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WORLD RANKINGS 1979 MEN

1. John Kinsella(USA)1782	15. Sultan Kigab(Sudan)435
2. Claudio Plit(Arg.)1683	16. Carlos Aguirre(Arg.)250
3. James Barry(USA)1371	Raul Carrizo(Arg.)250
4. Syd Cassidy(USA)1079	Alberto Santiago(Arg.)250
5. Jorge Villegas(Mex.)946	Raul Villagomez(Mex.)250
6. Juan Carlos Tellez(Mex.) . .893	Fausto Ramirez(Mex.)250
7. Nasser Shazly(Egypt)790	Jose Ramirez(Mex.)250
8. Bill Heiss(USA)706	Richard Martine(Can.)250
9. Magdy Mandour(Egypt)688	Herb Woodard(USA)250
10. Ossama Rachad(Egypt)644	17. Paul Pudzitis(USA)242
11. Mohamed Gamie(Canada)616	18. James Whelan(USA)226
12. Maher Saleh(Syria)500	19. Bill Howarth(USA)204
13. Marwan Saleh(Syria)485	20. John Freihofer(USA)167
14. Jose Medel(Mexico)470	

WORLD RANKINGS 1979 WOMEN

1. Penny Lee Dean(USA) . . .2395	5. Christine Cossette(Can.) . . .738
2. Loreen Passfield(Can.) . .1315	6. Cecelia McCloskey(USA) . . .281
3. Mona Hossin(Egypt)956	7. Martine Hermes(Canada) . . .250
4. Joke Von Staveren(Neth.) .910	8. Marla Feldman(USA)210

1979 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPION:

John Kinsella. This is the fifth time that Kinsella has won the world's championship(1974, 76, 77, 78, 79). Kinsella's championships now equal the retired Argentine champion Horatio Iglesias'(67, 69, 71, 72, 73).

1979 WOMAN'S WORLD CHAMPION:

Penny Lee Dean(USA). This was Dean's first full year on the professional circuit. As an amateur Dean set overall world records for: English Channel(England to France), single and double crossings of Catalina Channel, 36,000 meters pool.

OF THE EIGHT PROFESSIONAL MARATHON RACES HELD IN THE WORLD IN 1979 ONLY THE ATLANTIC CITY, LATUQUE 24-HOUR RELAY, PASPEBIAC AND LAKE MEMPHREMAGOG WERE SANCTIONED SWIMS AND THUS ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARDING OF POINTS TO INDIVIDUAL MARATHONERS.

RESULTS OF 1979 PROFESSIONAL RACES

RIO CORONDA RIVER (Argentina; 28 miles with current; water 80°; Feb. 4th)

\$12,000 PURSE NON SANCTIONED

1. Bill Heiss (USA)	8hr 06' 20"	
2. Claudio Plit (Arg.)	8 09 07	
3. John Kinsella (USA)	8 17 51	
4. Jorge Villegas (Mex.)	8 22 28	
5. Raul Villagomez (Mex.)	8 26 06	
6. Nasser El Shazly (Egypt)	8 31 45	
7. Giuseppe Castagna (Italy)	8 36 09	1st Amateur (foreign)
8. Alberto Santiago (Arg.)	8 43 30	
9. Magdy Farid (Arg.)	8 56 59	
10. Raul Carrizo (Arg.)	8 58 41	
11. Tina Bischoff (USA)	9 00 40	2nd Amateur (foreign); woman (first)
12. Ossama Rachad (Egypt)	9 16 23	
13. Eduardo Mendoza (Arg.)	9 18 36	1st Amateur Argentinian
14. Francisco Luis Gaos (Arg.)	9 23 18	
15. Luis Brittes (Arg.)	9 39 22	2nd Amateur Argentinian
16. Alejandro Larriera (Arg.)	9 48 37	3rd Amateur Argentinian
17. Hector Suarez (Arg.)	9 54 24	
18. Miguel Cruz (Arg.)	10 02 27	
19. N.S. Mabel Garrido (Arg.)	no time	1st Female (Argentinian)
20. Marcelo Zamuttini (Arg.)	"	4th Amateur Argentinian
21. Osmar Reynoso (Arg.)	"	
22. Fulvio Bergamini (Italy)	"	

