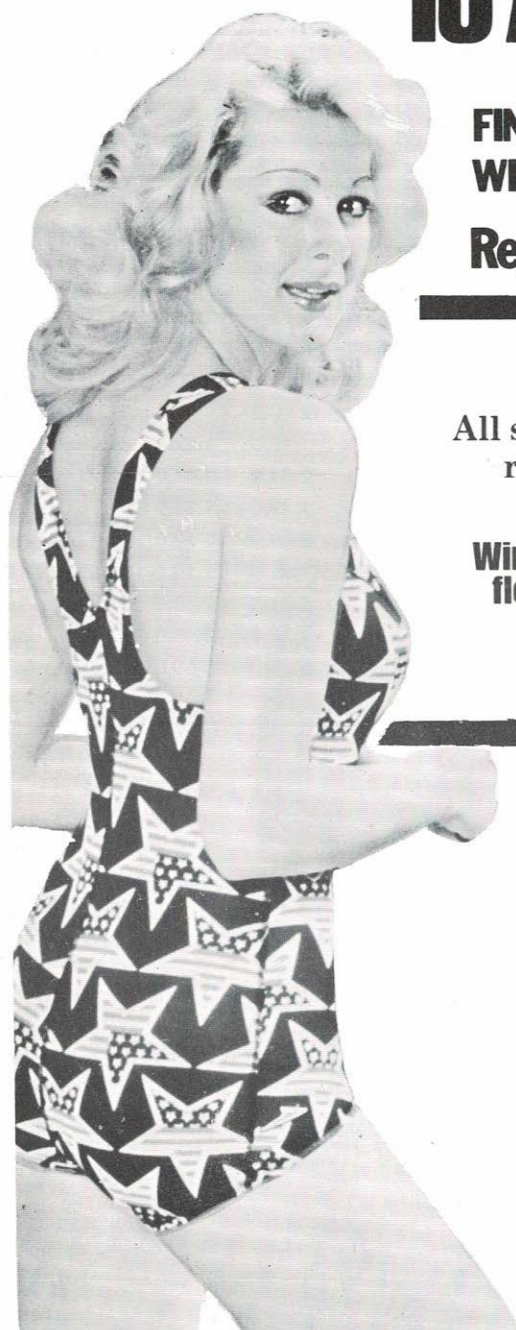


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THE COVER



Sandra Dickie (Paisley) in the 200 metres Breaststroke at the Three Nations Contest in Edinburgh.

EDITORIAL

Included in this month's issue is a very important advert. The Scottish Amateur Swimming Association are advertising for a Director of Swimming.

Since the departure of John Hogg to Canada in 1974 the Association have tried unsuccessfully to fill this vacancy. The remuneration offered should attract many of Britain's top coaches. It is hoped, that an appointment can be successfully agreed on, suitable to all members of the Association.

Another advert which will attract our many attractive young ladies is the opportunity to enter the Miss Sports-world competition sponsored by Speedo and ITV - the top prize a trip to Jamaica.

Due to a slight error, our Free Competition, will be repeated this month. All entrants will receive a

free copy of this month's magazine.

The Swimmer has been well received in Scotland and even our friends over the border have had nice words to say about the first edition. Several enquiries have been made regarding Subscription to The Swimmer. You will find a Subscription Form on page 15. Club secretaries are again asked to contribute information to the magazine. The Swimmer is keen to have ranking lists, could we draw your attention to our TAG ratings on page 15.

Finally, to repeat what was mentioned in last month's issue; it is necessary to start in a modest manner, but as the interest in the magazine grows so then will the magazine in style and number of the pages.

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SCOTLAND LOSE THREE NATIONS CONTEST

The Three Nations contest which took place in the Royal Commonwealth pool Edinburgh on 23/24 April resulted in a victory for Czechoslovakia with 312 points with West Germany second having 186 points and Scotland last with 181.

Czechoslovakia dominated this contest winning twenty-five events. West Germany won three, with Scotland winning, just one event.

The diving section resulted in a clean sweep for Czechoslovakia.

