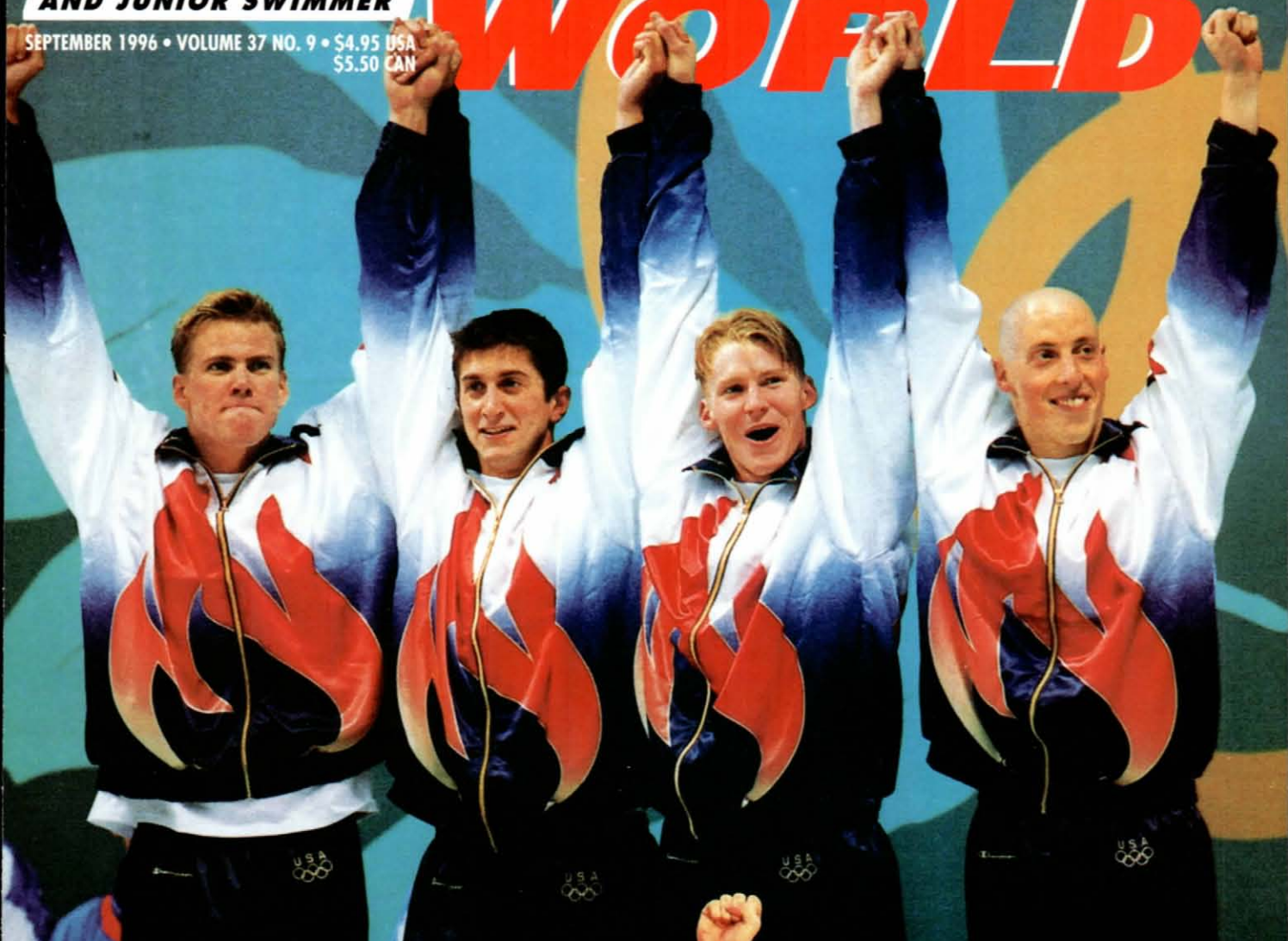


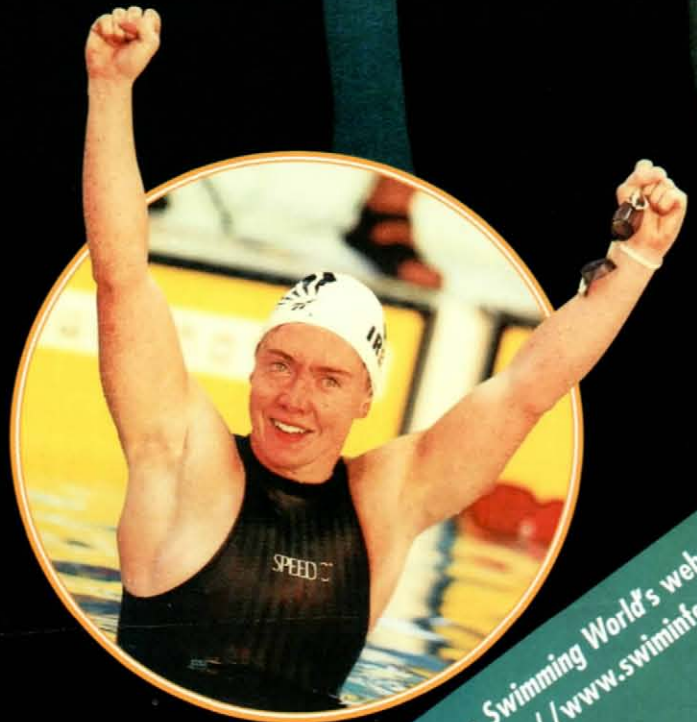
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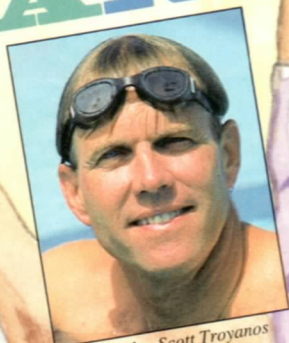


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Olympic News & Notes

Photos from left to right: Gary Hall, Sr., Mary T. Meagher and Bobby Hackett.

First-time Finalists

While swimmers from Ireland, New Zealand, Belgium and Costa Rica earned their countries' first-ever Olympic gold medals, swimmers from other countries became their nations' first finalists. Among them: **Leah Martindale** of Barbados (25.49n in the 50 free), **Allen Murray** of the Bahamas (22.75pn in the 50 free) and **Israel's men's 400 medley relay** (3:42.24pn, sparked by **Yoav Bruck's** monstrous 48.99 anchor leg).

What's in a Name?

It may sound ethnocentric, but...there were some dynamite names here at the Olympic pool. Our awards:

Most distinguished name: **Andrei Sakharov**, swimmer from Moldova, who wore the name of the great Russian physicist and Nobel Peace Prize winner with dignity;

Best name for a swimmer: **Hajime Itoi** of Japan. Though his first name is actually a homonym, "hajime"

means "go" or "start" in Japanese—what a coach would say to his swimmers when sending them off.

Best name for a judge: **Robin Hood**, chief diving judge, who was not accused of stealing from the point-rich divers or giving to the poor.

All-around coolest name: Swimmer **Mike Fung-A-Wing** of Surinam. We kept expecting the crowd to burst out into a chant: "Fung-A-Wing, Fung-A-Wing," but it didn't.

Celeb Watch

Seen at the pool: Swimming greats **Mark Spitz**, **Gary Hall, Sr.**, **Bengt Baron**, **Dawn Fraser**, **Bobby Hackett**, **Mary T. Meagher**, **Donna DeVarona**; gymnast **Mary Lou Retton** (she is tiny!!); actress **Susan St. James**; track star **Carl Lewis**; the First Family—**Bill, Hilary and Chelsea Clinton**; Vice President **Al Gore**, the prime minister of Finland... and many others.

Huey Lewis and the News were the headliners at a party honoring the U.S. swim team. Among others at the party were speedskaters **Dan Jansen** and **Bonnie Blair**.

Contest Winners

Nearly 300 readers participated in *Swimming World's* "Pick the Olympic Medalists" contest. **Peter Mavro** of Douglaston, N.Y., edged **Matt Hodler** of Macon, GA., by just one point, 167-166 (out of a possible 320). Tying for third with 160 points were **Aaron Wands** of Buffalo, N.Y., and **Jeremiah Cohen** of Eagan, Minn. ■

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A triumphant Amy Van Dyken after winning the 50 free over world record-holder Le Jingyi.

Day

1

Women
100 Free

Gold

Le Jingyi
CHN 54.50

Silver

Sandra Volker
GER 54.88

Bronze

Angel Martino
USA 54.93

Women 100 Freestyle

Since breaking the world record at the 1994 World Championships, China's Le Jingyi had just one goal in mind—to win an Olympic gold medal. On the opening night of the Centennial Olympic Games swimming events, her wish was granted. In a time of 54.50, Le broke an Olympic record and took home the gold medal.

Le's coach said that Le swam a near perfect race. "We expected her to go out in 26.25," he said. Le went out in 26.24.

"These Games were the most important event of my life," said Le, "so I was pretty emotional about winning. Only when you stand atop the gold medal platform can you understand that highest accomplishment."

In winning, Le had to answer questions about Chinese performance-enhancing drug use. Le's response: "I think the accusations are groundless. We have been tested (often). So I think these accusations are just slander."

Coming into the Games, it was expected that Le and her teammate Shan Ying would most likely swim away with the top two honors. But Shan, the top seed, failed to make the championship finals. That left the silver

100 swimmer in the final and touched at the 50 ahead of the field (26.23). However, Martino couldn't maintain the pace down the stretch and posted a 54.93—good enough for the bronze medal.

In what could be one of the most touching stories of these Olympic Games, Martino awarded her medal to an Olympic volunteer suffering from cancer. Trisha Henry had received radiation treatments just two days prior to the Games. Martino handed her the medal and said, "You are my hero, and my thoughts are with you."

American Amy Van Dyken, who was competing in the first of five events, swam a personal best time of 55.11. However, it wasn't good enough for a medal. Also, Van Dyken collapsed upon exiting the pool after the 100 meter free, suffering from severe leg cramps. They were treated, and Van Dyken was expected to do well the rest of the meet. —B.B.

Men 100 Breaststroke

You had to be fast—*very fast*—to make the finals in the first men's event, the 100 meter breaststroke. It took 1:02.26 just to stand on the starting blocks for the finals.



medal platform open for Germany's Sandra Volker, with a time of 54.88.

"I think I more expected a bronze medal tonight, but I just closed my eyes and swam as fast as I could," said Volker after the race. "I am quite happy with the results."

American Angel Martino had the fastest start of any

In lane 4, fastest of all, was the pre-meet favorite, Belgium's Fred deBurghgraeve, who had blasted to a world record time of 1:00.60 in prelims, and looked to be untouchable. The man whose record he broke, Hungary's Karoly Guttler, had qualified fourth. Guttler, in lane 2, was determined to reclaim his mark, set at the



China's Le Jingyi (opposite page) and Belgium's Fred deBurghgraeve (above) were the first swimmers to win gold.

European Championships in 1993. The second fastest qualifier was America's fast-improving Jeremy Linn, who had looked very strong in lowering his personal best to 1:01.53.

DeBurghgraeve blasted off at the start and turned in 28.28, 5-hundredths slower than in the morning. Hot on his trail were Linn and Guttler at 28.64, while Germany's Mark Warnecke followed in 28.66. As they stroked toward the wall, Linn began to pull up on the Belgian who suddenly looked vulnerable. The two lunged, and it was Fast Freddie who hit the pads first in 1:00.65, with Linn second in 1:00.77, well under Guttler's old mark (1:00.95). With his victory, deBurghgraeve became the first Belgian swimmer to win an Olympic gold medal, initiating a trend that saw several small nations reap a medal harvest for the first time ever.

Warnecke finished third in 1:01.33 with Guttler right behind (1:01.49). Placing sixth was America's Kurt Grote in 1:01.69, a personal best.

DeBurghgraeve, 23, has an unusual training arrangement: "Since my coach (Ronald Gaastra) lives about 100 kilometers (62 miles) from me, for the past several years I've worked out by myself. He calls me every day and gives me my workout."

About once a week, Gaastra drives to where his star swimmer trains to check out his stroke. DeBurghgraeve, who finished a disappointing 34th at the Barcelona Olympics, says he likes the arrangement: "I'm a loner by nature," he says, though he admits that training alone can be challenging. "There's always the temptation to ease up a little."

Linn was beaming. "My main goal was to make finals," he said. "In the morning, I dropped half a second; in finals, I broke the American record. Before today, it would have been the world record. I couldn't be more pleased."

"Everyone was conceding the race to deBurghgraeve," Linn said, "but I never go into a race conceding anything. My plan was to go out hard, then punch it in the last 25 and bring it home. I could see myself gaining on him, and it all came down to the touch."

Warnecke, the bronze medalist, was also pleased. "It was much faster than I expected to swim. In the last two years, I've done a lot of work." —P.W.

Day 1

Men 100 Breast

Gold

Fred deBurghgraeve
BEL 1:00.65

Silver

Jeremy Linn
USA 1:00.77

Bronze

Mark Warnecke
GER 1:01.33

Women 400 Individual Medley

Ireland's Michelle Smith, amazingly, became her country's first woman to win a medal of any kind at the Olympic Games, capturing gold in the 400

Olympic Medal Tally



Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
United States	13	11	2	26
Australia	2	4	6	12
Germany	0	5	7	12
Russia	4	2	2	8
Hungary	3	1	2	6
China	1	3	2	6
Ireland	3	0	1	4
South Africa	2	0	1	3
Brazil	0	1	2	3
Canada	0	1	2	3
Great Britain	0	1	1	2
New Zealand	2	0	0	2
Cuba	0	1	1	2
Netherlands	0	0	2	2
Belgium	1	0	0	1
Costa Rica	1	0	0	1
Finland	0	1	0	1
Sweden	0	1	0	1
Italy	0	0	1	1

Day 1

IM in an Irish record of 4:39.18. The victory culminated in what Smith called a three-and-a-half-year training journey building up to the Games.

That journey began when her coach and husband,



Women 400 IM

Gold

Michelle Smith
IRL 4:39.18

Silver

Allison Wagner
USA 4:42.03

Bronze

Kristina Egerszegi
HUN 4:42.53

track coach Erik de Bruin, changed her training program to incorporate some of the techniques he uses with his track athletes. Smith called it "training smart."

"I am a lot lighter and leaner than I used to be, but much stronger," she said.

Smith and de Bruin met at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, where he was coaching a Dutch decathlete. In Atlanta, de Bruin coached two members of the Dutch national track team and was not able to coach his wife at the pool. Because Ireland does not have any 50 meter pools for training, Smith moved to Holland two years ago to prepare for Atlanta.

The red-faced, red-haired Smith seemed a bit shocked to be sitting with the media, actually discussing winning the gold medal, but said, "I've been building and building up to this. I started to first see some results in January and February of last year when I won World

Cup, but this is the highlight."

American Allison Wagner has also had a long journey to the Olympic Games. For the past three years, Wagner has said she was "swimming through this meet," even at U.S. nationals. She was focusing solely on the opportunity to medal at the Olympic Games. And, while Wagner desperately wanted the gold, she managed to touch the wall in a time of 4:42.03, earning a silver medal.

She said, "I expected to go a bit faster, but I'm happy. I gave it all my effort and put everything into it. I would have liked to have gone faster, and I obviously would have liked to win, but that's all I could do."

Wagner continued, summing up the attitude of the Olympic Games by saying, "The joy is in the effort."

That joy was undoubtedly shared by Wagner's teammate Whitney Metzler, who surprised many by making the championship final. She finished eighth in the final in a time of 4:46.20, but she turned in a personal best of 4:44.74 in prelims.

Finishing third and capturing the bronze medal was top-seeded Kristina Egerszegi of Hungary in a time of 4:42.53. Egerszegi was trying to become the only woman to win the 400 IM in back-to-back Olympiads. To try to reach that goal, she had chosen not to swim the 100 backstroke in order to rest for her other events, including the grueling 400 IM, even though she was ranked No. 1 in the world in the 100 back for the past two years. (The 100 back was held two days after the 400 IM and three days before her other event, the 200 back.)—B.B.

Men 200 Freestyle

If the men's 100 breast had a clear-cut favorite before the Games began, the 200 free was considered just the opposite—a wide open event that could be won by any of a dozen men. Among the favorites: Sweden's perennial silver medalist, Anders Holmertz, runner-up at the '88 and '92 Olympics; New Zealand's Danyon Loader; America's duo of Josh Davis, ranked first in the world last year, and John Piersma; Australia's Daniel Kowalski and Michael Klim, who had recorded this year's fastest time at his nation's Trials; Holland's 18-year-old hotshot with the jaw-breaker name, Pieter van den Hoogenband; and half a dozen other legitimate contenders.

It took 1:49.05 to make the finals. Among the contenders who missed the cut were Klim (10th qualifier at 1:49.17) and Piersma (1:50.59 for 15th place). Piersma finished fourth in the consols with a 1:49.90.

Tying for the eighth spot were Britain's Paul Palmer and Finland's Jani Sievinen. In the swimoff, the two tied again—this time at 1:48.89—the first time this has happened in Olympic history. Sievinen, opting to rest for the 400 IM the next day, decided not to swim a third time.

Day
1

Men
200 Free

Gold

Danyon Loader
NZL 1:47.63

Silver

Gustavo Borges
BRA 1:48.08

Bronze

Daniel Kowalski
AUS 1:48.25

In the finals, Holmertz immediately jumped to the lead, swimming the first 50 in 24.93, 2-tenths under world record pace. Davis and van den Hoogenband trailed, half-a-second back. In the second lap, Loader made a move to take over second place behind Holmertz, whose 51.97 split was almost half-a-second faster than the world record split. Davis followed in third as Brazil's Gustavo Borges took over fourth.

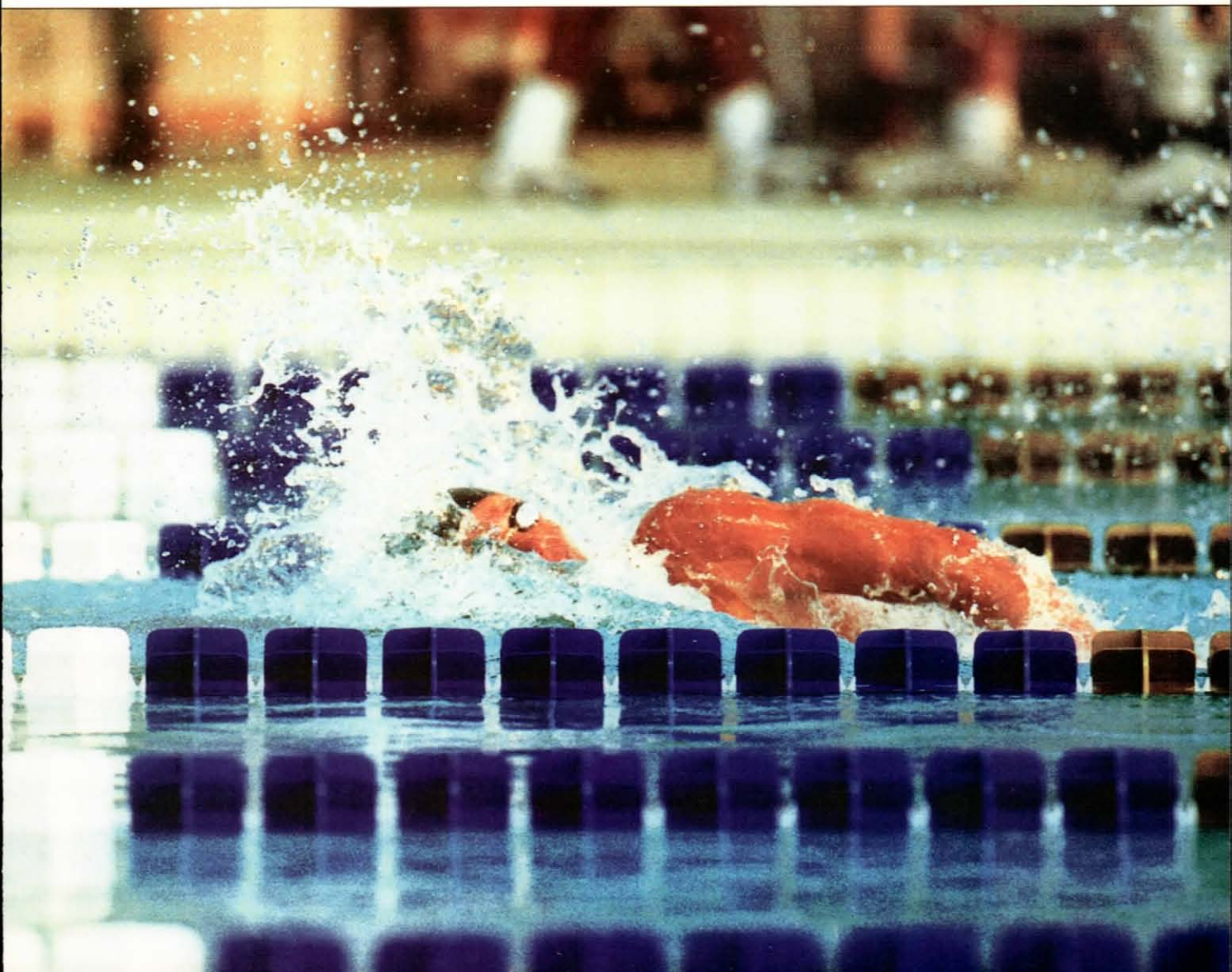
Loader overtook Holmertz just before the final turn, as van den Hoogenband and Davis touched 1-hundredth apart. In the final lap, Kowalski split 27.02 to take the bronze (1:48.25), Borges moved up from fifth to grab the silver (1:48.08), and Loader glided to the gold (1:47.63), the first ever for New Zealand. Holmertz faded to fifth and Davis touched in seventh (1:48.54).

The pony-tailed Loader, 22, said his race strategy was simple: "Swim fast...no, really," he said, "the second 50 was the key for me." Saying he was a "swimmer, not a talker," Loader was short on analysis, but said he hopes to be a trailblazer for future generations of Kiwi swimmers. About his competition, he was

characteristically gracious: "It took a 48 just to make the finals here," he said. "Every one of these guys is a champion."

A very happy Gustavo Borges said "the silver was a complete surprise. In the morning, I went out too hard, but tonight I swam a tactical race." Kowalski, best known as a 1500-meter swimmer, was delighted with his bronze medal: "To get bronze in this event means a lot and was completely unexpected. It's a great way to get the ball rolling for Australia." Kowalski also said he was happy to see small countries, such as Belgium and New Zealand, break into the medals. —P.W.

Ireland and New Zealand earned Olympic swimming gold medals for the first time ever, courtesy of Michelle Smith (opposite page) and Danyon Loader (below).



Day 2

Women 200 Free

Gold
Claudia Poll
CRC 1:58.16

Silver
Franziska
van Almsick
GER 1:58.57

Bronze
Dagmar Hase
GER 1:59.56

Women 200 Freestyle

The first event of the second day continued the trend set on the first day of swimming—gold medalists from smaller countries not necessarily known for their swimming heritage. It was fitting, then, that Costa Rica's Claudia Poll became her country's first swimming Olympic gold medalist by winning the women's 200 meter freestyle in a time of 1:58.16.

Poll celebrated the victory by backstroking a victory lap and waving the Costa Rican flag. The seasoned veteran of international competitions—having won a bronze medal at World Championships in 1994 and two gold medals at Short Course World Championships last December—was competing in her first Olympics. Yet, she was trying to remain "low-key" about the event—so low-key that she refused to attend the press conference after winning the gold medal.

Following prelims, she said, "I want to have fun here. I look at this meet as just another swimming competition—the most important one of the year."

Poll's sister, Silvia, had won a silver medal in the 1988 Olympic Games in the same event. She said, "What (Claudia) accomplished tonight is so great. I couldn't be happier for her."

Somewhat unhappy about the result was Germany's

Franziska van Almsick, the prohibitive favorite, who won the silver medal. "I was expecting a lot more," said van Almsick about her time of 1:58.57. "I think I was overwhelmed by the atmosphere. My knees were very soft before the race. There were so many people there, all yelling—I'm not used to that," she said. "I didn't want to jump in the pool at all. I just wanted to stand there and listen to them."

"The gold medal is as far as you can go in this sport. It was almost there, but, perhaps, the pressure was too much," continued van Almsick. "I think the biggest pressure was what I put on myself. I was dominating this event for four years, I was a favorite, and people expected a lot. It's much harder to defend than it is to chase."

That pressure was just the opposite for van Almsick's teammate, Dagmar Hase, who came into the 200 free not expecting much. "I came in pretty relaxed to this race. The 200 wasn't real important as far as I was concerned," she said. "The bronze medal is something quite special for me."

Hase's time of 1:59.56 barely edged American Trina Jackson out of the medal count. Jackson posted a personal best time of 1:59.57. Fellow American Cristina Teuscher placed sixth in 2:00.79. —B.B.

Men 400 Individual Medley

The 400 IM—an event not made for the weak or faint of heart. And swimming for the U.S. were two of the toughest hombres this side of the Atlantic Ocean. Ranked first and second in the world coming into Atlanta, Tom Dolan and Eric Namesnik were going for the gold. They battle head-to-head every day at the University of Michigan, a daily struggle of bodies and minds. Now they were ready to win—for their country and for themselves. Each of them.

Dolan was "The Man"—the larger-than-life superstar who had just missed breaking his own world mark (4:12.30) at the U.S. Trials in March when he eased up the final lap. Namesnik, second to Tamas Darnyi of Hungary at the '92 Games, once again found himself in the role of challenger.

Missing from the final was Finland's Jani Sievinen, world record holder at 200 meters and considered to be Dolan's strongest challenger. The Finn had struggled during prelims and finished a disappointing ninth (4:23.13), missing the cutoff by nearly three seconds.

Costa Rica, via Claudia Poll (left), became the fourth country in five events to win its first ever gold medal, while Tom Dolan (right) won the first of 13 U.S. gold medals in Atlanta.





Day 2

Men 400 IM

Gold
Tom Dolan
USA 4:14.90

Silver
Eric Namesnik
USA 4:15.25

Bronze
Curtis Myden
CAN 4:16.28

The final turned into an epic struggle. Canada's Curtis Myden grabbed the lead in the fly (58.04), followed closely by Dolan and Namesnik. In the backstroke leg, Dolan tried to make his move but Namesnik would not let go. The two touched together (2:02.87) at the 200, just under world record pace (2:02.90) and more than a second ahead of Myden.

Dolan moved ahead on the first 50 of the breaststroke, but Namesnik came storming back in the second lap, clocking 3:15.29 at the 300 mark, almost half a second ahead of his rival as a determined Myden kept pace, a little over a second behind.

At 350 meters, Namesnik held a razor-thin 3-hundredths lead over Dolan as Myden moved almost even with the two leaders, just a half-second behind.

The final lap came down to sheer guts with all three swimmers wanting the gold so badly, they could taste it. Lunging for the wall, it was Dolan who came up golden (4:14.90), just ahead of his partner (4:15.25), while a fast-charging Myden barely held off an even faster-charging Matthew Dunn of Australia for the bronze (4:16.28 to 4:16.66). In the meet's sixth event, it was the first U.S. gold of the Centennial Games and the first U.S. sweep in the pool.

Said Dolan: "It's an incredible feeling. It's something every kid dreams about—to win a gold medal in their sport in their own country." Dolan also said he was hindered by his asthma: "The air here is really heavy and sticky, so it's hard breathing."

A disappointed Namesnik commented: "I give Tom a lot of credit for being tough enough to hang on and touch me out." Both men credited their success to training together.

Myden was delighted with his bronze medal and new Canadian record: "Coming into the Games, we weren't supposed to win anything. I think this will get our team rolling." —P.W.

Women 100 Breaststroke

The women's 100 meter breaststroke in Atlanta had been billed as a three-swimmer race, and it didn't disappoint. South Africa's Penelope Heyns, the USA's Amanda Beard and Australia's Samantha Riley all came in with legitimate chances of lowering the world record of 1:07.46 set by Heyns in March. And it was, indeed, Heyns who stepped forward in the prelims and smashed the record in a time of 1:07.02.

"I hoped I could break the record in the morning," said Heyns, who was optimistic about getting under the 1:07 mark in the final. "I can't say that was a perfect swim. There's a couple of things I can improve on."

In the championship final, however, Heyns badly miscalculated her turn and glided into the wall at 50 meters. "I should have taken one more stroke," she said. Despite the missed turn, Heyns held off the charging

Day 2

Women 100 Breast

Gold
Penelope Heyns
RSA 1:07.73

Silver
Amanda Beard
USA 1:08.09

Bronze
Samantha Riley
AUS 1:09.18

Men 800 Free Relay

Gold
United States
7:14.84

Silver
Sweden
7:17.56

Bronze
Germany
7:17.71

Beard to capture the gold medal in 1:07.73. In winning, Heyns became the first swimmer to win a gold medal from South Africa since Joan Harrison won the backstroke gold in 1952 in Helsinki.

"I hope my success and others like it for South Africa can give a higher profile for sport in the country," said Heyns.

The refreshingly innocent American, Amanda Beard, nearly caught Heyns coming home the final 50 meters and picked up the silver medal. Her time of 1:08.09 erased Anita Nall's American record in the 100 meter breaststroke.

Beard said, "I didn't even know I had broken the record when I touched the wall and looked up. I just saw that I had won a silver medal, and that was good enough for me." It wasn't until the scoreboard posted "NR" for national record that Beard realized.

Beard also mentioned that she felt much more relaxed during finals than she had in her morning swim. "I was a bit nervous this morning—being my first race and the crowd and everything," said Beard. "I was more comfortable tonight. This was just a fun race."

At a mere 14 years of age, Beard may be in for a long and successful swimming career. Consider that in the 2004 Olympic Games, eight years from now, she will only be 22 years of age—prime swimming age for many competitors. Beard cutely added, "I hope I can keep swimming until I'm old."