SPONSORS HAD SPECIAL AWARDS FOR AMATEUR ARGENTINIANS AND FOREIGNERS

NILE RIVER (Egypt; 23 miles; current assisted; water 76°; May) NON SANCTIONED

1. John Kinsella (USA)	7:07:04	<u>WOMEN</u>	
2. Nasser Shazly (Egypt)	7:10:02		
3. Bill Heiss (USA)	7:30:07	1. Mona Hossen (Egypt)	7:52:06
4. Bagdy Mandour (Egypt)	7:36:57	2. Joke Van Staveren (Hol.)	7:53:19
5. Jose Prado (Mex.)	7:44:09	3. Corrie Dixon (England)	8:28:00
6. Jorge Villegas (Mex.)	7:51:15	4. Nazla Fiedalla (Egypt)	8:51:00
7. Ibrahim Fiedala (Egypt)	8:10:00		
8. Ossama Rachad (Egypt)	8:10:10		
9. Silvestri (Italy)	8:18:59		
10. Baher Hamid (Egypt)	8:47:00		

CAPRI-NAPLES (Italy; 21 miles; water 74°; July 10th;) NON SANCTIONED

1. Claudio Plit (Arg.)	7:40:41	<u>WOMEN</u>	
2. John Kinsella (USA)	7:44:30		
3. Nasser Shazly (Egypt)	7:52:10	1. Mona Hossen (Egypt)	8:41:06
4. Magdy Mandour (Egypt)	7:52:10	2. Joke Von Staveren (Hol.)	8:43:01
5. Gyula Hajus (Hungary)	8:15:35	3. Zitka Grundova (Czech.)	9:55:39
6. Raul Villagomez (Mexico)	8:22:00		
7. Maher Saleh (Syria)	8:24:16		
8. Hossen Abbara (Syria)	9:00:45		
9. Martin Strel (Yug.)	11:00:17		

ATLANTIC CITY (USA; 22½ miles; water 68-72°; July 16th) SANCTIONED

1. James Barry (USA)	7:18:38 (NEW RECORD)
2. Sid Cassidy (USA)	7:19:40
3. John Kinsella (USA)	7:23:37
4. Claudio Plit (Arg.)	7:23:42
5. Juan Tellez (Mex.)	7:32:36
6. Bill Heiss (USA)	7:38:30
7. Penny Lee Dean (USA)	7:49:25 FIRST WOMAN
8. Jorge Villegas (Mex.)	7:59:48

9. Magdy Mandour(Egypt)	8:05:17	
10. Nasser Shazly(Egypt)	8:05:17	
11. Paul Pudzitis(USA)	8:08:51	
12. Loreen Passfield(Can.)	8:09:50	2nd WOMAN
13. James Whelan(USA)	8:19:08	
14. Mona Hossin(Egypt)	8:22:32	3rd WOMAN
15. Christine Cossette(Can.)	8:25:42	
16. Bill Howarth(USA)	8:36:51	
17. Ceceilia McCloskey(USA)	8:43:12	4th WOMAN
18. Ossama Rachad(Egypt)	8:46:21	
19. Mohammed Gamie(Can.)	9:54:17	
20. John Freihofer(USA)	10:03:12	
21. Marla Feldman(USA)	10:10:23	5th WOMAN

LATUQUE 24-HOUR RELAY(Canada; 1/3 mile oval course; water 68-70°; July 21-22)
SANCTIONED \$21,000 PURSE

The thirteen teams that swam in this race agree to share the total purse equally no matter what the respective positions were at the end of 24-hours. A straight 250 points were awarded to each swimmer since this was a sanctioned race.

