

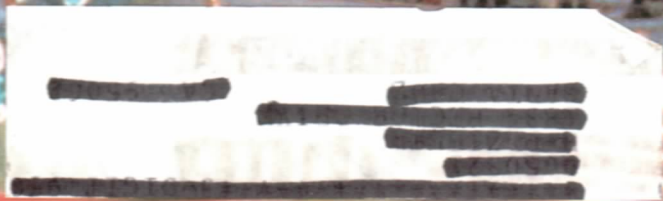
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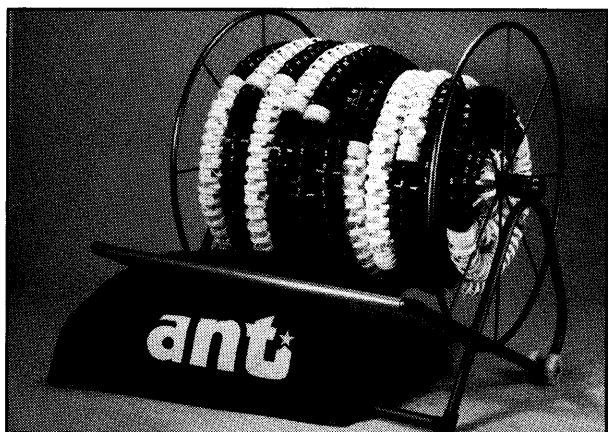


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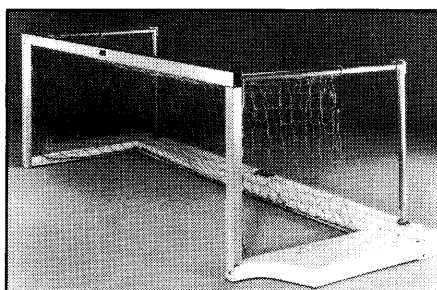
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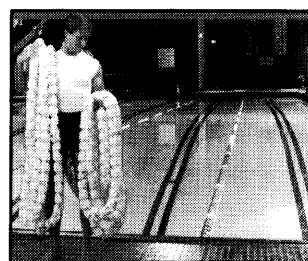
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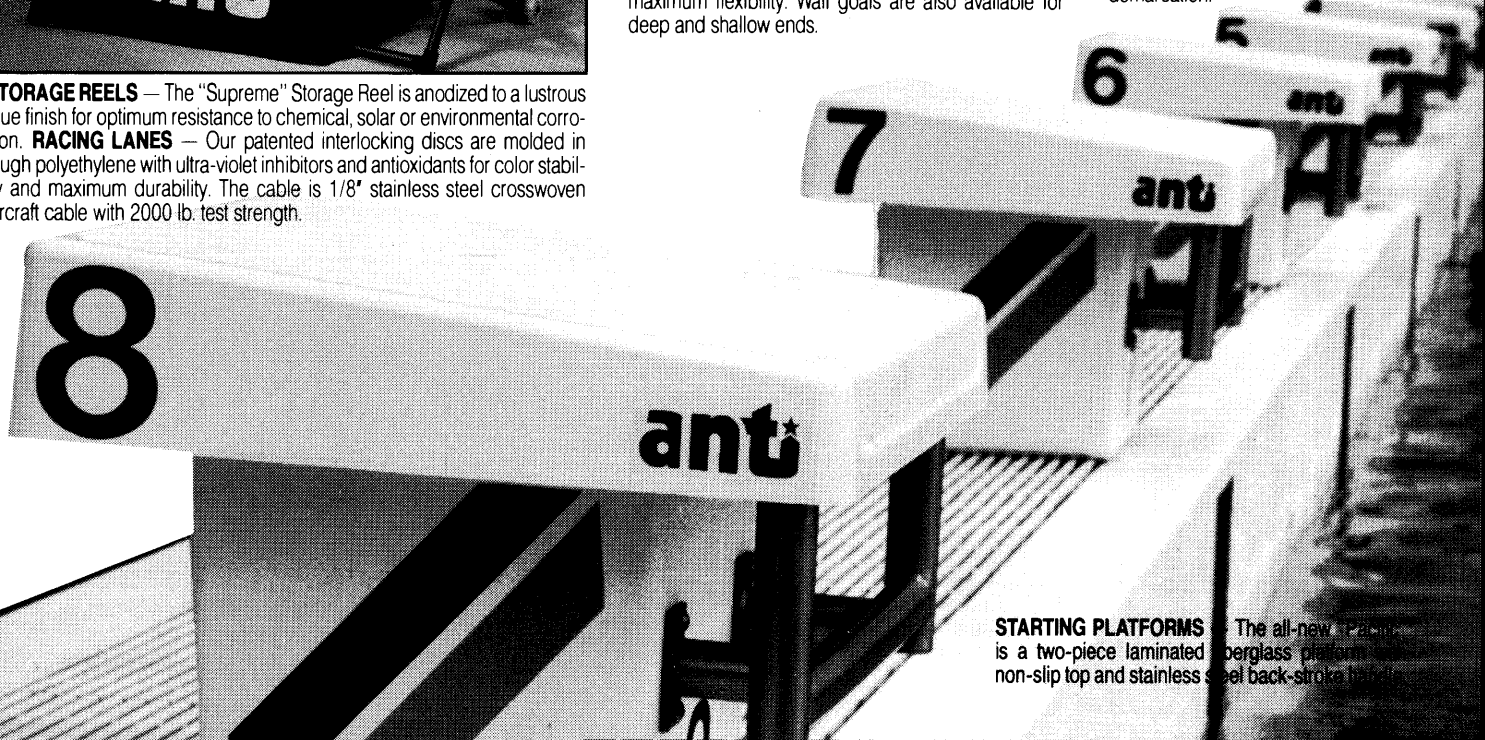
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times in individual events, U.S. placed but one finalist in eight of 13 individual events and no finalists in one event.

What a far cry from the 1976 Games when there was no boycott. The men collected 12 of 13 gold medals, 11 world records, 25 individual medals out of a possible 33 and 1-2 finishes in 11 individual events. The men qualified 31 out of 33 possible finalists, and 25 won medals.

The women found the GDR arriving at world dominance. The GDR won 10 of 11 individual events and won 18 medals out of a possible 35. The U.S. women totaled seven medals and one gold, that in the 4 x 100 free relay.

So what happened in 1988? We have heard the rhetoric from U.S.

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The results at Seoul need to be fully studied. After the 1988 Winter Games at Calgary when the U.S. failed to medal in many events, the USOC named George Steinbrenner to chair a commission to find out what was needed to get the United States moving again.

U.S. Swimming needs a similar commission completely autonomous from the national office, with coaches who were and are potential Olympic team staff. The commission must be sufficiently funded to do an in-depth study and come up with the answers at a given deadline.

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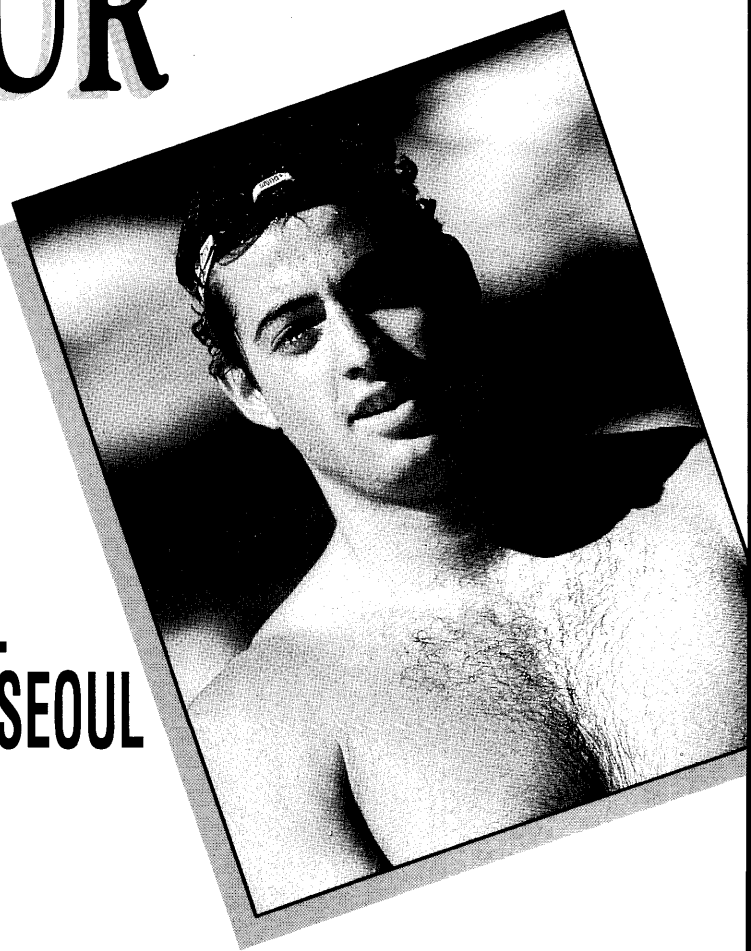


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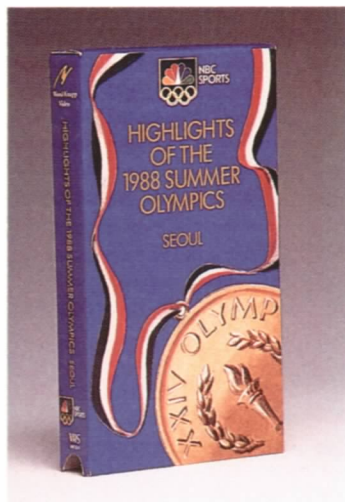
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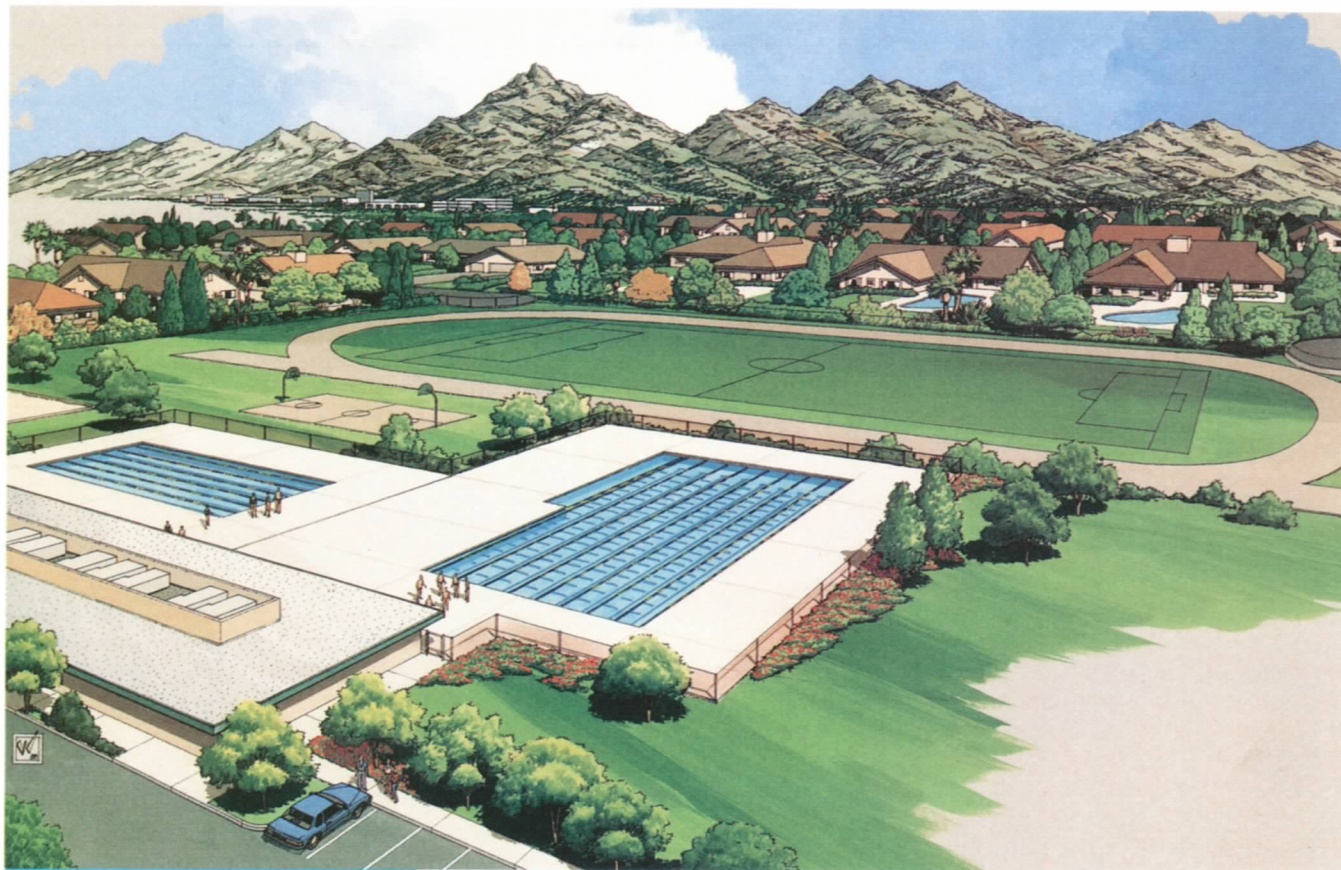
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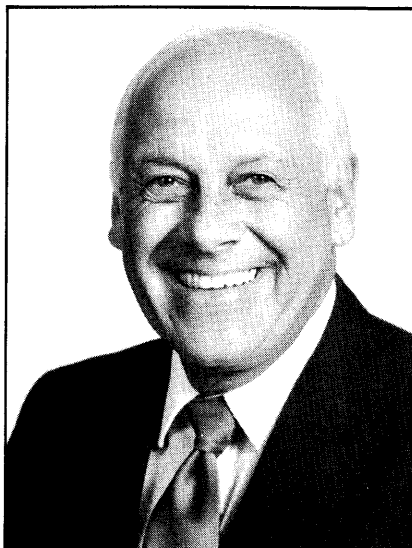
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About the Author

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Phill Hansel

It is amazing how well everyone blends into just being athletes. A freestyler is a freestyler, a sprinter is a sprinter, a diver is a diver, regardless of nationality. We soon become individual people competing against other individuals; in so doing, we become equals, following the same rules, laying it all on the line. We all become winners because we are involved in the same process. We are striving for our own goals, the culmination and fulfillment of years of training and dreams.

There are so many different ways to look at the Olympic Games and so many facets to examine.

One can look at the Games strictly from the medal count aspect—like gold, silver or bronze is what it's all about. For some of the media, this seems to be all that matters. Fourth place on down is not worthy of consideration or mention. There probably is no greater thrill than winning a gold medal at the Olympics—knowing that for that one day and for all time, you were the best in the world. (I certainly will never know this feeling, but I can tingle with excitement when I see it happen.) Participating to the best of one's ability level is important too, even if not winning a medal. Everyone adds to the total spectacle. There are no

losers at the Olympics. There is so much more to the Games than just medals.

One can look at the Games to find heroes or stars. The media tends to pick their own and build or crush the individuals chosen. It's too bad that a participant can't be just a person who has strengths and weaknesses. We continually read the releases that say things like, "Joe Medal Winner is a nerd and will never cash in because he is not personable enough." Or so and so is the darling of the Games. There were 13,000 athletes at the Games, and I submit that each and every one of these individuals would make a tremendous story of sacrifice, dedication, sweat, tears, accomplishments and success.

One can look at the Games as money, the tremendous cost and the financial gain. We had athletes of all kinds from many different sports striving for medals because it might lead to big money for them. They strive for endorsements, sponsorships and, for some, even lifetime monthly checks from their nation's government. These Games were different than many in that we had several so-called amateurs striving to gain riches; and on the other hand, many of the tennis professionals, people already making big money, competing in the Games simply for the thrill of winning a medal.

One could observe these Games from the drugs and steroid scandals. Certainly, this part of the Games received a tremendous amount of media coverage. It cannot be overlooked and it must be dealt with properly. It's sad that people will cheat; it's great that they get caught. They should not get away with it. I resent the implications that everyone would cheat, if they could, or that we are all under suspicion because a few have cheated.

One can look at the Games as a means of national pride or as proof that one form of government is better than another. We are led to

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believe that the Iron Curtain countries participate to prove that their way is better than democracy. Certainly, they have a different financial support system and a stronger priority rating from their governments. Certainly they have more regimentation and control of their athletes. But I have never seen the connection between an athlete's performance and proof of political system being better because of it.

I prefer to think of the Games as people. One classic example of respect and understanding stands out as a personal high point of these Games for me. It was a very spontaneous and unique experience that happened with no fanfare: I am happy that I was present to take part.

It involved the great Soviet swimmer, Vladimir Salnikov. I do not know Vladimir personally, but I do respect his tremendous achievements through the years dating all the way back to the 1976 Olympic Games. He still holds the world record for the 1500 meter freestyle, which he last set in 1983. He was pretty much written off as a factor in these Games by performances at the European and World Championships the last two years. But he was in Seoul at age 28 to swim the 1500 one more time. He won the gold medal, just six seconds short of his own world record. He received a standing ovation from swimming fans throughout the entire award parade and ceremony. This was fitting and proper.

But the significant happening that I shall never forget happened about 11:30 p.m. that night in the dining hall at the athletes village. I was there getting a late-night snack along with athletes from all over the world from many different sports. There must have been 300 present. This room was about the size of a basketball court, people eating and visiting.

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Consider the 10 million residents of Seoul who were our hosts, the thousands of workers and volunteers that made the 24th Olympiad one of the greatest ever. We should consider the officials, consider the parents and loved ones of the athletes, consider the athletes themselves and consider the sport fans of the world—millions and millions of people drawn together in one place, with one focus. People make the

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The Olympic Games is the world's greatest showcase. It's the one arena that allows all of us to come together and just be people. It's vital to the survival of mankind that we all have this opportunity to learn about each other. Yes, the Olympic Games are more than a five-ring circus. □



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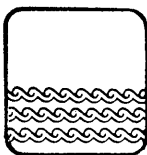
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The FINA Technical Swimming Committee and the FINA Bureau

met in Seoul following the swimming competition and interpreted a portion of swimming rule SW6.2 so that it reads: . . . they shall swim upon their backs throughout the race "means that some part of the body shall break the surface of the water except that after the start and after each turn the swimmer may be totally submerged for a distance of up to 10 meters from the wall," according to Allen Harvey, former Honorary Secretary of FINA.

The technical committee of 12 and the FINA Bureau, an elected group of 17, which accepted and ratified this interpretation by majority opinion, changed the rule, Harvey said. "When a meeting was held, a very large majority of the swimming federations involved considered the short-term aberration that took place when swimmers ducked underwater and swam with foot action only, totally submerged, that was not swimming backstroke. And by the large majority opinion, we determined that a rule must be so defined that people wouldn't do the sub-

marine story."

Safety reasons also entered the picture, Harvey said.

"Now the opinions contained the views, one, that this had an element of danger because going back 25 or maybe 30 years to when breaststrokers did this, it was found that those who had not done it for an extended period of time and who were not in the world's greatest condition were tempted to go beyond their safe range. Before the fellow came up from underwater, he quietly passed out, and since there was nobody in attendance, he sank to the bottom and stayed there."

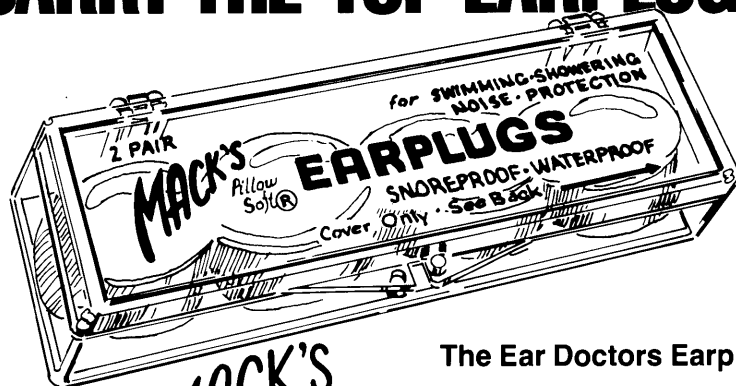
The medical aspect was the greater concern in most of the committee's viewpoint, according to Zaleski. "They felt it wasn't a problem with the Olympic level athlete, however, there were major problems if large numbers of young people were taught to do hypoxic breathing and held their breath underwater."

"The other (part of the opinion) is, this underwater job displays a backstroke that was not envisaged when the backstroke was authorized and described in the fashion that it is in the rules," Harvey said. "And that from a spectator point of view, the backstroke race becomes a boring period of time when some young persons go underwater and disappear and after a length of time you have them emerge again and the time is established, but there's no physical race taking place."

After being read the FINA majority opinion, Berkoff responded, "That's the most stupid, asinine train of thought I've heard in a long, long time. I think they've just buried themselves."

"Personally, I think if I hadn't gotten the silver and I hadn't broken the world record, and if Polianski hadn't broken the record (before-hand) and Daichi Suzuki hadn't gotten the gold and we were all in the back of the pack in the final, that no one would be judged based on the underwater start and there wouldn't be any rule change. But because we

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Olympic gold medalists Troy Dalbey and Doug Gjertsen, and E. Glenn Mangum were arrested in Seoul and accused of stealing a carved marble lion's mask, valued at over \$800, from a hotel bar. The three were detained for questioning by Korean police for eight hours, after which the United States Olympic Committee confined them to the Athlete's Village.

If convicted of the theft, the three could have faced sentences of between one and 10 years, but after a hearing, they were released and sent home. A police investigation later revealed Gjertsen was innocent, reports say.

had a lot of success with it and because it's something new, FINA thinks it's their duty to change it so there isn't something new. I don't know what kinds of minds work to think that way. It's a shame that FINA feels something new is something wrong.

"When they wrote the rules years ago about backstroke, (the rules read) that you have to stay on your back, and that's backstroke," Berkoff continued. "And then all of a sudden something new comes along that they didn't think of, and they have to change it so it fits their little idea of what they think backstroke should be. It's obvious that if anybody else thinks of anything new for other strokes, FINA is going to shut it down. I just think it's wrong.

"And their saying that because people can't see us when we're underwater, there is no physical race and, therefore, it's not exciting—that's just ridiculous. They're coming back to what I'm saying—that it's exciting to watch something that's different that's going on underwater, then (the swimmers) pop out and they see it. The crowd thinks that's exciting. It's FINA's idea that it's not exciting. I think it reflects that they have to change the rules just because they're so backwards. I think they're a joke.

"It's really behind the back. They

made a rule change without telling me, without telling the swimmers who'll be affected, without telling my coach. That's really unfair, tacky behavior and I think they're wrong."

The new ruling is immediately in effect and will prevail from now forward. It might be reasonably predictive that when the next technical congress takes place (Perth, Australia, January 1991), that rule SW6.2 will be rewritten with sufficient definition to emphasize more clearly the present rules, Harvey said.

The XXIV Olympic Games proved to be the largest ever in numbers, with 13,626 participants from 160 countries at the final count. The Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee reported that 9,267 of that number were athletes, 7,150 men and 2,477 women. The United States fielded the largest contingent of 772, comprised of 612 athletes and 160

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officials, followed by the Soviet Union with a delegation of 655, combining 518 athletes and 137 officials.

Host Korea had the third-largest squad of 603, with 467 of them athletes; followed by 553 from the Republic of Germany; 501 from Canada; Great Britain, 488; France, 415; Italy, 411; Australia, 403; and China, 380.

Matt Biondi, winner of seven medals in Seoul (five gold, one silver, one bronze), threw out the first ball for the Oakland Athletic's pennant victory. Since the A's clinched the series that night, former Oakland star Reggie Jackson, scheduled to toss the first ball for the next game, had to sit back and wait for another chance.

TYR Sport Inc., has announced the appointment of Robert Kelley as vice president of finance and operations. He will be responsible for all financial areas, operations and internal administration. Kelley joins TYR after a 4-year association with Arena USA, Inc., where he held the post of chief financial officer.

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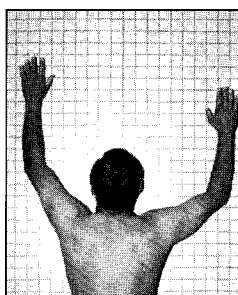
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Ross Wales of Cincinnati, Ohio, was named Honorary Secretary of FINA at the FINA Congress meeting in Seoul. Wales succeeds Canadian Allen Harvey in the position. Wales was also voted onto the FINA

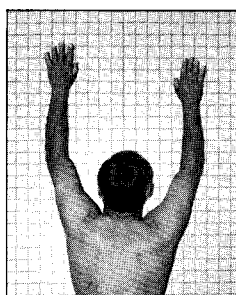
Bureau, becoming the only U.S. representative on that body. Outgoing FINA president Robert Helmick of the USA will continue to serve without vote in the FINA Bureau.

Algeria's Mustapha Larfoui succeeded Helmick as FINA president, and will serve a four-year term in that office. Helmick is also currently serving as president of the USOC. □

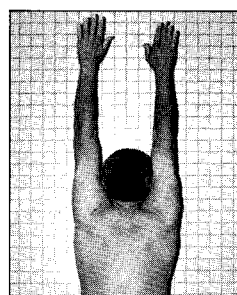
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Rings Presented to Record Setters

United States Swimming honored world record holders in a presentation following the Olympic trials Aug. 8-13, in Austin, Texas. A 10k gold ring was presented to all swimmers who now hold or used to hold a world record.

Because this was a first-time event, a cut-off date was set as Aug. 1, 1987. Any swimmer who held a world record at this time, or after August 1987, received a ring. In all, 13 rings were awarded.

The following were awarded world record holder rings:

Janet Evans	12/87	400 free, 4:04.45
	3/88	800 free, 8:17.12
	3/87	1500 free, 15:52.10
Tom Jager	3/88	50 free, 22.23
Scott McCadam	8/85	400 FR, 3:17.08
Mike Heath		
Paul Wallace		
Matt Biondi		
Rick Carey	8/85	400 MR, 3:38.28
John Moffet		
Pablo Morales		
Matt Biondi		
Mary T. Meagher	8/81	100 fly, 57.94
	8/81	200 fly, 2:05.96
Betsy Mitchell	6/86	200 back, 2:08.60
Pablo Morales	6/86	100 fly, 52.84
Matt Biondi	6/86	100 free, 48.74
Rick Carey	8/83	100 back, 55.19
David Wharton	8/87	400 IM, 4:16.12
Steve Lundquist	7/84	100 breast, 1:01.65

Biondi, Evans Spark USA Team

Janet Evans took her customary spot on the blocks of lane four for the 1988 Olympic Games final of the

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400 meter individual medley and waited for the electronic beep to signal the start of the race.

A scant four minutes, 37.76 seconds later, an American record time, Evans had her first, and the United States' first, gold medal of the 1988 Olympics. It marked the first time since 1972 that an American woman had beaten an East German swimmer in an individual Olympic Games swimming race and it was the second fastest time in history.

Evans' one-woman juggernaut continued three nights later in the 400 free, a race that also featured East Germany's Heike Friedrich, the 200 free world record holder and who had been undefeated in competition since 1983.

It was the race of the meet. At the final touch, Evans had a world record of 4:03.85 and Friedrich, who swam a personal best 4:05.94, was left gasping for air and staring at the scoreboard in disbelief.

Evans won her third gold medal of the meet two nights later in the 800 free over Astrid Strauss of East Germany and then spent Sunday shopping at Seoul's famous Itaewon Market.

Over on the men's side of the meet, Matt Biondi was set to try for a record-tying seven Olympic

medals. Only Mark Spitz had won that many medals in one Olympics (1972), and all of his came wrapped in gold.

In his first race, the 200 free, Biondi grabbed an early lead and held it for 150 meters. Over the final length of the pool, however, Duncan Armstrong of Australia streaked by on the right to set a world record of 1:47.25, and Anders Holmertz of Sweden sneaked by on the left to claim the silver. Biondi took the bronze in his weakest event.

Two days later in the 100 butterfly Biondi was again upset, this time by Surinam's Anthony Nesty. Biondi held the lead the entire race, but was caught between strokes at the finish of the race. He made a split-second decision to kick into the touch rather than take another full stroke and touched in 53.01. Over in lane two Nesty was able to finish perfectly in his stroke cycle and hit the wall in a time of 53.00.

Later that same afternoon Biondi had his last 200 meters of freestyle to swim and it was the all-important anchor leg of the men's 800 free relay. West Germany held the world record and wanted revenge for the 1984 U.S. team's upset victory in this race. East Germany had won the 1986 World Championship gold medal in this race and was looking for international respect for its men's program. The European press thought the U.S. would be lucky to take home a bronze in this race.

Biondi blazed 1:46.44 on the anchor leg (following Troy Dalbey, Matt Cetlinski and Doug Gjertsen), the fastest 200 meter freestyle leg in history and the U.S. men had their first gold medal of the Games in a world record time of 7:12.51. East Germany was second in 7:13.68 and West Germany had the bronze in 7:14.35.

Biondi wasn't through by any means. He won the 100 free in 48.63, leading the first 1-2 USA finish of the meet as Chris Jacobs touched in



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Olympic co-captain Jill Sterkel

49.08, and won the 50 free in a world record 22.14, just ahead of teammate Tom Jager (22.36).

The Moraga, Calif., native also anchored the U.S. 400 free relay to a world record 3:16.53 and swam the butterfly leg as the U.S. men set a world record in the 400 medley relay (3:36.93).

The other medals won by men on the U.S. swim team were silver. Jacobs and Jager were silver behind Biondi, while David Wharton was second behind Hungary's Tamas Darnyi in the 400 individual medley in a time of 4:17.36. Darnyi touched in a world record 4:14.75.

David Berkoff set a world record of 54.51 in the 100 backstroke morning prelims, but had to settle for a silver medal that night after a poor start. Japan's Daichi Suzuki won the gold in 55.05.

Although no other American men took individual medals, several came within a whisker of bronze medals. Matt Cetlinski and Mike Barrowman

were fourth in the 400 free and 200 breast, respectively.

Melvin Stewart was fifth in the 200 fly, Jay Mortenson took sixth in the 100 fly, Rich Schroeder finished sixth in the 100 breast while Troy Dalbey and Dan Veatch were both seventh-place finishers in the 200 free and 200 back.

Wharton suffered a major disappointment when he qualified ninth in the 200 IM and did not make the championship final in that race. He won the consolation race, while teammate Bill Stapleton was 16th.

Two other American men won their consolation finals as Jeff Kostoff took the 400 IM and Mark Dean the 200 fly B final. Steve Bigelow was 10th in the 200 back B final, Daniel Watters was 15th in the 100 breast, Mortenson was 11th in the 100 back and Dan Jorgensen was 14th in the 400 free.

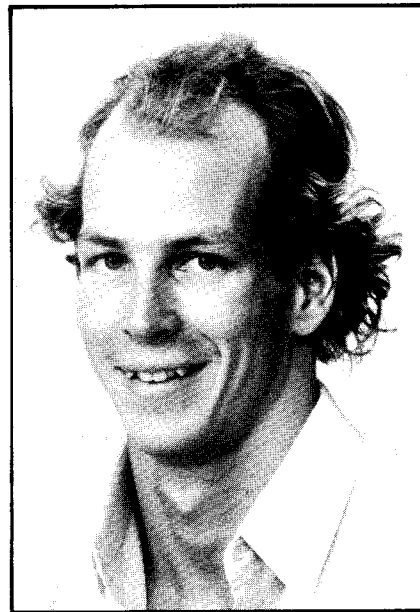
Kirk Stackle and Lars Jorgensen missed making their finals in the 200 breast and 1500 free.

Jill Sterkel and Mary T. Meagher won bronze medals in the 50 free and 200 fly for the only other U.S. women to medal in the Olympic competition (besides Evans). Sterkel, who won a gold medal in the 1976 Olympic Games in the 400 free relay, tied for third in the 50 free and established a women's Olympic record for most years between medals (12).

Earlier, Sterkel became the first woman from any country to make four Olympic swimming teams, and became the first American to actually swim in three Olympics. Meagher, who became the fourth woman to make three U.S. Olympic swimming teams, also had a seventh place in the 100 fly.

Other top eight finishes by American women included fourth place finishes by Mary Wayte in the 200 free, Tami Bruce in the 400 free, Betsy Mitchell in the 100 back and Beth Barr in the 200 back.

Fifth-place finishes were turned



Olympic co-captain Tom Jager

in by Janel Jorgensen in the 100 fly, Trina Radke in the 200 fly, Leigh Ann Fetter in the 50 free, Barr in the 100 back and Bruce in the 800 free.

Andrea Hayes turned in a sixth place in the 200 back as did Mitzi Kremer in the 200 free and Tracey McFarlane in the 100 breast. Dara Torres was seventh in the 100 free and Whitney Hegepeth came in eighth in the 200 IM.

In B final action, Erika Hansen took 11th in the 400 IM, Kremer was 12th in the 100 free, Susan Johnson was 13th in the 100 breast and three-time Olympian Susan Rapp was 13th in the 200 breast.

McFarlane was 14th in the 200 breast and Wayte became the only American woman not to swim in either the A or B individual finals in the Games. She was disqualified for an illegal breaststroke kick in the 200 IM.

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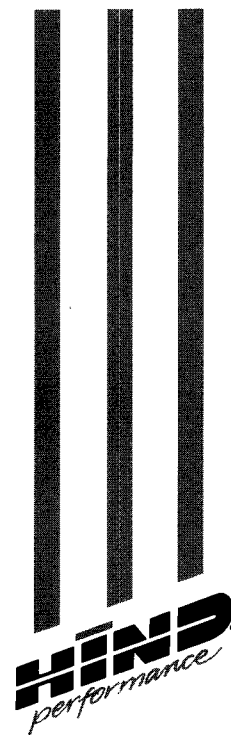
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SEOUL—The Republic of Korea (better known as South Korea) is located on a small peninsula sticking out from China and directly west of Japan. When its capital of Seoul, a city of 10 million people, was awarded the XXIV Olympiad by the International Olympic Committee in 1981, my first reaction, and I'm sure of many others, was negative. Our principal impression of the Asian country came from the long-running television series *M.A.S.H.* which showed a desolate land surrounding the mobile army surgical hospital. South Korea appeared on the news only when a military incident with North Korea, the Communist nation which attacked it 37 years ago, brought the threat of another conflict.

It's because of that image of their country that the Korean leaders bid for the Games and spent \$3.1 billion to hold a first-class extravaganza. They wanted to show they've not only recovered from the devastation of the 1950s war but prospered to become a modern, industrialized nation. The city was unique among Olympic hosts in that it had something to prove, motivating the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee to build almost all new athletic stadiums, spruce up the city with beautiful decorations all over and plan exhilarating Opening and Closing Ceremonies. The Olympics represented an international recognition of a coming-of-age of the young republic whose Games' motto was "Harmony and Progress." The goal: to provide an opportunity for all the people of the world to make meaningful progress toward global harmony and lasting prosperity, peace and happiness.

News reports on Seoul leading up to the Olympics centered on student rioting in its colleges and anticipation of terrorism or another sneak attack by North Korea, hurting attendance at the Games significantly. But the fears went unrealized. Supported by a 120,000-man security force, the Koreans held the Olympics without any outbreaks of violence, save their own attack on a boxing referee.

While the presence of the police and army was quite evident, security didn't get in the way of the competi-



tion. Instead, it gave everyone a better feeling of being safe. And the interminable security checks of bags at stadium entrances were performed in a polite and friendly manner.

Unlike at the Los Angeles Games, tickets were reasonably priced for the events. For example, swimming cost from \$7 to \$20 for finals, diving \$7 to \$14, synchro \$4 to \$14 and water polo \$3 to \$4. By comparison, the 1984 prices were \$40 to \$90 for swimming, \$20 to \$75 for diving, \$10 to \$35 for synchro and \$15 to \$30 for water polo.

The spectator seating also was a

big improvement. While Los Angeles offered only temporary bleachers with backless benches for aquatic sports, Seoul had individual plastic seats with backs at its two pools which were both indoors. The Olympic Swimming Pool, where all swimming and synchronized swimming events and the final four days of water polo were held, seated 10,000 and included a 50 x 25 pool with a movable bottom from 2 to 3 meters deep and a diving well. The Chamsil Pool, site of all the diving and the first three days of water polo, had 4,500 seats and the same configura-

tion of pools except the big one was two meters deep. The Olympic pool was one of six sports stadiums located in Olympic Park, next to the athletes and press village and a resplendent area of grass, trees and decorative displays of traditional and modern beauty. A 2½-mile drive brought you to the Chamsil pool, part of the 135-acre Seoul Sports Complex of five stadiums built along the southern side of the Hangang River 8½ miles from downtown. The piece de resistance of these exquisite facilities, all built since 1981 especially for the Games, was the \$73 million Olympic Stadium with ultra-modern interior facilities, a mammoth electronic scoreboard and state-of-the-art equipment for timing, broadcasting and lighting.

In the 70,000-seat stadium, the Koreans presented opening and closing ceremonies overwhelming in their magnitude with spectacular special effects and an inspiring tribute to the country's culture. Although they're not among the sports powers, they rank at the top for putting on an entertaining and engrossing show. The natives took so much pride in the ceremonies that capacity crowds attended several dress rehearsals.

The ingenious idea to hold the Games mainly during early fall (Sept. 17-Oct. 2) and avoid the monsoon of summer resulted in a perfect day for the Opening Ceremony with a clear, blue sky. There were many highlights to the 3-hour, 20-minute opening such as:

- The boat festival, featuring 160 windsurfers on the Han River, to

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United States	3-1-3 (7)	5-5-1 (11)	8-6-4 (18)	2-1-2 (5)	0-2-0 (2)	0-1-0 (1)	10-10-6 (26)
Soviet Union	0-1-0 (1)	2-1-5 (8)	2-2-5 (9)			0-0-1 (1)	2-2-6 (10)
China	0-3-1 (4)	0-0-0 (0)	0-3-1 (4)	2-3-1 (6)			2-6-2 (10)
Hungary	1-1-0 (2)	3-1-0 (4)	4-2-0 (6)				4-2-0 (6)
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Swimming, with its opportunity to compete in multiple events, usual-

ly produces the leading medalist at each Games. This year, though, featured more than one superstar.

The German Democratic Republic's Kristin Otto, a 22-year-old from Leipzig, led all Olympians at this year's Games by capturing six

The people of Seoul (opposite page) made the XXIV Olympic Games memorable by sharing their smiles, warmth and culture.

gold medals, the all-time record for a woman and one short of the overall mark set by Mark Spitz of the United States in 1972. This was the third successive year Otto has been the leading performer at her country's major international competition. She earned four golds and two silvers at the 1986 World Championships and

five golds at last year's European Championships.

Matt Biondi of the USA became the leading overall medalist for this Olympics by placing in the top three in seven events, receiving five gold, a silver and a bronze. Biondi, 22, from Moraga, Calif., missed by a hundredth of a second of getting six gold when he finished second in the 100 meter butterfly. While Otto didn't contribute any world records, Biondi was part of four—one in the 50 freestyle and three in relays.

America's Janet Evans won all three of her events for the most U.S. individual wins and just one less than Otto. The 17-year-old distance star from Placentia, Calif., was the only U.S. swimmer to set two national records in individual events, including a world mark in the 400 freestyle.

Diver Greg Louganis was another American with a perfect record in the Games. Louganis, 28, from Malibu, Calif., won both men's diving events—the first ever to accomplish that feat twice in an Olym-



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pics—and received the Maxwell House Olympic Spirit Award, honoring the Olympian who embodies the Games' ideals.

There were several other swimming stars in the most competitive Olympic swim meet ever. The Games featured champions from 10 countries and medalists from 22.

Hungary's Tamas Darnyi made the most of his time. He swam twice and set world records in each, low-

ering his marks in the men's 200 and 400 individual medleys. His nation of just 10 million wound up with 4 gold and 2 silver medals in swimming, a sensational performance by a team of 16 coached by Tamas Szechy, Laszlo Kiss and Tamas Gyertyanffy.

The biggest upset occurred in the men's 200 freestyle where the spotlight was on a showdown between Biondi and world record holder

Michael Gross of West Germany. However, Australia's Duncan Armstrong, ranked No. 46 on the 1988 world list, won in world-record time with Biondi settling for third and Gross finishing sixth.

A milder surprise came in the men's 100 butterfly. Anthony Nesty, ranked No. 11 this year, nipped Biondi at the wall to give Surinam, a small nation in the northeast corner of South America, its first Olympic medal ever.

The most heartwarming victory was Vladimir Salnikov's win in the men's 1500. The Soviet Union great, unbeaten in the event from 1977 through 1985 but an also-ran since, wasn't given much chance to win at age 28.

The most heartbreaking performer had to be the USA's David Berkoff, who set a world record in the 100 backstroke prelims only to be beaten by Daichi Suzuki of Japan in the final.

In all, it was quite a change from the last Olympic meeting of the swimming powers in 1976. Then, the USA took 12 of the 13 men's events and the GDR captured 11 of the 13 women's races. A difference that year was that each nation was still allowed three entries per event; since 1980, there's a limit of two per race.

Paced by Otto, the GDR women still dominated with 10 victories in 15 events. On the other hand, the U.S. men slumped to just 5 wins out of the 16 races, although remaining the deepest team with world-record victories in all three relays. They did retain leadership with their five golds followed by Hungary with three and the Soviet Union two. In total medals, the Americans had 11 in men's events with the Soviets next at 8.

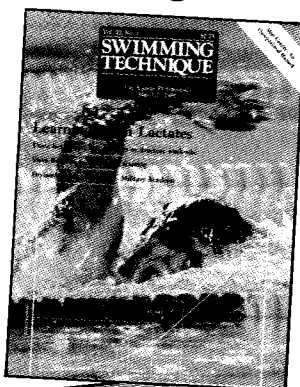
Evans had the only victories among the U.S. women, who finished with three golds, a silver and three bronze. That's a far cry from 1984 when the Eastern Bloc boycott allowed them to win 12 golds and 7 silver. The American men took 9 gold and 6 silver in Los Angeles.

The reuniting of the swimming powers at an Olympics didn't produce an onslaught of world records. There were nine marks in the men's competition, the same as in Los

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Angeles, and two in the women's, compared to none at the 1984 Games.

In the other aquatic sports, the USA fared no better. Thanks to Louganis, it split the golds in diving with China. But the Americans lost the total medal count to the rising power from Asia, 6 to 5, falling from its 8-for-8 performance four years ago. In synchronized swimming, the U.S. women dropped from two gold medals in Los Angeles to two silvers. Water polo ended much the same way as in 1984 with the American men finishing second to Yugoslavia, only this time losing in overtime to the champions instead of tying the gold medalists in the final and being the victim of a tie-breaking procedure.

One small consolation for the U.S. water polo team: team captain Terry Schroeder carried the U.S. flag in the majestic closing ceremonies held Oct. 3.

An evening time slot for the Closing Ceremonies, which began at 7, gave the Koreans the opportunity to show off even more special effects.

The show began with the lingering reverberations of the Emille bell, expressing the Korean aesthetic of parting. First to appear were 750 costumed dancers, twirling ribbons from their hats.

With the entry of the athletes came mass confusion as the competitors released the tension built up from the pressure of the Games and joyfully raced all over the stadium floor behind their flag bearers. A band of Americans positioned themselves on the infield so that the letters USA could be seen from overhead.

Order was finally restored a half-hour later, permitting the hoisting of the flags of Greece, where the Games originated; host Korea; and Spain, which will be the site of the 1992 Olympics.

Next, a series of dances—maggie, fan and cymbal—on an "Ojak Bridge" pathway suddenly created in the midst of the athletes on the infield. Following the remarks by Park Seh-jik, president of the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee, and International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch, the Olympic flag was turned over to Pasqual Maragall, mayor of Barce-

lona, the 1992 host city. To celebrate this exchange, Korean and Spanish troupes entertained with colorful dance performances.

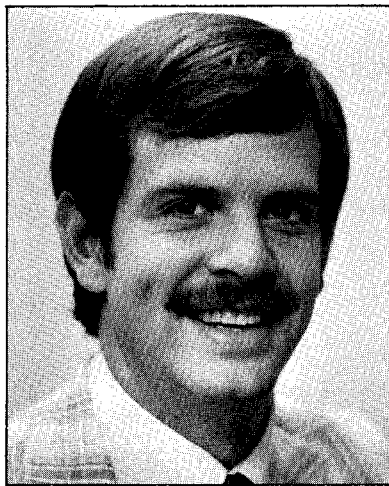
The lowering of the Olympic flag and extinguishing of the flame set the stage for a spectacular farewell. With the lights dimmed and the audience waving lanterns covered with red and green fabric, smoke began filling the air from the floor of the stadium. Arising through the smoke,

a giant foil balloon hovered in the sky, pinned by spotlights. It exploded to reveal Hodori, the mascot of Seoul, and Kobi, mascot of the 1992 Barcelona Games. The two balloon figures connected and disappeared into the autumn night.

