





Part VI. *I*nternational Swimming Federation (FINA)





George Hearne - President of the Association of Amateur Swimming (UK), who was the founder and general secretary of FINA in the 1908-1924 biennium

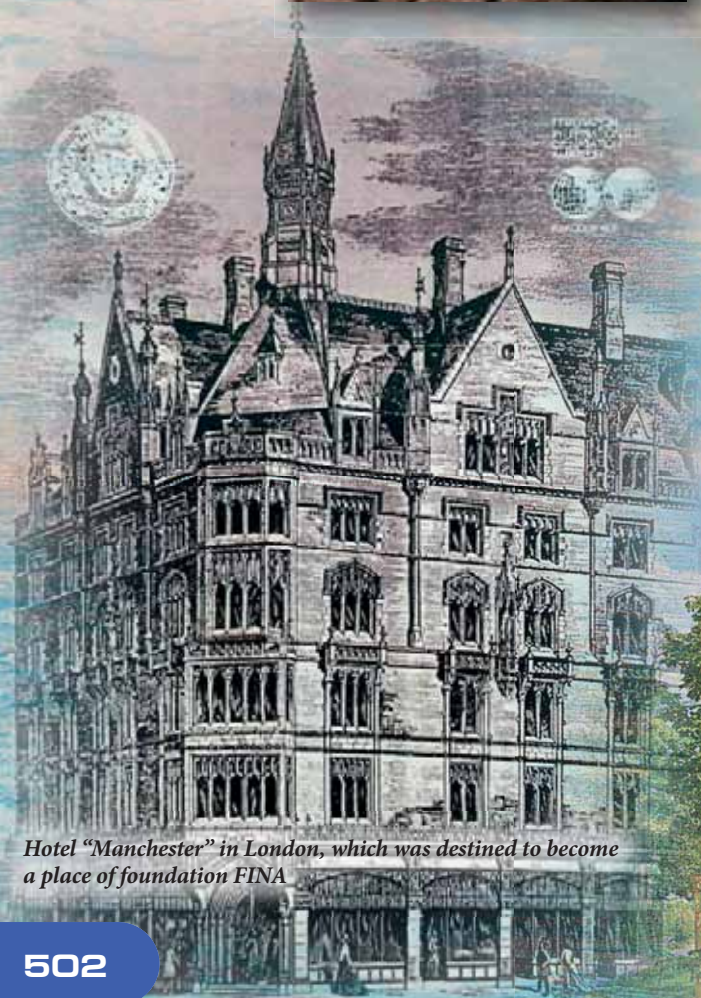


The “Fédération Internationale de Natation” (FINA) was founded in London July 19, 1908 during the Olympic Games in London (GBR). Eight national federations were responsible for the formation of FINA: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary and Sweden.

FINA and its aquatic disciplines are the foundation of the Olympic Movement and give a decisive contribution to the success of the Games. Swimming is part of the Olympic programme since 1896, Water Polo became the first team sport at the Games in 1900, and Diving made its appearance in 1904. Eighty years later, in 1984, synchronised swimming joined the Olympic “club”, while marathon swimming (10km race for men and women) is included in the Olympic programme since 2008.

The mission of the FINA is to elevate the importance of aquatics worldwide and to define rules for the harmonious worldwide development of Swimming, Water Polo, Diving,

FINA is headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland



Hotel “Manchester” in London, which was destined to become a place of foundation FINA





On July 18, 1908, at the «Manchester Hotel» in London, George Hearne had a meeting with the representatives of eight European countries, which founded the International Swimming Federation

High Diving, Artistic Swimming, Open Water Swimming and Masters, reinforce the co-operation and mutual support with FINA's National Member Federations in the five continents, organise World Championships and other FINA competitions to promote further the image of aquatic disciplines.

FINA currently oversees competition in aquatics sports. The members of the FINA are the African Swimming Confederation (CANA), Swimming Union of the Americas (ASUA), Asia Swimming Federation (AASF), European Swimming League (LEN), Oceania Swimming Association (OSA).

In 2018 FINA turned 100 years of inaugurating new headquarters in Lausanne (SUI). Today the official sponsors of FINA are: "Myrtha Pools", "Nikon", "Omega SA", "Speedo", "Yakult", "Arena".



Husain Al Musallam - President of the International Swimming Federation (since 2021)



- AASF in Asia
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- OSA in Oceania
- CANA in Africa
- LEN in Europe





Part VII. *The* International
Swimming Hall of Fame





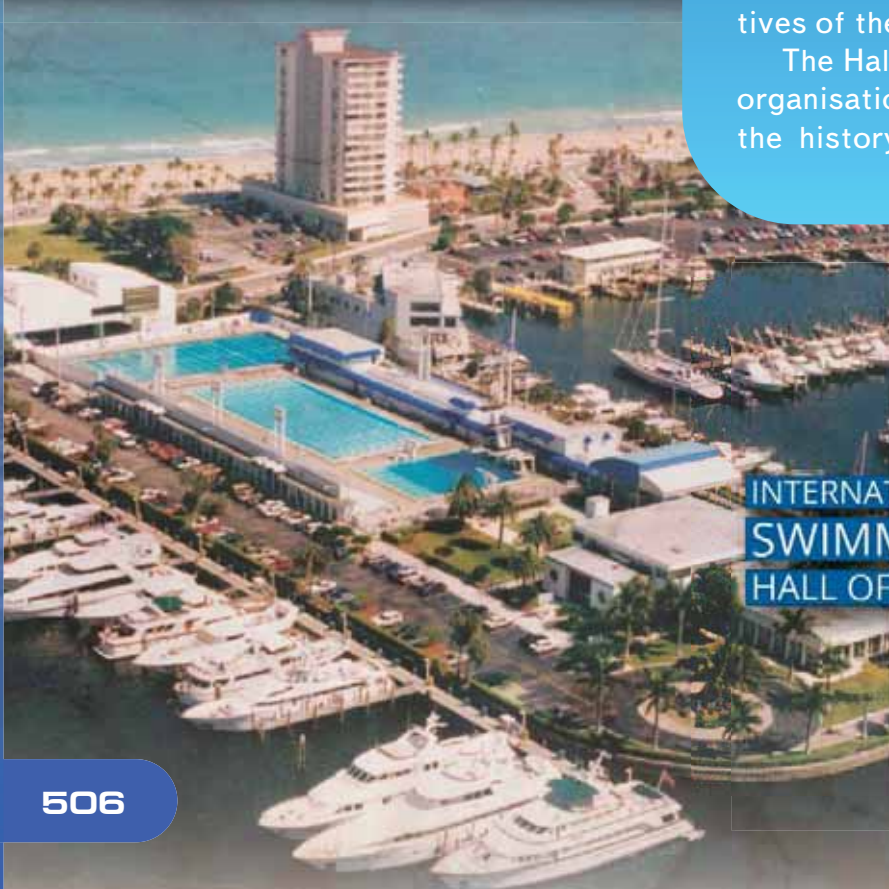
INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING HALL OF FAME



The International Swimming Hall of Fame and Museum (ISHOF) is a history museum and hall of fame, operated by private interests and serving as the central point for the study of the history of swimming in the United States and around the world.

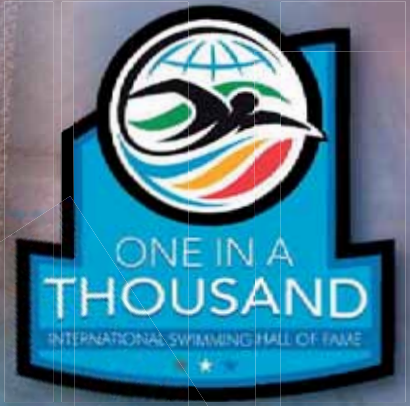
The museum's exhibition contains ancient and modern reproductions, original works of art depicting significant moments in the history of swimming from ancient times to the present, documents, as well as memorabilia belonging to people who became famous in aquatic sports. The International Swimming Hall of fame was registered in Florida as a non-profit educational corporation on November 23, 1964 and its first president was Johnny Weissmuller in 1965. In the same year, the first twenty-one members were admitted to the Hall of Fame. To date, the club lists more than 600 athletes, coaches, and officials. 335 of them are representatives of the United States.

The Hall of Fame's mission is to collaborate with aquatic organisations worldwide to preserve, educate and celebrate the history of aquatic sports while promoting swimming



INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING HALL OF FAME

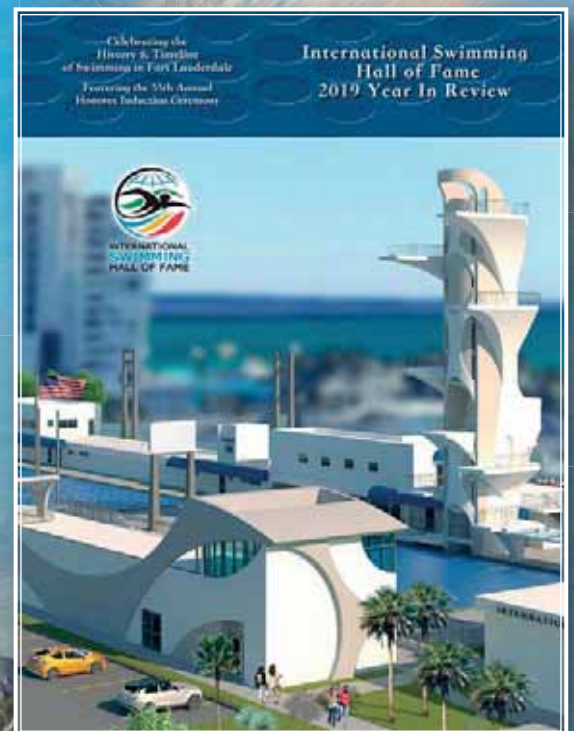




among children (tackling the national epidemic of childhood drowning head on, the International Swimming Hall of Fame is a driving force behind nationwide legislation to require swim lessons for all children before they are admitted into kindergarten). The main goal of the Hall of Fame is to be the global focal point for sharing cultures, showcasing events, increasing participation in aquatic sports and developing educational and lesson programmes that promote swimming as an essential life-skill.

The Executive Nomination Committee, with the help of ISHOF Staff and the Executive Nomination Committee Chairman oversees the nomination process for the following 9 categories: Swimming, Open Water/Marathon Swimming, Diving, Water Polo, Artistic Swimming (Synchronised Swimming), Paralympics, Coach, Contributor (to aquatics), Pioneer. Sports Publications Inc, the publishers of the World of Swimming Magazine and its multimedia platforms, teamed up with the International Swimming Hall of Fame to expand the museum's reach and influence in 2018.

The International Swimming Hall of Fame currently includes 91 outstanding athletes whose activities were closely linked to diving. Below we present the reader with their concise biographies.





Patricia Joan “Pat” Keller McCormick

Patricia Joan “Pat” Keller McCormick was an American competitive diver, born on May 12, 1930 in Seal Beach, California, USA.

Over the duration of her career, McCormick became a four-time champion of the Games of the XV and XVI Olympiad (1952, 1956) in the springboard and platform, three-time winner of the Pan American Games in the springboard (1956) and platform (1951, 1955), the silver medallist in the springboard diving (1951).

McCormick retired following the 1956 Olympics, saying that the fourth gold was a “sign to proceed with her life.” Since retiring, McCormick has become a popular motivational speaker. She still lives in Seal Beach and enjoys volunteering in the local schools. In 1984 she established the Pat McCormick Education Foundation, which raises money to fund programs for at-risk students.