Teams:

Fausto Ramirez-Rickar Ramirez(Mexico)
 Juan Tellez(Mex.)-Alberto Santiago(Arg.)
 John Kinsella-Herb Woodard(USA)
 Raul Villagomez(Mex.)-Claudio Plit(Arg.)
 Maher and Marwan Saleh(Syria)
 Mr & Mrs Richard Hermes(Canada)
 Magdy Mandour-Nasser Shazly(Egypt)
 Penny Dean(USA)-Loreen Passfield(Can.)
 Ossama Rachad-Mona Hossin(Egypt)
 Sid Cassidy-James Barry(USA)
 Jorge Villegas-Jose Medel(Mex.)
 Carlos Aguirre-Syder Carrizo(Arg.)
 Sultan Kigab(Sudan)-Mohamed Gamie(Can.)

LAKE ST. JOHN(Canada; 21 miles; 67-70°; calm; July 29th) NON SANCTIONED DUE TO 5 KM QUALIFYING SWIM AND NO GUARANTEE OF FULL PURSE DISPERSAL \$35,000 PURSE

1. John Kinsella(USA)	7:01:15	NEW RECORD
2. Claudio Plit(ARG)	7:16:21	
3. Bill Heiss(USA)	7:26:15	
4. Juan Carlos(Mex.)	7:28:55	
5. Penny Lee Dean(USA)	7:34:41	NEW RECORD WOMEN
6. Nasser Shazly(Egypt)	7:46:49	
7. Jorge Villegas(Mex.)	7:55:05	
8. Marwan Saleh(Syria)	8:09:53	
9. Raul Villagomez(Mex.)	8:10:12	
10. Magdy Mandour(Egypt)	8:14:24.0	
11. Maher Saleh(Syria)	8:14:24.1	
12. Alberto Santiago(Arg.)	8:24:41	
13. Christine Cossette(Can.)	8:42:15	SECOND WOMAN
14. Ossama Rachad(Egypt)	8:53:29	
15. Loreen Passfield(Can.)	8:56:59	THIRD WOMAN
16. Mona Hossen(Egypt)	8:59:38	FOURTH WOMAN
17. Joke Von Staveren(Hol.)	9:00:12	FIFTH WOMAN

DEPARTURE SPRINT: MEN

1. Bill Heiss	11:52
2. Claudio Plit	12:00

DEPARTURE SPRINT: WOMEN

1. Penny Dean	12:30
2. Loreen Passfield	13:03

ARRIVAL SPRINT: MEN

1. John Kinsella	12:13
2. Bill Heiss	12:41

ARRIVAL SPRINT: WOMEN

1. Penny Dean	13:51
2. Joke Von Staveren	15:20

PASPEBIAC (Chaleur Bay, Canada; 17.8 miles; water 68-72°; August 5th)

SANCTIONED

\$18,700 PURSE

		<u>Depar. Spr.</u>	<u>Arr. Spr.</u>
1. John Kinsella(USA)	6:25:36 NEW RECORD	19:21	47:30
2. Claudio Plit(ARG.)	6:33:34	20:06	48:37
3. Bill Heiss(USA)	6:46:30	19:22	50:00
4. James Barry(USA)	6:51:13	20:07	54:19
5. Syd Cassidy(USA)	7:07:59	19:23	58:41
6. Jorge Villegas(Mex.)	7:11:50	20:08	55:55
7. Nasser Shazly(Egypt)	7:22:18	22:00	52:43
8. Penny Dean(USA)	7:34:15 NEW RECORD WOMEN	20:09	52:35
9. Magdy Mandour(Egypt)	7:57:23	22:00	55:33
10. Joke Von Staveren(Hol.)	7:59:22 SECOND WOMAN	24:18	56:22
11. Ossama Rachad(Egypt)	8:15:12	22:03	1:00:58
12. Christine Cossette(Can.)	8:15:46 THIRD WOMAN	21:59	1:00:56
13. Mona Hossen(Egypt)	8:30:36 FOURTH WOMAN	22:20	1:05:42
14. Loreen Passfield(Can.)	DID NOT FINISH	22:22	