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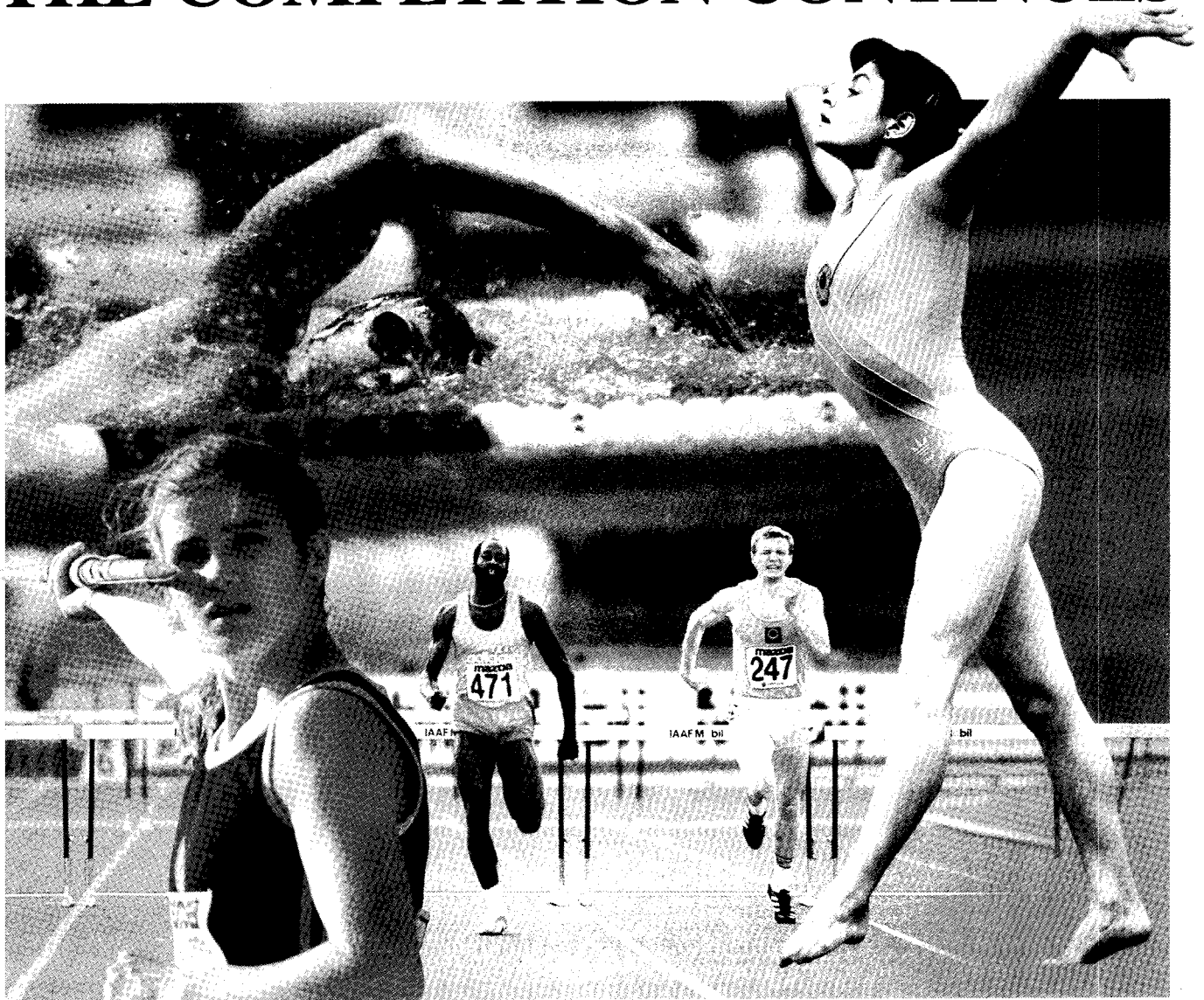
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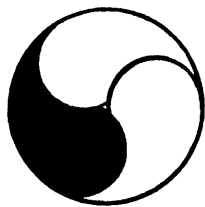
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Women's 100 Free

Championship Finals—Sept. 19

Kristin Otto, GDR	26.36	54.93
Yong Zhuang, CHN	26.84	55.47
Catherine Plewinski, FRA	26.59	55.49
Manuela Stellmach, GDR	27.00	55.52
Silvia Poll, CRC	26.78	55.90
Karin Brienese, HOL	27.11	56.15
Dara Torres, USA	26.71	56.25
Conny van Bentum, HOL	27.15	56.54

We had to wait four years since the last Olympics. We had to wait 12 years since the last "true" Olympics where all the major swimming powers were on hand to compete. We even had to wait one more day for the start of the swimming finals since prelims of the first four events were conducted the day before finals to accommodate TV coverage.

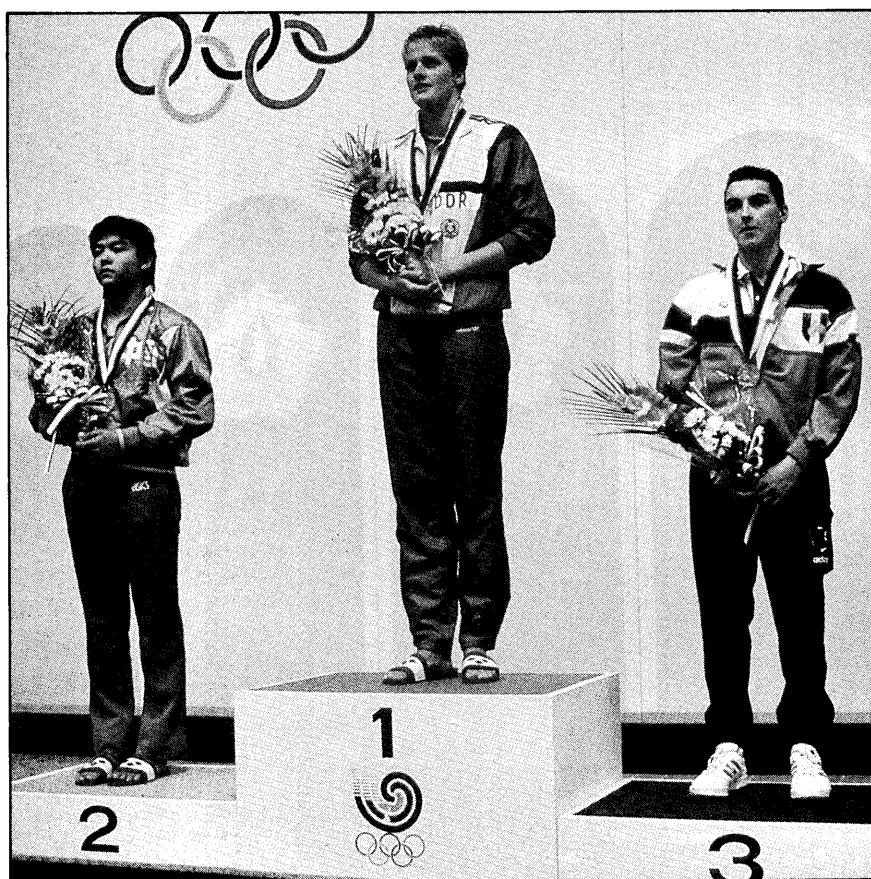
But finally, no more waiting.

At precisely 12:06 p.m. Korean time, the first swimming final of the XXIVth Olympiad in Seoul, South Korea, was underway. And 54.93 seconds later, the German Democratic Republic's Kristin Otto was the first to win gold.

Otto, the European champion, world champion and world record holder in this event, won as predicted, but still could not eclipse the eight-year-old Olympic record set by countrywoman Barbara Krause (54.79) in Moscow.

"The main point was to get the gold medal, not the Olympic record or world record," Otto said.

For runners-up Yong Zhuang of China (55.47) and Catherine Plewinski of France (55.49), the main point was just to medal. Both were surprise medal winners. Zhuang, 16, improved from a 59.60 two years ago to 56.22 last year (12th in the world) to 56.02 in May (ninth in the world) to 55.84 in prelims (third qualifier behind Plewinski, 55.53,



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and Otto, 55.80) to her silver medal performance.

It was the first Olympic medal a Chinese swimmer has won. "This is a dream come true," she said. "I'm very happy about the silver medal, but I'm sorry I didn't get the gold because that's what I had in mind before the competition."

Her comments might be considered pretty bold for a newcomer on the world scene, but Otto knew she was in for a good race. "I knew about the Chinese girl," she said, "since the GDR had sent a coach to China to help train them."

Plewinski, 20, surprised everyone when she qualified first the day before. After all, her previous successes have been more in the 100 fly. She ranked 18th in the world a year ago with a 56.63, hardly a medal-contending performance.

But she improved upon her prelim time and held off the GDR's Manuela Stellmach for the bronze.

"I am extremely surprised to have won a medal and to have swum this fast," Plewinski said. "Before I arrived in Korea, I did not think that I had a chance to qualify for the A

final in the 100 free."

As much a surprise as those who medaled were those who didn't medal—or who didn't qualify.

"I wasn't surprised by the swimmers in my race," Otto said, "but I was surprised by the U.S. and Romanian swimmers. I expected more from Dara Torres, but she appears not to be in good shape."

Torres, the American record holder and top-ranked swimmer coming into the meet at 55.30, couldn't match her personal best from last March at the U.S. nationals, which would have been fast enough for a silver medal. Ranked fourth a year ago at 55.72, Torres qualified seventh (56.37) and finished seventh (56.25)—times that were even slower than her 1986 best (56.23).

Mitzi Kremer, ranked third in the world coming into the meet (55.40) and the USA's top trials qualifier, swam a disappointing 56.97 in prelims to qualify 13th. She finished 12th overall the next day with a 56.83.

The Romanian girls, both ranked among the world's top 10 last year,

also failed to qualify. Luminita Dobrescu, 10th in 1987 (56.14) qualified 10th (56.67), while teammate Tamara Costache, third in 1987 (55.64), qualified 11th (56.79).

—By Bob Ingram

Men's 100 Breast

Championship Finals—Sept. 19

Adrian Moorhouse, GBR	29.42	1:02.04
Karoly Guttler, HUN	28.94	1:02.05
Dmitri Volkov, URS	28.12	1:02.20
Victor Davis, CAN	29.44	1:02.38
Tamas Debnar, HUN	29.56	1:02.50
Richard Schroeder, USA	28.97	1:02.55
Gianni Minervini, ITA	28.96	1:02.93
Christian Poswiat, GDR	29.31	1:03.43

Great Britain's Adrian Moorhouse had something to prove. And he had to wait four years to prove that he was, indeed, the world's best 100 breaststroker.

"This (win) avenges the defeat in 1984 in Los Angeles (where he finished fourth)," he said. "I have been working for four years for this moment. I said that I wanted to prove to the world that I am the best, and now finally I have done that."

But it wasn't easy.

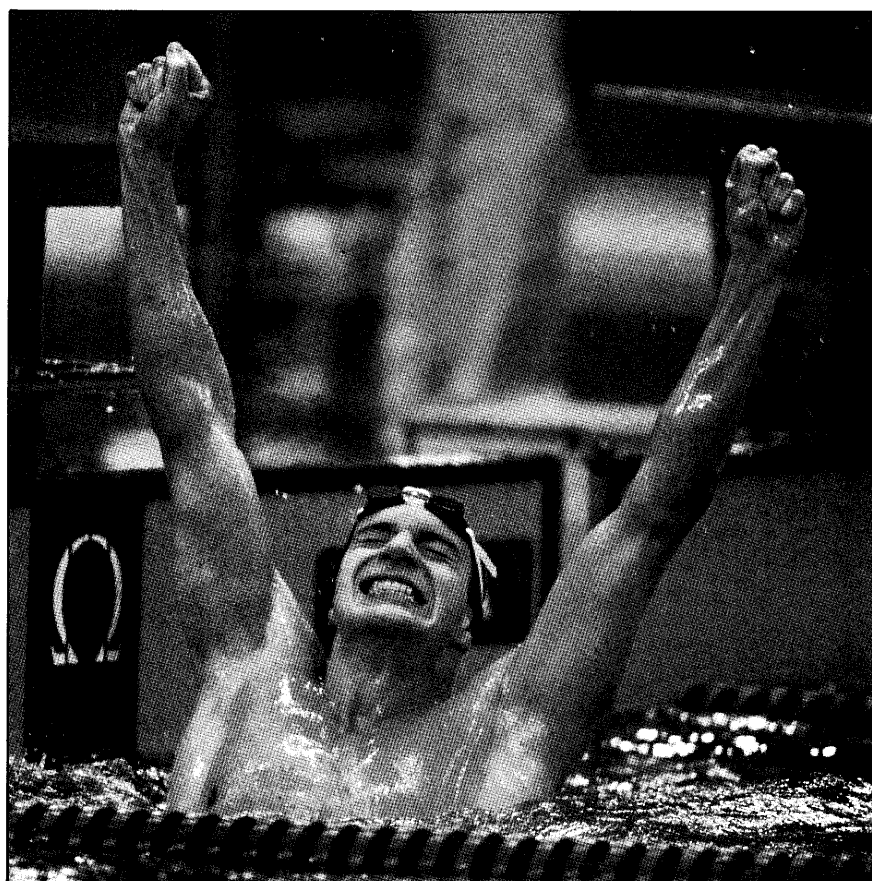
Lodged in sixth place at the turn (29.42) some 1.3 seconds off the pace, Moorhouse had to "bring it" the final 50.

"On the second lap about halfway back, I said to myself, 'Go for it,'" Moorhouse said. "I probably should not have waited to start pushing, but it worked. I really wasn't worried. I was sure that I could do it."

The 24-year-old especially came on strong the final 20 meters and won it on the touch by a hundredth of a second over Hungary's Karoly Guttler, 1:02.04 to 1:02.05.

Guttler, despite barely losing the gold medal, was, nevertheless, elated. "I am happy, happy, happy," he said. Ranked sixth in the world last year (1:02.70) and fourth at the European Championships, the 20-year-old said he did not expect to win even the silver medal.

Moorhouse (above) won the 100 breast by 1-hundredth; Otto (opposite page, center) captured her first of six golds over Zhuang and Plewinski.



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Dmitri Volkov, 22, of the Soviet Union, had the early lead at 50 meters (28.12), but had to settle for the bronze at 1:02.20. Yet Volkov seemed satisfied with his placing, considering his accident just two months before the Olympics.

"Two months ago, I cut my hand and broke it on a glass door," he said. "I lost a full month of training. If I had not had this accident, who knows what I might have achieved today."

But the grand achievement went to Moorhouse. And, if anything, Moorhouse proved he was the world's best not only with an Olympic gold medal but by his consistency since 1984.

He won the European Championships in 1985 and 1987. He also touched first at the World Championships in 1986, but was later disqualified. He was No. 1 in the world the last two years and came into the Olympics ranked No. 1 with his European record 1:01.78 from March at the U.S. nationals. He qualified first the day before (1:02.19) and claimed his long-awaited prize the next day.

"The last two nights, it was impossible for me to sleep," Moorhouse said. "It's been a long time (between prelims and finals, which were held on separate days). I just wanted to get it over with."

In the second of as many events, the American team was again disappointed. Top U.S. qualifier Richard Schroeder, who was ranked second before the meet with his 1:01.96 at trials, qualified seventh in a pedestrian 1:03.05 and improved to a sixth-place finish at 1:02.55. Daniel Watters qualified and finished 15th with times of 1:04.04 and 1:04.17, respectively. Watters was ranked 10th in the world coming into the meet with a 1:02.76 from trials.

—By Bob Ingram

Women's 400 IM

Championship Finals—Sept. 19

Janet Evans, USA	1:04.55	2:12.79	3:34.26	4:37.76
Noemi Lung, ROM	1:04.75	2:13.83	3:35.97	4:39.46
D. Hunger, GDR	1:04.53	2:16.01	3:36.78	4:39.76
Dendeberova, URS	1:04.52	2:17.84	3:35.85	4:40.44
Kathleen Nord, GDR	1:03.43	2:17.81	3:37.46	4:41.64
J. Clatworthy, AUS	1:06.21	2:18.02	3:39.30	4:45.86
Li Lin, CHN	1:04.87	2:18.25	3:40.55	4:47.05
Donna Procter, AUS	1:05.63	2:18.76	3:42.63	4:47.51

Janet Evans to the rescue. The U.S. swimming team went medalless in the opening two events of the first day, putting additional pressure on the 17-year-old high school senior who had enough of it going in as the favorite in the 400 individual medley after her American record 4:38.58 at the trials.

In the prelims held the day prior to the finals, Evans qualified only third (4:43.04) behind Romania's Noemi Lung (4:41.95) and Kathleen Nord (4:42.92) of the German Democratic Republic. But the plan of Evans and her coach, Bud McAllister, was to hold back somewhat to be fresh for the final.

Lung provided a mystery element to the race. The 20-year-old Romanian led the world last year with a 4:39.01. This winter, though, she missed a lot of training because of a sinus problem and didn't race until May, she said. Just two weeks before the Olympics, she did swim a 4:40.8 at her nationals to move up to No. 2 in the 1988 world rankings.

After one false start, the final began with Nord, a world-class flyer, charging off the blocks to lead by more than a second at the 100 (1:03.43). Evans stood fourth (1:04.55), a half-second off her American record pace.

As Nord faded out of contention on the backstroke, Evans streaked to the front with a sizzling 1:08.24 split that put her a body length in front and left Lung as her only challenger.

The petite American fattened her margin on the breaststroke to a body and a half, going 1:21.47.

Although Lung is a faster freestyler with a best of 2:00.43 in the 200, she couldn't close at all the final 100. Evans sped home in 1:03.50 to lower her U.S. record to 4:37.76 and capture not only the first swimming gold medal for the United States, but the initial gold in any sport for America. She missed a fourth world record by 1.66 seconds, settling for the third fastest performance and becoming the second-ranked performer of all time with the quickest time in six years.

When asked if she felt disappointment in not getting the world mark, she exclaimed, "I don't care about the time. I just won an Olympic



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Games gold medal. I'm happy about that. There are no words to describe it. I achieved the goal I wanted to do."

The strategy of taking it out easy on the fly and going hard on the back and breast worked to perfection.

"In Austin (at the trials), I told her to sprint the fly," said McAllister. "We went in knowing she'd probably make the team and tried to experiment. I thought it would be closer here. Her back did it for her. She always split 1:09s in the past."

It was on the second half of the back that Evans knew she could win the race.

Lung, who held off the GDR's Daniela Hunger for the silver (4:39.46 to 4:39.76), came to the Games with lowered expectations because of her illness. "I came here with a handicap. I feel good because I swam for a medal, and I have a medal."

—By Russ Ewald

Men's 200 Free

Championship Finals—Sept. 19

D. Armstrong, AUS	25.46	53.02	1:20.05	1:47.25w
Anders Holmertz, SWE	25.16	52.21	1:20.03	1:47.89
Matt Biondi, USA	24.98	52.25	1:19.62	1:47.99
Artur Wojdat, POL	25.66	53.58	1:20.80	1:48.40
Michael Gross, FRG	25.65	53.36	1:20.88	1:48.59
Steffen Zesner, GDR	25.59	53.37	1:21.33	1:48.77
Troy Dalbey, USA	25.56	53.50	1:20.99	1:48.88
Thomas Fahrner, FRG	25.75	53.71	1:21.89	1:49.19

"That's right, mate!" laughed Australian coach Laurie Lawrence. "Lucky lane 6!"

Lawrence had just been reminded by an associate that Australian Jon Sieben had been swimming in lane 6 at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984, when he pulled an upset victory over Michael Gross of West Germany in the 200 butterfly, setting a world record in the process. The parallels were a bit uncanny.

An Australian male had just upset the field to win the 200 freestyle. The victim was again Gross, the favorite

in the event and the world record holder. And, swimming in lane 6, Duncan Armstrong had broken the world record, streaking to a 1:47.25 and a gold medal.

While even those familiar with swimming seemed shocked by his win, Armstrong said he was not completely surprised. The gold medal had been his goal all along.

"I knew I had it in me," he said. "I've been training very hard with Laurie. We've been working very hard since (1986) Commonwealth Games and I haven't been swimming all that well until this meet."

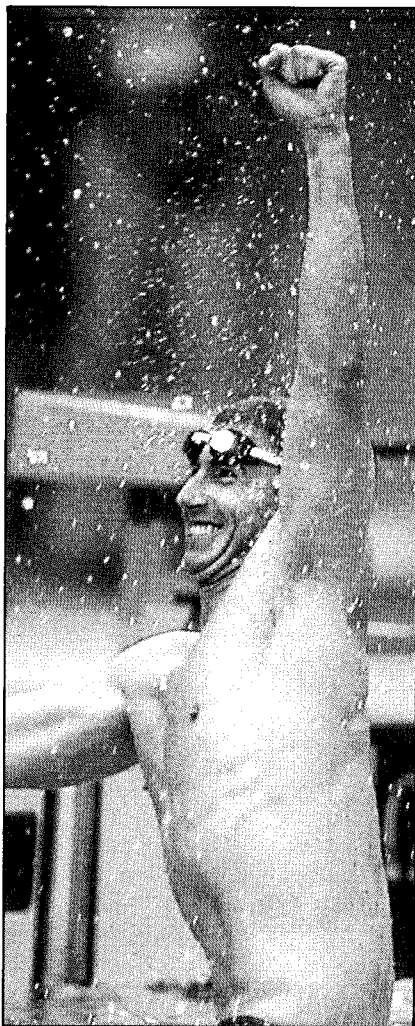
In third place when he turned at the 150, Armstrong pulled ahead of Sweden's Anders Holmertz and then caught American Matt Biondi, who had led the field for the entire race, in the last five meters. Holmertz was second in 1:47.89, with Biondi finishing in 1:47.99 for the bronze.

Biondi had qualified second for finals, behind Poland's Artur Wojdat, but Lawrence decided the American was the one to beat, and geared Duncan's race around Biondi. Lawrence said he spent five hours reviewing splits and watching video tapes of races in order to figure out where Armstrong needed to be at different points in the race.

Armstrong placed sixth in the 200 at the 1986 World Championships, with a 1:50.17, his best time prior to the world record. He was ranked only 25th in 1987 and was ranked 46th this year, prior to the Olympics. Lawrence said Armstrong has been swimming below his potential in meets for the last two years due to fatigue. The two Australians decided in 1986 that Armstrong could win the gold in Seoul and since that time, Lawrence said, "I've been working his guts out. That's why he hasn't done his best time. He's been too bloody tired."

The two-year strategy paid off. All Lawrence was worried about was the 400, four days away. "He's got to start training for the 400; he's too

Evans (left) showed "thumbs up" approval after winning the 400 IM, while Armstrong (above) got up on the lane lines to celebrate his 200 free world record.



lazy," he said grinning.

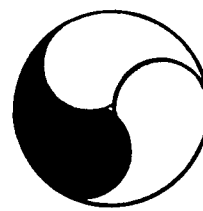
Biondi was not grinning after the race, although he wasn't exactly frowning either. It was his third fastest 200, and was only 27-hundredths off his best time.

"I really am pleased with my swim," Biondi said. "I've said that this is the most competitive event in the Olympics (in swimming) and it's my worst event as far as natural talent. So I'm real happy to be here."

But the bronze put to rest any hopes of the American duplicating the seven-gold medal string Mark Spitz had in 1972. Biondi has said all along, that although he qualified for seven events, winning gold medals in every one was a virtual impossibility. But the expected parallel refused to die. The best he could hope for now would be seven medals, which only one other athlete (Spitz) had ever accomplished in a single Olympic Games.

—By Mark Muckenfuss

**Day 2
Sept. 21**



Men's 100 Fly

Championship Finals—Sept. 21

Anthony Nesty, SUR	25.02	53.00
Matt Biondi, USA	24.53	53.01
Andy Jameson, GBR	25.00	53.30
Jon Sieben, AUS	24.75	53.33
Michael Gross, FRG	25.01	53.44
Jay Mortenson, USA	25.20	54.07
Tom Ponting, CAN	25.29	54.09
Vadim Yaroshuk, URS	25.14	54.60

Anthony took the "Nesty" plunge and came up a winner.

It was Surinam's Anthony Nesty's final plunge to the wall that earned him the gold medal in the 100 fly—the first Olympic swimming medal of any kind for Surinam, a small country in the Caribbean on the northeast tip of South America.

Yet for 99 meters, give or take a few inches, the race belonged to the USA's Matt Biondi, vying for his second of a possible seven Olympic medals.

The 22-year-old earned the silver with a time of 53.01, just 1-hundredth of a second behind Nesty's winning 53-flat. But most observers felt he should have had the gold to go along with his bronze medal two days earlier in the 200 free.

"To be honest," Biondi said later in the day after anchoring the United States to a gold medal in the 800 free relay, "I was disappointed with my 100 fly. The worst part was it was only by one 1-hundredth. I asked myself, 'What's one 1-hundredth? What if I had longer fingernails or if I kicked harder?'"

Biondi, sitting alone at the warm-up pool with his head down after the race, wouldn't have had to ask those questions if he hadn't messed up his finish.

"I think as luck would have it—or wouldn't have it—the wall came up at a bad time," Biondi said. "I was ▶

halfway between taking another stroke or kicking in. I made the decision to kick in. Sometimes the wall is deceiving, but I decided not to take another stroke because when I do, I usually hit the wall with my nose."

Once Biondi made the decision, it seemed forever for Biondi to "glide in" and finish. Biondi, leading the entire race and splitting 24.53 at the 50, truly seemed in command with the only question being who would finish second.

But Nesty, fifth at the 50 (25.02), seized the opportunity.

"I knew I was going to be in the top three (before the race)," Nesty said, "or maybe first. All I can say is I did my best and I'm on top."

And being a half-second behind Biondi at the turn didn't bother last year's Pan American Games champion. That's the way Nesty swims his race. "I knew there were a few guys in the field who would take it out fast," he said, "but I'm not one of them. I just sit back and have a pretty good second 50 (27.98 to Biondi's 28.48)."

It was quite a story, not only for the 20-year-old Nesty, but for his country as well. Surinam, which has a population of about 2½ million, only has one six-lane, 50 meter pool and ten 25 meter pools for a total of 11 in the entire country.

"It's not much, but we get by," Nesty said.

Seeming to enjoy the interview by the herd of media after the race, he told the press, "I'd like to say hi to my mom back in Surinam. I guess I'm quite a guy."

His dad, who was in the stands to see his son win the gold, said, "Our country hasn't won a medal before so I don't know (how his son will be treated when he returns). But there'll be some kind of carnival there."

The top qualifier from the day before, Andy Jameson, 20, of Great Britain, won the bronze medal with a national record 53.30. Last year's European champion and No. 2 swimmer in the world wasn't disappointed. "It is the best time of my life," he said. "Still, I thought I could have done better; only a little would have been enough to win."

The 1984 Olympic champion, Michael Gross, 24, of West Ger-



(Photos by Tony Duffy/All-Sport)

many, finished fifth in 53.44 (his second fastest ever) and American Jay Mortenson, 21, who came into the meet with the second fastest time (53.29), placed sixth at 54.07.

—By Bob Ingram

Women's 200 Free

Championship Finals—Sept. 21

Heike Friedrich, GDR	28.55	58.50	1:28.03	1:57.650
Silvia Poll, CRC	28.47	58.78	1:28.46	1:58.67
M. Stellmach, GDR	28.51	58.60	1:28.96	1:59.01
Mary Wayte, USA	28.07	58.43	1:28.66	1:59.04
Natalia Trefilova, URS	28.47	58.61	1:29.51	1:59.24
Mitzi Kremer, USA	28.26	57.89	1:28.38	2:00.23
Stephanie Ortwig, FRG	28.94	59.27	1:29.98	2:00.73
Cecile Prunier, FRA	29.35	1:00.26	1:31.70	2:02.88

The women's 200 freestyle was more a contest between Heike Friedrich and the clock.

Americans Mary Wayte and Mitzi Kremer set the pace. Wayte hit the first turn in 28.07. Then Kremer went for broke, churning furious the second lap to lead at the halfway point in 57.89.

Friedrich, who has a tremendous finishing kick, bided her time and turned in third place at 58.50, 14-hundredths off her world record

split. She took over on the third lap, powering past Kremer and Wayte to take a slight lead. The 18-year-old GDR swimmer pulled away from the field the final 50 to win by a body length over Costa Rica's Silvia Poll. She didn't better her world mark, though, falling a tenth of a second short with a 1:57.65 for the second-fastest performance of all time and an Olympic record.

"The record was not important at this moment," said Friedrich, who hasn't lost a 200 at a major meet the last four years.

"The problem was the start time. I am not accustomed to competing in such an important final at noon-time. It is a very unusual time to hold such an important race. Perhaps had the event taken place at a more normal hour, the tenth to a world record would have been there.

"I never thought that the race would be so close to how I planned it. I expected more competition from Silvia Poll, both Americans and my teammate, Manuela Stellmach."

Poll passed a tiring Kremer early on the final lap and held second the remainder of the race to claim the



first medal ever for Costa Rica. Her time of 1:58.67 was the best ever outside of GDR and American swimmers.

"I wanted to win the 100 free, but my goggles slipped at the start and ruined my concentration," said Poll, 17, who placed fifth in the 100.

Stellmach nipped Wayte by 3-hundredths for the bronze in 1:59.01. The sizzling opening 50 meters, 65-hundredths faster than Wayte went in her 1984 victory, cost the 23-year-old American who dropped one place each succeeding lap.

Kremer faded to sixth in 2:00.23. "I went all out and can't be upset," said the 20-year-old Clemson junior. "There are lots of meets to go."

—By Russ Ewald

Nesty (opposite page, clockwise) upset Biondi in the 100 fly on the second day of swim finals, but things went according to script as Friedrich took the 200 free and Darnyi won the 400 IM, winning by over 2½ seconds with a world record.

Men's 400 IM

Championship Finals—Sept. 21

Tamas Darnyi, HUN	59.04	2:01.76	3:15.96	4:14.75w
David Wharton, USA	58.17	2:04.27	3:19.58	4:17.36
S. Battistelli, ITA	1:00.96	2:06.06	3:19.98	4:18.01
Jozsef Szabo, HUN	59.56	2:07.76	3:19.21	4:18.15
Patrick Kuhl, GDR	58.40	2:03.73	3:18.64	4:18.44
Jens-P. Berndt, FRG	59.80	2:05.94	3:21.29	4:21.71
Luca Sacchi, ITA	1:00.35	2:07.20	3:22.05	4:23.23
Peter Bermel, FRG	59.50	2:06.69	3:22.10	4:24.02

One of the great anticipated match-ups in the Olympic swimming events was the faceoff between for-

mer world record holder David Wharton and the current record holder, Hungary's Tamas Darnyi, in the 400 IM.

Wharton had broken the world record in the event last year with a 4:16.12, only to have it erased five days later by Darnyi, who grabbed the European Championship gold with a 4:15.42. Talk turned at that point to the showdown in Seoul. Both swimmers said they anticipated it would take a 4:13 to win the race.

But what was supposed to be a great head-to-head battle disintegrated into a runaway victory that left Wharton fighting off the waves of Darnyi's wake.

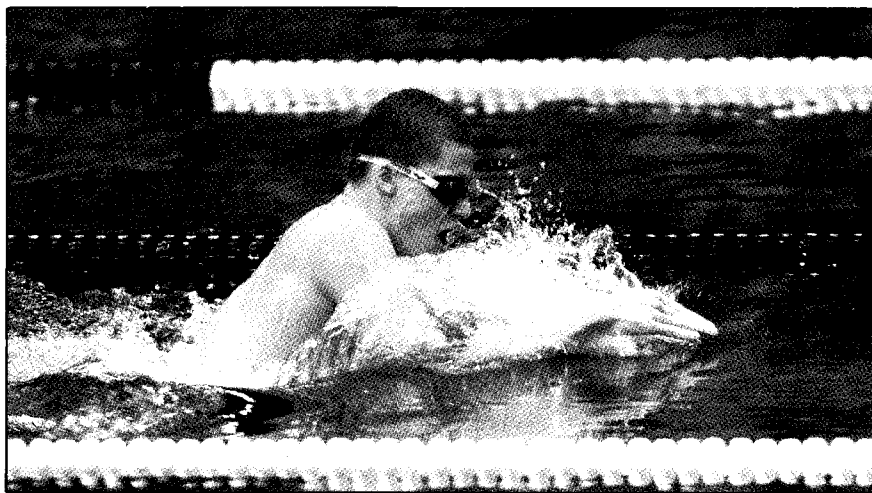
Slightly ahead at the 100 mark, Wharton lost 3.38 seconds to Darnyi on the backstroke leg of the race. He never recovered from that position as Darnyi sped to a world record of 4:14.75 and a gold medal, Hungary's sixth gold medal ever in men's swimming.

A swimmer of few words, Darnyi said only that he was a little surprised to have won by such a large margin.

"I expected a close race," Darnyi said. "I didn't have a time in mind, but I'm very happy with my world record."

Wharton wasn't exactly happy with his time ("I expected to go faster than I did"), but said he looked at the race as only one of many that lie ahead of him.

"This was just one race," he said. "I don't think the battle's finished as far as I'm concerned because I plan to continue to go after (the world record)." —By Mark Muckenfuss ▶



(Photo by Simon Bruty/All-Sport)

Women's 200 Breast

Championship Finals—Sept. 21

Silke Horner, GDR	32.88	1:10.24	1:47.38	2:26.71w
Xiaomin Huang, CHN	34.00	1:11.41	1:49.22	2:27.49
A. Frenkeva, BUL	33.16	1:10.32	1:48.83	2:28.34
T. Dangalakova, BUL	32.26	1:09.22	1:47.48	2:28.43
Julia Bogacheva, URS	34.44	1:12.44	1:49.98	2:28.54
Ingrid Lempereur, BEL	34.79	1:13.39	1:52.02	2:29.42
Allison Higson, CAN	32.71	1:09.91	1:48.56	2:29.60
M. Dalla Valle, ITA	35.07	1:12.90	1:50.79	2:29.86

Consistency, perhaps, is the better measure of success. Canada's Allison Higson, 15, was the new world record holder coming into the Olympics, having swum a 2:27.27 last May. Yet it was the only time she's gone that fast—a year ago, she was only 16th in the world with a 2:33.36.

The German Democratic Republic's Silke Horner, 23, on the other hand, was the former world record holder at 2:27.40. She's been under 2:28 twice and 2:30 at least 10 times. She was the world champion in 1986 and the European champion and world's fastest in her event in 1987.

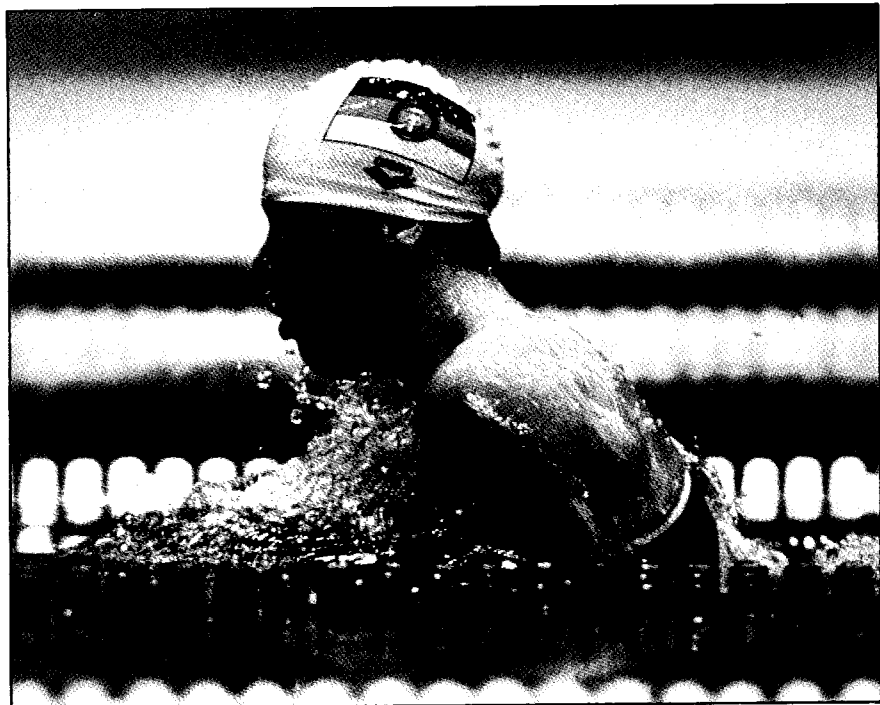
Though ranked only fourth coming into the Olympics with her 2:29.17 from the GDR trials in July, it was really Horner who should have been considered the favorite, not Higson.

At prelims, held one day before finals, Horner made a statement that she was ready to reclaim her world mark by qualifying first in 2:27.63—a new Olympic record and less than a half-second off the world record. She was the only swimmer under 2:28, while Higson swam a 2:29.67 to qualify fourth.

The Leipzig swimmer was equally strong the following day for finals.

She let Tania Dangalakova, 24, of Bulgaria set the early pace. (Dangalakova is the former Bogomilova, who took time out from her swimming career last year to have a baby.) Dangalakova turned at 1:09.22 for the first 100 meters, a full second ahead of Horner at 1:10.24. But by the 150 wall, Horner touched first (1:47.38 to Dangalakova's 1:47.48) and was on her way to a new world record swim of 2:26.71, the first swimmer ever under 2:27.

Dangalakova couldn't keep up the pace the final 50 and fell to fourth at 2:28.43.



(Photo by Simon Bruty/All-Sport)

"I knew that I could swim a world record," Horner said. "However, I thought that two or three others would be able to swim a world record, too. I expected more competition from the others."

China's Xiaomin Huang, 18, who finished second at 2:27.49 (just 2-tenths off the old world record), agreed with Horner. She thought she could do better, too.

"I am not really satisfied with the outcome," Huang said after becoming only the second Chinese swimmer to win an Olympic medal. "Perhaps it was because I didn't feel really good. I've prepared this last year for the Olympic Games, but today's performance was not good. In the end, though, I have lost only to the new world record holder."

Finishing third was Bulgaria's Antoaneta Frenkeva, 17, with a 2:28.34. She felt quite differently than Huang.

"I feel fantastic," she said. "It is my best time ever. I keep on improving, bit by bit. This was the best race of my life."

Higson was only a factor the first 100, splitting a 1:09.91, 3-tenths ahead of Horner, but faded to sixth with a 2:29.60.

After the race, Higson was too emotionally upset to say anything to the media. Her coach, Paul Bergen, said, "She tried as hard as she could. Unfortunately, it was very

hard but not as fast as it should have been. She needed to go out fast and, yet, feel easy; she went out fast, but it was a struggle.

"Her plan was to beat Horner. Allison is smaller and needs to take more strokes per lap to compete with Horner, but I think that she adapted too much to Horner's armstroke and pace during the latter part of the race. Allison was OK time-wise at the 100, but she worked too hard for that time."

The last place time was a 2:29.86, marking the first time in history everyone in the finals swam under 2:30.

Perhaps it was some consolation for the Americans, knowing that the 200 breast field was extremely fast. Only Tracey McFarlane's personal best of 2:29.82 (done at trials) could have cracked the top 8. But as it was, neither McFarlane nor Susan Rapp could turn in personal bests. McFarlane, the top U.S. qualifier, finished 14th overall with a 2:33.46, while Rapp was 13th overall at 2:32.90 (she swam 2:31.01 at trials).

—By Bob Ingram

Three world records were set Sept. 21, including Horner's 200 breast (above) and USA's 800 free relay (Biondi, Gjertsen, Dalbey and Cetlinski).

Men's 800 FR

Championship Finals—Sept. 21

USA	1:49.37	3:37.81	5:26.07	7:12.51w
(Dalbey, Cetlinski, Gjertsen, Biondi)				
GDR	1:48.26	3:37.18	5:25.25	7:13.68
(Dassler, Lodziewski, Flemming, Zesner)				
FRG	1:49.91	3:37.66	5:27.08	7:14.35
(Hochstein, Fahrner, Henkel, Gross)				
AUS	1:48.99	3:38.04	5:27.99	7:15.23
(Stachewicz, Brown, Plummer, Armstrong)				
ITA	1:49.23	3:36.52	5:26.18	7:16.00
(Gleria, Lamberti, Trevisan, Giambalvo)				
SWE	1:48.06	3:37.47	5:28.04	7:19.10
(Holmertz, Werner, Soderlund, Wallin)				
FRA	1:52.05	3:42.09	5:34.23	7:24.69
(Pou, Iacono, Fougeroud, Depickere)				
CAN	1:51.45	3:42.46	5:33.92	7:24.91
(O'Hare, Goss, Haddow, Vander Meulen)				

Matt Biondi sat on the blocks of the warmup pool with his head down following a heartbreaking loss in the 100 butterfly. But the American star couldn't stay in mourning very long. He still had to swim the 800 free relay, the final event of the night. As he sat around waiting, relay teammates Troy Dalbey, Matt Cetlinski and Doug Gjertsen picked him up.

"We talked about fun things, not necessarily swimming," said Biondi.

The quartet faced a challenging task in upholding Olympic superiority for the USA in the event. The Americans hadn't lost any men's relay at the Games since 1956. But they placed only third at the 1986 World Championships behind the

German teams and last year saw West Germany surpass their world record by over 2½ seconds.

After the heats, the main U.S. concern became the German Democratic Republic foursome. The GDR qualified first by a margin of two seconds with the U.S. team second and West Germany another 6-tenths back.

The race began in alarming fashion for the U.S. team as Dalbey trailed the GDR's Uwe Dassler by 1.11 seconds at the exchange. Sweden put its best swimmer, 200 free runner-up Anders Holmertz, as leadoff and got out in front (1:48.06). Italy used its ace on the second leg with Giorgio Lamberti (1:47.29) putting his country into the lead. Neither team was a factor afterward, though.

In the real race, distance specialist Cetlinski surprisingly almost halved the gap with a 1:48.44 going against the GDR's Sven Lodziewski, 200 free runner-up at the 1986 World Championships. Lodziewski, whose best split was a 1:47.34, did only a 1:48.92.

The GDR took the lead from Italy on the third leg as Thomas Flemming, 10th in the 200 free, went 1:48.07. Gjertsen (1:48.26) moved up from fifth to second and kept the Americans within a body length of their rivals.

Biondi made up almost half that margin with a great dive off the blocks. By the second lap, he passed GDR anchor Steffen Zesner and pulled away from there. He finished a body length up in a world record 7:12.51, shattering the old mark by 59-hundredths. Biondi's anchor was 1:46.44, the fastest in history.

"I was definitely tired of losing," said Biondi. "I was hurting the last 25. But all I was thinking of was I wanted to be on top of the awards stand."

For Gjertsen, it was his only event at the Games. "All the anxiety and pressure and sleepless nights, it all came together," said the Texas junior, competing in his first international meet. "I'm just glad all three of us gave Matt the chance to win it. I think it helped that he had raced earlier. I'm not saying I'm glad he only got the silver (in the 100 fly), but it did put fire in his eyes."

U.S. head swimming coach Richard Quick felt the second and third legs were crucial. "They (Cetlinski and Gjertsen) didn't get overexcited because they were behind and swim too fast the first 100.

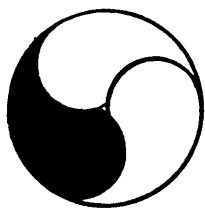
"That was a great win for us, coming in as the underdogs. It should provide the spark that the team needs to get going."

—By Russ Ewald ►



(Photo by Tony Duffy/All-Sport)

**Day 3
Sept. 22**



Women's 400 Free

Championship Finals—Sept. 22

Janet Evans, USA	59.99	2:02.14	3:03.40	4:03.85w
H. Friedrich, GDR	1:00.23	2:02.49	3:03.56	4:05.94
Anke Mohring, GDR	1:00.27	2:02.51	3:05.27	4:06.62
Tami Bruce, USA	1:00.75	2:03.42	3:06.19	4:08.16
Janelle Eiford, AUS	1:01.05	2:04.20	3:07.74	4:10.64
I. Arnould, BEL	1:01.57	2:04.77	3:08.42	4:11.73
S. Ortwig, FRG	1:01.25	2:04.31	3:08.56	4:13.05
N. Trefilova, URS	1:00.87	2:04.04	3:08.75	4:13.92

When Janet Evans saw her coach, Bud McAllister, after destroying her own world record in the 400 free-style, she shouted in disbelief, "I can't believe it! It (the race) didn't hurt! I wasn't even tired!" The American star then broke out in laughter at her discovery.

Evans had finally found the Nirvana of negative splitting in capturing her second gold medal of the Games. The closest she'd ever come previously was her first 400 free world mark last December at the U.S. Open, going two seconds slower the final 200 in posting a 4:05.45.

"I've been trying to get her to at least even-split," said McAllister. "She's always been so small that she had to go all out at the start, so she wouldn't get outkicked."