Australia's Riley, who had held the world record previous to Heyns' time in March of this year, finished third for the bronze medal in a time of 1:09.18. "I'm quite disappointed with my times, but this has been such a fun meet. The atmosphere here has been great. So, I'm happy to win a bronze medal."



South Africa's Penelope Heyns (left) won both breaststrokes, each time finishing ahead of American Amanda Beard (right).



The 6th Man

Don't underestimate the advantage American swimmers had over their counterparts because the Games were in Atlanta. Nearly 15,000 spectators filled the stands each night and sent chills down the spines of the Americans. Said Head Coach Skip Kenney, "In basketball, they give out a sixth man award...and if there were a sixth man here, it would have to be the crowd." Kenney also added the Americans couldn't wait to get to the pool to feel the excitement when their names were announced.

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American Kristine Quance, qualifying second for the U.S. Olympic team at the Trials last March with a 1:09.72, finished 19th in prelims with a 1:10.92. —B.B.

Men 800 Freestyle Relay

The American team of Josh Davis, Joe Hudepohl, Brad Schumacher and Ryan Berube were out to restore American primacy in the 800 free relay.

There was a time when this event was as American as apple pie, as American as the 400 free relay. But in Barcelona, the U.S. had finished third, and at the World Championships in Rome in '94, they touched in fourth and out of the medals.

Team Atlanta made their first statement by qualifying first in prelims in 7:18.28 with a team of Berube, Hudepohl, Schumacher and Jon Olsen.

At night, Davis led off in 1:48.19, a full second ahead of Britain's Paul Palmer and Italy's Massi Rosolino. Hudepohl pitched in with a 1:49.29, giving the Americans a 3:37.48 midway split. But Australia's Michael Klim swam 1:48.04 to put his team 2-hundredths ahead, and Anders Holmertz split 1:47.03 to lift Sweden from seventh to third, just 2-hundredths behind the Yanks.

Schumacher stroked 1:48.89 to regain the lead, but the Swedes hung tough, only 11-hundredths back at 600 meters (5:26.37 to 5:26.48).

Then came Ryan.

Berube pulled away from the field to ice the win with a 1:48.47 split, the swiftest anchor in finals. The U.S. finished in 7:14.84, the fastest time in four years and the eighth fastest all-time. Sweden managed to stave off Germany for second (7:17.56 to 7:17.71).

The American squad was sky-high in the interview room, more like a rock group on tour than a relay team. Hudepohl captured the team's joy: "It's an incredible feeling," he said, "one I've been working toward since '92. No one expected us to be here, and I know I'm speaking for all of us when I say this is one of the greatest moments in our lives."

Schumacher, who was the last man chosen for the relay (he qualified sixth in the 200 free at the U.S. Trials in March), said: "I found out at 5:30 this evening (two hours before the start of finals). I felt confident after my swim this morning and hoped I'd be on the relay." He replaced John Piersma, the No. 1 qualifier at Trials (1:48.97).

Berube, the anchorman, admitted: "I was real nervous this morning. Tonight I left the nervous part to Josh. I sat with my feet in the diving well to relax and not let the adrenaline start pumping. I'm certainly not the one who won (the race). There are three guys sitting beside me who are just as big a part of it."

The Swedes, gold medalists in Rome, were happy with the silver. Said Holmertz, who has made a career of finishing second: "I think we did everything right. We never expected to beat the U.S. team here. I feel great about this." —P.W.

Ryan Berube (left, in water) receives congratulations from his U.S. teammates after winning the 800 free relay by nearly three seconds. The next day, Russia's Alexander Popov (opposite page) won the 100 free by 7-hundredths.



Women
400 Free

Gold
Michelle Smith
IRL 4:07.25

Silver
Dagmar Hase
GER 4:08.30

Bronze
Kirsten Vliedhuis
NED 4:08.70

Women 400 Freestyle

Ireland's Michelle Smith continued her phenomenal rise to Olympic glory by winning her second gold medal of the Games in Atlanta. However, her Irish record time of 4:07.25 in the finals brought suspicion and speculation a bit more than praise.

Smith's victory brought to question further the validity of her Olympic qualifying time which was submitted "late" to FINA. Her qualifying time was swum on July 7th and, apparently, not submitted to FINA until the 19th. The deadline to submit times for the Games was supposed to be July 5th. Upon learning that Smith's qualifying time had allowed her to enter the 400 free, U.S. Swimming immediately entered a protest to FINA, which was denied by FINA and the IOC.

"The Olympics is about racing against the fastest people in the world," said Smith in response to questions about her entry. "I think there is a spirit of fair play that must be part of the Olympics."

Since her previous best prior to her July qualifying time (4:08.64) was 4:26.18 (the former Irish national record, set April 1, 1995), the question of illegal performance-enhancing drug use quickly became the suspicion. But Smith disputed the accusations, saying that she had been tested at least three times in the past month-and-a-half.

"This is the first time people have seen me in the States," continued Smith. "I think I wouldn't be as much of a surprise to them if they had noticed what I had done at European Championships and the World Cup series. I have worked very, very hard for this, and I have put my heart and soul into training full time."

Smith attributes her quick rise to the top to the new training regimen her husband supplied using his track coaching background. "My husband took a look at my training and said, 'That's good, but (the training) is 15 years old in track training.'"

American Janet Evans somehow did not qualify for the championship final. The three-time Olympic champion posted a time of 4:13.60 in the third heat of the preliminaries and qualified ninth. For comparison, Evans clocked a 4:11.77 to qualify first at Trials last March, then won the event in 4:10.97—the fifth fastest time swum this year, going into the Olympics.

"I thought (4:13.00) would get in," said Evans. "I made a mistake in that I didn't go out fast enough." On whether Smith should not have been entered in the event, Evans offered, "You can look at it two ways. You can look at it as unfair—which it is a little bit because she didn't really play by the rules—or you can look at it as the Olympics are supposed to be about the best athletes in the world." Evans also said she was looking forward to swimming well in the 800 free later in the meet.

The silver medal went to the defending Olympic champion in the 400 free, Germany's Dagmar Hase, in

4:08.30. It was Hase's second medal of the Atlanta Games. The bronze went to Netherlands' Kirsten Vliedhuis in 4:08.70.

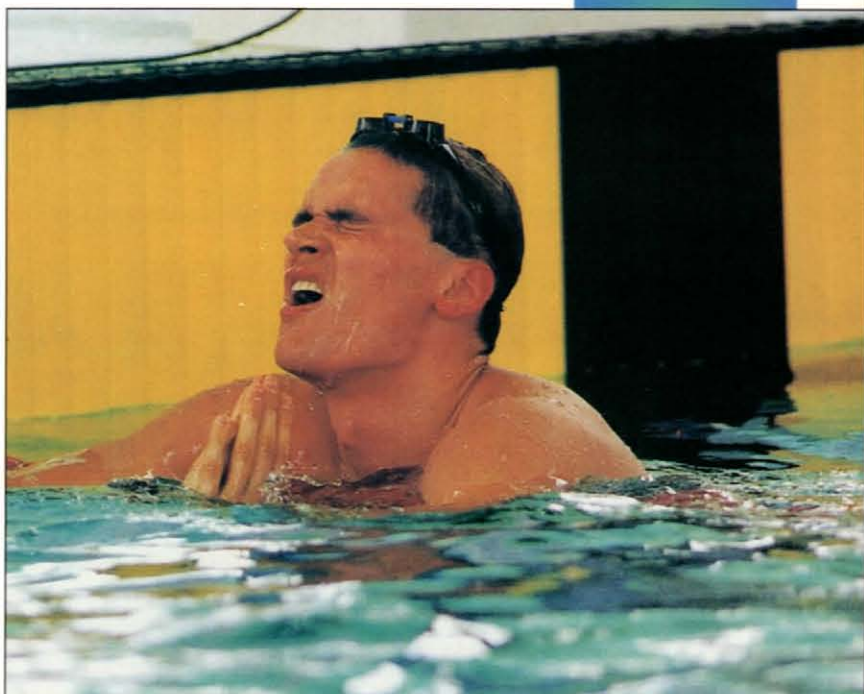
American Cristina Teuscher, who won silver two years ago at the World Championships (4:10.21), qualified seventh in 4:12.20 and placed eighth in finals with a 4:14.21. At Trials in March, she finished second in 4:11.59. —B.B.

Men 100 Freestyle

This was the race everyone was waiting for—the first head-to-head match-up between Russia's Alexander Popov, the defending Olympic champion, and Gary Hall, Jr., his brash American challenger.

In the build-up to the race, the two rivals trash-talked each other. Popov said beating Hall was hardly a challenge and that he could beat anyone in the world on either a good or a bad day; Hall replied that Popov talked too much, adding that "it shows fear on his part. I mean, I'm the guy who doesn't train, right?"

Before the race, however, Popov changed his tune: "When you go into big meets, you respect everybody; I respect Gary."



In the sixth heat, Hall showed he was worthy of that respect, laying down a challenge by popping a 48.90, the sixth fastest time ever and second only to Matt Biondi among Americans—the only two U.S. swimmers to break 49 seconds. Two heats later, Popov responded with a 48.74. The die was cast.

In the final, Popov would be in lane 4, Hall in 5. Third qualifier was Brazil's Gustavo Borges, silver

Day 3

Men 100 Free

Gold

Alexander Popov
RUS 48.74

Silver

Gary Hall, Jr.
USA 48.81

Bronze

Gustavo Borges
BRA 49.02

Women 100 Back

Gold

Beth Botsford
USA 1:01.19

Silver

Whitney Hedgepeth
USA 1:01.47

Bronze

Marianne Kriel
RSA 1:02.12

medalist in the 200 free. It took 49.79 just to qualify for the finals—the fastest field in history—with Brazil's Fernando Scherer nailing down the coveted eighth position.

In the final, Hall got the jump on the start and held his lead into the turn, touching in 23.43 to Popov's 23.52. But Popov hit the turn perfectly, and when the two emerged, it was the Russian who had the lead. Inch-by-inch, Hall began to run down his rival until the two were dead-even with about 15 meters to go. Lunging for the wall, it was Popov who lit up the scoreboard first, his 48.74 an eye-blink ahead of Hall's 48.81.

Borges finished third with a South American record of 49.02, making him the most successful Olympic athlete in Brazil's history. Holland's fast-improving Pieter van den Hoogenband was fourth in 49.13.

After the race, the three winners were beaming. Popov noted, "It was a very tough race; it wasn't easy." When asked if he knew he was the first swimmer to repeat as Olympic champion since Johnny Weissmuller (in 1928), Popov said, "I didn't know that. I know Weissmuller—not personally, though."

Hall admitted that he was "just happy to be on the awards stand. To be second to the world record holder and drop my best time half-a-second is really exciting." Borges swam his best time by 3-tenths of a second, and he said he was happy, "though I wanted to go under 49."

Jon Olsen, who won the event at the U.S. Trials in 49.46, swam a disappointing 50.17 in prelims, good only for 12th place. In the consols, he beat Germany's Christian Troger for the win, clocking 49.80. —P.W.

Women 100 Backstroke

The American female swimmers earned their first gold medal during the third day of competition with an incredible 1-2 finish by 15-year-old Beth Botsford and 25-year-old Whitney Hedgepeth, which seemed to kick-start the rest of the women's squad to success throughout the meet.

Unlike Dolan's and Namesnik's fierce rivalry in the 400 IM, Hedgepeth and Botsford carried each other into the Olympics and eventually onto the medal stand. "Beth and I had talked about going 1-2," said Hedgepeth. "It was great we could do it."

"But, really, my only goal coming in to the race," she continued, "was to not pass out or throw up (from nerves) when they called my name."

Botsford said, "I was a bit nervous out there. I think I was more nervous this morning, though. The crowd is just awesome. It's really great to hear them cheer."

Botsford, who timed a 1:01.19 for the gold medal, attributed a good amount of her success on having her coach, Murray Stephens, at the Games with her. "I have been able to take advantage of my coach being here," she said. "I don't think I could have remained this together had he not been here."

Botsford said that she had been suffering from a sore shoulder just four days prior to the Games, which flared

Beth Botsford and Whitney Hedgepeth (below, from left) became the first two U.S. women to sweep an Olympic event since 1984.





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Day 3

up on the plane ride to Atlanta. "I was almost in tears. I couldn't believe this could happen," she said. "But then it just stopped hurting."

In winning the silver medal in a personal best 1:01.47, Hedgepeth fulfilled a dream that she felt while teaching grade school in Austin, Texas. Hedgepeth,

Men 200 Butterfly

Coming into the Games, Denis Pankratov was the odds-on favorite to win the 200 fly. As the world record holder, his time was almost two seconds ahead of anyone else's. But the steely-eyed Russian from Volgograd faltered in the morning's prelims, qualifying only fourth. He had gone out in an amazing 54.71, then paid the price on the back half, finishing weakly in 1:58.28.

Leading the qualifiers was Australia's Scott Goodman at 1:57.77. Goodman, who had come to Atlanta with the year's fastest time (1:57.07), was determined to upset the Russian and notch Australia's first win of the Games.

Second in the morning was Ukraine's Denis Silantiev, who could easily pass as Pankratov's little brother. Britain's James Hickman was third, having out-swum the world record holder in the heats, while America's Tom Malchow was fifth (1:58.69). It took 1:58.97 to make the finals as a mere 1.2 seconds separated the eight qualifiers. All of a sudden, what had seemed a blowout had become anybody's race.

America's Ray Carey, who had clocked a solid 1:57.66 at Trials and ranked fourth in the world, faded in the second half of his race to finish out of the money in a disappointing 2:01.10, qualifying in 21st place.

In the finals, Pankratov swam a much smarter race than in the morning, making the first turn at 25.71, well ahead of the field. Australia's Scott Miller, a better 100 than 200 swimmer, was second at 26.06. Goodman was seventh (27.09) while Malchow languished in eighth (27.33).

At the 100, Pankratov had barely lengthened his lead over Miller with a 55.69 clocking, just off world record pace (55.57). France's Franck Esposito moved into third, while Goodman and Malchow turned in fifth and sixth.

On the third lap, Malchow and Goodman made their moves. The American's 29.82 split—the fastest third 50 in the field—boosted him into third behind the leaders, while Goodman took over fourth.

As they sprinted for home, Pankratov showed why he is the best in the world, lengthening his lead with every stroke and touching in 1:56.51. Malchow and Goodman, seemingly glued at the hip, overtook a fading Miller to finish only 4-hundredths apart with Malchow grabbing the silver in 1:57.44.

Pankratov acknowledged that Popov's win helped him. "It definitely increased my confidence," he said. On his relatively slow time, he commented, "Victory is more important than a world record. The Olympic medal means so much to me. I could have won a medal at Barcelona, and for four years I've been trying to prove myself."

Malchow said he was never worried about being so far behind during the race's first half. "I was never wor-



Men 200 Fly

Gold
Denis Pankratov
RUS 1:56.51

Silver
Tom Malchow
USA 1:57.44

Bronze
Scott Goodman
AUS 1:57.48

who swam in the Olympics in 1988, had given up swimming four years ago following a disappointing third-place finish at Olympic Trials and had taken a job as a school teacher.

But she just couldn't give up the sport she loved and felt she could make one more run at the Olympics. So, two years ago, she gave up teaching and got back in the pool. Following the Olympics, Hedgepeth will return to teaching, but in a different realm—coaching as an assistant at Clemson University.

Botsford concluded by saying she was extremely proud to be the first American woman to win a gold medal in Atlanta.

The bronze medal, surprisingly, went to Marianne Kriel of South Africa in a national record of 1:02.12—her country's second medal in just three days. —B.B.

ried about what was going on in other lanes; I just swam my own race." Goodman said he was "pretty happy to come out with a bronze medal." —P.W.

Women 400 Free Relay

Winning the gold medal was extra sweet for the American women in the 4 x 100 freestyle relay as they trounced the favored Chinese. The team of 100 freestyle bronze medalist Angel Martino, Amy Van Dyken, Catherine Fox (who had replaced Melanie Valerio on the foursome after posting a better split in the morning prelims) and anchor Jenny Thompson ripped off an American and Olympic record 3:39.29 to capture the gold.

The squad forged into a commanding lead based on the overwhelming pace of Van Dyken, who blazed to the meet's fastest split, a 53.91 (second fastest ever) on the second leg of the relay.

Martino had led off the race with a split of 55.34,

Pre-meet favorite Denis Pankratov of Russia (left) collected gold in the 200 fly, but in the women's 400 freestyle relay, the underdog Americans upset favored China with a team of (below, from left) Angel Martino, Catherine Fox, Amy Van Dyken and Jenny Thompson.

which put the Americans in second after one leg as the Chinese, in a bit of a psychological ploy, led off with the 100 freestyle gold medalist Le Jingyi (54.79).

Once the Americans got the lead from Van Dyken, they never looked back as Fox split 55.93 and set up a determined Thompson on anchor.

"I felt really confident when I knew we had the lead," said Thompson. "No one was going to pass me, no matter what. It is really great to swim with such tremendous swimmers as Amy and Angel. Having that confidence in your teammates is such a great thing." Thompson responded with a 54.11 split for the win.

Thompson also said that watching the Americans, Whitney Hedgepeth and Beth Botsford, atop the award stand for the 100 back gave them even more confidence. "We were watching in the waiting room as they played the national anthem, and that really pumped us up for the race. Nothing can compare to the crowd out there and the noise," she continued. "All the flags waving around... it's a great inspiration."

The Chinese team of Jingyi, Chao Na, Nian Yun and Shan Ying posted a time of 3:40.48 to take the silver medal. However, they must have been disappointed in the result as they refused to show up for press interviews after the race. Just two years ago at the World Championships, China clocked a world record 3:37.91.

The Germans—Sandra Volker, Simone Osygus, Antje Buschschulte and Franziska van Almsisk—picked up the bronze medal in a time of 3:41.48. —B.B.

Day
3

Women 400 Free Relay

Gold
United States
3:39.29

Silver
China
3:40.48

Bronze
Germany
3:41.48



Day 4

Men 400 Free

Gold
Danyon Loader
NZL 3:47.97

Silver
Paul Palmer
GBR 3:49.00

Bronze
Daniel Kowalski
AUS 3:49.39

Women 200 Breast

Gold
Penelope Heyns
RSA 2:25.41

Silver
Amanda Beard
USA 2:25.75

Bronze
Agnes Kovacs
HUN 2:26.57

Men 400 Freestyle

Until April, the men's 400 freestyle was one of the few Olympic events tagged as a "sure thing." No one, the experts believed, could stay with Australia's Kieren Perkins, who had taken the world record to an entirely new dimension with his 3:43.80 at the 1994 World Championships in Rome. Then came the Australian Trials, where Perkins-the-Invincible finished a shocking third in 3:52.56—almost nine seconds off his world mark.

For months, rumors abounded that the Aussies would place him on the team in place of Malcolm Allen, the surprise second-place finisher. Here in Atlanta, only days before the race, it was being whispered that Allen would resign his place in the 400, allowing Perkins to swim, and be rewarded with a spot on the 800 free relay.

But there was no deal. Allen, who eventually qualified 12th in the prelims, wasn't willing, and Perkins wouldn't ask.

After the U.S. Trials, Tom Dolan became the "favorite" off his world-leading 3:48.99, in which he visibly cruised the final lap. There was even talk of a 1-2 roommate sweep since Dolan's Michigan roommate, John Piersma, swam the world's fastest time in 1995 (3:49.72).

But the prelims brought more than their share of surprises. Piersma and Dolan finished 10th and 11th (3:53.58 and 3:53.91, respectively), both fading in the second 200. Dolan called it quits for the day, but Piersma came back to win the "B" final in 3:50.69.

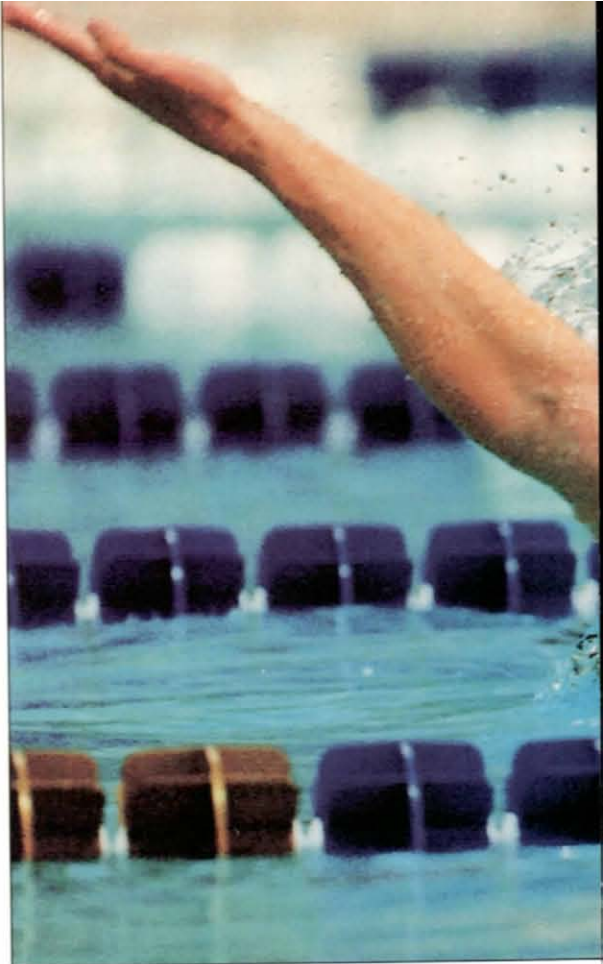
Top qualifiers were a pair of inexperienced 17-year-old Italians, Emiliano Brembilla (3:49.35) and Massi Rosolino (3:51.05). It took a 3:52.62 to make finals.

As is his wont, Sweden's Anders Holmertz immediately grabbed the lead and turned first at the 100 in 54.83, just ahead of Australia's Daniel Kowalski with Great Britain's Paul Palmer third and New Zealand's Danyon Loader fourth. At the halfway mark, Holmertz was still leading (1:53.32) with Palmer second, Loader third and Kowalski back in fifth.

The Italians are back-half swimmers, and both began to move up after the turn. But it was Loader who grabbed the lead at 290 meters, touching at 300 (2:52.14), just ahead of the surprising Palmer and a fading Holmertz with only 15-hundredths of a second separating the top three.

In the final lap, kiwi pride took over and Loader just kept moving away, winning in 3:47.97. Palmer held off a desperate bid by Kowalski for second (3:49.00 to 3:49.39), while Brembilla placed fourth (3:49.87).

Loader was exuberant. "I'm pretty excited about the way things are going," he said. "I swam two personal best times, and that's all that I look for." After the Olympics, Loader, 21, plans to go on a holiday before setting new goals for himself. Palmer, Britain's first



medalist in Atlanta, said he was feeling the pressure. "Now," he said, "I'm so happy, I feel like having a beer." Kowalski, though, was downcast. "I'm disappointed," he acknowledged. "I'm a lot better swimmer than a 3:49." —P.W.

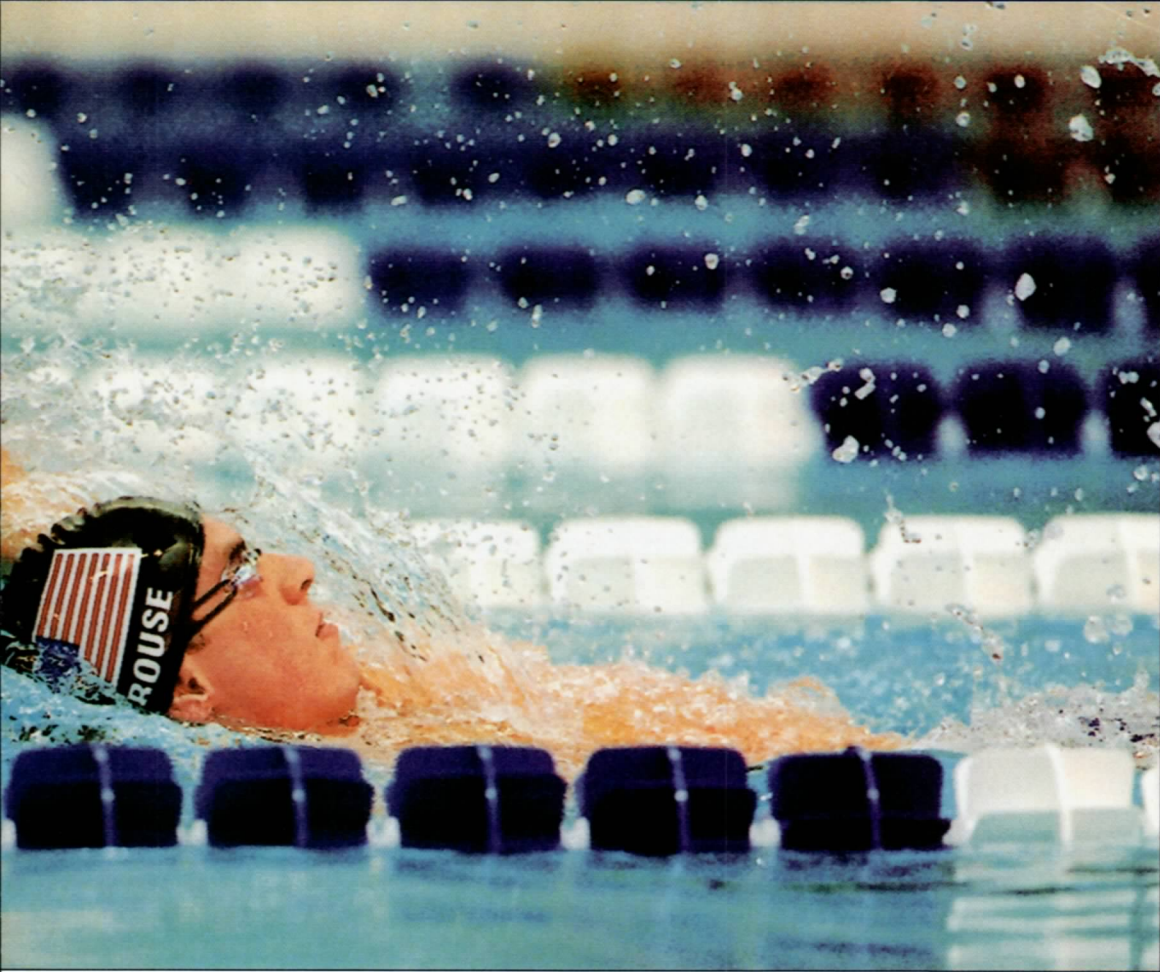
Women 200 Breaststroke

After watching South Africa's Penelope Heyns break an Olympic record in the morning prelims (2:26.63) and qualify a second-and-a-half ahead of her competition, 14-year-old American Amanda Beard knew she had to stay close to Heyns during the front half of the 200 breaststroke.

With her No. 2-qualifying prelim swim (2:28.10), Beard had proven, once again, that she had the best final 50 of any 200 breaststroker in the field.

"I knew (Penelope) would be out front," said Beard following her race. "I just tried to stay a little bit behind into the last 50 so I could go for it." Beard needed to stay within two seconds of the leader at the 100 in order for her strong finish to have enough "pool" left to swim down the field.

But Heyns, who earlier won the 100 breaststroke, was just too much in the front half of the race for Beard to catch. Heyns' split at the 100 was a quick 1:09.06, 2.24 seconds ahead of Beard. That gave her just enough of a lead to hold onto at the final touch and win the gold medal in an Olympic record time of 2:25.41. Beard took the silver medal, her second of the meet, in a time of 2:25.75.



Day 4

Men 100 Back

Gold

Jeff Rouse
USA 54.10

Silver

Rodolfo Falcon
CUB 54.98

Bronze

Neisser Bent
CUB 55.02

After winning silver in the 100 back at Barcelona and Rome, Jeff Rouse added Olympic gold at Atlanta to his long list of accomplishments.

"I was a bit lucky that I had the guts to hang in there for the win tonight," said Heyns, who readily admits she doesn't like the 200 as well as the 100. "I think winning tonight meant more to me because this is not my event.

"It means a great deal to me to win two medals for my country. I have never been more proud to be a South African," she continued.

For youthful enthusiast, Beard, whose 36.98 final 50 was nearly two full seconds faster than Heyns, winning the silver medal was as satisfying as the gold.

"I don't mind being second. Silver is a perfect medal," she said. "I think I just let her get a little too far ahead of me. If I am less than a body length behind at the final 50, I have a good chance to beat anybody. I'll just have to keep trying to hunt (Penelope) down."

The rivalry between Heyns and Beard has grown into a competitive friendship for the two breaststrokers. Heyns, joking a bit with Beard after the race, said about their friendship, "I'd like to leave here tonight and go party with Amanda. Her parents might think she's a bit young for that, however."

Another youngster, 15-year-old Agnes Kovacs of Hungary, broke a national record to win the bronze medal in a time of 2:26.57.

America's second entrant in the 200 breast, Jilen Siroky, who clocked a 2:28.23 at Trials in March, qualified 13th in prelims with a 2:31.57. Later that day, she competed in the "B" finals and placed seventh in 2:33.43. —B.B.

Men 100 Backstroke

For the past eight years, Jeff Rouse, 26, has been the most dominant and most consistent swimmer in the world. The world record holder (53.86), he has ranked first every year since 1989. Strange, then, that the rap on him has been that he always swims better on relays, that he can't win the "Big One."

Speaking to *Swimming World*, Alex Popov predicted flatly: "Rouse won't win." Here in Atlanta, Mel Stewart, commentating for ESPN, called him a "choke artist." But after the 100 backstroke final, it is Rouse's critics who are choking on their words.

Rouse said he was both puzzled and stung by the criticism. "In my entire career, I've only lost two races." Unfortunately, those two races were at the 1992 Olympics and '94 World Championships, where he finished second both times. "In Barcelona, I swam a solid race," he said, "but Mark Tewksbury swam an awesome race." In that race, the Canadian set a world record (53.96), later broken by Rouse in leading off the U.S. medley relay. "In Rome," he said, "it was just a freak happening. I jammed my turn and couldn't catch (Martin Lopez-Zubero)."