While there are many talented divers competing today, McCormick’s “double-double”—two gold medals won in two consecutive Olympics—may never be matched. In 1956 McCormick was the first woman to be inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

Katherine Louise Rawls

Katherine Louise Rawls - also known by her married names Katherine Thompson and Katherine Green, was an American competition swimmer and diver, born on June 14, 1917 in Nashville, Tennessee, USA.

Katherine is a silver medallist of the Games of the X and XI Olympiad (1932, 1936) in the springboard diving. The bronze medallist in swimming at the XI Olympiad (1936) in the 4 x 100 m freestyle relay. Five-time US diving champion and 28-time swimming champion. Participant of the Games of the XIV Olympiad in 1948 in London.

During the World War II Katherine Louise Rawls served in the United States Air Force. After retiring from diving, Rawls was a swimming instructor for 20 years at the Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. In 1965, Katherine Louise Rawls was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame. She died on April 8, 1982 in White Sulfur Springs (West Virginia, USA).

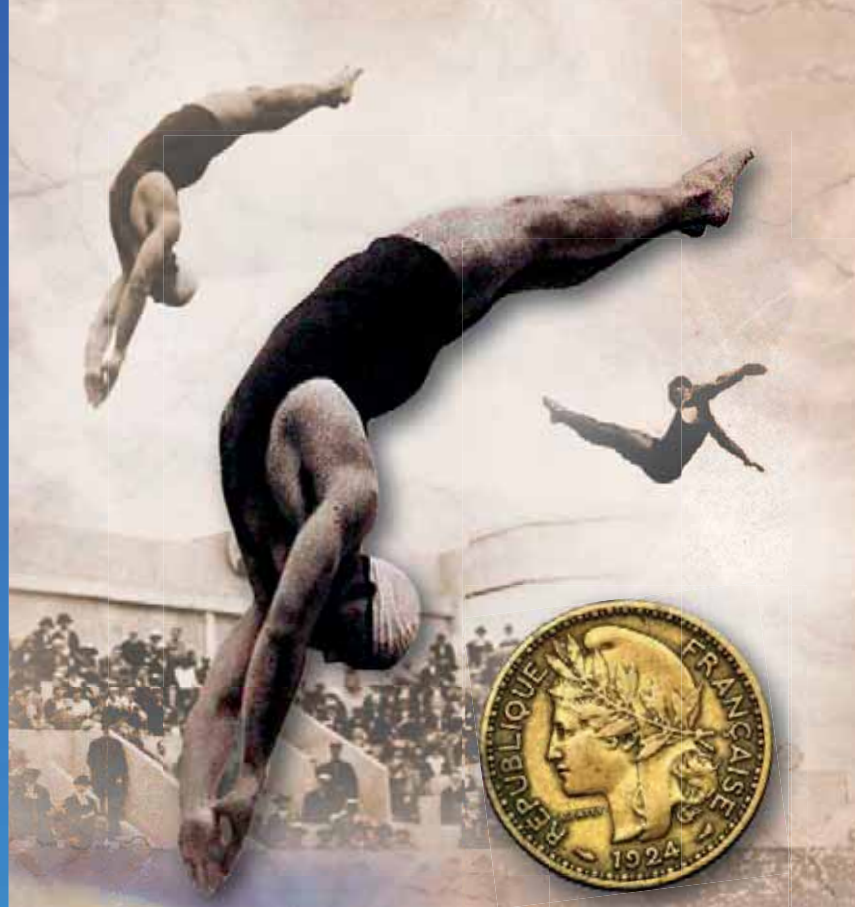
Albert "Al" Cosad White

Albert "Al" Cosad White was an American diver, born on May 14, 1895.

Albert White was a two-time springboard and platform champion at the Games of the VIII Olympiad of 1924 in Paris, being the first diver in the Olympic history to win both events. He competed collegiately for Stanford University, and was also the captain of Stanford's gymnastics team, which won the Pacific Coast Conference championship in 1921. Albert was an apprentice of the legendary diving coach Ernest Bradsten. Albert White was a versatile athlete: he played for the US basketball team, which toured Europe in 1919, and was the captain of the Stanford University team that won the Pacific Student Gymnastics League (1921).

Albert White took part in the First and Second World Wars. He was a board member of the Pacific Diving Association. In 1960, at the age of 65, he took part in the diving demonstration performances.

Albert White was inducted into the International World Swimming Hall of Fame in 1965. He died on July 8, 1982 in the United States.



Georgia Coleman

Georgia Coleman was an American diver, born on January 23, 1912 in St. Mary's, Idaho, USA.

Coleman competed in the 3 m springboard and 10 m platform at the 1928 and 1932 Olympics and won one gold, one bronze and two silver medals. Domestically she collected 11 AAU titles.

Georgia Coleman had only been diving for six months when, as a 16-year-old, she made the 1928 Olympic team. In Amsterdam she won medals in both diving events and in 1932 she again won two medals - the gold in the springboard and the second silver in the platform.

Coleman was the first woman to perform a 2½ forward somersault in competition and in 1929 she won every U. S. national title and was only beaten once in the next four years. Competing for the Los Angeles AC, she won a total of 11 AAU championships. In 1937 she contracted polio but learned to swim again before her death at the tragically early age of 28 on September 14, 1940. Georgia Coleman was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1966.



Aileen Muriel Riggin

Aileen Muriel Riggin was an American diver, swimmer, later sports journalist, born on May 2, 1906 in Newport, Rhode Island, USA.

Aileen Muriel Riggin was the champion of the Games of the VII Olympiad in the springboard, the silver medallist in the springboard and the bronze medallist in 100 m backstroke at the Games of the VIII Olympiad in Paris as well as a multiple USA champion in diving (1923-1925).

Aileen Riggin won the first Olympic springboard title in 1920 when she had just passed her 14th birthday and she was, at the time, the youngest-ever woman Olympic champion. She lost her record to another U. S. diver, Marjorie Gestring, at the 1936 Olympics. Riggin won three AAU outdoor and one indoor springboard titles and was twice a member of the Women's Swimming Association team which won the AAU relay. In 1926 she turned professional, having earlier made the first underwater films and the first slow motion coaching films for Grantland Rice. As a pro she toured the world giving exhibitions and helped organise Billy Rose's first Aquacade at the 1937 Cleveland Exposition. She made several films in Hollywood, was a successful journalist and later married, becoming Mrs. Howard Soule.

In 1967, Aileen Muriel Riggin was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

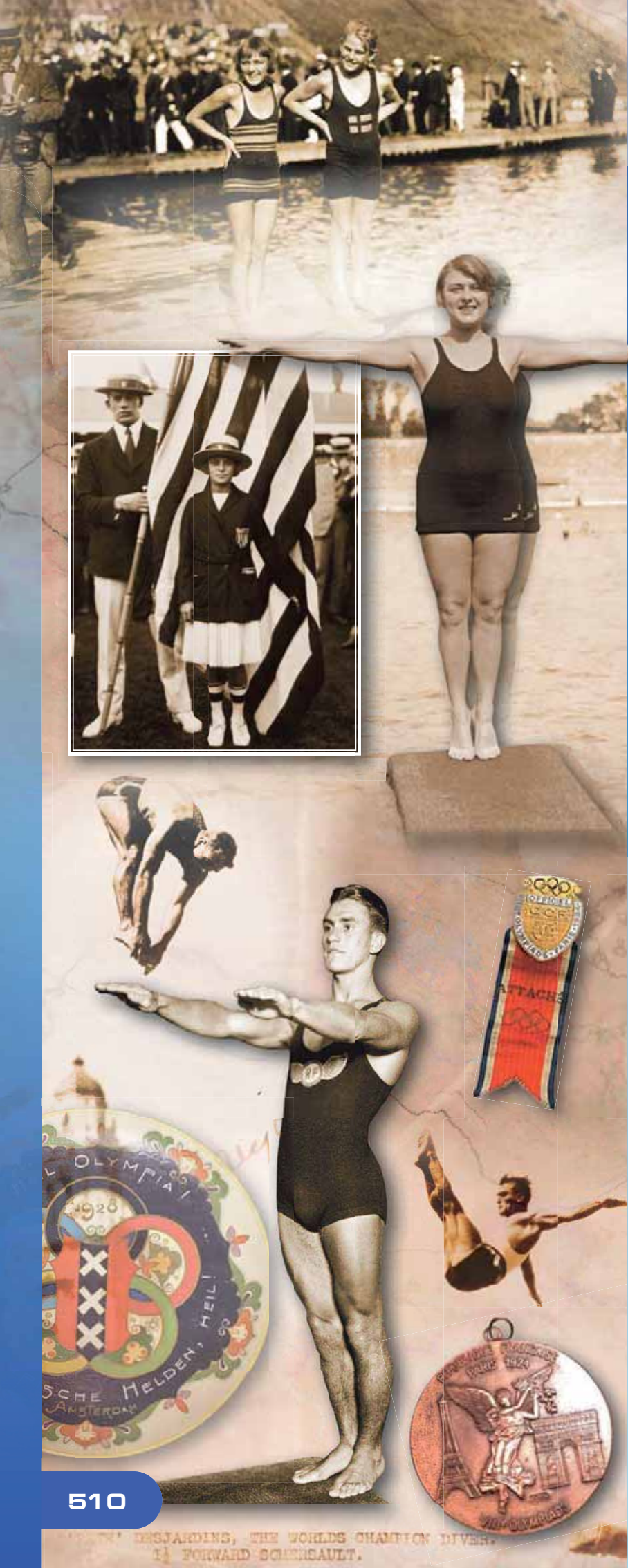
She died on October 17, 2002 in Honolulu (Hawaii, USA) at the age of 96.

Joseph "Pete" Desjardins

Joseph "Pete" Desjardins was an American diver. He was born on April 10, 1907 in Manitoba, Canada.

Joseph "Pete" Desjardins' family moved from Canada to Miami Beach when he was a small boy, and it was there that he took up diving. Having become an American citizen, he qualified for the U. S. Olympic team and became a two-time champion in the springboard and platform at the Games of the IX Olympiad, 1928 in Amsterdam and a silver medallist in the springboard at the Games of the VIII Olympiad, 1924 in Paris. Joseph "Pete" Desjardins won a total of 13 AAU titles, with nine of the victories coming while he was still a high school student. He was an economics graduate of Stanford, and after the 1928 Olympics he was declared a professional for appearing in a Miami water show with Johnny Weissmuller, Martha Norelius and Helen Meany. He continued to appear in Billy Rose's Aquacades until the outbreak of World War II and was still featured in diving shows through the 1960s.

In 1966, Joseph "Pete" Desjardins was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame. He died May 6, 1985 in Miami (Florida, USA).



Elizabeth Anna “Betty” Becker-Pinkston

Elizabeth Anna “Betty” Becker-Pinkston was an American diver, born on March 6, 1903 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Betty Becker took up swimming as a child as therapy after a serious illness. She then turned to competitive diving and, after missing selection for the 1920 Olympics, won the gold and silver medals at the 1924 Games.

Becker-Pinkston was the champion in the springboard diving and the silver medallist in the platform at the Games of the VIII Olympiad, 1924 in Paris as well as the champion in the platform at the Games of the IX Olympiad, 1928 in Amsterdam.

Elizabeth Becker-Pinkston was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1967. She died on April 6, 1989 in Detroit (Michigan, USA).

Miller Anderson

Miller Altman Anderson was an American diver, born on December 17, 1922 in Columbus, Ohio, USA.