The plan wasn't to negative split, just to emphasize the final 200 and go out more controlled. The 400 figured to be Evans' toughest race with the presence of 200 free gold medalist Heike Friedrich of the GDR and her devastating kick. Friedrich, the defending world and European champion in the 400, had gone 4:06.39 last year.

Evans took the lead at the start as usual but turned at the 100 in 59.99, 4-tenths slower than her record pace and slightly ahead of Friedrich and Anke Mohring, also of the GDR. The German duo stayed a half-body back at the halfway point as Evans remained controlled. The leader's

time of 2:02.14 put her a half-second behind her record split.

Friedrich made a move on the third 100, splitting a 1:01.07, but Evans refused to be overtaken (1:01.26). The 3:03.40 pace removed Mohring from contention.

Then, Evans amazed the crowd by pulling away from her speedy rival the final two laps. She finished two body lengths ahead. When she looked at the scoreboard and saw the winning time of 4:03.85, her face expressed shock. The blazing 1:00.45 coming home and 2:01.71 the second half put her an incredible 1.6 seconds under her old world record.

"My goal in the race was to win, so when I swam 4:03 it was surprising," said Evans at the news conference. "I didn't think I was going that fast. I expected a tough race the last 100 meters and didn't feel I had it won until the last 15 meters."

McAllister added, "The people that are swimming smart races are winning, like (Duncan) Armstrong, Friedrich (in the 200) and Janet."

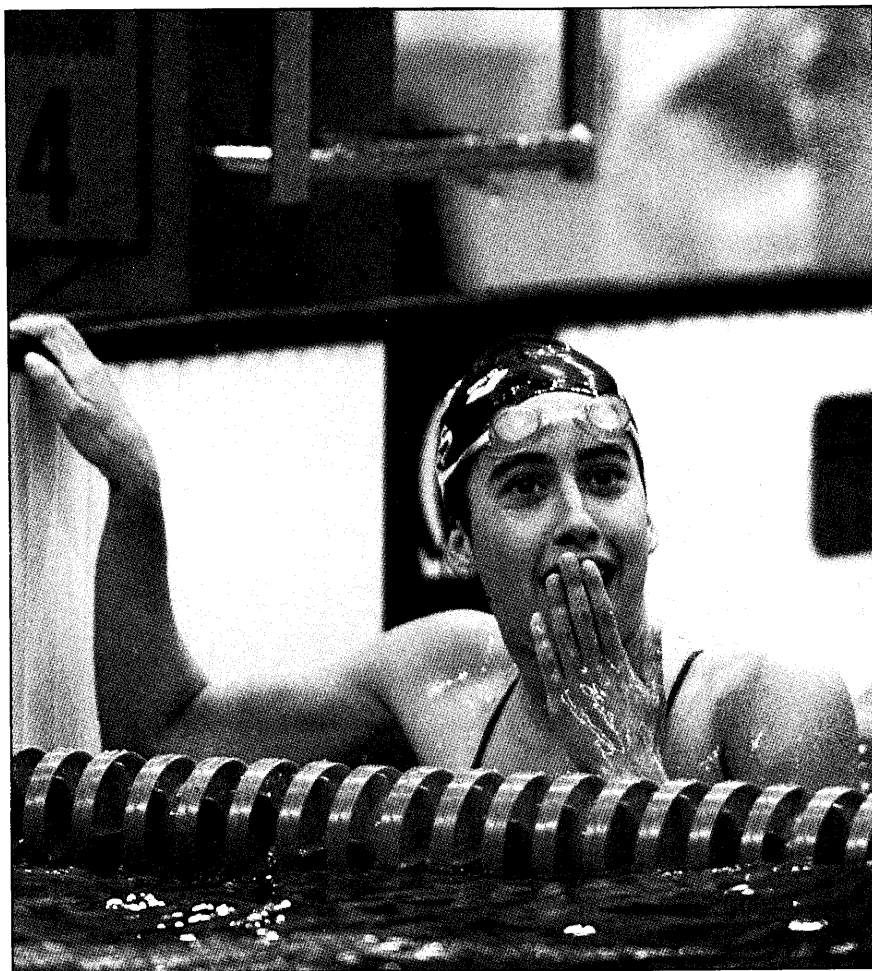
Asked if it was unusual to change strategies at an Olympic final, he replied, "Yes, it is. But she's never faced competition like Friedrich."

The runner-up from the GDR lowered her European record to 4:05.94, third fastest performance of all time, in taking the silver. Mohring got the bronze in 4:06.62 with Tami Bruce, the other U.S. entry, fourth in 4:08.16.

"After the morning heats, I thought it was possible one of us (she or Mohring) could win," said Friedrich. "I was expecting a world record. I expected to do it myself. I thought 4:05. I underestimated her. She's another dimension in swimming."

—By Russ Ewald

It was a great day for the USA Sept. 22 as Evans (above) and Biondi captured gold. Evans won her second gold medal, as did Biondi, but it was Matt's first individual gold medal.



(Photo by Tony Duffy/All-Sport)

Men's 100 Free

Championship Finals—Sept. 22

Matt Biondi, USA	23.21	48.63
Chris Jacobs, USA	23.76	49.08
Stephan Caron, FRA	23.97	49.62
Gennadi Prigoda, URS	23.46	49.75
Yuri Bachkatov, URS	24.07	50.08
Andrew Baildon, AUS	23.92	50.23
Per Johansson, SWE	24.21	50.35
Tommy Werner, SWE	24.29	50.54

"I kept reminding myself before the race, '100 fly, 100 fly, 100 fly.' I just kept reminding myself about how let down I felt after that race."

Touched out by 1-hundredth of a second on a terrible finish, Matt Biondi was not going to let it happen again. "That race just shows you how great you have to swim at the Olympics."

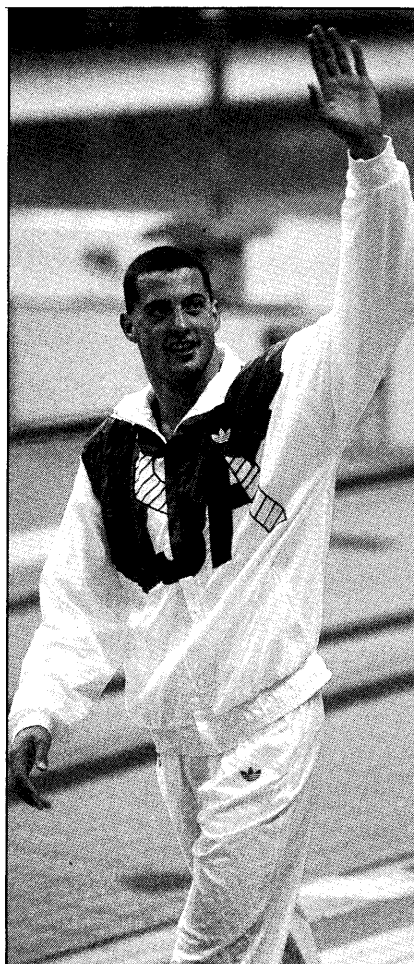
One would think he hardly had to worry. This, after all, was the 100 freestyle. Biondi has owned this race for nearly the entire quadrennium since the last Olympics. France's Stephan Caron had come the closest to mounting a challenge with a 49.35 clocking last year at the European Championships. But no one was even near the 49-second barrier, which Biondi had ventured into on several occasions. And when he streaked to a 48.42 at Olympic trials, he put himself nearly a second ahead of anyone else in the field. How could this guy lose? He couldn't, unless he committed a great error, something akin to his 100 butterfly finish. He wanted to make sure it didn't happen.

It didn't.

Biondi was out quick, hitting the 50 wall at 23.21, faster than his world record split of 23.25. Coming home, he lost a little bit, but not much, stopping the clock at 48.63, the second fastest 100 free time ever recorded. The California swimmer was ecstatic, and when American Chris Jacobs hit the finish at 49.08 for the silver medal, the two celebrated together.

It was the first, and would be one of two 1-2 finishes for the Americans in the meet. It was something both swimmers had thought about and discussed before the race.

"We just talked about swimming our best times," Biondi said. "We understood if we could go 1-2, it would really be a boost for the



(Photo by Pascal Rondeau/All-Sport)

team. What I told Chris before the race (the two shook hands before climbing onto the blocks) was, 'Good luck.' I wanted him to do his best time—but not too good."

Jacobs' time was plenty fast, as far as he was concerned. Prior to the Olympics, his fastest 100 had been the 49.45 at Olympic trials that put him on the team. He qualified for the Olympic finals with a 49.20 morning swim, and dropped that another 12-hundredths to 49.08 for the silver. Caron swam 49.62 for the bronze.

"I'm very happy to medal," Jacobs said. Two years ago, he said, he would never have pictured himself on the awards stand. At that time he was struggling with a cocaine addiction. But after leaving college, spending nine months at home and getting professional help, Jacobs began to battle back. He returned to Texas with a "more realistic perspective," and began training again.

"I can start fresh now because of the Olympics," he said, looking

ahead. "I think this is definitely a landmark in my life."

One that was becoming even more important. Since Jacobs was swimming fast and butterfly Jay Mortenson was struggling, Jacobs was given the nod to anchor the medley relay, while Biondi, who normally handled that task, would swim the butterfly leg.

"I prefer to swim freestyle," Biondi said. "But Chris deserves to swim on the relay, and I'm happy to swim the butterfly."

That race would be Biondi's last. Number seven. With the 100 free, he now had four medals, two of them gold. He assessed his progress.

"Well, the seven golds are long gone," he said. "I'm over the hump for sure. I think our 400 relay is in good shape. The 50 free is going to be my biggest challenge. I haven't beaten Tom (Jager) in two years."

And with the 50 being a race where absolutely no mistakes are allowed, Biondi would probably again be muttering on his way to the blocks, "100 fly, 100 fly, 100 fly."

—By Mark Muckenfuss

Women's 100 Back

Championship Finals—Sept. 22

Kristin Otto, GDR	29.12	1:00.89
Krisztina Eggerszegi, HUN	29.36	1:01.56
Cornelia Sirch, GDR	29.43	1:01.57
Betsy Mitchell, USA	30.20	1:02.71
Beth Barr, USA	30.60	1:02.78
Silvia Poll, CRC	29.68	1:03.34
Nicole Livingstone, AUS	31.05	1:04.15
Marion Aizpors, FRG	30.61	1:04.19

The German Democratic Republic's Kristin Otto, 22, had a chance to earn two gold medals tonight in her quest for a record six gold medals by a woman swimmer.

She had already won the 100 free on the first day of finals, and the 100 back was No. 2 in line.

"I was determined to win this gold medal," Otto said.

She came into the meet as the European champion and world's fastest in this event last year (tied with Costa Rica's Silvia Poll).

Otto showed just how determined she was to win this event as she qualified first in the morning prelims with a 1:01.45. Poll, 17, who was thought to challenge Otto for the gold based off her No. 1 ranking

last year and Pan American Games gold medal, qualified sixth in a rather slow 1:03.21.

Both American swimmers, Betsy Mitchell, 22, and Beth Barr, 16 (the youngest swimmer on the U.S. team), qualified fifth and fourth, respectively, with times of 1:02.85 and 1:02.63.

Otto was in command throughout the final. She was never challenged, leading the entire race and splitting ahead of world record pace (29.12 to 29.67). She touched first at 1:00.89, becoming only the third girl ever to break 1:01. She did not, however, set a world record or Olympic record since the only other two girls to break 1:01 were the GDR's Ina Kleber (1:00.59 world record) and Rica Reinisch (1:00.86 Olympic record).

"The world record of Ina Kleber in this race was just beyond my reach today," Otto said. The GDR has held the 100 back world record since the middle of 1974.

Finishing in a mild upset for the silver medal was Hungary's little 14-year-old, Krisztina Egerszegi, 67-hundredths behind at 1:01.56. She just did outtouch the GDR's Cornelia Sirch, 21 (better known for her prowess in the 200 back), at 1:01.57.

Mitchell and Barr finished just out of the medal picture with respective fourth- and fifth-place finishes (1:02.71 and 1:02.78). Both swam faster at trials to qualify for the Olympic team (1:02.01 and 1:02.21).

Poll was never a factor in the race, turning fourth at the 50 and fading to sixth (1:03.34)—a far cry from her 1:01.86 a year ago.

Egerszegi's coach, Laszlo Kiss, was surprised with his young charge's performance. "We expected her to be fourth, maybe, under the best of circumstances, to be third."

Egerszegi is only 5-5 and 99 pounds. She just turned 14 in August and already has the 100 and 200 back European junior titles to her credit. At last year's European Championships, she placed fifth in the 100 back and ranked 11th in the world (1:02.75).

"She has a lot of potential," Kiss said. "Krisztina has a great future in front of her. She will soon be at the top."

But at the top for the moment was



Otto, one-third of the way to a possible six gold medals. Only Mark Spitz has won more gold medals (7), while the GDR's Kornelia Ender leads the women with four.

"I did not think of Mark Spitz," Otto said, "and I did not have the goal to win that many gold medals. I do not think of winning a total of six gold medals."

"I will not be the big hero here because what we did (at the Olympics), we did as a team. We competed together and trained together and worked together."

—By Bob Ingram

Men's 200 Back

Championship Finals—Sept. 22

Igor Polianski, URS	27.14	57.49	1:28.20	1:59.37
Frank Baltrusch, GDR	27.98	58.57	1:29.02	1:59.60
Paul Kingsman, NZL	26.74	59.48	1:29.53	2:00.48
S. Zabolotnov, URS	27.23	57.53	1:28.97	2:00.52
Dirk Richter, GDR	28.99	59.94	1:30.77	2:01.67
Jens-P. Berndt, FRG	28.69	59.42	1:30.66	2:01.84
Dan Veatch, USA	28.63	59.75	1:30.82	2:02.26
Rogério Romero, BRA	28.52	59.79	1:31.41	2:02.28

It was a close shave for Paul Kingsman. The New Zealander captured the bronze medal by a mere 4-hundredths over Sergey Zabolotnov, 2:00.48-2:00.52. It was to be an even closer shave for his coach.

"There was a lot riding on this race," Kingsman said. "A lot of people at home are watching—my mom and sister couldn't be here—and my coach said he's shave his hair off if I won a medal."

Kingsman's coach won't really have much trouble explaining away a bald spot that goes ear to ear—not when he tells people that it was for New Zealand's first-ever Olympic medal in men's swimming.

"I'm extremely happy," Kingsman said, referring to that accomplishment. "I'm extremely happy just to be in this company. I think anyone in this final was to be respected. I just knew I had it in me."

Finishing ahead of Kingsman were East Germany's Frank Baltrusch (1:59.60) and Soviet backstroke king Igor Polianski (1:59.37).

"I didn't expect a gold medal today," Polianski said. "But I think I earned it and I'm very satisfied." Only slightly back of his countryman Zabolotnov, who led the race at the 100 mark, Polianski moved



(Photos by Pascal Rondeau/All-Sport)

into first place on the third 50 of the race, and held off the rest of the field.

"It's a very long distance," he said, alluding to the fact that he prefers the 100 sprint much more, "and you have to concentrate very hard in order to pace yourself correctly. This gold medal is the best prize for me, but the 100 is my favorite race."

Unfortunately for Polianski, the thrill may have been marred a bit when, during the awards ceremony, organizers mistakenly announced the playing of the national anthem of New Zealand (the correct anthem was played). In addition, Kingsman was announced as being from the Soviet Union. But the New Zealander didn't seem to mind.

"They could have said anything when I was up there," he said. "I still would have been thrilled."

—By Mark Muckenfuss

Women's 400 FR

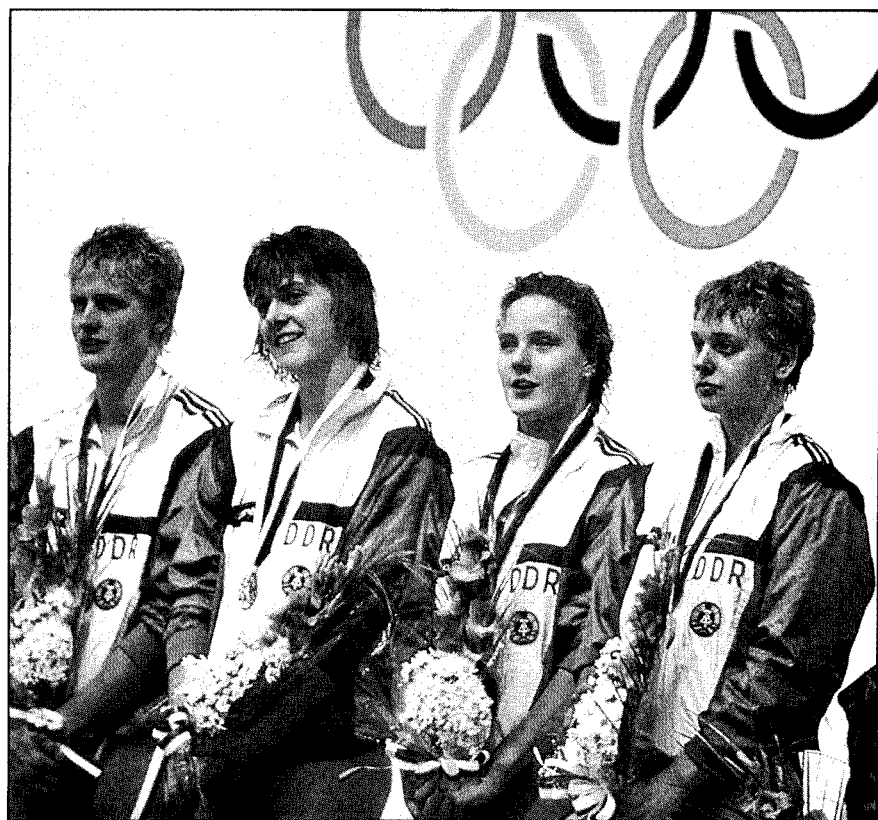
Championship Finals—Sept. 22

GDR	55.11	1:49.84	2:45.53	3:40.63
(Otto, Meissner, Hunger, Stellmach)				
HOL	56.26	1:52.62	2:48.35	3:43.39
(Ma. Muis, Mi. Muis, Van Bentum, Brienesse)				
USA	55.88	1:51.56	2:48.27	3:44.25
(Wayte, Kremer, Walker, Torres)				
CHN	57.78	1:53.16	2:50.44	3:44.69
(Xia, Yang, Lou, Zhuang)				
URS	56.49	1:52.69	2:48.69	3:44.99
(Dendeberova, Issakova, Trefilova, Koptchikova)				
CAN	57.01	1:53.76	2:50.07	3:46.75
(Bald, Noall, Nugent, Kerr)				
FRG	57.91	1:53.62	2:50.08	3:46.90
(Ortzig, Aizpors, Pielke, Seick)				
DEN	56.93	1:54.21	2:51.16	3:49.25
(Jensen, Sorensen, Jacobsen, Jorgensen)				

No, Angel Myers wouldn't have made any difference for the gold medal. In what used to be a dominating event for the United States, the 400 free relay is now dominated by the German Democratic Republic. They're the world and Olympic record holder, current world champion and have won six straight European championships.

Coming into Seoul, however, the Americans had not lost this race

Polianski (left) captured the 200 back as Otto (opposite page, top, and with relay, left) won her second and third gold medals in the 100 back and 400 free relay with teammates Meissner, Hunger and Stellmach.



(Photo by Tony Duffy/All-Sport)

since 1956 when they placed second to Australia. (The German Democratic Republic won in 1980, but the Americans did not compete.)

The Americans also looked good on paper. Before the Olympics had begun, the four best American girls' times from the 100 free added up to a 3:42.55, and that's without Myers, whose 54.95 was disqualified when she tested positive for steroids.

The top four from the GDR figured to a 3:42.81.

But that's on paper. In the pool, it was easy to tell early on that the GDR was the class of the field. In the prelims, the GDR rested Kristin Otto and Manuela Stellmach and qualified first at 3:43.13 with a team of Katrin Meissner (55.30), Sabina Schulze (56.32), Heike Friedrich (55.68) and Daniela Hunger (55.83).

The Americans qualified third at 3:45.10 behind Holland at 3:44.12. The bright spot for the United States was Mary Wayte's 55.06 anchor split (ninth-fastest and top American all-time). With Dara Torres and Mitzi Kremer resting for finals, Laura Walker led off in 57.46, followed by Paige Zemina (56.51) and Jill Sterkel (56.07).

The night also belonged to the

German Democratic Republic with a new Olympic record 3:40.63. And it was Kristin Otto's third gold medal in as many tries.

They just missed the world record of 3:40.57 by the GDR at the 1986 World Championships. Asked if they might have broken the record if Otto hadn't swum the 100 back just two events earlier, the GDR girls quickly discounted any such theory.

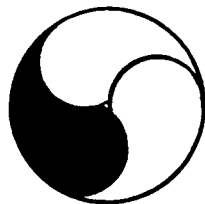
"The fact that she was on the team contributed to the victory," Manuela Stellmach said.

Otto got the girls going with a 55.11 leadoff leg. That gave a 77-hundredths of a second lead for Katrin Meissner. The USA's Mary Wayte put the Americans in second with her 55.88, while Marianne Muis of Holland touched third at 56.26.

Meissner then gave the German Democratic Republic a near 2-second advantage with a remarkable 54.73 split—the fourth fastest ever. Their 1:49.84 led the United States at 1:51.56 (Mitzi Kremer, 55.68) and Holland at 1:52.62 (Mildred Muis, 56.36).

It was the same order at 300 meters, only this time the German Democratic Republic had opened a 2.74-second margin. Daniela Hunger ►

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clocked 55.69 for a 2:45.53 running split, while the USA's Laura Walker turned in a 56.71 (2:48.27). Holland closed the gap in their quest for the silver medal as Conny van Bentum split a 55.73, putting her team just 8-hundredths behind.

With Stellmach anchoring in 55.10, the German Democratic Republic easily had the gold. But the battle was for second, and as it turned out, for third.

Dara Torres (55.98) was no match for Holland's Karin Brienesse (55.04, eighth fastest all-time) as the Dutch moved past the USA for the silver medal at 3:43.39. The Americans won the bronze at 3:44.25, but it was all Torres could do to hold off China's Yong Zhuang, who split 54.25—the fastest ever.

Stellmach, who missed in her bid to medal in the 100 free, said, "I'm relieved to end up with a gold medal. I didn't think my times (in the individual event) were very good, so the relay was an opportunity to do so."

Meissner, who had the fastest split on the GDR team and who really put her relay team out of reach, said, "I noticed immediately that the United States was right behind me. That encouraged me to go fast. I had a good first 50, and I really wanted the lead."

Holland, which had finished runner-up in this event in 1984 and last won the gold medal in 1936, was surprised with the silver medal.

"To be honest, I didn't think we would get the silver," van Bentum said. "We thought we would be battling for third with China. We were really, really excited that we got second."

Although the Americans didn't swim as fast as they might have on paper, they appeared happy with the bronze medal.

Both Torres and Kremer were out of the medal picture in the 100 free, as was Wayte in the 200, so putting things in perspective, Kremer said, "I'm very excited to be going home with a medal, and I'm happy it's with a relay. I'm happy to end my meet with a good swim and to help our team finish third. Swimming with these three girls is just so exciting and swimming in the finals is a dream come true." —By Bob Ingram

Men's 400 Free

Championship Finals—Sept. 23

Uwe Dassler, GDR	55.30	1:53.17	2:51.40	3:46.95w
D. Armstrong, AUS	56.41	1:55.10	2:52.13	3:47.15
Artur Wojdat, POL	54.78	1:52.98	2:51.06	3:47.34
Matt Cetlinski, USA	54.57	1:52.45	2:50.46	3:48.09
Podkosielski, POL	55.34	1:53.52	2:51.65	3:48.59
Stefan Pfeiffer, FRG	56.17	1:54.22	2:52.19	3:49.96
Kevin Boyd, GBR	55.68	1:53.72	2:51.99	3:50.16
A. Holmertz, SWE	54.48	1:52.32	2:51.08	3:51.04

Former world record holder Artur Wojdat called it the race of the century.

With three men swimming under the listed world record, Poland's Wojdat wasn't too far from the truth.

The German Democratic Republic's Uwe Dassler, 21, was the one who captured the Olympic gold medal and new world record in a race that was literally up for grabs. His time of 3:46.95 bettered Wojdat's 3:47.38 of March, as did runners-up Duncan Armstrong, 20 of Australia (3:47.15) and Wojdat, 20 (3:47.34).

"I did not really expect the race to be that fast," Dassler said. "A fast race, yes, but not *that* fast."

He should have had a clue it would be something special after all eight qualifiers bettered Thomas Fahrner's (FRG) Olympic record of 1984 (3:50.91) in the prelims. Poland's other fine distance swimmer, Marius Podkosielski, had the honor of holding the new Olympic record for half a day with his top qualifying time of 3:49.51. Just two years ago, his personal best was 3:58.83. The eighth qualifying time was turned in by American record holder Matt Cetlinski at 3:50.82.

The final was a race of differing strategies. Dassler, the European champion and world's fastest in this event last year, called it a race of nerves.

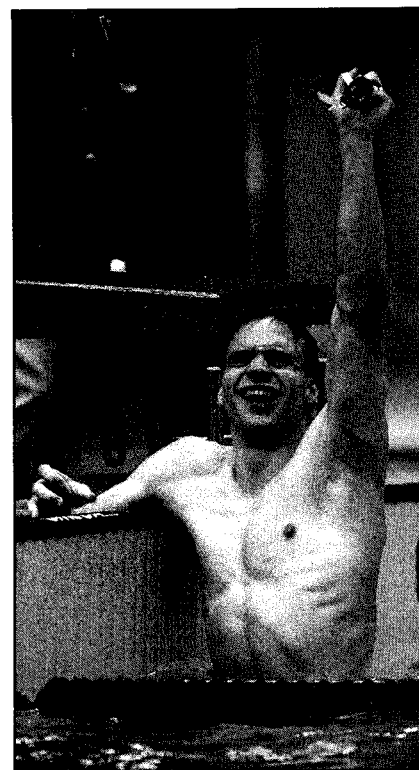
There were swimmers who took it out fast, swimmers who even-split the race and others who negative-split. And that was part of what contributed to the race's anticipated excitement.

Consider the splits of the three medalists: Dassler was out in 1:53.17 and returned in 1:53.78; Armstrong came from behind with a 1:55.10-1:52.05 combination; while Wojdat swam with the early leaders at 1:52.98, returning in 1:54.36.

"As always, I swam my own race," Dassler said, "without allowing myself to be influenced by the pace of the other swimmers."

Sweden's Anders Holmertz (the youngest finalist at 19) and Cetlinski (the oldest at 23), swimming in lanes 7 and 8, respectively, set the early pace (54.48 and 54.57), with Wojdat a half-body length behind (54.78). Dassler was in fourth (55.30) and Armstrong last (56.41).

All eight swimmers touched in exactly the same order at 200 meters as they did at the 100. Holmertz and Cetlinski still shared the lead (1:52.32 and 1:52.45); Wojdat was still a half-body length off the frontrunners (1:52.98), Dassler was right behind Wojdat (1:53.17) and Armstrong was dead last (1:55.10), nearly three



(Photo by Simon Bruty/All Sport)

seconds behind Holmertz and nearly two seconds off Dassler.

There were little changes of position at the 300 as Cetlinski took the lead (2:50.46), followed by Wojdat (2:51.06) and Holmertz (2:51.08). Dassler was still hanging close in fourth (2:51.40), while Armstrong moved up one position to seventh (2:52.13), still 1.67 seconds behind the leader.

Then things started to happen.

It looked like a replay of the U.S. nationals last March when Cetlinski led for 350 meters only to have Wojdat pass him the final 50 for a world record.

That's exactly what happened in Seoul, only Dassler and Armstrong had other plans.

Dassler, who was swimming in lane 6, aware of the fast early pace set by the two lanes next to him, said, "The last 50 meters, I didn't look at anyone. I simply swam as fast as I could."

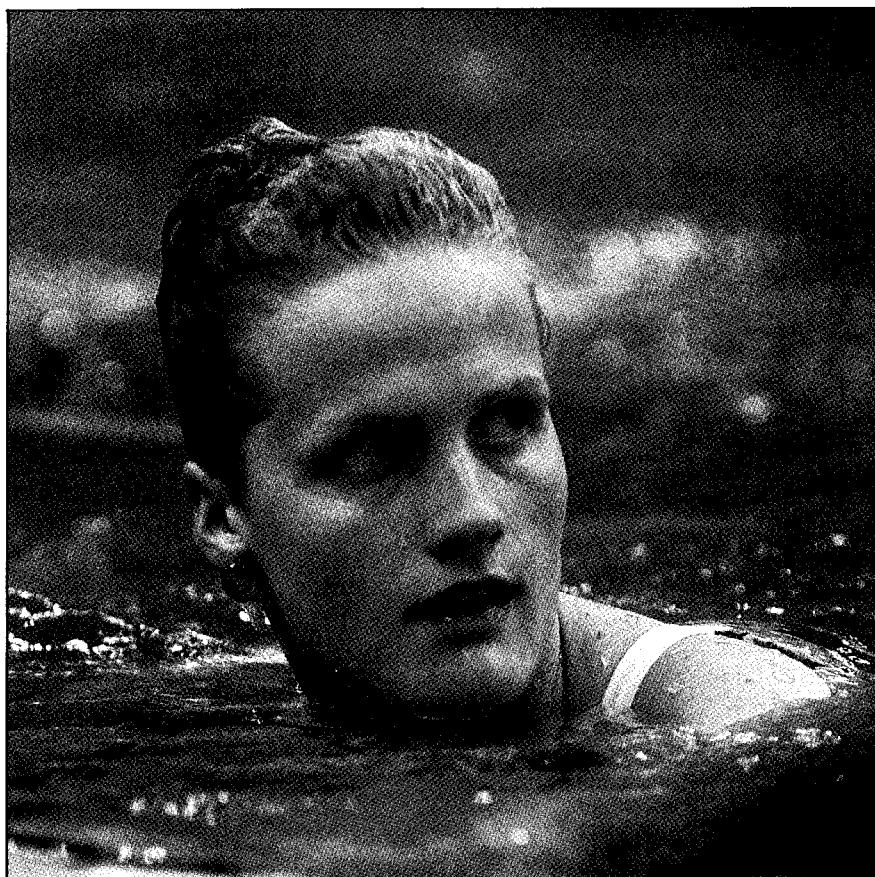
Unfortunately for Armstrong, swimming across the pool in lane 1, the 200 free gold medalist and world record holder never saw Dassler. Swimming from behind, all he thought he had to do was catch Wojdat in lane 3, which he did.

"I came out of the second half of the race very strongly," Armstrong said. "I wasn't looking where the others were; I just listened to my body. From the outside lane (on the final 25 meters), I looked across and pulled up even with Artur, but I could not see Uwe on the other side of him. I did my best to beat Artur to the wall, but Uwe had the touch on me.

"But I'm not sure (swimming in lane 1) made any difference. This is the fastest race in history, and it took a world record to beat me."

Even Cetlinski came within 3-hundredths of his American record (3:48.09) and still finished out of the medal picture. "How disappointing—to go so fast and end up only fourth," he said. Cetlinski, however,

Dassler (opposite page) led three swimmers under the world record in the 400 free, giving the GDR its only men's gold. Teammate Otto (above), however, took her fourth gold in the fly.



(Photo by Pascal Rondeau/All-Sport)

swam the final 100 in 57.63 as three swimmers—Dassler (55.55), Armstrong (55.02) and Wojdat (56.28)—passed him for the medals.

Terry Stoddard, Wojdat's coach in Mission Viejo, Calif., couldn't believe the amazing finish either.

"We were expecting the gold," Stoddard said of Wojdat. "Three people broke the world record, but on this day, two other people hit the wall ahead of him. But that's the Olympics."

Asked if he agreed with his swimmer that this race was the race of the century, Stoddard said, "Yes, definitely. It was the greatest race in history."

—By Bob Ingram

Women's 100 Fly

Championship Finals—Sept. 23

Kristin Otto, GDR	27.95	59.00b
Birte Weigang, GDR	28.18	59.45
Hong Qian, CHN	27.87	59.52
Catherine Plewinski, FRA	27.54	59.58
Janel Jorgensen, USA	28.61	1:00.48
Conny van Bentum, HOL	28.54	1:00.62
Mary T. Meagher, USA	29.20	1:00.97
Xiaohong Wang, CHN	28.99	1:01.15

Kristin Otto appeared at the swim-

ming pool one morning made up like she was going to a disco. If the 22-year-old GDR star can dance as well as she can swim, look out John Travolta.

A strong last lap in the 100 butterfly carried Otto to her fourth gold medal of the Olympics. She qualified only third (1:00.40) for the final behind France's Catherine Plewinski, who set a European record of 59.34, and teammate Birte Weigang (59.97), the winner at the GDR trials. And in the championship race, she stood just third (27.95) at the half-way point as Plewinski streaked the opening 50 in 27.54, 23-hundredths under Mary T. Meagher's world record split, with China's Hong Qian closest (27.87). But the 6-foot-1-inch Otto turned it on coming off the wall, took command quickly and withstood a challenge by Weigang to win by half a body length.

The winning time of 59.00 was the second fastest of all time behind Meagher's phenomenal 57.93 in 1981. It gave her an individual triple—she also won the 100 free and 100 back—along with a gold in the 400 free relay to equal the ►

Games' record output for a female swimmer. Kornelia Ender, also of the GDR, captured four gold and a silver at the 1976 Montreal Games.

Asked the secret to her domination, Otto answered, "The team is responsible for my success, and I don't have any secrets. I just train like all the others at home. Perhaps my success comes from trying to remain calm before an important final. It's there I might have a slight edge.

Otto did very little training early this year while completing her college studies which is why she didn't swim as well before the Games. In the GDR trials, she placed second to Weigang. Also, she thought her momentum from earlier victories helped. "From a psychological point of view, I had an advantage due to my three gold medals," she said. "I didn't feel any pressure. However, I didn't think that I would be able to improve this much and set a European record."

Although the powerful GDR women's team had won five out of seven events up to the 100 fly, Weigang's runner-up finish in a personal-best 59.45 was its first 1-2 sweep. Hong placed third with an Asian record of 59.52.

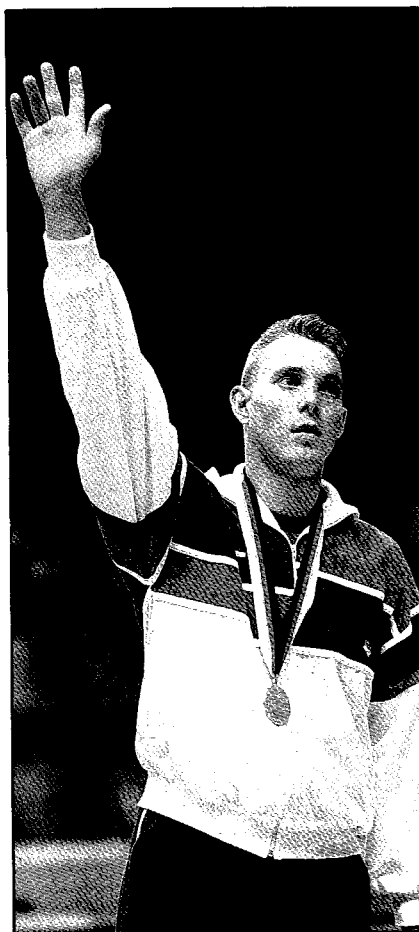
Meagher, the defending gold medalist and holder of eight of the top 10 times going into the meet, was last to the turn (29.20) and ended up seventh in 1:00.97, over a second off her U.S. trials' time.

"I felt ready to go this morning and did a poor time (1:01.48 to qualify eighth) that shocked me," said the 23-year-old Meagher. "I went out trying to stay easy and go long in the final, and that's what I did."

U.S. assistant coach Skip Kenney, who had been training Meagher during the Olympic training camp, analyzed, "The snap in her stroke and hand speed just weren't there. She's put a lot of her training emphasis on the 200 fly. We've done a lot of pace work even up to the day before this race. I felt at the finish she could have turned and done another 100."

Janel Jorgensen, added to the U.S. team when trials' winner Angel Myers was disqualified for use of a banned substance, placed fifth in 1:00.48.

—By Russ Ewald



(Photo by Pascal Rondeau/All-Sport)

Men's 200 Breast

Championship Finals—Sept. 23

Jozsef Szabo, HUN	30.57	1:04.81	1:38.99	2:13.52
Nick Gillingham, GBR	30.45	1:04.92	1:39.25	2:14.12
Sergio Lopez, ESP	31.10	1:05.52	1:40.15	2:15.21
Mike Barrowman, USA	30.85	1:05.65	1:40.71	2:15.45
Valeri Lozik, URS	29.98	1:03.86	1:38.75	2:16.16
Vadim Alexeev, URS	30.49	1:04.73	1:39.71	2:16.70
Jon Cleveland, CAN	31.52	1:06.63	1:41.76	2:17.10
Peter Szabo, HUN	31.31	1:05.96	1:41.19	2:17.12

Although Mike Barrowman stunned the swimming community with a near world record in the 200 breaststroke at the Olympic trials in Austin, Texas, and was seeded first coming into the Games, Jozsef Szabo was still seen as the man to beat here. The Hungarian had dominated the world since setting the European record and winning the event at the 1986 World Championships in Madrid, Spain. Szabo lowered that mark last year at the European Championships with a 2:13.87. Barrowman's swim at trials was a 2:13.74.

Both swimmers incorporate a rolling-style breaststroke, the source of which is identical. Barrowman's Curl

Swim Club coach, Jozsef Nagy, is a Hungarian who had worked with Szabo, and then taught Barrowman the same thing. But as this race unfolded, it was Szabo that rolled to the win, while Barrowman finished only fourth.

Soviet swimmer Vadim Lozik took the race out like a sprint and was leading the field by nearly a second at the 100. He was unable to maintain that pace, however, as Szabo swept by him at the start of the final 50, and other swimmers followed suit. Lozik ended up fifth.

Szabo's winning time of 2:13.52 again lowered the European record, but was shy of the 2:13.34 that Canada's Victor Davis swam at the Los Angeles Olympics. Missing the time, Szabo said, didn't matter.

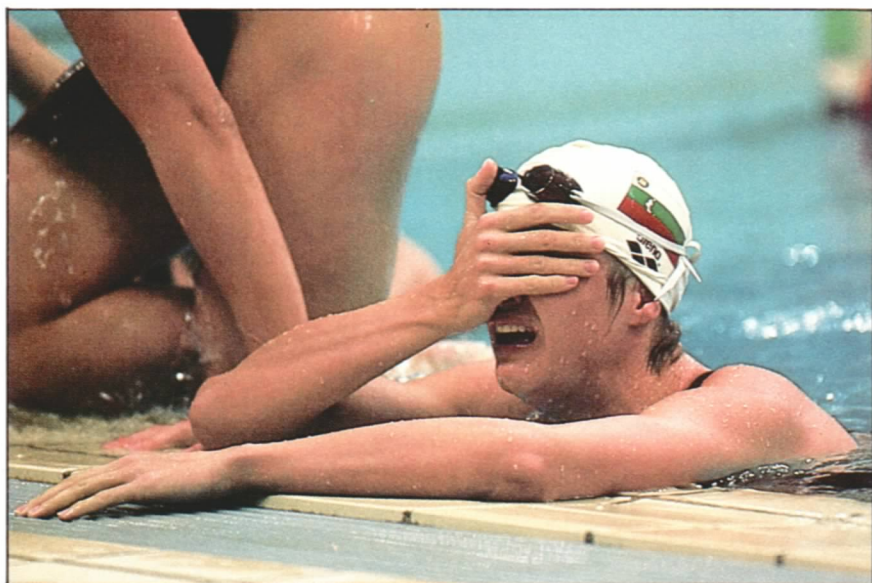
"The important thing was winning," he said. He was happy just to be in the race. Last December, the Olympics seemed very far away to the Hungarian, and having just undergone knee surgery for a cartilage problem, he wondered if he would be in Seoul at all. The surgery had kept him out of the water for four weeks and, he said, "It was indeed hard to regain my previous form. As an indication of my problem, a mere month ago, at the national championships, I was only fourth."

On the other hand, Szabo had swum a 2:16.70 at U.S. nationals in March, and after a fourth place in the 400 IM here, it was obvious his stroke was not suffering. Nor was the stroke of British swimmer Nick Gillingham, who blasted to a national record of 2:14.12 for the silver medal.

"I can't believe the Russians went out so quick," Gillingham said. "But I knew Szabo was the man to beat; he's very strong on the last 50. I just didn't have quite enough (at the end), but I'm completely happy. I mean, to be an Olympic gold medalist—I mean silver," he laughed, correcting himself. "See, I'm still trying to get used to this."

—By Mark Muckenfuss

Szabo (above) was the favorite in the 200 breast, but Dangalakova surprised herself when she and Frenkeva (right) went 1-2 in the 100 breast.



(Photos by Tony Duffy/All-Sport)

Women's 100 Breast

Championship Finals—Sept. 23

Tania Dangelakova, BUL	31.90	1:07.95
Antoaneta Frenkeva, BUL	32.43	1:08.74
Silke Horner, GDR	31.58	1:08.83
Allison Higson, CAN	32.18	1:08.86
Elena Volkova, URS	32.87	1:09.24
Tracey McFarlane, USA	33.02	1:09.60
Xiaomin Huang, CHN	33.64	1:10.53
Annett Rex, GDR	33.04	1:10.67

A year ago, Bulgaria's Tania Dangelakova gave birth to a baby girl, Anna. After tonight's 100 breast finals, Tania will have something to show her grandchildren—an Olympic gold medal.

Dangelakova, married since 1984, still swam under her maiden name of Bogomilova until this year. Her husband, Jorgi, is also her coach.

After the 1986 World Championships where she placed third in the 100 breast and second in the 200 breast, Tania took a year off from competitive swimming to have a baby, born in June 1987.

But her comeback wasn't all that easy.

She still had to have surgery related to the pregnancy in October 1987 with the Olympics looming only a year away.

"I started training really hard for the Olympics after the new year," Dangelakova said, "so I've only had about eight months of real hard training."

Asked if having a baby provided motivation for her performance in Seoul, she first shook her head, then reconsidered, "It was in a sense. After I gave birth to a baby, I feel that most swimmers would quit swimming, but I wanted to prove that I could still swim well."

Coming into finals, Dangelakova felt the race would be between her and the German Democratic Republic's Silke Horner for the gold. The two tied as the prelim's top qualifiers at 1:08.35—a full second to 2½ seconds ahead of the field.

Horner, 23, had already won the Olympic gold medal in the 200 breast while Dangelakova finished fourth. Horner was the current world record holder (1:07.91), the European champion, the fastest in the world in 1987 and in quest of a second gold medal.

Dangelakova said, "I felt very easy ►

this morning (in prelims), so I expected a world record in the evening."

It appeared that way after 50 meters as Horner was nearly a half-second under her world record split (31.58 to 32.00). Dangelakova, however, was right behind in 31.90, also under the world record pace—the only two swimmers under 32.00.

The second 50, however, was a different story. Horner was obviously hurting as Dangelakova kept closing the gap with each stroke. She finally caught Horner with about 20 meters to go and touched in 1:07.95, a new Olympic record and 4-hundredths off the world record.

"I told my coach before finals I would win a medal," Dangelakova said, "but I did not specify which one. Today my dream came true, and this is a victory for the Bulgarian people."

Bulgarian teammate Antoaneta Frenkeva, 17, also passed Horner for the silver medal with a 1:08.74, giving Bulgaria its first 1-2 finish ever in Olympic swimming. Horner just did have enough to win the bronze at 1:08.83 as Canada's Allison Higson finished 3-hundredths

out of the medal picture.

Asked through an interpreter how she felt the second 50, Horner answered very graphically, but the interpreter said, "You'll have to find a better word that's fit for publication."

Needless to say, she was struggling the last 50. "Maybe I started out too fast," she said.

Only one American swimmer made it to the final 8. Tracey McFarlane finished sixth at 1:09.60, off her 1:08.91 national record set at trials. Susan Johnson placed 13th overall with a 1:11.08 in the B finals, also slower than her 1:09.61 at trials.

—By Bob Ingram

Men's 400 FR

Championship Finals—Sept. 23

USA	49.63	1:39.38	2:28.72	3:16.53w
(Jacobs, Dalbey, Jager, Biondi)				
URS	50.24	1:39.54	2:28.81	3:18.33
(Prigoda, Bachkatov, Evseev, Tkacenko)				
GDR	59.25	1:39.95	2:30.30	3:19.82
(Richter, Flemming, Hirneburg, Zesner)				
FRA	49.97	1:40.06	2:30.10	3:20.02
(Caron, Kalfayan, Neuville, Gutzeit)				
SWE	50.58	1:40.58	2:31.05	3:21.07
(Johansson, Werner, Holmquist, Titus)				
FRG	50.66	1:40.66	2:31.06	3:21.65
(Gross, Fahrner, Zikharsky, Sitt)				

GBR	51.36	1:41.56	2:31.89	3:21.71
(Fibbens, Foster, Lee, Jameson)				
ITA	50.51	1:40.82	2:32.01	3:22.93
(Gleria, Lamberti, Rampazzo, Ceccarini)				

Nobody sprints like the Americans do.