Although beaten, several of the Scots impressed. In the women's 100 metres Freestyle Elaine Gray (City of Glasgow) was placed second, her time a new Scottish Record time 60.72. Falkirks Vivien Heddlestone also had a good performance in this event, placed third in 61.48. Miss Heddlestone had other notable performances in the 200 Free, her time 2 min. 12.16 and in the womens 200 Fly time 2 min. 28.64. However, the best performance from the Scots came from Elaine Gray swimming in the first leg of the womens Freestyle relay, her time was inside her present record achieved in this contest — 60.56. This time is the fastest by a British woman this year. Unfortunately, it was just 0.4 secs outside the required standard time for

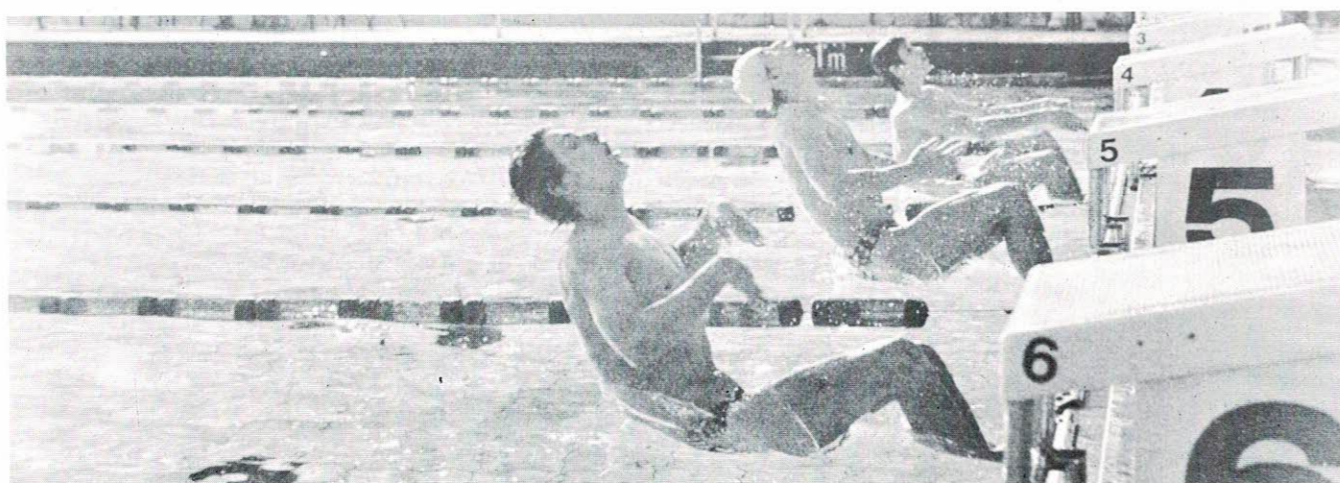
the Games. In the final leg of the Medley Relay Elaine was timed unofficially at 59.65. Robbie Dawson (Aberdeen Bon-Accord) was Scotlands only winner, in the 100 Freestyle his time 55.47 was a personal best. This was a good performance for the Aberdeen student, but two seconds outside the Olympic standard time. Gordon Hewitt (Paisley) had two fine swims in the Fly events, in the 100 his time was 58.89 and in the 200 Fly — 2 min. 08.97. It was very unfortunate that Hewitt had to swim a 400 Freestyle race three events prior to his 200 Fly event, perhaps if the programme had been rearranged Gordon may well have achieved that Qualifying time. The Scots mens 4 x 100 Freestyle Relay team put up a good show, the time 3 min. 41.71

Sandra Dickie (Paisley) who returned from Miami five days prior to the contest swam in four individual events. It was obvious that the Paisley girl was feeling the effects of her change in surroundings. On reflexion, was it fair that the Scottish selectors chose her for this contest.

World ranked Miloslav Rolko of Czechoslovakia had mixed fortunes winning the 100 Backstroke in 61.95 easily from his countryman Josef Kuf; however, in the 200 the placing was surprisingly reversed, Kuf winning in 2 min. 10.15 with Rolkos time 2 min. 13.47



Councillor Meeke, Chairman Edinburgh District Council Recreation and Amenities Committee presents the Silver Tray donated by Mrs. Mary Black to the President of the Czechoslovakian Swimming Association. Mrs. Black is also in the picture.



Start of the Men's Medley Team Race RCP 24th April 1976 — Scotland v West Germany v Czechoslovakia. Ian Hughes nearest camera

Records Go at Coca-Cola International

European, British and English records, with four Olympic qualifying times helped to raise the two day Coca-Cola International at Leeds from mediocrity to a final session which produced swimming which has come to be expected at this contest.