Noted for his remarkable ability as a “twist” diver, Anderson originated the forward $1\frac{1}{2}$ somersault with two twists and the backward $1\frac{1}{2}$ with one twist and introduced these two dives into competition.

Anderson was the silver medallist at the Games of the XIV and XV Olympiads of 1948, 1952 in the springboard diving.

During World War II, Miller Anderson served in the United States Air Force where he seriously injured his leg, the extremity was saved by a silver plate implanted in the femur. Regardless of the obstacles Miller Anderson rose to the Olympic podium four years later.

Miller Anderson was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1967. He died on October 29, 1965 in Columbus (Ohio, USA) at the age of 42 from a heart attack.



Dorothy Poynton -Hill

Dorothy Poynton-Hill was an American diver, later coach, born on July 17, 1915 in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.

Dorothy Poynton-Hill became the Olympic champion in the women's platform at the Games of the X and XI Olympiad (1932, 1936). The silver medallist at the Games of the IX Olympiad in 1928 in the springboard diving. Bronze medallist in women's springboard at the Games of the XI Olympiad 1936 in Berlin.

Dorothy Poynton-Hill was the youngest Olympian to win a medal and, in 1936, the first Olympic diver to win the 10 m platform twice. After retiring from competitions Poynton-Hill ran an aquatic club in Los Angeles and appeared in several TV commercials.

Dorothy Poynton-Hill was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1968. She died on May 18, 1995 in Riverside (California, USA).

Samuel "Sammy" Lee

Samuel «Sammy» Lee - American diver of Korean descent, two-time Olympic champion, later coach.

He was born on August 1, 1920 in Fresno (California, USA) in a Korean family. Because «colored» Americans in those days were only allowed to train in the pool once a week before changing the water, Sammy trained by diving into a sandpit in the backyard.

In 1942 he won the USA National Championships in the springboard and platform, becoming the first champion of «color». In 1946 he was again the best in the platform.

At the Games of the XIV Olympiad in 1948 in London, he became the champion in the platform and a bronze medallist in the springboard. He became the second Asian American to win a gold medal at the Olympics. At these Games, he was the first in the world to perform a somersault three and a half turns forward.

He won a gold medal in the platform at the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki.

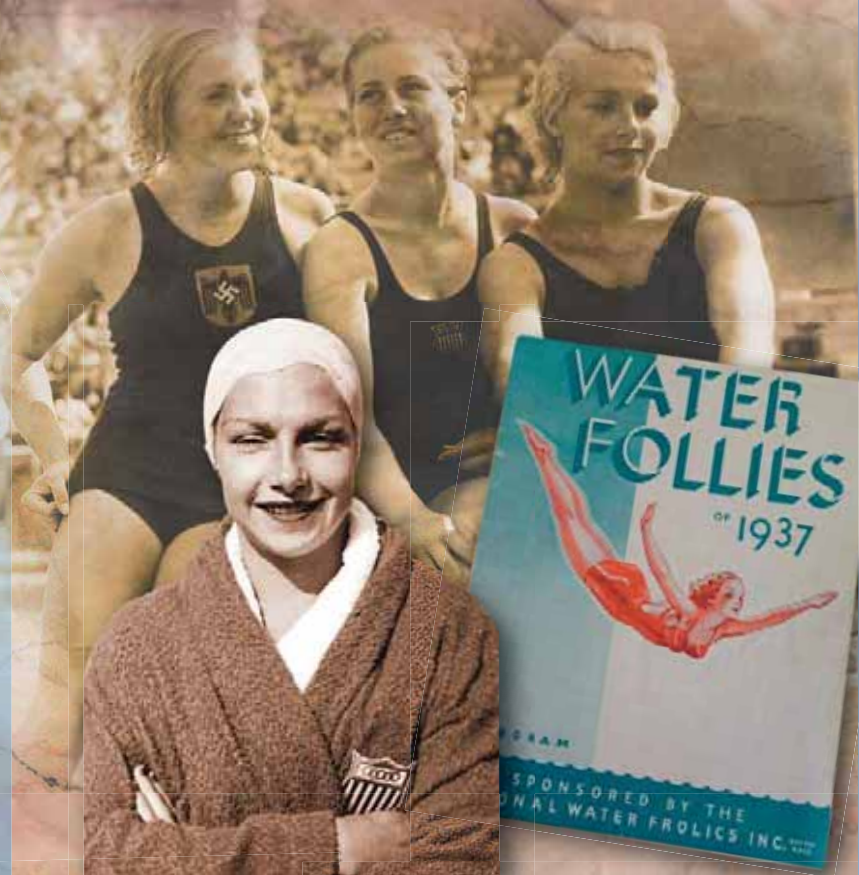
He coached and led the US diving team at the 1960 Olympics in Rome and took part in the training of Bob Webster and Pat McCormick. He later coached Greg Louganis.

Samuel Lee served as a sports adviser to 11 US presidents.

In 1968, Samuel «Sammy» Lee was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame, in 1990 - into the Olympic Hall of Fame of the United States.

In 2009 he was awarded a place on the Alley of Stars in Orange County-Anaheim.

He died on December 2, 2016 in Newport Beach (California, USA) at the age of 96.





William Cornelius Patrick

William Cornelius Patrick was a Canadian diver, the winner of 12 US diving championships in a row. William Patrick was the champion of five out of six NCAA springboard championships (1936-1940).

William Cornelius Patrick was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1969. He died 22 June 2016.

Victoria Manalo Draves

Victoria Manalo Draves was an American competitive diver, born on December 31, 1924 in San Francisco (California, USA), who won gold medals in both the platform and the springboard diving at the 1948 Summer Olympics in London. Draves became the first woman to be awarded gold medals for both the ten-metre platform and the three-metre springboard. Additionally, Draves became the first American woman to win two gold medals in diving, and the first Asian American to win Olympic gold medals.

Manalo was introduced to diving at age 16. At the 1944 national AAU championships she was introduced to Lyle Draves. Manalo then started training with Lyle Draves, adding the platform diving to her springboard diving repertoire.

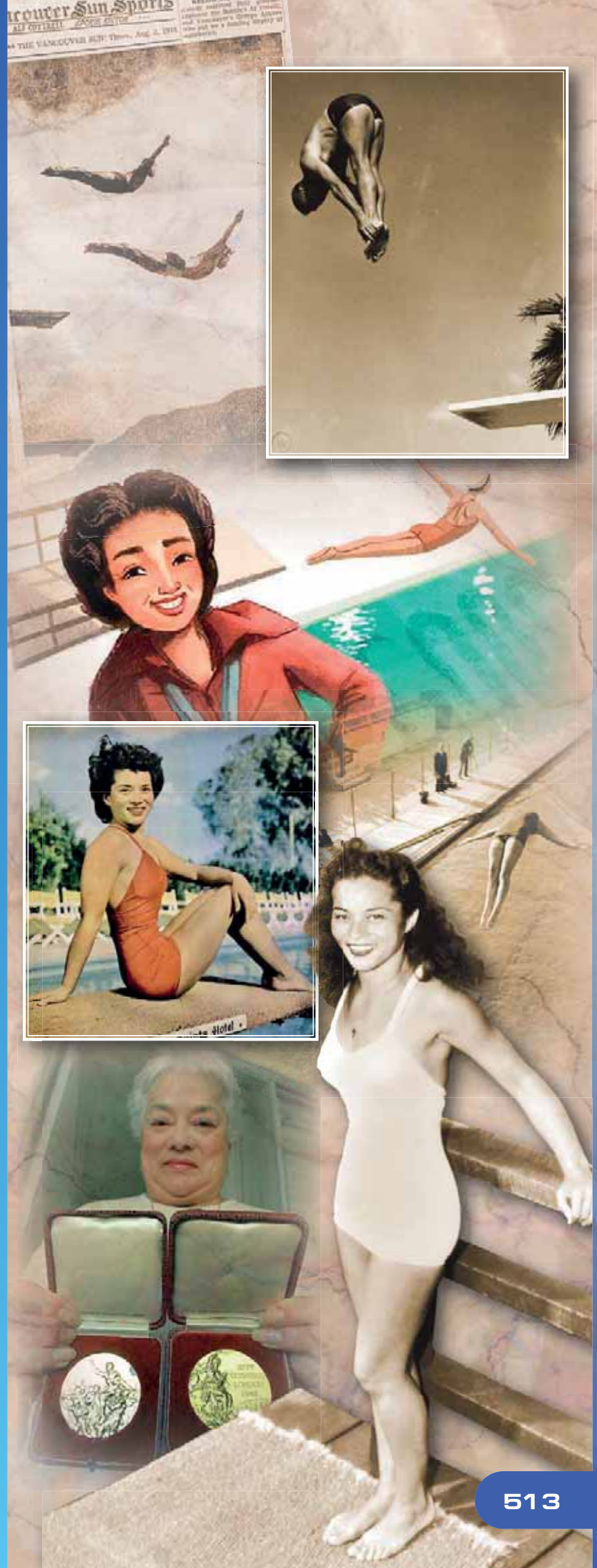
Manalo married her coach on July 12, 1946 and won the National Platform Diving Championship, in 1946, 1947 and 1948. Prior to competing at the 1948 Olympics, Draves won a total of five United States diving championships. Despite not finishing the first in either springboard or platform events of the Olympic trials in Detroit, Draves made the team.

On Aug. 3, 1948, she won her first springboard title in the London Summer Olympics. Draves followed up that win with the gold medal in the 10-metre platform on August 6, becoming the first woman to win both titles.

Draves turned professional after the Olympics, joining Larry Crosby's "Rhapsody in Swim time"

After starting a family in the early 1950s Draves and her husband operated a swimming and diving training programme at Indian Springs in Montrose and later moved the programme to Encino. They later stayed in Tarzana for 35 years, raising four sons – David, Jeffery, Dale and Kim – to be skilled divers. She later worked as a secretary while her husband remained a coach and swimming director.

Victoria Manalo Draves was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1969. She died on April 11, 2010 in Palm Springs (California, USA) at the age of 85.



Robert David “Bob” Webster

Robert David “Bob” Webster was an American diver who won the 10 m platform event at every competition he entered between 1960 and 1964, including the 1960 and 1964 Olympics and 1963 Pan American Games. He later became a diving coach at the University of Minnesota, Princeton University, and the University of Alabama. He was born on October 25, 1938 in Berkeley, California, USA.

After retiring from competitive diving, Webster became a diving coach at the Minnesota. Webster was diving coach at Princeton from 1966 to 1975. He was also the coach for the U. S. diving team at the 1971 Pan American Games in Cali, Colombia. He later became the diving coach at the University of Alabama where he was named SEC Coach of the Year in 1981. Robert David “Bob” Webster was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1970.

