Richard Kersh, James Barry, Tanya Stipetic, John Coutts, Paul Asmuth and Remi Meunier did not finish

PASPIBIAC, Quebec, Canada, August 2.

16 miles, flat water, temperature $\pm 63-60^{\circ}\text{F}$. Invitational only.

1. Paul Asmuth, U.S.A.	5.35.06	
2. Claudio Plit, Argentina	5.42.12	
3. James Kegley, U.S.A.	5.57.45	
4. Antonio Davalos, Mexico	6.12.51	
5. Naser El Shasly, Egypt	6.25.35	
6. Christine Cossette, Canada	6.28.43	FIRST WOMAN
7. Joke van Staveren, Netherlands	6.35.41	SECOND WOMAN
8. Magdy Mandour, Egypt	6.49.12	
9. Denise Arbiur, Canada		did not swim the sprint
James Barry, U.S.A.		did not finish.

MAGOG, Quebec, Canada, August 9

miles, slightly wavy, water temperature $\pm 69^{\circ}\text{F}$

1. Paul Asmuth, U.S.A.	8. 48.22	NEW RECORD
2. Claudio Plit, Argentina	9.26.15	
3. James Kegley, U.S.A.	9.33.03	
4. Antonio Davalos, Mexico	9.58.24	
5. Naser El Shasly, Egypt	10.16.56	
6. Christine Cossette, Canada	10.38.34	FIRST WOMAN
7. Osama Rachad, Egypt	10.43.15	
8. Joke van Staveren, Netherlands	11.13.45	SECOND WOMAN
9. Mona Hossen, Egypt	11.47.17	THIRD WOMAN x
x = more than 2 1/2 hour after the winner		

Sultan Kigab, Sudan taken out
Nazla Feidalah, Egypt taken out
Gérald Blais, Douglas Northway, Magdy Mandour, Baher Hamid
did not finish.

English Channel

Claudio Plit was the only federation member invited to the Channel race at the end of August, organized by the Saudi-Arabian crown-prince. Claudio won this race in a field of 15 swimmers.

PORT SAID, Egypt, October 2

28 km Suez canal, partly current assisted, partly against current and wind. Water temperature $\pm 75^{\circ}\text{F}$

1. Douglas Northway, U.S.A.	6.25.05	
2. Claudio Plit, Argentina	6.37.10	
3. Naser El Shasly, Egypt	6.42.00	
4. James Kegley, U.S.A.	7.19.00	
5. Roberto Opini, Italy	7.27.00	
6. Christine Cossette, Canada	7.28.00	FIRST WOMAN
7. Alfonso Liberti, Italy	7.51.00	
8. Mona Hossen, Egypt	7.59.00	SECOND WOMAN
9. Joke van Staveren, Netherlands	8.13.00	THIRD WOMAN
10. José Tanko, Yugoslavia	8.47.07	
11. Nazla Faidalah, Egypt	8.49.00	FOURTH WOMAN
12. Sultan Kigab, Sudan	no time	

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt

Cancelled because of the death of president Sadat.

Next year

The Egyptian races will be in september/October. They mentioned the last friday in September and the first 2 fridays in October. The length of the races will be 13-18 miles and the prize money L.E 11.000 (Egyptian pound) per race, broken in 3000, 2000, 1000 800, 700, 600, 500, 400, 300, 200. Women 800, 400, 200, 100 extra.