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PRESIDENT THIS YEAR is John Younie Coutts, M.B.E. who has devoted his life and time to Scottish Swimming. Jock, who has been associated with swimming for over 50 years joined the local Aberdeen Club, Bon-Accord in 1920. He was a member of the 'Bons' polo team in 1924 which was beaten 3-2 in the final of the Scottish Cup by the famous Paisley team at Dundee.

At the Scottish Swimming Championships at Aberdeen in 1924, Jock's protege, Chris Peterson became the first Scot to break six minutes for 440 yards Freestyle. Coached also by Jock, his daughter, Joan, was a Scottish Internationalist.

Prior to the commencement of the Second World War, our President was appointed Treasurer for the Northern District a post which he held for 18 years. He later became President of the North for a record period of 10 years.

The period of the Second War, Jock acted as President and Secretary of the Scottish on the death of Bob Cunningham.

At the Annual General Meeting in 1946 Jock was officially appointed Secretary to the Scottish, a position which we know he held until this year—twenty-five years' in office.

Of all the swimmers he has known, one name stands out—Jack Wardrop (Motherwell)—who held two world records and also held Scottish records barring the breast-stroke events.

In February next year, when Jock's term of office has been completed, the man who has steered Scottish swimming over these years will slip quietly from the Scottish swimming scene. To Mrs Coutts and Jock, may we wish them every happiness for the future.



Participants in the 1972 Olympic Games may well be in danger of forgetting why they are there, once installed in the Olympic Village.

Especially for the Games, a new elementary school and a new day nursery will be turned into the amusement centre of the Village. In the two storey building, competitors will find rooms for music and singing, games and dancing, social activities and rest. The erection of this building in grounds measuring over 21,000 square yards has already commenced and will cost 14 million.

A dancing room with a small bar will be available for athletes' leisure hours. Entertainment will be provided by a disc-jockey in the afternoon and an international show-band in the evening. An ex-

hibition room will give competitors an opportunity to display their own paintings, drawings or photographs. The basement will contain a number of table tennis rooms, five television rooms, two rooms equipped with table football and other automatic games and a refreshment lounge. Here a cinema is also to be installed seating 200, which will be used for the local populace after the Games. Another theatre, seating 200, will be in the schools gymnasium complex to enable competitors to stage displays of their native folklore.

Even Relaxation

For all who seek peaceful

relaxation, there will be a reading room with the world's newspapers and gramophone records.

Participants in 1972 will not catch cold during training as the nine training pools are to receive a water heating plant, warm showers and heated halls. 700 swimmers will take part in the events



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Scotland beat Iceland by

10 points

was Eric Henderson who took first place in the 200 metres butterfly then turned in a magnificent butterfly 'leg' in the 4 x 100 metres medley relay which greatly helped to bring about a vital and needed win by the home side.

Louise Ross in the women's butterfly delighted the home support with her success in the 100 metres event. Always in control she returned a time of 1m.11.8s. which was much too fast for her opponents. Greenock girl Anne McCormick a late alteration hung on well to gain a useful third place in this event.

With the overnight score tied at 60-60 it was obvious that every point was going to be precious and when Gordon Souter surged through the water in a dominant and confident manner to win easily in the 400 metres in a time of 4m. 29.4s. the afternoon had begun well but even better when local swimmer John McLennan slipped into second place for maximum pointage.

RESULTS

MEN
100 metres free-style — 1, F. Gardarsson (I), 55.8sec.; 2, M. Shore (S), 56.4; 3, G. Souter (S), 57.1; 4, S. Olafsson (I), 58.8.
200 metres breast-stroke — 1, G. Gudmundsson (I), 2min. 36.6sec.; 2, G. Stirton (S), 2-37.4; 3, L. Jonsson (I), 2-37.5; 4, R. Martin (S), 2-50.8.
200 metres butterfly — 1, E. C. Henderson (S), 2-17.1; 2, A. Scott (S), 2-17.4; 3, G. Gislason (I), 2-18.6; 4, G. Gudmundsson (I), 2-39.
200 metres back-stroke — 1, H. Simpson (S), 2-19.3; 2, A. Hobson (S), 2-20.3; 3, F. Gardarsson (I), 2-32.4; 4, F. Hudmundsson (I), 2-43.3.
4 x 100 metres free-style relay — 1, Scotland, 3-48.7; 2, Iceland, 3-50.