If there is one bastion of United States swimming that remains untouched, this is it. Even without Matt Biondi, American depth is such that the United States would probably have still won the relay. With Biondi, they were untouchable.

Even the USA's "B" team turned in the third fastest time overall with a top qualifying time of 3:19.52 in prelims.

To show just how much depth the United States has, Coach Richard Quick was able to rest three members of his front-line relay team.

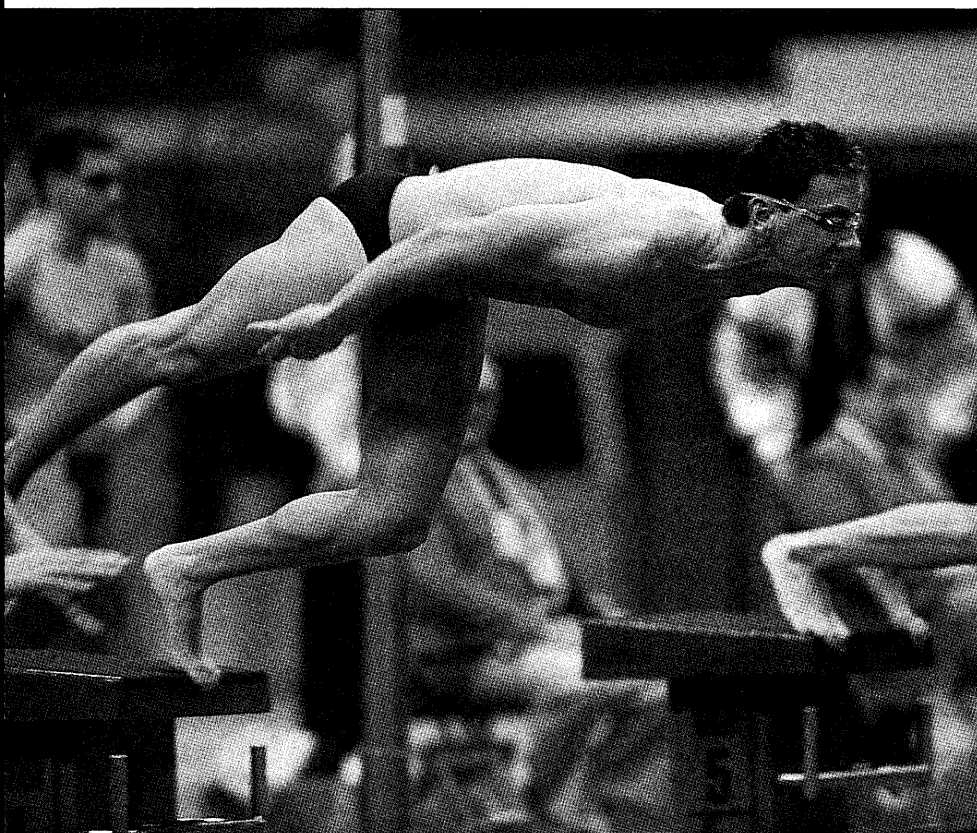
With Biondi, Chris Jacobs and Tom Jager (the top three finishers in the 100 free at the U.S. trials in August) resting for finals, Brent Lang, Doug Gjertsen and Shaun Jordan joined the fourth member of the "A" team, Troy Dalbey, in the prelims.

Lang led off in 50.18, followed by Gjertsen's 49.64, Jordan's 50.19 and Dalbey's 49.51 to lead runner-up qualifier USSR by 37-hundredths.

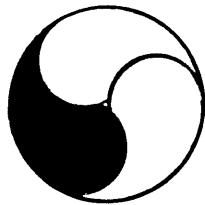
In finals, Jacobs—fresh from the silver medal in the 100 free—led off the United States in 49.63, giving the American team a nearly half-second lead over the rest of the field. Troy Dalbey split 49.75, followed by Tom Jager's 49.34, but the Soviet team was gaining ground. By the time Jager hit the wall, the U.S. was a mere 9-hundredths ahead of the Soviet Union.

But now it was Matt Biondi time. And while Vladimir Tkacenko split a respectable 49.52, it was no match for Biondi's blazing 47.81, the third fastest split ever swum, capping the fastest ever 400 free relay. The U.S. team beat the three-year-old world record of 3:17.08 with a 3:16.53. The Soviets finished in 3:18.33, while the East Germans took the bronze with a 3:19.82.

Jacobs (left) got the USA off to a fast start, and Biondi (congratulated by Jager) finished even faster in their world record 400 freestyle relay.



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The win was a needed boost for the U.S. Olympic team, whose spirits were down following a night of less than ideal performances.

"This was an off night for us," Jager, a team co-captain, said. "But we've got some great days coming up. I think the (U.S.) team is a little scared, and that's maybe why they didn't do as well as they could have."

Tkacenko said he and his comrades were pleased with their silver medals.

"Before the finals we understood pretty well that the Americans were a very strong team," he said. "We knew it would be very difficult to defeat them. Still, I think we did very well to break the European record, and I think we're very satisfied."

In terms of overall team performance, the U.S. swimmers could not say the same. So far, outside of Janet Evans, Biondi and a few others, the rest of the team was struggling. Very few swimmers were even matching their best times. "But that's going to change," Jager said. "Things are only going to get better."

—By Mark Muckenfuss

Women's 200 IM

Championship Finals—Sept. 24

Daniela Hunger, GDR	28.97	1:03.18	1:42.08	2:12.59
E. Dendeberova, URS	29.78	1:03.55	1:41.39	2:13.31
Noemi Lung, ROM	30.34	1:03.67	1:43.57	2:14.85
Jodie Clatworthy, AUS	29.99	1:04.83	1:44.31	2:16.31
Marianne Muis, HOL	30.00	1:04.08	1:45.07	2:16.40
A. Patrascioiu, ROM	29.51	1:03.28	1:44.46	2:16.70
Li Lin, CHN	29.46	1:04.16	1:45.04	2:17.42
W. Hedgepeth, USA	28.98	1:02.92	1:45.97	2:17.99

While golden girl Kristin Otto, 22, will probably retire following the Olympics, the German Democratic Republic has another star on the horizon in 16-year-old Daniela Hunger.

The Berliner is equally adept in the

sprints and individual medley. She was ranked No. 2 in the world in the 50 last year (although finishing just third at this year's GDR trials) and earned a gold medal earlier in the week on the 400 freestyle relay and bronze in the 400 IM.

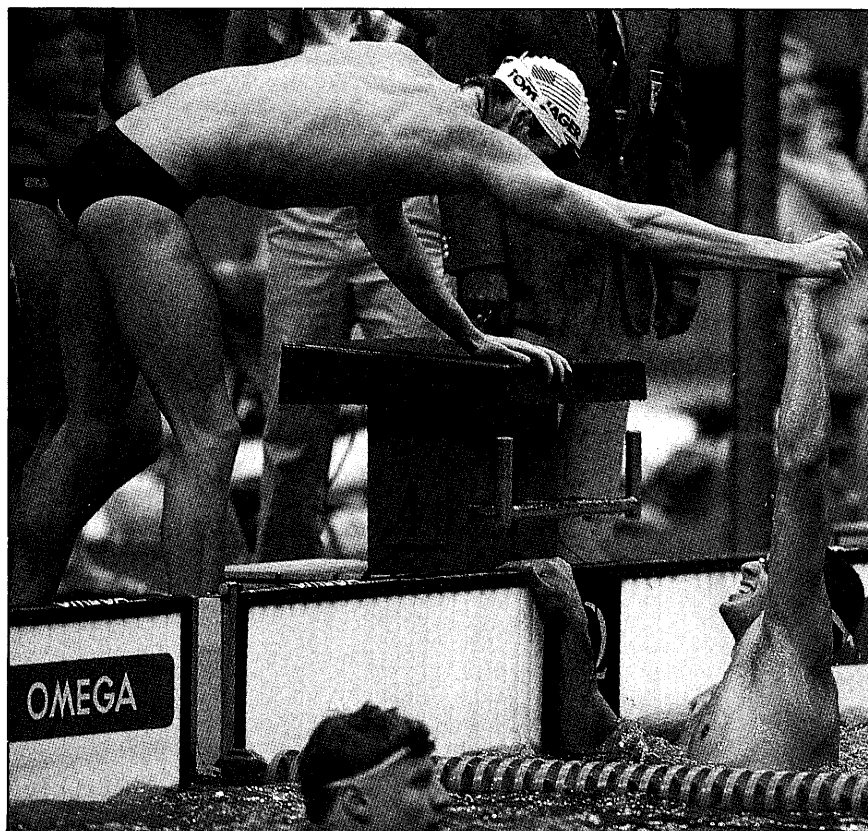
More impressively, Hunger reached the top in the world in the 200 IM where she won a second gold with an Olympic-record 2:12.59, bettering the mark of 2:12.64 set by Tracy Caulkins in 1984. The winning time, fifth-fastest in history and quickest in four years, ranks the 5-foot-9, 140-pounder No. 3 on the all-time list behind world record holder Ute Geweniger (2:11.73) and Petra Schneider (2:11.79), two former GDR greats.

Hunger held a slight lead after the fly leg (28.97) but gave way on backstroke to the USA's Whitney Hedgepeth, whose 33.94 lap put her ahead (1:02.92) halfway through the race. On breaststroke, the Soviet Union's Elena Dendeberova bolted in front off a 37.84 split. Hunger retained second, 69-hundredths back, as everyone passed the struggling Hedgepeth by 150 meters. On the final lap, the young GDR standout sped past (30.51 free) the 19-year-old Soviet swimmer and won by half a body. Dendeberova's runner-up time of 2:13.31 set a USSR record.

"I did not break the world record because the breaststroke and backstroke legs were not the best," said Hunger. "Next year, my goal is to break the record."

Noemi Lung, the 400 IM silver medalist from Romania, placed third in 2:14.85 while Hedgepeth finished last in 2:17.99. Hedgepeth, a 17-year-old high school senior from Colonial Heights, Va., was fortunate to make the final, qualifying eighth only after the other U.S. entry, Mary Wayte, was disqualified in the heats. Wayte had swum a personal-best 2:15.77 for the third-fastest time of the morning, but was eliminated for a dolphin kick on breaststroke.

"I only remember my arm pull, but all the American coaches—they may be biased—told me it was a legal kick," said Wayte. "I've been swimming that breaststroke since 1983 and hadn't been disqualified before. The call was made by a judge from Morocco. I wonder how many

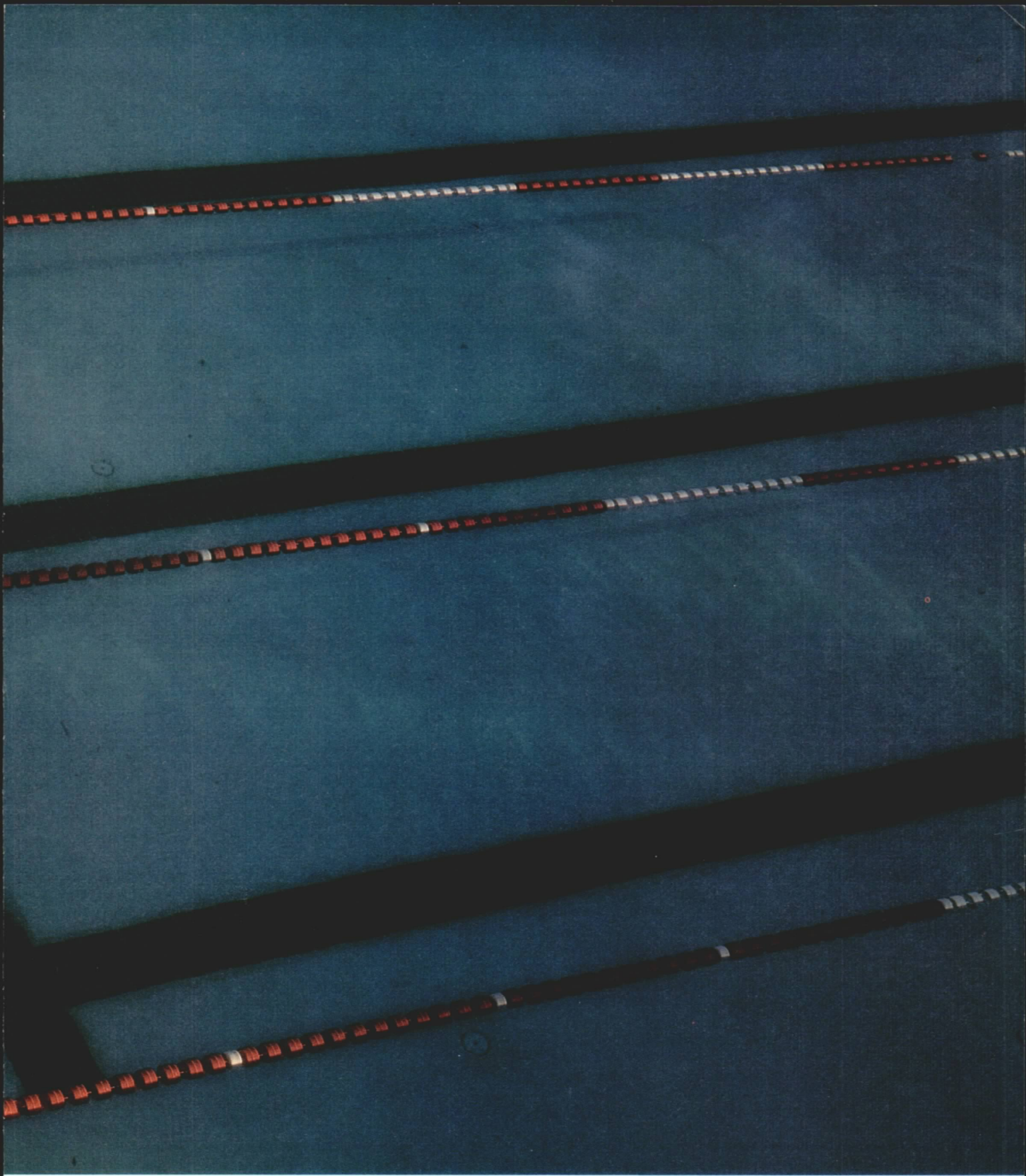


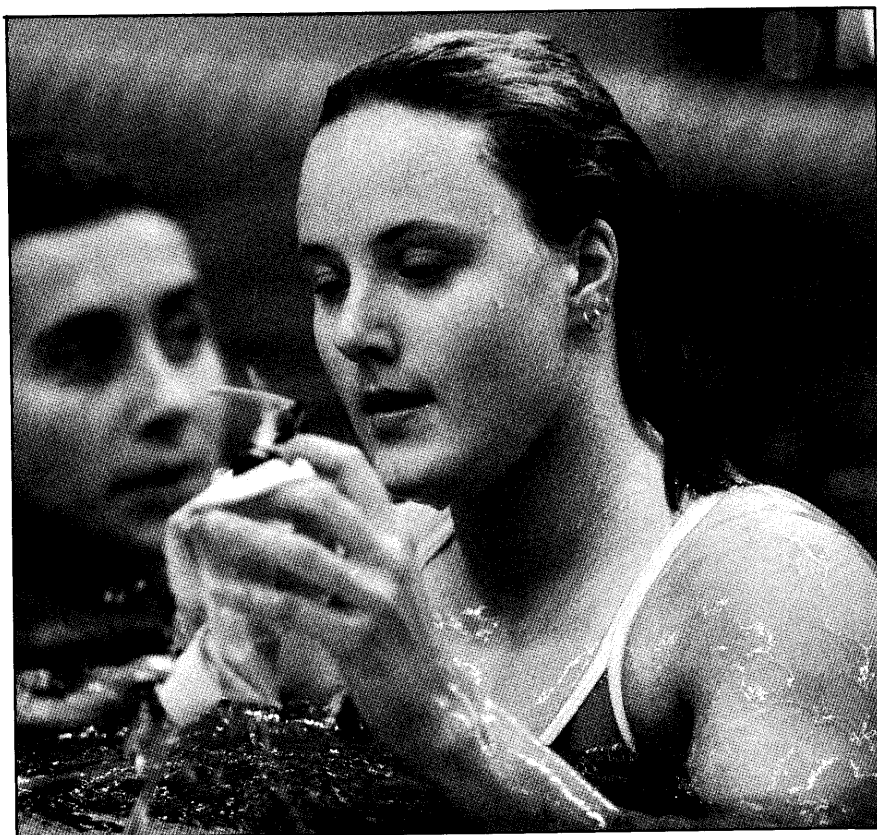
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meets he judges."

Hunger's teammate, Kathleen Nord, scratched from the heats to rest an injured knee in order to swim Sunday in the 200 fly.

Otto, the 1986 world champion, has not competed in the 200 IM since then. She said, "I can't swim all the events." —By Russ Ewald

Men's 200 Fly

Championship Finals—Sept. 24

Michael Gross, FRG	25.94	55.39	1:25.53	1:56.94
Benny Nielsen, DEN	27.12	57.05	1:27.65	1:58.24
Anthony Mosse, NZL	26.60	56.34	1:27.07	1:58.28
Tom Ponting, CAN	26.98	57.39	1:28.16	1:58.91
Melvin Stewart, USA	26.69	57.00	1:27.50	1:59.19
David Wilson, AUS	27.08	57.59	1:28.15	1:59.20
Jon Kelly, CAN	27.35	57.67	1:28.34	1:59.48
Anthony Nesty, SUR	26.79	56.91	1:28.15	2:00.80

"It was a question of all or nothing today."

West Germany's Michael Gross, 24, had already missed medal opportunities in two of his three premier events, the 200 free and 100 fly. The 200 fly was his last chance to medal individually, and he made the most of it.

"In my freestyle races, I have had stroke problems here in Korea," Gross said. "In the 100 meter fly,

which was the second best of my career, I noticed that my stroke felt much better.

"Only the victory was important for me today."

Gross, the 1986 world champion and fastest swimmer in this event last year, came to Seoul with the fastest 200 fly of 1988—1:56.48, more than a second faster than the No. 2-seeded swimmer, Melvin Stewart, 19 (the youngest competitor in the event), of the United States.

The world record holder proceeded to qualify first in the morning prelims with a 1:58.09, 7-tenths ahead of Anthony Mosse, 23, of New Zealand.

In the finals, Gross' strategy was clear.

"I went out as fast as possible," he said. "I wanted to lead from the beginning."

With a one-second lead at 100 meters (55.39 to Mosse's 56.34) and a one-and-a-half to two-second lead at 150 (1:25.53 to Mosse's 1:27.07, Stewart's 1:27.50 and Denmark's Benny Nielsen's 1:27.65), Gross made sure the race would be for second.

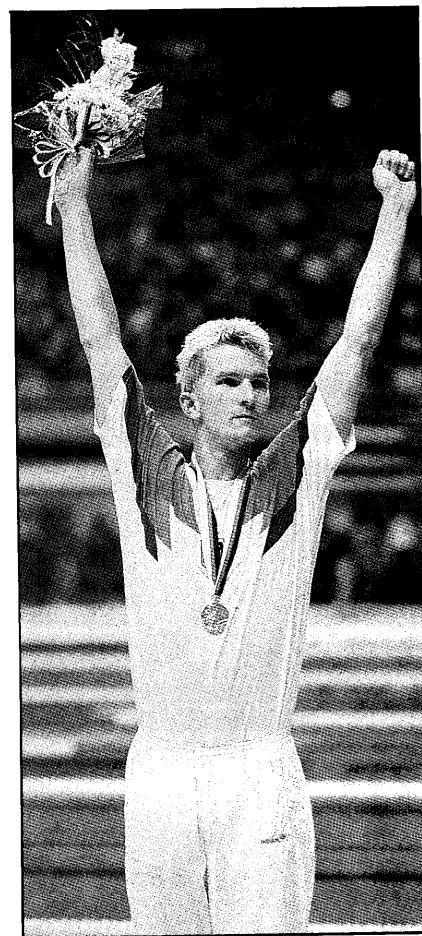
With splits under the world record pace at 50 and 150 meters, Gross fell

just short of breaking his world mark of 1:56.24 with a 1:56.94. He won by a body length over Nielsen, 1:58.24, and Mosse, 1:58.28. Stewart, ranked third in the world a year ago, dropped to fifth with a 1:59.19, well off his personal best of 1:57.89 from last March at U.S. nationals.

"I wasn't thinking that much about bettering my world record," Gross said. He did, however, set a new Olympic record, breaking the 1:57.04 set by Australia's Jon Sieben when he upset Gross for the gold at Los Angeles. Strangely enough, the two events Gross won in 1984 (200 free and 100 fly), he placed fifth in 1988. The event he lost last time around, he won.

"I think this race was really one of my best," Gross said. "I expected Anthony (Mosse) to go a 1:57. It proved to be good tactics to go out as fast as I did and be (nearly) two seconds ahead at the start of the last lap."

Mosse, who swam second to Gross



for 150 meters, did not make 1:57 and slipped to third at the finish.

"I tied up coming home," Mosse said. "I was trying to catch Michael on the last lap. He just had too much of a lead. I thought I was making headway, then with 20 meters to go, I just tied up."

The 22-year-old Nielsen, fourth at 150 meters, said he's had quite a few close races with Mosse over the years, and it was Mosse who usually won by a few tenths of a second. This time, though, "I knew that I had one chance, and I took it. I gave it my all on the last lap."

It was that kind of effort which really impressed Mosse.

"There's been some tremendous racing at the Olympics," he said. "I thought this was a good race with individuals racing against each other instead of the clock."

—By Bob Ingram

Men's 50 Free

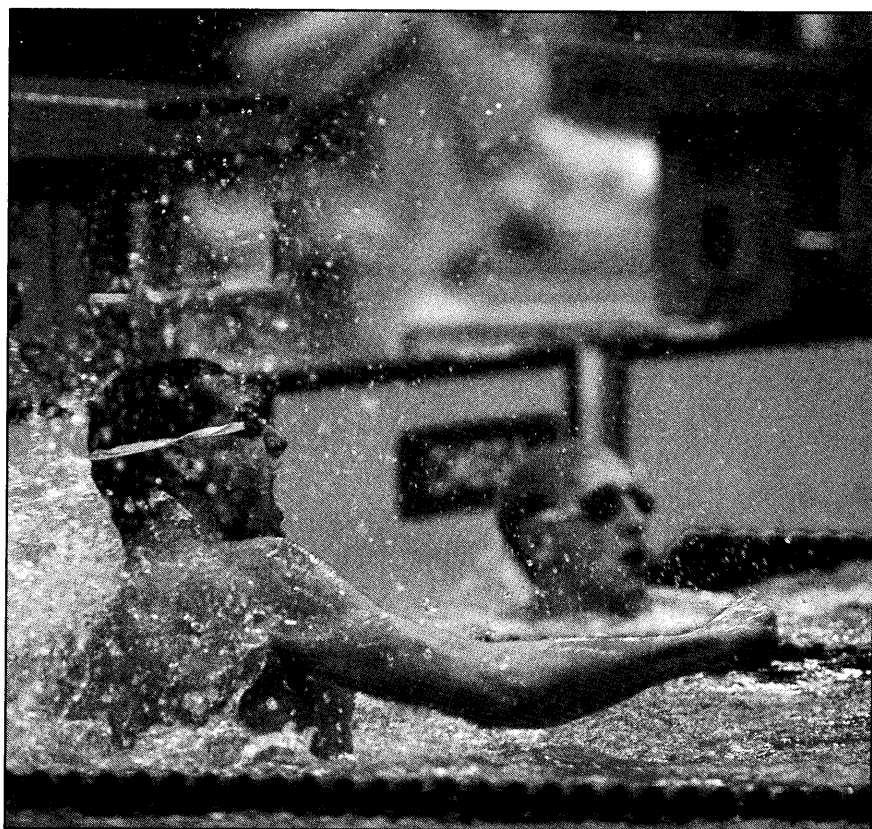
Championship Finals—Sept. 24

Matt Biondi, USA	22.14w
Tom Jager, USA	22.36
Gennadi Prigoda, URS	22.71
Dano Halsall, SUI	22.83
Stefan Volery, SUI	22.84
Vladimir Tkachenko, URS	22.88
Frank Henter, FRG	23.03
Andrew Baldon, AUS	23.15

The battle had raged for nearly four years. First it was Jager, then Biondi, then Jager again. Back and forth the title had gone, like a ping-pong ball as the two American sprinters spurred each other on, each trying to hold onto the 50 meter free-style title and the designation of being the fastest swimmer in the world.

Since setting the world record at the Pan Pacific meet last year (22.32), Jager had kept the title. He lowered the record to 22.23 at U.S. nationals last spring, and went 22.26 to win the event at Olympic trials. Biondi had never cracked the 22.30 barrier and had not gone faster than

Hunger and Gross (opposite page) won their first individual gold medals in the 200 IM and 200 fly on the next to last day of the meet, while Biondi (above) collected his fourth gold and sixth medal in the 50.



22.42 since the summer of 1987. In this highly psychological war zone, Jager had the definite mental edge.

But Biondi had some tricks up his sleeve. He had been working on his 50, particularly on his start. Jager, lightning fast off the blocks, always jumped to an early lead on Biondi, and it was forever a game of catch-up for the latter. During Olympic training camp, however, Biondi had been working on his starts, specifically his "breakout" time (the time period from the sound of the gun until breaking the water for the first stroke), and had made marked improvement. He had recorded 50 times at training camp that were faster than his personal best of 22.33. There was definitely going to be a race here.

When the gun sounded and the swimmers sprung from the blocks in unison, Biondi broke to the surface nearly a half body length ahead of the field. By the 25-meter mark, Jager was even with him, but the official world record holder (Peter Williams' 22.18 is not recognized since he is South African) was in trouble. The second half of the race had always been Biondi's. Jager had to be in front, not just even, at the halfway

point. As the two Americans steamed toward the finish, Jager watched Biondi pull ahead and finish in 22.14, setting a world record, while he hit the wall at 22.36 for the silver.

"I have been working on my breakout times," Biondi said, "and I feel I did that the best probably that I've ever done, tonight." Another point he has worked on, he said, was "swimming the first two strokes long and building into (the race). The problem I've had is trying to race it rather than swim it; that's really what I concentrated on tonight—just staying long those first few strokes rather than hitting it right away."

"It was a great race," Jager said of Biondi's record performance. "He swam an incredible race. I gave it my all, and I'm sure he gave it all he had, and that's just the way it came out."

The nature of the 50 is so tenuous, Biondi said, that "if the gun had gone off 10 seconds later, it might have come out different. Tom has clearly dominated the 50 the last few years, and we've competed so many times I can't (keep track).

"I will say that between Tom and I, I don't think there's a better competition anywhere else in athletics. ▶

The American record, between us, has gone three or four times, and now the world record has changed hands. He had, then I had it, then he had it and now I have it back. I don't doubt that he'll lower it again."

Jager agreed, saying he, unlike Biondi, was not retiring from the sport.

"I'll be back in four years," he said. "I believe in myself and I have goals I haven't reached yet."

As far as goals, Biondi was now one race away from capturing seven Olympic medals. The 50 gave him a new total of four golds, a silver and a bronze. He was asked what it meant to have six Olympic medals.

He thought for a few moments. Then, smiling slightly, he said, "It means I need one more."

—By Mark Muckenfuss

Women's 800 Free

Championship Finals—Sept. 24

Janet Evans, USA	1:01.13	2:04.04	3:06.76	4:10.06
	5:12.68	6:15.60	7:18.40	8:20.20
Astrid Strauss, GDR	1:01.47	2:05.03	3:09.06	4:12.96
	5:15.56	6:18.48	7:21.38	8:22.09
J. McDonald, AUS	1:02.76	2:06.97	3:11.03	4:14.73
	5:17.27	6:19.81	7:22.15	8:22.93
Anke Mohring, GDR	1:01.84	2:05.87	3:10.05	4:14.01
	5:17.10	6:19.80	7:22.57	8:23.09
Tami Bruce, USA	1:02.53	2:06.90	3:11.10	4:15.08
	5:18.71	6:22.99	7:27.22	8:30.86
Janelle Elford, AUS	1:01.97	2:06.06	3:10.27	4:14.48
	5:18.49	6:22.99	7:27.55	8:30.94
I. Arnould, BEL	1:03.41	2:07.92	3:12.73	4:17.73
	5:22.37	6:27.51	7:33.13	8:37.47
Strumenlieva, BUL	1:01.44	2:05.94	3:10.78	4:15.80
	5:21.70	6:28.22	7:35.64	8:41.05

Janet Evans has suffered only one long course defeat over the last two years. A little more than two weeks after setting a world record (8:22.44) at the nationals last summer, she ran out of her incredible energy supply and lost to Australia's Julie McDonald in the 800 at the Pan Pacific Championships. The petite American didn't just get beat, she was crushed by almost 10 seconds, able to do just 8:33.11.

"Between nationals and the Pan Pacs, I tried to hold my taper," recalled Evans. "I didn't, though, and died (in the race)."

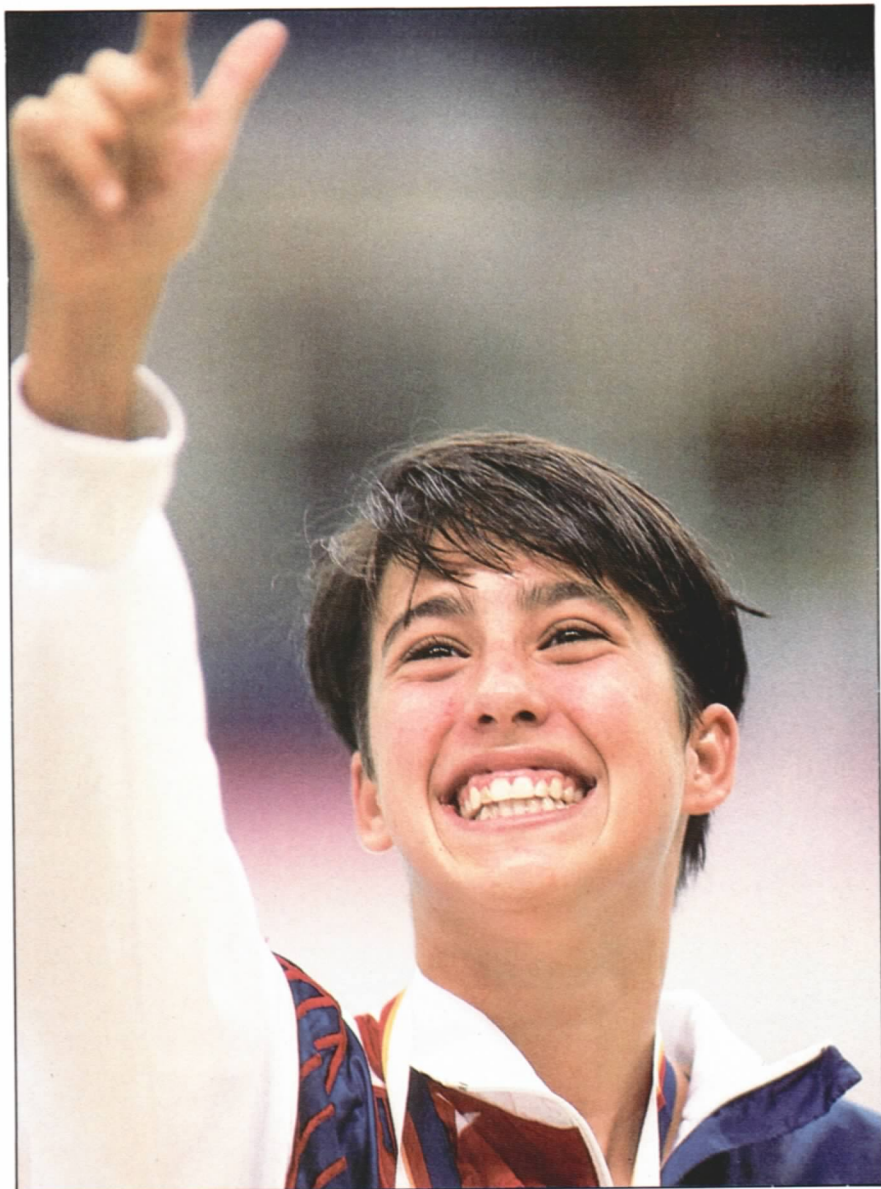
There were other factors, too. The meet was held in Brisbane, Australia, hometown of Tracey Wickham, whose record Evans had just broken. Consequently, the Aussie press wouldn't leave her alone when she arrived Down Under. "They were

nosey, pushy and very nationalistic," Evans summed up. She also didn't take to the Aussie food at the training table buffet with its heavy use of gravy and sauce and lost 10 pounds during her stay. Her coach, Bud McAllister, didn't accompany her, either, not making the U.S. staff for the Pan Pacs. This prompted U.S. national coach Richard Quick to get as many coaches of the Olympic qualifiers to the Games as possible—all but three came to Seoul.

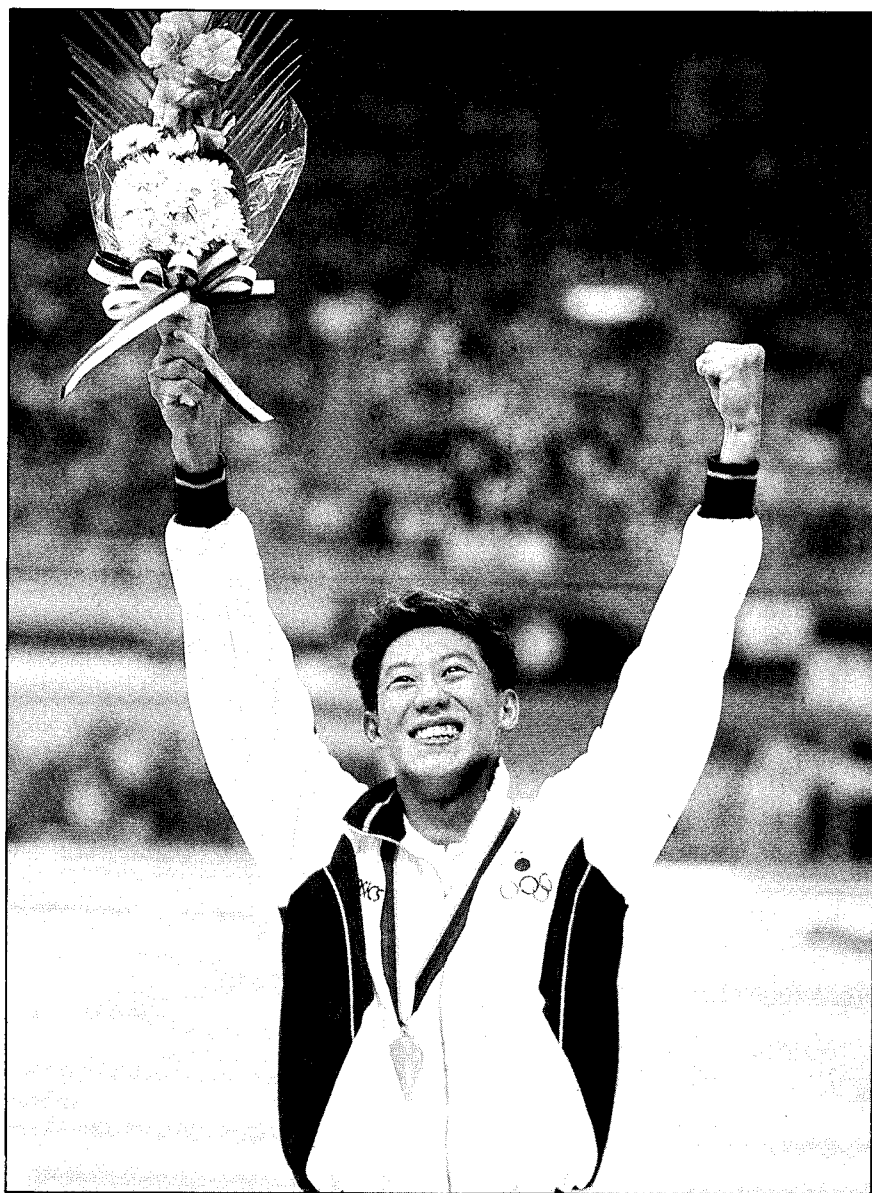
With McAllister at her side the entire time, Evans went straight up in yardage immediately following the trials and didn't come down until a couple of days after arriving in Seoul, Sept. 8. She forced herself to eat, concentrating on rice, rolls and

"chicken that wasn't that good." And because the Olympics feature so many stars, the media demand wasn't as bad. She was ready for her rematch with McDonald and motivated after doing a slow burn when the Aussies' coach, Laurie Lawrence, pranced and danced following her defeat in Brisbane.

In the Olympic final, competition also figured to come from the two GDR swimmers, two-time European champion Astrid Strauss and former world record holder Anke Mohring. Evans went out 4-tenths slower (1:01.13) than at the trials, yet no one stayed with her. By the 200 turn, she led by a body and lengthened her advantage to two bodies at 300 meters. She held a five-meter lead



(Photos by Simon Bruty/All-Sport)



over Strauss with Mohring and McDonald hanging another second back midway through the race, although sticking to her new strategy of going out more controlled (4:10.06) which put her 2½ seconds behind world record pace. Negative splitters Strauss and McDonald went to their kicks in the last 200 but made up only a couple of meters. Evans captured a third gold medal in an Olympic record time of 8:20.20,

Evans (opposite page) had reason to smile when she won her third gold medal in as many tries—as did Suzuki when he upset Berkoff in the 100 back.

bettering the old mark of 8:24.95 by Tiffany Cohen in 1984.

"I thought it was going to be tougher than it was," said Evans, the first swimmer ever to complete the 400-800-400 IM triple. "I looked around at the 100 and no one was there."

For the first time ever, she even-split an 800 in recording the third fastest performance ever. "In the trials (where she did 8:23.59), I took it out too hard," she said.

Strauss, who improved her personal best over four seconds (8:22.09) in holding off McDonald (8:22.93) for the silver, acknowledged, "Janet, after her fantastic 400 meter freestyle, was unbeatable in this race."

—By Russ Ewald

Men's 100 Back

Championship Finals—Sept. 24

Daichi Suzuki, JPN	25.97	55.05
David Berkoff, USA	25.47	55.18
Igor Polianski, URS	26.06	55.20
Sergei Zabolotnov, URS	26.38	55.37
Mark Tewksbury, CAN	26.66	56.09
Frank Baltrusch, GDR	27.22	56.10
Frank Hoffmeister, FRG	28.71	56.19
Sean Murphy, CAN	26.34	56.32

David Berkoff, who set the world record twice (in prelims and in finals) at the U.S. Olympic trials, had a good morning. He shattered his own world record of 54.91 with a 54.51 prelim swim, qualifying him more than a half-second ahead of anyone else in the race. It appeared that the United States would finally capture an individual gold that didn't have the name of Matt Biondi or Janet Evans attached to it.

But as Berkoff readied himself for the start of the race, settling into his crouch on the block, the gun went off. Before he could react, the rest of the field was already entering the water. The submarine starter, who always breaks the surface at about 40 meters out and well ahead of the field, was behind. As he dolphin-kicked beneath the surface, he did gain an advantage, so that by the time he came up for his first stroke he was about a body length ahead of the field. But that lead was less than he was accustomed to, and it turned out not to be nearly enough.

As Berkoff emerged from his turn, Daichi Suzuki of Japan was at his hip, and as the two stroked toward the finish, Suzuki caught and moved ahead of Berkoff, winning the gold, 55.05-55.18, turning in the sixth-fastest 100 backstroke ever. Igor Polianski of the Soviet Union, who had broken Rick Carey's five-year-old record in March of this year, and had lowered it twice before Berkoff shot into the 54s, wound up with the bronze in 55.20.

"I didn't think the start would be that fast," Berkoff said of his being caught off-guard. "But I'm usually slow off the blocks anyway, so it wasn't that much of a factor. I just felt a lot tighter tonight. Daichi is a great competitor and he swam a hell of a race tonight. The best I could do was second. I'm still very pleased with myself and with this whole

season."

Suzuki said he was a bit stunned to be sitting with a gold medal dangling from his neck.

"I didn't think I would win the gold medal," he said. His fastest time coming into the Games was a 55.32. He went 55.91 in prelims, hardly an indication of his final time. "I can't really grasp this," he said. "I feel very happy for myself and my country."

And his country was happy in return. With breaststroke star Hiroko Nagasaki faltering, Suzuki provided Japan's only swimming medal in this Olympic Games.

—By Mark Muckenfuss

Women's 400 MR

Championship Finals—Sept. 24

GDR	1:01.03	2:09.23	3:08.74	4:03.74o
(Otto, Horner, Weigang, Meissner)				
USA	1:02.56	2:12.78	3:12.62	4:07.90
(Barr, McFarlane, Jorgensen, Wayte)				
CAN	1:04.25	2:12.40	3:14.18	4:10.49
(Melien, Higson, Kerr, Nugent)				
AUS	1:03.43	2:13.92	3:14.79	4:11.57
(Livingstone, Hooiveld, Alessandri, Van Wirdum)				
HOL	1:03.76	2:15.16	3:15.46	4:12.19
(De Rover, Moes, van Bentum, Briennesse)				

BUL	1:04.87	2:12.82	3:15.58	4:12.36
(Gospodinova, Dangalakova, Miteva, Hristova)				
FRG	1:03.46	2:15.82	3:17.61	4:12.89
(Schlicht, Dahm, Rehaa, Aizpors)				
ITA	1:03.96	2:14.59	3:16.52	4:13.85
(Vigarani, Dalla Valle, Tocchini, Persi)				

Mary Wayte was asked to clarify a statement she made that the German Democratic Republic women swimmers were overrated.

"They're not overrated swimmers," she said, "but they're overrated by the American media. They make them out to be superhuman, then the press wants us to dominate."

"That puts too much pressure on us. It's just another hurdle for us."

"Certainly they (the GDR women swimmers) came into this meet No. 1 or 2, and they have proven that by the way they're swimming. I never said they were overrated, just that the U.S. press overrates them. There's a big difference . . . I think."

Oerrated or not, the GDR women had to be "rated" the favorite in the medley relay. There couldn't be any pressure on the U.S. women because there was just no way they could beat their primary competition

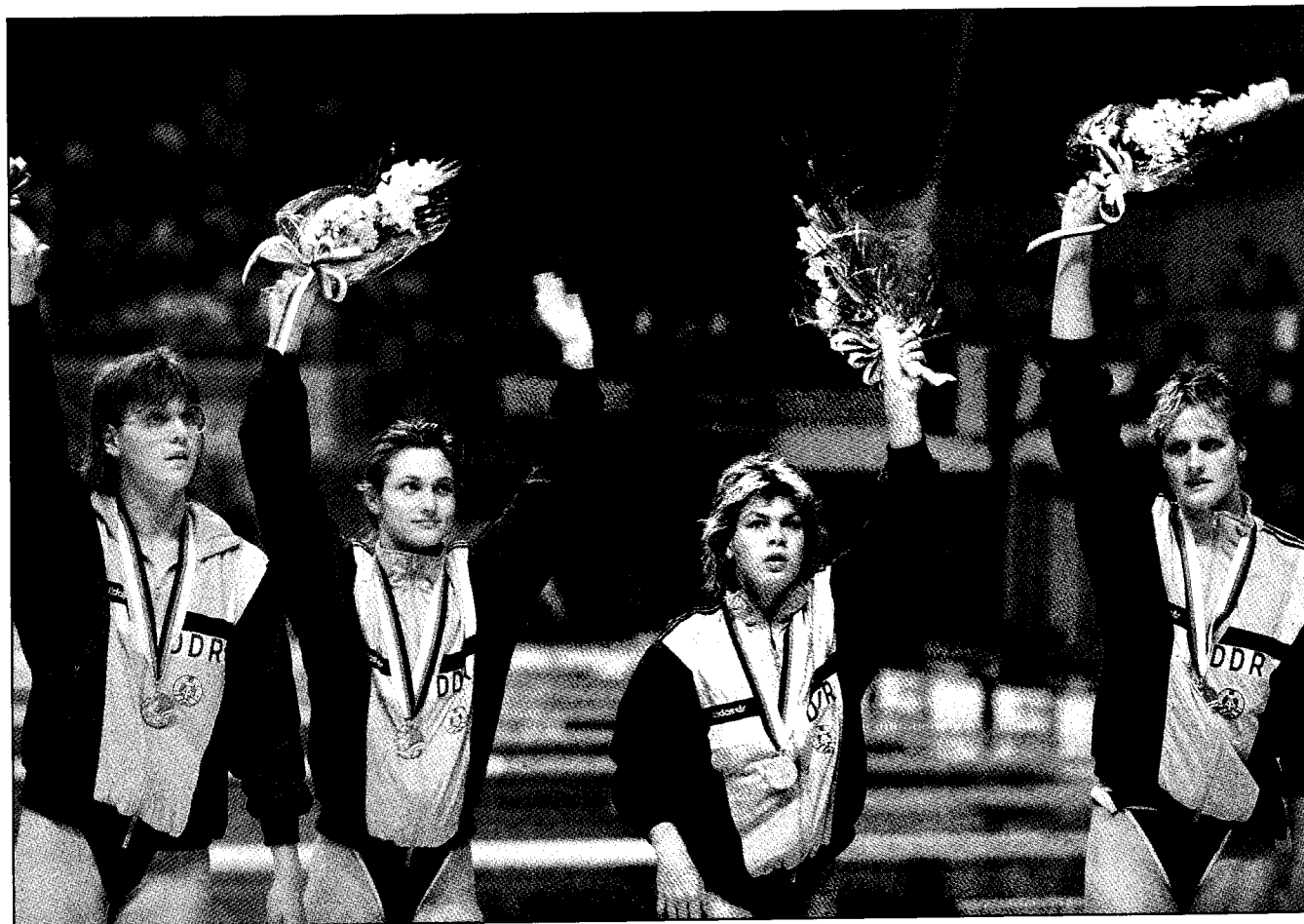
this side of a disqualification.