Helen Meany

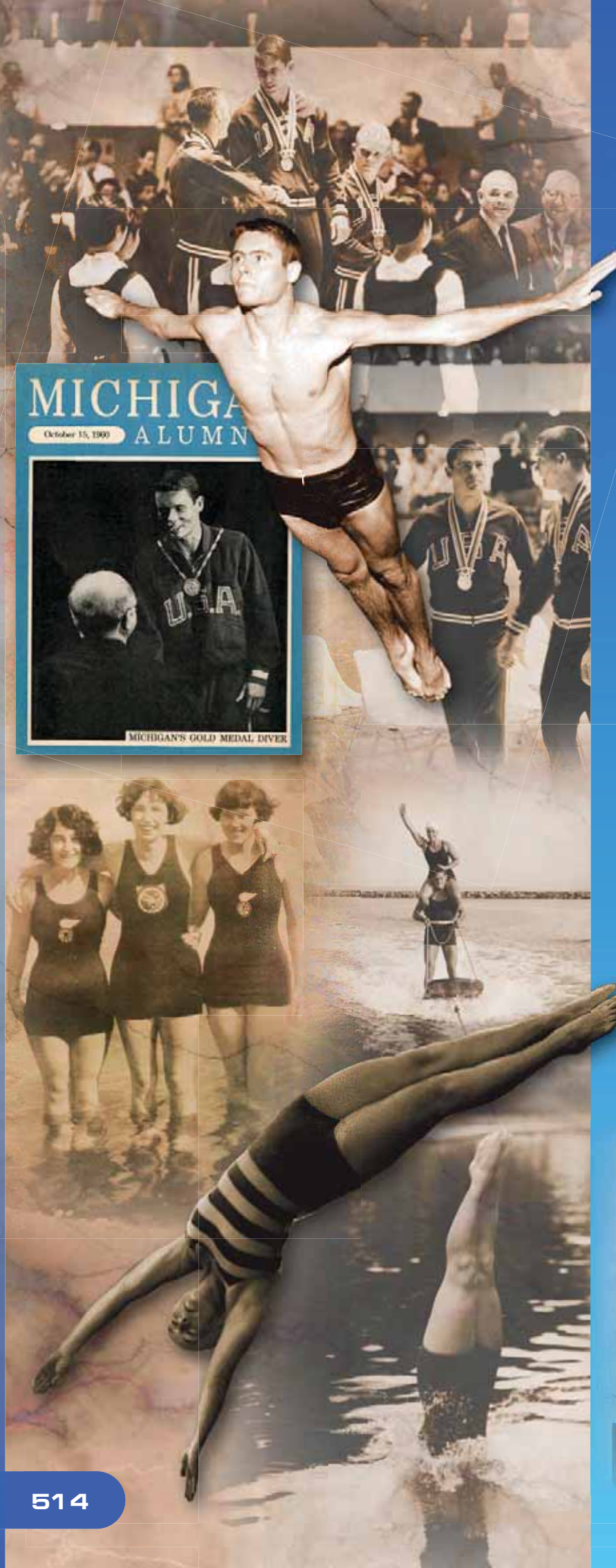
Helen Meany was born on December 15, 1904 in New York (New York, USA). She was an American diver who competed at the 1920, 1924 and 1928 Summer Olympics.

Helen Meany became the champion in the springboard at the Games of the IX Olympiad, 1928 in Amsterdam as well as a seventeen-time US champion (1920–1928). Meany was a participant of three Games of Olympiads (1920, 1924, 1928).

After winning the Games of the IX Olympiad Helen Meany was declared a professional and disqualified for appearing in paid exhibitions in Miami Beach (along with Johnny Weissmuller, and Pete Desjardins).

Helen Meany was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1971. She died on July 21, 1991 in Greenwich, Connecticut, USA.

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Richard Kempster Degener

Richard Kempster Degener was an American diver, born on March 14, 1912 in Detroit (Michigan, USA).

Richard Kempster Degener became the champion of the Games of the IX Olympiad in the springboard and platform events. Bronze medallist of the 1936 Olympics in Berlin in springboard. Degener never lost a diving contest in college during the three years he represented Michigan from 1931 to 1934 as he took the Big Ten Conference and National Collegiate championship. In AAU competition, Dick was unbeaten for years as he won 14 national indoor and outdoor diving titles. He won four outdoor AAU Nationals in the high board representing the Detroit Athletic Club, and three NCAA titles for the University of Michigan. At the Indoor AAUs he won five straight three-metre springboard titles and two one-metre titles.

Degener later turned professional at the Billy Rose Aquacade when it opened in Cleveland. Richard Kempster Degener was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1971. He died on August 24, 1995 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA.

Helen E. Wainwright

Helen E. Wainwright also known by her married name Helen Stelling, was a competition diver and swimmer who represented the United States at the 1920 Summer Olympics and 1924 Summer Olympics. She remains the only woman to ever win Olympic silver medals in both swimming and diving. Helen was born on March 15, 1906 in New York (New York, USA).

At the 1920 Olympics in Antwerp, aged just 14 years old, Wainwright won the silver medal in the women's 3-metre springboard competition. Four years later, at the 1924 Olympics in Paris, she won the silver medal in the women's 400-metre freestyle event. In the 1930s, Helen became a swimming coach on cruise liners out of New York.

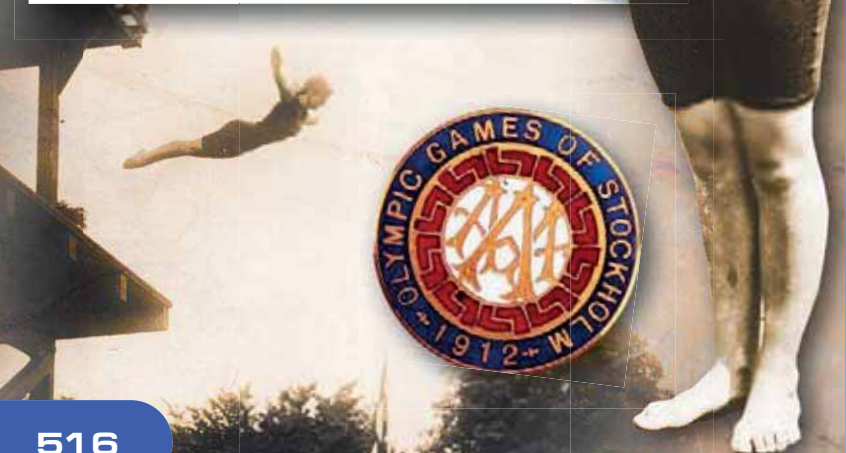
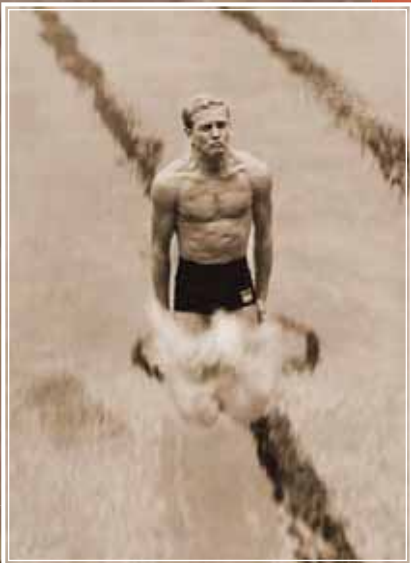
Helen E. Wainwright was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1972.

She died on October 11, 1965 in Hampton Bays (New York, USA).



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Bruce Ira Harlan

Bruce Ira Harlan was a diver from the United States and the Olympic champion, born on January 2, 1926 in Marple, Newtown, USA.

Harlan was a high school wrestler and pole vaulter in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, and served in the United States Navy during World War II. He represented his native country at the 1948 Summer Olympics in London, where he received one gold medal and one silver medal.

On June 21, 1959 Harlan took part in the diving exhibition in Fairfield, Connecticut. While helping to dismantle the scaffolding of the diving platform, Harlan fell 27 feet (8.2 m) to his death. He died on June 22, 1959 in Norwalk, Connecticut, USA.

Bruce Ira Harlan was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1973.

Anna Teresa Margareta "Greta" Johansson

Anna Teresa Margareta "Greta" Johansson was a Swedish swimmer and diver, later a coach, born on January 9, 1895 in Kungsholm (Swedish-Norwegian Union). Greta learned to swim and dive in Stockholm's municipal baths. She attended them on free tickets given at her public school, as all Swedish children were then required to learn swimming and diving.

In 1908 Johansson won her first springboard competition later to become the Champion of Sweden in 1910 and 1911 in the 100 m freestyle and the Swedish champion in diving in 1911 and 1912.

In 1912 she became the first Swede to win the gold medal at the Games of the V Olympiad. "Greta" Johansson received the most desirable divers award - the Challenge Prize of Countess de Casa Miranda, presented to her by the King of Sweden.

In 1913 "Greta" Johansson emigrated to the United States, where she first worked as a shop assistant. There she married the Swedish diver Ernst Brandsten who also competed at the 1912 Olympics. The couple trained divers at the Stanford University from 1915 to 1948 and operated the sports recreation Searsville Lake Park.

Anna Teresa Margareta "Greta" Johansson-Brandsten was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1973.

She died on January 28, 1978 at the age of 83 in San Mateo (California, USA).

Ingrid Engel-Krämer Gulbin

Ingrid Engel-Krämer Gulbin is a diver from East Germany, a multiple Olympic champion who won Olympic gold medals in both springboard and platform, born on July 29, 1943 in Dresden (Germany).

Krämer competed in the 1960 and 1964 Summer Olympics for the United Team of Germany. She won gold medals in the springboard and platform diving in 1960. She was the German flag bearer at the 1964 Games, where she competed under the name Engel-Krämer and won the gold medal in the springboard and the silver medal in the platform diving. Four years later at the 1968 Games she competed for East Germany and used the name Gulbin. She finished fifth in the 3-metre springboard competition.

She finished the fourth in the springboard and eighth in the platform at the 1958 European Aquatics Championships and won both events in 1962.

She retired after the 1968 Olympics to become a successful diving coach, training such athletes as Martina Jäschke, Beate Jahn, Jan Hempel, Michael Kühne, Heiko Meyer and Annett Gamm.

Ingrid Engel-Kremer was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1975.

David Greig “Skippy” Browning Jr.

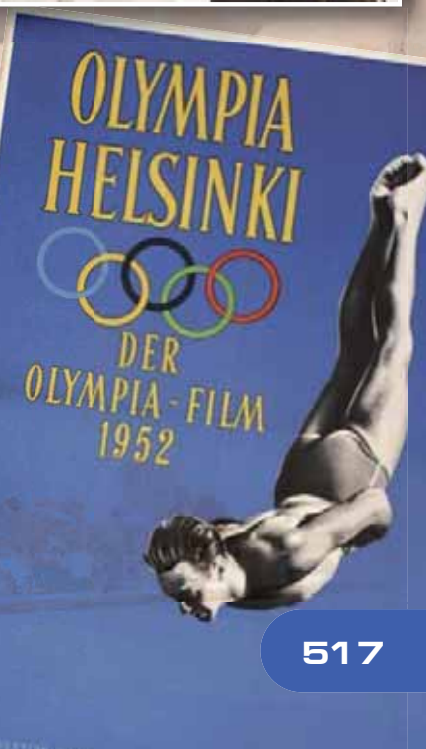
David Greig “Skippy” Browning Jr. was a diver from the United States and Olympic champion, born on June 5, 1931 in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. He started diving at the age of 4 under the tutelage of his father.

David Greig “Skippy” Browning Jr. was the springboard champion of the of the Games of the XV Olympiad in 1952 in Helsinki and an Eight-time US champion, two-time NCAA champion.

David made up his own special dives and the AAU rules committee officially adopted some of them, Browning was the first in the world to perform a somersault in one and a half turns back with two and a half screws from the springboard.

In 1952, David Greig received the maximum number of awards, winning in all competitions in diving from the springboard at the championships of the Amateur Sports Union, the National Student Sports Association, and the Olympic diving tournaments.

Browning died in a plane crash on March 13, 1956 near Rantul (Kansas, USA). David Browning was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1975.



Michael Riley “Mickey” Galitzen

Michael Riley “Mickey” Galitzen was an American diver, born on September 6, 1909 in Los Angeles (California, USA).