WOMEN
400 metres free-style — 1, A. Mackie (S), 4-55.6; 2, V. Juliusdottir (I), 4-57; 3, G. Gudmundsdottir (I), 5-11.4; 4, A. McCormick (S), 5-28.4.
100 metres breast-stroke — 1, H. Gunnarsdottir (I), 1-22.7; 2, I. Haraldsdottir

(I), 1-26.1; 3, J. Lbrnie (S), 1-26.3; 4, S. Dickie (S), 1-28.9.
100 metres back-stroke — 1, G. Fordyce (S), 1-13.3; 2, S. Thorisdottir (I), 1-13.7; 3, J. Ross (S), 1-16.7; 4, L. Ronson Petursdottir (I), 1-17.2.
400 metres individual medley — 1, G. Gudmundsdottir (I), 5-53.2; 2, V. Juliusdottir (I), 6-4.6; 3, J. Fraser (S), 6-4.6; 4, F. Craig (S), 6-18.3.
4 x 100 metres medley relay — 1, Iceland, 4-56.7; 2, Scotland, 5-0.2.

Men
400 metres free-style—1, G. Souter (S), 4min. 29.4sec.; 2, J. McLennan (S), 4-35; 3, F. Gudmundsson (I), 4-36.3; 4, S. Olafsson (I), 4-45.5.
100 metres back-stroke—1, H. Simpson (S) 1-3.5; 2, J. McClatchey (S), 1-6.5; 3, G. Gislason (I), 1-7.5; 4, F. Gardarsson (I), 1-9.2.
100 metres breast-stroke—1, G. Gudmundsson (I), 1-12.5; 2, G. Stirton (S), 1-12.5; 3, L. Jonsson (I), 1-14.2; 4, M. Ferguson (S), 1-15.9.

The Iceland team well equipped in the art of breast-stroke swimming won all four races. The double defeat by Gordon Stirton coming as a mild surprise although in the 200 metres so close was the finish that both he and the visitor Gudjon Gunnarsdottir were given the same time.

The Scottish selectors had every reason to be satisfied with the showing of the team. and the match gave them the opportunity of trying out several young swimmers and the experience will be to their advantage.

As expected Andrea MacKie set Scotland off in a winning line when she won the 400 metres F Style. She could not afford to relax at any stage for she was closely followed by a competent Vieberg Juliusdottir but the Aberdeen girl had a bit in hand to win with three yards to spare.

In the women's 100 metres sprint Andrea found the pace too hot and it was Liz Wright who took over as Scotland's main challenger. Elizabeth fought all the way and was not far away at the finish in a creditable 65.5s.

400 metres individual medley—1, G. Gislason, 5-7.2; 2, A. Gentleman (S), 5-20.9; 3, H. Gudmundsson (I), 5-20.1; 4, J. Campbell (S), 5-26.1.
4 x 100 metres medley relay—1, Scotland, 4-15.7; 2, Iceland, 4-18.6

Women

100 metres free-style—1, L. R. Petursdottir (I), 1-5.45; 2, E. Wright (S), 1-5.5; 3, A. Mackie (S), 1-6.6; 4, V. Juliusdottir (I), 1-6.7.

200 metres breast-stroke—1, H. Gunnarsdottir (I), 3-1; 2, M. Eadie (S), 3-5.2; 3, G. Magnusdottir (I) 3-9.5; 4, S. Dickie (S), 3-14.1.

100 metres butterfly—1, L. Ross (S), 1-11.8; 2, G. Gudmundsdottir (I), 1-13.2; 3, A. McCormick (S) 1-16; 4, I. Haraldsdottir (I), 1-23.7.

