

BURTON & KOLB NAMED "WORLD SWIMMERS" OF '66

North Hollywood, Calif. - Mike Burton, 19, the World Record holder for 1500 meter freestyle and the American Record holder for the 1650 yard freestyle was chosen today as the "World Swimmer of 1966" by the editors of SWIMMING WORLD magazine.

Burton, who hails from Sacramento, California, is a sophomore at UCLA. In 1966 Burton clocked an unbelievable 16:41.6 for 1500 meter, breaking the old mark held by Steve Krause of 16:58.6 by seventeen seconds.

On his way to his world Record performance in the 1500 meter, Burton clocked 8:48.8 for 800 meter, the second fastest clocking ever achieved. This was only six tenths of a second off of the world record set earlier in the year by the Soviet, Belits Geiman.

In addition to his World Record swim at 1500 meters, Burton, 5'9", 155 lbs., set an American Record for 1650 yards freestyle when he won the National AAU Indoor Championships at Brandon, Florida, with a time of 16:27.3.

Frank Wiegand, East Germany, age 23, continued his assault on the freestyle record book and was named the outstanding European male swimmer for the second year. Wiegand set a world record in 1966 in the 400 meter freestyle at 4:11.1 during the European Championship, a time which lowered the pending mark set by Don Schollander of 4:12.2 achieved in the U.S. National Outdoors. In addition to setting the world mark in the 400 meter freestyle, Wiegand set a European record for the 400 meter individual medley, winning this event in the European Championships in 4:47.9 which is but two and one-half seconds over the World record set by Dick Roth in winning the 1964 event at Tokyo. Wiegand's time is the same as that achieved by Dick Roth in winning the 1966 National AAU Outdoor Championships and is the fastest in the world this year.

In the women's division, Claudia Kolb, 16, of Santa Clara, California, was chosen woman "World Swimmer of 1966" by the editors of SWIMMING WORLD magazine. Miss Kolb set a world record in the 200 meter individual medley 2:27.8 and her clocking of 5:15.5 for the 400 meter individual medley, the second fastest ever, was just six tenths slower than the world record of Donna DeVarona set in 1964 (5:14.9). The Santa Clara miss was also timed in 4:39.0 for 400 meters freestyle, just one second over the world mark of 4:38.0.

Miss Kolb climaxed her year with a win in the 800 meter freestyle, 400 meter freestyle, 400 meter individual medley, 200 meter individual medley, and a second in the 200 meter butterfly as well as swimming on the winning medley relays and feestyle at the 1966 "Little Olympics" at Mexico.

Miss Kolb, a junior at Santa Clara High School, will be 17 in December, is 5'7" weighs only 127 lbs., shows that she will be a gold medal contender in almost any event she enters in the 1968 Olympics.

Galina Prozumenschikova, of Russia, was named as the outstanding European female swimmer for 1966. The Soviet 1964 Olympic breaststroke gold medal winner astounded the world by clocking 2:40.8 to win the European Championships at Utrecht. This world record is just a little more than ten seconds slower than the world record for the men. It showed an improvement of almost five seconds on her old mark of 2:45.3.

Miss Prozumenschikova became the first woman in history to break 1:16 for 100 meter breaststroke when she clocked 1:15.7 in a meet earlier this year at Moscow for her second world mark of the year.

Five countries in both men's and women's divisions, are represented in the first place world rankings compiled by SWIMMING WORLD magazine.

WORLD SWIMMER selections are based on times and performances achieved in long course meets only, including national and international competition. Diving is based on only the outdoor three meter and platform events, since most countries, other than the United States, have but one season and do not dive the one meter.

Complete listings of the 1966 twenty five Best World rankings may be found on pages 45 and 46.