LAKE MEMPHREMAGOG (Canada; 28 miles; water 68-72°; August 12th) SANCTIONED

\$15,500 PURSE

1. Claudio Plit(Arg.)	10:38:00 MEN'S RECORD
2. John Kinsella(USA)	
3. Jorge Villegas(Mex.)	
4. Juan Carlos(Mex.)	
5. Penny Dean(USA)	10:39:00 WOMEN'S RECORD
6. Nasser Shazly(Egypt)	10:58:00
7. Maher Saleh(Syria)	
8. Marwan Saleh(Syria)	
9. Jose Medel(Mex.)	
10. Loreen Passfield(Can.)	2nd WOMAN
11. Ossama Rachad(Egypt)	12:13
12. Joke Von Staveren(Hol.)	12:14 3rd WOMAN
13. Mohammed Gamie(Can.)	
14. Sultan Kigab(Sudan)	

The Memphremagog Swim was in two parts: Prize money awarded to swimmers according to their position at nine hours if course not completed. The swimmers with no times elected to retire from swim and collected their purses. Those who elected to complete the course shared arrival sprint monies. Five swimmers completed the course.

Dear Members,

This years schedule was an extremely active one. Details and results of swims had to be collected and tabulated and the results of our annual meeting in Roberval in which new officers of the Federation were elected and later inducted has taken considerable time. Our new president for 1980 is Loreen Passfield of Toronto, Canada. Jim Whalen of Atlantic City, New Jersey is the new Secretary. Due to the increased activity in paper-work over the years Federation members have also elected three Vice-Presidents: Raul Villagomez(Mexico), James Barry(US) and Nabil Shazly(Egypt). These are excellent officers and with our help they will have quite a bit to offer to the sport of professional marathon swimming. I proposed their election and with your vote they were elected.

As of January 1, 1980 membership dues will be \$25 per year for both active and non-active members. If your dues are up by December 31, 1978 you will still send them to me, but after January 1st the new membership fee will be sent to the new Secretary Jim Whalen().

I have included a letter from our new president on entries and suggest that you will read it carefully for if her ideas are to succeed it needs the support

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work our active members. Since I will only be a regular member of the WPMSP after January 1st I hope to assist the Federation however and whenever I can and invite its officers and members to call on me for whatever reason if they believe I can be of assistance. I will continue to work with sponsors and potential sponsors in order make pro swimming attain and keep its ever increasing popularity. It has been my experience that it is usually the sponsor or director of a swim that makes it great. Mr. Lussier of the Memphremagog and Mr. LeMarquand of Paspebiac as well as the directors of the Atlantic City are examples of the superb leadership necessary for a great pro marathon swim. My congratulations to Penny Dean and John Kinsella on their world championships and best wishes to the Federation's new officers.

Dennis Matuch

STATEMENT OF LOREEN PASSFIELD THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE WPMSP

"This year we ran into many disagreements with the organizers of the races. I think that our slow-down at LaTuque made people take notice that we are standing up for our rights as swimmers. We have been getting the bad end of the deal over the past years and I think it is time to change our position. I have planned things a little different this year. The applications must be sent to Jim Barry instead of to the sponsors. If we do things this way we will be able to talk to the sponsors and they will understand we mean business since there will be no applications in. When you send the applications to Jim I would like you to let him know what you dislike about a swim and whether you want it sanctioned or not. In order to prevent some swimmers from sending in their applications and not co-operating they will be dropped from the rankings for that year. This will apply to Atlantic City and Canada and not Argentina, Egypt or Italy. I feel this is the only way the organizers will co-operate. I think that we will only have problems with LaTuque but we will have to wait. I will be in contact with you in February when I get the information from the sponsors. If you have any questions please write me:"

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