Day 4

Women 100 Fly

Gold

Amy Van Dyken
USA 59.13

Silver

Liu Limin
CHN 59.14

Bronze

Angel Martino
USA 59.23



In prelims, Rouse put up an impressive 54.20, easily leading the field. The surprise second-place qualifier was Cuba's Neisser Bent, 19, who clocked a national record 54.83, his best by nearly two seconds. *Swimming World* spoke with Bent the day before the race, when he admitted his goal was "to break 56 and try to make the A final."

Cuban veteran Rodolfo Falcon was third (55.29). America's Tripp Schwenk, ranked second in the world before the Games (54.94), qualified fifth (55.71), while Russia's Vladimir Selkov (fourth in the world going into the Olympics) qualified ninth (55.87) and missed the final by 5-hundredths of a second.

In the final, Rouse blasted off to take an immediate lead, touching at the 50 in 26.30, almost a half-second ahead of Schwenk. Bent, who slipped on the start, recovered to turn third with Falcon seventh. On the turn, Rouse blew the field away, popping up after 15 meters with an insurmountable lead. He powered home to touch in 54.10, forever silencing his critics.

Falcon came back strongly to get the silver (54.98), while Bent was the bronze medalist (55.02), giving Cuba its first medals ever in swimming. Schwenk faded to fifth (55.30) behind Martin Lopez-Zubero of Spain (55.22).

After the anthem was played, Rouse jumped the fence separating the competitors from the spectators to embrace his parents and sister, who gave him a ring from his grandfather, "my biggest fan when I was young." Said a visibly moved Rouse: "I've imagined winning for so long...I wanted to stay in the pool for 10 more minutes and soak up the moment. I don't think I've fully gone through all the emotions yet." Rouse said he plans on continuing his swimming career.

Bent said he and Falcon "will return to our country with a job well done and very happy." Asked if he considered himself a hero, Bent said, "No, I did a good job. I plan to continue to swim and be happy." —P.W.

Is there any doubt who won the women's 100 fly? Amy Van Dyken's reaction says it all!

Women 100 Butterfly

"Oh, my God!" was the immediate response from American Amy Van Dyken as she heard her name over the loudspeaker after touching the wall first in the 100 butterfly in 59.13, just 1-hundredth of a second ahead of China's Liu Limin.

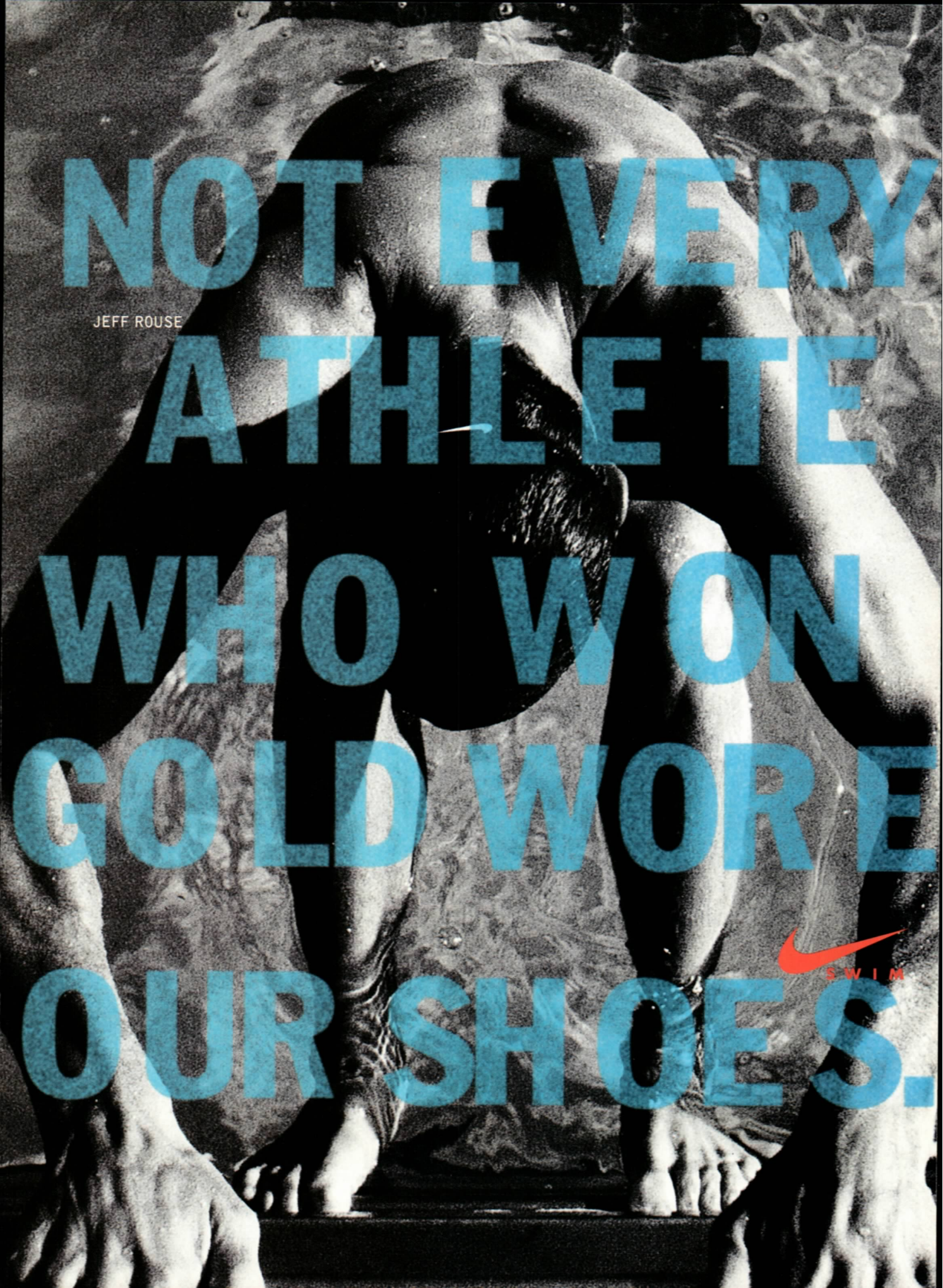
"I couldn't see the scoreboard at first when I turned to look," said Van Dyken, "but I knew that Angel and I must have been right there because the crowd was so loud. I had no idea I had won."

Winning a gold medal in this race became redemption fulfilled and an unexpected pleasure at the same time for Van Dyken, who clocked a personal best time and captured the American women's third swimming gold medal of the Games. Mainly a freestyle swimmer, Van Dyken admitted to not having really trained specifically for the butterfly, so winning was a bit of a surprise.

Van Dyken, wearing her red-white-and-blue American flag hat, likened the Olympic spectacle to the Super Bowl in all its emotion and excitement. "We (athletes) are having a lot of fun here. And for the Americans, we pulled things together just at the right time to have a great meet," she said. "For underdogs, I guess we have a pretty big bite."

Van Dyken's American teammate, Angel Martino, won her second bronze medal at the Olympic Games to go along with her relay gold. Her time of 59.23 was also a personal best.

Liu wasn't disappointed in her finish either, saying, "I was ranked fourth coming into the meet, and winning the silver medal wasn't bad."



NOT EVERY

JEFF ROUSE

ATHLETE

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SWIM

Day 4

Men 400 Free Relay

Gold
United States
3:15.41

Silver
Russia
3:17.06

Bronze
Germany
3:17.20

Liu also claimed, on behalf of the Chinese athletes who had done poorly thus far at the Games, that they were having difficulty finding anything to eat.

"There is a big difference between American and Asian food. The entrees here are not that good for us. I entered the cafe and wanted Chinese food, but they only had Japanese soup. If we can't eat, how can we have a good performance?" —*B.B.*

Men 400 Freestyle Relay

The United States has never lost the men's 400 freestyle relay. Not at the Olympic Games. Not at the World Championships. Not ever. The 1996 U.S. Olympic squad had no intention of allowing that streak to be broken.

In the prelims, the U.S. team of David Fox, Scott Tucker, Brad Schumacher and Josh Davis qualified first in 3:18.40. Schumacher split 49.19 and Davis 49.07, guaranteeing themselves spots on the team that would swim for the gold. The finals also saw the U.S. field two swimmers from 1995's world record-breaking quartet—Gary Hall and Jon Olsen.

Olsen led off in a solid 49.94. But three other swimmers swam faster, and the U.S. found itself in fourth place behind Brazil, Germany and Australia, and only a hundredth of a second ahead of Russia.

Russia swam Popov second, and the world record holder responded with an awesome 47.88 split to vault

his team from fifth to first (1:37.83). A second back was Germany (1:38.75), followed closely by the U.S. (1:38.94) after Davis split 49.00.

On the third leg, Schumacher made up half-a-second on the Russians, splitting 49.02, but Germany's Bjorn Zikarsky was even faster—48.81. As the anchors took off, Russia held the lead at 2:27.34, followed by Germany (2:27.56) and the U.S. (2:27.96).

Pandemonium reigned. The task of defending the unbroken streak fell upon the broad shoulders of Gary Hall. And he responded in spectacular fashion.

Hall made up the difference with a terrific start and powered his way to 21.87 at the turn and a final split of 47.45—fastest of all time—to give the U.S. the gold in Olympic record time (3:15.41) and keep the streak alive. Russia edged Germany for second (3:17.06 to 3:17.20).

Co-captain Olsen summed up the team's joy. "Here in Atlanta, I've met guys from the 1972, '76, '84, '88 and '92 teams. Now, we've become part of a great tradition. We've just joined a very happy family." —*P.W.*

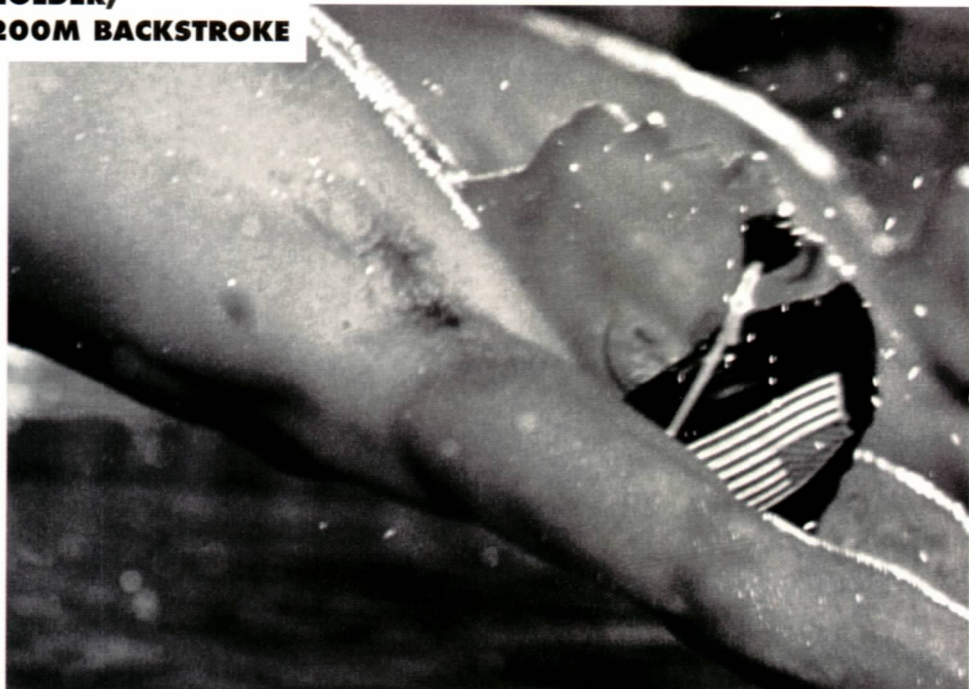
The United States kept its unbeaten streak alive in the men's 400 freestyle relay with a team of (from left) Gary Hall, Jr., Brad Schumacher, Josh Davis and Jon Olsen.



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Day
5

Men
200 Breast

Gold
Norbert Rozsa
HUN 2:12.57

Silver
Karoly Guttler
HUN 2:13.03

Bronze
Andrei Korneev
RUS 2:13.17

Men 200 Breaststroke

The U.S. was on a roll. Day Four had seen the hometown team sweep the day's final three gold medals—the men's 100 back, women's 100 fly and men's 400 free relay. The relay win was the 100th gold medal by American men in 100 years of Olympic history. Now the question was "would the 'Big Mo' continue?"

The first event of the day was the men's 200 breast, and the field was very tough with only 1.3 seconds separating the eight swimmers and 2:15.18 needed to qualify. In lane 4 was Hungary's Karoly Guttler, who had seen his world record in the 100 broken on the first day. Lane 5 was occupied by Andrei Korneev, the 22-year-old Russian who had won the European Championships the year before. Britain's Nick Gillingham, the 1988 Olympic silver and '92 bronze medalist, was in lane 2, and the 1994 world champion, Norbert Rozsa of Hungary, was in lane 6.

Both Americans had qualified for the final. Kurt Grote had the third fastest time of the morning, 2:14.63, while Atlanta's Eric Wunderlich, the crowd favorite, was in lane 8.

ished third in 2:13.17. Rozsa touched first in 2:12.57, half-a-second ahead of his countryman (2:13.03)—a 1-2 sweep for the tiny central European nation. Wunderlich finished seventh (2:15.69), while Grote, paying the price of a too-fast first 50, dropped to eighth (2:16.05).

A beaming Rozsa admitted, "It was difficult to prepare for the 200 after the 100. I didn't train this hard to come to Atlanta and place 14th. But after the 100, my coach and I began thinking about how to prepare for the 200." Indeed, Coach Tamas Szechy, a motivational wonder-worker, worked on Rozsa for four days, slowly rebuilding his confidence.

Asked what it meant to him to win Hungary's first gold medal in Atlanta, Rozsa replied simply, "Everything!" He dedicated his medal to Hungary, Coach Szechy and his mom.

Four days later, it was announced that Korneev had tested positive for bromantan, a powerful stimulant, and had been disqualified. Gillingham was moved up to the bronze medal position, which was to be awarded in a private ceremony in London in the fall.

On learning that the Russian had been DQ'ed, an angry Gillingham said, "The cheating ----. God, how



Korneev took the lead immediately and touched at the 50 in 29.86, more than half-a-second ahead of Mike Barrowman's world and Olympic record. The Russian extended his lead at the 100 (1:03.51), still well ahead of record pace. Rozsa moved into second (1:03.93) as Grote dropped from second to fourth, and "Wunder" languished in eighth.

The field tightened on the third leg, but as the swimmers made the final turn, it was still Korneev, Rozsa and Guttler. The two Hungarians had the most left when it counted, as both passed the fading Russian, who fin-

World champion Norbert Rozsa of Hungary, who won silver in the 200 breast at Barcelona, stepped up to gold at Atlanta.

sad this is. I missed out on the medal presentation, the rising of the flag, the acknowledgment of the crowd, my teammates, my family. That moment has been robbed from us...I can never get it back."

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Day 5

the IOC lifted Korneev's expulsion when an independent body ruled that bromantan was not proven to be a stimulant. The Court of Arbitration for Sport returned the bronze medal to Korneev. —P.W.

Evans has claimed to be drug-free, yet she swam a 4:03. I did a 4:07. If I'm taking drugs, I should be a lot faster than 4:03, right?" she said.

During prelims, where Smith qualified eighth, there



Women 200 IM

Gold

Michelle Smith
IRL 2:13.93

Silver

Marianne Limpert
CAN 2:14.35

Bronze

Lin Li
CHN 2:14.74

Women 200 Individual Medley

Journalists from Ireland are calling her the "greatest sports story in Irish history." But for Michelle Smith, who amazingly won her third gold medal of the Olympic Games, the fact that her country has gone wild over her success hasn't quite sunk in.

Smith, who has been receiving numerous telefaxes from Ireland since her first gold medal on the meet's first night, captured her third title in the 200 individual medley from lane 8 in another Irish record time of 2:13.93.

Yet, continued criticism and speculation of performance-enhancing drug use from the American media clouded her fantastic effort.

"I think I tried to use the negative criticism to my advantage," said Smith, beginning to show a bit of frustration toward the negative feedback. "I went out tonight to prove them wrong."

An angered Smith even threw a bit of an attack at American swimming legend Janet Evans when she compared her times in the 400 freestyle to Janet Evans' several years ago. "I just have to laugh at the accusations of performance-enhancing drugs. For years, Janet

Russia's Denis Pankratov blasted from the blocks in the 100 fly, led all the way and broke his own world record.

had been reports that she might scratch the event due to some shoulder problems. But in finals, after getting off to a fast start, then coming from behind strongly in the freestyle leg, Smith put those rumors to rest as well.

"I never considered scratching tonight," she said. "I did have to consider the amount of racing I had done thus far because I wanted to swim a good 200 fly (to be held the final night of competition). The only reason I could have scratched was if times during prelims had been exceptionally fast." Smith added that she wasn't having any problems with her shoulder.

Picking up the silver medal was Canada's Marianne Limpert, who had qualified first in prelims. Limpert's runner-up finish and national record time of 2:14.35 were a bit of a surprise, considering most of the attention in this event in her country had been given to Joanne Malar, who finished fourth. Limpert felt that having all the pressure on Malar probably helped her to relax and "go out and do my own swim."

In third place was China's Lin Li, the world record holder and defending Olympic champion. She finished in a time of 2:14.74, more than three seconds off her time from Barcelona.

For the Americans, Allison Wagner, who won the silver medal in the 400 IM, finished a disappointing sixth in 2:16.43. Kristine Quance, who failed to qualify for the championship final (2:17.46 for 13th place), came back to win the "B" final in 2:15.24. —B.B.

Men 100 Butterfly

Just as the 100 free was hyped as a showdown between Alex Popov and Gary Hall, the 100 fly was billed as a two-man shootout featuring Russia's Denis Pankratov, the world record holder (52.32) and winner of the 200, and Australia's Scott Miller, who had clocked the second fastest time in history, 52.56, in April.

In the heats, the two set the stage for the evening's fireworks as Miller qualified first in 52.89, just 7-hundredths ahead of his Russian rival. What few expected, though, was the overall quality of the field—the fastest in history. Both Americans failed to make the 53.54 cut, with Mark Henderson placing ninth, just 4-hundredths out, and John Hargis, 17th (54.06).

In the final, Pankratov blasted from the blocks, blazing the first 50 in 24.19, well under his world record pace from the '95 European Championships (24.58). At 24.78, Miller was tied for sixth at the turn, almost 6-tenths of a second behind Pankratov.

Coming off the turn, Miller picked up the pace and began catching his adversaries one by one. With about 10 meters to go, the race had become a two-man affair. But Pankratov timed his touch perfectly and finished in 52.27, a new world record. Miller's 52.53, the third fastest time in history, was good for the silver, while Pankratov's teammate, Vladislav Kulikov, swimming in lane 8, was third in 53.13. China's Jiang Chengji finished just out of the medals in 53.20, an Asian record.

In the consolation final, Henderson tied for first with Britain's James Hickman. His time of 53.23, a lifetime best, earned him a coveted spot on the American medley relay team. Hargis placed eighth in the "B" final with a 54.29.

Pankratov, who admitted he had had the jitters before the 200, said today he was much calmer. "I was not worried at all." Speaking about his long underwater breakout, he said, "I don't think FINA will place any limits on the underwater stroke. If they do, I'll just find other ways of going fast." How fast would he like to go

Men
100 Fly

Gold
Denis Pankratov
RUS 52.27

Silver
Scott Miller
AUS 52.53

Bronze
Vladislav Kulikov
RUS 53.13

China: 1994 vs. 1996—A Telling Comparison

At the 1994 World Championships in Rome, the Chinese women won 12 of 16 events and set five world records, all the while denying they were using performance-enhancing drugs. One month later, however, seven Chinese swimmers tested positive for the same drug, DHT, at the Asian Games in Japan.

In Atlanta, it is believed the Chinese swam without the benefit of performance-enhancing drugs—at least during that week.

The result: two years after setting the swimming world on fire, they were slower—in some events, *much* slower—in every single event. (They were also significantly slower than they were at their own nationals in April.)

A comparison of the top Chinese times in Rome '94 and in Atlanta '96:

Event	'94 Worlds	'96 Olympics	Difference	% Slower
50 Free	24.51	24.90	+0.39	1.6%
100 Free	54.01	54.50	+0.49	0.9%
200 Free	1:56.89	2:03.32	+6.43	5.5%
400 Free	4:09.64	4:22.55	+12.91	5.2%
800 Free	8:32.40	8:45.32	+12.92	2.5%
100 Back	1:00.16	1:02.50	+2.34	3.9%
200 Back	2:07.40	2:14.37	+6.97	5.5%
100 Breast	1:09.26	1:09.90	+0.64	0.9%
200 Breast	2:27.38	2:30.64	+3.26	2.2%
100 Fly	58.98	59.14	+0.16	0.3%
200 Fly	2:07.25	2:10.26	+3.01	2.4%
200 IM	2:12.34	2:14.74	+2.40	1.8%
400 IM	4:39.14	4:53.87	+14.73	5.3%
400 MR	4:01.67	4:07.34	+5.67	2.3%
400 FR	3:37.91	3:40.48	+2.57	1.2%
800 FR	7:57.96	8:13.29	+15.33	3.2%
Total			+90.22	3.1%



Day 5

Women 400 Medley Relay

Gold
United States
4:02.88

Silver
Australia
4:05.08

Bronze
China
4:07.34

by the year 2000? "I don't know. I'll try using my imagination—perhaps 50 seconds."

Miller was philosophical. "I would like to have won the first gold for Australia," he said, "but I swam my lifetime best. Next time, I intend to go much faster."

Kulikov, a surprise medalist, commented, "I still can't get used to it. I gave the maximum I could. My parents were watching me on TV, and my wife and son were in the stands."

When he finished, Kulikov did not know where he'd finished. "I couldn't see with my goggles on if that was a '3' or an '8' beside my name. When I took the goggles off and saw it was a '3,' I just couldn't believe it." —P.W.

Women 400 Medley Relay

The American medley relay knew they had a good chance to win a gold medal as they approached finals on the fifth day of competition. The team featured Beth Botsford, who had won the gold medal in the 100 backstroke; Amanda Beard, who had picked up both silver medals in the breaststroke events; Angel Martino, who captured the bronze

medal in the 100 butterfly; and Amy Van Dyken, who had won the gold medal in the butterfly and had posted the second fastest relay split all-time in the 400 free relay.

The only question in the minds of the participants would be how close they could come to either the world or American record.

Martino, who had won two bronze and one gold medal prior to the relay, said, "I was really excited about this relay. I knew we would win." And they did, capturing the fourth gold medal for the American women in a time of 4:02.88, just 34-hundredths of a second off the national record.

"This is a great way to end my career," said Martino, referring to her overall Olympic experience. (She still had one more race to go on the final day of the meet.) "I am going to remember this Olympics for a long, long time...and for how much fun we have had here."

In the morning, the United States qualified first (4:05.80), three full seconds ahead of the nearest competition. And they did so with a completely different line-up than the evening finals.

Commenting on the advantage the team had of resting the championship squad in the morning and qualifying with a team of Whitney Hedgepeth, Kristine Quance, Jenny Thompson and Catherine Fox, Martino said, "We were fortunate that we have such a deep team of good swimmers that could swim the preliminary in the morning.

"They are as excited as we are," said Martino. "They get the same medals we do."

On missing the record, Beard said, "We are not disappointed. I think if we swam it again, we'd break the record."

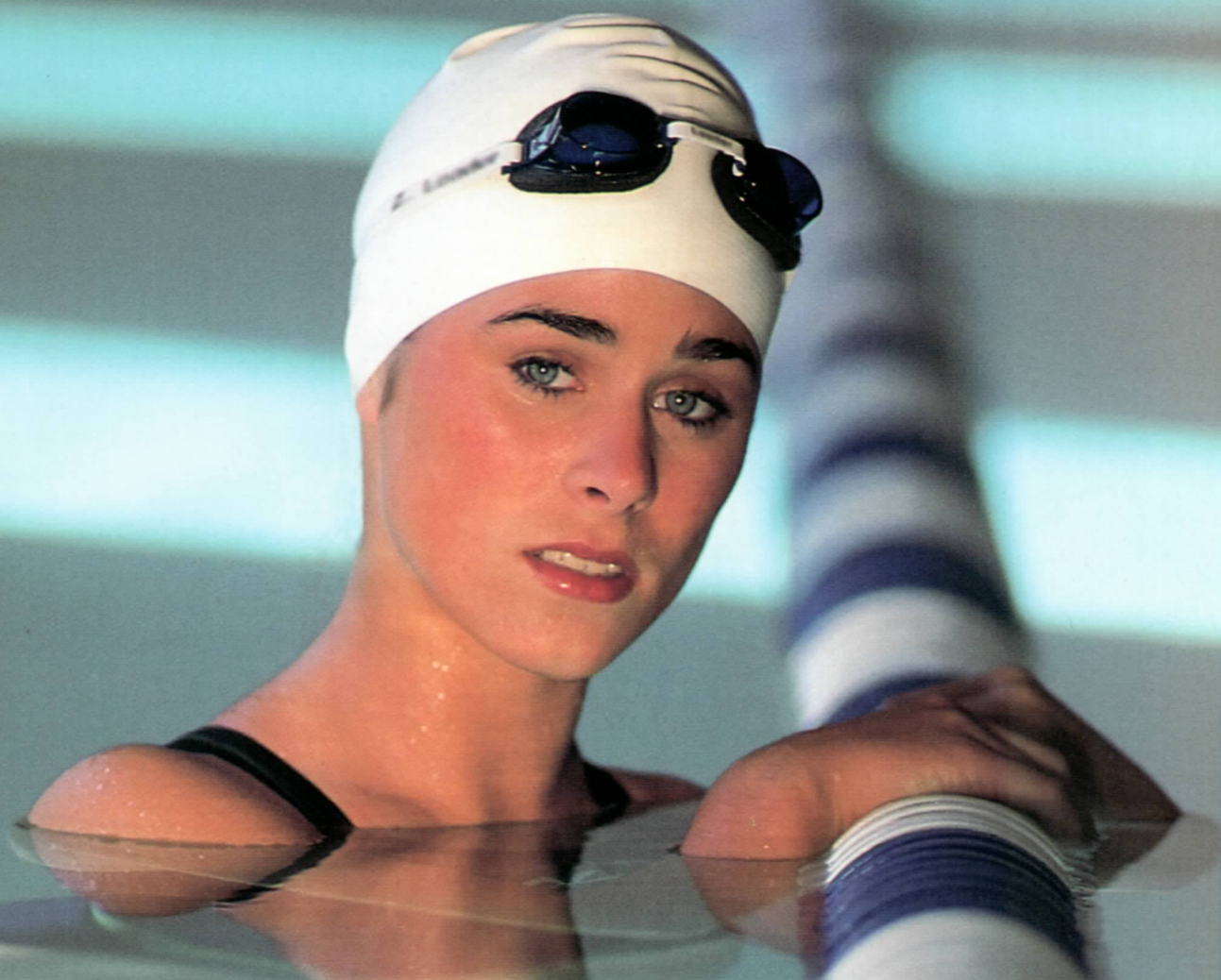
The Americans finished way out in front of the Australian team of Nicole Stevenson, Samantha Riley, Susan O'Neill and Sarah Ryan, who posted a time of 4:05.08 for the silver medal.

The Chinese team of Chen Yan, Han Xue, Cai Huijue and Shan Ying picked up the bronze medal in a time of 4:07.34, quite a bit off their world record of 4:01.67 set two years ago with a team of He Cihong, Dai Guohong, Liu Limin and Le Jingyi. Three of those four swimmers were available to swim in Atlanta, yet none of them swam in finals. —B.B.

The U.S. women's medley relay boasted four individual Olympic medalists. Result: nearly a three-second margin of victory for Amy Van Dyken (in water), who is receiving congratulations from Angel Martino, Beth Botsford (standing) and Amanda Beard (kneeling).



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Day 6

Women 800 Free

Gold
Brooke Bennett
USA 8:27.89

Silver
Dagmar Hase
GER 8:29.91

Bronze
Kirsten Vlieghuis
NED 8:30.84



Women 800 Freestyle

Perhaps the greatest female distance freestyler of all-time, Janet Evans, fittingly, was asked to pass the Olympic torch during opening ceremonies to Muhammad Ali, who then lit the Olympic flame, signifying the start of the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Then, in the last swimming race of her career, Evans passed the torch again—this time, figuratively, to American teammate Brooke Bennett, who captured the gold medal in the 800 free, an event which Evans has dominated throughout her career and one in which she still holds the world record of 8:16.22 from 1989.

Bennett dominated the field, leading the entire race and winning by more than two seconds over runner-up Dagmar Hase of Germany, 8:27.89 to 8:29.91. Kirsten Vlieghuis of The Netherlands took the bronze medal with a national record 8:30.84.

"When I touched the wall, I was just really glad it was over," said Bennett. "I felt so good in the water during the week that I was anxious to get in and swim. This is a dream come true."

Bennett also said that she couldn't help but remember her grandfather, James Lane, while she stood tall on the winner's stand and listened to the national anthem. "My grandfather (who just recently passed away) taught me how to swim, and he was always there cheering me on. He was very proud to say he started me in swimming," she continued. "I know he's jumping up and down upstairs somewhere."

Evans, who had broken the toe next to her "pinky" on her right foot two days before the race, finished sixth in a time of 8:38.91. Following the race, Evans swam across the pool and hugged Bennett to congratulate her American rival. When asked if she was crying after the



race because her toe hurt, she responded, "I have eight shots of novocaine in my toe, so it didn't bother me."

"I've been on the verge of tears since I ended my race. I am really going to miss the sport," continued Evans. "Mark (Schubert, her coach) came up to me before the race and said, 'Just remember that I love you.' That made me really, really sad."

Schubert said, "It was equally hard for me tonight. Coaching Janet has been an incredible experience. I've never coached anyone who worked harder. I'm going to miss her a lot."

In response to questions about whether she had become the next great distance swimmer, Bennett responded, "I think Janet is always going to be the queen of distance swimming. Everyone will remember Janet. I just hope some people will remember me, too."

