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QUESTION

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ANSWER









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Tauber, Shaw Named 1974 World Swimmers

Ulrike Tauber, a 16-year-old swimmer from the German Democratic Republic (DDR) and Tim Shaw, 16, from the Long Beach Swim Club, California, were voted the World Swimmers of 1974 by the editors of Swimming World magazine.

Miss Tauber shocked spectators at the European Championships in Vienna, Austria this past August by shattering the world records in both the 200 and 400 meter individual medleys. Tauber was an unknown last year and was not able to make the DDR National Team for the World Championships in Belgrade. However, this year she won both the 200 m. individual medley (2:18.97) and the 400 m. individual medley (4:52.42) in world record times in Vienna and placed second in both the 100 and 200 m. backstrokes. Miss Tauber was a member of the DDR team that competed against the United States in Concord, August 31 and September 1, and set two American records in the individual medley events.

Tim Shaw set three world marks and four American marks in the freestyle events at the U.S. National Championships and a week later won the same three events in the USA-DDR dual meet. Shaw set world marks in the 200 m. freestyle (1:51.66), 400 m. freestyle (3:54.69) and the 1500 m. freestyle (15:31.75) in addition to setting an American record of 8:16.80 in the 800 m. freestyle. The 200 meter record was formerly held by Mark Spitz and the three world freestyle records makes Shaw only the second swimmer in history to hold all three distance freestyle records.

Shirley Babashoff, 17, of Fountain Valley, California was selected as the Female American Swimmer of the Year. Miss Babashoff set world records in the 200 m. freestyle (2:02.94) and the 400 m. freestyle (4:15.77) at the U.S. National Championships and won the same events in the USA-DDR meet while placing second in the 800 m. freestyle.

David Wilkie of Great Britain was selected as the Male European Swimmer of the Year for his world record swim in the 200 m. individual medley at the European Championships. Wilkie was timed in 2:06.32 for the record and ranked second in the world in the 200 m. breaststroke.

The following swimmers and divers were honored as World Swimmers in their events:

EVENT
World Swimmer
American Swimmer
European Swimmer
100 m. Free
200 m. Free
400 m. Free
1500 m. Free
1500 m. Back
200 m. Back
200 m. Back

200 m. Back 100 m. Breast 200 m. Breast 100 m. Fly 200 m. Fly 200 m. IM

400 m. IM Springboard Diving Platform Diving MEN
Tim Shaw, USA
Tim Shaw, USA
David Wilkie, GBR
Andy Coan, USA
Tim Shaw, USA
Tim Shaw, USA
Steve Holland, AUS
Tim Shaw, USA
John Naber, USA
John Naber, USA
John Hencken, USA
John Hencken, USA
Mike Bottom, USA
Mike Bruner, USA
Mike Bruner, USA
Mike Bruner, USA
Mike Bruner, USA
Kalus DiBlasi, ITA
Klaus DiBlasi, ITA

WOMEN
UIrike Tauber, DDR
Shirley Babashoff, USA
UIrike Tauber, DDR
Kornelia Ender, DDR
Shirley Babashoff, USA
Jo Harshbarger, USA
Jonny Turrall, AUS
UIrike Richter, DDR
UIrike Richter, DDR
Renate Vogel, DDR
Karla Linke, DDR
Rosemarie Kother, DDR
UIrike Tauber, DDR
UIrika Knape, SWE