200 metres back-stroke—1, S. Thorisdottir (I), 2-39.6; 2, G. Fordyce (S), 2-40.3; 3, J. Ross (S), 2-41.5; 4, H. Buldrsdottir (I), 2-50.6.

4 x 100 metres free-style relay — 1, Scotland, 4-28.2; 2, Iceland, 4-29.5.

Carol in good form in Denmark

DENMARK v SCOTLAND
COPENHAGEN, 6th-9th August, 1971

THE contest was held in the Bellahøj Bad, an open air pool in the suburb of Copenhagen. Whilst the water temperature of 75 deg. F. was comfortable, the changeable air temperature and the time of each contest (5 p.m.) made conditions difficult and every credit must go to our young diving team who were competing for the first time in the open air.

The diving boards were "Duraflex" and the facilities consisted of two 1m and two 3m boards with 5, 7½ and 10m fixed platforms. The required dives for both men and women were held on the Saturday and the voluntary dives on the Sunday.

The women's contest was a particularly good one with Carol Graham taking an early lead which she held throughout the event, in doing so scored a personal best by some 20 points. Carol Cooper however started with a disastrous forward dive leaving her with too much to do to redeem herself.

The men's event started well with both our divers scoring well in the first five dives and were well in touch. The tariff dives however showed the Danes in a good light with steady dives throughout. Iain Black held on very well until the ninth round but dropped a reverse double somersault.

This match proved invaluable to our divers showing that despite the unfavourable conditions Carol Graham and Iain Black could each score an international personal best against the older and much more experienced Danes. Results:—

Women: 10 dives—C. Graham (S) 297.30; B. Rasmusson (D) 246.15; I. Jorgenson (D) 236.35; C. Cooper (S) 226.35.

Men: 11 dives—G. Hansen (D) 384.00; S. Svejstrup (D) 350.15; I. Black (S) 334.05; D. Downs (S) 313.60.
Match Result: Denmark 13; Scotland 9.

Three Scots in Britain's team

Three Scots, Hamilton Simpson (Paisley), Andrea Mackie (Aberdeen), and Moira Brown (Dumfries), are in Britain's team for the triangular match against the United States and the Soviet Union at Minsk, from September 9 to 11.

Simpson will swim in two

events, the 100 and 200 metres back-stroke. Miss Mackie had been chosen for the 800 metres freestyle and Miss Brown for the 200 butterfly.

Britain's leading free-style swimmer, Lesley Allardice, the Anglo-Scot, is unavailable because of school work.

Diane does well at Coventry

BRITAIN'S SWIMMING youngsters were in brilliant form against West Germany at Coventry yesterday, winning the two-day junior international by a decisive 115 points to 67.

Britain won every individual event and with a series of records it proved the most heartening event in British swimming for a long time.

Diane Walker, the 15-year-old Scottish champion from Aberdeen, set a new Scottish senior and junior 400 metres medley record time of 5min 31.4sec when she finished second.

Another Scots girl, Lesley Allardice, won the 400 metres freestyle in 4min 47.8sec.

An Age-Group International sponsored by Coco-Cola takes place in Edinburgh (Royal Commonwealth Pool) on October 9. This contest has three age groups, under 12, 13 and 14; and 15, 16. Four teams will compete, Ireland, Wales, Midland ASA and Scotland. The last contest between Midland and Wales ended in a victory for the English team. This is the first time that Ireland have been included.

BOOK your ticket for the eight-club contest at the Commonwealth Pool in December. The contest brings together the leading clubs in Britain in competition and organised by the Warrender Club is the most ambitious inter-club contest ever held in Scotland.

LOUISE ROSS, Scottish butterfly champion is not a one stroke swimmer, for the spectators were delighted with the manner the Edinburgh girl went about swimming her freestyle leg of the 4x100 metres relay won by the Scottish girls in the match against Iceland.

IN THE NEWS

KIRKINTILLOCH is now well established as a leading Scottish swim centre and from the talent in training and enthusiasm on the coaching side, much more should be heard from the Dunbartonshire club. The Kirkintilloch coach, D. M. Gowan was coach to the Scottish team against Iceland.