“Mickey” became the champion of the Games of the X Olympiad in the springboard and the Olympic silver medallist in the platform as well as the silver medallist of the Games of the IX Olympiad in 1928 in the springboard, the bronze medallist in the platform. Michael Riley “Mickey” Galitzen was a multiple winner of the national championships.

After retiring from competitive diving, Galitzen participated in water shows.

Michael Riley “Mickey” Galitzen was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1977. He died on June 6, 1959 in Hollywood (California, USA).

Marjorie Gestring

Marjorie Gestring was a competitive springboard diver from the United States, born on November 18, 1922 in Los Angeles (California, USA).

Marjorie Gestring was the champion of the Games of the XI Olympiad in the springboard, a three-time US champion (1938, 1939, 1940). She won her Olympic gold medal at the age of 13 years and 268 days and remains the youngest Olympic champion in this discipline.

Marjorie Gestring was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1976. She died on April 20, 1992 in Hillsboro (California, USA).



Joaquín Capilla Pérez

Joaquín Capilla Pérez was a Mexican diver who won the largest number of Olympic medals among Mexican athletes. Joaquín was born on December 23, 1928 in Mexico City (Mexico).

Joaquín Capilla Pérez was the champion of the Games of the XVI Olympiad 1956 in the platform, bronze medallist in the springboard. He became the silver medallist of the Games of the XV Olympiad (1952) in the springboard and the bronze medallist of the Games of the XIV Olympiad (1948) in the platform as well as Four-time champion of the Pan American Games (1951 (2), 1955 (2)).

Joaquín Capilla Pérez was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1976. He died on May 8, 2010 in Mexico City (Mexico) at the age of 81.

Maxine Joyce “Micki” King

Maxine Joyce “Micki” King is an American former competitive diver and diving coach, born on July 26, 1944 in Pontiac, Michigan, USA.

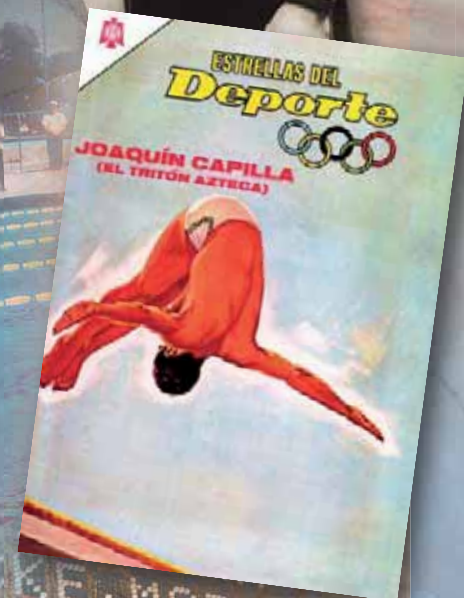
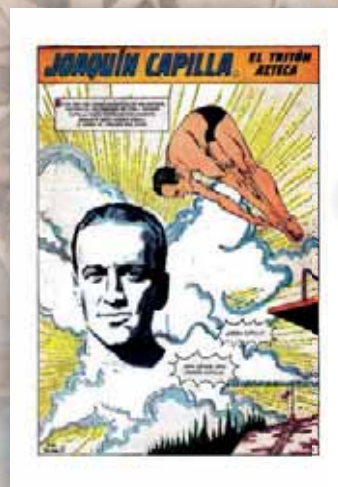
Maxine Joyce King became the champion of the Games of the XX Olympiad in the springboard and a two-time silver medallist of the Pan American Games (1967, 1971). She participated at the Games of the XIX Olympiad of 1968 in Mexico City. “Micki” King is a ten-time US champion (1965-1971).

In 1966-1992 King served in the United States Air Force and retired as a colonel. The first female coach at the US Air Force Academy. She has been the Assistant Sports Director of the University of Kentucky for 14 years since 1992.

Maxine Joyce King was the President of the US Diving Federation in 1990-1994 and one of the founders of the Women’s Sports Foundation in 1974, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation in 1988-1990 and the Vice - President of the American Olympic Association in 2005-2009.

King received the annual Glenn McCormick Award for her outstanding contribution to the sport in 1988. In 2001 Maxine was awarded the Philip Boggs Prize for individual skill in diving and outstanding contribution to sports.

In 1978, Maxine Joyce “Micki” King was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame, in 1983 - into the International Women’s Sports Hall of Fame, in 1986 - into the University of Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, in 1992 - into the Olympic Hall of Fame of the United States, in 1993 - to the Hall of Fame of Michigan.





Gary Milburn Tobian

Gary Milburn Tobian was an American competitive diver, born on August 14, 1935 in Detroit (Michigan, USA).

Gary Milburn Tobian was the champion of the Games of the XVII Olympiad in the springboard, silver prize-winner in the platform, the silver medallist of the Games of the XVI Olympiad in the platform, the champion of the Pan American Games (1959) in the springboard, the bronze medallist (1955) in the platform and an eight-time AAU champion.

After retiring from diving Tobian became a successful businessman.

In 1978, Gary Milburn Tobian was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

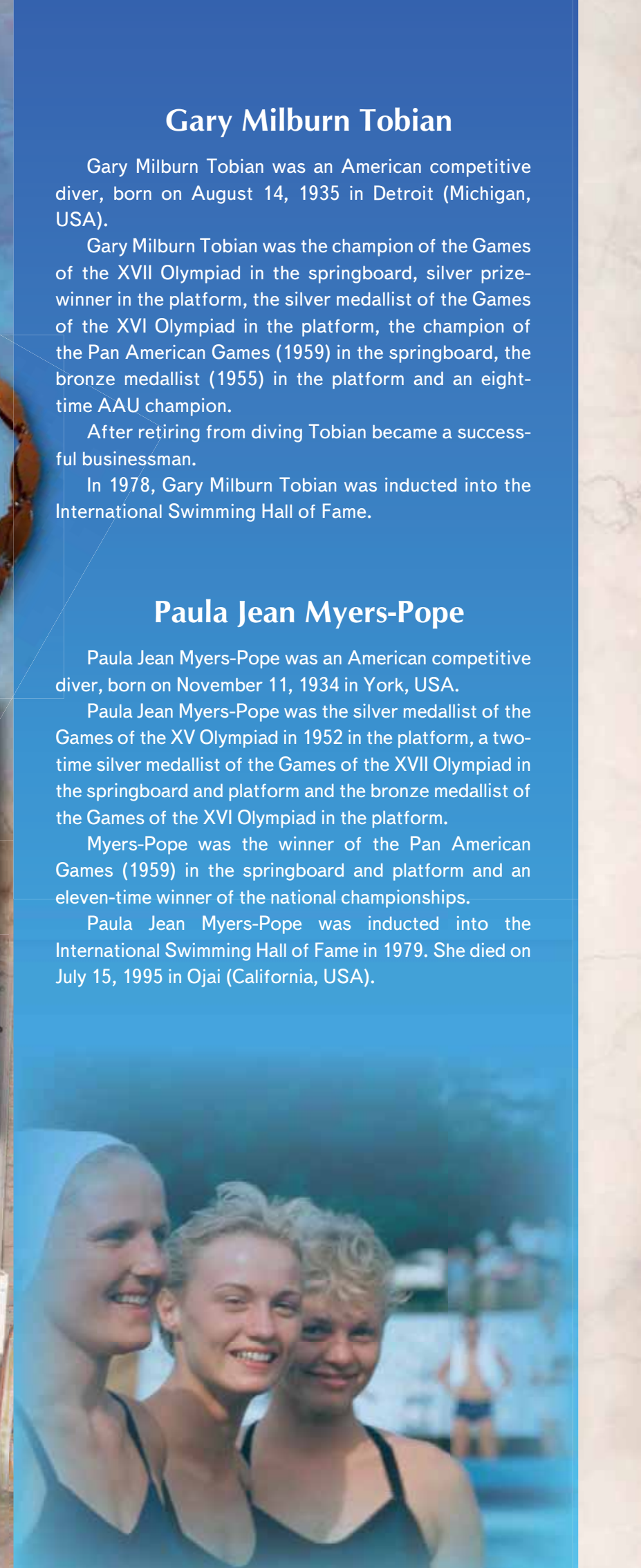
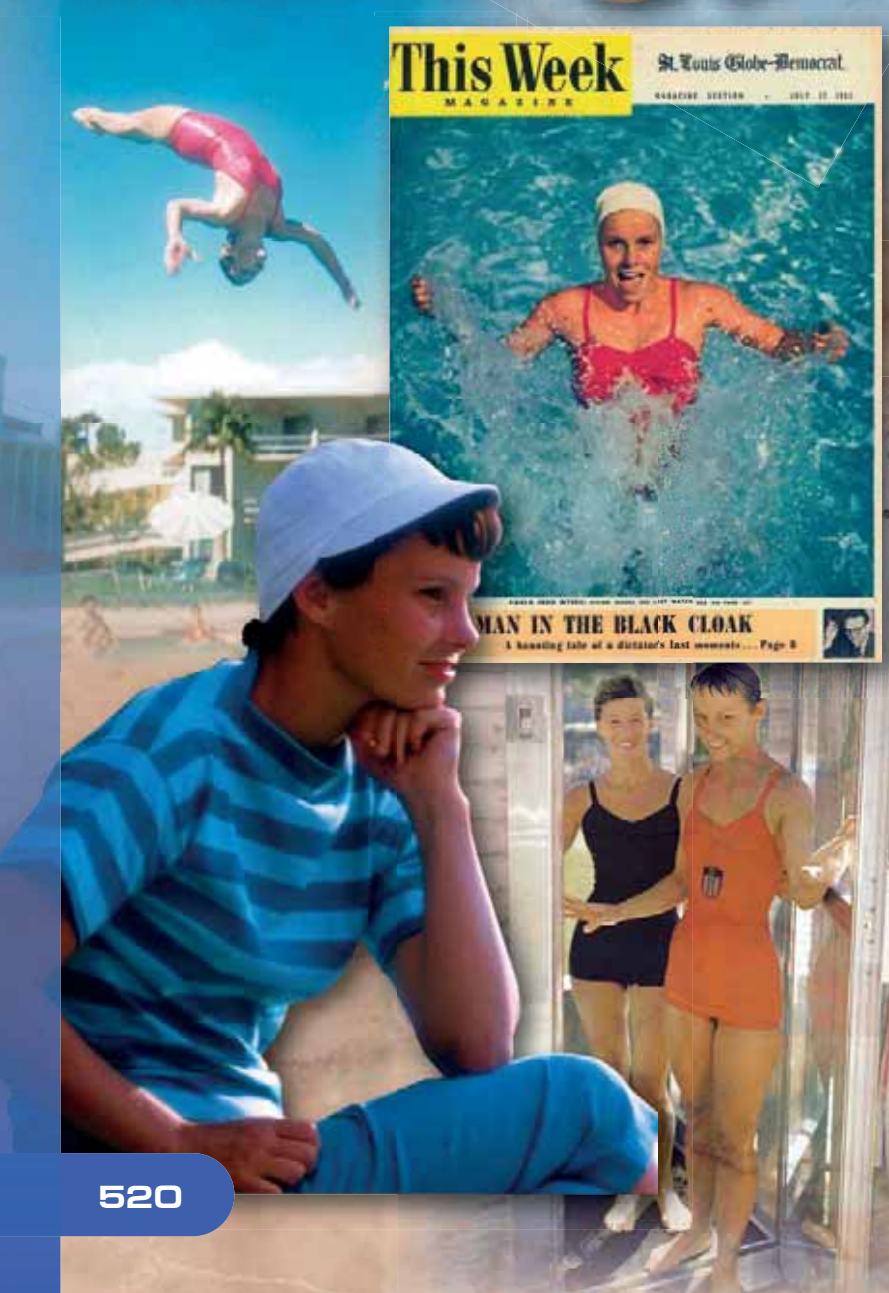
Paula Jean Myers-Pope

Paula Jean Myers-Pope was an American competitive diver, born on November 11, 1934 in York, USA.