The world rankings compiled by the editors of SWIMMING WORLD magazine for each event and their time and records for 1966 are:

MEN	EVENT	WOMEN
	100 m. freestyle	Pokey Watson, Santa Clara, Cal. 59.9 ties the American record 3rd time in history a woman has broken one minute for 100 meters.
Bobbie McGregor, Scotland World record 53.5 for 110 yds. European Champion and 2nd in the Empire Games.		
	200 m. freestyle	Pokey Watson, Santa Clara, 2:10.5 world record.
Don Schollander, U.S.A. 1:56.2 for 100 m. 1:57.0 for 220 yds. both world records.		
	400 m. freestyle	Martha Randall, Wayne, Pa. 4:38.0 ties her world rec. ties with Kathy Wainwright, Australia 4:38.8 for 440 yds. World record and British Empire Games Championship.
Frank Wiegand, E. Germany 4:11.1 world record		
	800 m. freestyle	Debbie Meyer, 15, Arden Hills, Cal. 9:37.3. Best in the world for the year 1966
Semon Belits Geiman, U.S.S.R. 8:47.4 world record.		
	1500 m. freestyle	Patty Caretto, Whittier, Cal. 18:12.9 world record.
Mike Burton, Sacramento, Cal. 16:41.6 world record.		
	100 m. backstroke	Ann Fairlie, So. Africa 1:07.4 world record for 100 meters. 1:07.9 world record for 110 yds. Fairlie won the U.S. Nat'l Cham- pionship in addition to her So. African crown.
Charles Hickcox, Phoenix, Ariz. 1:00.4. 2nd fastest clocking achieved in 1966, but placed 1st because of winning over the Soviet Viktor Mazanov and Yuri Gromak (Russian-American dual meet). Also his win in the U.S. National Outdoor Championships. Gromak later won the European Championships.		
	200 m. backstroke	Karen Muir, 14, So. Africa 2:26.4 world record 200 meters 2:28.2 world record 220 yds. Miss Muir won the U.S. National Championships as well as her own So. African
Peter Reynolds, Australia 2:12.0 world record for 220 yds.		
	100 m. breaststroke	Galina Prozumenschikova, U.S.S.R. 1:15.7 world record.
Georgi Prokopenko, U.S.S.R. 1:07.8 fastest clocking by a swimmer in 1966. Unbeaten in this event.		
	200 m. breaststroke	Galina Prozumenschikova, U.S.S.R. 2:40.8 world re- cord at European championships.
Ian O'Brien, Australia, 2:28.0 for 220 yds. for world record. Winner at Commonwealth Games.		
	100 m. butterfly	Ada Kok, Holland, 1:05.6 in 5 Nations made at Strasburg and 1:05.7 to win in European Championships at Utrecht ties with Sue Pitt, New Jersey 1:05.5 is fastest clocking in 1966 achieved in Russian-U.S. meet at Moscow. She also won U.S. National Outdoor crown.
Ross Wales, Youngstown, Ohio 57.7 for fastest clocking by any swimmer in 1966. Winner in the Russian-U.S. meet at Moscow when he clocked 57.8. He was the only male this year to break 58 seconds.		
	200 m. butterfly	Lee Davis, Saratoga, Cal. 2:27.2 fastest clocking in the world in 1966 at the U.S. National Outdoor Championships.
Phil Houser, Palos Verdes, Cal. 2:09.9, fastest clocking in the world for 1966 in the U.S. Na- tional Outdoor Championships.		
	200 m. individual medley	Claudia Kolb, Santa Clara, Cal. 2:27.8 world record.
Greg Buckingham, Atherton, Cal. 2:12.4 world record.		
	400 m. individual medley	Claudia Kolb, Santa Clara, Cal. 5:15.5 fastest clocking in 1966 U.S. National Cham- pion.
Richard Roth, Atherton, Cal. 4:47.4 U.S. National Champion ties with Wiegand for the fastest clocking in the world for 1966.		
	Springboard Diving	Sue Gossick, Tarzana, Cal. defeated Vera Baklanova, U.S.S.R. Euro. Springbd. Champion at 1966 Little Olympics.
Bernie Wrightson, Phoenix, Arizona, defeated European Champion Mikhail Safonov, U.S.S.R. 1966 Little Olympics,		
	Platform Diving	Natach Kuznetsova, U.S.S.R. European Champion defeated Shirley Teeple, U.S. Cham- pion at 1966 Little Olympics.
Rick Gilbert, Bloomington, Ind. U. S. Champion		