ELIZABETH WRIGHT, who was the only home Scot to make the final at the British Championships at Leeds is now fulfilling her early promise. At the international against Iceland she turned in some good sprinting and pleased the selectors with her form. She could well be heading for a British relay team place. With Britain entering a relay team for the Olympics at Munich, Liz will be trying to reduce her time as she bids for a team place.

GORDON SOUTER could have been in Russia for the prestige international match but had to withdraw because of university commitments.

ALAN HOPKINS, the first East Kilbride swimmer to gain international recognition could be the first of many from the champion-ship pool.

GOOD to see Motherwell back in the swimming headlines. The Lanarkshire pool must hold the record for the number of Olympic representatives. David McGregor, father and coach of Olympic medallist Bobby McGregor, represented Britain when a polo player at Motherwell.

DUNDEE BELMONT keep the Tayside flag flying in international swimming. However, the water polo scene in Dundee is as busy as ever. Scottish swimming needs a strong Dundee swim club to give the Midlands the strength required for Inter-District swimming.

COCA-COLA who sponsored the training week at Aviemore prior to the team leaving for Israel are certainly helping to lift the Scottish swimming standard. The firm fully appreciate the benefit and enjoyment swimmers get from their sport and are well involved in the training programme being marked out by the training convenor.

PAISLEY AMATEURS last month entertained a swimming team from Fürth in West Germany to a match and hospitality at the Storie Street Baths.

AGE GROUP ENTRIES
The total number of entries for the National Age-Group Championships 2805 must be a record. Peter Boyd, General Secretary has had a busy time drawing up the District heats.

The Scottish Long Course Swimming Championships which took place at the East Kilbride pool received a poor press for the general organisation. Undoubtedly, the criticism was justified when junior events were being started after 11 p.m. It is now up to The Council of the Association to set up a working party to organise and re-think the whole structure of these championships.

A contest for the unofficial clubs' championship of Great Britain organised by Warrender will take place in the Royal Commonwealth Pool on Saturday, December 11. Eight teams will compete.

SYNCHRO IN SCOTLAND is reaching a standard well within top British levels and Mrs Mack from Clydebank who has been a driving force behind the scene must be happy with the progress of her swimmers. Mrs Black was in Holland recently on Synchro business and we will be inviting Mary to give her views on her trip and what future lies ahead for synchronised swimming.

Paisley Bath's superintendent Mr McMaie who specialises in long distance swimming was one of the competitors on the Loch Lomond swim on August 28.

FIXTURES TO NOTE

OCTOBER 27 — Balagno Trophy event at Grimsby

OCTOBER 9 — Age group International. Edinburgh.

NOVEMBER 20 — Age Group Scottish finals.

DECEMBER 11—Eight Club Contest. Edinburgh

Scotland team in training



National coach John Hogg has a few words with the swimmers during training at Aviemore.



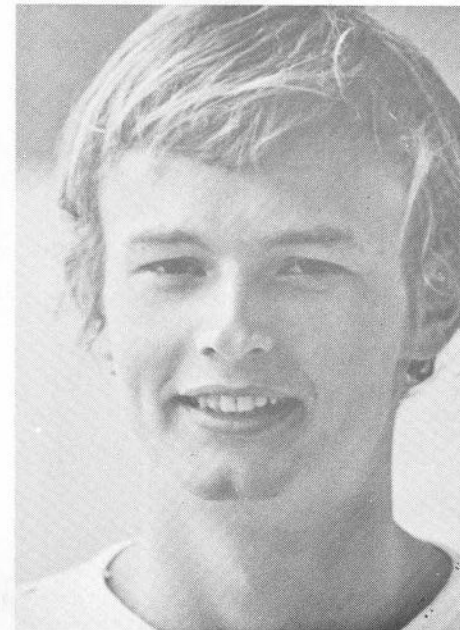
James Connor (16), 33E Thornhill, Johnstone, is a member of Paisley A.S.C. He has represented Scotland against Norway, N. Counties England, and Wales.



