

All Games Marks Swept, 13 World Marks Set 5 Gold Medals For Spitz, 3 For Kolb & Ball

Special Report to S/W from Mark Wallace and Mrs. June Krauser

Winnipeg, Canada - Unless you set a world record, you were just another swimmer as every Pan American Game record was erased from the record book, plus the addition of five new world for the men and eight for the women in the Fifth Pan American Games, July 25 - August 1. And if you were a poker player, you'd have to go along with Mark Spitz, the 16-year old from Santa Clara who reaped in five gold medals, as he set two world marks in his specialty (or what really is his specialty?) going 53.6 for the 100 m. butterfly (7/31) and 2:06.42 for the 200 m. fly (7/26). His split at the 100 m. turn was 1:00.84.

Spitz's other three medals came from his contribution to three gold medal winning relays. His 54.01 clocking in the U.S. team Relay Trials at the Pan American pool, earned him a berth on the victorious 400 meter freestyle relay, which won the event in 3:34.08. His 1:58.69 for 200 meters in the Relay Trials, secured a spot on the 800 m. freestyle relay, that returned 8:16.9 for a gold medal.

His win in the world record time in the 100 m. fly gave him the nod to swim that stroke on the victorious 400 m. medley which clocked 3:59.31.

While Claudia Kolb and Catie Ball each won three gold medals, none performed more brilliantly than 14-year old Debbie Meyer, whos coach Sherman Chavoor was the U.S. Pan American Women's coach.

Debbie ripped the world mark for 400 m. freestyle when she clocked 4:32.64 (7/27), which is under Pam Kruse's pending mark of 4:36.4 set at Santa Clara earlier this month. At Winnipeg, Miss Kruse could go no better than 4:42.81. The electronic timing device malfunctioned on the 200 split. Here are the official splits as available: 1:04.40; - ; 3:23.95.

But probably the greatest swim was the shattering of the 800 m. freestyle standard. Miss Meyer bombed out and was never headed as she demolished her own pending mark of 9:35.8 with a torrid 9:22.9, (7/29). Teammate Sue Pedersen was second in 9:38.4. The winner's splits: 1:05.15; 2:15.24; 3:25.58; 4:36.25 (breaks listed 400 record) 5:47.73; 7:00.19; 8:12.99; 9:22.86.

Catie Ball, the 15-year old breaststroke champion, wrenched the 100 m. world standard by returning 1:14.8 (7/29). She had shared the record of 1:15.7 with the Soviet 1964 Olympic Champion, Galina Prozumenschikova. In the 200 m. event, Catie cruised to an easy win in 2:42.18 with Claudia Kolb second, 2:48.93. In the shorter event, Uruguay's Ann Maria Norbis was second, 1:15.9 for a Uruguay record, and the third fastest time recorded this year.

Claudia Kolb, further lowered her 200 m. individual medley world mark (7/30) clocking 2:26.1. Her mark at Santa Clara was 2:27.5. In the 200 m. butterfly, Claudia was hard pressed to win from her teammate, Lee Davis, returning 2:25.5 to Lee's 2:26.7. The third gold medal won by Miss Kolb was in the 400 m. individual medley, (8/1) returning 5:09.68 further lowering her own world mark from 5:11.7 set at Santa Clara. The splits: 1:08.46; 2:29.79, 3:59.46; 5:09.68.

The tiny tiger from Vancouver, 16-year old Elaine Tanner, gave the capacity crowd of 3,000 something to shout about and they responded with a roar as she won her first Pan American gold medal (7/26) in the 200 m. backstroke, 2:24.44, two seconds faster than the listed world mark of Karen Muir. The split at 100 m. was 1:08.62. Miss Tanner then came back the next day (7/27) to win the 100 m. dorsal event, 1:07.32. This was reduced to 1:07.3 by a ruling of FINA representatives.

The eighth world record that fell to the American teenagers came in the 400 m. medley relay. The quartet of

Kendis Moore, Catie Ball, Ellie Daniel and Wendy Fordyce clocked 4:30.0 to lower the 1964 mark of 4:33.9.

Erika Bricker, a member of the 1963 Pan American team, won the 100 m. freestyle, clocking her best ever, 1:00.9, (59.9 in the prelim to tie the U.S. record, (7/30) a mere tenth of a second ahead of Canada's Marion Lay, 1:01.0.

Pam Kruse, U.S. cruised to an easy win in the 200 m. freestyle, 2:11.91 with Miss Lay again trailing, 2:14.68.

Ellie Daniel, 16-year old from Elkins Park, Pa., won the 100 m. butterfly, upsetting favored Elaine Tanner, 1:05.2 to 1:05.4, and achieving the fastest time of the year.

Ken Walsh, Michigan State captain who graduated this year, married and toyed with the idea of retiring, changed his future plans when his lead-off leg on the 400 freestyle relay (7/27) wiped out the world record of 52.9 by Gottvaes and Clark, as he clocked 52.58. He, Mike Fitzmaurice, Spitz and Don Schollander combined to post a 3:34.08.

Schollander clipped another two-tenths of a second from his world 200 m. freestyle standard as he was timed in 1:56.0 (7/29). His splits 56.88 and 59.13.

Greg Charlton went under the listed world mark of 4:11.1 by Frank Wiegand, E. Germany when he clocked 4:10.2 (7/30). However Spitz has a mark pending of 4:08.8.

Jose Fiola, Brazil, a 17 year old high school junior who weighs 165 pounds, showed a classic breaststroke with a big kick and won both the 100 m. and 200 m. events in 1:07.5 and 2:30.4 respectively. His split on the medley relay was 1:06.6. This unknown Rio de Janero youngster who trains but once a day, about 4,000 meters, promises to be one of the great as he is just beginning to come into world class.

Ralph Hutton, Canada's super star swam just about every event, and placed second in the 200 freestyle 1:58.4, 400 freestyle, 4:11.9, 1500 freestyle 16:51.81, third fastest ever and won his gold in the 200 m. backstroke 2:12.6, for the second fastest clocking of the year.

Havens, 53.79 for the 100 free; Burton, 16:44.40 for 1500 free; Hickcox, 1:01.19 for 100 backstroke; Russell, 2:13.22 for 200 I.M. and Utley, 4:48.1 for 400 IM were the other winners.

The medal count:

MEN (Swimming)		
Gold	Silver	Bronze
US 12	US 8	US 6
Canada 1	Canada 7	Canada 5
Brazil 2		Brazil 1
		Colombia 1
		Argentina 3
WOMEN (Swimming)		
Gold	Silver	Bronze
US 12	US 8	US 3
Canada 2	Canada 5	Canada 8
	Uruguay 1	Uruguay 2
		Puerto Rico 1

The diving: Sue Gossick won the springboard, followed by Mickie King and Kathy McDonald, Canada. Lesley Bush won the platform followed by Beverly Boys, Canada and Ann Peterson. In the men's springboard, it went to Bernie Wrightson, Keith Russell and Escabor, Columbia in order. The platform was won by Winn Young, trailed by Mexico's Luis de Nina de Rivera and Diego Henao, Colombia.

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