Bennett also said that she will celebrate her victory by getting a tattoo in Atlanta of the Olympic rings on the inside of her right ankle. —B.B.

Men 50 Freestyle

The time for trash-talking was over. Now it was put-up or shut-up, time for the Main Event: the showdown between the world's two greatest freestyle sprinters.

In one corner, at 6-7 and weighing 190 pounds, was the defending champion from Barcelona, Russia's Alex

Popov. In the other, at 6-6 and 185 pounds, the challenger, 21-year-old Gary Hall, Jr., of the USA. Popov and Hall had been like two heavyweight boxers, talking trash and "dissing" each other for months.

Popov and Hall qualified 1-2, respectively, with times of 22.22 and 22.36. America's David Fox, who punched the fastest time in the world last year (22.23), was in lane 7 with his 22.64 sixth-place qualifying time.

The field was the fastest in history, with a swim of 22.68 seconds needed just to stand on the blocks—for a swim-off, that is. Three swimmers—Bengt Zikarsky of Germany, Francisco Sanchez of Venezuela and Fernando Scherer of Brazil—competed in a swim-off to determine the seventh and eighth spots of the finals. Zikarsky won the swim-off, but was subsequently disqualified for leaving early, allowing Scherer (22.71) and Sanchez (22.74) to move to finals.

Popov is renowned for his finish; Hall has a better start. Hall would need that advantage to emerge an Olympic champion, but he didn't get it. Though Hall beat his rival off the blocks, it was the Russian who emerged slightly ahead as they surfaced from the dive.

Gradually, the two pulled ahead of the field, matching stroke-for-graceful-stroke as the crowd went wild. With only 10 meters to go, Popov shifted to another gear and pulled ahead, lunging for the wall to touch in 22.13. Hall was an eye-blink behind—22.26—a lifetime best. Brazil's Scherer, swimming in lane 1, took the bronze in 22.29. Fox was sixth at 22.68.

It was a glorious win for the Russian, who became the first swimmer ever to repeat as Olympic champion in both the 50 and 100 meter freestyle events.

Popov said he is looking forward to swimming against Hall in Sydney in four years: "It's hard to win one time," he said, "even harder to win twice, and almost impossible to win three times. But if I have the strength, I will go for a third medal."

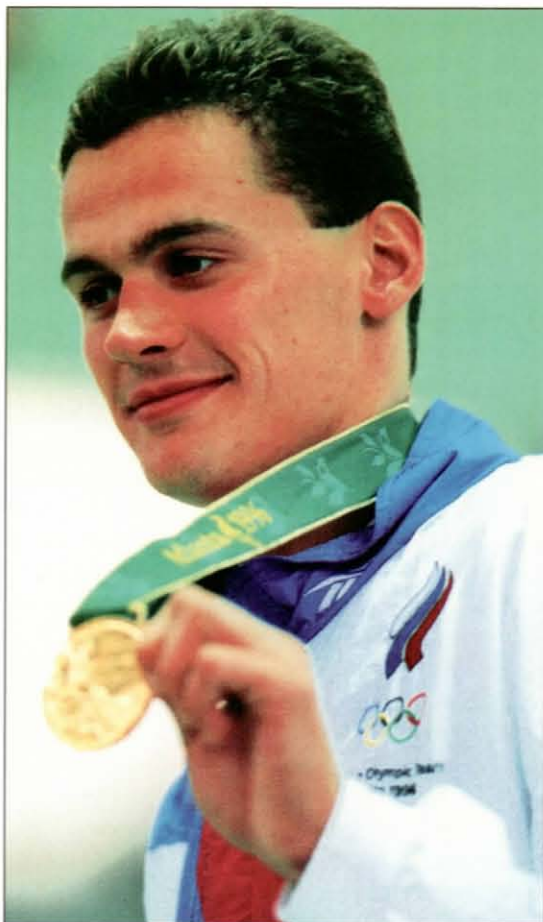
Hall, too, is looking forward to the next round. "Alex is in his prime right now. That's where I'll be in 2000, and the result will be very different." —P.W.

Women 200 Backstroke

Coming into the '96 Olympic Games, Australia's Dawn Fraser was the only swimmer to win the same event (100 free) at three successive Olympiads (1956-64).

The way Hungary's Kristina Egerszegi has dominated the 200 back since 1988—eight No. 1 times in nine years—there was little question that she would be listed in the record books alongside the Australian swimming legend.

Fraser was in Atlanta for the Olympics, but found herself rooting for Egerszegi from an Atlanta hospital bed after reporting chest pains earlier in the week. But before she went home to Australia for treatment, Fraser witnessed Egerszegi's record accomplishment on TV.



American Brooke Bennett (opposite page) stroked to victory in the 800 free, beating three-time Olympian Janet Evans (inset) in her last Olympic race. Meanwhile, two-time Olympian Alex Popov (above) hopes to continue his Olympic gold medal streak in 2000.

In winning the 200 back by over four seconds—the largest winning margin of any event except for the men's 1500—the 21-year-old Egerszegi not only tied Fraser's record, but also became the most decorated female individual gold medalist in Olympic history with five golds—one in '88 (200 back), three in '92 (100-200 back and 400 IM) and one in '96 (200 back). American Jenny Thompson also has five gold medals, all five coming in relays.

At age 14, Egerszegi won at Seoul with a time of 2:09.29. In Barcelona at age 17, she clocked 2:07.06 for the win. At Atlanta, she led from the start, opening up more than a body length lead after 100 meters. At the finish, there were close to two body lengths of open water between her (2:07.83) and runner-up Whitney Hedgepeth of the U.S. (2:11.98).

The victory and the fifth gold medal, naturally,

Day 6

Men 50 Free

Gold
Alexander Popov
RUS 22.13

Silver
Gary Hall, Jr.
USA 22.26

Bronze
Fernando Scherer
BRA 22.29

Women 200 Back

Gold
Kristina Egerszegi
HUN 2:07.83

Silver
Whitney Hedgepeth
USA 2:11.98

Bronze
Cathleen Rund
GER 2:12.06

Day 6

Men 200 IM

Gold
Attila Czene
HUN 1:59.91

Silver
Jani Sievinen
FIN 2:00.13

Bronze
Curtis Myden
CAN 2:01.13

excited Egerszegi, but she said she has no plans to continue on to 2000. "I don't want to swim in the next World Championships...and Sydney, *absolutely not!*" said Egerszegi. "I think I will swim for, perhaps, one more year because it wouldn't be fair to my family and friends to quit now."

When asked if her achievement in the 200 made her disappointed not to have swum the 100, an event in which she was also ranked No. 1 in the world, Egerszegi said, "No, I am not disappointed about the 100. I wanted to swim really well on the relay team. We have a lot of young swimmers on the Hungarian team, and that was more important to me."

That response, however, still seemed a bit odd as the medley relay was two days after the individual 100 event. Interestingly, her leadoff split in the relay—a 1:01.05 for the world's fastest time this year—could have earned Egerszegi the gold medal in the 100 backstroke. American Beth Botsford won in 1:01.19.

For Hedgepeth, winning the silver medal was icing on the cake for an already successful comeback to the sport. "Two years ago, I really didn't think I'd be here, so this is great," she said. "I would have never guessed that I'd win three medals in Atlanta (two silvers and a relay gold)."

Picking up the bronze medal for Germany was Cathleen Rund. She posted a time of 2:12.06. American Beth Botsford, who earlier won gold medals in the 100 backstroke and medley relay, finished out of the championship final, qualifying ninth in 2:14.16. In the consolation final that night, Botsford finished second in 2:13.48. —B.B.

Men 200 Individual Medley

Before the Games began, the 400 IM was ballyhooed as a match race with America's Tom Dolan, the world record holder, favored over Finland's Jani Sievinen. In round 2, the 200 IM, the Finn was thought to have the edge, though America's Greg Burgess, the silver medalist from Barcelona in '92 and Rome in '94, was given an outside chance of pulling an upset. But, as Alex Popov pointed out, "The Olympic Games respect no one."

Dolan won the 400 in a slower-than-expected time, but it was his training partner, Eric Namesnik, who took him down to the wire, not Sievinen. The Finn finished ninth in prelims and never got the chance to go *mano-a-mano* with Dolan. The 200 would be his only chance.

The first six qualifiers all swam 2:01s in the morning with Sievinen leading the pack at 2:01.05 and Dolan sixth with 2:01.99. A close seventh was Hungary's Attila Czene at 2:02.10.

Dolan appeared tentative at night, the fire gone from his eyes, the easy confidence missing.

In the final, Canada's Curtis Myden, the gutsy bronze medalist in the longer medley, flew to the lead,



Hungary's Kristina Egerszegi is the women's winningest individual gold medalist in Olympic history.

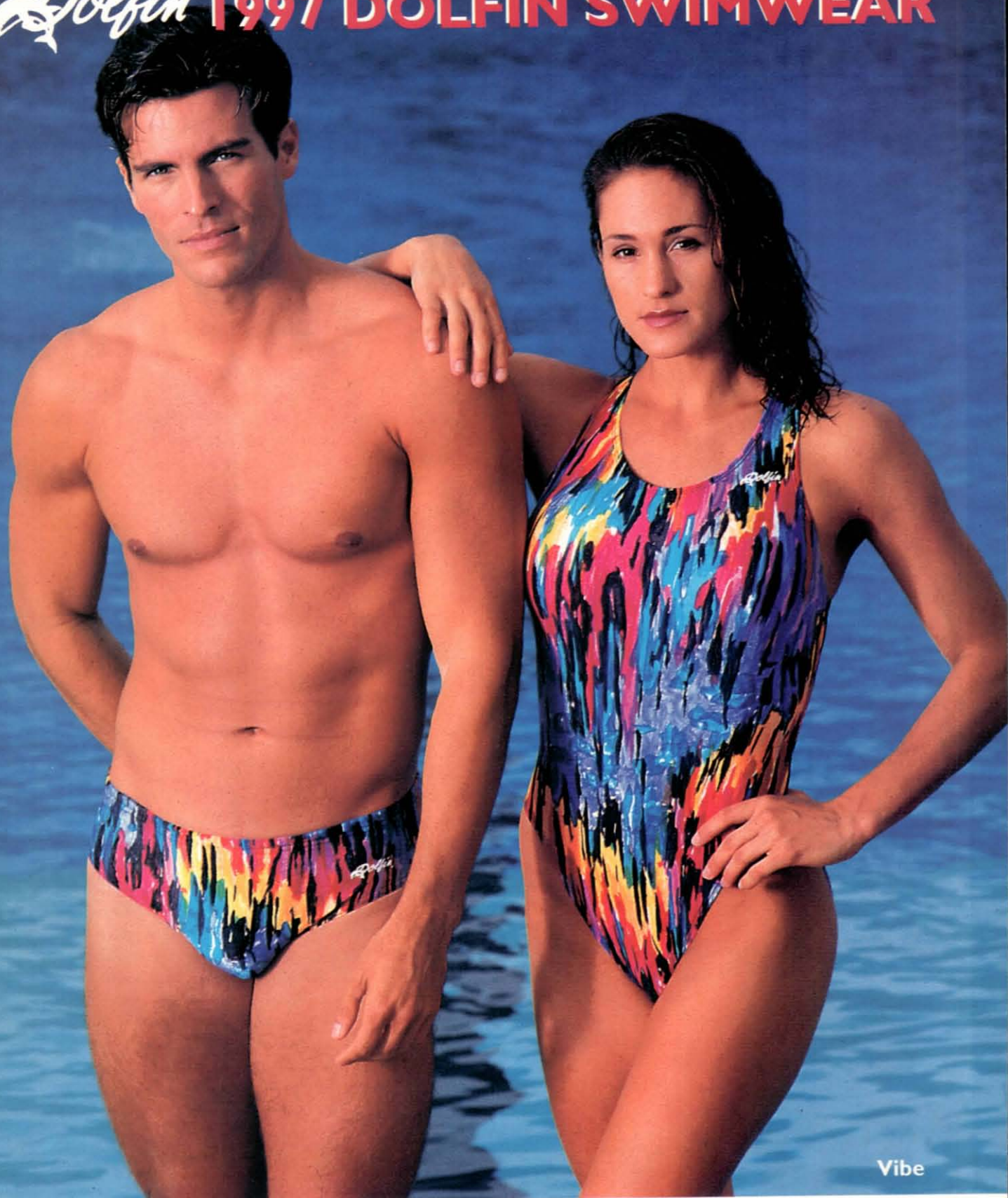
hitting the pad at 25.94 at the 50, with Czene in lane 1 half-a-second back. Czene made his move right after the turn and forged quickly to the front, hitting the 100 at 56.42, almost a second ahead of Myden (57.37), with America's Greg Burgess third (57.64). Czene was going for broke—classic "Outside Smoke."

The breaststroke leg is usually key in the IM, and, as expected, the strong breaststrokers made their move. Sievinen had the fastest split (33.99) to move from fifth to third, just 3-hundredths behind Myden, but Czene still kept his one-second lead.

As they powered home, Czene remembered the words of his coach, Tamas Szechy: "Don't think, just swim." Sievinen kept cutting the distance between himself and Czene. But the Hungarian had just enough left to win and set an Olympic record in 1:59.91—making him the third fastest swimmer ever in the event—22-hundredths ahead of Sievinen (2:00.13), who was exactly a second in front of Myden (2:01.13). Burgess and Dolan, never factors in the race, finished sixth and seventh (2:02.56 and 2:03.89). At the Trials in March, Dolan had clocked a 2:00.20, and Burgess, a 2:01.55.

In the interview room, Czene seemed to have a warm, broad smile permanently engraved on his face. "I

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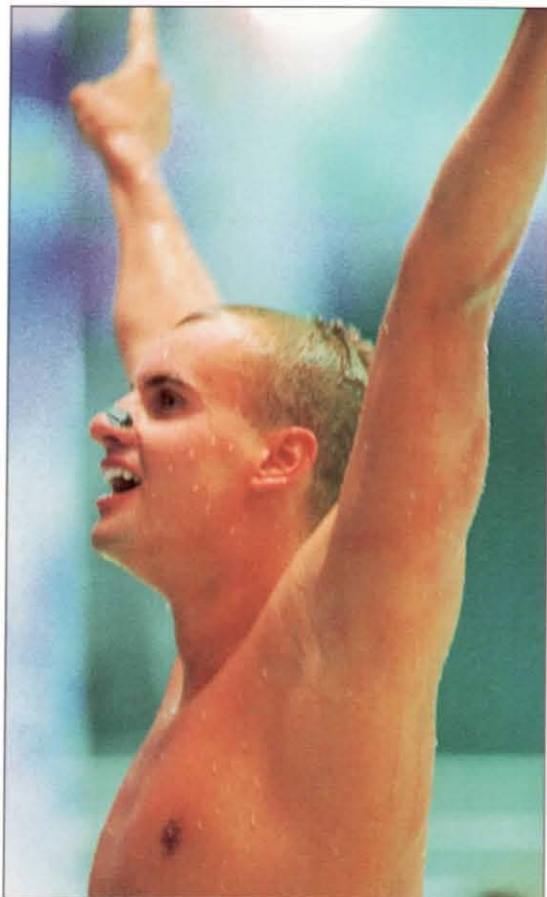
Day 6

Women 800 Freestyle Relay

Gold
United States
7:59.87

Silver
Germany
8:01.55

Bronze
Australia
8:05.47



It was classic "Outside Smoke" for Attila (the Hungarian) Czene, as he won the 200 IM from lane 1.

The U.S. was expecting tough competition from Australia and China as well as Germany, but the Australians and the Chinese, thus far, were not swimming up to their expectations, and the Germans were bitten by the luck of the draw—the event schedule caught the team's relay squad with three swimmers who were to swim in other events earlier in the evening. Dagmar Hase and Kerstin Kielgass made the finals in the 800 freestyle, and Anke Scholz swam in the 200 backstroke.

That left Franziska van Almsick with the only fresh legs on the squad that would end up grabbing the silver medal in a time of 8:01.55. And van Almsick made the most of it, clocking 1:58.14 to give her team more than a second-and-a-half lead over Trina Jackson and the Americans (1:59.71). The time was also faster than the winning time (1:58.16 by Claudia Poll) in the 200 free individual event, in which van Almsick placed second (1:58.57).

By the end of the second leg, however, the Americans grabbed a half-second lead behind Cristina Teuscher's 1:58.86 split. That was followed by Sheila Taormina's 2:01.29 and anchor Jenny Thompson's 2:00.01 for an Olympic and American record 7:59.87. Also receiving gold medals were prelim swimmers Lisa Jacob, Ashley Whitney and Annette Salmeen.

Taormina, 27, also became the first Masters swimmer to win an Olympic gold medal. She had qualified to swim the final by posting the fastest split time of the morning prelims (2:00.57).

"I felt that my role on this team was merely to save the energy of the other swimmers on the squad," admitted Taormina, who hadn't expected to be a part of the championship final. "But this is wonderful. I was just glad I could swim a good time in the morning."

Following the race, President Clinton approached the deck from his seat, congratulated the foursome, and invited them to meet with him, Hillary and Chelsea.

"The President was really cool," said Teuscher. "He asked me how big my feet were," relaxing the group. "He knew all of the records and the times. He was pretty knowledgeable about swimming," she continued. "We were just chillin' in there," said Thompson. "The President was really cool; he never made us feel nervous. (Ray) Carey was even trying to trade watches with him."

The victory in the women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay puts the USA in the history books as the first nation to win the event in the Olympic Games.

Picking up the bronze medal was the Australian team of Julia Greville, Nicole Stevenson, Emma Johnson and Susan O'Neill in a time of 8:05.47. —B.B.

wasn't unhappy being in lane 1," he said. "It was my fortune. I was in lane 1 in the 200 fly, and I did my best time. Now I was in lane 1 again, and I did my best time again."

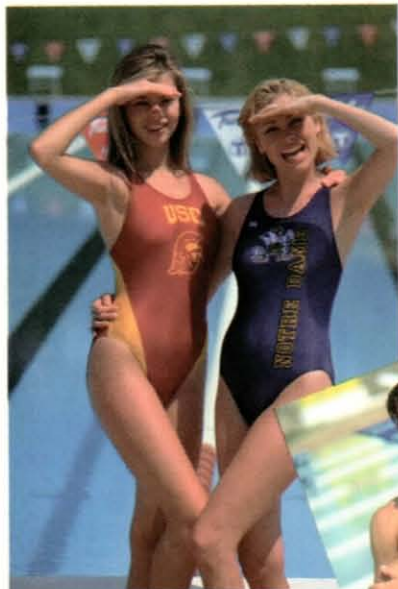
Paying tribute to Sievinen, he said, "Jani is one of the greatest swimmers in the world. To beat him was a dream, but my coach believed in me." Sievinen acknowledged he was having "a difficult week. I hoped," he said, "that no one would go under two minutes, but Attila did. I'm very proud of what he did. I hope my time (to win the gold medal) will be in four years."

Myden thanked his coach, Deryk Snelling, for preparing him for the Games, calling him "a great motivator. The last thing he said to me was 'go for it,' and I did." —P.W.

Women 800 Freestyle Relay

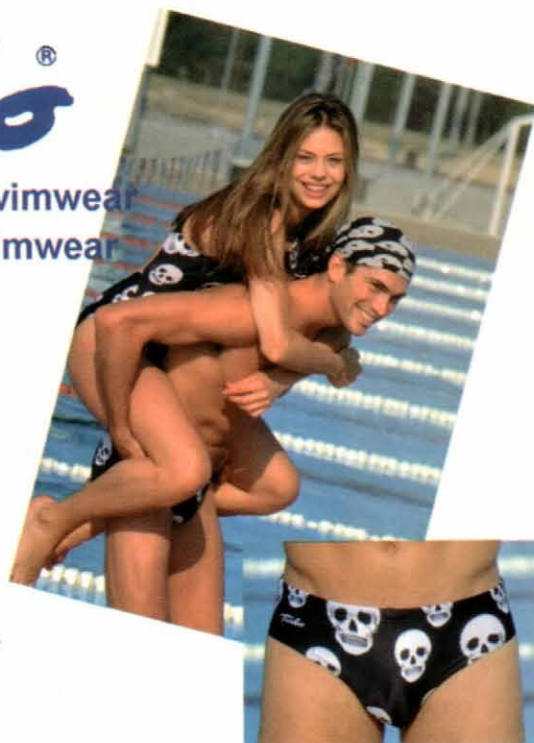
Day six of the Olympic swimming competition at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center was capped off by a very unexpected American sweep of the women's relay events and by a visit from President Bill Clinton.

Coming into the competition, the American women were underdogs in the gold medal chase. Based on splits of each country's Olympic swimmers, the Americans were not favored in any of the three relays. In the 800 free relay, the Americans were seeded second (8:01.08) behind the Germans (8:00.78). However, just like the rest of the competition had gone thus far for the Americans, everything was working in the favor of the hometown swimmers.



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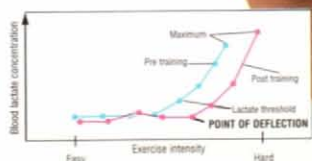
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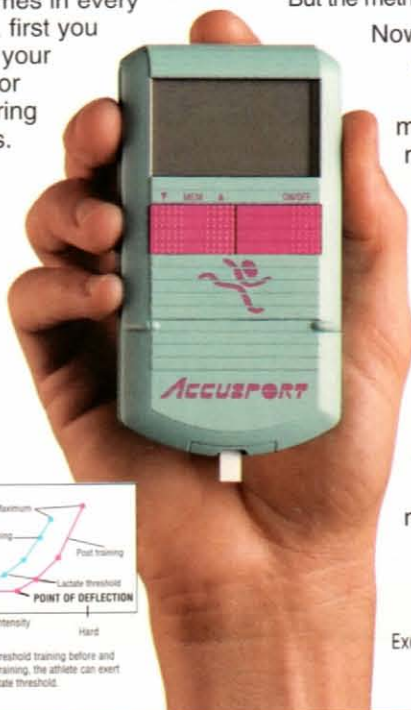
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Day 7

Women 200 Fly

Gold

Susan O'Neill
AUS 2:07.76

Silver

Petria Thomas
AUS 2:09.82

Bronze

Michelle Smith
IRL 2:09.91



Women 200 Butterfly

It had been a long wait for the Australians, who had gone six agonizing days of swimming competition in these Olympic Games without winning a single gold medal. But on the seventh and final night of competition in the women's 200 butterfly, Susan O'Neill and Petria Thomas finally lived up to pre-meet expectations by capturing both the gold and silver medals.

O'Neill won the race quite handily, touching in 2:07.76—two seconds ahead of teammate Thomas. She led from start to finish, building up nearly a body length lead at the 100 over triple gold medalist Michelle Smith of Ireland (1:00.66 to 1:01.38). Both were under Mary T. Meagher's world record pace of 1:01.41 from 1981.

Although O'Neill fell off world record pace in the next 50, she maintained her lead over Smith, who was a full second ahead of Thomas, who turned third. While O'Neill increased her lead over the field in the final 50, Thomas came from behind to outtouch Smith at the wall for the silver medal (2:09.82). Smith settled for the bronze at 2:09.91.

"I can't really believe it," said O'Neill after the race. "It is what I have aimed for all my life. This is awesome."

O'Neill gave the bulk of the credit to her coach, Scott Volkens, who nearly was not allowed to come to Atlanta after he had accidentally given O'Neill's teammate, Samantha Riley, a pain-killer on the banned drug list last December. "He (Volkens) showed me I could do it and made me believe in myself. I don't think I could have made it without him," said O'Neill.

Thomas was equally excited about picking up the silver, saying, "This fulfilled my wildest dream. I just came in here wanting to swim well—to get a medal is fantastic."

Smith, who completed an incredible Olympic Games with three golds and a bronze, was asked if she

Both the Australians and Americans had 1-2 sweeps on Day 7 with Susan O'Neill (above) winning the 200 fly and Brad Bridgewater (right), the 200 back.

were disappointed about "only" winning the bronze. She responded, "I felt tears in my eyes (on the stand), but I realized that I was crying because I got three golds and a bronze, not because I didn't win. I am very proud of what I have done this week.

"I really enjoyed all the racing this week," she continued. "I am sad it's over."

American Trina Jackson was out of the medal count, placing eighth in a time of 2:11.96, just off her Trials time of 2:11.67. Annette Salmeen, who clocked a 2:12.39 at Trials, ended up fourth in the consolation final (2:13.64) after qualifying 15th in prelims (2:14.69). —B.B.

Men 200 Backstroke

A few months back, most swimming experts would have picked Russia's Vladimir Selkov to win the 200 backstroke. As the 1994 world champion and '95 European champion as well as the silver medalist at the 1992 Olympics, he definitely had the inside track.

But then it was learned that Martin Lopez-Zubero of Spain, the world record holder and 1992 Olympic gold medalist, was quietly training for a comeback. Then, Emanuele Merisi clocked 1:57.70 at the Italian Trials to lead the '96 rankings. And, at the U.S. Trials in March, Tripp Schwenk and Brad Bridgewater both notched 1:59s to put themselves in the midst of a thickening plot.

In the prelims, Selkov failed to qualify for the finals by a mere 12-hundredths of a second, placing ninth (2:01.32), just as he did earlier in the 100. Bridgewater

and Schwenk led the heats (1:59.04 and 1:59.58), followed by Italy's Mirko Mazzari and Merisi. Lopez-Zubero, appearing to be off his form, qualified sixth.

In the finals, Japan's Hajime Itoi hit the first turn in 28.01, followed closely by Bridgewater, Cuba's Rodolfo Falcon (silver medalist in the 100) and Schwenk. But by the halfway mark, the two Americans had forged to the front with Bridgewater leading the way at 57.72, followed closely by Schwenk at 57.90. The rest of the field lagged about a second behind.

On the third 50, Bridgewater lengthened his lead to over 6-tenths of a second on Schwenk with Itoi hanging in third and Merisi moving from fifth to fourth. The final lap saw the field tighten, but Bridgewater held on to win in 1:58.54, just 7-hundredths off Lopez-Zubero's Olympic record. Schwenk dipped under 1:59 for the silver (1:58.99), while Merisi stroked the fastest final lap (30.02) to take the bronze (1:59.18).

After the race, a beaming Bridgewater said he was confident he would swim a great race. "Thanks to Mark (Schubert), I was not apprehensive at all. I knew there were five or six guys in the race who could take it and that Trippy wanted it as much as I did, but I had done everything I needed to do to swim well, and I had no doubts at all."

Schwenk was thrilled with the silver medal. "There's only one way I could have been happier," he said, "but I couldn't have ended my career on a brighter note."

After his appearance in the interview room, Schwenk noticed that he had mistakenly been given the silver medal for the women's 50 free. "I'd better give it back before Le Jingyi finds out and kicks my butt," he joked. —P.W.

Women 50 Freestyle

American Amy Van Dyken had so much to prove. As an age grouper, she had been teased, chastised and told she was a terrible freestyler by her teammates. For the last couple of years, she felt like she had a sub-25 50 meter swim in her. But would it appear in Atlanta?

And, perhaps, even more strongly, she had a burning desire to knock off the Chinese women, who had been suspected of performance-enhancing drug use, and stake her claim as the fastest "clean" swimmer in the pool.

In the final women's swimming event of the Centennial Olympic Games, Van Dyken achieved her ultimate goals and took home the gold medal in the 50 freestyle in an American record time of 24.87.

Van Dyken, who trailed until the final touch into the wall, said, "I knew I would be behind. I was just hoping I could pull it out, and luck was with me tonight."

The victory gave Van Dyken her fourth gold medal of the Games, tying her for the most gold medals by a

female in one Olympic Games with East Germany's Kornelia Ender ('76) and Kristin Otto ('88).

"It's really special to be considered in the category of all the athletes that came before me," said Van Dyken.

And to her teammates who teased her at a young age, Van Dyken said to say, "Hi!"

"This is a victory for all the nerds out there," she said, referring to her difficulties as a tall child and one suffering from asthma. "For all the kids out there struggling, if they can keep plugging away at it, something good will always come out of it."

China's Le Jingyi, who led until the finish, picked up the silver medal with a time of 24.90, and Germany's Sandra Volker took the bronze in a national record 25.14, just ahead of USA's Angel Martino at 25.31. Martino, 29, who became the oldest U.S. swimmer to capture Olympic gold, finished the meet with two gold and two bronze medals.

Van Dyken said that one of the things that helped her tonight was staring down Le prior to the race. "I stare down every competitor that I think is a threat. If it

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Brad Bridgewater
USA 1:58.54

Silver
Tripp Schwenk
USA 1:58.99

Bronze
Emanuele Merisi
ITA 1:59.18



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GER 25.14

Men 1500 Free

Gold

Kieren Perkins
AUS 14:56.40

Silver

Daniel Kowalski
AUS 15:02.43

Bronze

Graeme Smith
GBR 15:02.48

would have been someone from Sweden, I would have done the same thing. That's my thing. I'm mean, and I'm sorry."

Van Dyken's win gave the U.S. women an amazing seven gold medals in Atlanta. That was seven more than many experts—including the U.S. coaches—had predicted following the U.S. Trials. —B.B.

Men 1500 Freestyle

It took seven days—seven miserable days for the team from Down Under—but, finally, the Aussies were in a groove. The 1-2 Aussie finish in the women's 200 fly earlier in the evening had brightened the team's spirits, and they were looking forward to a strong showing in the final individual event, the men's 1500 meter freestyle.

No wonder. For several years, Australia has boasted the top three swimmers in the world in the event. Two of them—Daniel Kowalski, the top qualifier (15:12.55), and Kieren Perkins, the 1992 gold medalist—were swimming in this final. But Perkins, whose world record (14:41.66) from the Commonwealth Games in 1994 looked unassailable, barely squeaked into the final. His 15:21.42 placed him eighth, only 23-hundredths of a second ahead of ignominy.

Before the finals, Perkins explained to *Swimming World* what had happened in the heats. "I tried to swim it easy—42 strokes per lap instead of my usual 46 to 48. The result was that I was riding lower in the water," he said. "Strange as it sounds, it's easier for me to swim hard than it is to swim easy." His plan for the final, Perkins said, was to take it out hard—"maybe a 54-plus for the first 100"—and just keep going.