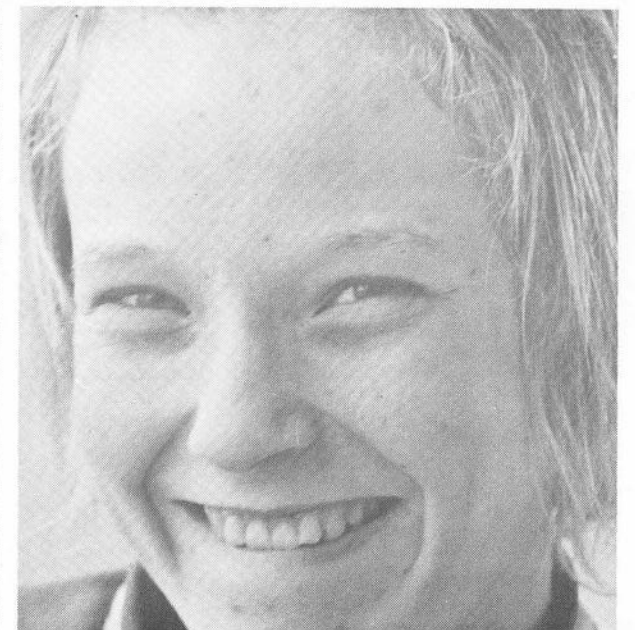
Scottish swimmers at Aviemore



Linda Thomson (14), 18 Achray Drive, Paisley, is a member of Paisley A.S.C. She represented Scotland in Cardiff this year and holds the 440 yds. freestyle for juniors title.



Gordon Souter, talented freestyle swimmer, who has reached international levels.



Diane Walker has much to be pleased about having won Scottish Championship titles and represented Britain at international levels.

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The Swimmer is intended to be a magazine for the Scottish swimming public whom we feel have been starved of swim news for some time.

With the growth in swimming in Scotland and the interest in performances by swimmers in other districts it is only by having a Scottish swim journal that the enthusiast can hope to keep up with what is happening on the swim scene.

The Swimmer is about swimming and we hope to hear from swimmers and officials either by contributing to the letters page or by submitting articles for publication.

To start off a magazine in Scotland it is necessary to begin in a modest manner but if the interest in the magazine grows so then will the magazine in style and number of pages.

We have responded to numerous requests to get a publication underway but the success of such a journal depends on the demand by the swim public.

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Scotland finish second at Seven Nations in Israel

PAISLEY swimmers fared particularly well in the recent Seven Nations Contest at Tel Aviv, Eric Henderson being in good form in both individual and relay events.

Last month a team from Fürth in West Germany visited Paisley for a match against the local swimmers.

Still on the international scene, Paisley were represented in the Scottish team who swam against Iceland at the Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh.

Scotland just failed to win the Seven Nations Contest in Israel by one point from Spain. Undoubtedly, Scotland lost this contest not in the pool but in the method of scoring.

The Spanish team had more victories than the Scottish team, the difference in points between the winner of an event and the second placed swimmer was two points.

Only two Scots won their respective events — Eric Henderson, 200m Butterfly, and David Wilkie, 200m Breaststroke.

Prior to the team flying out to Israel, a training week at Aviemore was sponsored by Coca Cola.

This contest will take place in Scotland next year, at the end of July, so let us hope that Scotland can go one better.

TOTAL FINAL POINTS

1 Spain	114
2 Scotland	113
3 Switzerland	96

FINAL POINTS

Women — 1, Switzerland	71;
2, Scotland	53;
3, Norway	47.

Men — 1, Spain 79; 2, Scotland 60; 3, Wales 45.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

100m Freestyle (Men) — 1, U. Gustavsen (Norway) 55.6s; 6. M. Shore (Scotland) 57.8s.

400m Freestyle (Men) — 1, S. Esteva (Spain) 4m 20.9s; 2, G. Souter (Scotland) 4m 26.0s.