Paula Jean Myers-Pope was the silver medallist of the Games of the XV Olympiad in 1952 in the platform, a two-time silver medallist of the Games of the XVII Olympiad in the springboard and platform and the bronze medallist of the Games of the XVI Olympiad in the platform.

Myers-Pope was the winner of the Pan American Games (1959) in the springboard and platform and an eleven-time winner of the national championships.

Paula Jean Myers-Pope was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1979. She died on July 15, 1995 in Ojai (California, USA).



Harold "Dutch" Smith

Harold Edwin Smith was an American diver, later coach, born on February 19, 1909 in California, USA.

Edwin Harold Smith was the champion of the Games of the X Olympiad in the platform, the silver medallist in the springboard and a Four-time US champion in the springboard (1928, 1930 (2), 1931).

After retiring from competitive diving, he joined the New York Sports Club at Yale University as a coach, training the team of divers for the 1936 Olympiad.

A Marine captain during World War II.

In 1979, Harold Edwin Smith was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame. He died on March 5, 1958 in California (USA).

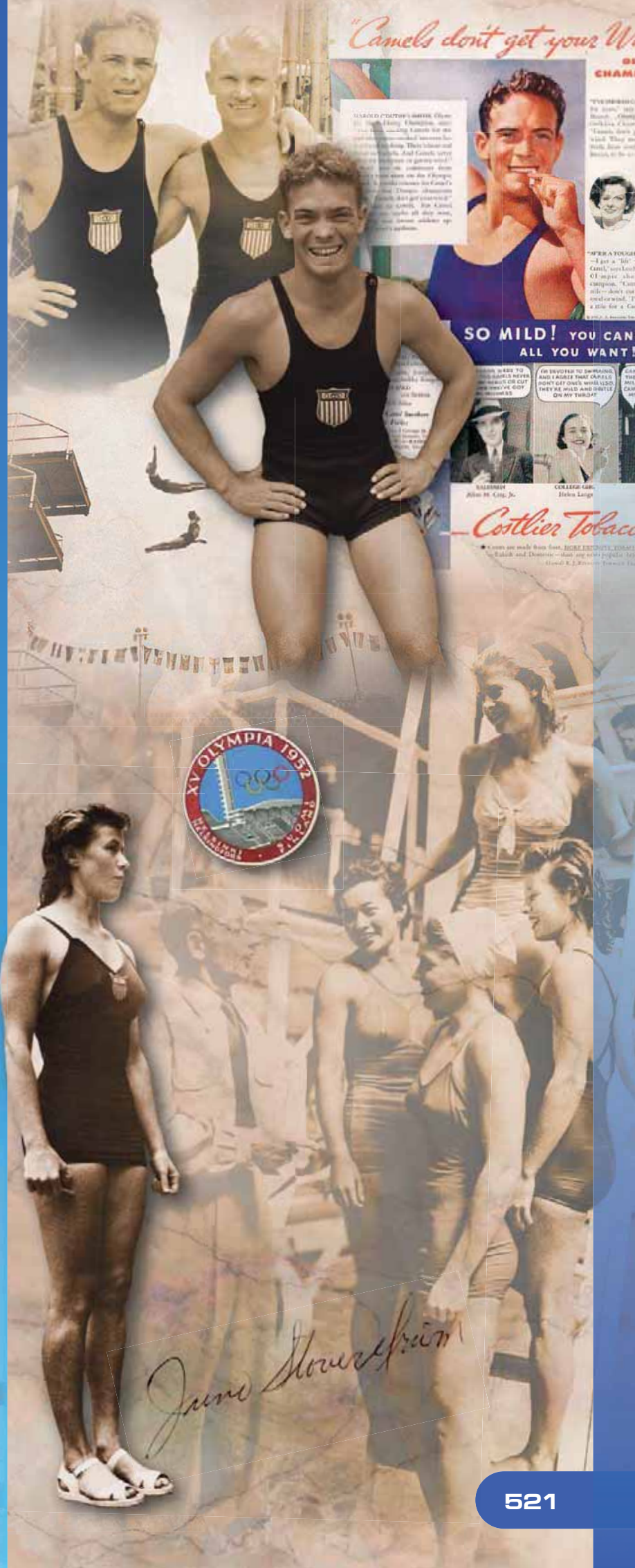
Juno Stover-Irwin

Juno Stover-Irwin - American diver, later a coach, born on November 22, 1928 in Los Angeles (California, USA).

Juno Stover-Irwin was the silver medallist of the Games of the XVI Olympiad in the platform, the bronze medallist of the Games of the XV Olympiad in the platform, a two-time silver medallist of the Pan American Games (1955, 1959), two-time US champion and a participant of three Olympiads (1948, 1952, 1956).

After retiring from competitive diving Stover-Irwin worked as a diving coach at the University of California, Berkeley team.

Juno Stover-Irwin was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1980. She died on July 2, 2011 in Union City (California, USA) at the age of 82.





Robert Lynn Clotworthy

Robert Lynn Clotworthy was an American diver, later coach, born on May 8, 1931 in Newark (New York, USA).

Robert Lynn Clotworthy was the champion of the Games of the XVI Olympiad of 1956 in Melbourne in the springboard, a bronze medallist of the Games of the XV Olympiad in the springboard, a silver (platform) and bronze (springboard) medallist of the Pan American Games (1955), a multiple winner of the national championships and a five-time US champion (1951, 1953 (2), 1956 (2)).

After retiring from diving Clotworthy started coaching (1955–2006).

Robert Lynn Clotworthy was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1980. He died on June 1, 2018 in Salt Lake City (Utah, USA).



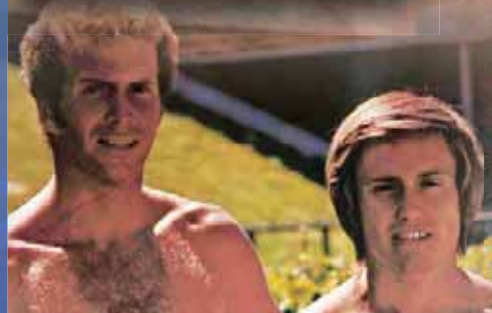
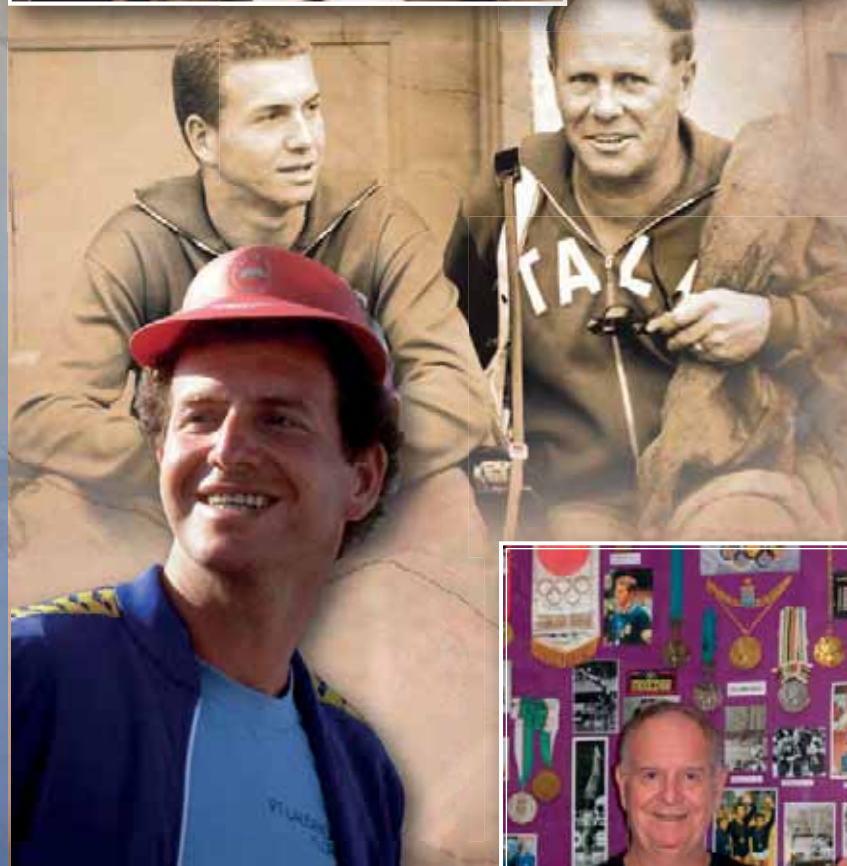
Klaus Dibiasi

Klaus Dibiasi was an Italian diver, born on October 6, 1947 in Solbad Hall, (Austria).

Dibiasi was the champion of the Games of the XIX, XX, XXI Olympiads (1968, 1972, 1976) in the platform, two-time silver medallist in the platform (1964), and springboard (1968), a two-time world champion in the platform (1973, 1975), the silver medallist in the springboard (1973, 1975), a three-time European champion (1966, 1974 (2)), a two-time silver medallist of the European Championships (1970) and an Eight-time European Cup winner.

At the Games of the XXI Olympiad in Montreal, Klaus Dibiasi was given the right to be the flag bearer of the Italian team at the opening ceremony.

Klaus Dibiasi was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1981.



Marshall Wayne

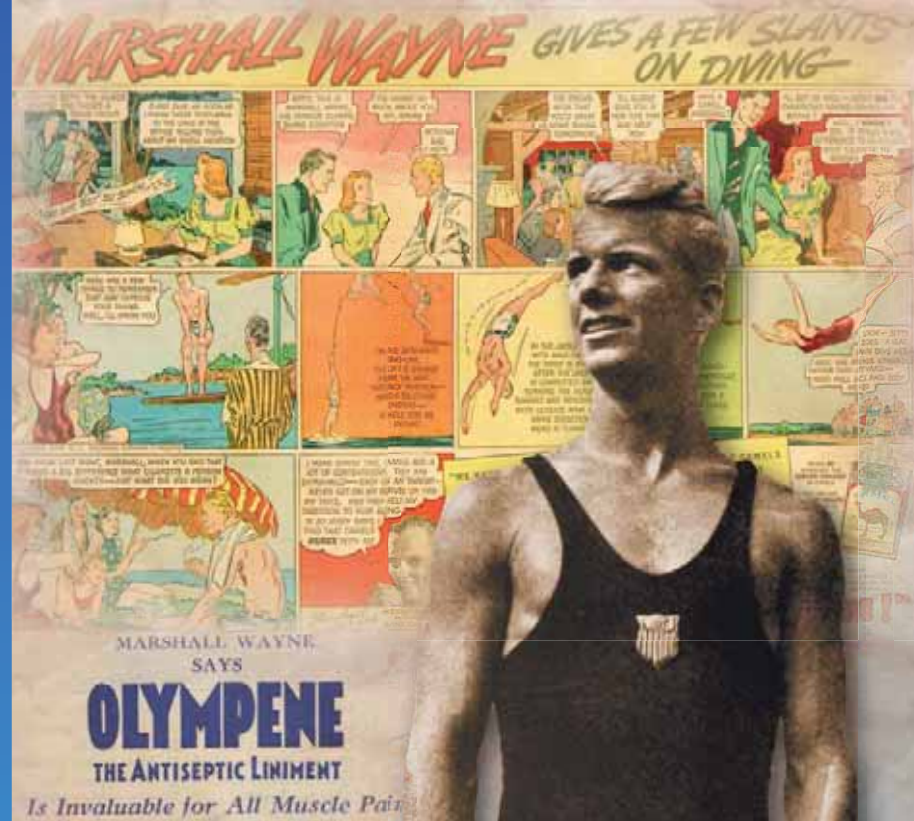
Marshall Wayne was an American diver, born on May 25, 1912, in Miami (Florida, USA).