There were no Americans in the final, as Peter Wright (15:25.43) and Carlton Bruner (15:25.82) qualified 12th and 13th.

True to his word, Perkins sprinted to the lead from lane 8, touching at 100 meters in 55.30, just ahead of Kowalski (55.73) and from 1.61 to 4.24 seconds ahead of the rest.

At 800 meters, Perkins had opened up a 4-1/2-second lead, with Britain's Graeme Smith beginning to inch up on Kowalski. Smith actually caught Kowalski at 1100 meters, and it remained that way until the finish.

Perkins won going away, touching in 14:56.40, then watched as Kowalski and Smith battled stroke-for-stroke for the silver with Kowalski besting his Commonwealth opponent by five-hundredths (15:02.43 to 15:02.48).

After the race, Perkins said, "I can't describe the feeling. It was a thousand times harder than the first time. In Barcelona, I was just an 18-year-old kid who could swim fast. Now, I could visualize everything that could go wrong. Before the race, I convinced myself I could win, but now that I have, I can't believe it.

"It was a very hard race," he said. "At the Olympic



After not winning any gold medals for six days, Australia turned in its second gold medal performance on Day 7 when Kieren Perkins won the 1500.

Games, there are no favorites, and nothing is easy for anybody."

Kowalski agreed: "It was an extremely hard race, but I never thought I couldn't win. It wasn't my fastest race, but I have the Olympic silver medal, and sitting next to me is another Australian. That makes it better."

Smith, whose 15:02.48 set a British record, said the race "was the hardest in my life. I had been hoping to go under 15 (minutes), but this (the bronze medal) makes it all worthwhile." —P.W.

Men 400 Medley Relay

Talk about a legacy. Talk about pressure. The U.S. had never lost the men's 400 medley relay. Not only that, but at every Olympic Games, beginning in 1960, they had broken or tied (1992) the world record.

Yes, "it could act as pressure," said team co-captain Jeff Rouse, "but we preferred to look at it as a challenge." The team was confident it would win and lower the world mark. "The only question in our minds," said

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Russia
3:37.55

Bronze
Australia
3:39.56

Rouse, "was how much we'd break the record by."

A week earlier, winning the relay had seemed iffy. On paper, the Russians were stronger in three of the four strokes.

But a week of Olympic competition had changed all that. Rouse had won the backstroke (54.10) while Selkov failed to qualify (55.87); Jeremy Linn had emerged as a faster breaststroker (1:00.77) than the Russian, Stanislav Lopukhov (1:02.00p); Gary Hall had blazed the fastest 100 free split in history (47.45); and while Mark Henderson still was slower than the world record holder, Denis Pankratov, in the 100 fly (52.27), he had swum a lifetime best (53.23).

The U.S. "B" team—Tripp Schwenk, Kurt Grote, John Hargis and Josh Davis—qualified first in 3:39.93.

In the final, Rouse showed he had meant business with his talk of a world record. His split, 53.95, was the third fastest 100 back in history, all of which have been turned in by Rouse. Then it was Linn's turn, and he rocketed to the second fastest 100 breast split ever—1:00.32—giving the Red, White and Blue almost a three-second margin (1:54.27) over Germany and Japan, who touched simultaneously at 1:57.16, followed

by Russia at 1:57.19.

No one could match Pankratov's 51.55 split—the fastest in history—but Henderson's 52.39 kept the U.S. firmly in front (2:46.66 to Russia's 2:48.74). That left it up to Hall to bring it home. That's exactly what he did—splitting 48.18 to Popov's 48.81.

For the ninth time in a row, the U.S. medley relay team had set a world record at the Olympic Games. Their time, 3:34.84, sliced over two seconds off the old mark of 3:36.93. Russia was second (3:37.55) with Australia edging Germany for third (3:39.56 to 3:39.64).

After winning the last event of the swimming competition, Rouse and Hall said they were going to party. Linn said he and Henderson planned just to rest up: "We're having an Egg McMuffin-Eating Contest tomorrow morning." —P.W.

Medley relay gold medalists (from left) Jeremy Linn, Gary Hall, Jr., Jeff Rouse and Mark Henderson let the American fans know how much they were appreciated.



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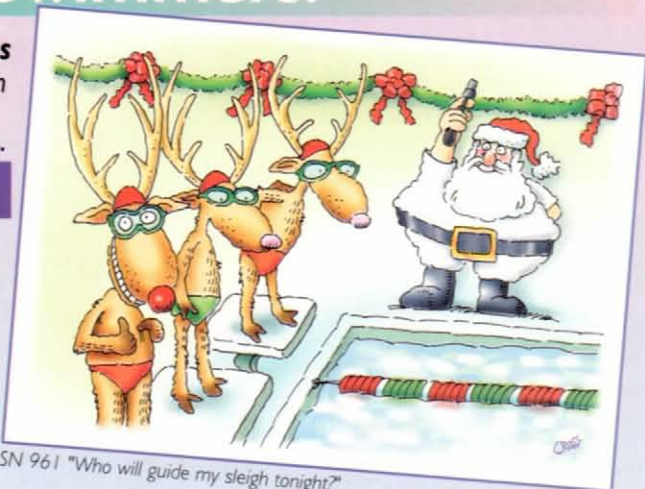
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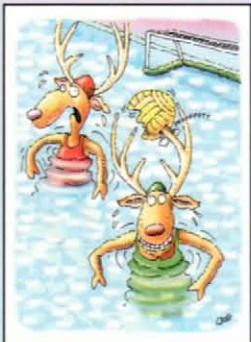
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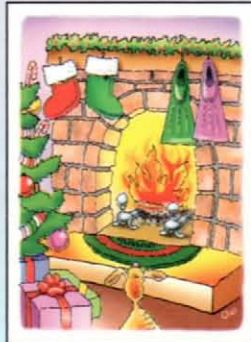
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China

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Irina Lashko
Russia

Bronze

Annie Pelletier
Canada

Women Platform

Gold

Fu Mingxia
China

Silver

Annika Walter
Germany

Bronze

Mary Ellen Clark
United States

A Near Sweep

China captured the first three gold medals in the diving competition, but standing in the way of an historic Chinese sweep was Russia's Dmitry Sautin in platform.

Women

Double Dip for Fu Mingxia

In the 1992 Games in Barcelona, Fu Mingxia, at 13, became one of the youngest Olympians ever to win a gold medal (she was 79 days shy of being the youngest), taking the 10-meter platform with relative ease. Four years older—plus an inch taller and 30 pounds heavier—Fu came to Atlanta to prove her diving prowess.

Fu spent the last four years adding springboard training to her arsenal in hopes of becoming the first woman to sweep the Olympic platform and springboard medals in 36 years (Germany's Ingrid Kramer won both events in 1960). And by putting in seven hours of training per day, six days per week, Fu's hard work paid off.

"I have made a lot of sacrifices and gone through a lot of training," Fu said. "I want to thank my coach for helping me."

She won the 10-meter platform by more than 42 points, scoring 521.58, and followed that with a second gold medal in the 3-meter springboard, scoring 547.68, more than 35 points ahead of the competition.

"Since I won the gold medal in the 1991 World Championships, it has been five years. Now, I'm 17, and I have grown up a lot from that little girl (in 1991). Mentally and physically, I've grown and faced a lot of challenges," said Fu, who turned 18 on August 16.

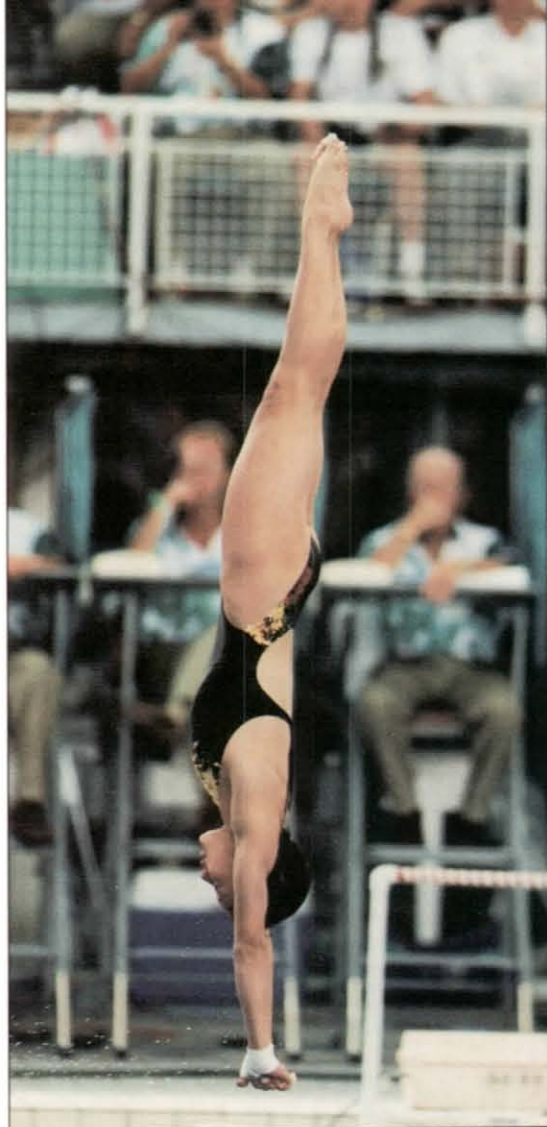
Picking up the silver medal in the 10-meter platform was Germany's Annika Walter with 479.22 points. "I didn't really expect a silver medal," admitted Walter. "I didn't think I would win any medal or even get in the top five, so this is incredible."

Taking the bronze medal for the United States was 33-year-old Mary Ellen Clark. Amazingly, Clark had battled back from vertigo first to make the U.S. squad, then score 472.95 points for third place.

"In a nutshell, I'm feeling awesome," quipped Clark following her performance. "After '92, I had two very good years, then I was out for nine months with vertigo. That was very tough, but it was a blessing in disguise because my mind needed a break. And it gave me an opportunity to look at what to do when I grow up."

Clark's teammate, Becky Ruehl, finished fourth (455.19), but said, "After my second dive, I was having so much fun that it didn't matter what place I got. When I got fourth place, that was just great for me. I am very happy."

Ruehl did, however, hit the dive of the night, bring-



China's Fu Mingxia sweeps the platform and springboard diving, making her the first woman to do so in 36 years.

ing the crowd alive, when she scored four 9s on a back 1-1/2 somersault with 2-1/2 twists.

In the 3-meter springboard, Russian Irina Lashko returned to diving after giving birth to a girl two years ago. She was able to repeat her silver medal performance of '92, scoring 512.19 points, finishing behind Fu. "My hope was to just not finish in last place here. I was dreaming of the gold medal, of course, but I'm pleased."

Even more excited was Canadian Annie Pelletier, who nailed her fifth dive and moved into third place to pick up the bronze (509.64). "I made a horrible technical mistake on my third dive," said Pelletier. "After that, I decided to just smile and enjoy the meet. That helped build my confidence as we went on."

American Melissa Moses made a run at the leaders when she nailed her third dive, a back 1-1/2 somersault with 2-1/2 twists, but ended the competition in fourth place (507.99), less than two points behind Pelletier. Teammate Jenny Keim never seemed to get things rolling and finished in ninth place (486.63). —B.B.

Men China One-For-Two

In one of the most impressive exhibitions of springboard diving ever, China's Xiong Ni overcame strong challenges from teammate Yu Zhuocheng and Americans Mark Lenzi and Scott Donie to win China's first-ever springboard gold medal.

Xiong needed a score of 7.5 or better on his final dive, an inward 3-1/2 somersault tuck, to overtake Yu and Lenzi for the gold. The three-time Olympian delivered, receiving scores of 8.5 and 9 to lock up his first gold medal with 701.46 points. He had previously won a silver medal in 1988 behind Greg Louganis and a bronze in 1992 behind Sun Shuwei and Donie in the 10-meter platform.

"China has never won a gold medal on the springboard in previous Olympics," said Xiong. "This is the first, and of course, I am very, very excited. I was very nervous, but I tried to perform to the best of my abilities."

Lenzi saved his best for last as he put pressure on the Chinese with scores of 8.5 and 9 on his final and hardest dive, a reverse 3-1/2 somersault tuck. His score of 92.40 for that dive was the highest in the contest.

"The back 2-1/2 and reverse 2-1/2 have been really good dives for me in the past," said Lenzi. "This was my last competition, and I think it got to me a little bit. Going into the last dive I told myself I had nothing to lose. I wanted to make sure I went out in style."

Silver medalist Yu also came through in the end as he hit his final dive to overtake Lenzi for second (690.93 to 686.49). "I did my best and won silver," commented Yu who, like Xiong, praised his American rivals.

Scott Donie of the U.S. was a close fourth (666.93), followed by Russia's Dmitry Sautin (644.67), a pre-meet favorite, who would have his chance for redemption in the platform competition.

With three gold medals already neatly tucked away, all China needed was one more win in the men's 10-meter platform. But standing in the way of an historic Chinese sweep was the imposing figure of Dmitry Sautin.

Sautin, hailed as Russia's greatest diver ever, came

into the Atlanta Games favored to win both the 3-meter springboard and the 10-meter platform. But the 22-year old native of Voroneig finished a disappointing fifth in the springboard. He was determined to make amends in the platform, the event in which he is the defending world champion.

"I felt very disappointed after the 3-meter," he said, "but I was certain I would make a comeback on the 10-meter and win the gold."

He was a man of his word. Trailing Germany's Jan Hempel by less than three points after the semifinals, Sautin took a slim lead on the first of six final dives and then kept forging ahead, winning easily with an impressive total of 692.34 points.

He finished with a flourish, scoring the only perfect 10 in the diving competition. An Austrian judge awarded the score on his final dive, a back 1-1/2 somersault with 3-1/2 twists from a free position. All of the other judges scored him at 9 or 9.5.

Hempel finished second almost 30 points behind (663.27), just ahead of China's Xiao Hailiang, the bronze medalist with 658.20.

Afterward, Sautin said winning Olympic gold was "the highest honor for me." Saying he is "still young," he promised to continue competing through the Sydney Games.

The American divers were never factors in the competition—David Pichler placed sixth (607.11 points) and Patrick Jeffrey ninth (560.22). For the first time since 1912, the United States was shut out of a gold medal in Olympic diving. Only Mary Ellen Clark and Mark Lenzi were able to win medals for the U.S., both taking bronze in the springboard competition. —P.W.

Men Springboard

Gold

Xiong Ni
China

Silver

Yu Zhuocheng
China

Bronze

Mark Lenzi
United States

Men Platform

Gold

Dmitry Sautin
Russia

Silver

Jan Hempel
Germany

Bronze

Xiao Hailiang
China

(Below) Springboard medalists
(left to right) Xiong Ni,
Yu Zhuocheng and Mark Lenzi.
(Right) Dmitry Sautin.



Water Polo

Gold
Spain

Silver
Croatia

Bronze
Italy

Delayed Gratification

For Spain, it was a golden dream fulfilled—four years late, but still so sweet. In 1992, Spain was favored to win the gold in water polo before a raucously partisan home crowd in Barcelona. But the dream was postponed, as the favorites were upset by a determined Italian team, 9-8 in overtime.

In the first round, Hungary won Pool A with a record of 6-0, followed by Spain, 4-2—not an auspicious beginning for the eventual champions. Italy won Pool B, matching Hungary's perfect 6-0 mark, while a strong U.S. team tied for second with Croatia at 4-2, beating the Croats 10-8 in their only match.

In the quarterfinal games, the Americans dropped a heartbreaker to Spain, the eventual gold medal winner, 5-4. A dispirited U.S. team, knocked from medal contention, then fell to Greece, 7-6, before rebounding by downing Yugoslavia, 12-8, to finish seventh.

Speaking about the U.S. performance, head coach Richard Corso said, "The last two days were probably the hardest days in our lives. I think it's easier to coach a team in the gold medal game than in the five-through-eight field. In our country, you are recognized for only one medal."

The fight for the bronze featured Hungary and Italy, which had been knocked out of the gold medal round by Croatia, 7-6, in a major upset. The two bronze medal

contestants engaged in a record-scoring jamboree before the Italians came away with the win, 20-18 in overtime.

In the title game, Spain came from behind to defeat Croatia, 7-5, for the gold. Croatia led 1-0 at the end of the first quarter and 3-1 at the half. But Spain came roaring back to tie it up, 5-5, with just one quarter left to play. Manuel Estiarte, the leading scorer, broke the tie, then Jordi Sans followed with a brilliant backhand from 10 meters out.

Spanish coach Joan Jane, gloated after the game: "Many people predicted we would not do well, that we were too old. We showed them that's not the case."

Estiarte, playing in his fifth Olympic Games, said, "This is the greatest emotion I ever felt in my life. There hasn't been a night in the last four years that I didn't think about the loss in Barcelona." Estiarte, who held the ball the final 10 seconds as the crowd counted down, remarked, "It's always been my lifetime dream to hold the ball the final few seconds before winning the gold medal. Now my dream has come true."—P.W.

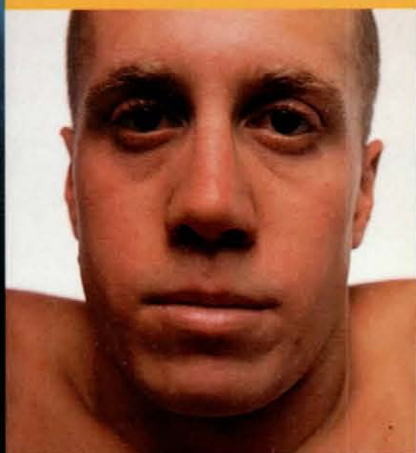
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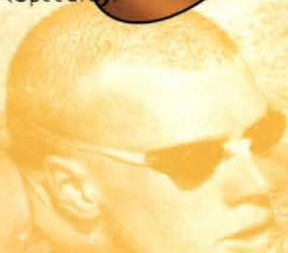
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The routine ended with music from American traditions, "Yankee Doodle" and "America the Beautiful," bringing the crowd to its feet.

This part of the routine also required the swimmers to perform an 18-second spin with seven revolutions, then finishing with a dramatic pair of back flip throws. All of this came at the end of the routine, which was performed with little oxygen and required immense strength.

After receiving nine perfect scores of 10 from the 10 judges, U.S. Coach Chris Carver admitted that it was hard to believe that any routine can be perfect: "The scoring (in synchronized swimming) is all relative to other performances. The difficulty in the American program is very noticeable to me. We do a lot of upside-

down moves, very close together, with a very high degree of difficulty. Our routine is much more complex than other nations." Carver believes that is why the Americans scored as high as they did.

U.S. synchro swimmer, Becky Dryoen-Lancer, said, "The unity we felt (as a team) was very exciting."

Amazingly, each member of the squad (Suzannah Bianco, Tammy Cleland, Dryoen-Lancer, Emily LeSueur, Margot Thein, Heather Pease, Jill Savery, Nathalie Schneyder, Heather Carrasco-Simmons and Jill Sudduth) admitted that she will retire from synchronized swimming after the Games.

The eight-member squad from Canada also gave a seemingly flawless performance, posting a total score of 98.6 points of a possible 100 in the freestyle routine. That score brought them the silver medal. The team from Japan picked up the bronze medal, scoring 97.8 points in the freestyle performance.

The combined scores of the technical performance and the freestyle swim showed the U.S. with 99.720 points; Canada, 98.367; and Japan, 97.753. —B.B.

The U.S. synchro team, whose members are all retiring after the '96 Olympics, had a perfect ending to their careers—nine 10s for the gold medal.



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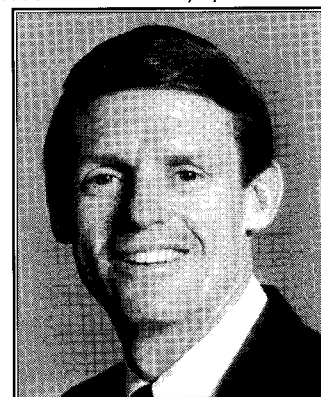
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56.13n Leah Martindale, BAR
56.20 M. Moravcová, SVK
56.27 Liliiana Dobrescu, ROM
56.33 N. Mescheryakova, RUS
56.40 Karen Pickering, GBR
56.56 Linda Olofsson, SWE
56.62 Susan Riehl, GBR
56.63 S. Shakespeare, CAN
56.88 Vibeke Johansen, NOR
56.89 Rania Elwani, EGY
56.90 Solennes Figueas, FRA
57.00 Claudia Franco, ESP
57.15n Minna Salmela, FIN
57.16n Gabrielle Rose, BRA
57.17 Cecilia Vianini, ITA
57.25 Sumika Minamoto, JPN
57.30n Siobhan Cropper, TRI
57.34n Judith Draxler, AUT
57.66 Metka Sparavec, SLO
57.71 Alison Fitch, NZL
57.82 Anna Nyiri, HUN
57.92 Antonia Mahaira, GRE
57.95 Monica Dahl, NAM
57.98 Helene Muller, RSA
58.03 Kristina Kynerova, CZE
58.27 Bo-Eun Lee, KOR
58.38 Sandrine Paquier, SUI
58.57 Dita Zilviene, LTU
58.59n Teresa Moodie, ZIM
58.64 Svetlana Zhidko, BLR
58.85 Shu-Min Tsai, TPE
58.87 Jocelyn Yeo, SIN
59.12 Evgenia Ermakova, KAZ
59.26 Valeria Alvarez, ARG
59.40n Viktorija Polejajeva, KGZ
59.92 Gabrijele Ujic, CRO
1:00.34n Duska Radan, YUG
1:00.51n Caroline Pickering, FIJ
1:02.19 Gail Rizzo, MLT

- 200 FREE July 21**
Championship Finals
1:58.16 Claudia Poll, CRC
1:58.57 F. van Almsick, GER
1:59.56 Dagmar Hase, GER
1:59.57 Trina Jackson, USA
1:59.87 Susan O'Neill, AUS
1:59.87 Cristina Teuscher, USA
2:01.46 Julia Greville, AUS
2:01.63 Liliiana Dobrescu, ROM

- Consolation Finals**
2:00.96 M. Moravcová, SVK
2:01.07 Suzu Chiba, JPN
2:01.30 Louise Johncke, SWE
2:01.47 Solennes Figueas, FRA
2:02.58 Karen Pickering, GBR
2:03.19n Antonia Mahaira, GRE
2:03.20 D. Bainbridge, NZL
2:03.79 Joanne Malar, CAN

- Prelims**
1:59.40 F. van Almsick, GER
1:59.87 Claudia Poll, CRC
2:00.29 Trina Jackson, USA
2:00.38 Dagmar Hase, GER
2:00.44 Julia Greville, AUS
2:00.57 Cristina Teuscher, USA
2:00.85 Liliiana Dobrescu, ROM
2:00.89 Susan O'Neill, AUS
2:00.99 M. Moravcová, SVK
2:01.11 Suzu Chiba, JPN
2:01.13n Louise Johncke, SWE
2:01.46 Karen Pickering, GBR
2:02.69 D. Bainbridge, NZL
2:02.74 Solennes Figueas, FRA
2:03.21n Antonia Mahaira, GRE
2:03.22 Chen Yan, CHN
2:03.53 Joanne Malar, CAN
2:03.54 Paula Harmokivi, FIN
2:03.63 Kristina Kynerova, CZE
2:03.78 Naoko Imoto, JPN
2:04.07 Elena Lapunova, UKR
2:04.09 T. Litovchenko, RUS
2:04.29 Stan Ying, CHN
2:04.39 Malin Nilsson, SWE
2:04.59 L. Diaconescu, ROM
2:04.90 Sandra Cam, BEL
2:04.92 Marion Madine, IRL
2:05.04n Ana Alegría, POR
2:05.16 Ana Alegría, POR
2:05.59 Helene Muller, RSA
2:05.77n R. Intporn-Udom, THA
2:05.78 Jie-Hyun Lee, KOR



President Clinton (right) congratulates triple gold medalist Michelle Smith of Ireland. Smith won the 400 free and both IMs at the Olympics.

- 2:05.85 Inga Borodich, BLR
2:06.94 Rania Elwani, EGY
2:06.97 Wei-Chia Chang, TPE
2:07.29 Mia Muusfeldt, DEN
2:07.80 Maritza Chiawway, PER
2:07.98 Chantal Strasser, SUI
2:08.10 Jocelyn Yeo, SIN
2:08.23 Teresa Moodie, ZIM
2:09.78 Laura Petruyte, LTU
2:10.85 Marina Zarmas, CYP

- 400 FREE July 22**
Championship Finals
4:07.25n Michelle Smith, IRL
4:08.30 Dagmar Hase, GER
4:08.70n Kirsten Kielgass, NED
4:09.83 Kerstin Kielgass, GER
4:10.00 Claudia Poll, CRC
4:10.06 Carla Geurts, NED
4:11.68 Eri Yamanoi, JPN
4:14.21 Cristina Teuscher, USA

- Consolation Finals**
4:14.13 Sarah Hardcastle, GBR
4:14.94 Sandra Cam, BEL
4:15.74n Chi-Chan Lin, TPE
4:15.79 Emma Johnson, AUS
4:16.60 Suzu Chiba, JPN
4:16.79 D. Bainbridge, NZL
4:16.92 Hayley Lewis, AUS
4:17.08 Carla Negra, ROM

- Prelims**
4:08.99 Kerstin Kielgass, GER
4:09.00 Michelle Smith, IRL
4:11.04 Kirsten Kielgass, NED
4:11.17 Dagmar Hase, GER
4:11.18 Carla Geurts, NED
4:12.07 Claudia Poll, CRC
4:12.20 Cristina Teuscher, USA
4:13.40 Eri Yamanoi, JPN
4:13.60 Janet Evans, USA
4:14.13 Emma Johnson, AUS
4:14.50 Sarah Hardcastle, GBR
4:16.07 Suzu Chiba, JPN
4:16.47 D. Bainbridge, NZL
4:16.89 Carla Negra, ROM
4:17.02 Solennes Figueas, FRA
4:17.18n Chi-Chan Lin, TPE
4:17.35 Sandra Cam, BEL
4:19.34 Irene Dalby, NOR
4:19.45 Itzhar Esparza, ESP
4:19.46 Andrea Schwartz, CAN
4:20.04 Olga Splichalova, CZE
4:21.27n M. Bosevska, MKD
4:21.33 N. Chemtsova, RUS
4:21.39 Laetitia Choux, FRA
4:21.46 Britt Raaby, DEN
4:21.93n R. Intporn-Udom, THA
4:22.10 M. Moravcová, SVK
4:22.11 Alicia Barrancos, ARG
4:22.55 Chen Yan, CHN
4:22.55 Chen Yan, CHN
4:22.66 Carolyn Adel, SUI
4:23.35 Eun-Na Jeong, KOR
4:23.72 Martina Nemec, AUT
4:23.84 Paula Harmokivi, FIN

- 4:24.05 Antonia Mahaira, GRE
4:24.49 Chantal Strasser, SUI
4:27.11 Maritza Chiawway, PER
4:27.19 Ana Alegría, POR
4:29.80 Judit Kiss, HUN
4:32.15 Marina Zarmas, CYP
DNS Malin Nilsson, SWE

- 800 FREE**
Finals—July 25
8:27.89 Brooke Bennett, USA
8:29.91 Dagmar Hase, GER
8:30.84n Kirsten Kielgass, NED
8:31.06 Kerstin Kielgass, GER
8:36.34 Irene Dalby, NOR
8:38.91 Janet Evans, USA
8:40.43 Sarah Geurts, NED
8:41.75 Maritza Chiawway, GBR

- Prelims—July 24**
8:32.38 Brooke Bennett, USA
8:33.55 Dagmar Hase, GER
8:36.33 Kerstin Kielgass, GER
8:37.54 Sarah Hardcastle, GBR
8:37.73 Irene Dalby, NOR
8:38.08 Janet Evans, USA
8:38.73 Kirsten Kielgass, NED
8:39.85 Carla Geurts, NED
8:40.31n Chi-Chan Lin, TPE
8:40.47 Eri Yamanoi, JPN
8:42.39 Stacy Gartrell, AUS
8:45.32 Pu Yi, CHN
8:45.79 Hayley Lewis, AUS
8:47.19 Nikki Dryden, CAN
8:48.68 Olga Splichalova, CZE
8:48.33 Sandra Cam, BEL
8:48.54 Alicia Barrancos, ARG
8:50.22 Itzhar Esparza, ESP
8:52.61 S. Richardson, CAN
8:54.19 Carla Negra, ROM
8:55.77 Aiko Miyake, JPN
8:57.52n M. Bosevska, MKD
9:01.14n R. Intporn-Udom, THA
9:03.22 Hyun-Soo Suh, KOR
9:06.97 Rita Kovacs, HUN
9:09.12n Maritza Chiawway, PER
9:21.20 Olga Koroteva, KGZ
10:12.46 D. Menegon, SWZ
DNS Chen Yan, CHN

- 100 BACK July 22**
Championship Finals
1:01.19 Beth Botsford, USA
1:01.47 W. Hedgepeth, USA
1:02.12n Marianne Kriel, RSA
1:02.33 Mai Nakamura, JPN
1:02.50 Chen Yan, CHN
1:02.52 A. Buschschulte, GER
1:02.70 Nicole Stevenson, AUS
1:02.78 Miki Nakao, JPN

- Consolation Finals**
1:02.38 N. Zhivanevskaya, RUS
1:02.85 Anke Scholz, GER
1:03.30 Lydia Lipscombe, NZL
1:03.52 Olga Kochetkova, RUS

- 1:03.61 Helen Slatter, GBR
1:03.69 Elli Overton, AUS
1:04.01 Julie Howard, CAN
1:04.15 T. Alshammam, SWE