Undoubtedly, the Coca-Cola award for the outstanding swimmer at the meet went to Petra Thuemer (GDR) who broke the existing European record in the 800 metres Freestyle by 4.92 secs. The young East Germans time was 8 min. 47.53 just 4 secs outside the current world mark held by Australian Jenny Turrell. This swim, the final event of the meet raised the standard, but unfortunately, the too partisan English public had exhausted their enthusiasm — having earlier cheered a new British Record by Brian Brinkley in the 400 metres Freestyle.

Brinkley, was on schedule having lead from the start in the 400 Freestyle for the first Briton to break the four minute barrier, but regrettably no one pushed him over the final 100 metres. The time recorded by the British captain 4 min. 01.37 clipped 0.19 off the previous British record set by Alan McClatchey at the U.S. Nationals in April.

Margaret Kelly, although beaten twice by 16 year old Susanne Neilson (Denmark) in both Breaststroke events — had consolation of two new British and English records (100 — 1 min. 14.47, 200 — 2 min. 41.93).

World Bronze medalist David Parker returned to his top form at this contest when he achieved the stiff qualifying time for the 1500 metres Freestyle his time 15 min. 57.45 was 12.65 secs inside the standard time.

Two outstanding personal performances by Duncan Cleworth and Alex Kenny helped them achieve the qualifying time, Cleworth finished a close second to West German Hajo Geisler in the 400 metres Individual medley his time 4 min. 40 secs. was seven-tenths inside the standard time. Miss Kenny also achieved the time in the 400 metres Individual Medley her 5 min. 10.17 was indeed a great performance by the 14 year old.

David Leigh became the fourth British male swimmer to achieve the standard time in the 100 metres Breaststroke. Leigh whose time was 1.06.85 will have to go even faster at the Olympic trials in Blackpool if he is to reserve a place for Montreal.

Gordon Hewitt was the only Scot to come near the standard time, in the 200 metres Butterfly his time was 2 min. 07.27 just 0.9 outside the required time.

Profile on Mary Black

Mrs. Mary Black made history when she was elected the first woman President in the history of the Scottish Swimming Association.

However, those who have known her are not surprised that she should be the first lady to attain the top post for since a club competitor with Clydebank swimming club, Mary has been an industrious and enthusiastic personality and always looking for ways to widen the scope of her club and help to improve club and swimmers prestige.

As she began to concentrate on club affairs it became obvious that she had considerable administrative talents and when she made her first appearance at the Western District meetings, officials who had been in command for some time were not slow to appreciate that the delegate from Clydebank was no novice when it came to spelling out policy and tidying up administration loop holes.

A succession of posts finally led the Clydebank official to the post of President of the West District and the next step up the ladder was the appointment at Aberdeen when Peter Healy placed the chain of office around her shoulders at the 78 annual general meeting.

The secret of her success is the ability to get people to go out of their way to accomplish tasks which normally they would say was impossible. An infectious smile breaks down the barriers and soon she has the support of even the most doubtful delegate although it must be pointed out that she can be firm and take quick action when required.

At present Mary is deeply involved in synchronised swimming and it is fair to say that she is a leading European authority on synchro but her interest in this form of swimming goes back a long way, before the word had become world wide Mary was a key member of the Clydebank Ladies flotation team who gave displays all over Scotland.

Flotation displays was the fore runner of modern synchro and it was only natural that she should move into this aquatic field.

Mary has travelled all over the world in swim affairs with Europe and America being dropping off spots but two countries she has outstanding memories of are New Zealand where she was an official at the Commonwealth Games and Mexico when she travelled with a party of enthusiasts to the Olympic Games when held at Mexico City.

Although at home with the top dignitaries and international swim stars she is just as happy when joining the beginners in a club splash and it is this acceptable aptitude which has made Mrs. Black an ideal choice for the premier administrative post in Scottish swimming.

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OLYMPIC TRIALS

Blackpool is the venue for the Olympic Trials on 29/30 May. Undoubtedly, this weekend is the finale to many months of hard work by all our swimmers. To-date, 18 swimmers have achieved the all important qualifying times. Missing from the trials will be Scots David Wilkie and Jim Carter both of whom have qualified but are not breaking training to fly over for these trials.