1500m Freestyle (Men) — 1, A. Corell (Spain) 17m 27.4s; 2, A. Scott (Scotland) 17m 43.5s.

200m Backstroke (Men) — 1, S. Estava (Spain) 2m 13.7s; 2, M. Richards (Wales) 2m 13.7s; 3, H. Simpson (Scotland) 2m 18.6s.

200m Breaststroke (Men) — 1, D. Wilkie (Scotland) 2m 33.0s.

200m Butterfly (Men) — 1, E. Henderson (Scotland) 2m 14.8s.

400m Ind. Medley (Men) — 1, J. Ferrero (Spain) 5m 01.3s; 5, J. Connor (Scotland) 5m 11.0s.

4 x 100m Medley Relay (Men) — 1, Spain, 4m 07.7s; 2, Wales, 4m 13.4s; 3, Scotland, 4m 13.9s.

4 x 200m Freestyle Relay (Men) — 1, Spain, 8m 18.0s; 2, Scotland, 8m 21.7s.

100m Freestyle (Women) — 1, G. Mathison (Norway) 1m 03.0s; 3, A. Mackie (Scotland) 1m 05.6s.

400m Freestyle (Women) — 1, F. Monod (Switzerland) 4m 44.6s (Contest Record); 3, A. Mackie (Scotland) 4m 54.9s.

200m Breaststroke (Women) — 1, P. Beavan (Wales) 2m 49.1s (Contest Record); 2, D. Walker (Scotland) 2m 52.9s.

100m Backstroke (Women) — 1, S. Niesner (Switzerland) 1m 10.6s; 4, J. Ross (Scotland) 1m 15.1s.

100m Butterfly (Women) — 1, A. Chamorro (Spain) 1m 09.4s; 3, L. Ross (Scotland) 1m 11.2s.

400m Ind. Medley (Women) — 1, K. Trine (Norway) 5m 24.1s; 4, D. Walker (Scotland) 5m 33.1s.

4 x 100m Medley Relay (Women) — 1, Switzerland, 4m 43.6s (Contest and Swiss Record); 2, Scotland, 4m 52.1s.

4 x 100m Freestyle Relay (Women) — 1, Switzerland, 4m 19.9s (Swiss Record); 2, Scotland, 4m 20.3s.

ANDREA HAS WONDER SEASON

Andrea Mackie, Thistle Ladies, who has had a truly wonderful season. She represented Scotland and Britain in international events in addition to swimming for the North District in the Inter District competition.

At the Scottish Championships at East Kilbride, Andrea was the outstanding freestyle swimmer, handling all distances from 100 metres to 800 with the ease and style of a champion.

Having represented Britain in the 400 and 800 metres, Andrea is one of the potential British Olympic squad and no doubt she has her eye on the Munich Olympics in 1972.

Her cousin, Jayne Lornie, is moving into the representative field and will be hoping to join Andrea in National teams.

Scotland have had Olympic representation in British teams at London, Helsinki, Melbourne, Rome, Tokyo and Mexico and all Scottish fans will wish Andrea every success in her bid to qualify for Munich.

17 years of age, she is employed with an Aberdeen firm and has been swimming since she was at school.

Coached by Jim Lornie, she trains six days per week, with the schedule planned according to the period of the season.

Around 5ft. 7ins. in height, she is fortunate in not having any weight troubles.

When she broke through at Scottish Championships in 1969 to win her first senior title, the critics forecast a bright future for the Aberdeen swimmer.

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In brief...

National Technical Training Officer John Hogg is now seeing some of his plans take shape and after North of the Border is rapidly becoming a true Scot... apart from a slight Anglo Scot accent. John and his attractive wife Sally are welcome visitors to club functions but it is not the social side that we have tackled John about, for what we want to know... Is There A place for Scotland in top world competition.

Peter Boyd General Secretary of the S.A.S.A. lives at 20 Farm Avenue, Fulton, Lasswade, Midlothian and as all entries go to the secretary his address is one for your diary.

The water polo scene in Scotland is much brighter than for several years and the administrations must be hopeful for a good international season in 1972. The Scottish swimming team against Iceland looked very smart in the blue track suits. A change from a few years ago when we were the poor relations.