- Prelims**
1:01.70 W. Hedgepeth, USA
1:02.00 Beth Botsford, USA
1:02.33n Marianne Kriel, RSA
1:02.35 Mai Nakamura, JPN
1:02.50 Nicole Stevenson, AUS
1:02.62 Chen Yan, CHN
1:02.68 A. Buschschulte, GER
1:02.90 Miki Nakao, JPN
1:02.94 N. Zhivanevskaya, RUS
1:03.05 Anke Scholz, GER
1:03.14 Mette Jacobsen, DEN
1:03.17 Olga Kochetkova, RUS
1:03.61 Lydia Lipscombe, NZL
1:03.79 T. Alshammam, SWE
1:03.84 Julie Howard, CAN
1:03.89 Elli Overton, AUS
1:03.89 Helen Slatter, GBR
1:03.96 Ji-Hyun Lee, KOR
1:04.03 Helene Ricardo, FRA
1:04.41 Eva Pinar, ESP
1:04.61n P. Miniprathal, THA
1:04.84 Maria Santos, POR
1:05.25 Anu Koivisto, FIN
1:05.48 M. Kubalickova, CZE
1:05.72 Yseult Gervy, BEL
1:05.87 He Chong, CHN
1:05.94 Katerina Kleprou, GBR
1:06.12 Florina Hrea, ROM
1:06.12 Gillian Thomson, PHI
1:06.38 Valeria Alvarez, ARG
1:06.70 D. Komorowicz, POL
1:07.38 Annamaria Kiss, HUN
1:07.61 Gail Rizzo, MLT
1:11.44 Shu-Min Tsai, TPE
1:11.70n Ximena Escalera, BOL
1:13.83 Razafindramahatra, MAD

- 200 BACK July 25**
Championship Finals
2:07.83 K. Egerszegi, HUN
2:11.98 W. Hedgepeth, USA
2:12.06 Cathleen Rund, GER
2:12.90 Anke Scholz, GER
2:13.57 Miki Nakao, JPN
2:14.04 Anna Simicic, NZL
2:14.56 Lorenza Vigarani, ITA
2:14.59 N. Zhivanevskaya, RUS

- Consolation Finals**
2:13.40 Mai Nakamura, JPN
2:13.48 Beth Botsford, USA
2:14.37 Chen Yan, CHN
2:14.50 Joanne Deakins, GBR
2:14.55 Chang-Ha Lee, KOR
2:15.15 Catalina Casar, FRA
2:16.29 Helene Ricardo, FRA
2:18.41 Marianne Kriel, RSA

- Prelims**
2:09.18 K. Egerszegi, HUN

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2:12.73	Anke Scholz, GER
2:12.92	Miki Nakao, JPN
2:13.32	N. Zhivanevskaya, RUS
2:13.58	Lorenza Vigarani, ITA
2:13.58	Cathleen Rund, GER
2:13.74	Anna Simcic, NZL
2:14.16	Beth Botzford, USA
2:14.18n	Helene Ricardo, FRA
2:14.18n	Chang-Ha Lee, KOR
2:14.74	Chen Yan, CHN
2:15.05	Mai Nakamura, JPN
2:15.12	Joanne Deakins, GBR
2:15.92	Catalina Casaru, ROM
2:15.99	Marianne Kriel, RSA
2:16.68	Mette Jacobsen, DEN
2:16.71	Nicole Stevenson, AUS
2:16.91	Isabela Burczyk, POL
2:17.25	Julie Howard, CAN
2:18.20	K. Pivonkova, CZE
2:18.69	Yseult Gervy, BEL
2:18.72	Ivette Maria, ESP
2:19.54	Lydia Lipscombe, NZL
2:19.58	Anu Koivisto, FIN
2:20.49	Petra Chaves, POR
2:20.65	Maja Grozdanic, YUG
2:20.89	Wu Yanyan, CHN
2:21.36	Gillian Thomson, PHI
2:21.82	P. Minpraphal, THA
2:22.83	Katerina Klepkou, GRE
2:23.78	Dijana Kvesic, BIH
2:24.50	Chi-Chan Lin, TPE

100 BREAST July 21

Championship Finals	
1:07.73	Penelope Heyns, RSA
1:08.09n	Amanda Beard, USA
1:09.18	Samantha Riley, AUS
1:09.21n	S. Bondarenko, UKR
1:09.24n	Vera Lischka, AUT
1:09.40	Guyllaine Cloutier, CAN
1:09.55	Agnes Kovacs, HUN
1:09.79	Brigitte Becue, BEL

Consolation Finals

1:09.90	Han Xue, CHN
1:10.21	Lisa Flood, CAN
1:10.26	Helen Denman, AUS
1:10.27	Elin Austevoll, NOR
1:10.43	Masami Tanaka, JPN
1:10.44	Alicja Peczak, POL
1:11.19	M. Dalla Valle, ITA
1:11.41	Hanna Jaltner, SWE

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1:07.02wo	Penelope Heyns, RSA
	Split: 31.65
1:09.04	Amanda Beard, USA
1:09.05n	Agnes Kovacs, HUN
1:09.37	Samantha Riley, AUS
1:09.68n	Vera Lischka, AUT
1:09.72	Guyllaine Cloutier, CAN
1:09.79	S. Bondarenko, UKR
1:09.83	Brigitte Becue, BEL
1:09.89n	Masami Tanaka, JPN
1:09.96n	Elin Austevoll, NOR
1:10.25	M. Dalla Valle, ITA
1:10.26	Lisa Flood, CAN
1:10.40	Han Xue, CHN
1:10.64	Helen Denman, AUS
1:10.69n	Hanna Jaltner, SWE
1:10.70	Alicja Peczak, POL
1:10.83	Jaime King, GBR
1:10.87	Julia Russell, RSA
1:10.92	Kristine Quance, USA
1:11.09	Terrie Miller, NOR
1:11.17	Madelon Baans, NED
1:11.33	Kyoko Iwasaki, JPN
1:11.58	Maria Ostling, SWE
1:11.65	Yuan Yuan, CHN
1:11.80	Karine Bremond, FRA
1:11.92	Kathrin Dumitru, GER
1:12.55	Olga Landik, RUS
1:12.58	Maria Olay, ESP
1:12.72	Lenka Manhalova, CZE
1:12.85	Hye-Young Byun, KOR
1:12.93	Anna Wilson, NZL
1:13.01	Mia Hagman, FIN
1:13.71	E. Rudkovskaya, BLR
1:13.73	Joana Soutinho, POR
1:13.91	Larisa Lacusta, ROM
1:14.17	Li Leng Tay, MAS
1:14.24	Natalia Kodajova, SVK
1:14.75	Isabel Ceballos, COL
1:14.82	Ying-Hsin Mou, TPE
1:14.90	Joscelin Yeo, SIN
1:16.02	Wan Yiu Pang, HKG
1:16.19	Maria Santa Cruz, ARG
1:16.62	Nadia V. Cruz, ANG
1:16.99	Cerian Gibbes, TRI
1:20.70	A. Manukyan, ARM
1:44.68	Reaksmyen, CAM

200 BREAST July 23

Championship Finals	
2:25.41of	Penelope Heyns, RSA
2:25.75	Amanda Beard, USA
2:26.57en	Agnes Kovacs, HUN
2:27.91	Samantha Riley, AUS
2:28.05	Masami Tanaka, JPN
2:28.34	Nadine Neumann, AUS
2:28.36	Brigitte Becue, BEL
2:31.45	Christin Petelski, CAN
Consolation Finals	
2:28.87n	Lena Eriksson, SWE
2:29.32	Kyoko Iwasaki, JPN
2:29.96n	Lenka Manhalova, CZE
2:30.38	Julia Russell, RSA
2:30.99	Alicja Peczak, POL
2:31.39	Marie Hardiman, GBR
2:33.43	Jilen Siroky, USA
2:33.45	Lin Li, CHN

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2:26.63of	Penelope Heyns, RSA
2:28.10	Amanda Beard, USA
2:28.30	Samantha Riley, AUS
2:29.36	Masami Tanaka, JPN
2:29.58	Agnes Kovacs, HUN
2:29.62	Brigitte Becue, BEL
2:29.91	Nadine Neumann, AUS
2:30.30	Christin Petelski, CAN
2:30.64	Lin Li, CHN
2:30.64	Alicja Peczak, POL
2:30.84	Kyoko Iwasaki, JPN
2:31.12	Marie Hardiman, GBR
2:31.57	Jilen Siroky, USA
2:31.65	Lena Eriksson, SWE
2:32.14	Lenka Manhalova, CZE
2:32.42	S. Bondarenko, UKR
2:32.44	Julia Russell, RSA
2:32.48n	Elin Austevoll, NOR
2:32.97	Riley Mants, CAN
2:33.34	Alenka Kejzar, SLO
2:33.44	Maria Ostling, SWE
2:33.74	Elena Makarova, RUS
2:33.80	Lourdes Becerra, ESP
2:33.89	Elvira Fischer, AUT
2:33.89	Yuan Yuan, CHN
2:34.76	M. Dalla Valle, ITA
2:36.11	Mia Hagman, FIN
2:36.20	Joo-Hee Roh, KOR
2:36.26	Karine Bremond, FRA
2:36.94n	Isabel Ceballos, COL
2:37.07	Kathrin Dumitru, GER
2:37.85	Maria Santa Cruz, ARG
2:38.08	Larisa Lacusta, ROM
2:39.63	M. Kalmikova, LAT
2:42.97	Erika Graf, URU
2:43.94	Ying-Hsin Mou, TPE
2:44.24	Nadia V. Cruz, ANG
2:45.21	Natalia Kodajova, SVK
2:45.87	Cerian Gibbes, TRI
2:57.65	Aksana Cherevko, KGZ
DNS	B. Vestergaard, DEN
DNS	Anna Wilson, NZL

100 FLY July 23

Championship Finals	
59.13	Amy Van Dyken, USA
59.14	Liu Limin, CHN
59.23	Angel Martino, USA
1:00.11	Hitomi Kashima, JPN
1:00.17	Susan O'Neill, AUS
1:00.18	Ayari Aoyama, JPN
1:00.46	Cai Huijue, CHN
1:00.76	Mette Jacobsen, DEN
Consolation Finals	
1:00.76n	Johanna Sjoberg, SWE
1:00.93	Elena Nazemnova, RUS
1:00.95	Sophia Skou, DEN
1:01.14	Julia Voitovitsch, GER
1:01.20	Cecile Jeanson, FRA
1:01.39	Gabrielle Rose, BRA
1:01.44	Sarah Evanetz, CAN
1:01.62	S. Pozdeeva, RUS
Prelims	
59.31	Angel Martino, USA
1:00.04	Amy Van Dyken, USA
1:00.18	Liu Limin, CHN
1:00.20	Ayari Aoyama, JPN
1:00.55	Susan O'Neill, AUS
1:00.85	Hitomi Kashima, JPN
1:00.89	Cai Huijue, CHN
1:00.91	Mette Jacobsen, DEN
1:01.01n	Johanna Sjoberg, SWE
1:01.22n	Gabrielle Rose, BRA
1:01.25	Sophia Skou, DEN
1:01.29	S. Pozdeeva, RUS
1:01.32	Sarah Evanetz, CAN
1:01.47	Julia Voitovitsch, GER
1:01.54	E. Nazemnova, RUS
1:01.58	Cecile Jeanson, FRA
1:01.83	Ilaria Tocchini, ITA
1:01.89	Angela Kennedy, AUS
1:01.99	Maria Pelaez, ESP

1:02.18	N. Zolotukhina, UKR
1:02.39	Anna Uryniuk, POL
1:02.53	Marja Parssinen, FIN
1:02.66	Loredana Zisu, ROM
1:02.71	Joscelin Yeo, SIN
1:02.81	Jessica Amey, CAN
1:02.98n	Ana Francisco, POR
1:03.04	Caroline Foot, GBR
1:03.35	P. Minpraphal, THA
1:03.41	E. Konradsdottir, ISL
1:03.53	Amanda Loots, RSA
1:03.61	Edit Klockner, HUN
1:03.80	Marion Madine, IRL
1:03.82	M. Kubalcikova, CZE
1:03.98	Maria Pereyra, ARG
1:04.09	N. Baranovskaya, BLR
1:04.11	Nida Zuhail, TUR
1:04.25	N. Meskowska, MKD

1:04.39	Shu-Ting Hsieh, TPE
1:04.63	Dita Zilviene, LTU
1:05.05	M. Karystinou, GRE
1:05.36	Woo-Hee Park, KOR
1:06.85	Gabriela Ujic, CRO
DNS	Monica Dahl, NAM
DNS	Sandra Volker, GER

200 FLY July 26

Championship Finals	
2:07.76	Susan O'Neill, AUS
2:09.82	Petria Thomas, AUS
2:09.91n	Michelle Smith, IRL
2:10.26	Qu Yun, CHN
2:10.70	Liu Limin, CHN
2:11.40n	Jessica Deglau, CAN
2:11.93	Mika Haruna, JPN
2:11.96	Trina Jackson, USA

Consolation Finals	
2:12.41	Sophia Skou, DEN
2:12.99	Cecile Jeanson, FRA
2:13.05	Maria Pelaez, ESP
2:13.64	Annette Salmeen, USA
2:13.64	Anna Uryniuk, POL
2:13.97	Hitomi Kashima, JPN
2:14.07	Andrea Schwartz, CAN
2:14.16	Barbara Franco, ESP

Prelims	
2:09.46	Susan O'Neill, AUS
2:10.03n	Michelle Smith, IRL
2:10.64	Petria Thomas, AUS
2:11.35	Qu Yun, CHN
2:12.48	Jessica Deglau, CAN
2:12.59	Mika Haruna, JPN
2:12.69	Trina Jackson, USA
2:13.12	Liu Limin, CHN

2:13.33	Andrea Schwartz, CAN
2:13.34	Barbara Franco, ESP
2:13.58	Cecile Jeanson, FRA
2:13.59	Sophia Skou, DEN
2:13.85	Maria Pelaez, ESP
2:13.90	Anna Uryniuk, POL
2:14.69	Annette Salmeen, USA
2:16.04	Hitomi Kashima, JPN
2:16.10	Ilaria Tocchini, ITA
2:16.27	Shu-Tzu Hsieh, TPE
2:16.66	Sabine Herbst, GER
2:16.68	N. Zolotukhina, UKR
2:17.56	Loredana Zisu, ROM
2:17.61	Ana Francisco, POR
2:17.90	N. Meskowska, MKD
2:18.19	P. Minpraphal, THA
2:18.46n	Nida Zuhail, TUR



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23.45	Enrico Linscheer, SUR	52.39	Oleg Tsvetkovskiy, UZB
23.47	Par Lindstrom, SWE	52.56	Yun-Ho Koh, KOR
23.56	George Giziotis, GRE	52.65	Stavros Mihalides, CYP
23.60	Y. Matsushita, JPN	52.68	Darrick Bollinger, GUM
23.61	Salim Iles, ALG	52.89n	Kenny Roberts, SEY
23.61	Janne Blomqvist, FIN	52.98	Nikola Kalabic, YUG
23.61	Dimitri Kalinovski, BLR	53.01	Diego Perdomo, COL
23.63	Hugues Legault, CAN	53.18	M. Cazmirciuc, MDA
23.73	Nicholas Tongue, NZL	53.47	Chih-Yung Huang, TPE
23.73	Paulo Trindade, POR	53.50	Ju Wei Sng, SIN
23.77	Arthur Li, HKG	54.05	Juan Bocanegra, GUA
23.78	M. Kazmirchuk, MDA	57.11	Diego Mularoni, SMR
23.80	Richard Bera, INA	57.70	K. Al-Daheri, UAE
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1:47.63n	Danyon Loader, NZL
1:48.08n	Gustavo Borges, BRA
1:48.25	Daniel Kowalski, AUS
1:48.36n	v.d. Hoogenband, NED
1:48.42	Anders Holmertz, SWE
1:48.50	Massi Rosolino, ITA
1:48.54	Josh Davis, USA
1:49.39	Paul Palmer, GBR

Consolation Finals

1:48.81	Aimo Heilmann, GER
1:49.50	Michael Klim, AUS
1:49.55	V. Pyshnenko, RUS
1:49.90	John Piersma, USA
1:50.07	P. Maria Siciliano, ITA
1:50.54	J. Carstensen, DEN
1:50.59	Andrew Clayton, GBR
1:51.46	Nicolae Butacu, ROM

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Championship Finals

48.74	Alexander Popov, RUS
48.81	Gary Hall, Jr., USA
49.02n	Gustavo Borges, BRA
49.13n	v.d. Hoogenband, NED
49.57	Fernando Scherer, BRA
49.65n	Pavlo Khnykin, UKR
49.68	Ricardo Busquets, PUR
49.84	Francisco Sanchez, VEN

Consolation Finals

49.80	Jon Olsen, USA
49.90	Christian Troger, GER
49.91	Bjorn Zikarsky, GER
50.09n	Sion Brinn, JAM
50.31	Chris Fydlar, AUS
50.43	Rostislav Svanidze, UKR
50.45	Stephen Clarke, CAN
50.51	Bart Kizierowski, POL

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48.74	Alexander Popov, RUS
48.90	Gary Hall, Jr., USA
49.17n	Gustavo Borges, BRA
49.59n	Francisco Sanchez, VEN
49.61n	Ricardo Busquets, PUR
49.69n	Pavlo Khnykin, UKR
49.73n	v.d. Hoogenband, NED
49.79	Fernando Scherer, BRA
49.91	Lars Frolander, SWE
50.06	Christian Troger, GER
50.14n	Stephen Clarke, CAN
50.17	Jon Olsen, USA
50.18n	Bart Kizierowski, POL
50.27	R. Mazuolis, LTU
50.27	Chris Fydlar, AUS
50.31	Rostislav Svanidze, UKR
50.38n	Sion Brinn, JAM
50.38	Bjorn Zikarsky, GER
50.42n	Oleg Rukhlevich, BLR
50.43	Attila Zubor, HUN
50.49an	Alexei Egorov, KAZ
50.61	Yoav Bruck, ISR
50.71	Nicolas Gruson, FRA
50.75	Vladimir Predkin, RUS
50.87	Salim Iles, ALG
50.95n	Brendon Dedekind, RSA
50.99	Earl McCarthy, IRL
51.03	Nicholas Shackell, GBR
51.07n	Sergei Ashihmin, KGZ
51.14	Nicolae Ivan, ROM
51.18	Trent Bray, NZL
51.19	Indrek Sei, EST
51.20	Juan Benavides, ESP
51.25n	Richard Bera, INA
51.26	Bela Szabados, HUN
51.28	Janko Gokjovic, BIH
51.29	Shunsuke Ito, JPN
51.38	Felipe Delgado, ECU
51.70	Zhao Lifeng, CHN
51.76	Marijan Kanjer, CRO
51.82	G. Linscheer, SUR
51.84n	Arthur Li, HKG
51.86	Jose Isaza, PAN
52.00	Kalle Varonen, FIN
52.02	Jose M. Meolans, ARG

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Championship Finals

3:47.97n	Danyon Loader, NZL
3:49.00	Paul Palmer, GBR
3:49.39	Daniel Kowalski, AUS
3:49.87	E. Brembilla, ITA
3:50.68	Anders Holmertz, SWE
3:51.04	Massi Rosolino, ITA
3:52.15	Jorg Hoffmann, GER
3:54.45	J. Carstensen, DEN

Consolation Finals

3:50.69	John Piersma, USA
3:52.37	Sebastian Wiese, GER
3:54.34an	Frans Neethling, RSA
3:54.63	Ihor Smitko, UKR
3:55.48	Malcolm Allen, AUS
3:55.72	Alexei Akatiev, RUS
3:56.46	Yann deFabrique, FRA
3:57.39	D. Manganas, GRE

Prelims

3:49.35n	E. Brembilla, ITA
3:51.05	Massi Rosolino, ITA
3:51.26	Jorg Hoffmann, GER
3:51.54	Danyon Loader, NZL
3:51.67	Daniel Kowalski, AUS
3:51.98	Paul Palmer, GBR
3:52.27	Anders Holmertz, SWE
3:52.62n	J. Carstensen, DEN
3:53.55	Sebastian Wiese, GER
3:53.58	John Piersma, USA
3:53.91	Tom Doan, USA
3:54.34	Malcolm Allen, AUS
3:54.85n	D. Manganas, GRE
3:55.42	Yann deFabrique, FRA
3:55.67	Ihor Smitko, UKR
3:56.19	Frans Neethling, RSA
3:56.40	Alexei Akatiev, RUS
3:56.43	Luiz Lima, BRA
3:57.08n	T. Sethsothorn, THA
3:57.36	Jure Bucar, SLO
3:57.45n	A. Bermudez, COL

3:59.20n	Miroslav Vucetic, CRO	4:12.24	Ju Wei Sng, SIN
3:59.36	Bela Szabados, HUN	4:11.12	Omar Dallal, JOR
4:00.19	Hisato Yasui, JPN	DNS	Antti Kasvio, FIN
4:00.44	R. Monasterio, VEN		
4:00.69	Andre Kvassov, KGZ		
4:02.39	Can Ergenekan, TUR		
4:02.53	Augustin Fiorilli, ARG		
4:02.68	Mark Kwok, HKG		
4:03.11	Cheol Woo, KOR		
4:09.30	Andrei Zakharov, MDA		
4:10.23	Hicham Masry, SYR		

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Finals—July 26

14:56.40	Kieren Perkins, AUS
15:02.43	Daniel Kowalski, AUS
15:02.48n	Graeme Smith, GBR
15:08.58n	E. Brembilla, ITA
15:14.63fn	Frans Neethling, RSA



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 15:14.81 Graeme Smith, GBR
 15:16.47 Alexei Akatiev, RUS
 15:16.72 E. Bremilla, ITA
 15:18.61 Jorg Hoffmann, GER
 15:19.48 Masato Hirano, JPN
 15:19.98fn Frans Neethling, RSA

15:21.42 Kieren Perkins, AUS
 15:21.65 Steffen Zesner, GER
 15:22.65 Paul Palmer, GBR
 15:24.16 Luiz Lima, BRA
 15:25.43 Peter Wright, USA
 15:25.82 Carlton Bruner, USA
 15:31.27 Alexei Butsenin, RUS
 15:31.40 Ihor Sniitko, UKR
 15:40.04n T. Sethsothorn, THA
 15:40.49 Y. deFabrique, FRA
 15:41.14 M. Formentini, ITA

15:41.80 S. Mikhnovets, BLR
 15:42.39 R. Monasterio, VEN
 15:42.40 Frederik Hviid, ESP
 15:43.66 Hisato Yasui, JPN
 15:43.75n J. Carstensen, DEN
 15:46.79 D. Zavhorodny, UKR
 15:47.92 Gyu-Chang Lee, KOR
 15:51.85 Augustin Fiorilli, ARG
 15:56.60 Scott Cameron, NZL
 16:10.81 Igor Majcen, SLO
 16:14.76n Ramon Valle, HON

16:15.94 D. Manganas, GRE
 16:34.55 Pedro Ferreira, POR
 16:42.35 Hicham Masry, SYR
 17:22.86n H. Rezakhani, IRI
 18:11.59 R. Al-Ma'sharri, OMA

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 54.10 Jeff Rouse, USA
 54.98 Rodolfo Falcon, CUB
 55.02 Neisser Bent, CUB

55.22 M. Lopez-Zubero, ESP
 55.30 Tripp Schwenk, USA
 55.53n Emanuele Merisi, ITA
 55.56 Ralf Braun, GER
 55.76 Franck Schott, FRA
Consolation Finals
 55.74 Keitaro Konnai, JPN
 56.07 Neil Willey, GBR
 56.23 Hajime Itoi, JPN
 56.31 Mariusz Siembida, POL
 56.33 Darius Grigalionis, LTU
 56.63 Stev Theloke, GER
 56.82 Steven Dewick, AUS
 57.00 Robert Brankis, CAN

2:02.33 Ryuji Horii, JPN
 2:02.48 Chris Renaud, CAN
 2:03.49 Rogerio Romero, BRA
 2:03.50 S. Ostapchuk, RUS
 2:04.15 M. Machovic, SVK
 2:04.23 Neisser Bent, CUB
 2:04.28 D. Buyukhov, TUR
 2:04.38 Arunas Savickas, LTU
 2:04.46 Steven Dewick, AUS
 2:04.55 Rastislav Bizub, CZE
 2:05.09 Raymond Papa, PHI
 2:05.26 D. Phuangthong, THA
 2:05.79n Nicolas Rajcevic, CHI
 2:05.88n Nick Neckles, BAR
 2:05.95 Nuno Laurentino, POR
 2:05.96 Carlos Arena, MEX
 2:06.17n Alex Lim, MAS
 2:07.75 Martin Harris, GBR
 2:07.86 Artur Elizarov, MDA
 2:08.59 Nicolae Butacu, ROM
 2:08.90 Adrian O'Connor, IRL
 2:09.86 Gerald Koh, SIN
 2:10.22 P. Adamidis, GRE
 2:12.05 T. Truong Ngoc, VIE
 2:13.31 Zhao Yi, CHN
 DNS Tamas Deutsch, HUN
 DNS Stev Theloke, GER
 DNS V. Nikolaychuk, UKR
 DNS Fahad Alotaibi, KUW
 DNS Jani Sievinen, FIN

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Championship Finals
 1:00.65 F. deBurghgraeve, BEL
 1:00.77n Jeremy Linn, USA
 1:01.33n Mark Warnecke, GBR
 1:01.49 Karoly Guttler, HUN
 1:01.64 Philip Rogers, AUS
 1:01.69 Kurt Grote, USA
 1:02.01n Zeng Qiliang, CHN
 1:02.13 S. Lopukhov, RUS
Consolation Finals
 1:02.28n Vladimir Latocha, FRA
 1:02.39n Daniel Malek, CZE
 1:02.51 Richard Maden, GBR
 1:02.75 Akira Hayashi, JPN
 1:02.91 A. Dzhaburija, UKR
 1:03.05 Paul Kent, NZL
 1:03.51 Marc Capdevila, ESP
 DNS Roman Ivanovski, RUS

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 1:00.60w F. deBurghgraeve, BEL
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 1:01.53 Jeremy Linn, USA
 1:01.79n Mark Warnecke, GBR
 1:01.80 Karoly Guttler, HUN
 1:01.80 Philip Rogers, AUS
 1:02.00 S. Lopukhov, RUS
 1:02.01 Kurt Grote, USA
 1:02.26 Zeng Qiliang, CHN
 1:02.46n Daniel Malek, CZE
 1:02.63 Akira Hayashi, JPN
 1:02.69n Marc Capdevila, ESP
 1:02.69 Roman Ivanovski, RUS
 1:02.70n A. Dzhaburija, UKR
 1:02.72 Norbert Rozsa, HUN
 1:02.76 Paul Kent, NZL
 1:02.78 Richard Maden, GBR
 1:02.80 Vladimir Latocha, FRA
 1:02.92 Vadim Alekseev, ISR
 1:02.92 Benno Kuipers, NED
 1:03.05n Mario Gonzalez, CUB
 1:03.08 Todd Torres, PUR
 1:03.13 Y. Miyazaki, JPN
 1:03.14 Jon Cleveland, CAN
 1:03.39n Kwang-Jea Cho, KOR
 1:03.57 Marek Krawczyk, POL
 1:03.81n R. Srisanont, THA
 1:04.20 Alexei Kriventsov, BLR
 1:04.45 Nerius Beiga, LTU
 1:04.46n Elvin Chia, MAS
 1:04.87 Vadim Tatarov, MDA
 1:04.92 Borge Mork, NOR
 1:05.22 Mauricio Moreno, COL
 1:05.26 Chin-Yung Huang, TPE
 1:05.47 Juan Madrigal, CRC
 1:05.50 Jorg Lindmeier, NAM
 1:05.66 C. Verdino, MON

200 BACK July 26
Championship Finals
 1:58.54 Brad Bridgewater, USA
 1:58.99 Tripp Schwenk, USA
 1:59.18 Emanuele Merisi, ITA
 2:00.05n Bart Sikora, PDL
 2:00.10 Hajime Itoi, JPN
 2:00.74 M. Lopez-Zubero, ESP
 2:01.27 Mirko Mazzari, ITA
 2:08.14 Rodolfo Falcon, CUB
Consolation Finals
 2:01.54 Ryuji Horii, JPN
 2:01.70 Chris Renaud, CAN
 2:01.84n Marko Strahija, CRO
 2:02.17 Oliver Agh, HUN
 2:02.40 Adam Ruckwood, GBR
 2:02.68 Sang-Joon Ji, KOR
 2:03.20 Rogerio Romero, BRA
 2:03.91 S. Ostapchuk, RUS

Prelims
 1:59.04 Brad Bridgewater, USA
 1:59.58 Tripp Schwenk, USA
 1:59.95 Mirko Mazzari, ITA
 2:00.01 Emanuele Merisi, ITA
 2:00.43 Hajime Itoi, JPN
 2:00.77 M. Lopez-Zubero, ESP
 2:00.99 Bart Sikora, POL
 2:01.20 Rodolfo Falcon, CUB
 2:01.32 Vladimir Selkov, RUS
 2:01.35 Adam Ruckwood, GBR
 2:01.39 Sang-Joon Ji, KOR
 2:01.50 Ralf Agh, HUN
 2:01.84 Oliver Agh, HUN
 2:01.95n Marko Strahija, CRO