NOTE: The Derby Bath will be available for training from 8am - 9am and from 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Monday to Thursday 24th - 27th May, inclusive, and from 8am - 8.30pm on Friday 28th May. Qualifying times in brackets).

Saturday:	8.30am - 9.30am	Warm up session
	10.00am	Men's 1500 F/S (16.10.1) Women's 800 F/S (9.15.2)
	1.00pm - 2.00pm	Warm up session
	2.30pm	Women's 400 I.M. (5.10.6) Men's 200 Back (2.09.3) Women's 200 Breast (2.45.3) Men's 200 Fly (2.06.3) Women's 100 Back (1.07.7)
	5.00pm - 6.00pm	Warm up session
	6.30pm	Women's 100 F/S (1.00.1) Men's 100 F/S (53.4) Men's 200 Breast (2.25.9) Women's 200 Fly (2.22.3) Men's 400 I.M. (4.40.7)
Sunday:	8.30am - 9.30am	Warm up session
	10.00am	Women's 400 F/S (4.28.9) Men's 400 F/S (4.06.3) Women's 100 Breast (1.17.3) Men's 100 Back (1.00.2) Women's 100 Fly (1.05.0)
	1.00pm - 2.00pm	Warm up session
	2.30pm	Men's 200 F/S (1.57.2) Women's 200 F/S (2.09.5) Men's 100 Breast (1.06.9) Women's 200 Back (2.25.3) Men's 100 Fly (57.8)

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Many good performances were returned by Scots at the British Universities Swimming Championships which were held at Crystal Palace on April 5/6. Yvonne Pirie (Strathclyde) winning three events the 200 Free—2.17.9 100 Free—63.1 and 100 Back—1.15.1 Robbie Dawson (Aberdeen) had two very good victories in the 100 Free—55.6 and in the 100 Fly—60.3. Tom Morrow (Glasgow) won the 100 Breaststroke in 1.13.5. In the womens 100 Fly Louise Ross (Edinburgh) won in 1.13.8.

England and Wales won the Eight Nations Youth contest which took place at Crystal Palace on 24/25 April. This joint effort having 654½, Sweden 539, Holland 536 and West Germany 527.

Several outstanding performances were achieved, Wendy Burrells 200 Backstroke time which has been in the record books since 1970 was broken by 13 year old Joy Beasley her time was 2 min. 25.9. Miss Beasley's time for the 100 Back was 1.07.74. Sue Jenner (Ruislip) won both Butterfly events, a new record in the 100 Fly, 1.04.94 and she just failed to complete a great double with her time in the 200 Fly 2 min. 21.5. However, with these two good swims Sue achieved the Olympic Qualifying times in both events. Anne Adams (Cardiff) broke the British record in the 200 Medley her time was 2 min. 24.08. Falkirk Otters held a very successful open Mini-Age Group gala on 24th April which attracted a record entry of over 1200 entries. This large entry, caused organisation problems, with the final event finishing just before midnight.

Aberdeen Dolphin finished second overall out of the thirty-seven competing clubs in the Mini Age-Group gala in Grangemouth. The Aberdeen club, having success in the team events for the eight and nine year girls age-groups. Winning, both the freestyle and medley team events; the 8 yr. old team was Rachael Kenworthy, Elspeth Chisholm, Jill Buchanan and Eleanor Newlands. The nine yr old team Nicola Cochran, Eileen Peter, Jillian Benzie and Alison Findlater. Individual medalists were Nicola Cochran, Eileen Peters and Rachael Kenworthy.

Over eight hundred entries have been accepted for the North Districts Age-Group Championships. The preliminary heats will take place at Golspie and Aberdeen. The finals which are sponsored by the Aberdeen Savings Bank take place in the Bon-Accord Baths on 21/22 May. From the results of these championships the District team for Darmstadt will be selected.

LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1976

17th-19th JUNE, 1976 IN THE DOLLAN BATHS
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ORDER OF EVENTS

SESSION 1 - THURSDAY, 10.45 a.m.		5. Men 110 yds. Butterfly—final
Event		6. Women 110 yds. Backstroke—final
1. Men	880 yds. Freestyle—heats (declared winner)	7. Men 440 yds. Ind/Medley—heats
2. Women	880 yds. Freestyle—heats (declared winner)	8. Women 440 yds. Ind/Medley—heats
SESSION 2 - THURSDAY, 2.00 p.m.		SESSION 7 - SATURDAY, 9.30 a.m.
Event		Event
1. Men	440 yds. Freestyle—heats	1. Men 55 yds. Freestyle Relay—heats
2. Women	220 yds. Butterfly—heats	2. Women 55 yds. Freestyle Relay—heats
3. Men	110 yds. Backstroke—heats	3. Boys 55 yds. Freestyle Relay—heats
4. Women	220 yds. Backstroke—heats	4. Girls 55 yds. Freestyle Relay—heats
5. Men	220 yds. Breaststroke—heats	5. Men 55 yds. Medley Relay—heats
6. Women	220 yds. Butterfly—final	6. Women 55 yds. Medley Relay—heats
7. Men	110 yds. Backstroke—final	7. Boys 55 yds. Medley Relay—heats
8. Women	220 yds. Backstroke—final	8. Girls 55 yds. Medley Relay—heats
SESSION 3 - THURSDAY, 6.45 p.m.		9. Men 55 yds. Freestyle Relay—final
Event		10. Women 55 yds. Freestyle Relay—final
1. Men	220 yds. Butterfly—heats	11. Boys 55 yds. Freestyle Relay—final
2. Women	220 yds. Freestyle—heats	12. Girls 55 yds. Freestyle Relay—final
3. Men	220 yds. Ind/Medley—heats	13. Men 55 yds. Medley Relay—final
4. Women	220 yds. Breaststroke—heats	14. Women 55 yds. Medley Relay—final
5. Men	440 yds. Freestyle—final	15. Boys 55 yds. Medley Relay—final
6. Women	220 yds. Freestyle—final	16. Girls 55 yds. Medley Relay—final
7. Men	220 yds. Breaststroke—final	17. Men 110 yds. Freestyle Relay—heats
SESSION 4 - FRIDAY, 10.45 a.m.		SESSION 8 - SATURDAY, 1.30 p.m.
Event		Event
1. Women	220 yds. Breaststroke—final	1. Men 110 yds. Freestyle—heats
2. Men	1,650 yds. Freestyle—heats (declared winner)	2. Women 110 yds. Butterfly—heats
3. Women	220 yds. Ind/Medley—heats	3. Men 110 yds. Breaststroke—final
SESSION 5 - FRIDAY, 2.00 p.m.		4. Women 110 yds. Butterfly—final
Event		5. Men 110 yds. Freestyle—final
1. Women	440 yds. Freestyle—heats	6. Women 440 yds. Ind/Medley—final
2. Men	220 yds. Butterfly—final	7. Men 440 yds. Ind/Medley—final
3. Women	110 yds. Breaststroke—heats	8. Men 110 yds. Freestyle Relay—final
4. Men	220 yds. Backstroke—heats	SESSION 9 - SATURDAY, 6.00 p.m.
5. Women	110 yds. Backstroke—heats	Event
6. Men	220 yds. Ind/Medley—final	1. Women 110 yds. Freestyle—heats
7. Women	220 yds. Ind/Medley—final	2. Men 220 yds. Freestyle—heats
8. Men	220 yds. Backstroke—final	3. Vote of Thanks
SESSION 6 - FRIDAY, 6.45 p.m.		4. Women 110 yds. Freestyle—final
Event		5. Men 220 yds. Freestyle—final
1. Men	110 yds. Butterfly—heats	
2. Women	440 yds. Freestyle—final	
3. Men	110 yds. Breaststroke—heats	
4. Women	110 yds. Breaststroke—final	



Mrs. Mae Cochran, receiving a "thank you" from Mrs. Mary Black at the Civic Reception at the conclusion to the Three Nations Contest.



Willie Mellors Quadrangular Tournament Rosyth 10th April, 1976.

Scotland Under 21 Team won Tournament and the Willie Mellors Trophy which was presented to the Team by Mrs. Nan Mellors — The Trophy was donated by the Ulster Branch of the Irish Water Polo Association. In the picture are the Team and officials with Mrs. Mellors (centre) Admiral Monk O.C. Rosyth Dockyard, Mrs. Mary Black S.A.S.A. President.

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Gordon Hewit in action.



Members of Aberdeen Dolphin, at the Age-Group Mini Gala, Grangemouth.

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