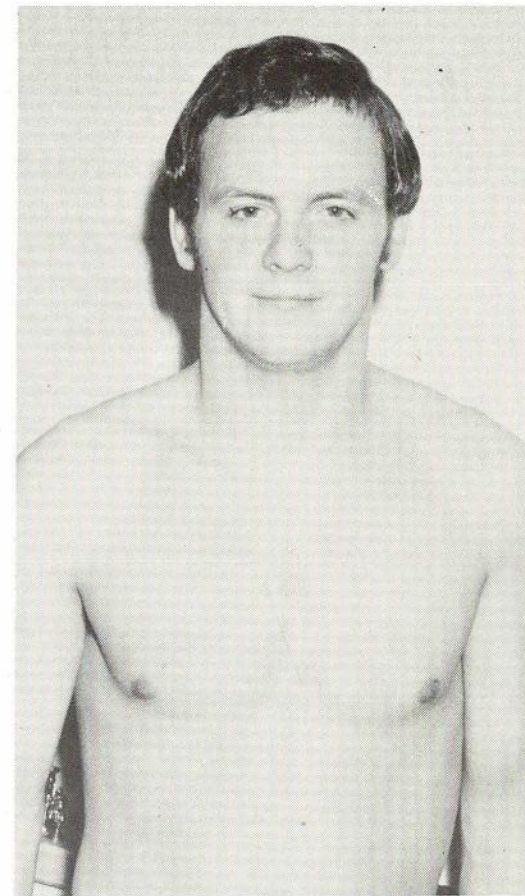
The Commonwealth Games in New Zealand in 1974 will be held in January - February. While it is a bit early to think about the make-up of the Scottish swimming team it has been suggested that each country be allowed 13 competitors.

Mr Dempster of Clydebank has intimated that his club have in their possession the two Doc Counsilman films on Stroke Analysis and Starts and Turns. These are available for hire at a reasonable charge. Contact Mr Dempster of the Clydebank club for details.

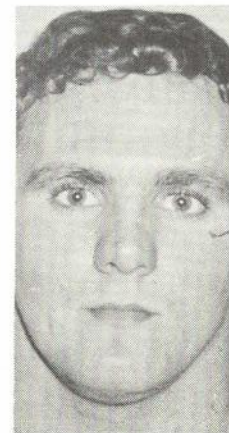
A contest between an Aberdeen select and the Harrogate club resulted in a victory for Aberdeen by 55 to 45.

at the championships

HAMILTON SIMPSON, the Paisley backstroke swimmer, will be one of the leading competitors at the championships. The Paisley backstroke swimmer is a consistent competitor who always can be depended on to turn in a good swim. A regular Scottish and British team swimmer, he has travelled thousands of miles with representative teams, but is never upset by foreign condition. A television engineer, he is fortunate that he can generally get the necessary time off work to take part in international competitions. He first came to light as an age group swimmer with exceptional versatility but there is no doubt that by concentrating on backstroke swimming he has made the right decision. The experience he gained at the Commonwealth Games last year plus his outings against the top swimmers in Britain has made him a highly competent swimmer



ERIC HENDERSON, now domiciled in England still makes the trip north of the border to swim in the Scottish Championships. His butterfly prowess has won for him many international honours and he has represented Scotland in international matches in Europe and at the Commonwealth Games. However, his talents are not confined to butterfly stroke swimming for he has won Scottish championship titles in freestyle and individual medley swimming. Always willing to train hard, he has reaped the benefit of his hard work as a junior.



LINDA ARMOUR, now an accepted member of the Warrender Club has, since making her debut as a backstroke swimmer, always looked a swimmer of the top flight. A neat stylist, she first impressed when a member of Paisley A.S.C. From her earliest competitive days she has been encouraged by her parents. Her mother being a championship swimmer and a well informed official. Linda is following in the family sporting tradition for while her mother was a keen aquatic competitor her dad is a top flight amateur golfer.