Consider the facts. All of the 100 stroke events had been swum at Seoul by the time the medley relay rolled around. The best times turned in by the GDR (including the best split from the 400 free relay) added up to a 4:03.90; the best of the U.S. came to 4:07.77.

In prelims, the GDR put together a team of Cornelia Sirch (1:02.34), Silke Horner (1:09.37), Birte Weigang (1:00.75) and Manuela Stellmach (56.07) to qualify first with a 4:08.53. The Americans were second at 4:10.38 with a team of Betsy Mitchell (1:02.66), Tracey McFarlane (1:10.33), Mary T. Meagher (1:01.64) and Dara Torres (55.75).

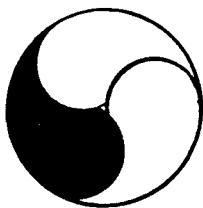
In finals, the biggest question for the GDR coaches was where to put Kristin Otto. After all, she had won the 100 back, 100 fly and 100 free.

They decided to put her in backstroke in place of Sirch while substituting Katrin Meissner (the girl with the fastest 100 free split, from their 400 freestyle relay) for Stellmach in freestyle.



(Photo by Simon Bruty/All-Sport)

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The Americans substituted Beth Barr for Mitchell in the backstroke, Janel Jorgensen for Meagher in butterfly and Mary Wayte for Torres in freestyle since these were the swimmers with the fastest times or splits swum in Seoul.

And the final went just as planned.

The GDR set a new Olympic record of 4:03.74, just 5-hundredths shy of the world mark set by the GDR in 1984. In fact, teams from the GDR have held the world record in this event since 1973. They never trailed as Otto led off in 1:01.03, followed by Horner's 1:08.20, Weigang's 59.51 and Meissner's 55.00.

The Americans easily captured the silver in 4:07.90, just off their American record of 4:07.75 set in 1986 at Madrid. Barr led off in 1:02.56, followed by McFarlane's 1:10.22, Jorgensen's 59.84 and Wayte's 55.28. They swam in the second position for all of the race except breaststroke when Canada's Allison Higson turned in a 1:08.15 (third fastest performer all-time) to put Canada ahead for a brief moment by 38-hundredths. On the same leg, Tania Dangelakova of Bulgaria (the gold medalist in the 100 breast) split 1:07.95, just off her best of 1:07.88 from 1986.

Canada took the bronze—its first medal of the meet—with a 4:10.49.

The GDR relay win also provided Otto with her fifth gold medal of the meet—three individual and two relay.

"I'm very happy about my results," she said, "but I haven't realized the full meaning of winning five gold medals. I think it'll take some time to realize it."

Asked to analyze her five races, she said, "All of them were difficult. There was a certain amount of tension in each of them. Perhaps the 100 freestyle (her first gold medal) I will remember the most."

After the Games, Otto plans to retire. "I'll do something else other than swimming," she said.

—By Bob Ingram

When it came to the medley, Meissner, Weigang, Horner and Otto (left) contributed to a relay win, while Darnyi (right) did it by himself in both IMs.

Men's 200 IM

Championship Finals—Sept. 25

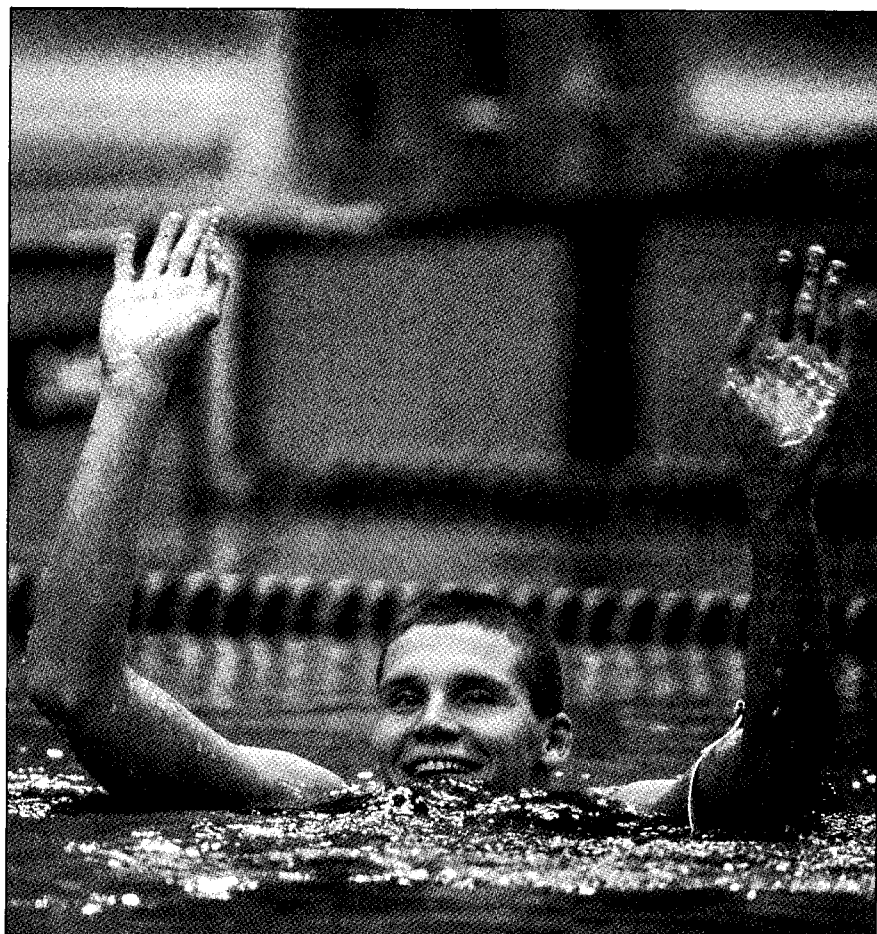
Tamas Darnyi, HUN	27.06	57.33	1:32.44	2:00.17w
Patrick Kuhl, GDR	26.59	57.56	1:32.37	2:01.61
Vadim Yaroshuk, URS	25.60	56.24	1:32.20	2:02.40
Mikhail Zubkov, URS	27.18	58.45	1:33.97	2:02.92
Peter Barmel, FRG	27.29	58.31	1:34.19	2:03.81
Robert Bruce, AUS	26.69	58.14	1:34.73	2:04.34
Raik Hannemann, GDR	26.25	58.12	1:34.46	2:04.82
Gary Anderson, CAN	27.10	58.23	1:35.63	2:06.35

In the 400 individual medley, Hungary's Tamas Darnyi blew away Dave Wharton in their much-anticipated duel with a world record of 4:14.75. But there was no rematch in

the 200 IM as the American record holder finished only ninth in the prelims in 2:04.64, 3.62 seconds off his best which was the second-fastest performance of all time.

"I didn't anticipate that swim," said Dick Shoulberg, Wharton's coach. "He had a great training camp. His attitude's been great. His health has been perfect. He did everything I asked. I just don't know what happened. It's what is known as a bad day at the mill."

In the final, though, Darnyi didn't have the race to himself. Soviet Vadim Yaroshuk blazed a 25.60 fly leg and remained in front through the back (56.24) and breast (1:32.20) laps. A strong breaststroke (34.81) elevated GDR ace Patrick Kuhl to second, only a shoulder-length back. Then, Darnyi, who had stuck close throughout and was almost even with Kuhl, took over with his vaunted freestyle finish. He surged past the leaders and won by more than a body length in 2:00.17, lowering his world record by 39-hundredths. His final split was a smok- ▶



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ing 27.73.

"If the race had been closer (the last lap), I could have swum under two minutes," said the 21-year-old Darnyi, who revealed he will continue swimming at least through the next Olympic Games.

Hungary's only double gold medalist will receive a half-million forints (\$10,000) less taxes from his government for the victory.

Tamas Szechy, the longtime Hungarian coach who trains Darnyi, said, "If Dave Wharton was in great shape, he (Darnyi) and Wharton would have distanced the field by 10 meters."

Kuhl also passed the tiring Yaroshuk to pick up the silver medal and set a GDR record of 2:01.61. Yaroshuk was third in 2:02.40.

—By Russ Ewald

Women's 200 Fly

Championship Finals—Sept. 25

Kathleen Nord, GDR	29.59	1:02.21	1:35.46	2:09.51
Birte Weigang, GDR	28.61	1:00.60	1:34.15	2:09.91
Mary T. Meagher, USA	29.94	1:03.07	1:36.34	2:10.80
Stela Pura, ROM	30.07	1:03.27	1:37.01	2:11.28
Trina Radke, USA	30.36	1:03.94	1:37.56	2:11.55
Kiyomi Takahashi, JPN	30.33	1:03.84	1:38.16	2:11.62
Xiaohong Wang, CHN	30.28	1:03.75	1:37.67	2:12.34
C. van Bentum, HOL	30.00	1:03.77	1:37.85	2:13.17

This was the swan song of Madame Butterfly, Mary T. Meagher. Her final performance on the vast stage of international swimming. It was time for the curtain to drop on the career of the greatest female butterflyer ever. Just one more race.

A year ago, Meagher swept the butterfly events at the NCAAs and then settled into a brief retirement, one that was never intended to be permanent. When she reappeared on the scene last spring for the indoor nationals, she won the 200 fly and placed fourth in the 100 fly with times that were less than impressive. At Olympic trials, she cracked the one-minute barrier in the 100 fly for the first time in two years to qualify second, and later (following Angel Myers' removal from the team) first, in that event. She was the top swimmer in the 200 fly, but her time of 2:09.13 was far from her best.

When Meagher struggled to a seventh-place finish here in the 100 fly with a time of 1:00.97, it began to become apparent that it would be a fight for her simply to medal in the 200, an event where, since setting the world record in 1981 (2:05.96), she had only been beaten once in a

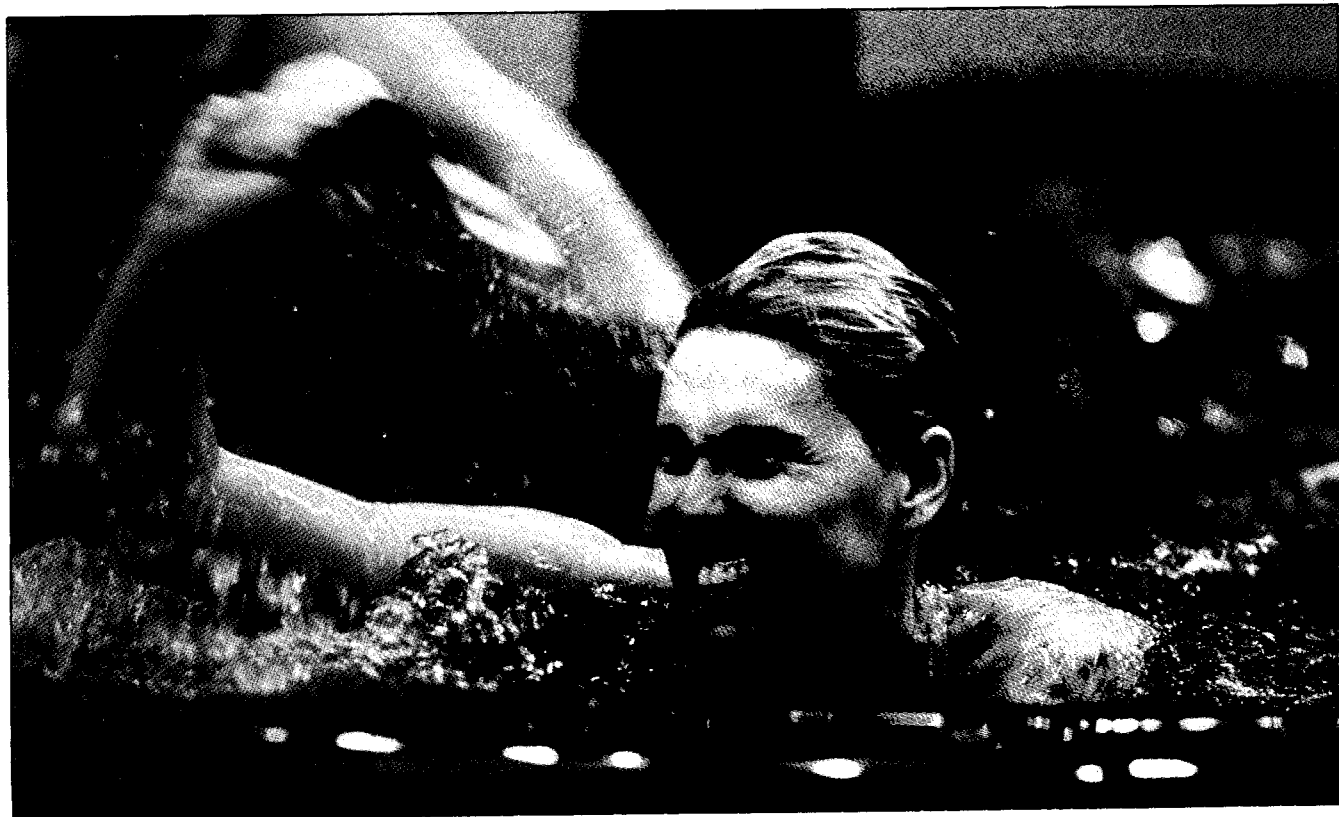
major meet, and that was in 1982. Now, however, her confidence seemed to be on the wane.

Birte Weigang, normally a fast first-half swimmer, outdid herself in the race, streaking to a 100 split of 1:00.60 (8-tenths ahead of world record pace), but paid the price on the back half ("I simply couldn't pull my arms through the water on the last lap"), as she lost ground, and the gold, to her East German countrywoman Kathleen Nord. Weigang did, however, hold off Meagher, who hit the wall on the first 50 in third and was never able to break out of that position. Weigang finished in 2:09.91, Meagher in 2:10.80 to win the bronze.

Nord said she was surprised with the gold.

"If Birte had gone out a little slower, I am sure she would have been able to last better." Her own time, she said, "leaves a little to be desired for a competition of this magnitude, but I am happy with it."

As for Meagher: "Well, I certainly didn't want to end this way. I am pleased with my career, but this time shows that it's time to go on to other things." Admitting to being very nervous coming into the race, Meagher



(Photo by All-Sport)

said she felt she had prepared herself as best she could. "I gave it everything I could (tonight), and that's all anyone can do."

—By Mark Muckenfuss

Women's 50 Free

Championship Finals—Sept. 25

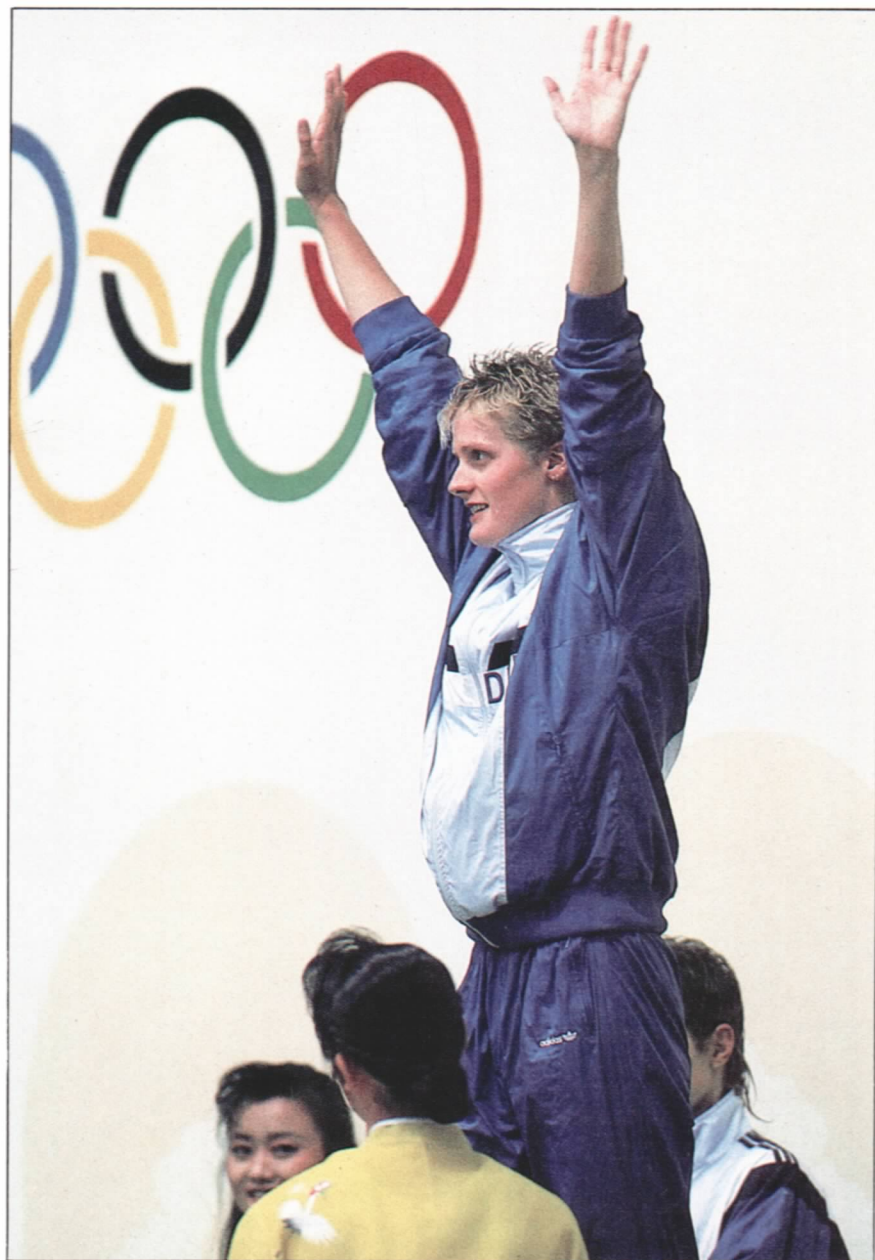
Kristin Otto, GDR	25.49
Wenyi Yang, CHN	25.64
Katrin Meissner, GDR	25.71
Jill Sterkel, USA	25.71
Leigh Ann Fetter, USA	25.78
Tamara Costache, ROM	25.80
Catherine Piewinski, FRA	25.90
Karen Van Wirdum, AUS	26.01

No one thought Kristin Otto would win six gold medals at the Olympic Games, including Otto herself. The German Democratic Republic swimmer didn't think much of her chances in the 100 butterfly. But the biggest surprise to her was gold medal No. 6 in the 50.

"I didn't think 25.5 (actually 25.49) would be fast enough to win this race," she said. "That is the same time that I swam in Madrid (at the World Championships) two years ago, only then I ended up second. I can't swim faster than 25.5. Perhaps my nerves were better today."

Otto is not only fast, she is a good analyst. Her chances in the 50 looked slim because the field featured China's Wenyi Yang, who set a world record of 24.98 earlier this year, and world champion Tamara Costache of Romania with six times better than Otto's best. In the heats, Otto qualified third (25.85) behind Wenyi (25.67) and teammate Katrin Meissner (25.77).

Two false starts—one when the gun failed to go off—probably prevented a fast time in the final. The race was up for grabs until the final few strokes when Otto pulled her 6-foot-1-inch body in front to touch out Wenyi by 15-hundredths. Since this was the first time the 50 was held at the Games the winning time



(Photo by Simon Bruty/All-Sport)

Nord (left) outtouched teammate Weigang by 4-hundredths for gold in the 200 fly. When Otto (right) won the 50, she became the winningest woman at an Olympics with six golds—four individual and two relays.

established an Olympic record but was only 1-hundredth better than Otto's personal best. Costache, who earlier in the month went 25.15 at her nationals, did just 25.80 to finish sixth.

While Otto thought the false starts might have unsettled record holder Wenyi, the 16-year-old Chinese standout said they had no impact.

"I don't have any Olympic experience, so I am happy with the results," said the silver medalist.

Mu Xiang Hao, who coaches Wenyi, explained, "I think she was very tired. She swam a lot of races in this meet, and she is very young and inexperienced."

Meissner, who tied for third with Jill Sterkel at 25.71, believed the maturity of her 22-year-old teammate may have been the difference.

"Well, my time is not particularly earth-shaking," said the 15-year-old, the youngest of the GDR swimmers. "Maybe the long delay affected me. Only Kristin did not appear to be bothered."

Sterkel, co-captain of the U.S. team with Tom Jager, was able to swim the 50 in the Olympics only in the wake of Angel Myers' disqualification. Sterkel had already made history just by being on the U.S. Olympic swimming team again, a record fourth time. She was also the oldest

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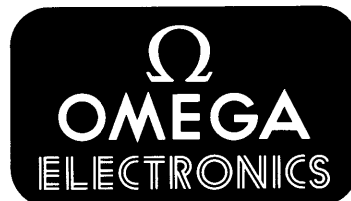
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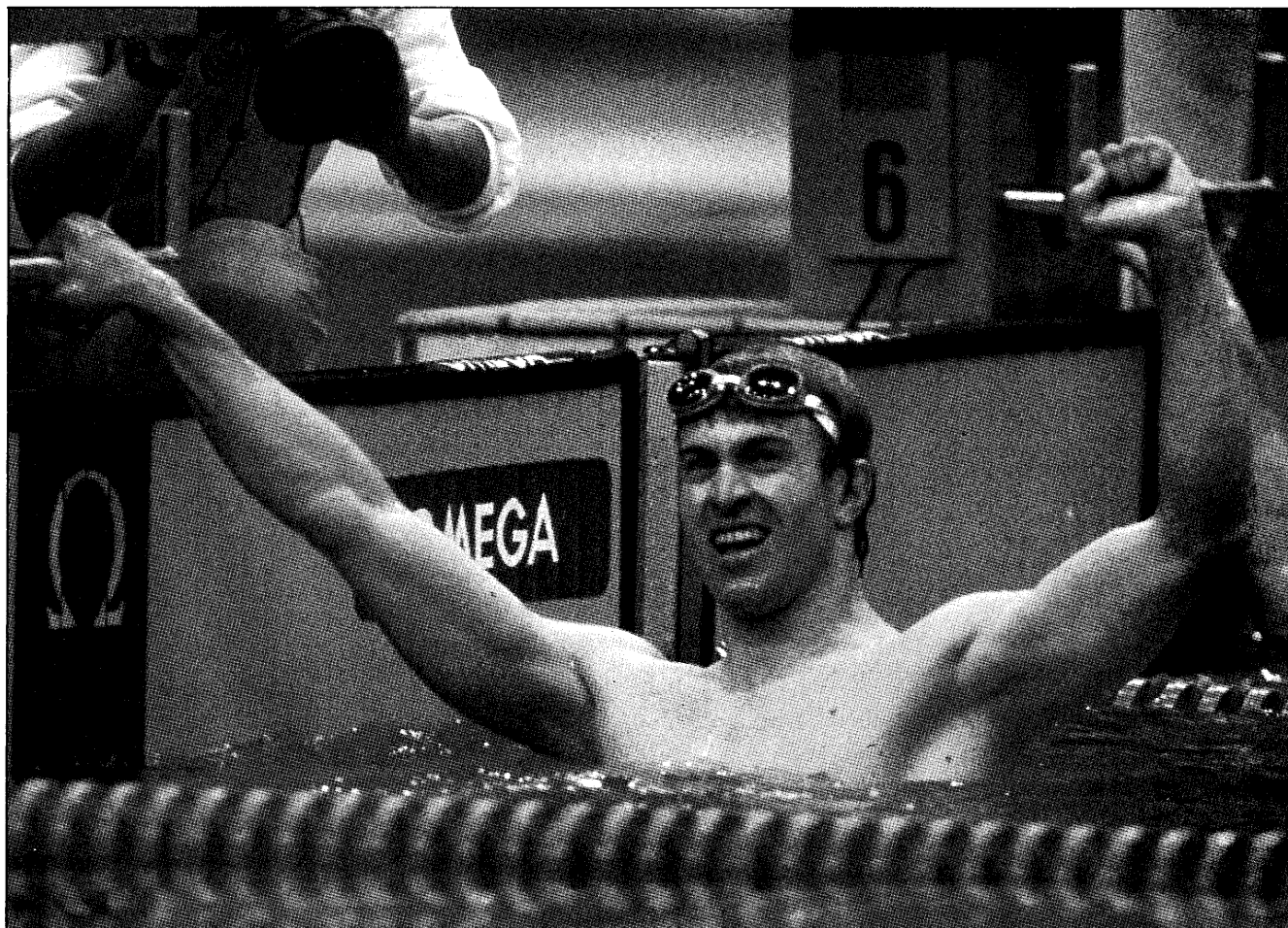
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member of this year's squad at age 27. And then to get a medal, too.

"I am pleased with my medal," she said. "Of course, everyone tries to win a gold medal, and that was my goal going into the race.

"After 22 years, one lap of the pool. That is what I said to myself on the starting block. I'm glad there weren't any gun false starts because I felt I had just one great one in me. I had no idea where I was in relation to the other swimmers. At the finish, I kept my head up and went for the wall."

Leigh Ann Fetter, who this year was a freshman at Texas where Sterkel was an assistant coach, finished just one place in back of her mentor in fifth with a time of 25.78.

—By Russ Ewald

It was the perfect culmination of Salnikov's (above) career when he won the 1500 with a time of 15:00.40. He now owns the event's five fastest times.

Men's 1500 Free

Championship Finals—Sept. 25

V. Salnikov, URS	58.14	1:58.94	2:59.50	3:59.76
	5:00.14	6:00.41	7:00.60	8:00.67
	9:00.62	10:00.17	10:59.79	11:59.42
				15:00.40
S. Pfeiffer, FRG	58.45	1:59.38	3:00.04	4:00.55
	5:01.11	6:01.62	7:02.06	8:02.14
	9:02.07	10:02.21	11:02.35	12:02.61
				15:02.69
Uwe Dassler, GDR	58.13	1:59.03	2:59.77	4:00.34
	5:00.84	6:01.54	7:02.43	8:03.24
	9:04.27	10:05.68	11:06.71	12:07.47
				15:06.15
Matt Cetlinski, USA	58.09	1:58.83	2:59.22	3:59.52
	4:59.63	6:00.13	7:00.86	8:01.11
	9:01.86	10:03.15	11:04.63	12:06.03
				15:06.42
Podkoscielny, POL	58.48	1:59.80	3:00.71	4:01.61
	5:02.78	6:04.11	7:05.45	8:06.79
	9:08.20	10:09.66	11:11.13	12:12.57
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Rainer Henkel, FRG	59.09	2:00.03	3:01.24	4:02.47
	5:03.47	6:04.07	7:04.81	8:06.07
	9:06.65	10:08.07	11:09.36	12:11.47
				15:18.19
Kevin Boyd, GBR	58.70	1:59.87	3:01.21	4:02.72
	5:04.03	6:05.38	7:06.91	8:08.64
	9:10.24	10:12.03	11:13.70	12:15.81
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Darjan Petric, YUG	59.50	2:00.23	3:01.33	4:02.90
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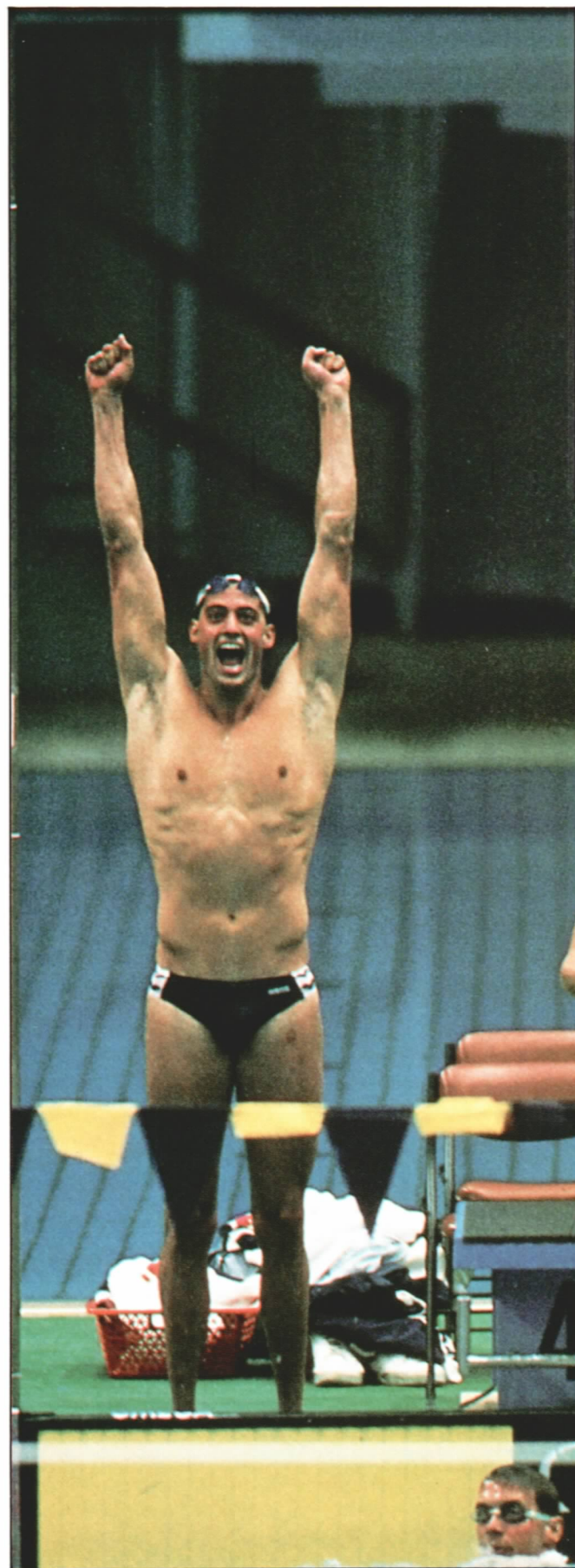
Vladimir Salnikov climbed from over the hill back to the top.

This is the man who was unbeaten in international competition in the 1500 free between 1977 and 1986. This is the only man to swim under 15 minutes in this event, and he's done it four times.

This, too, is the man who placed only fourth at the World Championships in 1986 and couldn't make finals at last year's European Championships.

Over the hill? Not by any means. The Soviet veteran went out in a blaze of glory by capturing the Olympic gold medal in 15:00.40, the fifth fastest swim all-time of which he owns all five. Finishing in second and in third were Stefan Pfeiffer, 22, of West Germany (15:02.69) and Uwe Dassler, 21, of the GDR (15:06.15).

Salnikov was easily the crowd favorite. When receiving his gold medal, he was given one of the longer and louder ovations. But even more moving was when he returned to the athletes village cafeteria that night. When he entered the ►



(Photo by Mike Gosman)

(Photo by Mike Powell/All-Sport)

room, some 200 to 300 athletes and coaches of all sports and countries gave the Soviet a spontaneous standing ovation.

"I am very happy for Vladimir about this victory," runner-up Pfeiffer said. "This is really the culmination of his career."

At 28, the culmination of Salnikov's career could have come years earlier with logical stopping points after the Olympic Games in Moscow in 1980 or the Friendship Games in Moscow four years later.

"(Those two meets) were realistic points to stop," Salnikov admitted, "but I still liked swimming. I just couldn't stop. I spent about 20 years in this sport. It's a big part of my life. I've had many exciting moments, and there's a happiness I feel in my victories."

But the inevitable was asked. Is he retiring now?

"Yes, I think so."

But before Salnikov made it official, he swam with most of the field for 600 meters, trailing American Matt Cetlinski by half a body length. At about 675 meters, he pulled even with Cetlinski and turned ahead of him at the 700 mark, 7:00.60 to 7:00.86.

From there it was all Salnikov, first swimming ahead of Cetlinski by about a body length at 900 meters, then an even bigger margin over Pfeiffer who passed Cetlinski for second at the 950 turn. Salnikov maintained splits of 1:00 with five 100s between 59.55 and 59.95.

Dassler, the eventual bronze medalist, caught Cetlinski just before 1400 meters and opened up a half body length lead over the American with 50 meters to go. Cetlinski churned furiously to the finish, gaining on Dassler with each stroke, only to be outtouched at the finish by 27-hundredths.

For Salnikov, the comeback was made complete with his second Olympic gold medal in the 1500, but it was a struggle.

Egerszegi, 14 (inset), became the youngest Olympic swimming gold medalist ever (200 back); Biondi, Berkoff and Schroeder teamed with Jacobs to win the medley relay.

"It's difficult to explain, but some moments I felt I came to the point where I would never be at the top again," Salnikov admitted. "My wife (Marina) believed in me. In this victory, she was the most important part."

"I've been at the top for a very long time, but I didn't feel I did everything I could. Now I can retire with pleasure." —By Bob Ingram

Women's 200 Back

Championship Finals—Sept. 25

K. Egerszegi, HUN	30.32:02.99	1:35.88	2:09.29
K. Zimmermann, GDR	30.83:03.59	1:37.03	2:10.61
Cornelia Sirch, GDR	30.20:02.79	1:36.47	2:11.45
Beth Barr, USA	31.34:04.98	1:38.72	2:12.39
N. Livingstone, AUS	31.65:05.14	1:39.58	2:13.43
Andrea Hayes, USA	31.59:05.66	1:40.23	2:15.02
Jolanda de Rover, HOL	31.81:06.04	1:40.87	2:15.17
Svenja Schlicht, FRG	32.23:06.61	1:41.54	2:15.94

Each Olympics seems to bring one future star to the forefront. This time it took until the final day when a 14-year-old sprite from Hungary ousted the East Germans from the first-place platform, becoming the youngest swimming gold medalist in any Olympic Games.

The 5-5, 99-pound Krisztina Egerszegi made a quiet debut last year at the European Championships as a 12-year-old, where she placed fourth in the 200 back with a 2:13.46. Later in the year, at the U.S. Open, she lowered that time to a 2:11.86. In morning prelims she qualified second (2:11.01) behind East Germany's Cornelia Sirch, and it looked as though those standings would hold true for the final, when Sirch hit the 100 wall 2-tenths ahead of Egerszegi (1:02.79-1:02.99).

But the little Hungarian had more gas in the tank than her competitors realized. On the third 50, she blitzed past Sirch and led by nearly 6-tenths at the 150 mark. She broadened that distance even more on the final lap, as Sirch faded to third and Egerszegi finished 2:09.29-2:10.61 over Sirch's teammate Kathrin Zimmermann.

Egerszegi's time was the second fastest ever, establishing her as the reigning world champion in the stroke.

She seemed to take it in stride as she blushed and giggled shyly (like any 14-year-old would) through the press conference that followed the

medal presentation. "Her nickname is 'Mouse,'" offered her coach, Laszlo Kiss. "That's because she is so shy."

"I'm very, very happy," Egerszegi said, when asked how she felt about being Hungary's first female gold medalist in 36 years.

The youngster had reportedly predicted two weeks before the race that she would break the 2:10 barrier, something only two other backstrokers, Sirch and Betsy Mitchell, have done. "I was not certain about it," she said, referring to her forecast, "but I wanted to be able to swim under 2:10."

Egerszegi's potential was probably best summed up by Sirch.

"She's a very good swimmer," Sirch said, "and she's also in very good shape. She's very young and I'm sure she has a great future before her. I'm certain she will break new ground in backstroke swimming."

Correction: She already has.

—By Mark Muckenfuss

Men's 400 MR

Championship Finals—Sept. 25

USA	54.56	1:56.20	2:48.58	3:36.93w
(Berkoff, Schroeder, Biondi, Jacobs)				
CAN	56.11	1:57.01	2:50.53	3:39.28
(Tewksbury, Davis, Ponting, Goss)				
URS	55.35	1:56.88	2:50.22	3:39.96
(Polianski, Volkov, Yaroshuk, Prigoda)				
FRG	57.18	2:00.30	2:53.47	3:42.98
(Hoffmeister, Mayer, Gross, Zikarsky)				
JPN	55.87	1:58.62	2:52.80	3:44.36
(Suzuki, Nagahata, Miura, Ogata)				
AUS	57.85	2:02.86	2:56.28	3:45.85
(Wilson, McAdam, Sieben, Baildon)				
HOL	58.26	2:01.66	2:56.14	3:46.55
(Kroes, Dekker, Drost, Dybiona)				
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(Harper, Moorhouse, Jameson, Foster)				

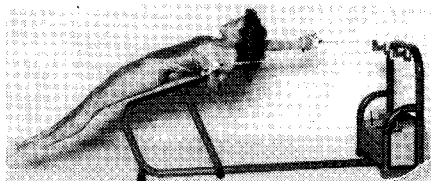
Japan's swimmers waved their flags. West Germany's swimmers came out dressed in mountain-climbing gear suitable for the Bavarian Alps. And the American swimmers came out dressed to kill . . . the world record, that is.

Before you could say, "Matt Biondi just won his seventh Olympic medal," the USA was on the attack to a 3:36.93 medley relay, smashing the world record of 3:38.28 that was turned in by the United States team of Rick Carey, John Moffet, Pablo Morales and Matt Biondi at Tokyo in 1985.

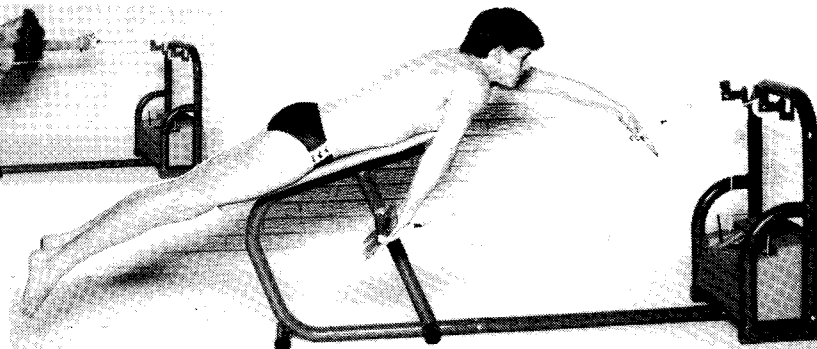
"Wow! Did you see those splits?" asked the USA's head coach, Richard ►

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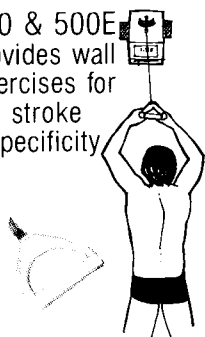


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Quick. "What a great way to finish this meet."

It was a tremendous way to finish the meet as David Berkoff, Richard Schroeder, Biondi and Chris Jacobs all had splits among the 10 fastest ever.

Berkoff (silver medalist in the 100 back and world record holder at 54.51) led off the USA quartet with a 54.56 backstroke—the fourth time he's been under 55 and still the only swimmer to crack the 55-second barrier. That gave the Americans nearly a full second lead over the Soviets as Igor Polianski touched in 55.35. The 100 back gold medalist, Daichi Suzuki of Japan, who swam a 55.05 in the individual event, could only muster a 55.87 in the relay to put his team in third.

Berkoff gave way to Schroeder, who had placed sixth in the 100 breast six days earlier.

"Rick is always a good relay swimmer," Biondi said of Schroeder, "and he was only 5-tenths from first in the 100."

Schroeder responded with the sixth fastest breaststroke split ever with a 1:01.64. Although the Soviet Union's Dmitri Volkov (third in the 100 breast) caught Schroeder at the 150 turn, Schroeder held off the Soviet to keep the United States in the lead after 200 meters, 1:56.20 to 1:56.88. Volkov had split 1:01.53 (fourth fastest all-time), while Canadian Victor Davis tied the fastest breaststroke split ever (by Great Britain's Adrian Moorhouse in 1987) with his 1:00.90. That moved Canada from fourth to third at 1:57.01.

Biondi, gold medalist in the 100 free and silver medalist in the 100 fly, was chosen to swim the butterfly leg with Jacobs anchoring since that combination was faster on paper than Jay Mortenson in the fly (sixth in the 100) and Biondi in free.

Without gold medalist Anthony Nesty in the relay, Biondi was the fastest flyer of the field. And his 52.38—second fastest all-time behind Morales' 52.31—proved it. The United States had now opened at least a body length lead over the Soviet Union, 2:48.58 to 2:50.22, which held a half body length lead over Canada at 2:50.53.

Freestyler Jacobs (second in the

100) said he knew the world record was within reach, so he "just wanted to get to the wall as soon as possible and have a real good swim." But as he waited on the blocks for Biondi, Jacobs admitted, "I had never been so scared in all my life. That was my first relay start here."

All Jacobs did was throw in a 48.35, the eighth fastest performance all-time and second fastest performer behind Biondi. Canada's Sandy Goss anchored in 48.75 as Canada overtook the Soviet Union for the silver medal with about 20 meters to go. Canada's 3:39.28 established a new Commonwealth mark, while the Soviet Union's 3:39.96 was a new European standard.

"I never felt worried," Biondi said afterward. "With Dave starting us off, we were already a second or more under the world record, and that's what we beat it by. Once he got it going, we had it in control."

Putting them in the position for the evening's climactic event were Berkoff, Schroeder, Mortenson and

Tom Jager. Those four qualified the United States first in the morning prelims with a 3:43.00. Their respective splits were 55.69, 1:01.64, 54.46 and 51.21.

For Biondi, it was his seventh Olympic medal of the meet, five of which were gold. Only Mark Spitz has won as many medals in the same meet when he collected seven gold at Munich in 1972.

"It feels great," Biondi said when asked to review his performances. "I think it's going to take awhile to sink in. It's been a long week. It hasn't hit me yet, and when it does, I don't think I'll be able to sleep for a couple of days."

He talked of his high points (the 50 free) and low points (100 fly), but he seemed to enjoy the relays even more.

"I love relays," he said. "If you could have seen us four hours before we swam tonight, you'd know why. We had some fun times."

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As I announced my retirement from amateur diving on Sunday, October 2, at a press conference in Seoul, Korea, I was **very** saddened that the individuals and entities most responsible for my success in sports were not present for me to thank.

I would like to publicly acknowledge the help and support that I have received over many years by U.S. Diving. Had they not liberalized the rules of an "amateur" I would surely have retired after 1984. Todd Smith, Executive Director of U.S. Diving, and his assistant, Barb McLaughlin, have not only helped my diving career in many ways that they will never know, but they have also been a great source of inspiration throughout my career.

I can never thank Speedo America and Phillips Petroleum enough for their generous and selfless support of U.S. Diving and U.S. Swimming. They were sponsors long before the aquatic sports became fashionable. I salute both Speedo and Phillips and I thank them for their part in my career.

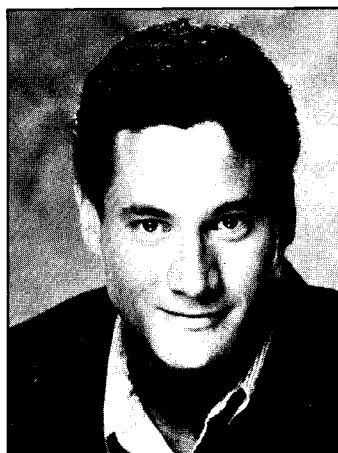
I am in debt to the National Spa and Pool Institute for allowing me to get the message of water safety to the public at their expense. Their financial support allowed me to continue diving after 1984 and I owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude.

I thank of course the media and *Swimming World* in particular for their fairness and excellent coverage of all aquatic sports. Without the media the aquatic sports would not have the high public profile that they now enjoy.

A special thank you goes out to Dr. Sammy Lee, for most of my life he has been the individual that I have turned to for motivation. He taught me how to compete and he will forever remain a role model and an anchor in my life.