Wayne was the champion of the Games of the XI Olympiad 1936 in the platform, the silver medallist in the springboard and a two-time US champion.

Wayne was filmed by Leni Riefenstahl in the documentary film "Olympia".

During World War II Marshall Wayne served in the US troops and in civil aviation of the United States after the war.

Marshall Wayne was inducted into the International swimming hall of fame in 1981. He died June 16, 1999 in Hendersonville (NC, USA).



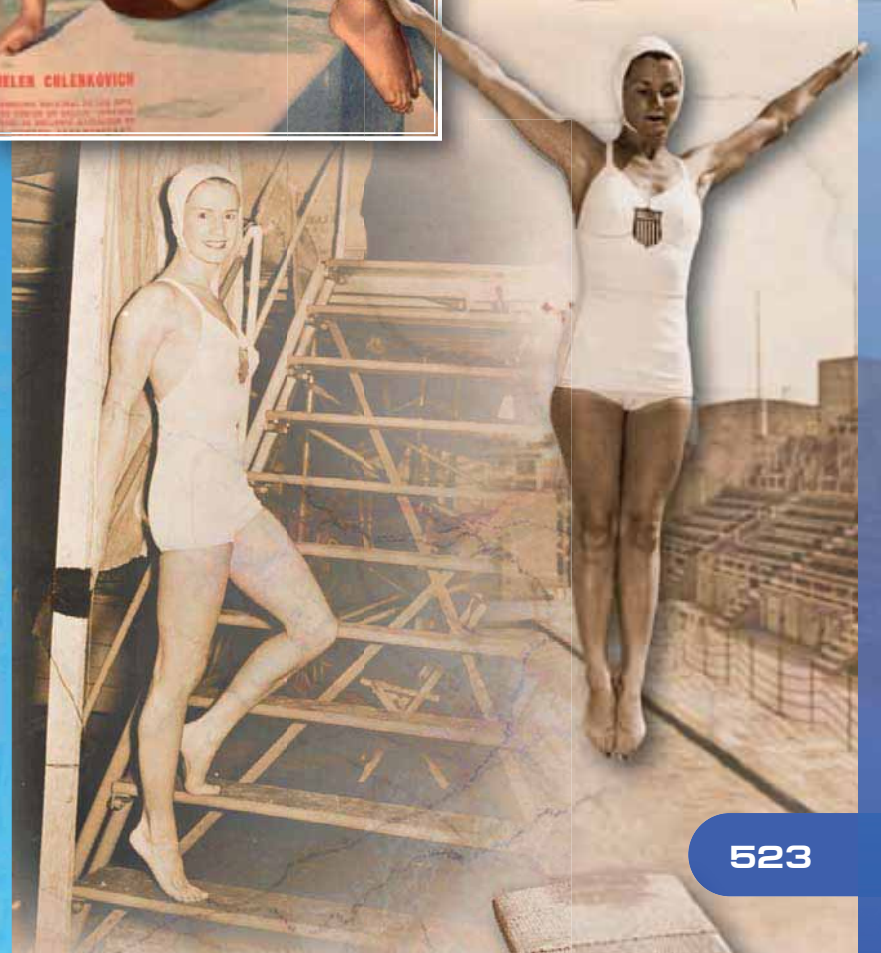
Helen Crlenkovich

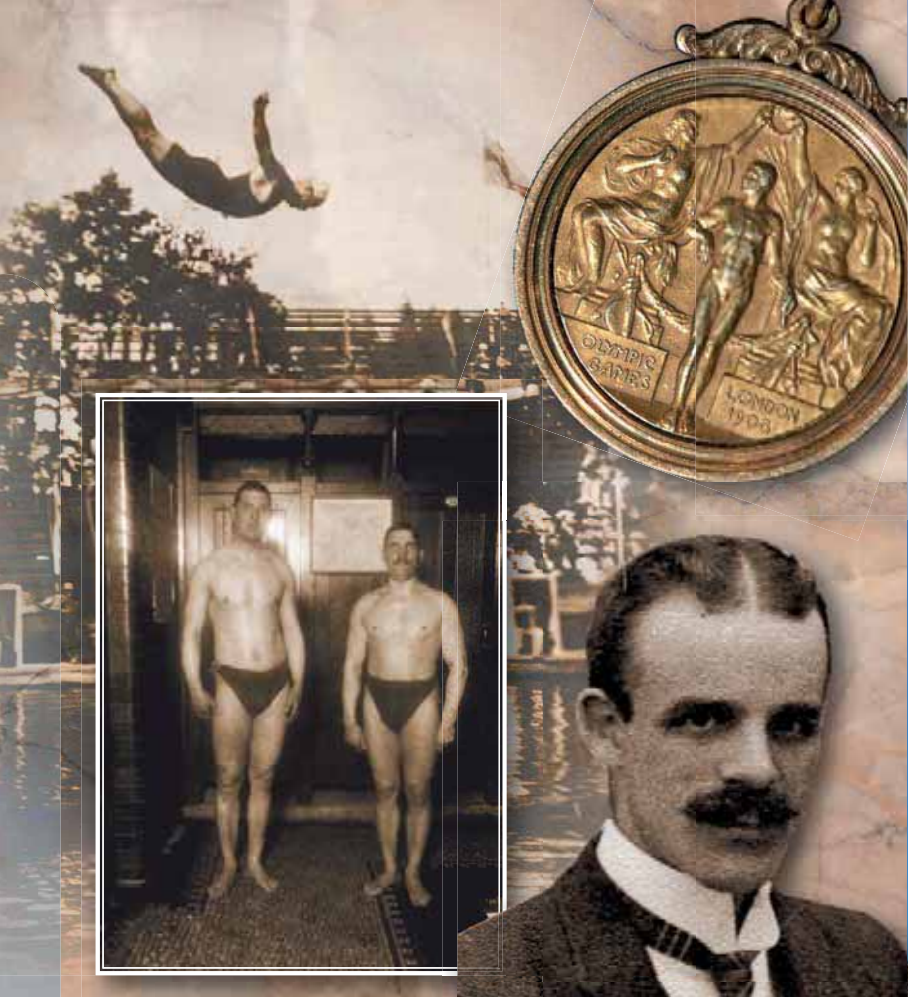
Helen Crlenkovich - American diver of Croatian origin, born on January 14, 1921 Akron (Ohio, USA).

Helen was one of the most successful athletes in America and the world in the three-metre springboard and the ten-metre platform.

Crlenkovich was the world Champion in the springboard, a multiple USA champion (1939, 1941, 1946, 1947) in the springboard and platform. Helen appears twice as a twisting diver above San Francisco Bay in Diego Rivera's 1940 mural Pan American Unity.

In 1981 Helen Crlenkovich was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame. She died on July 19, 1955 in Los Angeles (California, USA).





Carl Hjalmar August Johansson

Carl Hjalmar August Johansson was a Swedish diver, born on January 29, 1874 in Karlskrona (Swedish-Norwegian Union).

Johansson was the champion of the Games of the X Olympiad in London in the plain high dive, and the silver medallist of the Games of the 1912 Olympiad in the platform.

In 1982, Carl Hjalmar August Johansson was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame. He died on September 30, 1957 in Stockholm (Sweden) at the age of 83.

Ulrika Margareta Knape-Lindberg

Ulrika Margareta Knape-Lindberg was a Swedish diver and later a coach, born on April 26, 1955 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Margareta Knape-Lindberg was the champion of the Games of the XX Olympiad in the platform, silver medallist in the springboard, the silver medallist of the Games of the XXI Olympiad in the platform the World champion (1973) in the platform, the silver medallist in the springboard, the bronze medallist (1975) in the platform, a two-time European champion (1974), a three-time winner of the European Cup (1969, 1975 (2)), a 38-time champion of Sweden and an AAU champion in 1972.

In 1972, after a triumphant performance at the Munich Olympiad, Ulrika was named the Athlete of the Year in Sweden. After retiring from diving Margareta Knape-Lindberg started working as a coach. She coached Sweden's national diving team and trained Swedish athletes for the 1996, 2000, and 2004 Olympics.

Ulrika Margareta Knape-Lindberg was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1982.



Farid Simaika

Farid Simaika was an Egyptian diver, born on June 12, 1907, in Alexandria (Egypt).

Farid Simaika was the silver medallist of the Games of the IX Olympiad in the platform, the bronze medallist in the springboard, and a three-time winner of the US Championships (1930-1932).

After retiring from diving Farid performed in water shows, acted in movies, later served in the US Air Force. He died on September 11, 1943 in Makassar (Indonesia).

Farid Simaika was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1982.

Milena Duchková-Neveklovská

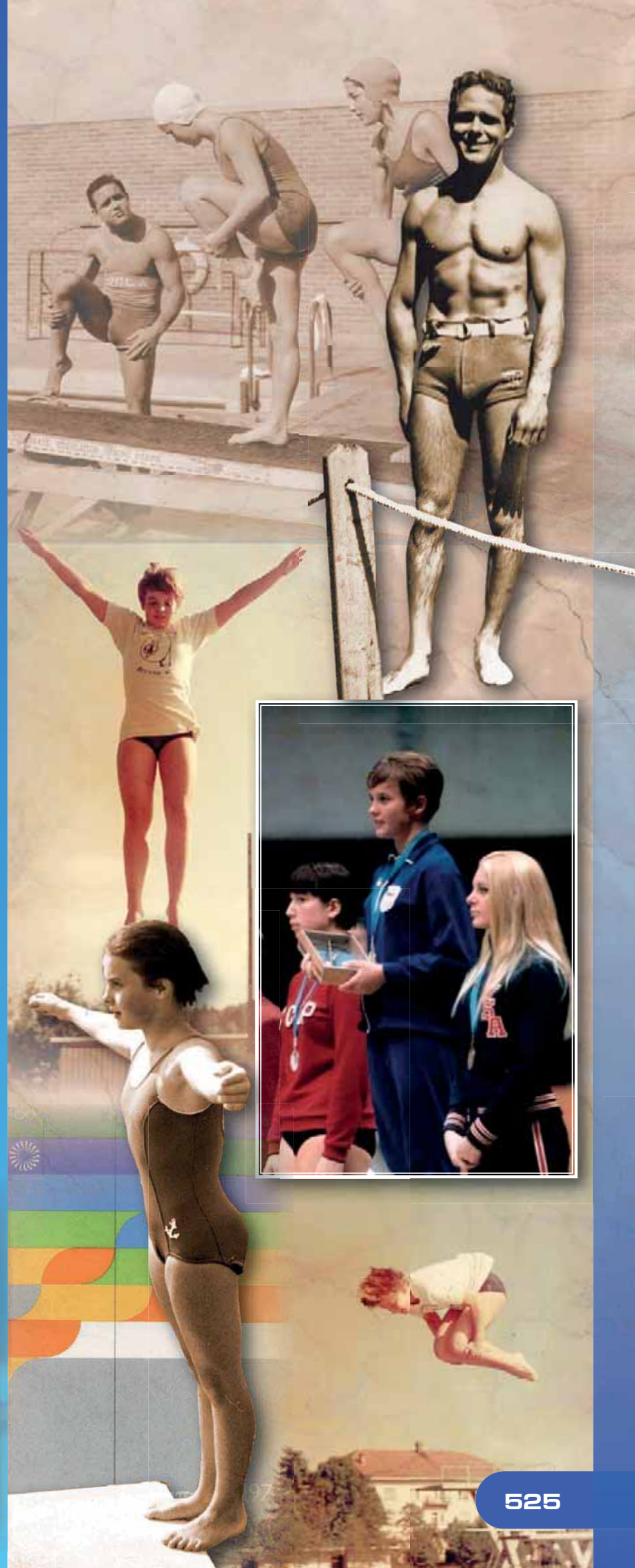
Milena Duchková-Neveklovská was a Czechoslovak diver, later coach, born on April 25, 1952 in Prague (Czechoslovakia).