200 BREAST July 24
Championship Finals
 2:12.57 Norbert Rozsa, HUN
 2:13.03 Karoly Guttler, HUN
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2:14.79 Philip Rogers, AUS	55.23 Andre Teixeira, BRA	2:02.56 Greg Burgess, USA	2:01.93 Greg Burgess, USA	2:06.30 Sergei Sergeev, UKR	Championship Finals
2:14.84 Marek Krawczyk, POL	55.26n J. Golovchenko, URU	2:03.89 Tom Dolan, USA	2:01.99 Tom Dolan, USA	2:06.39 Oleg Pukhatny, UZB	4:14.90 Tom Dolan, USA
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2:16.05 Kurt Grote, USA	55.50 Razvan Petcu, ROM	Consolation Finals	2:03.17 Xavier Marchand, FRA	2:06.99n Bang-Hyun Kim, KOR	4:16.28n Curtis Myden, CAN
Consolation Finals	55.59 Peter Mankoc, SLO	2:02.90 Christian Keller, GER	2:03.24 Luca Sacchi, ITA	2:07.09 Arsenio Lopez, PUR	4:16.66n Matthew Dunn, AUS
2:14.37 Andrei Ivanov, RUS	56.01n Ruben Pineda, ESA	2:03.01 Martin v.d. Spoel, NED	2:03.42 Tatsuya Kinugasa, JPN	2:07.31 Simon Coombs, AUS	4:17.71 Marcel Wouda, NED
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2:14.63 Kurt Grote, USA	56.61 Ravil Nachaev, UZB			DD Lumphat Hern, CAM	4:28.39 Josef Horky, CZE
2:14.66 Norbert Rozsa, HUN	56.62 Artur Jakovlevs, LAT				
2:14.96 Nick Gillingham, GBR	56.92 Arthur LJ, HKG				
2:14.97 Philip Rogers, AUS	56.93 Patrick Sagis, GUM				
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2:15.56 Andrei Ivanov, RUS	58.59n Kamal Masud, PAK				
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2:17.08 Daniel Malek, CZE					
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2:14.97 Philip Rogers, AUS	2:19.13 Wang Yiwu, CHN	1:59.12 Peter Horvath, HUN	Consolation Finals
2:15.17 Marek Krawczyk, POL	2:20.39 Elvin Chia, MAS	1:59.99 Attila Czene, HUN	1:59.64n Vesa Hanski, FIN
2:15.18 Eric Wunderlich, USA	2:20.42 Borge Mork, NOR	1:59.72 Casey Barrett, CAN	2:00.08 Oliver Lampe, GER
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2:15.31 Ryan Mitchell, AUS	2:20.77 C. Verdino, MON	2:01.25 David Abrard, FRA	2:01.62 Chris-C. Bremer, GER
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2:16.08 Jon Cleveland, CAN	2:23.40 Nerius Beiga, LTU	1:58.28 Denis Pankratov, RUS	1:58.69 Tom Malchow, USA
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2:17.08 Daniel Malek, CZE	DNS Desmond Koh, SIN	1:59.73n Scott Miller, AUS	1:59.73n Vesa Hanski, FIN
2:17.28n Jose Couto, POR		1:59.73n Vesa Hanski, FIN	1:59.87 Oliver Lampe, GER
2:17.32 R. Sirisanont, THA		1:59.87 Oliver Lampe, GER	1:59.97 Konrad Galka, POL
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2:18.58 Stephan Perrot, FRA		2:00.28 Casey Barrett, CAN	2:00.48 Chris-C. Bremer, GER
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2:20.42 Borge Mork, NOR		2:00.60 David Abrard, FRA	2:00.67 Andrea Oriana, ITA
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2:25.96 Chih-Yung Huang, TPE		2:01.50 Nelson Mora, VEN	2:01.58 Diogo Madeira, POR
DNS Paul Kent, NZL		2:01.58 Diogo Madeira, POR	2:01.59n K. Andriuchine, KGZ
DNS Desmond Koh, SIN		2:01.59n K. Andriuchine, KGZ	2:01.65 Can Ergenekan, TUR
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		2:02.69 Jose L. Ballester, ESP	2:02.84 Josef Horky, CZE
		2:02.84 Josef Horky, CZE	2:03.01n Anthony Ang, MAS
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		2:04.01n Mark Kwok, HKG	2:04.53 Jung-Hyun Lee, KOR
		2:04.53 Jung-Hyun Lee, KOR	2:04.66n Walter Soza, NCA
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										270.45	Jenny Keim, USA
										269.43	Irina Pissareva, UKR
										262.71	Yuki Motobuchi, JPN
										257.01	Maria Jose Alcalá, MEX
										252.84	Maria E. Romero, MEX
										246.27	Svetlana Alexeeva, BLR
										242.19	Jodie Rogers, AUS
										239.91	Simona Koch, GER
										236.58	Annie Pelletier, CAN
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										229.11	Loudy Tourky, AUS
										228.72	A. Gyuilbudakian, ARM
										226.74	Eryn Bulmer, CAN
										219.63	Ri Ok Rim, PRK
										212.49	Tan Shuping, CHN
										208.77	Francesca D'Oriano, ITA
										206.52	Orsolya Pinter, HUN
										205.32	Julia Cruz, ESP
										195.18	Vivian Alberty, PUR
										191.49	Nana Kazarashvili, GEO
										180.54	Natalia Chlemova, TJK
										151.11	Daphne Hernandez, CRC
											10-METER PLATFORM
											Finals—July 27
										341.64	Fu Mingxia, CHN
										313.08	Annika Walter, GER
										298.08	Mary Ellen Clark, USA
										291.81	Becky Ruehl, USA
										274.20	Irina Vygouzova, KAZ
										269.91	Guo Jingjing, CHN
										265.77	Olena Zhupina, UKR
										259.88	Hayley Allen, GBR
										259.05	O. Khristoforova, RUS
										256.05	Clara Ciocan, ROM
										247.62	Anja Richter, AUT
										215.91	Ute Wetzig, GER
											Semifinals—July 27
										509.19	Fu Mingxia, CHN
										492.69	Guo Jingjing, CHN
										487.29	Becky Ruehl, USA
										477.51	Irina Vygouzova, KAZ
										464.25	Annika Walter, GER
										451.35	Olena Zhupina, UKR
										438.93	Clara Ciocan, ROM
										435.72	O. Khristoforova, RUS
										428.76	Mary Ellen Clark, USA
										426.96	Anja Richter, AUT
										410.37	Ute Wetzig, GER
										410.16	Hayley Allen, GBR
										409.35	Myong Hwa Choe, PRK
										409.11	Svitlana Serbina, UKR
										405.78	Natalya Chikina, KAZ
										402.54	R. Georgueieva, BUL
										400.35	Maria Jose Alcalá, MEX
										395.97	Lesley Ward, GBR
											Prelims—July 26
										329.25	Fu Mingxia, CHN
										323.91	Becky Ruehl, USA
										319.11	Irina Vygouzova, KAZ
										315.39	Guo Jingjing, CHN
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 180.15 Youn-Gi Im, KOR
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Finals—July 29

470.01 Xiong Ni, CHN
 467.52 Yu Zhuocheng, CHN
 456.75 Mark Lenzi, USA
 443.07 Scott Donie, USA
 420.87 Michael Murphy, AUS
 414.93 Dmitri Sautin, RUS
 402.36 Fernando Platas, MEX
 402.33 Jan Hempel, GER
 393.33 Andrei Semeniouk, BLR
 382.83 Roman Volod'kov, UKR
 380.16 Valeri Statsenko, RUS
 376.35 Andreas Wels, GER

Semifinals—July 29

694.47 Xiong Ni, CHN
 662.34 Yu Zhuocheng, CHN
 639.21 Michael Murphy, AUS
 637.89 Scott Donie, USA
 621.48 Dmitri Sautin, RUS
 612.54 Andreas Wels, GER
 601.77 Mark Lenzi, USA
 600.45 Fernando Platas, MEX
 587.55 Andrei Semeniouk, BLR
 578.25 Jan Hempel, GER
 574.71 Valeri Statsenko, RUS
 570.15 Roman Volod'kov, UKR
 567.96 Evan Stewart, ZIM
 563.64 Richard Frece, AUT
 559.35 Davide Lorenzini, ITA
 551.28 Philippe Comtois, CAN
 551.25 Imre Lengyel, HUN
 548.79 Antonio Ali, GBR

Prelims—July 28

463.02 Xiong Ni, CHN
 438.93 Yu Zhuocheng, CHN
 419.13 Michael Murphy, AUS
 414.03 Scott Donie, USA
 405.33 Andreas Wels, GER
 391.74 Dmitri Sautin, RUS
 385.32 Andrei Semeniouk, BLR
 382.83 Fernando Platas, MEX
 372.03 Mark Lenzi, USA
 365.73 Richard Frece, AUT
 361.53 Evan Stewart, ZIM
 359.85 Roman Volod'kov, UKR
 358.26 Jan Hempel, GER
 357.75 Philippe Comtois, CAN
 357.18 Valeri Statsenko, RUS
 356.55 Davide Lorenzini, ITA
 346.74 Imre Lengyel, HUN
 345.33 Antonio Ali, GBR
 342.33 David Bedard, CAN
 339.93 Jimmy Sjodin, SWE
 331.86 V. Khamoulkine, BLR
 331.83 J. Andersson, SWE
 328.23 Maksym Lapy, UKR
 318.69 Bob Morgan, GBR
 317.04 Dario Difazio, VEN
 316.50 Nikolaos Sifandis, GRE
 307.83 Tony Iglesias, BOL
 305.79 Russell Butler, AUS
 302.55 Ramon Sandin, PUR
 296.91 Joel Rodriguez, MEX
 295.47 Jose Miguel Gil, ESP
 293.52 Jong-Hee Lee, KOR
 272.40 Ali Al-Hasan, KUW
 257.13 Suchat Pichi, THA
 247.44 Janaka Binyanwila, SRI
 208.83 Rafael Alvarez, ESP

10-METER PLATFORM

Finals—Aug. 2

692.34 Dmitri Sautin, RUS
 663.27 Jan Hempel, GER
 658.20 Xiao Hailiang, CHN
 648.18 Tian Liang, CHN
 628.59 V. Timoshinina, RUS
 607.11 David Pichler, USA
 603.03 Fernando Platas, MEX

583.98 Michael Kuehne, GER
 560.22 Patrick Jeffrey, USA
 559.89 Ken Terauchi, JPN
 528.00 Sergei Koudrevitch, BLR
 503.64 Richard Frece, AUT

Semifinals—Aug. 2

647.46 Dmitri Sautin, RUS
 625.41 Xiao Hailiang, CHN
 611.49 Tian Liang, CHN
 594.90 V. Timoshinina, RUS
 591.39 Jan Hempel, GER
 581.16 Patrick Jeffrey, USA
 570.21 Fernando Platas, MEX
 570.12 David Pichler, USA
 556.53 Sergei Koudrevitch, BLR
 555.90 Ken Terauchi, JPN
 544.38 Michael Kuehne, GER
 521.76 Richard Frece, AUT
 519.84 Bob Morgan, GBR
 517.74 Jimmy Sjodin, SWE
 516.66 Hyong Gil Choe, PRK
 509.64 Andrei Kvotchinski, BLR
 505.20 D. Akhmetbekov, KAZ
 483.57 Leon Taylor, GBR

Prelims—Aug. 1

452.82 Dmitri Sautin, RUS
 445.86 Xiao Hailiang, CHN
 425.73 Tian Liang, CHN
 425.43 V. Timoshinina, RUS
 406.74 Patrick Jeffrey, USA
 394.59 David Pichler, USA
 394.17 Jan Hempel, GER
 392.31 Fernando Platas, MEX
 381.51 Ken Terauchi, JPN
 375.90 Sergei Koudrevitch, BLR
 375.27 Michael Kuehne, GER
 373.41 Richard Frece, AUT
 353.40 Hyong Gil Choe, PRK
 352.74 Jimmy Sjodin, SWE
 349.14 Andrei Kvotchinski, BLR
 346.62 D. Akhmetbekov, KAZ
 343.20 Bob Morgan, GBR
 341.70 Leon Taylor, GBR
 339.18 Keita Kaneto, JPN
 335.97 Roman Volod'kov, UKR
 335.43 Samat Mouratov, KAZ
 322.47 Alberto Acosta, MEX
 312.78 Daniel Pavon, ESP
 309.30 Gabriel Chereches, ROM
 307.02 Dario Difazio, VEN
 301.92 Oleh Yanchenko, UKR
 294.93 Emil Djabrailov, AZE
 294.75 Tony Lawson, AUS
 290.64 Suchat Pichi, THA
 390.16 Tony Iglesias, BOL
 276.27 Kyung-Min Kwon, KOR
 275.64 H. Avtandilyan, ARM
 273.30 Sui Hg, HKG
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FINALS

Final Round—July 28
 7-5 Spain-Croatia
 20-18 Italy-Hungary
 10-8 Russia-Greece
 12-8 USA-Yugoslavia

Semifinals—July 27

Greece-USA
 16-15 Russia-Yugoslavia
 7-6 Spain-Hungary
 7-6 Croatia-Italy

Quarterfinals—July 26

Hungary-Greece
 8-6 Croatia-Yugoslavia
 5-4 Spain-USA
 11-9 Italy-Russia

PRELIMS

Pool A Game Scores

8-7 Spain-Netherlands
 10-8 Hungary-Netherlands
 10-5 Russia-Netherlands
 9-8 Germany-Netherlands
 11-6 Yugoslavia-Netherlands
 8-7 Hungary-Spain
 8-6 Spain-Russia
 9-3 Spain-Germany
 9-7 Yugoslavia-Spain

8-7 Hungary-Russia

9-8 Hungary-Germany
 12-8 Hungary-Yugoslavia
 10-8 Russia-Germany
 9-9 Yugoslavia-Russia
 9-8 Yugoslavia-Germany

Pool B Game Scores

8-6 Italy-Ukraine
 10-8 Italy-Croatia
 10-8 Italy-Greece
 10-9 Italy-Romania

10-7 Italy-USA

16-8 Croatia-Ukraine
 9-6 Greece-Ukraine
 6-6 Romania-Ukraine
 9-7 USA-Ukraine
 8-5 Croatia-Greece
 11-6 Croatia-Romania
 10-8 USA-Croatia
 8-5 Greece-Romania
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Le Jingyi, CHN (Rome, 9-11-94)	24.51			
OLYMPIC RECORD				
Yang Wenyi, CHN (Barcelona, 7-31-92)	24.79			
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 26)				
Amy Van Dyken, USA	24.87n			
Le Jingyi, CHN	24.90			
Sandra Volker, GER	25.14n			
Angel Martino, USA	25.31			
Leah Martindale, BAR	25.49n			
Linda Olofsson, SWE	25.63n			
Shan Ying, CHN	25.70			
Natalya Mescheryakova, RUS	25.88			

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WORLD RECORD				
Le Jingyi, CHN (Rome, 9-5-94)	25.79	54.01		
OLYMPIC RECORD				
Zhuang Yong, CHN (Barcelona, 7-28-92)	26.55	54.51r		
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 20)				
Le Jingyi, CHN	26.24	54.50o		
Sandra Volker, GER	26.56	54.88		
Angel Martino, USA	26.23	54.93		
Amy Van Dyken, USA	26.30	55.11		
Franziska van Almsick, GER	27.14	55.59		
Sarah Ryan, AUS	27.09	55.85		
Mette Jacobsen, DEN	27.08	56.01		
Karin Brienesse, NED	27.07	56.12		

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WORLD RECORD				
Franziska van Almsick, GER (Rome, 9-6-94)	27.21	56.86	1:27.12	1:56.78
OLYMPIC RECORD				
Heike Friedrich, GDR (Seoul, 9-21-88)	28.55	58.50	1:28.03	1:57.65
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 21)				
Claudia Poll, CRC	27.95	57.67	1:27.97	1:58.16
Franziska van Almsick, GER	27.59	57.69	1:28.20	1:58.57
Dagmar Hase, GER	28.70	59.10	1:29.74	1:59.56
Trina Jackson, USA	28.32	58.57	1:29.35	1:59.57
Susan O'Neill, AUS	28.09	57.85	1:28.69	1:59.87
Cristina Teuscher, USA	28.30	58.71	1:29.81	2:00.79
Julia Greville, AUS	28.54	59.21	1:30.49	2:01.46
Liliana Dobrescu, ROM	27.97	59.14	1:31.20	2:01.63

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WORLD AND OLYMPIC RECORD				
Janet Evans, USA (Seoul, 9-22-88)	59.99	2:02.14	3:03.40	4:03.85
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 22)				
Michelle Smith, IRL	1:00.75	2:03.55	3:04.65	4:07.25n
Dagmar Hase, GER	1:00.96	2:04.00	3:07.08	4:08.30
Kirsten Vliegheuis, NED	1:00.50	2:04.09	3:07.20	4:08.70n
Kerstin Kielgass, GER	1:01.95	2:05.63	3:08.39	4:09.83
Claudia Poll, CRC	1:01.17	2:04.37	3:07.52	4:10.00
Carla Geurts, NED	1:00.01	2:03.37	3:07.34	4:10.06
Eri Yamano, JPN	1:01.89	2:05.94	3:10.24	4:11.68
Cristina Teuscher, USA	1:00.81	2:04.19	3:09.04	4:14.21

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WORLD RECORD				
Janet Evans, USA (Tokyo, 8-20-89)	1:00.20	2:02.53	3:05.12	4:07.92
OLYMPIC RECORD				
Janet Evans, USA (Seoul, 9-24-88)	5:10.27	6:12.82	7:15.44	8:16.22

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 25)

Brooke Bennett, USA	1:01.90	2:05.89	3:09.18	4:12.78
	5:15.90	6:19.68	7:23.94	8:27.89
Dagmar Hase, GER	1:02.22	2:06.13	3:09.74	4:13.57
	5:17.42	6:21.77	7:26.20	8:29.91
Kirsten Vliegheuis, NED	1:02.80	2:07.29	3:11.59	4:16.25
	5:20.63	6:24.79	7:29.01	8:30.84n
Kerstin Kielgass, GER	1:02.41	2:06.83	3:11.15	4:15.67
	5:19.89	6:24.36	7:29.21	8:31.06
Irene Dalby, NOR	1:02.46	2:06.92	3:11.10	4:16.03
	5:21.21	6:27.41	7:33.66	8:38.34
Janet Evans, USA	1:02.51	2:07.30	3:12.11	4:17.28
	5:22.75	6:28.63	7:34.36	8:38.91
Carla Geurts, NED	1:02.07	2:07.75	3:12.98	4:18.75
	5:24.14	6:30.12	7:35.99	8:40.43
Sarah Hardcastle, GBR	1:03.17	2:08.18	3:13.39	4:18.99
	5:24.47	6:30.68	7:37.03	8:41.75

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WORLD RECORD			
He Cihong, CHN (Rome, 9-10-94)	29.54	1:00.16	
OLYMPIC RECORD			
Kristina Egerszegi, HUN (Barcelona, 7-28-92)	29.70	1:00.68	
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 22)			
Beth Botsford, USA	30.01	1:01.19	
Whitney Hedgepeth, USA	30.17	1:01.47	

Marianne Kriel, RSA	30.60	1:02.12f	
Mai Nakamura, JPN	30.24	1:02.33	
Chen Yan, CHN	30.32	1:02.50	
Antje Buschschulte, GER	30.41	1:02.52	
Nicole Stevenson, AUS	30.49	1:02.70	
Miki Nakao, JPN	30.82	1:02.78	

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WORLD RECORD				
Kristina Egerszegi, HUN (Athens, 8-25-91)	30.55	1:02.34	1:34.79	2:06.62
OLYMPIC RECORD				
Kristina Egerszegi, HUN (Barcelona, 7-31-92)	30.43	1:02.39	1:35.10	2:07.06
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 25)				
Kristina Egerszegi, HUN	30.30	1:02.09	1:34.91	2:07.83
Tania Dangalakova, BUL (Seoul, 9-23-88)	31.21	1:04.35	1:38.23	2:11.98
Whitney Hedgepeth, USA	32.05	1:05.51	1:38.86	2:12.06
Chathleen Rund, GER	31.87	1:05.59	1:39.79	2:12.90
Anke Scholz, GER	31.43	1:04.64	1:38.82	2:13.57
Miki Nakao, JPN	32.29	1:05.74	1:39.88	2:14.04
Anna Simcic, NZL	31.96	1:05.76	1:40.10	2:14.56
Lorenza Vigarani, ITA	31.05	1:04.28	1:39.07	2:14.59
Nina Zhivanevskaya, RUS				

100 Breast

WORLD RECORD			
Penelope Heyns, RSA (Durban, 3-4-96)	32.19	1:07.46	
OLYMPIC RECORD			
Tania Dangalakova, BUL (Seoul, 9-23-88)	31.90	1:07.95	
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 21)			
Penelope Heyns, RSA (Prelims: 31.65/1:07.02w)	31.65	1:07.73	
Amanda Beard, USA	32.71	1:08.09n	
Samantha Riley, USA	32.09	1:09.18	
Svetlana Bondarenko, UKR	32.61	1:09.21n	
Vera Lischka, AUT	31.93	1:09.24n	
Guylaine Cloutier, CAN	32.58	1:09.40	
Agnes Kovacs, HUN	32.68	1:09.55	
Brigitte Becue, BEL	33.02	1:09.79	

200 Breast

WORLD RECORD				
Rebecca Brown, AUS (Brisbane, 3-16-94)	32.17	1:08.68	1:46.18	2:24.76
OLYMPIC RECORD				
Kyoko Iwasaki, JPN (Barcelona, 7-27-92)	34.68	1:11.81	1:49.55	2:26.65
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 23)				
Penelope Heyns, RSA	32.38	1:09.06	1:46.50	2:25.41o
Amanda Beard, USA	33.97	1:11.30	1:48.77	2:25.75
Agnes Kovacs, HUN	33.96	1:11.43	1:49.04	2:26.57e
Samantha Riley, AUS	33.09	1:10.14	1:48.29	2:27.91
Masami Tanaka, JPN	33.78	1:11.93	1:50.06	2:28.05
Nadine Neumann, AUS	34.14	1:11.89	1:49.38	2:28.34
Brigitte Becue, BEL	34.38	1:12.07	1:50.07	2:28.36
Christin Petelski, CAN	34.47	1:12.34	1:51.47	2:31.45

100 Fly

WORLD RECORD		
Mary T. Meagher, USA (Brown Deer, 8-16-81)	27.75	57.93
OLYMPIC RECORD		
Qian Hong, CHN (Barcelona, 7-29-92)	27.83	58.62
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 23)		
Amy Van Dyken, USA	27.74	59.13
Liu Limin, CHN	28.03	59.14
Angel Martino, USA	27.34	59.23
Hitomi Kashima, JPN	28.31	1:00.11
Susan O'Neill, AUS	28.06	1:00.17
Ayari Aoyama, JPN	27.32	1:00.18
Cai Huijue, CHN	28.14	1:00.46
Mette Jacobsen, DEN	28.63	1:00.76

200 Fly

WORLD RECORD				
Mary T. Meagher, USA (Brown Deer, 8-13-81)	29.53	1:01.41	1:33.69	2:05.96
OLYMPIC RECORD				
Mary T. Meagher, USA (Los Angeles, 8-4-84)	29.30	1:01.00	1:34.08	2:06.90
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 26)				
Susan O'Neill, AUS	28.54	1:00.66	1:33.76	2:07.76
Petria Thomas, AUS	29.05	1:01.79	1:35.45	2:09.82
Michelle Smith, IRL	29.16	1:01.38	1:34.45	2:09.91n
Qu Yun, CHN	29.32	1:02.56	1:36.33	2:10.26
Liu Limin, CHN	29.24	1:01.79	1:35.55	2:10.70
Jessica Deglau, CAN	30.06	1:03.33	1:36.99	2:11.40n
Mika Haruna, JPN	29.70	1:02.40	1:36.50	2:11.93
Trina Jackson, USA	29.43	1:02.71	1:36.76	2:11.96

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WORLD AND OLYMPIC RECORD				
Lin Li, CHN (Barcelona, 7-30-92)	28.68	1:02.05	1:40.77	2:11.65
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 24)				
Michelle Smith, IRL	28.79	1:02.97	1:43.34	2:13.93n
Marianne Limpert, CAN	29.42	1:04.23	1:43.25	2:14.35n
Lin Li, CHN	29.22	1:03.86	1:42.58	2:14.74
Joanne Malar, CAN	29.87	1:04.71	1:43.81	2:15.30

Ellie Overton, AUS	29.99	1:03.80	1:43.16	2:16.04
Allison Wagner, USA	29.71	1:03.69	1:43.45	2:16.43
Minouche Smit, NED	29.31	1:03.72	1:44.47	2:16.73
Louise Karlsson, SWE	29.27	1:04.91	1:44.94	2:17.25

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WORLD RECORD				
Petra Schneider, GDR (Guayaquil, 8-1-82)	1:02.42	2:12.16	3:33.16	4:36.10
OLYMPIC RECORD				
Petra Schneider, GDR (Moscow, 7-26-80)	1:01.72	2:12.12	3:32.19	4:36.29
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 20)				
Michelle Smith, IRL	1:02.21	2:14.87	3:36.42	4:39.18n
Allison Wagner, USA	1:04.38	2:14.60	3:35.67	4:42.03
Kristina Egerszegi, HUN	1:04.21	2:13.18	3:35.87	4:42.53
Sabine Herbst, GER	1:04.64	2:15.78	3:38.12	4:43.78
Emma Johnson, AUS	1:05.04	2:15.44	3:40.29	4:44.02
Beatrice Coadu, ROM	1:05.72	2:20.65	3:40.01	4:44.91
Lourdes Becerra, ESP	1:05.33	2:19.25	3:38.75	4:45.17n
Whitney Metzler, USA	1:05.04	2:18.91	3:40.05	4:46.20

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WORLD RECORD				
China (Rome, 9-10-94)	1:00.16	2:09.20	3:07.86	4:01.67
(He, Dai, Liu, Le)		(1:09.04)	(58.66)	(53.81)
OLYMPIC RECORD				
USA (Barcelona, 7-30-92)	1:00.82	2:09.49	3:08.07	4:02.54
(Loveless, Nall)		(1:08.67)	(58.58)	(54.47)
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 24)				
Ahmann-Lightton, Thompson	1:01.67	2:10.01	3:08.71	4:02.88
USA (Botsford)		(1:08.34)	(58.70)	(54.17)

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50 Free					
WORLD RECORD					
Tom Jager, USA (Nashville, 3-24-90)					21.81
OLYMPIC RECORD					
Alexander Popov, RUS (Barcelona, 7-30-92)					21.91
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 25)					
Alexander Popov, RUS					22.13
Gary Hall, Jr., USA					22.26
Fernando Scherer, BRA					22.29n
Jiang Chengji, CHN					22.33a
Brendon Dedekind, RSA					22.59
David Fox, USA					22.68
Francisco Sanchez, VEN					22.72
Ricardo Busquets, PUR					22.73
100 Free					
WORLD RECORD					
Alexander Popov, RUS (Monte Carlo, 6-18-94)					23.33 48.21
OLYMPIC RECORD					
Matt Biondi, USA (Seoul, 9-22-88)					23.21 48.63
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 22)					
Alexander Popov, RUS					23.52 48.74
Gary Hall, Jr., USA					23.43 48.81
Gustavo Borges, BRA					23.63 49.02n
Pieter van den Hoogenband, NED					23.52 49.13n
Fernando Scherer, BRA					23.96 49.57
Pavlo Khnykin, UKR					23.83 49.65n
Ricardo Busquets, PUR					23.72 49.68
Francisco Sanchez, VEN					23.81 49.84
200 Free					
WORLD RECORD					
Giorgio Lamberti, ITA (Bonn, 8-15-89)		25.14	52.42	1:19.74	1:46.69
OLYMPIC RECORD					
Evgeni Sadovyi, EUN (Barcelona, 7-26-92)		25.37	52.62	1:19.72	1:46.70
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 20)					
Danyon Loader, NZL		25.58	52.28	1:19.93	1:47.63n
Gustavo Borges, BRA		25.42	52.90	1:20.80	1:48.08n
Daniel Kowalski, AUS		25.61	53.35	1:21.23	1:48.25
Pieter van den Hoogenband, NED		25.41	52.96	1:20.71	1:48.36n
Anders Holmertz, SWE		24.93	51.97	1:20.14	1:48.42
Massimiliano Rosolino, ITA		26.35	53.82	1:21.28	1:48.50
Josh Davis, USA		25.41	52.70	1:20.72	1:48.54
Paul Palmer, GBR		26.05	53.67	1:21.90	1:49.39
400 Free					
WORLD RECORD					
Kieren Perkins, AUS (Rome, 9-9-94)		53.96	1:51.11	2:48.15	3:43.80
OLYMPIC RECORD					
Evgeni Sadovyi, EUN (Barcelona, 7-29-92)		54.61	1:52.74	2:50.38	3:45.00
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 23)					
Danyon Loader, NZL		55.49	1:53.73	2:52.14	3:47.97n
Paul Palmer, GBR		55.31	1:53.44	2:52.22	3:49.00
Daniel Kowalski, AUS		54.91	1:53.84	2:52.82	3:49.39
Emiliano Brembilla, ITA		56.57	1:54.61	2:53.20	3:49.87
Anders Holmertz, SWE		54.83	1:53.32	2:52.29	3:50.68
Massimiliano Rosolino, ITA		55.52	1:53.77	2:52.48	3:51.04
Jorg Hoffmann, GER		55.62	1:54.35	2:53.82	3:52.15
Jacob Carstensen, DEN		55.84	1:54.64	2:54.47	3:54.45
1500 Free					
WORLD RECORD					
Kieren Perkins, AUS (Victoria, 8-24-94)		54.81	1:52.91	2:51.48	3:50.37 4:49.04
		5:48.51	6:47.72	7:46.00	8:45.28 9:44.94
		10:44.63	11:44.50	12:44.70	13:44.44
					14:41.66
OLYMPIC RECORD					
Kieren Perkins, AUS (Barcelona, 7-31-92)		55.30	1:53.64	2:52.61	3:51.59 4:50.59
		5:49.67	6:49.00	7:48.27	8:47.43 9:46.91
		10:46.28	11:45.86	12:46.23	13:45.97
					14:43.48
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 26)					
Kieren Perkins, AUS		55.30	1:53.92	2:53.41	3:53.28 4:53.45
		5:53.47	6:53.62	7:53.85	8:53.82 9:54.44
		10:54.86	11:55.51	12:56.40	13:57.52 14:56.40
Daniel Kowalski, AUS		55.73	1:55.14	2:55.34	3:55.76 4:56.34
		5:57.04	6:57.62	7:58.31	8:59.96 10:01.93
		11:03.43	12:04.22	13:05.24	14:06.00
					15:02.43
Graeme Smith, GBR		57.23	1:57.38	2:57.75	3:58.34 4:58.85
		5:59.43	7:00.04	8:00.82	9:01.46 10:02.24
		11:03.00	12:03.69	13:04.71	14:05.48
					15:02.48n
Emiliano Brembilla, ITA		59.54	2:00.09	3:00.66	4:01.47 5:02.54
		6:03.44	7:04.38	8:05.43	9:05.95 10:06.57
		11:07.23	12:07.71	13:08.40	14:08.83
					15:08.58n
Frans Neethling, RSA		58.95	1:59.96	3:01.46	4:02.93 5:03.88
		6:05.32	7:06.99	8:08.59f	9:09.96 10:11.36
		11:12.58	12:14.00	13:15.42	14:15.92
					15:14.63f
Masato Hirano, JPN		56.91	1:57.27	2:58.82	4:00.71 5:02.57
		6:04.02	7:05.66	8:07.32	9:09.18 10:10.94
		11:12.57	12:14.16	13:16.19	14:18.10
					15:17.28