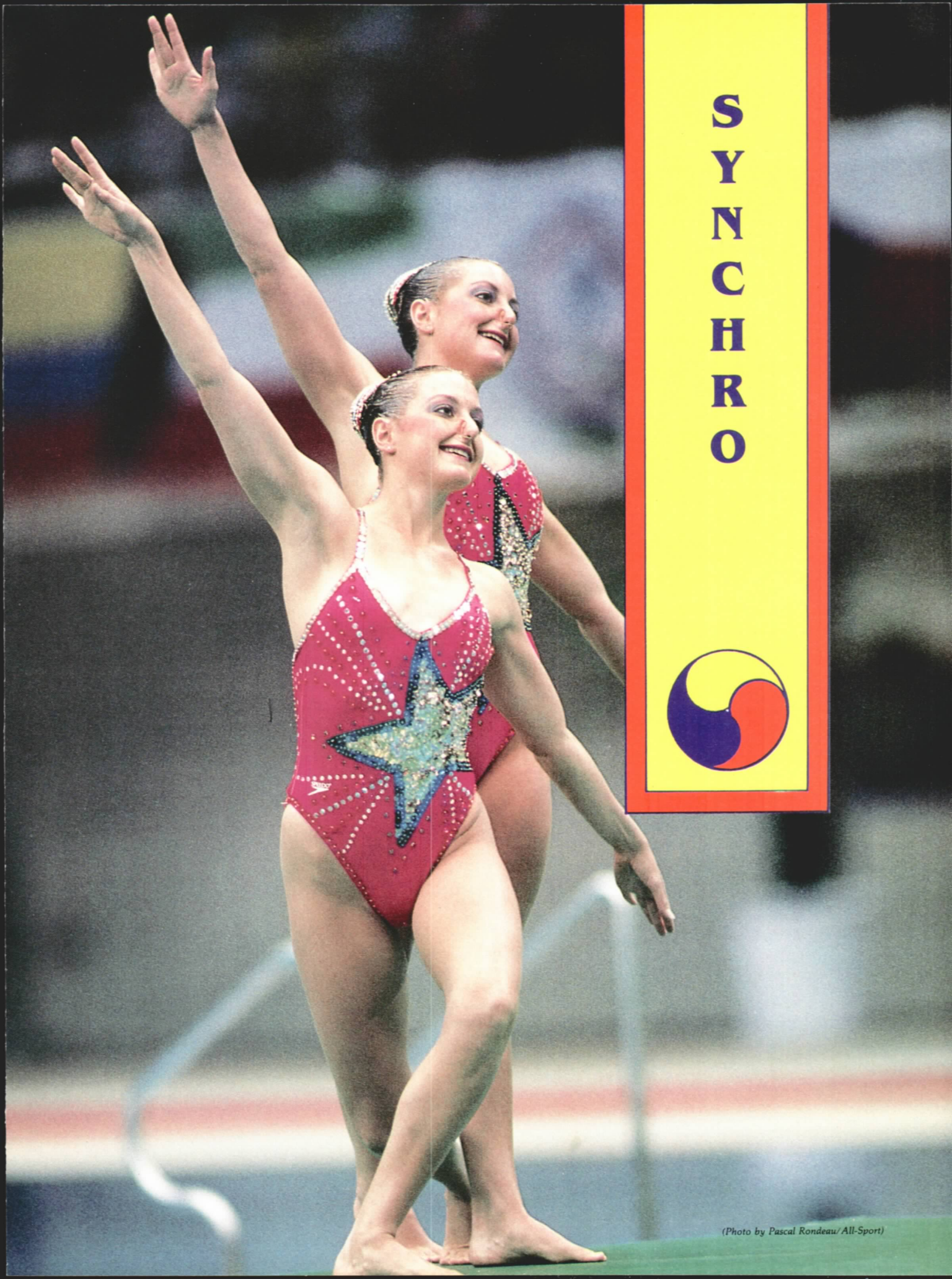
In my career I have won many national titles, World Championships and Olympic medals. Each victory and each success would have been unattainable without the instruction and hard work of my coach, Dr. Ron O'Brien. He is singularly the most important individual influence in my career and my life. Besides being my coach and adviser, he was and always will remain my best friend. **Thanks, Ronnie, for a wonderful career.**

I thank all the fans and supporters of aquatic sports that came out to the meets and I hope that my performances were worthy of your time.



Thank you,

Greg Louganis



S Y N C H R O



(Photo by Pascal Rondeau/All-Sport)

Synchronized swimming has certainly progressed since its premiere in the Olympic Games four years ago at Los Angeles.

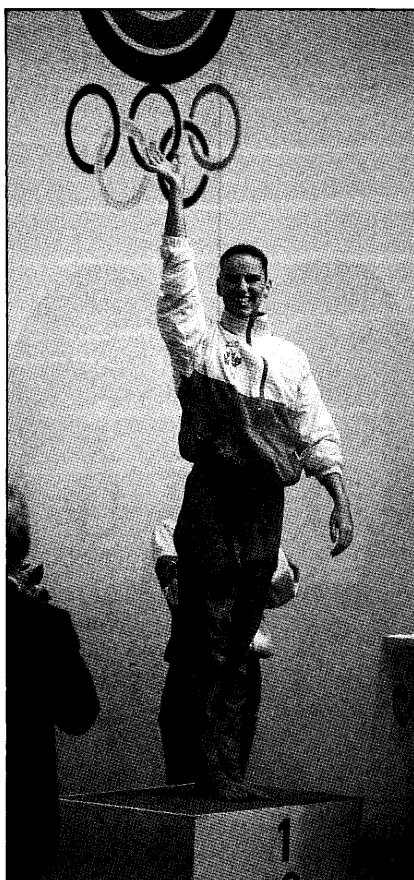
"It's gotten more difficult," says Karen Josephson, who won a silver medal for the USA with twin sister Sarah. "The swimmers are staying under longer and leaping up higher out of the water. The competition among Canada, Japan and us is making it so."

Of course, the sport needs to take another step where those three countries aren't taking home all the medals. Canada, the United States and Japan finished 1-2-3, respectively, in both the solo and duet events. The same three countries captured all the medals in 1984; the only difference being the USA grabbed the gold and Canada settled for the silver.

Solo

Nothing like having the weight of a country on your shoulders. And a big one at that. With three days left in the Olympics, Canada found itself without a gold medal—the only victory having been taken away when sprinter Ben Johnson failed a drug test. That placed tremendous pressure on synchronized swimmer Carolyn Waldo, the country's flag bearer and female athlete of the year for 1987.

Two years ago Waldo looked like a cinch for the gold, clobbering the opposition at the World Championships by an enormous five-point margin after running up the highest solo routine score ever awarded in the sport (99.200). Then last year Tracie Ruiz-Conforto, the 1984 solo medalist by three points over Waldo, came out of retirement. Ruiz-Conforto, who had married former Penn State linebacker Mike Conforto and gained 15 pounds, lost to Waldo in the first major competition of her comeback at the 1987 World Cup. But more hard work, which saw the 25-year-old from Redmond, Wash., reduce her body fat down to 11 percent and be able to hold her breath for 2 minutes 25 seconds, paid off with the highest score of all time and a victory over Waldo at a pre-



Olympic meet in Seoul this June.

The final showdown between the two synchro stars at Seoul went differently from the start. Of the six compulsory figures to be performed, decided by a drawing, the group selected was Ruiz-Conforto's least favorite. It consisted of a front walk-over, dolpholina, barracuda, spiral, flamingo bent knee and kip continuous spin—harder for Ruiz-Conforto with her more dense body type (from weight lifting to increase her strength) than the slender Waldo because of the floating required. The figures, which make up 55 percent of the total score, put the 23-year-old Canadian ahead, 101.150 to 98.633, leading her to comment, "I would pretty much have to drown to lose the gold medal."

So far behind, Ruiz-Conforto had nothing to lose and went for it two days later in the routine portion. Her routine, which was so difficult she got dizzy and lost consciousness the first time she tried it, featured a highly anaerobic opening where she's underwater for 50 seconds. The highlight was a split crash spin with her hips climbing above the surface. In

the second part, she emphasized flexibility and fluidity to portray the emotion of the "Chorus of the Lords" music, ending with a slow, controlled spin. The 5-foot-4, 120-pound defending gold medalist showed off her strength by concluding with a triple split crash, a move no one else does, and finally a double leg rocket, a difficult move for the end because the swimmer is so tired at that point. The judges awarded her one 10, five 9.9s and a 9.8 with the high and low scores dropped out for a total of 99.000.

Waldo, swimming conservatively but with outstanding execution, got the judges' attention with unequalled double leg spins and a tough move where she had one leg and arm out of the water awkwardly supported by her other arm and leg. Her scores were identical to Ruiz-Conforto, giving the 5-foot-6, 119-pounder from Calgary the gold medal with a final total of 200.150.

"I felt so calm during the competition," said Waldo, who is retiring and plans a career in broadcasting. "I was kind of a numb-brain. I guess that's good because sometimes my emotions get ahead of the competition."

Debbie Muir, who coaches Waldo, explained, "She does better when she doesn't think too much, when it's automatic. What we've worked on since June was not letting her nerves get the best of her."

"That's the best she's ever done. We were happy to tie Tracie in the routine. She (Waldo) usually loses."

Ruiz-Conforto, who finished second by a wide margin with 197.633, summed up her performance simply: "I had a bad day on Wednesday during the figures. I just wasn't on. I didn't blow any figures, they just weren't sharp. I really feel good about the routine, though. Charlotte (Davis, her coach) and I feel that this is the best routine we've ever put together."

Canada's Waldo (above) was the synchro star, beating Ruiz-Conforto (right) for the solo gold and combining with Cameron (opposite above) to take the duet despite placing second in the routine which was off a little.

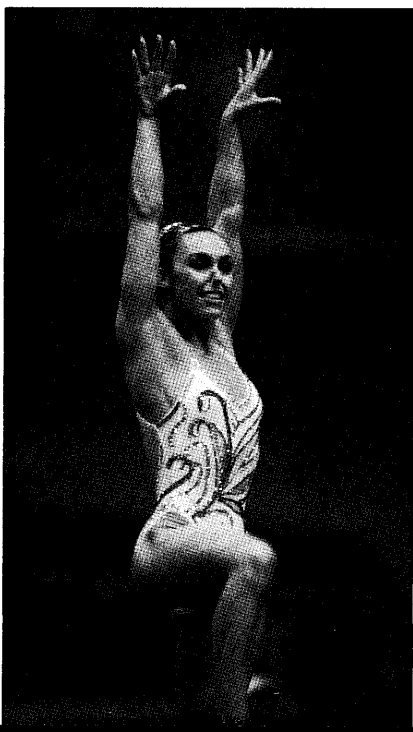
Japan's Mikako Kotani got the bronze with 191.850 points, edging European champion Muriel Hermine of France (190.100).

Duet

For the past three years the Josephson twins of Bristol, Conn., had been chasing the unbeaten duet from the North, Carolyn Waldo and Michelle Cameron of Canada. After being routed by the Canadians at the 1986 World Championships when Karen Josephson was off on her figures, the American pair gained on their rivals at last year's World Cup and the pre-Olympic meet this June where they won the routine and lost by only 15-hundredths. The Olympics offered their last chance since both teams planned to retire after the Games.

Just as in Ruiz-Conforto's case, the figures proved to be the undoing of the twins because of Waldo's tremendous score of 101.150. Sarah and Karen Josephson did well, finishing third (98.000) and fourth (97.367) behind soloist Ruiz-Conforto and ahead of Cameron (96.683), but trailed as a team going into the routine by 1.233 points.

"They're not quite as far out as Tracie was," said Davis. "They have a chance because of a better routine due to their superior synchronization."



(Photos by All-Sport)

The Josephsons, swimming fifth in the order and bedecked in pink suits with silver stars in the center, gave it their best shot with a highly-difficult routine. They opened with a perfectly-executed series of complicated leg moves, maintaining optimal height, and followed with intricate armstrokes and a rocket split crash. The Ohio State graduates demonstrated an elegant flowing change of pace where they connected in their tandem hybrid. They finished strongly with multiple spins and rocket boosts. The scores reflected their sensational performance: four 10s, two 9.9s and a 9.8 for a total of 99.60.

Still, because of their lead, Waldo and Cameron would lose only if they made a major mistake. Not happy with losing the routine in the pre-Olympic meet, the pair changed it significantly to show off the strength of their legs and ability to stay underwater more. Their opening sequence featured a long period underwater with rapid spinning of their legs. The major portion of their routine in the middle was performed to slower, ballet music and emphasized the classic, long bodies of the 5-foot-6, 119-pound Waldo and 5-foot-8, 127-pound Cameron. They concluded with some fast synchronized leg moves to the tempo of Can Can music that got the crowd clapping along. Although they didn't score as high as the Josephsons be-

cause of slight timing errors at the start and end of their program, receiving two 10s, two 9.9s and three 9.8s for a 98.80 average, the Canadians took the gold with an overall score of 197.717 to win by 433-thousandths.

"We watched the Americans swim, and it was a great swim," said Cameron, 25, "so we said to ourselves, 'Get your heads in gear. Go out and keep your minds on what you are doing.'"

Waldo added, "The Americans in the solo and duet events have pushed us so hard. They have pushed us to be the best that we could possibly be."

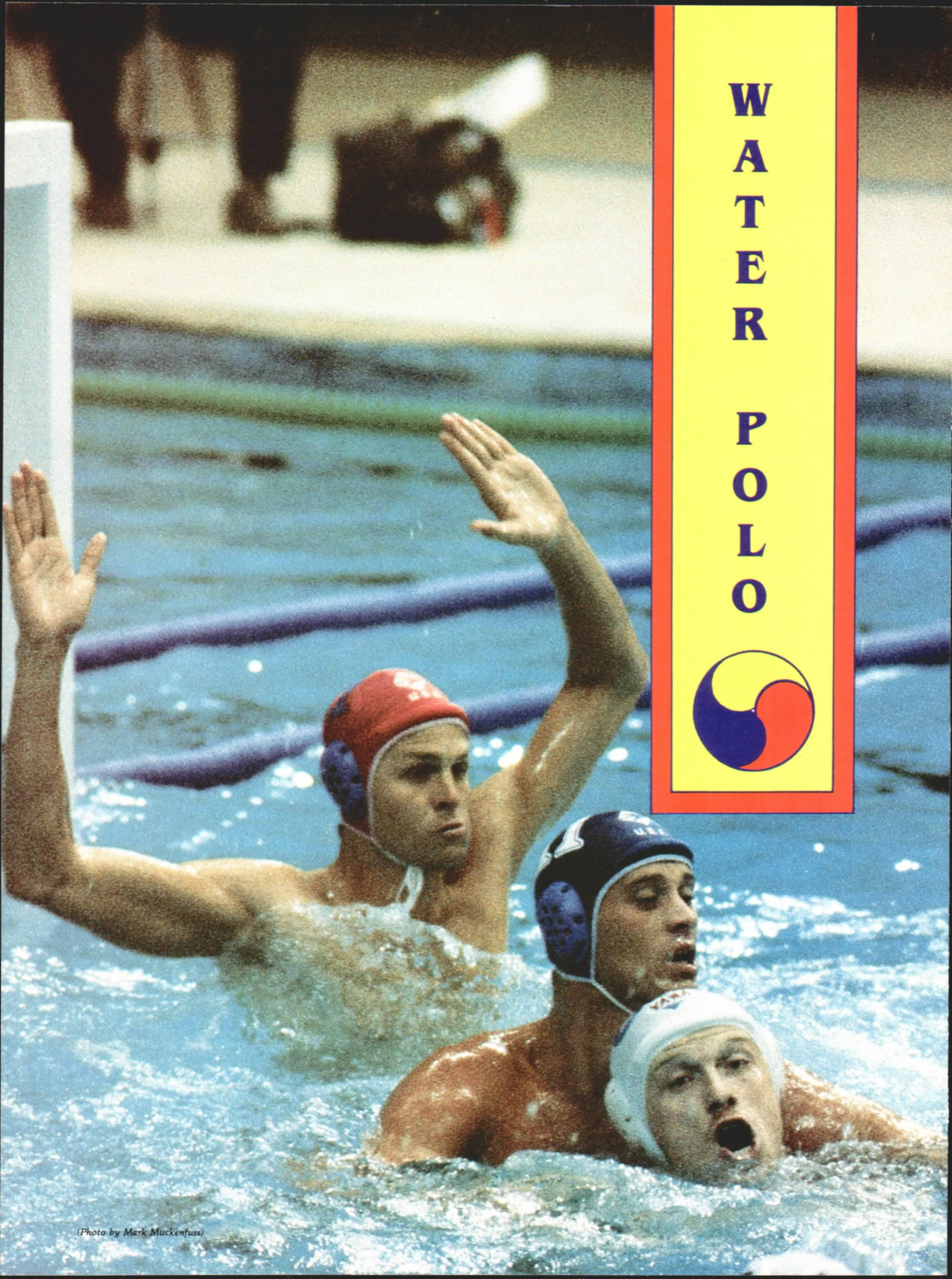
The 24-year-old Josephsons felt disappointed because they'd closed the gap on the Canadians over the years but fell short in their finale despite a great routine.

"We beat them (in the routine) by 8-tenths, which is a big margin in the finals," pointed out Sarah.

Sister Karen analyzed, "I think we were down farther than we wanted to be going into the final swim, but we did have the swim of our lives—and so did they. It was up to them—if they made a mistake—but I'm glad they did well, too."

Japan's Miyako Tanaka and Mikako Kotani earned the bronze with 190.159 points to finish more than five points ahead of the French pair of Karine Schuler and Anne Capron. —Stories by Russ Ewald □

W A T E R P O L O



(Photo by Mark Muckenfuss)

During the Olympics, a Los Angeles television station aired the movie "The Best of Times." Starring Robin Williams and Kurt Russell, the film addresses a common human longing: to be able to replay one's mistakes of the past and make them right, emerging as a hero, instead of remaining the goat.

The movie is a comedy centered a long-gone, but very much remembered football game, and everything comes out rosy and romantic in the end. But life isn't like art, even when it seems to be imitating it. Just ask the United States water polo team.

You couldn't have asked for better theater than the Olympic water polo tournament. The course it took followed the media hype nearly down to the wire, bringing about a rematch of the controversial gold medal game in 1984 between the United States and Yugoslavia. Scene-for-scene it played out like a Hollywood action-romance. Heck, this could have been a musical up until the final game. But Belgrade is a long way from Hollywood. Maybe the Yugoslavs just didn't understand how it was supposed to go. The plot twist they served up in the final scene sunk a torpedo deep into the shining hull of the USS Water Polo and sent all its dancing sailors to the bottom of the ocean, or pool if you will.

Melodramatic? Maybe, but you had to watch this thing play itself out from the first game to really appreciate it. Actually it wouldn't hurt to go all the way back to 1984 . . .

Act I, Scene I: Pepperdine, Calif. It is the final match of the 1984 Olympic water polo competition, the game between Yugoslavia and the United States. There are 35 seconds left on the clock in the final period. U.S. team captain Terry Schroeder is set at two meters and is fouled by Goran Sukno. Schroeder's teammate Joe Vargas begins a drive toward the cage. A second whistle sounds and all assume the foul is again on Sukno, whose position is quickly



Photo by Mark Mackertiss

taken over by goalie Milorad Krivokapic. Schroeder does a quick give-and-take to Vargas and then flips the ball into the empty goal, giving the U.S. a 6-5 lead.

Not quite. The second foul, it turns out, is not on Sukno, who had jerked Schroeder back by the shoulder, but an offensive foul on Vargas, who clipped Dragan Andric with his arm, while driving. The Yugoslavs take possession and the game ends tied 5-5. Yugoslavia, based on goal differential, captures the gold, the Americans have to settle for the silver.

Questions about the controversial call are peaked even more when it is later revealed that the official making the call, Eugenio Ascencion, had his car towed from the competition site the previous day and was hot under the collar at the Americans as a result. The U.S. players shake their heads and wonder how it could turn out like this.

Act I, Scene II: Pepperdine, Calif., four years later. It is the final game of a six-game series between the United States and Yugoslavia. The Americans miss two good scoring opportunities in the final three minutes and lose 11-10. But they dominate the series with a 4-2 record, and go on to tie Yugoslavia two weeks later to win the eight-nation Skoda Cup in Duisburg, West Germany. The two teams are still seen as close competitors, but the U.S. players now have renewed

confidence that they can beat their rivals.

Act II, Scene I: Seoul, South Korea, Chamshil indoor pool. The second match of the Olympic tournament brings together the two 1984 finalists in a game that somewhat foreshadows the championship game of the tournament. The United States, struggling with an ineffective six-on-five offense (they are scoreless in their first eight man-up opportunities), is down 2-4 midway through the third quarter. Fighting back, they score three unanswered goals and are up 5-4 early in the fourth period. With 2:56 left in the game, Yugoslavia makes it a tie score of 6-6 and it looks as though it will remain that way until, with :05 on the clock, James Bergeson slips in a quick corner shot to win the game, 7-6.

Ratko Rudic (Yugoslavian coach): That shows the strength of the American team, they didn't get many goals with the extra man, and they still won the game. That's very, very good. If they play like today (for the rest of the tournament) the U.S. will take a very good place.

U.S. goalie **Craig Wilson** (heaving a sigh): It's nice to get that one out of the way.

Bergeson: Yeah, now that we've got one victory under our belts, we feel great.

But this isn't just any victory, knocking off the top-ranked team in the tournament is an important win. ►

Deni Lusic (above, left) and Dragan Andric celebrate after their gold medal victory. Both were on the 1984 Yugoslavian gold medal team in Los Angeles.

even more so since they were able to break a tie in the final seconds of play. But Bergeson, the man of the hour, downplays his game-winning goal.

Bergeson: I knew I had to get a quick shot off. It was pretty much a lucky shot.

Wilson: James will call that lucky, but I've seen him score those goals too many times to call it luck.

U.S. Coach Bill Barnett puts things in perspective.

Barnett: We played good defense today, but poor six-on-five. I also thought our counterattack should have been better. We need to move the ball a little more aggressively. We have a hard game (tomorrow) with Spain. I've said many times, this is a coach's nightmare. We play the top team in the world and come back against a team like Spain (ranked sixth). I'm really worried about Spain.

The U.S. has not lost a game to the Spaniards since 1985. At the Skoda Cup, they were beaten 16-6 by the United States. But as Barnett speaks his ominous worrisome thoughts, sinister music floods in from the background, foreshadowing what he has been predicting ever since the game schedule was announced months earlier: trouble for the Americans.

Act II, Scene II: Chamshil indoor pool, the following day. The team arrives by bus and enters the locker room area. Unlike the day before, when they seemed up and ready to play, today they are introspective, there is little or no conversation among them. Things are not altogether right, and it soon shows up in the water.

Less than two minutes into the game, Spain's Salvador Gomez has scored two quick goals, placing the Americans in a hole they will never completely climb out of.

Spain clogs up the U.S. team's offensive hole position, sluffing in for numerous steals. But instead of going to its strong outside shooters, the United States continues in its effort to make the hole offense work. It never does. Spain wins the game, 9-7, helped not only by strong shooting, but also brilliant play from goalie Jesus Rollan.

Manuel Estiarte, who will even-



tually become the tournament's high scorer (27 points), to no one's surprise, gives much of the win credit to Rollan.

Estiarte: I think the merits of Spain were with the goal keeper. He stopped a lot of goals. The American goal keeper didn't play to the level we expected. Our coach told us to adopt a defensive tactic—defense, defense, defense—and take advantage of any errors.

Errors like the Americans giving up defense with two seconds of the shot clock, figuring Spain would ditch the ball. But instead, Spain pumped the ball into the goal on two such occasions. That situation, just by itself, seemed to indicate a lack of concentration on the part of the Americans.

Barnett (in the press conference): I'd say that's true. We made a lot of mental errors. We dropped a lot of passes at two meters and missed some opportunities.

U.S. team captain Terry Schroeder is in the stands getting an after-game rubdown from his wife Lori, who, like him, is a chiropractor.

Schroeder: That's the first game the five of us from '84 have lost in an Olympics. It hurts a lot. After beating the Yugoslavians, everybody's been thinking we've got the inside track, but there's a lot of tough competition left. Hopefully a loss like this will help us come back harder.

Bridge: The United States does

come back hard, beating the far weaker teams from China and Greece by respective scores of 14-7 and 18-9. Notable only is an injury to Jody Campbell in the game against Greece. In the first quarter of that game, Campbell is on the receiving end of a shot follow-through by one of the Greek players. He is stunned by the head blow, but convinces the team physician to allow him to continue to play. He goes on to score four goals, but after the game cannot remember playing. He is diagnosed as having a mild concussion.

Meanwhile, Yugoslavia squeaks by Hungary 10-9, easily handles Greece 17-7, and beats Spain 10-8. Emerging from the other bracket are West Germany, unbeaten going into the final day of preliminary matches, and the Soviet Union, all wins except a tie with Italy.

On the final prelim day, Yugoslavia faces an easy mark with China (and wins 17-7), West Germany and the Soviet Union are assured spots in semi-final play. The Soviets lose to West Germany (it is rumored that the loss is deliberate so that the Soviets can avoid meeting Yugoslavia in the semis), 8-9. The last

Igor Milanovic (above, center), who led the Yugoslavians with 16 goals, struggles in the hole during his team's victory over Spain. Jody Campbell (right) was top U.S. scorer with 12.

final-four team will be decided by the United States-Hungary game. The Americans must win in order to advance. If they lose or even tie, Spain advances instead.

Act II, Scene III: Seoul's Olympic Park indoor pool. It is the final quarter in the game between Hungary and the United States. Hungary leads at the start of the quarter, 6-5, and by the final seconds, the United States has only managed to tie the score, 9-9. In the last five seconds, Schroeder is set in the hole and the ball is passed into him. He grabs the ball, turns his man and stuffs the winning goal into the cage with :02 on the clock, giving the Americans their medal-round berth. Schroeder and Kevin Robertson, the most veteran players on the team, embrace in front of the goal.

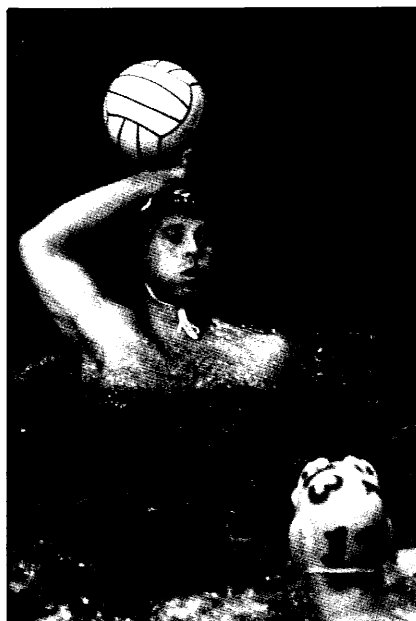
In the interview room, Schroeder, along with his teammates, is all smiles.

Schroeder: We saw a lot of years of practice going down the tubes if we didn't score there. That was a play we worked on a number of times during practice. We just try to get the ball in deep and get a foul. The guy didn't foul me and I was able to turn him and score. That was your basic slam dunk, the goalie got out of position.

The United States team will now face the Soviets. The last time the Russians had fallen to the Americans was at the 1986 World Championships in preliminary rounds. Outside of that game, the Soviets had held the upper hand in the majority of meetings between the teams. Already, some people were thinking beyond that game, however, and the possible repeat matchup of the 1984 final.

Wilson: I think it would make a real good story if the Yugoslavians and the United States met again for the gold—history being repeated. But first we have to worry about the Soviets and we're going to have to play the game of our lives to beat them.

Act II, Scene IV: Olympic Park, outside the swimming pool. Schroeder is walking back to the athletes' village and agrees to talk on the way. During the conversation he discusses the possible U.S.-Yugoslav matchup and what it could mean.



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Schroeder: It's funny, Igor Milanovic has said to me a couple of times, "I hope we meet in the gold medal game. I would be happy with the silver." He said he's got his gold. He'd be satisfied with a silver. I don't know if he was just trying to psyche me out, or what.

Act III, Scene I: Olympic Park pool. Despite placing a tiny good luck totem on top of the scoreboard prior to the game, West Germany's coach watches his team come out flat in their game against the Yugoslavians, and end up getting manhandled 10-14.

Rudic (a bright-eyed smile at advancing to the gold-medal game): For me it would be good to play with the Americans, but it would be good against the Soviets too.

Rudic's favorable words introduce the first strains of the U.S. team's victory anthem, which begins playing quietly in the background and gradually builds to a dominating overlay as the Americans come out strong against the Soviets, build up a two-goal lead in the second quarter and hang on to win 8-7, this despite losing key player Jody Campbell in the first quarter on three major fouls. The crowd, the bench and the players erupt in celebration and the stage is set. The showdown in Seoul will be a rematch of the 1984 Los Angeles final, a fitting finale for those who put off retirement for four more years of hard work and a chance to capture what had eluded

them by a single point, the Olympic gold medal.

Wilson (nearly floating with joy at the press conference): How many people get a second chance? I don't think many people get back into a gold medal game.

Schroeder: This is something we've worked for for four years now. We've been reminded of it every day in workout. We won a silver last time, and that's why we stuck around and decided to go at it one more time. Tomorrow we're going to come out sky high and you're going to see a ready, peaked U.S. water polo team out there.

Wilson: The key to this team is that we take water polo very seriously. We came here to win a gold medal, not just for the thrill of being an Olympian. We don't practice to just be Olympians, we practice to be winners.

I think up to the beginning of today's game, we've been playing a little bit below our potential. But tonight I think we played the best we've ever played.

The coming game is not just four years on the line, it's a career for at least eight of the 13 players involved. It even goes so far as the history of the sport in the United States. America has never won a legitimate Olympic gold medal in water polo. In 1904 the United States swept the medal category in the sport, but only U.S. club teams competed. Only once, in 1984, had the United States gotten to the gold medal game. And now the same team was being given the chance again, against the same competitor. Was it fate?

Schroeder: I don't know if it's fate or what. We didn't really care about who we faced in the gold medal game. We just cared about getting there.

Act III, Scene II: Olympic Park pool. The Soviets have come back earlier in the day to beat West Germany, 14-13, for the bronze, but now it's time for the real game.

On the south side of the pool, the American fans, bristling with flags, NBC banners and "Hi Mom" signs, have set up camp. Even before the player introductions they are in a cheerleading war with the Yugoslavian contingent (U-S-A! U-S-A! U-S-A! vs. Yu-go-sla-VYA! Yu-go-sla-►



Photo by Mark Muckenfuss

VYA!) on the north side, which is waving its own standards. Destiny, the Americans feel, is with them. The struggle to get here was too long and hard for them and their players for anyone to give up now. And for the first half of the game, and a little, they seem to be right. The U.S. team builds a 4-2 halftime lead, and early in the third period, they go ahead 5-2. Echoes of the past. It was by the same score, 5-2, that the U.S. team led in the gold medal match of 1984. And, as though they've hit some kind of invisible barrier, the offense suddenly sputters. The Yugoslavs pick up three ejections during the rest of the quarter and score on all three of them. So, when the buzzer sounds, it's a 5-5 tie.

The U.S. victory theme which had been brightly playing in the background is now subdued and clouded with minor notes and diminished chords. There is still a quarter to go, but a gloom has descended. While hope has not been lost, the certainty of a happy ending has been overcome by doubt. Are these Yugoslavians sure they're reading the right script? That hardly seems possible when Igor Milanovic scores in the fourth quarter to move Yugoslavia ahead 6-5. With 2:12 left in the quarter, Jody Campbell ties the score 6-6. The United States fends off their opponents on two mandown situations, but they fail to even get a shot off during the re-

mainder of the quarter. The game ends as it did in 1984, in a tie.

But the rules have changed since 1984, there are no ties in final round play in Olympic water polo any longer. The game goes into overtime. Ah, surely this is the plan, retribution will be taken in the way the gold should have been taken in 1984, in overtime play. We should have expected it all along. In fact, isn't the light breaking through the darkness? If it is, it's shining only on the Yugoslavians, who score two goals in the first overtime period and another 35 seconds into the second period to give them an insurmountable 6-9 lead with a little more than two minutes to play. Schroeder scores with 1:57 on the clock to make it 7-9, but it's almost a token gesture. The golden comeback dream is over. This happy ending belongs to the Yugoslavians, who rejoice in back-to-back golds and are gulping victory champagne before they are even out of the pool.

The U.S. players are in silent shock. They march blindly to the awards stand. Jody Campbell cries during the medal ceremony as Schroeder, standing next to him, stares emptily into the distance. The silver seems to mean nothing.

Act III, Scene III: The aftermath in the interview room. Yugoslavian and United States players share the podium. They know each other well and respect one another. They are friends outside of the pool. The

Yugoslavians are smiling. The Americans are trying to.

Wilson: I really didn't feel the game slipping away. I kept the faith the whole way through. We had a very strong first half and they had a very strong second half. I'm glad the game was played to conclusion. They earned it. They beat us.

Schroeder: You know, I said in '84 that I wished that they had overtime because it would have been easier if we had lost the game and not tied, so I'll tell you now, it's not any easier. But I'm very proud of what our team was able to accomplish. We put in a lot of hard work. These two teams were very close, but tonight they were better than us.

Milanovic: The difference between the USA and Yugoslavian teams is very little. This night we were better. We were lucky this night.

Rudic takes exception somewhat to Milanovic's putting the win in the arena of luck.

Rudic: In these final games it's not only tactics and technique, it's motivation and mental strength and toughness. If you have a player with a strong personality that can work under a big stressful situation, that's the first thing you need for a championship team. On both sides the mistakes were what is natural for such an important game. But at the end, we made less mistakes.

Maybe this medal is more valuable because it's much more difficult to defend first place than to take first place.

Wilson: What hurts the most, I think, is it's kind of like a repeat of '84. We ended up losing to the Yugoslavians and they're a fantastic team, but we came back not to repeat what happened four years ago. The hardest part is, the same thing happened.

The Yugoslavian national anthem is playing softly in the background.

Wilson forces a what-else-can-you-do? smile onto his face, but his eyes aren't buying the lie.

Fade out. —By Mark Muckenfuss □

USA's (above, from left) Alan Mouchewar, Greg Boyer, Terry Schroeder, Jody Campbell, Chris DuPlanty and Mike Evans suffer through the awards ceremony.

D I V I N G



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Other than Greg Louganis hitting his head on the springboard—the first time he's ever done that on 3-meter—the Olympic diving competition followed a predictable scenario.

Louganis, who had swept the men's events at the 1984 Olympics and 1982 and 1986 World Championships, shook off his injury to again take the gold in the 3- and 10-meter events. He's the only American to win at the past two Olympics and most recent World Championship.

China's Gao Min, titlist at the 1986 World Championships and 1987 World Cup, also remained on top in the women's springboard.

The women's platform offered a mild surprise when young Chinese phenom Chen Xiaodan, who qualified first in the preliminary round by a big margin, failed to medal in the finals. But teammate Xu Yanmei, last year's World Cup champion, continued the Chinese domination in the event. The Asian country has won the women's 10-meter at the world competition (World Cup, World Championships, Olympics) each of the last six years.

Tight judging eliminated any chance for new scoring highs in any of the events. Just the opposite of gymnastics where judges gave away a perfect score of 10 on 44 occasions, the diving arbiters didn't award a single 10 during the four events and hardly gave any 9.5s.

Although the United States captured only five medals after going an unprecedented 8-for-8 in 1984, the Americans did as well as expected and showed improvement over two years ago at the World Championships in Madrid where they took home only four. Ron O'Brien, one of the four U.S. Olympic coaches, said prior to the Games that he thought five medals was a reasonable goal. He was surprised to get two in the women's platform and only two (the two golds from Louganis) in the men's events.

China, which took over as the world's top diving team with seven medals in Madrid, retained its leadership by winning six, including another split of the gold with the USA.

With Louganis announcing his retirement at a United States Olympic Committee news conference Oct. 3,

the future doesn't look good for U.S. diving in international competition. However, there is a chance the U.S. superstar will come out of retirement for the 1992 Games in Barcelona, Spain, if professionals are allowed in the diving competition—as they were in tennis this year. Louganis would compete in the 1- (which is being added) and 3-meter events. He's endured too much pain entering the water off the 10-meter tower to ever enter that event again, he says.

Women's Platform

American divers Michele Mitchell and Wendy Williams felt like Rodney Dangerfield. No one gave them much respect going into the women's platform event. Mitchell, a 1984 silver medalist and 1985 World Cup champion, wondered about all the media attention going to the young Chinese divers. Williams, who won at both U.S. nationals this year, opened up a copy of *Sports Illustrated* to the Olympic predictions and found, to her disgust, no U.S. competitors listed for medals.

Of course, Williams had only begun competing on platform this year after a two-year layoff because she began fearing the 10-meter tower. Mitchell wasn't afraid of the platform, but had a mental block about doing an inward 3½ tuck on it which, along with a recurring shoulder problem (the occupational hazard of platform diving) and an ear infection, made her an also-ran internationally.

The favorites in Seoul were the Chinese duo of 1987 World Cup titlist Xu Yanmei and Chen Xiaodan, winner of the McDonald's meet at Mission Bay in her first international appearance this May. Elena Miroshina of the Soviet Union, who attained the highest score ever of 508.65 last year at age 12, also figured to contend. Forgotten was the fact that both Chen and Miroshina were a pair of 14-year-olds facing the Olympic pressure.

In the prelims held immediately following Opening Ceremonies, a cool Chen looked like gold as she hit her difficult optional dives to outdistance the field by 30 points with a

total of 456.45 points. The Chinese teenager's four optionals are the same dives Greg Louganis uses. Her total optional degree of difficulty (DD) is 12.8 compared to 11.8 for Miroshina; Xu, 11.4; Williams, 11.2; and Mitchell, 11.1.

"If she's on, no one can beat her in the finals," predicted O'Brien.

But Chen started the final by going over on a simple forward 1½ pike (1.6) for 6.5s and never held the lead. Miroshina also dived erratically and failed to contend. Veterans Mitchell, 26, and 17-year-old Xu took advantage of the youngsters' misfortunes and staged a duel for the gold that went down to their last dives. Both were a picture of consistency, neither receiving an award under 7.

Entering the final round, less than a point separated the pair—Xu leading at 376.47 and Mitchell with 376.20. Xu had the advantage of diving first and finishing with a higher DD dive (2.9 to 2.7). She capitalized with a beautiful back 2½ pike for four 8s and a 7.5. Mitchell entered a hair short on a forward 3½ tuck, getting 7.5s, to wind up with 436.95 in back of Xu's 445.20.

Even though Xu has an experience edge on her teammate, she uses a more conservative list because "I thought that (executing difficult dives) is not my specialty," she said. "I thought if I didn't do high degree of difficulty but did the dives with more grace I could score higher."

While Mitchell wasn't listening to the scores, she knew the gold medal was coming down to the last dive.

"I could tell from the splashes that the opportunity was there," said Mitchell, who likely competed for the last time.

Her coach, Ron O'Brien thought she played it too cautious on the final dive. "It was a good dive, but she didn't take off aggressively because the platform was slippery."

Williams, not sharp on her early dives, looked out of the running for a medal but never gave up and concluded with a flourish, getting all 8s on an inward 2½ pike (2.8) to finish with 400.44 points. Chen, meanwhile, seemingly locked up the bronze by nailing a reverse 1½ with 3½ twists (3.3) for mainly 8s on her second-to-last dive. But, in the final round, she went way over on a back



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3½ tuck (3.3) and received only 2s and 3s, giving third place to Williams.

"My coach (Scott Reich) told me if I do the inward 2½ like I can, I have a chance for a medal," said Williams, the youngest U.S. Olympic diver at 21. "I thought, 'Yeah, really.' I was teary-eyed on the side of the pool, expecting to get fourth. When she opened the door for me, I was flabbergasted."

Men's Springboard

Greg Louganis, who wants to become an actor, couldn't have found a more dramatic performance than he delivered in the men's springboard competition.

Not many spectators or media were watching the marathon preliminary contest at the Chamsil Indoor Swimming Pool that had started at 4 p.m. and was only in the ninth round at 6 p.m. Louganis, the seventh diver at that round, took off and reverse somersaulted twice. Then, as he layed out from the pike position, his head hit the end of the board. He splashed in the water on his back and

came to the surface holding his head. He was well enough to get out of the pool and walk with his longtime coach, Ron O'Brien, out of the pool area, disappearing into a room nearby.

Louganis had a long time to receive attention and recover, about 35 minutes until his next turn because of the huge prelim field of 35 competitors. There was no announcement of his condition, giving an element of suspense as to whether he would return. Finally, he appeared shortly before his turn. The disastrous previous dive earned only 6.3 points and bumped him down from first to fifth in the standings. When he stepped up to the board, he had to perform a reverse 2½ with 3½ twists, one of the toughest dives with a degree of difficulty of 3.3. A loud ovation greeted the announcement of his name. He set up, leaped up safely over the water and nailed the entry. The crowd reacted with a thunderous cheer as the scores appeared—8, 8.5, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 9.5, 9.

The final round, Louganis got mainly 6.5s on a reverse 3½ tuck (3.5)—the most difficult on springboard and a dive only two others do—to finish the prelims in third place with 629.67 points.

It was reported that Louganis had needed four temporary stitches for a wound on the back of his head. United States Olympic Committee

head physician James Puffer, who happened to be at the competition, attended to the diver. After his last dive, Louganis was rushed to the athletes village hospital where he received five permanent stitches. He used ice on his shoulder and neck and endured a mostly sleepless night. In the morning he was back at the pool, though, practicing for 40 minutes with special emphasis on the reverse 2½ pike to regain his confidence.

When the finals began, the 1984 double Olympic gold medalist looked as good as new. He had to be, facing a formidable challenge from 1984 silver medalist Tan Liangde of China. Tan had finally beaten Louganis twice this year after several defeats over the years.

In the compulsories, Louganis sparkled with no scoring awards below an 8.5. Tan almost matched him and trailed by less than nine points. He closed to five in the first optional. However, he also found the reverse 2½ pike a problem and got mainly 7.5s to drop 20 points back.

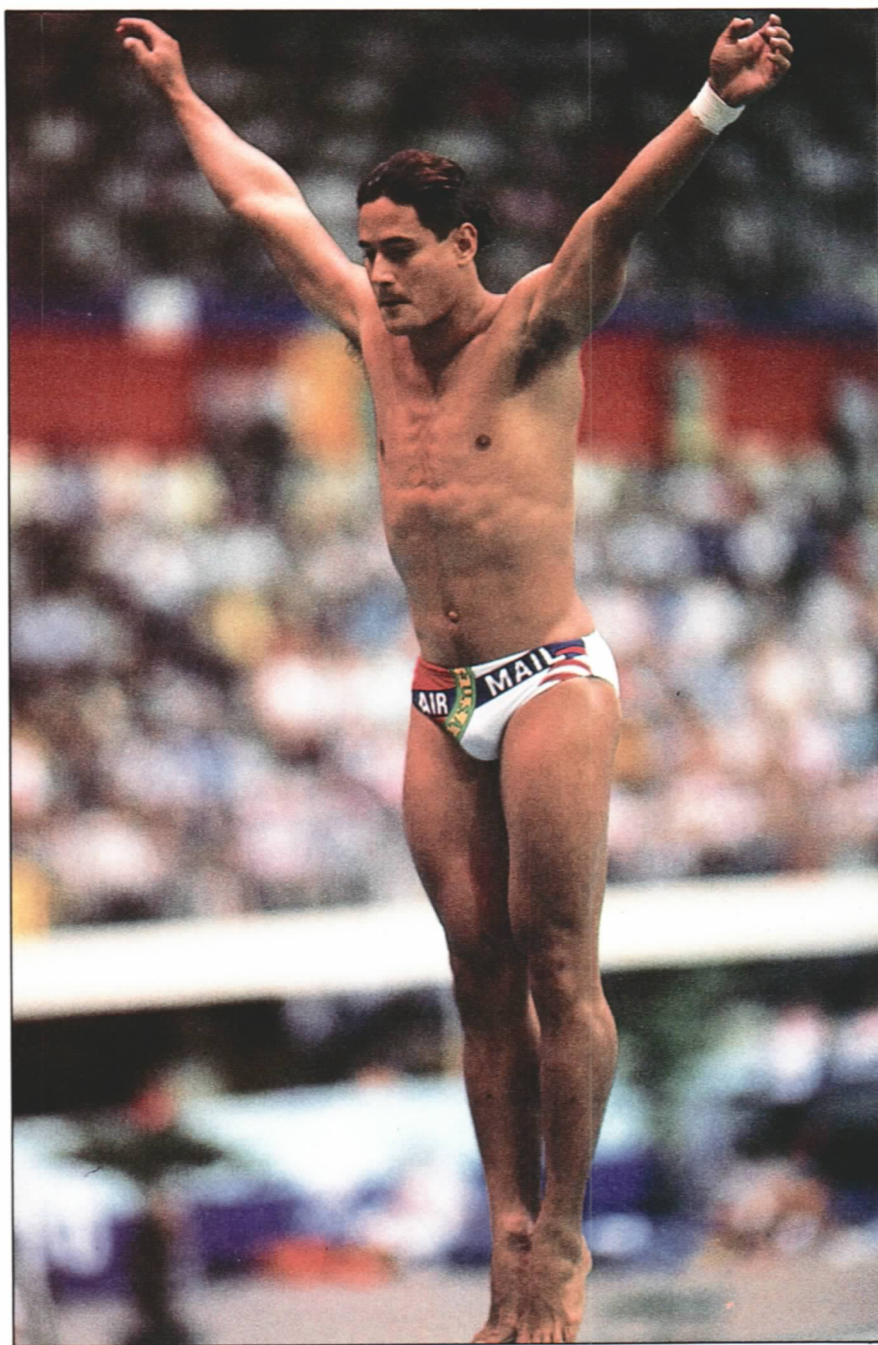
Louganis looked in command. But the reverse pike loomed in the ninth. The large crowd was silent as Louganis slowly set up at the end of the board. This time he leaped the usual four or five feet away from the board and hit the dive for all 8.5s from the judges. With the big psychological hurdle surmounted, he made his difficult last two dives and claimed a second successive Olympic title on springboard. His final total of 730.80 points gave him the gold by a 25-point margin over Tan. China's Li Deliang placed third at 665.28.