Jorg Hoffmann, GER	57.12	1:57.29	2:57.96	3:58.37	4:59.20
	5:59.95	7:01.17	8:02.54	9:04.90	10:07.18
	11:09.55	12:12.61	13:15.46	14:17.20	15:18.86
Alexei Akatiev, RUS	58.62	1:59.48	3:00.46	4:01.58	5:02.75
	6:04.15	7:05.99	8:07.85	9:09.75	10:11.89
	11:13.74	12:16.04	13:18.41	14:20.70	15:21.68

100 Back					
WORLD AND OLYMPIC RECORD					
Jeff Rouse, USA (Barcelona, 7-31-92)					26.32 53.86r
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 23)					
Jeff Rouse, USA					26.30 54.10
Rodolfo Falcon, CUB					27.01 54.98
Neisser Bent, CUB					26.82 55.02
Martin Lopez-Zubero, ESP					26.90 55.22
Tripp Schwenk, USA					26.76 55.30
Emanuele Merisi, ITA					26.89 55.53n
Ralf Braun, GER					26.98 55.56
Franck Schott, FRA					27.35 55.76

200 Back					
WORLD RECORD					
Martin Lopez-Zubero, ESP (Tuscaloosa, 11-23-91)		28.29	58.08	1:27.50	1:56.57
OLYMPIC RECORD					
Martin Lopez-Zubero, ESP (Barcelona, 7-28-92)		28.61	58.86	1:29.15	1:58.47
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 26)					
Brad Bridgewater, USA		28.06	57.72	1:27.92	1:58.54
Tripp Schwenk, USA		28.13	57.90	1:28.56	1:58.99
Emanuele Merisi, ITA		28.53	58.89	1:29.16	1:59.18
Bart Sikora, POL		28.39	59.00	1:29.85	2:00.05n
Hajime Itoi, JPN		28.01	58.63	1:29.10	2:00.10
Martin Lopez-Zubero, ESP		28.67	59.21	1:30.33	2:00.74
Mirko Mazzari, ITA		29.09	59.79	1:30.74	2:01.27
Rodolfo Falcon, CUB		28.07	58.74	1:32.32	2:08.14

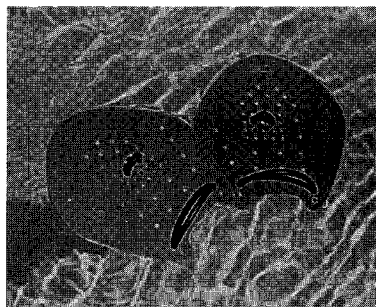
100 Breast					
WORLD RECORD					
Karoly Guttler, HUN (Sheffield, 8-3-93)					28.52 1:00.95p
OLYMPIC RECORD					
Nelson Diebel, USA (Barcelona, 7-26-92)					29.09 1:01.50
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 20)					
Fred deBurghgraeve, BEL (28.23/1:00.60wp)		28.28	1:00.65		
Jeremy Linn, USA		28.64	1:00.77n		
Mark Warnecke, GER		28.66	1:01.33n		
Karoly Guttler, HUN		28.64	1:01.49		
Philip Rogers, AUS		29.05	1:01.64		
Kurt Grote, USA		28.76	1:01.69		
Zeng Qiliang, CHN		29.29	1:02.01n		
Stanislav Lopukhov, RUS		28.99	1:02.13		

200 Breast					
WORLD AND OLYMPIC RECORD					
Mike Barrowman, USA (Barcelona, 7-29-92)		30.43	1:03.91	1:37.12	2:10.16
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 24)					
Norbert Rozsa, HUN		30.36	1:03.93	1:38.17	2:12.57
Karoly Guttler, HUN		30.33	1:04.17	1:38.84	2:13.03
Andrei Korneev, RUS		29.86	1:03.51	1:37.96	2:13.17
Nick Gillingham, GBR		30.47	1:04.67	1:39.37	2:14.37
Philip Rogers, AUS		30.45	1:04.64	1:39.16	2:14.79
Marek Krawczyk, POL		30.59	1:04.92	1:40.01	2:14.84
Eric Wunderlich, USA		30.93	1:05.04	1:40.22	2:15.69
Kurt Grote, USA		29.94	1:04.64	1:39.86	2:16.05

100 Fly					
WORLD RECORD					
Denis Pankratov, RUS (Vienna, 8-23-95)					24.58 52.32
OLYMPIC RECORD					
Anthony Nesty, SUR (Seoul, 9-21-88)					25.02 53.00
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 24)					
Denis Pankratov, RUS					24.19 52.27w
Scott Miller, AUS					24.78 52.53c
Vladislav Kulikov, RUS					24.71 53.13
Jiang Chengji, CHN					24.74 53.20a
Rafal Szukala, POL					24.78 53.29n
Michael Klim, AUS					24.97 53.30
Stephen Clarke, CAN					24.65 53.33n
Pavlo Khnykin, UKR					24.50 53.58

200 Fly					
WORLD RECORD					
Denis Pankratov, RUS (Canet, 6-14-95)		25.61	55.57	1:25.51	1:55.22
OLYMPIC RECORD					
Mel Stewart, USA (Barcelona, 7-30-92)		25.97	55.32	1:25.32	1:56.26
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 22)					
Denis Pankratov, RUS		25.71	55.69	1:26.34	1:56.51
Tom Malchow, USA		27.33	57.12	1:26.94	1:57.44
Scott Goodman, AUS		27.09	57.00	1:27.21	1:57.48
Franck Esposito, FRA		26.47	56.59	1:27.52	1:58.10
Scott Miller, AUS		26.06	56.06	1:26.82	1:58.28
Denis Silantiev, UKR		27.07	57.15	1:28.10	1:58.37
James Hickman, GBR		26.62	56.99	1:27.74	1:58.47
Peter Horvath, HUN		26.34	57.43	1:28.22	1:59.12

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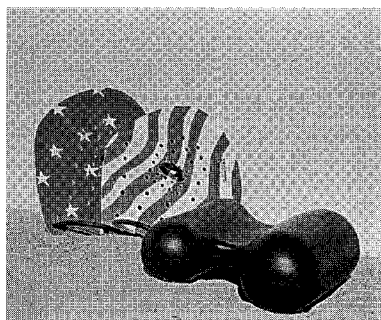
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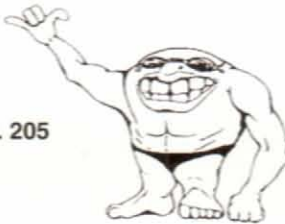
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WORLD RECORD				
Jani Sievinen, FIN (Rome, 9-11-94)	26.17	56.61	1:30.03	1:58.16
OLYMPIC RECORD				
Tamas Darnyi, HUN (Seoul, 9-25-88)	27.06	57.33	1:32.44	2:00.17
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 25)				
Attila Czene, HUN	26.47	56.42	1:30.87	1:59.91a
Jani Sievinen, FIN	26.65	57.95	1:31.94	2:00.13
Curtis Myden, CAN	25.94	57.37	1:31.91	2:01.13n
Marcel Wouda, NED	26.53	58.05	1:32.42	2:01.45
Matthew Dunn, AUS	26.85	58.02	1:32.89	2:01.57
Greg Burgess, USA	26.81	57.64	1:32.78	2:02.56
Tom Dolan, USA	26.69	57.92	1:33.63	2:03.89
Xavier Marchand, FRA	26.64	58.41	1:34.87	2:04.29

400 IM

WORLD RECORD				
Tom Dolan, USA (Rome, 9-6-94)	58.29	2:02.90	3:14.66	4:12.30
OLYMPIC RECORD				
Tamas Darnyi, HUN (Barcelona, 7-27-92)	59.82	2:04.15	3:16.63	4:14.23
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 21)				
Tom Dolan, USA	58.36	2:02.87	3:15.73	4:14.90
Eric Namesnik, USA	58.57	2:02.87	3:15.29	4:15.25
Curtis Myden, CAN	58.04	2:04.04	3:16.45	4:16.28c
Matthew Dunn, AUS	59.06	2:05.42	3:18.72	4:16.66n
Marcel Wouda, NED	1:00.42	2:07.54	3:19.70	4:17.71
Luca Sacchi, ITA	59.61	2:06.18	3:18.94	4:18.31
Marcin Malinski, POL	1:00.42	2:08.07	3:19.98	4:20.50
Sergei Mariniuk, MDA	1:00.08	2:06.54	3:20.20	4:21.15

400 MR

WORLD AND OLYMPIC RECORD				
USA (Seoul, 9-25-88)	54.56	1:56.20	2:48.58	3:36.93
(Berkoff, Schroeder, Biondi, Jacobs)	(1:01.64)	(52.38)	(48.35)	(48.35)
USA (Barcelona, 7-31-92)	53.86	1:55.31	2:48.14	3:36.93
(Rouse, Diebel, Morales, Olsen)	(1:01.45)	(52.83)	(48.79)	(48.79)
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 26)				
USA (Rouse, Linn, Henderson, Hall Jr.)	53.95	1:54.27	2:46.66	3:34.84w
(1:00.32)	(52.39)	(48.18)	(48.18)	
Russia (Selkov, Lopukhov, Panikratov, Popov)	55.53	1:57.19	2:48.74	3:37.55
(1:01.66)	(51.55)	(48.81)	(48.81)	
Australia (Dewick, Rogers, Miller, Klim)	56.65	1:58.36	2:50.40	3:39.56n
(1:01.71)	(52.04)	(49.16)	(49.16)	
Germany (Braun, Warnecke, Keller, Zikarsky)	55.76	1:57.16	2:50.31	3:39.64n
(1:01.40)	(53.15)	(49.33)	(49.33)	
Japan (Konnai, Hayashi, Yamamoto, Ito)	55.70	1:57.16	2:50.44	3:40.51a
(1:01.46)	(53.28)	(50.07)	(50.07)	
Hungary (Deutsch, Guttler, Horvath, Czene)	56.54	1:57.95	2:51.20	3:40.84
(1:01.41)	(53.25)	(49.64)	(49.64)	
Poland (Siembida, Krawczyk, Szukala, Kizierowski)	55.82n	1:58.53	2:51.82	3:41.94
(1:02.71)	(53.29)	(50.12)	(50.12)	
Israel (Urbach, Alekseev, Kutler, Bruck)	56.79	1:58.97	2:53.29	3:42.90
(1:02.18)	(54.32)	(49.61)	(49.61)	

400 FR

WORLD RECORD				
USA (Atlanta, 8-12-95)	49.32	1:38.43	2:26.60	3:15.11
(Fox, Hudepohl, Olsen, Hall Jr.)	(49.11)	(48.17)	(48.51)	(48.51)
OLYMPIC RECORD				
USA (Seoul, 9-23-88)	49.63	1:39.38	2:28.72	3:16.53
(Jacobs, Dalbey, Jager, Biondi)	(49.75)	(49.34)	(47.81)	(47.81)
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 23)				
USA (Olsen, Davis, Schumacher, Hall Jr.)	49.94	1:38.94	2:27.96	3:15.41a
(49.00)	(49.02)	(47.45)	(47.45)	
Russia (Egorov, Popov, Predkin, Pyshnenko)	49.95	1:37.83	2:27.34	3:17.06e
(47.88)	(49.51)	(49.72)	(49.72)	
Germany (Troger, Be, Zikarsky, Bj, Zikarsky, Pinger)	49.74	1:38.75	2:27.56	3:17.20n
(49.01)	(48.81)	(49.64)	(49.64)	
Brazil (Scherer, Massura, Cordeiro, Borges)	49.69	1:39.93	2:30.31	3:18.30n
(50.24)	(50.38)	(47.99)	(47.99)	
Netherlands (Veens, Geelen, v.d. Spoel, v.d. Hoogenband)	50.66	1:40.75	2:30.73	3:19.02n
(50.09)	(49.98)	(48.29)	(48.29)	
Australia (Klim, Dunn, Logan, Fydlar)	49.87	1:40.37	2:30.34	3:20.13
(50.50)	(49.97)	(49.79)	(49.79)	
Sweden (Frolander, Letsler, Holmertz, Wallin)	50.01	1:40.14	2:30.20	3:20.16
(50.13)	(50.06)	(49.96)	(49.96)	
Great Britain (Shackell, Rapley, Stevens, Fibbens)	50.50	1:40.26	2:30.76	3:21.52
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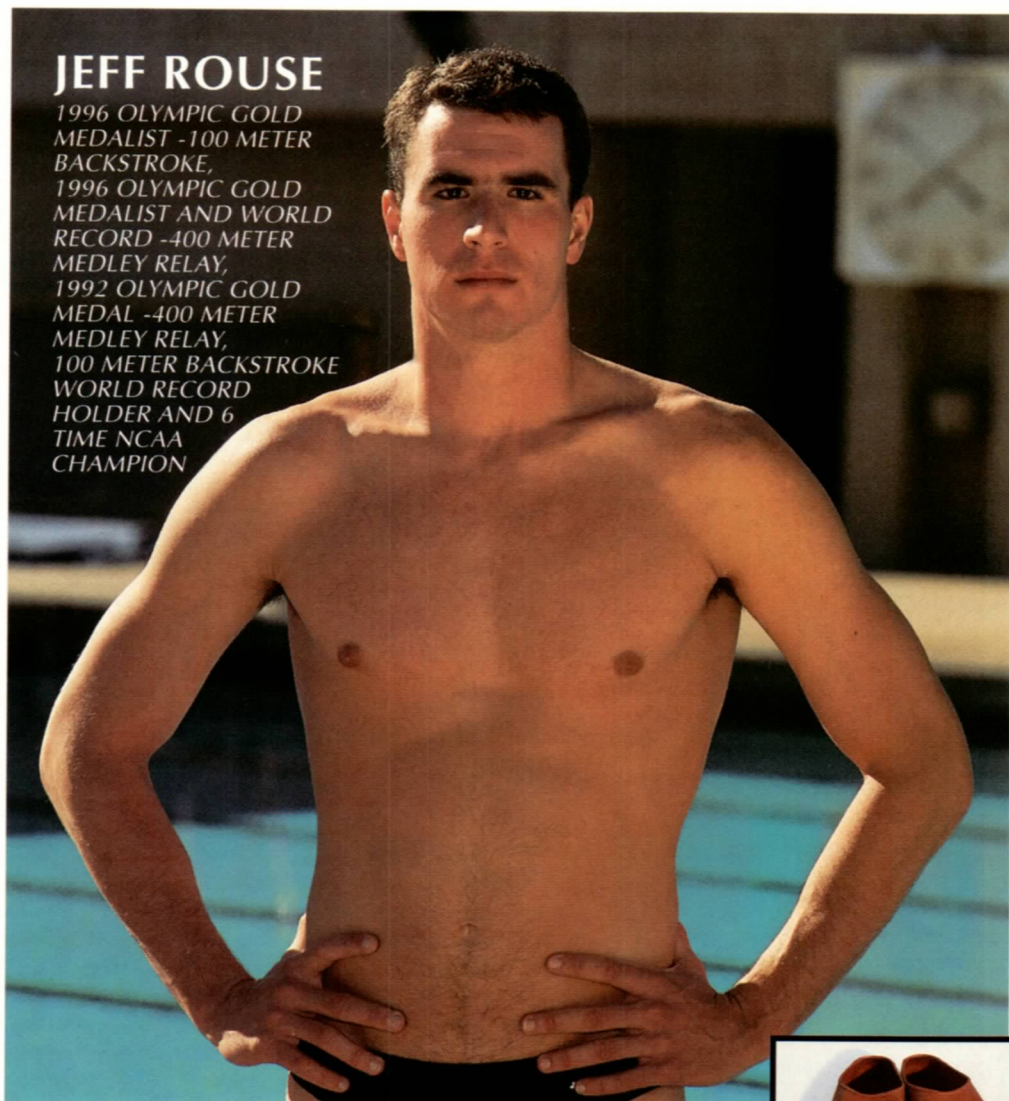
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Unified Team (Barcelona, 7-27-92)	1:49.55	3:36.13	5:25.12	7:11.95
(Lepikov, Pyshnenko, Tayanovich, Sadoviy)	(1:46.58)	(1:48.99)	(1:46.83)	(1:46.83)
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS (July 21)				
USA (Davis, Hudepohl, Schumacher, Berube)	1:48.19	3:37.48	5:26.37	7:14.84
(1:49.29)	(1:48.89)	(1:48.47)	(1:48.47)	
Sweden (Wallin, Holmertz, Frolander, Lybring)	1:50.47	3:37.50	5:26.48	7:17.56
(1:47.03)	(1:48.98)	(1:51.08)	(1:51.08)	
Germany (Heilmann, Keller, Troger, Zesner)	1:49.31	3:36.81	5:28.51	7:17.71
(1:49.50)	(1:49.80)	(1:49.10)	(1:49.10)	
Australia (Kowalski, Klim, Allen, Dunn)	1:49.42	3:37.46	5:28.23	7:18.47
(1:48.04)	(1:50.77)	(1:50.24)	(1:50.24)	
Great Britain (Palmer, Clayton, Stevens, Salter)	1:49.19	3:39.03	5:29.45	7:18.74n
(1:49.84)	(1:50.42)	(1:49.29)	(1:49.29)	
Italy (Rosolino, Idini, Merisi, Siciliano)	1:49.22	3:39.58	5:30.72	7:19.92
(1:50.36)	(1:51.14)	(1:49.20)	(1:49.20)	
Netherlands (Wouda, v.d. Zijden, v.d. Spoel, v.d. Hoogenband)	1:49.89	3:40.66	5:32.71	7:21.96n
(1:50.77)	(1:52.05)	(1:49.25)	(1:49.25)	
France (de Fabrique, Poirot, Orsoni, Bordesau)	1:50.76	3:41.50	5:33.47	7:24.85
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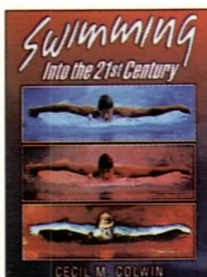
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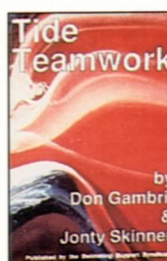
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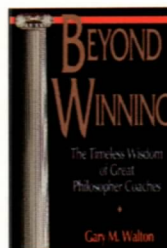
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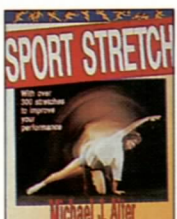
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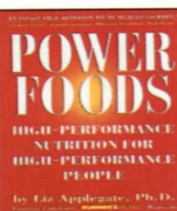
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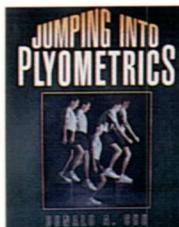
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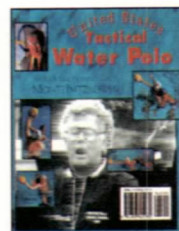
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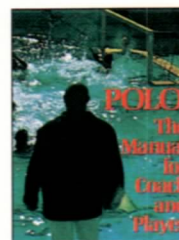
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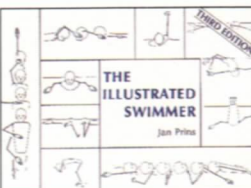
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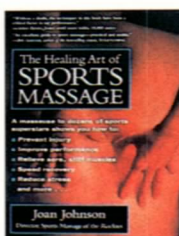
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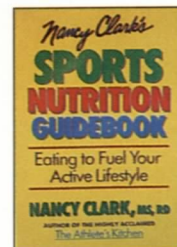
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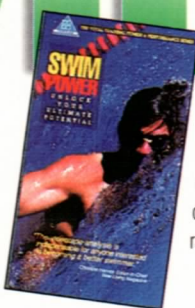


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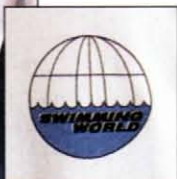
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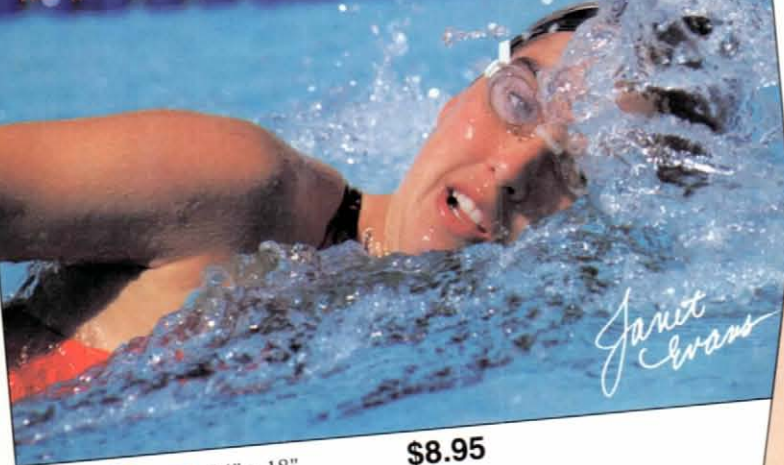


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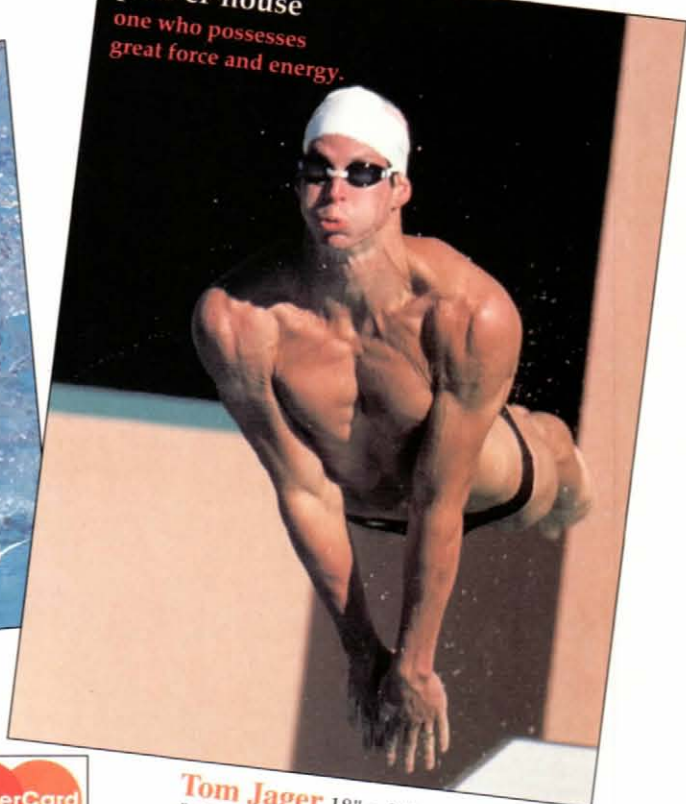
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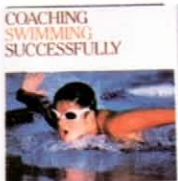
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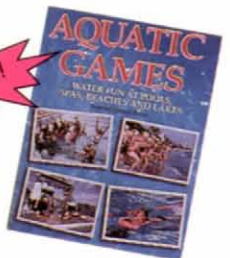
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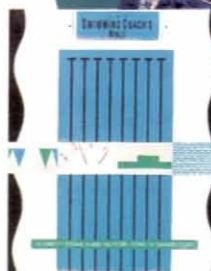
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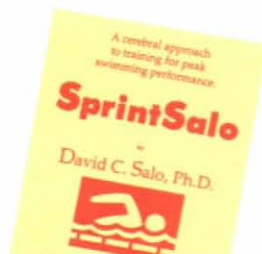
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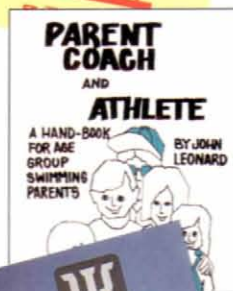
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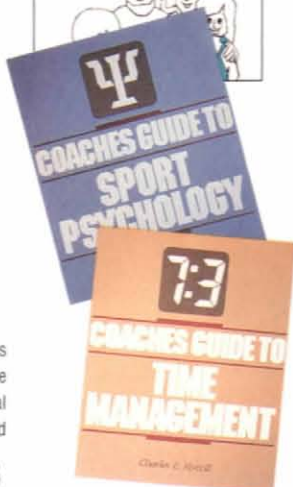
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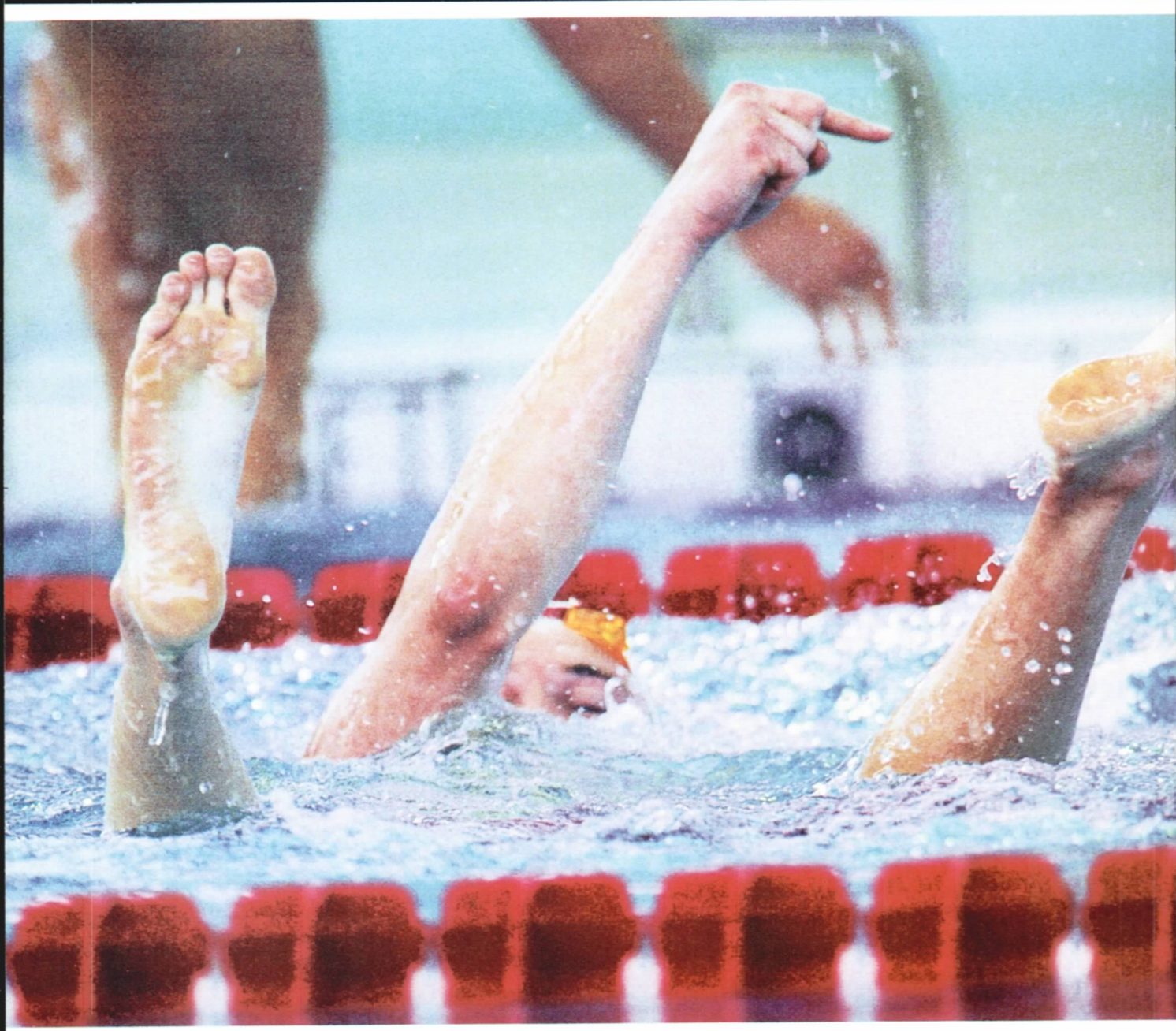


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Coach: Alan Bertrand (218)845-6703

Club/Summer League: Metro Sports Assoc, NY 12153
Coach: Stuart Johnson (218)642-4858

DOB: 07/09/78 (Age 17)
Height: 5' 9"

Grad. Date: 05/96
Weight: 194

NCAA Clearinghouse: No
Dominant Hand: Not Applicable

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

G.P.A.	P.S.A.T.	S.A.T.	A.C.
3.25	107	1050	21

Awards: Academic All-Star
Activities:

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

GRADE LEVEL	SR HS	JR CL	SO HS	GRADE LEVEL	SR HS
100YD FREE	00:58.1	00:59.6	01:01.2	200YD IN MEDLEY	02:26
100YD BACK	01:05.1	01:08.6	01:17.2	200M IN MEDLEY	02:31
100YD BUTTERFLY	01:17.1	01:19.6	01:23.2	JR NAT. QUAL.	Y Y N

Awards: All State
Camps & Clinics: Mike Monroe's Clinic

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