"I was very nervous today going into the competition," said the 28-year-old Louganis, competing in his third Olympics. "When I hit my head on the board, it shook my confidence a lot. That's why the workout this morning was important. I did a lot of dives to get my weight out from the board."

"My pride was hurt more than anything yesterday. I'm lucky I came out of it with only a cut on my head."

"The mistake I made yesterday was that I went up too straight and didn't push out enough. I didn't realize at the time I was that close. It was quite a shock when I hit the board with my head." ►

Seventeen-year-old Xu (above) came through in the clutch to give China a repeat Olympic victory on the women's platform.



O'Brien thought Louganis would have bettered the all-time scoring high of 755.49 he did in 1983 if the judging had not been so low compared to other meets. "They didn't give a single 10 and there were some awfully good dives," he said.

Mark Bradshaw, the other American, never showed the form that earned him an Olympic berth. He missed his sixth (back $2\frac{1}{2}$ pike) and eighth (reverse $2\frac{1}{2}$ pike) dives in the prelims and stood just 19th. He came back to hit his two most difficult dives to move up to seventh. How-

ever, in the final, he came out of the compulsories in just sixth place and never climbed higher than fifth where he wound up with 642.99 points.

"I was disappointed I didn't medal," he said. "Medaling is such a big deal here. My number six position in the dive order today because of yesterday's prelims didn't help."

The 26-year-old diver had a lot on his mind: his first time in the Olympics; his pregnant wife a week overdue; and the competition being the last of his career.

Women's Springboard

The work ethic is alive on the Chinese national diving team where workouts last six or seven hours a day. In the case of Gao Min, practice makes perfect.

"Gao trains the hardest of all," said Xu Yiming, the national coach in China. "She is the first one in the pool and the last to leave. As far as talent goes, Li Qing (the other Chinese entrant on springboard) has more potential."

Gao emerged on the international scene two years ago with a convincing victory at the World Championships, and has remained the world's best ever since. She's the only female diver ever to score over 600 on springboard—and she's done it three times.

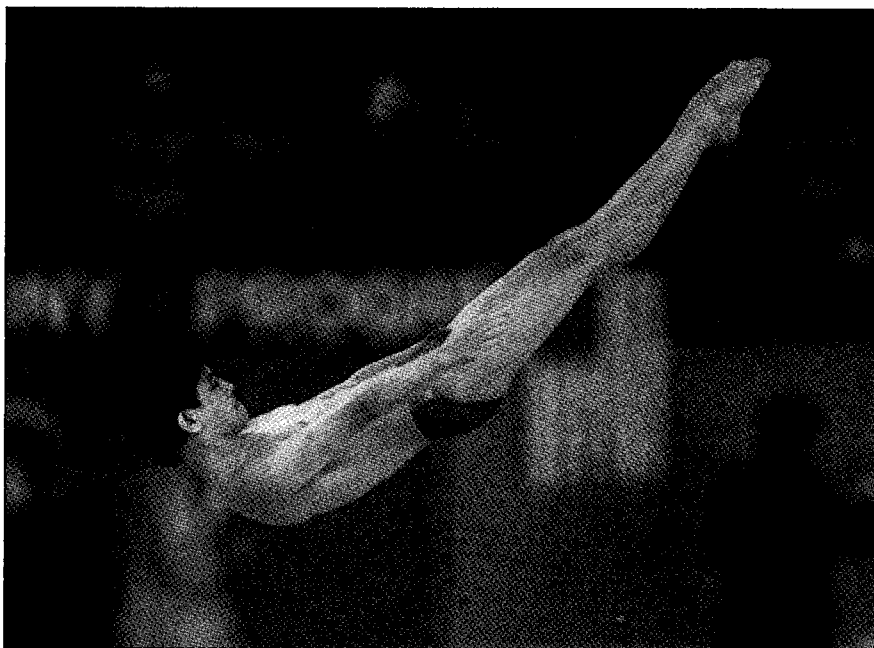
The 18-year-old from Beijing displayed the remarkable consistency that is her trademark in adding an Olympic gold medal to her laurels. She scored 8 or higher on all but a single dive to amass 580.23 points and win by 46 points.

Gao, who is a whiz at Old Maid, didn't show all her cards afterward. When asked what is the secret to her success, she replied, "I have no special secret. The major attribute is our national coach has a very high standard."

Despite appearing in the Olympics for the first time, Gao said she wasn't nervous because "I didn't think about that, and I thought if I can do well I will probably get something."

The silver medal wasn't so easily decided, staying in doubt until the end. In the penultimate round, Li Qing led both Kelly McCormick and the Soviet Union's Irina Lashko by just three points going into the last dive after passing them with an exquisite reverse $2\frac{1}{2}$ tuck (2.8) for 8.5s. McCormick went first in the eighth and final round and got mainly 8s on a reverse $1\frac{1}{2}$ with $2\frac{1}{2}$ twists (2.9). Lashko couldn't match her, receiving mostly 7.5s on an easier

Louganis (above) overcame a head injury on 3-meter and cool 14-year-old Xiong of China (opposite) in a close tower contest for a second Olympic double.



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inward $2\frac{1}{2}$ tuck (2.7). Li, though, earned just enough, three 7.5s, a 7 and a 6.5 on a more difficult back $2\frac{1}{2}$ pike (3.0), to edge McCormick, 534.33 to 533.19.

"When I noticed I was down in fourth place, I was nervous," said Li. "But I thought I could still get to the top if I did my dives well."

McCormick, the silver medalist in 1984, didn't seem disappointed with the bronze. After a terrible prelim round when she scored just 473.73 to rank fifth, she rebounded well in the final.

"Yesterday, I was in the twilight (zone)," said McCormick, 28, "I was scared. I didn't know which way to twist."

"I went all out today. I am diving to my potential. It just wasn't my day. I didn't do any dive poorly. I just could have done them all a little better."

Wendy Lucero, representing the USA for the first time in a major international competition, placed sixth with 498.81 points. She was in contention for a medal until missing a back $2\frac{1}{2}$ tuck (2.8) for 5s in the seventh round, a dive she's always had trouble with.

"It's very scary," said Lucero, 25, about the Olympics. "You can fail before millions of people. But you'll never know how good you are unless you try. Nobody expected me to get in the top three, but I wanted to do my best."

Men's Platform

Divers are always talking about having to overcome the heavy mental pressure of the sport. No one probably has ever felt it like Greg Louganis going into the men's platform event.

"You don't know what type of pressure he's under," said his coach, Ron O'Brien. "If he wins, it's expected. If he comes in second, he's asked what happens."

There was added tension to the platform event because Louganis would be seeking to complete an Olympic back-to-back "double-double," meaning victories in both diving events in two Games. No one had ever swept the men's events in two Olympics. U.S. diver Pat McCormick was the only woman with successive sweeps in 1952 and 1956.

Louganis was coming off the "scariest" experience of his career, the freak accident when he hit his head in the springboard prelims.

If all this wasn't enough, the 28-year-old diver found himself in his tightest match ever in international competition against an opponent half his age. Dueling China's Xiong Ni, 14, reminded Louganis of his 1976 Olympic confrontation with Italian great Klaus Dibiasi, only in reverse. Then, Dibiasi, 29, beat 16-year-old Louganis for his third

successive gold medal on platform by a 16-point margin.

Louganis and Xiong staged a closer battle with the lead exchanging hands four times. The American veteran appeared to be in command when he did his best inward $3\frac{1}{2}$ tuck in quite awhile to take an eight-point advantage after seven rounds. The next round, though, he went a little over on a forward $2\frac{1}{2}$ pike for scores in the 6.5 to 7.5 range and fell two points behind.

The consistent Xiong never cracked and got at least two 8.5s, and usually more, on all his optionals. He led by exactly three points going into the final round and came through by ripping his inward $3\frac{1}{2}$ tuck for a 9 and four 8.5s. To beat the plucky Chinese kid, Louganis needed at least four 8.5s and an 8 on a reverse $3\frac{1}{2}$ tuck (3.4), the toughest dive of the event. His entry into the water went a little over, but a strong jump and his grace in the air earned him awards of 8.5 and a narrow victory by 1.14 points with a total of 638.61. Upon seeing the result on the scoreboard, he embraced O'Brien with tears of joy coming from his eyes.

"I knew I was trailing going into the last dive," said Louganis. "I didn't know what the lead was. I knew I had a 3.4 and he had a 3.2, so I had a slight advantage in DD."

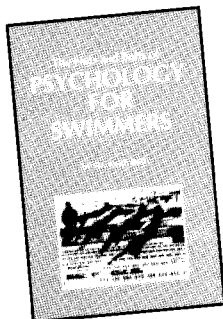
"I kept telling myself on the board that my mother loves me just as I did on my final dive in 1984. I didn't see the dive, so I don't know how good it was. I knew it felt good."

Xiong, who took up diving in 1981 when he was 7 and made his debut in a national diving competition after only a year of training, always considered Louganis an idol.

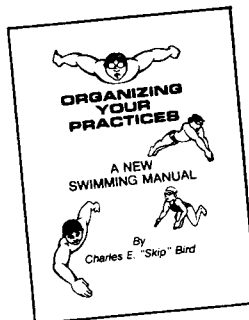
"I know that I'm young and I think it's an honor that I competed against him," said Xiong, 5-foot-2 and 104 pounds. "I felt the pressure was very great because the points were so close. I knew if I did not do the last dive well, I would not win."

Jesus Mena of Mexico finished a surprising third with 594.39 points. China's other diver, 1984 bronze medalist Li Kongzheng, missed several optionals and placed just sixth at 543.81. Pat Jeffrey of the USA had a miserable night and wound up last in the finals with 483.54. —**Stories by Russ Ewald** □

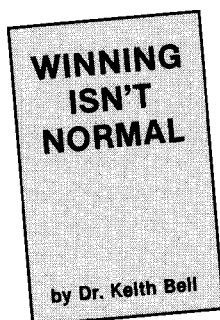
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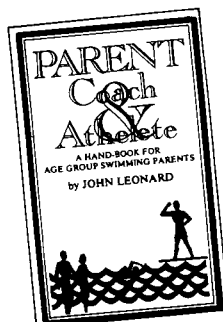
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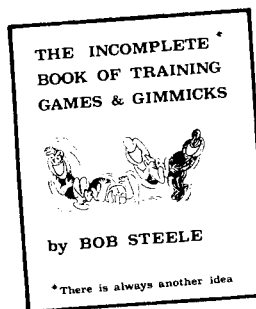
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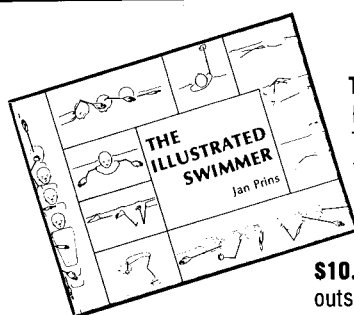
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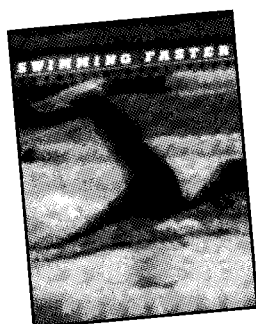
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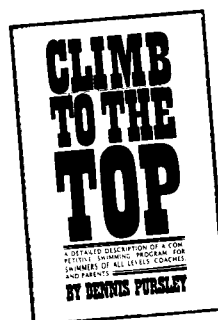
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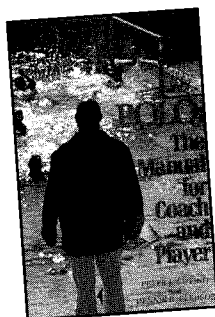
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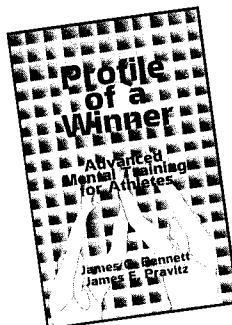
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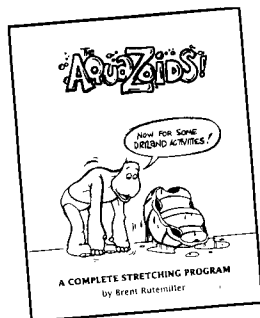
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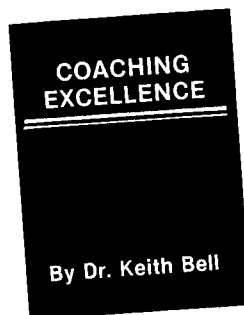
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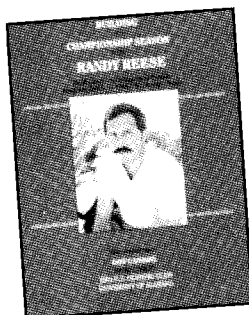
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26.34 Marie-T. Armentero, SUI
26.45 Kristin Topham, CAN
26.45 Ayako Nakano, JPN
26.48 Inna Abramova, URS
26.56 Karin Brienesse, HOL
26.60 Diana van der Plaats, HOL

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26.60 Andrea Nugent, CAN
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26.61 Kaori Sasaki, JPN
26.66 Fujie Xia, CHN

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26.85 Karin Furuhed, SWE
27.14 Alison Sheppard, GBR
27.16 Maria Rivera, MEX
27.17 Annabelle Cripps, GBR
27.27 Karen Diefenthaler, TRI
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27.45 Patricia Kohlmann, MEX
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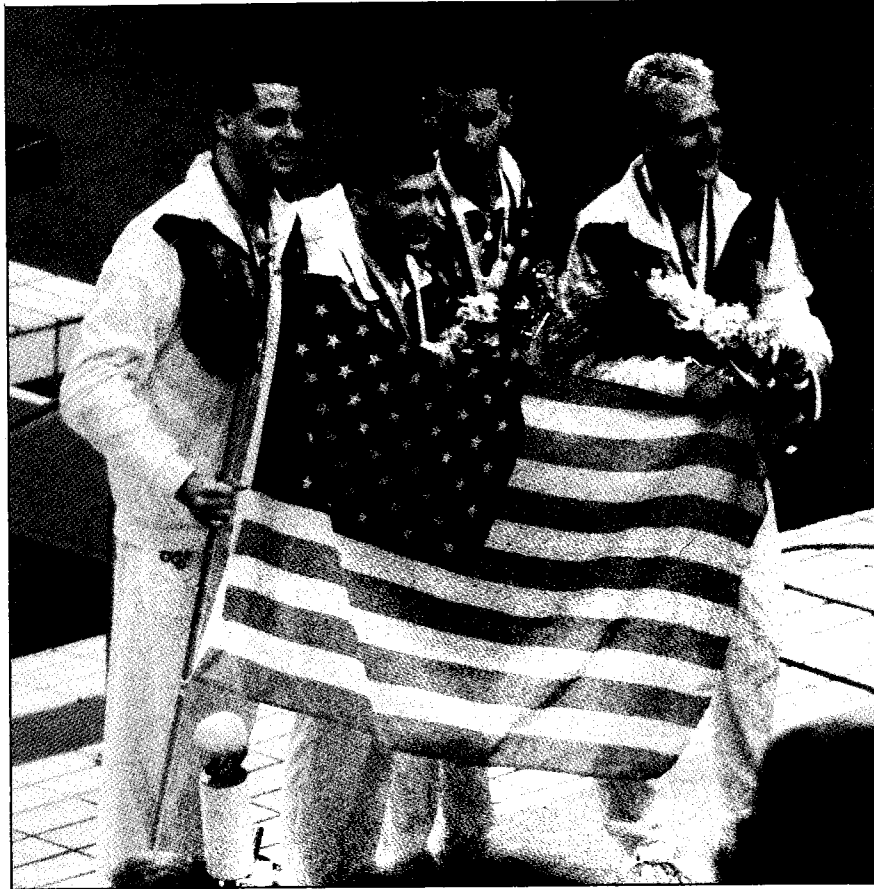
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56.15 Karin Brienesse, HOL
56.25 Dara Torres, USA
56.54 Conny van Bentum, HOL

Consolation Finals—Sept. 19

56.48 Natalia Trelliva, URS
56.72 Ayako Nakano, JPN
56.79 Luminita Dobrescu, ROM
56.83 Mitzi Kremer, USA
57.02 Gitta Jensen, DEN
57.04 Karen van Wirdum, AUS
57.07 Svetlana Issakova, URS
57.11 Tamara Costache, ROM

Prelims—Sept. 18

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55.80 Kristin Otto, GDR
55.84 Yong Zhuang, CHN
56.14 Manuela Stellmach, GDR
56.16 Silvia Poli, CRC
56.29 Karin Brienesse, HOL
56.37 Dara Torres, USA
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57.76 Susie Baumer, AUS
57.79 Yaping Lou, CHN
57.80 Natacha Hristova, BUL
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1:02.47 Catherine Fogarty, ZIM
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2:01.84 Mette Jacobsen, DEN
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2:02.31 Chikako Nakamori, JPN
2:02.32 Birgit Lohberg-Schulz, FRG
2:14.23 Yong Zhuang, CHN

Prelims—Sept. 20

1:59.02 Heike Friedrich, GDR
1:59.22 Silvia Poli, CRC
1:59.50 Mary Wayne, USA
2:00.30 Manuela Stellmach, GDR
2:00.54 Natalia Trelliva, URS
2:00.66 Stephanie Ortwig, FRG
2:01.45 Mitzi Kremer, USA
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2:03.32 Isabella Arnold, BEL
2:03.36 Suzanne Nilsson, SWE
2:03.42 Sheridan Burge-Lopez, AUS
2:03.63 June Croft, GBR
2:04.36 Karin Brienesse, HOL
2:04.40 Silvia Persi, ITA
2:04.71 Annette Jorgensen, DEN
2:04.74 Patricia Amorim, BRA
2:04.82 Susie Baumer, AUS
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2:04.85 Jane Kerr, CAN
2:06.18 Kaori Sasaki, JPN
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2:07.11 Bryndis Ollafsdottir, ISL
2:07.44 Rita Jean Garay, PUR
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2:10.85 Eun-Jung Kim, KOR
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2:11.53 Joo-Li Park, KOR
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2:13.44 Catherine Fogarty, ZIM
2:13.61 Cee Kay Hung, HKG
2:16.79 Angela Birch, FIJ
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4:13.92 Natalia Trelliva, URS

Consolation Finals—Sept. 22

4:10.21 Sheridan Burge-Lopez, AUS
4:11.88 Noemi Lung, ROM
4:12.14 Stela Pura, ROM
4:13.43 A. Strumenleva, BUL
4:14.70 Patricia Noail, CAN
4:14.90 Manuela Melchiorri, ITA
4:15.59 Chikako Nakamori, JPN
4:21.03 Cecile Prunier, FRA

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4:10.12 Janet Evans, USA
4:10.64 Anke Mohring, GDR
4:10.73 Tami Bruce, USA
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4:18.06 Eva Mortensen, DEN
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4:18.67 Alexandra Russ, FRG
4:19.33 Huda Abdullah Nurul, MAL
4:19.64 Patricia Amorim, BRA
4:19.95 Christelle Janssens, BEL
4:20.98 Pernille Janssens, DEN
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4:24.84 Rita Jean Garay, PUR
4:25.52 Judith Csabai, HUN
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Championship Finals—Sept. 24
8:20.20w Janet Evans, USA
8:22.09 Astrid Strauss, GDR
8:22.93w Julie McDonald, AUS
8:23.05 Anke Mohring, GDR

8:30.86 Tami Bruce, USA
8:30.94 Janelle Elford, AUS
8:37.47 Isabella Arnold, BEL
8:41.05 A. Strumenleva, BUL

Prelims—Sept. 23

8:28.07 Astrid Strauss, GDR
8:28.13 Janet Evans, USA
8:29.88 Julie McDonald, AUS
8:30.95 Anke Mohring, GDR
8:31.57 Tami Bruce, USA
8:32.14 Janelle Elford, AUS
8:34.56 Isabella Arnold, BEL
8:35.40 A. Strumenleva, BUL
8:36.24 Debbie Wurzbarger, CAN
8:38.33 Irene Dalby, NOR
8:39.55 Tomomi Hosoda, JPN
8:40.63 Manuela Melchiorri, ITA
8:41.64 Karyn Faure, FRA
8:41.95 Stephanie Ortwig, FRG
8:43.19 Natalia Trelliva, URS
8:44.64 Karen Mellor, GBR
8:49.31 Alexandra Russ, FRG
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8:50.84 Huda Abdullah Nurul, MAL
8:51.22 Christelle Janssens, BEL
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8:56.37 Judith Csabai, HUN
8:57.22 Cecile Prunier, FRA
9:00.04 Tracey Atkin, GBR
9:00.81 Ming Yan, CHN
9:04.62 Rita Jean Garay, PUR

100 BACKSTROKE

Championship Finals—Sept. 22
1:00.89 Kristin Otto, GDR
1:01.56 Krisztina Egerszegi, HUN
1:01.57 Cornelia Sirch, GDR
1:02.71 Betsy Mitchell, USA
1:02.78 Beth Barr, USA
1:03.34 Silvia Poli, CRC
1:04.15 Nicole Livingstone, AUS

200 BACKSTROKE

Championship Finals—Sept. 22
2:09.29w Kristina Egerszegi, HUN
2:10.61 Kathrin Zimmermann, GDR
2:11.45 Cornelia Sirch, GDR
2:12.39 Beth Barr, USA
2:13.43 Nicole Livingstone, AUS
2:15.02 Andrea Hayes, USA
2:15.17 Jolanda de Rover, HOL
2:15.94 Svenja Schlacht, FRG

Consolation Finals—Sept. 25

2:15.75 Areta Patrascoiu, ROM
2:16.06 Sharon Mussion, NZL
2:16.68 Li Lin, CHN
2:18.20 Katharine Read, GBR
2:18.69 Lorenza Vigarani, ITA
2:18.78 Karen Lord, AUS
2:18.78 Satoko Morishita, JPN
2:18.78 Johanna Larsson, SWE
2:18.11 Li Lin, CHN
2:18.74 Satoko Morishita, JPN
2:19.50 Michelle Smith, IRL
2:19.81 Aileen Convery, IRL
2:20.45 Lori Meilen, CAN
2:21.46 Tomoko Onogi, JPN
2:21.55 Sylvia Hume, NZL
2:21.66 Helen Slater, GBR
2:21.70 Bolin Wang, CHN
2:23.73 Rita Jean Garay, PUR
2:24.15 Christine Magnier, FRA
2:24.58 Ji-Hee Hong, KOR
2:24.61 Eva Gysling, SUI
2:26.25 Katja Ziliox, FRG

400 FREESTYLE

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4:05.94 Heike Friedrich, GDR
4:06.62 Anke Mohring, GDR
4:08.16 Tami Bruce, USA
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The United States made a clean sweep of the men's relays, setting world records in all three. Blondi, Berkoff, Jacobs and Schroeder (above) won the meet's last event, the medley relay.

For the Record

2:32.13 Ana Joselina Fortin, HON
2:33.97 Tricia Duncan, ISV
2:36.60 Chi Wang, TPE
2:36.99 Sharon Pickering, FIJ

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1:08.74 Antoaneta Frenkeva, BUL
1:08.83 Silke Horner, GDR
1:08.86 Allison Higson, CAN
1:09.24 Elena Volkova, URS
1:09.60 Tracey McFarlane, USA
1:10.53 Xiaomin Huang, CHN
1:10.67 Annett Rex, GDR

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1:10.42 Svetlana Kuzmina, URS
1:10.58 Kellie Duggan, CAN
1:10.86 Ingrid Lempereur, BEL
1:10.95 Manuela Dalla Valle, ITA
1:11.08 Susan Johnson, USA
1:11.24 Gabriella Csepe, HUN
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1:12.98 Britta Dahm, FRG
1:13.01 R. Runolfsson, ISL
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1:15.00 Patricia Bruehlhart, SUI
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1:15.47 Carwai Seto, TPE
1:15.67 Alicia Boscatto, ARG
1:15.67 Hiroko Nagasaki, JPN
1:16.65 Sigrid Niehaus, CRC
1:18.42 Montserrat Hidalgo, CRC
1:19.60 Valentina Aracil, ARG
1:20.18 Dipika Channumugam, SRI
1:20.95 Y.F. Kimberly Chen, TPE
1:22.62 Katherine Moreno, BOL
1:24.01 Ana Martins, ANG
1:24.46 Nadia Cruz, ANG

200 BREASTSTROKE

Championship Finals—Sept. 21
2:26.71w Silke Horner, GDR
2:27.49 Xiaomin Huang, CHN
2:28.34 Antoaneta Frenkeva, BUL
2:28.43 Tania Dangalakova, BUL
2:28.54 Julia Bogacheva, URS
2:29.42 Ingrid Lempereur, BEL
2:29.60 Allison Higson, CAN
2:29.86 Manuela Dalla Valle, ITA

Consolation Finals—Sept. 21

2:28.55 Susanne Bornicke, GDR
2:30.03 Svetlana Kuzmina, URS
2:30.83 Linda Moes, HOL
2:31.19 Annalisa Nisiro, ITA
2:32.90 Susan Rapp, USA
2:33.46 Tracey McFarlane, USA
2:33.55 Guylaine Cloutier, CAN
2:34.10 Brigitte Becue, BEL

Prelims—Sept. 20

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2:30.93 Svetlana Kuzmina, URS
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2:39.40 Sung-Won Park, KOR
2:39.97 Lara Hooiveld, AUS
2:40.78 Nancy Arendt, LUX
2:40.80 Anamarja Petricevic, YUG
2:41.12 Helen Frank, GBR
2:41.34 Heike Esser, FRG
2:42.31 Carwai Seto, TPE
2:42.82 Patricia Bruehlhart, SUI
2:44.72 Montserrat Hidalgo, CRC
2:45.35 Sigrid Niehaus, CRC
2:45.80 Alicia Boscatto, ARG
2:45.87 Hui-Lien Chen, CHN
2:50.84 Y.F. Kimberly Chen, TPE
2:51.60 Dipika Channumugam, SRI
DQ Valentina Aracil, ARG

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Championship Finals—Sept. 23
59.00 Kristin Otto, GDR
59.45 Birte Weigang, GDR
59.52 Hong Qian, CHN
59.58 Catherine Plewinski, FRA
1:00.48 Janel Jorgensen, USA
1:00.62 Conny van Bentum, HOL
1:00.97 Mary T. Meagher, USA
1:01.15 Xiaohong Wang, CHN

Consolation Finals—Sept. 23

1:01.46 Svetlana Koptchikova, URS
1:01.80 Kiyomi Takahashi, JPN
1:02.45 Jacqueline Delord, FRA
1:02.47 Neviana Miteva, BUL
1:02.51 Fiona Alessandri, AUS
1:02.53 Takayo Kitano, JPN
1:02.63 Gabi Rehas, FRG
1:02.78 Ilaria Tocchini, ITA
Prelims—Sept. 23
59.34 Catherine Plewinski, FRA
59.97 Birte Weigang, GDR
1:00.40 Kristin Otto, GDR
1:00.66 Hong Qian, CHN
1:00.94 Conny van Bentum, HOL
1:00.97 Janel Jorgensen, USA
1:01.16 Xiaohong Wang, CHN
1:01.48 Mary T. Meagher, USA
1:01.65 Svetlana Koptchikova, URS
1:01.90 Fiona Alessandri, AUS

1:02.01 Neviana Miteva, BUL
1:02.04 Kiyomi Takahashi, JPN
1:02.07 Ilaria Tocchini, ITA
1:02.24 Jacqueline Delord, FRA
1:02.27 Gabi Rehas, FRG
1:02.35 Takayo Kitano, JPN
1:02.47 Maria L. Fernandez, ESP
1:02.76 Caroline Fott, GBR
1:02.85 Ina Beyermann, FRG
1:02.91 Jane Kerr, CAN
1:03.43 Agneta Eriksson, SWE
1:03.69 Andrea Nugent, CAN
1:03.91 Emanuela Viola, ITA
1:03.91 Stela Pura, ROM
1:04.36 Hong-Mi Lee, KOR
1:04.60 Sandra Neves, POR
1:05.02 B. Morales-Massella, GUA
1:05.37 Marlene Bruten, MEX
1:06.14 Soo-Jin Kim, KOR
1:06.94 Cee Kai Hung, HKG
1:07.36 Hui-Chien Chang, TPE
1:07.66 Marcela Cuesta, CRC
1:07.96 Oanh Nguyen Kieu, VIE
1:07.99 Ana Joselina Fortin, HON
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1:10.51 Sharon Pickering, FIJ
1:12.03 Cina Munch, FIJ
1:12.27 Elsa Freire, ANG
1:12.84 Barbara Gayle, GUM

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Championship Finals—Sept. 25
2:09.51 Kathleen Nord, GDR
2:09.91 Birte Weigang, GDR
2:10.80 Mary T. Meagher, USA
2:11.28 Stela Pura, ROM
2:11.55 Trina Radke, USA
2:11.62 Kiyomi Takahashi, JPN
2:12.34 Xiaohong Wang, CHN
2:13.17 Conny van Bentum, HOL

Consolation Finals—Sept. 25

2:12.66 Mojca Cater, CAN
2:13.74 Ina Beyermann, FRG
2:14.20 Gabi Rehas, FRG
2:14.43 Svetlana Koptchikova, URS
2:15.60 Mette Jacobsen, DEN
2:15.61 Takayo Kitano, JPN
2:16.23 Daniela Hunger, GDR
2:16.60 Marianne Muis, HOL
2:17.09 Li Lin, CHN
Prelims—Sept. 25
2:11.81 Kathleen Nord, GDR
2:11.97 Birte Weigang, GDR
2:12.35 Mary T. Meagher, USA

2:12.41 Conny van Bentum, HOL
2:12.53 Stela Pura, ROM
2:12.68 Kiyomi Takahashi, JPN
2:12.93 Trina Radke, USA
2:13.05 Xiaohong Wang, CHN
2:13.09 Gabi Rehas, FRG
2:13.21 Mojca Cater, CAN
2:13.56 Ina Beyermann, FRG
2:15.26 Svetlana Koptchikova, URS
2:15.41 Takayo Kitano, JPN
2:15.78 Mette Jacobsen, DEN
2:17.10 Helen Bewley, GBR
2:17.28 Lynne Wilson, GBR
2:18.17 Donna Procter, AUS
2:18.29 Sandra Neves, POR
2:18.44 Neviana Miteva, BUL
2:19.00 Soo-Jin Kim, KOR
2:19.28 B. Morales-Massella, GUA
2:19.56 Wianan Mo, CHN
2:19.68 Marlene Bruten, MEX
2:20.74 Isabelle Arnold, BEL
2:21.65 Claire Supiot, FRA
2:25.50 Hui-Chien Chang, TPE
2:33.07 Oanh Nguyen Kieu, VIE
DQ Donna McGinnis, CAN

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Championship Finals—Sept. 24
2:12.59c Daniela Hunger, GDR
2:13.31 Elena Denobrova, URS
2:14.85 Noemi Lung, ROM
2:16.31 Jodie Clatworthy, AUS
2:16.40 Marianne Muis, HOL
2:16.70 Aneta Patrasculu, ROM
2:17.42 Li Lin, CHN
2:17.99 Whitney Hedgepeth, USA

Consolation Finals

2:17.73 Mildred Muis, HOL
2:17.85 Birgit Lohberg-Schulz, FRG
2:19.20 Jean Hill, GBR
2:19.35 Annette Philipsson, SWE
2:19.63 Roberta Felotti, ITA
2:19.63 Anamarja Petricevic, YUG
2:19.91 Julia Bogacheva, URS
2:20.43 Yoshie Nishiohka, JPN
Prelims—Sept. 25
2:15.30 Elena Denobrova, URS
2:15.55 Noemi Lung, ROM
2:16.23 Daniela Hunger, GDR
2:16.60 Marianne Muis, HOL
2:17.09 Li Lin, CHN
2:17.29 Jodie Clatworthy, AUS
2:17.39 Aneta Patrasculu, ROM
2:17.45 Whitney Hedgepeth, USA

2:17.46 Birgit Schulz-Lohberg, FRG
2:17.57 Jean Hill, GBR
2:18.86 Anette Philipsson, SWE
2:19.07 Julia Bogacheva, URS
2:19.38 Anamarja Petricevic, YUG
2:19.46 Mildred Muis, HOL
2:19.54 Allison Higson, CAN
2:19.62 Roberta Felotti, ITA
2:20.20 Yoshie Nishiohka, JPN
2:20.31 Svenja Schlicht, FRG
2:21.79 Donna Procter, AUS
2:21.83 Annette Poulsen, DEN
2:22.20 Silvia Parera, ESP
2:22.59 Hiroyo Harada, JPN
2:22.64 Zara Long, GBR
2:22.65 R. Runolfsson, ISL
2:22.85 Manuela Dalla Valle, ITA
2:25.53 Michelle Smith, IRL
2:26.89 Marlene Bruten, MEX
2:27.72 Carwai Seto, TPE
2:28.61 Patricia Kohnmann, MEX
2:31.53 Valentina Aracil, ARG
2:33.58 Dipika Channumugam, SRI
2:34.32 Annet Marie Munk, HKG
2:35.11 Y.F. Kimberly Chen, TPE
2:35.22 Sharon Pickering, FIJ
2:39.20 Angela Birch, FIJ
DQ Mary Wayne, USA

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Championship Finals—Sept. 19
4:37.76c Janet Evans, USA
4:39.46 Noemi Lung, ROM
4:39.76 Daniela Hunger, GDR
4:40.44 Elena Denobrova, URS
4:41.64 Kathleen Nord, GDR
4:45.86 Jodie Clatworthy, AUS
4:47.05 Li Lin, CHN
4:47.51 Donna Procter, AUS
Consolation Finals—Sept. 19
4:49.53 Roberta Felotti, ITA
4:50.54 Birgit Schulz-Lohberg, FRG
4:51.93 Erika Hansen, USA
4:52.33 A. Strumenieva, BUL
4:52.77 Annette Philipsson, SWE
4:53.29 Christine Magnier, FRA
4:54.40 Annette Poulsen, DEN
4:55.92 Ming Yan, CHN
Prelims—Sept. 18
4:41.96 Noemi Lung, ROM
4:42.92 Kathleen Nord, GDR
4:43.04 Janet Evans, USA
4:44.26c Jodie Clatworthy, AUS
4:44.85 Daniela Hunger, GDR



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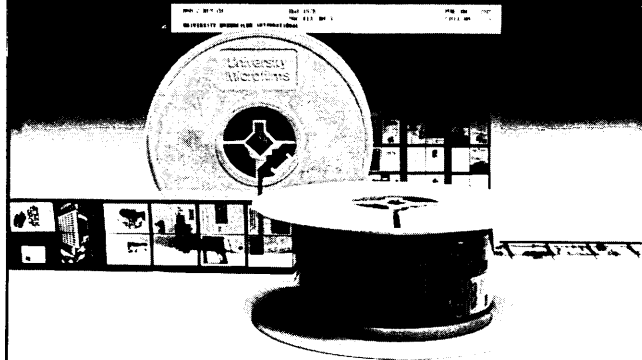


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4:10.49 Canada
4:11.57 Australia
4:12.19 Holland
4:12.36 Bulgaria
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4:08.53 GDR
4:10.38 United States
4:11.82 Holland
4:13.19 West Germany
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4:14.32 Australia
4:14.68 Italy
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4:16.72 France
4:17.21 Sweden
4:18.88 Japan
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4:28.90 South Korea
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4:39.49 Taipei
4:40 China
4:40 Denmark

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Championship Finals—Sept. 22
3:40.53 GDR
3:43.39 Holland
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3:44.69 China
3:44.99 Soviet Union
3:46.75 Canada
3:46.90 West Germany
3:49.25 Denmark
Prelims—Sept. 22
3:43.13 GDR
3:44.12 Holland
3:45.10 United States
3:46.28 Soviet Union
3:46.36 China
3:48.03 West Germany
3:48.83 Denmark
3:49.20 Canada
3:50.50 Sweden
3:50.84 Great Britain
3:56.29 Brazil
3:59.67 Costa Rica
4:03.18 South Korea
4:08.58 Hong Kong
4:09.84 Taipei

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22.36 Tom Jager, USA
22.71 Gennadi Prigoda, URS
22.83 Dano Halsall, SUI
22.84 Stefan Volery, SUI
22.88 Vladimir Tkachenko, URS
23.03 Frank Henfer, FRG
23.15 Andrew Baldon, AUS
Consolation Finals—Sept. 24
23.28 Goran Titus, SWE
23.37 Per Johansson, SWE
23.39 Peng Siong Ang, SIN
23.40 Jianqiang Shen, CHN
23.45 Christophe Kalfayan, FRA
23.55 Stephan Guesgen, FRG
23.64 Mark Andrews, CAN
23.65 Hilton Woods, AHO
Prelims—Sept. 24
22.39 Matt Biondi, USA
22.57 Gennadi Prigoda, URS
22.61 Dano Halsall, SUI
22.61 Tom Jager, USA
22.81 Vladimir Tkachenko, URS
22.98 Frank Henfer, FRG
23.09 Andrew Baldon, AUS
23.04 Stefan Volery, SUI
23.28 Peng Siong Ang, SIN
23.12 Per Johansson, SWE
23.22 Stephan Guesgen, FRG
23.41 Tzvetan Golomeev, BUL
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23.44 Goran Titus, SWE
23.46 Hilton Woods, AHO
23.47 Qiangbiao Feng, CHN
23.47 Ming Yan, CHN
23.47 Christophe Kalfayan, FRA
23.47 Swin-off 23.37
23.50 Vagn Høgholm, DEN
23.50 Hans Kroes, HOL
23.51 Mark Foster, GBR
23.53 Petr Klaviva, TCH
23.61 Manuel Guzman, PUR
23.67 Mike Fibbens, GBR
23.70 Peter Rohde, DEN
23.72 Thomas Stachewicz, AUS
23.99 Yves Clausse, LUX
24.01 Rodrigo Gonzalez, MEX
24.02 Pablo Trinidad, POR
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27.34 Amine El-Domyati, LIB
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27.93 Yui Mark Du Pont, SWZ
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49.08 Chris Jacobs, USA
49.62 Stephan Caron, FRA
49.75 Gennadi Prigoda, URS
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50.23 Andrew Baldon, AUS
50.35 Per Johansson, SWE
50.54 Tommy Werner, SWE
Consolation Finals—Sept. 22
50.71 Thomas Stachewicz, AUS
50.73 Sandy Goss, CAN
50.74 Stefan Volery, SUI
51.00 Sven Lodziewski, GDR
51.05 Franz Mortensen, DEN
51.12 Thomas Fahrner, FRG
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49.04 Matt Biondi, USA
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50.08 Yuri Bachkatov, URS
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51.02 Torsten Wiegell, FRG
51.05 Christoph Kalfayan, FRA
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54.63 Kwang-Sun Song, KOR
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1:47.89 Anders Holmertz, SWE
1:47.99 Matt Biondi, USA
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1:48.59 Michael Gross, FRG
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1:51.03 Alexei Kuznetsov, URS
1:51.44 Franz Mortensen, DEN
1:51.63 M. Podkocinski, POL
1:51.89 Shigeo Ogata, JPN
1:51.99 Paul Howe, GBR

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1:48.86 Duncan Armstrong, AUS
1:48.96 Troy Dalbey, USA
1:49.02 Thomas Fahrner, FRG
1:49.13 Steffen Zesner, GDR
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1:53.03 Michael Green, GBR
1:53.05 Daniel Serra, ESP
1:53.05 Magnus Olafsson, ISL
1:53.16 Julio Lopez, BRA
1:53.61 Jan Larsen, DEN
1:53.63 Ignacio Escamilla, MEX
1:53.73 Jean-Marie Arnold, BEL
1:53.75 Zoltan Szilagyi, HUN
1:53.81 Ludovic Depickere, FRA
1:53.82 Salvador Vassallo, PUR
1:54.72 Norbert Agh, HUN
1:54.90 Yves Clausse, LUX
1:55.04 Jun Xie, CHN
1:55.58 Rene Conception, PHI
1:55.11 Ssang-Hoon Kwon, KOR
1:55.13 Vaughan Smith, ZIM
1:56.44 David Lim, SIN
1:56.84 Joseph Buhain, PHI
1:56.88 Sang-Won Kwon, KOR
1:57.28 Jin Gee Oon, SIN
1:57.50 Mostafa Amer, EGY
1:57.60 Richard Bera, INA
1:57.72 Jonathan Sakovich, GUM
1:57.90 Stephen Cullen, IRL
1:58.10 Arthur Li, HKG
1:58.45 Hakan Eskioğlu, TUR
1:58.62 Kiang-Sung W. TPE
1:58.95 Soon-Kun Kwon, KOR
2:00.43 Ming-Hsun Wu, TPE
2:01.02 Yi Ming Tang, HKG
2:01.73 Richard Gheer, IRL
2:01.94 Hans Forster, ISV
2:06.45 Kristan Singleton, ISV
2:09.05 Jason Chute, FIJ
2:09.43 M. Binabid, UAE

For the Record

2:13.21 Ahmad Faraj, UAE
2:16.39 Emile Lahoud, LIB

400 FREESTYLE

Championship Finals—Sept. 23
3:46.95 Uwe Daxler, GDR
3:47.15c Duncan Armstrong, AUS
3:47.34 Artur Wojdat, POL
3:48.09 Matt Cetlinski, USA
3:48.59 M. Podkoscilny, POL
3:49.96 Stefan Pfeiffer, FRG
3:50.16 Kevin Boyd, GBR
3:51.04 Anders Holmertz, SWE
Consolation Finals—Sept. 23
3:52.13 Jorg Hoffmann, GDR
3:53.24 Walter Kalas, HUN
3:54.33 Turlough O'Hare, CAN
3:54.36 Carlos Scanavino, URU
3:54.63 Ian Brown, AUS
3:55.34 Dan Jorgensen, USA
3:55.39 Salvador Vassallo, PUR
3:56.00 Zoltan Szilagyi, HUN

Prelims—Sept. 23

3:49.51 M. Podkoscilny, POL
3:49.52 Stefan Pfeiffer, FRG
3:49.58 Artur Wojdat, POL
3:49.90 Uwe Daxler, GDR
3:50.01 Kevin Boyd, GBR
3:50.06 Anders Holmertz, SWE
3:50.64 Duncan Armstrong, AUS
3:50.82 Matt Cetlinski, USA
3:51.09 Ian Brown, AUS
3:51.50 Rainer Henkel, FRG
3:52.64 Dan Jorgensen, USA
3:53.29 Giorgio Lamberti, ITA
3:53.44 Walter Kalas, HUN
3:53.78 Jorg Hoffmann, GDR
3:54.86 Carlos Scanavino, URU
3:55.30 Salvador Vassallo, PUR
3:55.35 Turlough O'Hare, CAN
3:56.29 Zoltan Szilagyi, HUN
3:56.33 Roberto Gieria, ITA
3:56.94 Darjan Petric, YUG
3:57.41 Henrik Jangvall, SWE
3:57.46 Daniel Serra, ESP
3:57.79 Cristiano Michelena, BRA
3:57.91 Tony Day, GBR
3:57.92 Alberto Bottini, SUI
3:57.99 Gary Vandermeulen, CAN
3:58.74 Alexander Bazanov, URU
3:58.90 Jorg Majcen, YUG
3:59.91 Jean-Marie Arnold, BEL
4:00.04 Franco Iacono, FRA
4:00.46 Claus Christensen, DEN
4:02.02 Y. Mizumoto, JPN
4:02.48 David Castro, BRA
4:03.15 Ignacio Escamilla, MEX
4:04.02 Carlos Romo, MEX
4:04.57 Kuan Seng J. Ong, MAL
4:05.12 R. Gudomundsson, ISL
4:05.68 Shigeo Ogata, JPN
4:05.81 Wook Yang, KOR
4:06.66 Ming-Hsun Wu, TPE
4:06.89 Jonathan Sakovich, GUM
4:08.02 Soon-Kun Kwon, KOR
4:08.70 Richard Bera, INA
4:15.54 Desmond Koh, SIN
4:18.50 Arthur Li, HKG
4:18.88 Julian Bolling, SRI
4:39.36 Bassam Alansari, UAE
4:47.09 Emile Lahoud, LIB
4:47.28 M. Binabid, UAE

1500 FREESTYLE

Championship Finals—Sept. 25
15:00.40 Vladimir Salnikov, URU
15:02.69 Stefan Pfeiffer, FRG
15:06.15 Uwe Daxler, GDR
15:06.42 Matt Cetlinski, USA
15:14.76 M. Podkoscilny, POL
15:18.19 Rainer Henkel, FRG
15:21.16 Kevin Boyd, GBR
15:37.12 Darjan Petric, YUG
Prelims—Sept. 24
15:07.41 Matt Cetlinski, USA
15:07.83 Vladimir Salnikov, URU
15:07.85 Stefan Pfeiffer, FRG
15:08.91 Uwe Daxler, GDR
15:11.19 M. Podkoscilny, POL
15:14.13 Jorg Hoffmann, GDR
15:14.64 Rainer Henkel, FRG
15:16.99 Darjan Petric, YUG
15:17.56 Kevin Boyd, GBR
15:18.80 Luca Pellegrini, ITA
15:19.36 Michael McKenzie, AUS
15:22.19 C. Marchand, FRA
15:22.66 Franco Iacono, FRA
15:22.85 Jason Pummer, AUS
15:23.01 Walter Kalas, HUN
15:23.22 Chris Chalmers, CAN
15:24.33 Stefan Persson, SWE
15:29.16 Jorg Majcen, YUG
15:30.31 Harry Taylor, CAN
15:36.54 Stefano Battistelli, ITA
15:37.52 Artur Wojdat, POL
15:38.75 Tony Day, GBR
15:39.51 Dan Jorgensen, USA
15:45.96 Dali Wang, CHN
15:47.35 Masashi Kato, JPN
15:50.50 Cristiano Michelena, BRA
15:52.05 Y. Mizumoto, JPN
15:52.80 Norbert Agh, HUN
15:53.67 Kuan Seng J. Ong, MAL
15:56.13 Artur Costa, POR
15:57.54 R. Gudomundsson, ISL
15:57.89 David Castro, BRA
15:59.74 Ming-Hsun Wu, TPE
16:21.10 Wook Yang, KOR
16:26.77 Jonathan Sakovich, GUM

100 BACKSTROKE

Championship Finals—Sept. 24
55.05 Daichi Suzuki, JPN
55.18 David Berkoff, USA
55.20 Igor Polianski, URU
55.37 Sergei Zabolotnov, URU
56.09 Mark Tewksbury, CAN
56.10 Frank Baltrusch, GDR
56.19 Frank Hoffmeister, FRG
56.32 Sean Murphy, CAN
Consolation Finals—Sept. 24
56.66 Dirk Richter, GDR
56.98 Frank Schott, FRA
57.06 Jay Mortenson, USA
57.13 S. Maruyama, JPN
57.17 Georgui Mikhailev, BUL
57.72 David Lim, SIN
57.95 Manuel Guzman, PUR
58.20 Edward Edvardsson, ISL
Prelims—Sept. 24
54.51w David Berkoff, USA
55.04 Igor Polianski, URU
55.90 Daichi Suzuki, JPN
56.13 Sergei Zabolotnov, URU
56.19 Frank Hoffmeister, FRG
56.20 Sean Murphy, CAN
56.20 Mark Tewksbury, CAN
56.45 Frank Baltrusch, GDR
56.52 Dirk Richter, GDR
56.76 Frank Schott, FRA
57.06 Georgui Mikhailev, BUL
57.08 Jens-Peter Berndt, FRG
57.19 Jay Mortenson, USA
57.34 David Lim, SIN
57.54 S. Maruyama, JPN
57.62 Manuel Guzman, PUR
57.70 Edward Edvardsson, ISL
57.74 Laiju Lin, CHN
57.80 Paul Kingsman, NZL
57.91 Rogero Romero, BRA
58.01 Lars Sorensen, DEN
58.02 Neil Harper, GBR
58.05 M. Lopez-Zubero, ESP
58.17 Patrick Ferland, SUI
58.25 Neil Cochran, GBR
58.37 Alejandro Alvarez, PER
58.40 Carl Wilson, AUS
58.65 Tamas Deutsch, HUN
58.82 Stephen Cullen, IRL
58.86 Pavel Vokoun, TCH
58.90 Renaud Boucher, FRA
59.06 Simon Upton, AUS
59.19 Ernesto Vela, MEX
59.24 Helias Malamas, GRE
59.36 Guoxiong Huang, CHN
59.37 Richard Gheel, IRL
59.48 Valerio Giambalvo, ITA
59.76 Vladimir Ribeiro, BRA
1:00.76 Amin Amer, EGY
1:01.25 Dong-Pil Park, KOR
1:01.86 Patrick Sagisi, GUM
1:01.91 Horst Niehaus, CRC
1:01.91 Hor Man Yip, HKG
1:02.95 Brett Halford, ZIM
1:03.11 Eric Greenwood, CRC
1:03.90 Pablo Barahona, HON
1:05.06 Bruno Ndiaye, SEN
1:07.63 Filippo Piva, SMR
1:08.91 Mohamed Abdulla, UAE
1:09.35 Ram Kantari, LIB
1:10.01 M. Binabid, UAE
1:12.50 Yul Mark Du Pont, SWZ

200 BACKSTROKE

Championship Finals—Sept. 22
1:59.37 Igor Polianski, URU
1:59.60 Frank Baltrusch, GDR
2:00.48 Paul Kingsman, NZL
2:00.52 Sergei Zabolotnov, URU
2:01.67 Dirk Richter, GDR
2:01.84 Jens-Peter Berndt, FRG
2:02.26 Dan Veatch, USA
2:02.28 Rogero Romero, BRA
Consolation Finals—Sept. 22
2:01.65 Frank Hoffmeister, FRG
2:02.95 Steve Bigelow, USA
2:03.70 M. Lopez-Zubero, ESP
2:03.79 Mark Tewksbury, CAN
2:04.24 Georgui Mikhailev, BUL
2:04.42 Tamas Deutsch, HUN
2:04.67 Daichi Suzuki, JPN
2:04.90 Gary Binfeld, GBR
Prelims—Sept. 22
2:01.27 Sergei Zabolotnov, URU
2:01.49 Frank Baltrusch, GDR
2:01.54 Dirk Richter, GDR
2:01.70 Igor Polianski, URU
2:01.73 Dan Veatch, USA
2:01.77 Jens-Peter Berndt, FRG
2:02.20 Paul Kingsman, NZL
2:02.26 Rogero Romero, BRA
2:02.71 Georgui Mikhailev, BUL
2:03.17 Tamas Deutsch, HUN
2:03.33 M. Lopez-Zubero, ESP
2:03.34 Frank Hoffmeister, FRG
2:03.36 Daichi Suzuki, JPN
2:03.63 Stefano Battistelli, ITA
2:03.64 Steve Bigelow, USA
2:03.79 Gary Binfeld, GBR
2:03.81 Sean Murphy, CAN
2:04.02 Mark Tewksbury, CAN
2:04.29 Alejandro Alvarez, PER
2:04.70 John Davey, GBR
2:04.83 David Holderbach, FRA
2:05.08 Simon Upton, AUS
2:05.08 Ernesto Vela, MEX
2:05.61 Edward Edvardsson, ISL
2:05.71 Richard Gheel, IRL
2:05.73 Lars Sorensen, DEN

2:06.98 Stephen Cullen, IRL
2:07.24 Pavel Vokoun, TCH
2:07.77 Patrick Ferland, SUI
2:08.28 Laiju Lin, CHN
2:08.65 David Lim, SIN
2:09.16 S. Maruyama, JPN
2:11.48 Vladimir Ribeiro, BRA
2:12.83 Horst Niehaus, CRC
2:15.42 Eric Greenwood, CRC
2:15.82 Patrick Sagisi, GUM
2:17.84 Brett Halford, ZIM
2:21.61 Pablo Barahona, HON
2:29.64 Mohamed Abdulla, UAE
2:36.21 M. Binabid, UAE
2:40.29 Ram Kantari, LIB
DO C. Papankolau, GRE
DO Tamas Darnyi, HUN
DO Dong-Pil Park, KOR

100 BREASTSTROKE

Championship Finals—Sept. 19
1:02.04 Adrian Moorhouse, GBR
1:02.05 Karoly Guttler, HUN
1:02.20 Dmitri Volkov, URU
1:02.38 Victor Davis, CAN
1:02.50 Tamas Debnar, HUN
1:02.55 Richard Schroeder, USA
1:02.93 Gianni Minervini, ITA
1:03.43 Christian Poswiat, GDR
Consolation Finals—Sept. 19
1:03.01 Alexei Matveev, URU
1:03.22 Ronald Dekker, HOL
1:03.40 Mark Warnecke, FRG
1:03.85 Alexander Mayer, FRG
1:03.89 Hironobu Nagahata, JPN
1:04.04 Petri Suominen, FIN
1:04.17 Daniel Watters, USA
1:04.72 Jianhong Chen, CHN
Prelims—Sept. 18
1:02.19 Adrian Moorhouse, GBR
1:02.48 Victor Davis, CAN
1:02.49 Dmitri Volkov, URU
1:02.80 Karoly Guttler, HUN
1:02.86 Gianni Minervini, ITA
1:02.99 Christian Poswiat, GDR
1:03.02 Richard Schroeder, USA
1:03.08 Ronald Dekker, HOL
Swim-off 1:02.63
1:03.08 Tamas Debnar, HUN
Swim-off 1:03.68
1:03.25 Alexei Matveev, URU
1:03.54 Alexander Mayer, FRG
1:03.56 Mark Warnecke, FRG
1:03.58 Petri Suominen, FIN
1:04.02 Hironobu Nagahata, JPN
1:04.04 Daniel Watters, USA
1:04.09 Jianhong Chen, CHN
1:04.23 James Parrack, GBR
1:04.35 Kenji Watanabe, JPN
1:04.43 Pablo Restrepo, COL
1:04.46 Raik Hannemann, GDR
1:04.53 Pierre-Yves Esberle, SUI
1:04.56 Ian McCadam, AUS
1:04.56 David Leblanc, FRA
1:04.58 Hsin-Yen Tsai, TPE
1:04.61 Radek Beinhauer, TCH
1:04.68 Joo-Il Yoon, KOR
1:04.71 Etienne Dagon, SUI
1:04.95 Alexander Marcek, TCH
1:04.96 Thomas Boehm, AUT
1:05.02 Fu Jin, CHN
1:05.10 Cameron Grant, CAN
1:05.19 Joaquin Fernandez, ESP
1:05.21 Sidney Appleboom, BEL
1:05.34 Gary O'Toole, IRL
1:05.37 Javier Caraga, MEX
1:05.46 Cedric Penicaud, FRA
1:05.50 Cicero Tortelli, BRA
1:05.54 Jan Erick Olsen, NOR
1:05.65 Anthony Beks, NZL
1:05.66 Alexandre Yokochi, POR
1:05.87 Yue Meng Ng, SIN
1:05.92 Eyal Shtigman, ISR
1:06.08 Sergio Lopez, ESP
1:06.22 Wirmendi Sugiat, INA
1:06.24 Luc van de Vondel, BEL
1:06.27 Richard Lockhart, NZL
1:06.48 Nikolaos Fokianos, GRE
1:06.48 Lars Sorensen, DEN
1:06.73 Manuel Gutierrez, PAN
1:06.74 Lee Concepcion, PHI
1:07.93 Arnthor Ragnarsson, ISL
1:08.03 Kam Sing Watt, HKG
1:09.49 Victor Rudery, BER
1:10.90 Nam Quach Hoi, VIE
1:11.68 Maig Singleton, ISV
1:13.94 Michele Piva, SMR
1:14.40 Amine El-Domyati, LIB
1:14.97 B. M. B. Rahman, BAN
1:16.18 Gaspar Fragata, ANG
1:17.01 Obaid Alrumaiti, UAE
1:17.98 Vivaldo Fernandes, ANG

200 BREASTSTROKE

Championship Finals—Sept. 23
2:13.52a Nick Gillingham, GBR
2:14.12 Sergio Lopez, ESP
2:15.21 Mike Barrowman, USA
2:16.16 Valeri Lokiz, URU
2:16.70 Vadim Alexeev, URU
2:17.10 Jon Cleveland, CAN
2:17.12 Peter Szabo, HUN
Consolation Finals—Sept. 23
2:18.01 Alexandre Yokochi, POR
2:18.03 S. Takahashi, JPN
2:18.08 Sidney Appleboom, BEL
2:18.62 Radek Beinhauer, TCH
2:18.67 Etienne Dagon, SUI
2:18.86 Cameron Grant, CAN

2:18.51 Alexander Marcek, TCH
2:18.95 Cedric Penicaud, FRA
Prelims—Sept. 23
2:14.58 Nick Gillingham, GBR
2:14.97 Jozsef Szabo, HUN
2:15.85 Mike Barrowman, USA
2:16.31 Valeri Lokiz, URU
2:16.87 Jon Cleveland, CAN
2:17.06 Sergio Lopez, ESP
2:17.10 Peter Szabo, HUN
2:17.15 Vadim Alexeev, URU
2:17.62 Cameron Grant, CAN
2:17.69 S. Takahashi, JPN
2:17.87 Alexandre Yokochi, POR
2:18.02 Sidney Appleboom, BEL
2:18.02 Radek Beinhauer, TCH
2:18.44 Alexander Marcek, TCH
2:18.51 Adrian Moorhouse, GBR
2:18.68 Etienne Dagon, SUI
2:18.72 Cedric Penicaud, FRA
2:18.93 Gary O'Toole, IRL
2:19.47 Kirk Stackie, USA
2:19.58 Pablo Restrepo, COL
2:19.68 Ian McCadam, AUS
2:19.94 Joo-Il Yoon, KOR
2:20.11 Javier Caraga, MEX
2:20.34 Joaquin Fernandez, ESP
2:20.65 Pierre-Yves Esberle, SUI
2:20.84 Ronald Dekker, HOL
2:20.99 Christian Poswiat, GDR
2:21.50 Luc van de Vondel, BEL
2:22.01 Petri Suominen, FIN
2:22.23 Hironobu Nagahata, JPN
2:22.55 Mark Warnecke, FRG
2:22.55 Hartmut Wedekind, FRG
2:23.80 Hsin-Yen Tsai, TPE
2:24.15 Thomas Boehm, AUT
2:24.45 Qing Chang, CHN
2:24.52 Richard Lockhart, NZL
2:25.18 Eyal Shtigman, ISR
2:26.05 Fu Jin, CHN
2:26.17 Wirmendi Sugiat, INA
2:26.57 Manuel Gutierrez, PAN
2:26.70 Jan Erick Olsen, NOR
2:27.26 Anthony Beks, NZL
2:27.93 A. Ragnarsson, ISL
2:28.82 Cicero Tortelli, BRA
2:28.91 Nikolaos Fokianos, GRE
2:29.62 Lee Concepcion, PHI
2:30.74 Yue Meng Ng, SIN
2:30.78 Kam Sing Watt, HKG
2:36.45 Kang Singleton, ISV
2:39.69 Nam Quach Hoi, VIE

2:44.34 Amine El-Domyati, LIB
2:50.49 Obaid Alrumaiti, UAE
DO Christian To, DEN
DO David Leblanc, FRA

100 BUTTERFLY

Championship Finals—Sept. 21
53.00 Anthony Nesty, SUR
53.01 Matt Biondi, USA
53.30c Andy Jameson, GBR
53.33 Jon Sieben, AUS
53.44 Michael Gross, FRG
54.07 Jay Mortenson, USA
54.09 Tom Ponting, CAN
54.60 Vadim Yaroshuk, URU
Consolation Finals—Sept. 21
54.52 Jianqiang Shen, CHN
54.53 Anthony Mosse, NZL
54.77 Benny Nielsen, DEN
54.79 Vlastimil Cerny, CAN
54.80 Rafal Szuka, POL
54.98 Hiroshi Miura, JPN
55.05 Jian Zheng, CHN
55.22 Neil Cochran, GBR
Prelims—Sept. 20
53.34 Andy Jameson, GBR
53.46 Matt Biondi, USA
53.50 Anthony Nesty, SUR
53.78 Michael Gross, FRG
53.85 Jon Sieben, AUS
54.17 Vadim Yaroshuk, URU
54.31 Tom Ponting, CAN
54.44 Jay Mortenson, USA
54.52 Benny Nielsen, DEN
54.63 Anthony Mosse, NZL
54.66 Vlastimil Cerny, CAN
54.69 Jian Zheng, CHN
54.75 Neil Cochran, GBR
54.82 Hiroshi Miura, JPN
54.83 Rafal Szuka, POL
54.86 Jianqiang Shen, CHN
55.20 Martin Herrmann, FRG
55.27 Jose Luis Ballester, ESP
55.38 Frank Drost, HOL
55.54 David Wilson, AUS
55.73 Robert Wolf, TCH
55.83 Leonardo Michelotti, ITA
55.84 Konstantine Petrov, ISR
56.19 Yukinori Tanaka, JPN
56.31 Ross Anderson, NZL
56.37 Eduardo Poli, BRA
56.47 Ludovic Depickere, FRA
56.57 Valerio Giambalvo, ITA

56.72 Reinhold Leitner, AUT
56.77 Theophile David, SUI
57.17 Joseph Buhari, PHI
57.25 Vladimir Ribeiro, BRA
57.30 M. Albuquerque, POR
57.36 Paul Yelle, BAR
57.41 Peng Siong Ang, SIN
57.56 T. Grmazakis, GRE
57.62 Paulo Camacho, KOR
57.74 Young-Chul Park, KOR
57.84 Y. Ming Tsang, HKG
57.89 Urbano Iza, MEX
58.04 Carlos Romo, MEX
59.21 Pedro Lima, ANG
1:00.13 Graham Thompson, ZIM
1:00.97 Kristan Singleton, ISV
1:01.10 William Cleveland, ISV
1:01.15 Sergio Fatime, MOZ
1:02.69 P. Castellanos, HON
1:03.69 Saliem M. A. Saliem, BAN
1:06.25 M. Binabid, UAE
1:06.85 Trevor Ncabe, SVZ
1:09.60 Jorge Gomes, ANG

200 BUTTERFLY

Championship Finals—Sept. 24
1:56.94a Michael Gross, FRG
1:58.24 Benny Nielsen, DEN
1:58.28 Anthony Mosse, NZL
1:58.91 Tom Ponting, CAN
1:59.19 Nick Hodgson, GBR
1:59.20 David Wilson, AUS
1:59.48 Jon Kelly, CAN
2:00.80 Anthony Nesty, SUR
Consolation Finals—Sept. 24
2:00.26 Mark Dean, USA
2:00.32 Tim Jones, GBR
2:00.34 Vadim Yaroshuk, URU
2:01.09 Nick Hodgson, GBR
2:01.46 Christophe Boudreau, FRA
2:01.58 Frank Drost, HOL
2:02.18 Satoshi Takeda, JPN
2:04.28 Martin Roberts, AUS
Prelims—Sept. 24
1:58.09 Michael Gross, FRG
1:58.71 Anthony Mosse, NZL
1:59.02 David Wilson, AUS
1:59.26 Benny Nielsen, DEN
1:59.40 Jon Kelly, CAN
1:59.78 Melvin Stewart, USA
2:00.08 Tom Ponting, CAN
2:00.17 Anthony Nesty, SUR
2:00.32 Martin Roberts, AUS

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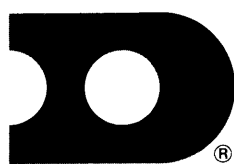
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2:00.86 Mark Dean, USA
2:00.99 Frank Drost, HOL
2:01.01 Tim Jones, GBR
2:01.05 Vadim Yaroshuk, URS
2:01.42 Satoshi Takeda, JPN
2:01.44 Nick Hodgeson, GBR
2:01.70 Christophe Bordeau, FRA
2:01.91 Rafal Szukala, POL
2:02.18 Reinhold Leitner, AUT
2:02.30 Hiroshi Miura, JPN
2:02.40 Ross Anderson, NZL
2:02.61 Martin Herrmann, FRG
2:02.93 Ondrej Bures, TCH
2:03.01 Jan Larsen, DEN
2:03.32 Jose Luis Ballester, ESP
2:03.76 Jean-Marie Arnould, BEL
2:03.79 Diogo Madeira, POR
2:03.79 Christer Mallin, SWE
2:03.95 Khazansingh Tokas, IND
2:04.74 Joao Santos, POR
2:05.22 Jiang Zhan, CHN
2:05.28 Ahmed Abdalla, EGY
2:05.32 Joseph Buhain, PHI
2:05.58 Theophile David, SUI
2:06.15 Eduardo Poli, BRA
2:06.57 Young-Chul Park, KOR
2:09.40 E. Nascimento, BRA
2:10.86 Desmond Koh, SIN
2:12.89 Sultan Alotabi, KUW
2:13.19 William Cleveland, ISV
2:19.68 Kristan Singleton, ISV

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
Championship Finals—Sept. 25
2:00.17w Tamas Darnyi, HUN
2:01.61 Patrick Kuhl, GDR
2:02.40 Vadim Yaroshuk, URS
2:02.92 Mikhail Zubkov, URS
2:03.81 Peter Bernel, FRG
2:04.34 Robert Bruce, AUS
2:04.82 Raik Hannemann, GDR
2:06.35 Gary Anderson, CAN
Consolation Finals—Sept. 25
2:03.05 David Wharton, USA
2:04.17 John Davey, GBR
2:05.44 Neil Cochran, GBR
2:05.51 Christophe Bordeau, FRA
2:05.98 Luca Sacchi, ITA
2:06.61 C. Papanikolaou, GRE
2:06.76 Jens-Peter Berndt, FRG
2:06.82 Bill Stapleton, USA

Prelims—Sept. 25
2:02.15 Tamas Darnyi, HUN
2:02.77 Vadim Yaroshuk, URS
2:03.77 Patrick Kuhl, GDR
2:03.79 Mikhail Zubkov, URS
2:04.00 Gary Anderson, CAN
2:04.03 Raik Hannemann, GDR
2:04.18 Peter Bernel, FRG
2:04.31 Robert Bruce, AUS
2:04.64 David Wharton, USA
2:04.80 Jens-Peter Berndt, FRG
2:04.95 Christophe Bordeau, FRA
2:05.32 Bill Stapleton, USA
2:05.45 Luca Sacchi, ITA
2:05.53 C. Papanikolaou, GRE
2:05.55 John Davey, GBR
2:05.56 Neil Cochran, GBR
2:05.87 Rob Woodhouse, AUS
2:05.88 Roberto Cassio, ITA
2:07.23 Takahiro Fujimoto, JPN
2:07.77 Gary O'Toole, IRL
2:07.84 Darren Ward, CAN
2:08.11 Satoshi Takeda, JPN
2:09.08 Jozsef Szabo, HUN
2:09.38 Javier Careaga, MEX
2:09.52 Rodrigo Gonzalez, MEX
2:09.62 Julio Lopez, BRA
2:10.18 Edvard Edvardsson, ISL
2:10.21 Diogo Madeira, POR
2:10.32 Renato Ramalho, BRA
2:10.37 Rene Concepcion, PHI
2:10.52 Jun Xie, CHN
2:10.52 M. Lopez-Zubero, ESP
2:10.55 Sidney Appleboom, BEL
2:11.57 David Lim, SIN
2:11.88 Jae-Soo Lee, KOR
2:13.48 Sergio Lopez, ESP
2:13.90 Richard Bera, INA
2:13.93 Wirmandi Sugnat, INA
2:14.32 Hakan Eskioğlu, TUR
2:14.65 Hor Man Yip, HKG
2:14.77 Desmond Koh, SIN
2:15.63 Sultan Alotabi, KUW
2:15.64 Eric Greenwood, CRC
2:16.16 Horst Niehaus, CRC
2:16.70 Jonathan Sakovich, GUM
2:16.93 Kraig Singleton, ISV
2:17.06 Graham Thompson, ZIM
2:17.10 Arthur Li, HKG
2:17.95 Hsin-Yen Tsai, TPE
2:18.07 Vaughan Smith, ZIM
2:18.76 Chi-Li Chiang, TPE
2:20.74 Mouhamedou Diop, SEN
2:29.08 M. Binabid, UAE
2:29.18 Bruno Ndiale, SEN
2:31.44 Mohamed Abdulla, UAE
2:34.53 Rami Kantari, LIB

400 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
Championship Finals—Sept. 21
4:14.75w Tamas Darnyi, HUN
4:17.36 David Wharton, USA
4:18.01 Stefano Battistelli, ITA
4:18.15 Jozsef Szabo, HUN
4:18.44 Patrick Kuhl, GDR
4:21.71 Jens-Peter Berndt, FRG
4:23.23 Luca Sacchi, ITA
4:24.02 Peter Bernel, FRG

Consolation Finals—Sept. 21
4:22.95 Jeff Kostoff, USA
4:23.39 Christophe Bordeau, FRA
4:24.33 Robert Bruce, AUS
4:25.02 Jon Kelly, CAN
4:25.44 Mikhail Zubkov, URS
4:26.14 Rob Woodhouse, AUS
4:26.77 Paul Brew, GBR
4:27.95 C. Papanikolaou, GRE

Prelims—Sept. 20
4:16.55 Tamas Darnyi, HUN
4:18.60 Patrick Kuhl, GDR
4:20.43 Stefano Battistelli, ITA
4:20.84 David Wharton, USA
4:20.85 Jozsef Szabo, HUN
4:20.93 Jens-Peter Berndt, FRG
4:22.78 Peter Bernel, FRG
4:23.37 Luca Sacchi, ITA
4:23.46 Christophe Bordeau, FRA
4:24.10 Jeff Kostoff, USA
4:24.62 Jon Kelly, CAN
4:25.15 Robert Bruce, AUS
4:25.30 Mikhail Zubkov, URS
4:25.60 Rob Woodhouse, AUS
4:26.72 C. Papanikolaou, GRE
4:27.22 Paul Brew, GBR
4:28.11 Yoshiyuki Mizumoto, JPN
4:29.03 Laurent Journet, FRA
4:29.62 Ondrej Bures, TCH
4:30.37 Salvador Vassallo, PUR
4:30.71 Javier Careaga, MEX
4:30.79 Rui Borges, POR
4:31.74 Michael Meldrum, CAN
4:31.95 Renato Ramalho, BRA
4:33.03 Takahiro Fujimoto, JPN
4:35.00 Dago Madera, POR
4:35.68 M. Lopez-Zubero, ESP
4:40.46 Jae-Soo Lee, KOR
4:44.78 Jonathan Sakovich, GUM
4:48.00 Rene Concepcion, PHI
4:50.16 Sultan Alotabi, KUW
4:53.61 Julian Bolling, SRI
4:53.61 John Davey, GBR
4:53.61 Desmond Koh, SIN

400 MEDLEY RELAY
Championship Finals—Sept. 25
3:36.83w United States
3:39.28c Canada
3:39.96c Soviet Union
3:42.98 West Germany
3:44.36 Japan
3:45.85 Australia
3:46.55 Holland
3:46.55 Great Britain
Prelims—Sept. 25
3:43.00 United States
3:44.44 Great Britain
3:44.56 Canada
3:44.72 West Germany
3:45.29 Soviet Union
3:45.65 Holland
3:46.88 Japan
3:47.40 Australia
3:48.09 Switzerland
3:48.64 France
3:48.93 New Zealand
3:49.47 Spain
3:49.90 Czechoslovakia
3:51.97 Denmark
3:52.06 Italy
3:52.24 Hungary
3:52.86 Singapore
3:53.21 Brazil
3:54.18 China
3:54.21 Mexico
3:56.94 Korea
4:05.28 Hong Kong
4:07.71 Greece
4:15.03 Israel
4:28.55 United Arab Emirates

400 FREESTYLE RELAY
Championship Finals—Sept. 23
3:16.53w United States
3:18.35c Soviet Union
3:19.82 GDR
3:20.02 France
3:21.07 Sweden
3:21.65 West Germany
3:21.71 Great Britain
3:22.93 Italy
Prelims—Sept. 23
3:19.52 United States
3:19.89 Soviet Union
3:20.47 GDR
3:21.77 France
3:23.09 Sweden
3:23.19 West Germany
3:23.35 Italy
3:23.71 Great Britain
3:23.85 Canada
3:25.15 Denmark
3:25.26 Holland
3:28.17 Brazil
3:29.72 Mexico
3:33.31 Portugal
3:34.54 Singapore
3:34.78 Hong Kong
3:38.05 Korea
3:43.23 Israel
3:58.92 United Arab Emirates
4:00.00 Austria
4:00.00 China
4:00.00 Egypt

7:13.68 GDR
7:14.35 West Germany
7:15.23 Australia
7:16.00 Italy
7:19.10 Sweden
7:24.69 France
7:24.91 Canada
Prelims—Sept. 20
7:16.61 GDR
7:18.76 United States
7:19.38 West Germany
7:21.45 Australia
7:21.85 Italy
7:23.03 France
7:23.82 Sweden
7:26.28 Canada
7:29.77 Great Britain
7:32.11 Brazil
7:33.31 Denmark
7:52.93 Korea
8:15.51 Israel
9:01.03 United Arab Emirates
9:01.03 Mexico
9:01.03 Soviet Union

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FIGURES
101.150 Carolyn Waldo, CAN
98.633 Tracie Ruiz-Conforto, USA
98.000 Sarah Josephson, USA
97.367 Karen Josephson, USA
96.683 Michelle Cameron, CAN
94.250 Mikako Kotani, JPN
93.500 Muriel Hermine, FRA
92.250 Karin Larsen, CAN
91.267 Miyako Tanaka, JPN
90.600 Karin Singer, SUI
89.333 Tatiana Titova, URS
89.050 Karine Schuler, FRA
88.733 Nicola Shearn, GBR
88.517 Megumi Ito, JPN
88.133 Anne Capron, FRA
88.000 Mariia Tscherniava, URS
87.300 Edith Boss, SUI
87.050 Kristina Falassindri, URS
85.583 Gerlind Scheller, FRG
84.800 Maria Jacobsson, SWE
84.733 Erika McDavies, BRA
84.733 Sonia Cardenas, MEX
84.533 Lourdes Candini, MEX
84.067 Claudia Peczkina, SUI
83.817 Lian Goodwin, GBR
83.733 Maria Giusti, VEN
83.650 Mijunsu Kim, KOR
83.600 Min Tan, CHN
83.067 Susana Candini, MEX
82.517 Paula Carvalho, BRA
82.117 Eva Riera, BRA
82.000 Heike Friedrich, FRG
81.883 Xi Luo, CHN
81.150 Ying Zhang, CHN
80.750 Soo-Kyung Ha, KOR
80.433 Lisa Lieschke, AUS
80.433 Doris Eichenhofer, FRG
79.150 Jung-Yoon Choi, KOR
78.983 Eva Lopez, ESP
78.850 Semon Rohloff, AUS
78.750 Patricia Serneels, BEL
75.967 Nuria Ayala, ESP
74.266 Yvette Thuiss, ARU
74.100 Marta Amoros, ESP
70.483 Roswitha Lopez, ARU
SOLD
Final Standings
200.150 Carolyn Waldo, CAN
197.633 Tracie Ruiz-Conforto, USA
191.850 Mikako Kotani, JPN
190.100 Muriel Hermine, FRA
185.600 Karin Singer, SUI
181.933 Nicola Shearn, GBR
180.650 Kristina Falassindri, URS
175.983 Gerlind Scheller, FRG
Final Routine
99.000 Tracie Ruiz-Conforto, USA
99.000 Carolyn Waldo, CAN
97.600 Mikako Kotani, JPN
96.600 Muriel Hermine, FRA
95.000 Karin Singer, SUI
93.600 Kristina Falassindri, URS
93.200 Nicola Shearn, GBR
90.400 Gerlind Scheller, FRG
Prelim Standings
199.350 Carolyn Waldo, CAN
197.033 Tracie Ruiz-Conforto, USA
191.250 Mikako Kotani, JPN
189.100 Muriel Hermine, FRA
185.000 Karin Singer, SUI
181.333 Nicola Shearn, GBR
180.650 Kristina Falassindri, URS
174.183 Gerlind Scheller, FRG
172.800 Maria Jacobsson, SWE
172.533 Lourdes Candini, MEX
170.750 Ying Zhang, CHN
169.950 Soo-Kyung Ha, KOR
169.333 Maria Giusti, VEN
167.383 Eva Lopez, ESP
166.317 Paula Carvalho, BRA
165.633 Lisa Lieschke, AUS

For the Record

164.550 Patricia Serneels, BEL
150.683 Roswitha Lopez, ARU

Prelim Routine
98.400 Tracie Ruiz-Conforto, USA
98.200 Carolyn Waldo, CAN
97.000 Mikako Kotani, JPN
95.600 Muriel Hermine, FRA
94.400 Karin Singer, SUI
93.600 Khrisina Falassidi, URS
92.600 Nicola Shearn, GBR
89.600 Ying Zhang, CHN
89.200 Soo-Kyung Ha, KOR
88.600 Gerlind Scheller, FRG
88.400 Eva Lopez, ESP
88.000 Marie Jacobsson, SWE
88.000 Lourdes Candini, MEX
85.800 Patricia Serneels, BEL
85.600 Maria Giusti, VEN
85.200 Lisa Lieschke, AUS
83.800 Paula Carvalho, BRA
80.200 Roswitha Lopez, ARU

DUET
Final Standings
197.717 Michelle Cameron & Carolyn Waldo, CAN
197.284 Sarah Josephson & Karen Josephson, USA
190.159 Mikako Tanaka & Mikako Kotani, JPN
184.792 Karine Schuler & Anne Capron, FRA
183.950 Edith Boss & Karin Singer, SUI
182.667 Maria Tscherniava & Tatiana Titova, URS
179.075 Nicola Shearn & Lian Goodwin, GBR
176.833 Lourdes Candini & Sonia Cardenas, MEX

Final Routine
99.600 Josephsons, USA
98.800 Cameron & Waldo, CAN
97.400 Tanaka & Kotani, JPN
96.200 Schuler & Capron, FRA
95.000 Boss & Singer, SUI
94.000 Tscherniava & Titova, URS
92.800 Shearn & Goodwin, GBR
92.200 Candini & Cardenas, MEX

Prelim Standings
197.317 Cameron & Waldo, CAN
196.284 Josephsons, USA
189.559 Tanaka & Kotani, JPN
183.792 Schuler & Capron, FRA
183.150 Boss & Singer, SUI
182.267 Tscherniava & Titova, URS
177.875 Shearn & Goodwin, GBR
175.000 Susana Candini & Lourdes Candini, MEX
173.742 Tan Min & Lui Xi, CHN
172.592 Heike Friedrich & Gerlind Scheller, FRG
171.800 Mijnsu Kim & Soo-Kyung Ha, KOR
171.025 Erika McDavid & Eva Riera, BRA
166.042 Lisa Lieschke & Semon Rohloff, AUS
163.675 Eva Lopez & Nuria Ayala, ESP
151.975 Yvette Thuis & Roswitha Lopez, ARU

Prelim Routine
98.600 Josephsons, USA
98.400 Cameron & Waldo, CAN
96.800 Tanaka & Kotani, JPN
95.200 Schuler & Capron, FRA
94.200 Boss & Singer, SUI
93.600 Tscherniava & Titova, URS
91.600 Shearn & Goodwin, GBR
91.200 Candinis, MEX
91.000 Tan & Luo, CHN
89.600 Kim & Ha, KOR
88.800 Friedrich & Scheller, FRG
87.600 McDavid & Riera, BRA
86.400 Lieschke & Rohloff, AUS
86.200 Lopez & Ayala, ESP
79.600 Thuis & Lopez, ARU

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Seoul, South Korea
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PRELIMINARY ROUNDS
Sept. 21
12-10 Hungary-Greece
7-6 USA-Yugoslavia
13-6 Spain-China
9-9 Italy-Soviet Union
13-2 France-Korea
13-11 West Germany-Australia
Sept. 22
14-7 Greece-China
9-7 Spain-USA
10-9 Yugoslavia-Hungary
11-1 Italy-Korea
10-9 West Germany-France
11-4 Soviet Union-Australia

Sept. 23
14-7 USA-China
17-7 Yugoslavia-Greece
6-6 Spain-Hungary
18-2 West Germany-Korea
7-5 Italy-Australia
18-4 Soviet Union-France
Sept. 26
10-7 West Germany-Italy
17-4 Soviet Union-Korea
7-6 Australia-France
18-9 USA-Greece
14-7 Hungary-China
10-8 Yugoslavia-Spain
Sept. 27
14-8 Italy-France
11-1 Australia-Korea
9-8 West Germany-Soviet Union
12-9 Spain-Greece
10-9 USA-Hungary
17-7 Yugoslavia-China
SEMI-FINALS-Sept. 30
11-4 France-China
17-7 Greece-Korea
9-9 Italy-Hungary
8-7 Australia-Spain
14-10 Yugoslavia-West Germany
8-7 USA-Soviet Union

FINALS-Oct. 1
14-7 China-Korea
10-7 Greece-France
13-5 Hungary-Australia
11-9 Spain-Italy
Bronze medal game
14-13 Soviet Union-West Germany
Gold medal game
9-7 Yugoslavia-USA
FINAL STANDINGS
Yugoslavia
United States
Soviet Union
West Germany
Hungary
Spain
Italy
Australia
Greece
France
China
Korea

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DIVING

XXIV OLYMPIC GAMES Diving Events
Seoul, South Korea
Sept. 18-27, 1988

WOMEN
SPRINGBOARD
Finals-Sept. 25
580.23 Gao Min, CHN
534.33 Li Qing, CHN
533.19 Kelly McCormick, USA
526.65 Irina Lachko, URS
506.43 Marina Bakkova, URS
498.81 Wendy Lucero, USA
479.19 Brita Baldus, GDR
465.48 Daphne Jongejans, HOL
450.30 Debbie Fuller, CAN
432.81 Jennifer Donnet, AUS
429.18 Barbara Bush, CAN
417.42 Tracy Cox, ZIM

Prelims-Sept. 24
539.67 Gao Min, CHN
501.39 Li Qing, CHN
488.43 Irina Lachko, URS
477.99 Wendy Lucero, USA
473.73 Kelly McCormick, USA
464.01 Brita Baldus, GDR
461.85 Daphne Jongejans, HOL
456.42 Marina Bakkova, URS
453.48 Debbie Fuller, CAN
434.34 Barbara Bush, CAN
433.17 Jennifer Donnet, AUS
430.86 Tracy Cox, ZIM

414.63 Anita Rossing, SWE
405.87 Veronica Ribot, ARG
404.76 Yuki Motobuchi, JPN
400.32 Beatrice Buerki, SUI
400.26 Anke Muehlbauer, FRG
399.87 Carolyn Roscoe, GBR
396.51 Angela Ribeiro, BRA
392.16 Maria Alcalá, MEX
380.94 Masako Asada, JPN
378.27 Katalin Haasz, HUN
374.46 Elke Heinrichs, FRG
357.96 Eun-Hee Kim, KOR
355.14 Agnes Gerlach, HUN
349.44 Naomi Bishop, GBR
292.95 Lori Roberts, BAH

PLATFORM
Finals-Sept. 18
445.20 Xu Yanmei, CHN
436.95 Michele Mitchell, USA
400.44 Wendy Lian Williams, USA
386.22 Angela Stassulevitch, URS
384.15 Xiaodan Chen, CHN
381.93 Elena Miroshina, URS
366.45 Kamilla Gamme, NOR
350.61 Silke Abicht, GDR

349.41 Maria Alcalá, MEX
340.89 Debbie Fuller, CAN
322.59 Ildiko Kelemen, HUN
297.18 Veronica Ribot, ARG
Prelims-Sept. 17
456.45 Xiaodan Chen, CHN
426.45 Michele Mitchell, USA
426.27 Xu Yanmei, CHN
402.54 Wendy Lian Williams, USA
401.04 Angela Stassulevitch, URS
399.27 Elena Miroshina, URS
393.99 Silke Abicht, GDR
377.70 Veronica Ribot, ARG
366.42 Debbie Fuller, CAN
359.64 Maria Alcalá, MEX
356.73 Kamilla Gamme, NOR
355.17 Ildiko Kelemen, HUN
347.73 Wendy Fuller, CAN
339.96 Julie Kent, AUS
335.88 Monika Kuehn, FRG
333.45 Yuki Motobuchi, JPN
327.93 Masako Asada, JPN
322.35 Carolyn Roscoe, GBR
310.53 Doris Pecher, FRG
284.25 Eun-Hee Kim, KOR

MEN
SPRINGBOARD
Finals-Sept. 20
730.80 Greg Louganis, USA
704.88 Tan Liangde, CHN
665.28 Li Deliang, CHN
661.47 Albin Killat, FRG
642.99 Mark Bradshaw, USA
616.02 Jorge Mondragon, MEX
598.77 Jesus Mena, MEX
588.33 Edwin Jongejans, HOL
570.60 Niki Stajkovic, AUT
563.37 Alexandre Portnov, URS
562.05 Keita Kaneto, JPN
554.16 Valeri Gontcharov, URS

Prelims-Sept. 19
682.65 Tan Liangde, CHN
642.60 Albin Killat, FRG
629.67 Greg Louganis, USA
607.77 Li Deliang, CHN
594.36 Jorge Mondragon, MEX
591.45 Edwin Jongejans, HOL
588.15 Mark Bradshaw, USA
581.01 Jesus Mena, MEX
579.63 Niki Stajkovic, AUT
577.50 Keita Kaneto, JPN
570.63 Valeri Gontcharov, URS
561.81 Alexandre Portnov, URS
553.74 Massimo Castellani, ITA
549.99 Joakim Andersson, SWE
549.09 Tom Lemaire, BEL
542.67 Piero Italiani, ITA
541.14 Larry Fiewellington, CAN
540.72 Isao Yamagishi, JPN
532.92 Erich Pils, AUT
532.62 David Bedard, CAN
511.98 Willi Meyer, FRG
500.76 Juha Ovakainen, FIN
499.41 Graeme Banks, AUS
496.17 Jerome Nallio, FRA
483.12 Jose Miguel Gil, ESP
478.74 Graham Morris, GBR
475.44 Tomasz Rossa, POL
470.19 Russell Butler, AUS
475.65 Robert Morgan, GBR
446.82 Abraham Suarez, ECU
387.60 Majed Altaqi, KUW
362.58 Sun-Gee Lee, KOR
347.22 Christopher Honey, BAR
298.08 Kei Shan Tang, HKO
263.16 Kin Chung Wong, HKG

PLATFORM
Finals-Sept. 27
638.61 Greg Louganis, USA
637.47 Xiong Ni, CHN
594.39 Jesus Mena, MEX
585.96 G. Tchogvadze, URS
583.77 Jan Hempel, GDR
543.81 Li Kongzheng, CHN
541.02 Steffen Haage, GDR
534.66 Vladimir Timochine, URS
511.89 Jorge Mondragon, MEX
500.70 Isao Yamagishi, JPN
499.53 David Bedard, CAN
483.54 Patrick Jeffrey, USA

Prelims-Sept. 26
617.67 Greg Louganis, USA
601.50 Xiong Ni, CHN
578.31 Li Kongzheng, CHN
570.75 Vladimir Timochine, URS
558.03 Jan Hempel, GDR
553.89 Patrick Jeffrey, USA
540.90 G. Tchogvadze, URS
529.68 Steffen Haage, GDR
524.10 David Bedard, CAN
523.50 Jesus Mena, MEX
518.52 Jorge Mondragon, MEX
517.80 Isao Yamagishi, JPN
517.23 Albin Killat, FRG
497.04 Keita Kaneto, JPN
489.27 Robert Morgan, GBR
476.01 Domenico Rinaldi, ITA
471.24 Oscar Bertone, ITA
469.47 Craig Rogerson, AUS
462.87 Graeme Banks, AUS
453.99 Jeffrey Hirst, CAN
450.18 Jeffrey Arbon, GBR
449.07 Willi Meyer, FRG
437.01 Frederic Pierre, FRA
433.68 Tom Lemaire, BEL
425.73 Emilio Ratta, ESP
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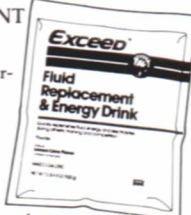
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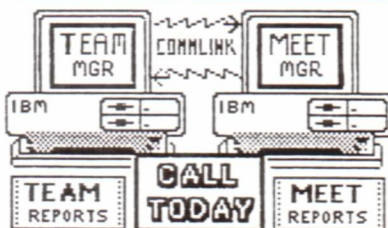


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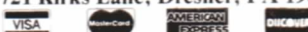
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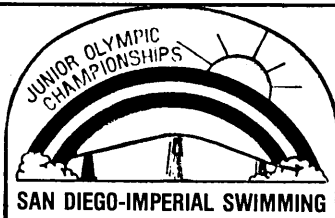
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