Milena Duchková-Neveklovská was the champion of the Games of the XIX Olympiad in the platform, the silver medallist of the Games of the XX Olympiad in the platform, the silver medallist of the World Cup (1973), the European Champion (1970) and a Participant of the Games of the XXI Olympiad in 1976 in Montreal.

After retiring from diving Milena coached the Canadian national team and applied for political asylum there. As a result, the Czechoslovak government declared Milena dead.

Milena Duchková-Neveklovská, was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1983.

In 1999 she was recognized as the most outstanding sportswoman of the Czech Republic in aquatic sports.





Anna Ross

Anna Ross was an American diver.

Anna Ross was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1984.

Hobie Billingsley

Hobie Billingsley was an American diver and coach, born on December 2, 1927.

Hobie Billingsley was the Champion of the NCAA (1945) in diving, the coach of the women's (1968) and men's (1972) US National Olympic teams in the springboard. Hobie prepared the Olympic teams of Austria (1976, 1980) and Denmark (1980).

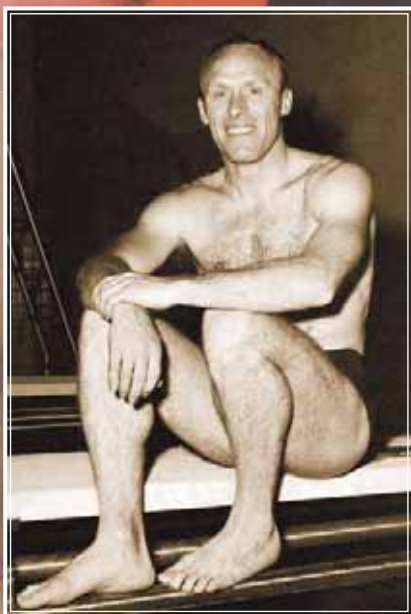
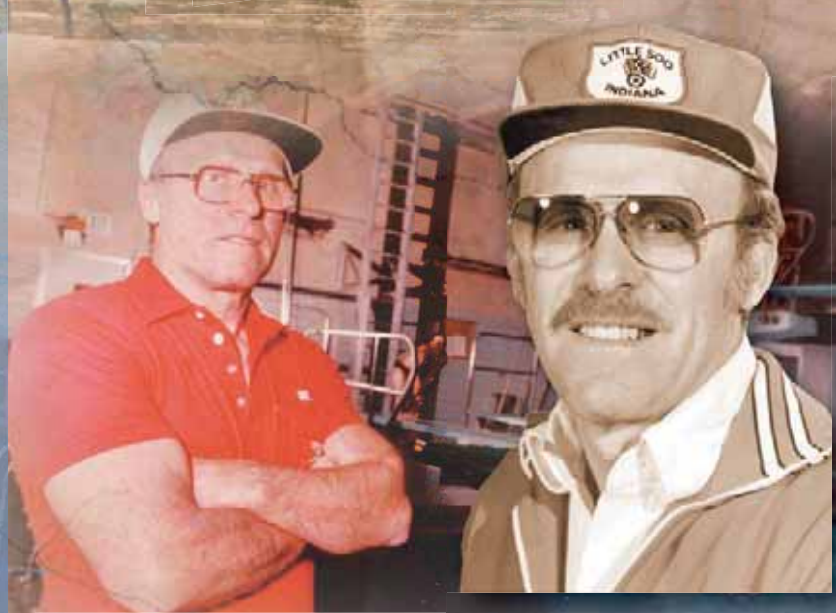
Billingsley was the founder of the American (1971) and World (1968) Association of Diving Coaches.

The Indiana University diving team led by Billingsley won the NCAA 16 times, and its members won 64 AAU national titles. Among the apprentices of Hobie are the four winners of the Pan American Games, three world champions, two Olympic champions.

As a coach Billingsley trained the team USA for five Olympiads. At the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in 1996 in Atlanta, he was honoured to take the oath on behalf of the judges at the opening ceremony.

Author of the book "Illustrated diving", Hobie Billingsley is the winner of the Mike Malone Award (1973) and the Fred Cady Award (1964).

Hobie Billingsley was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1983.





Bernard Charles Wrightson

Bernard Charles Wrightson was an American diver, born on June 25, 1944 in San Antonio, Texas, USA.

Wrightson was the champion of the Games of the XI Olympiad in the springboard and the champion of the Pan American Games (1967) in the springboard, as well as an Eight-time US champion (1964-1968), NCAA Champion (1966) in the springboard diving.

Bernard Charles received a degree in law, and also became known as a judge in the platform.

Bernard Charles Wrightson was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1984.

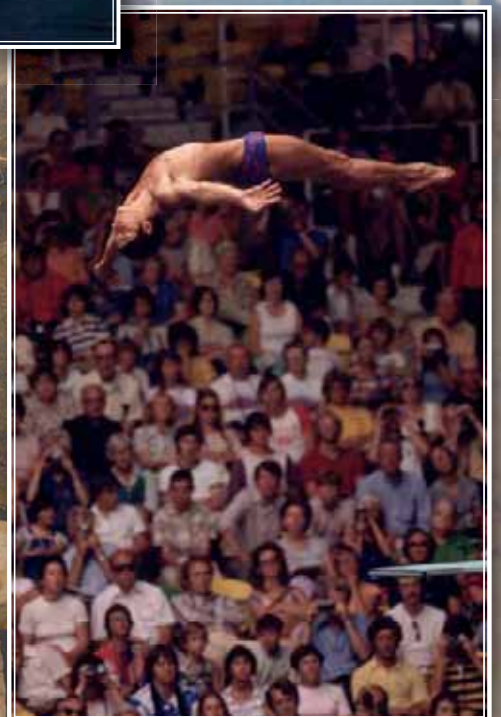
Phillip "Phil" George Boggs

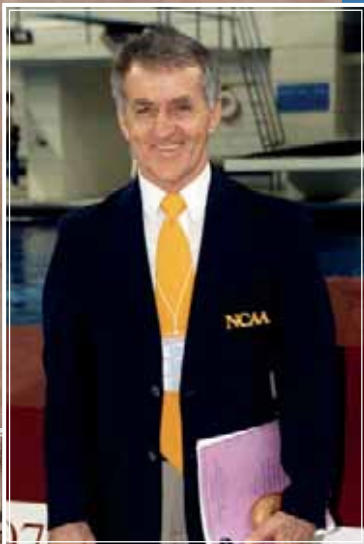
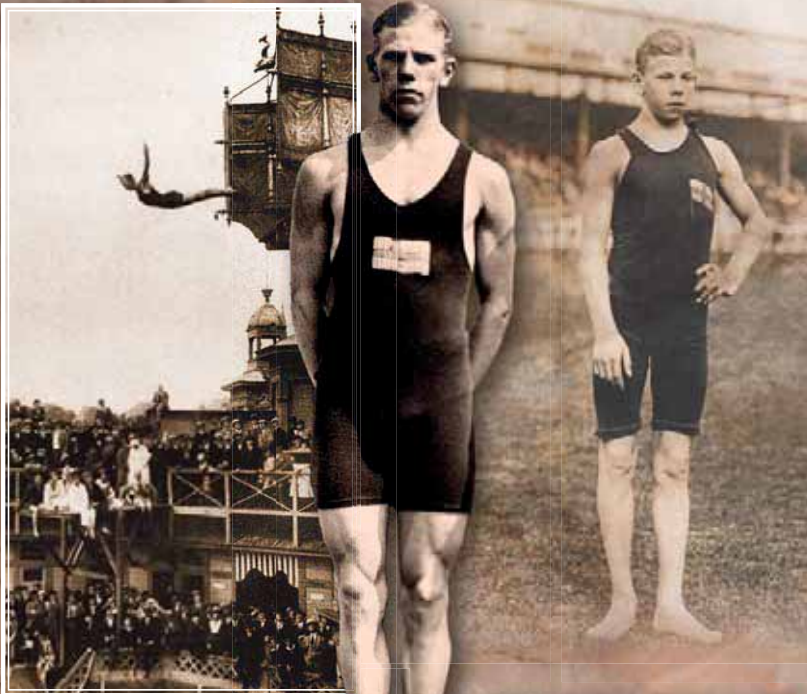
Phillip "Phil" George Boggs was an American diver, born on December 29, 1949 in Akron, Ohio, USA.

George Boggs was the champion of the Games of the XXI Olympiad in the springboard, a three-time world champion (1973, 1975, 1978), a two-time silver (1975, 1979) prize-winner of the Pan American Games in the springboard and the bronze medallist (1979) in the platform.

Boggs was awarded the highest international award in aquatic sports the FINA Prize Eminence (1978). After retiring from diving, he started practicing law. He founded the American Diving Foundation, developed an investment program, and helped create a trust fund for American athletes.

Phillip "Phil" George Boggs was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1985. He died on July 4, 1990 in Miami, Florida, USA.





Erik Adlertz

Erik Adlertz was a Swedish diver, born on July 23, 1892 in Stockholm (Sweden).

Erik Adlertz was a two-time champion of the Games of the V Olympiad in Stockholm in the platform and in plain diving, the silver medallist of the Games of the VI Olympiad in the platform and a participant of four Olympics (1908, 1912, 1920, 1924).

Erik Adlertz was inducted into the International World Swimming Hall of Fame in 1986. He died on September 8, 1975 in Gothenburg (Sweden).

Dick Kimball

Dick Kimball was an American diver, later coach, born in 1935 in Rochester, Minnesota USA.

Kimball was the World Champion (1963) and the NCAA (1957) champion in diving.

Kimball served as head coach at the University of Michigan for 43 years (1960-2002). His apprentices include nine Olympic medallists, including Bob Webster, Maxine King, Phil Boggs and Mark Lenzi.

In 1964, 1980, 1984, 1988 and 1992 Kimball coached the US Olympic teams in diving. Dick Kimball was the president of the American Diving Association, a member of the US Olympic Committee, chairman of the Women's Diving Committee, and a member of the US Diving Committee.

Dick Kimball was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame and the University of Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in 1985.



Lesley Bush

Lesley Bush was an American diver, born on September 17, 1947 in Princeton, New Jersey, USA.

Lesley Bush was the champion of the Games of the XVIII Olympiad in the platform, the champion of the Pan American Games (1967), and a five-time winner of the national championships (1965, 1967 (3), 1968), as well as the participant of the Games of the XIX Olympiad, 1968 in Mexico City.

After retiring from diving Bush worked as a biology teacher, she was awarded the Lawrence J. Johnson Prize (1967).

Leslie Bush was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1986.

Jennifer Chandler

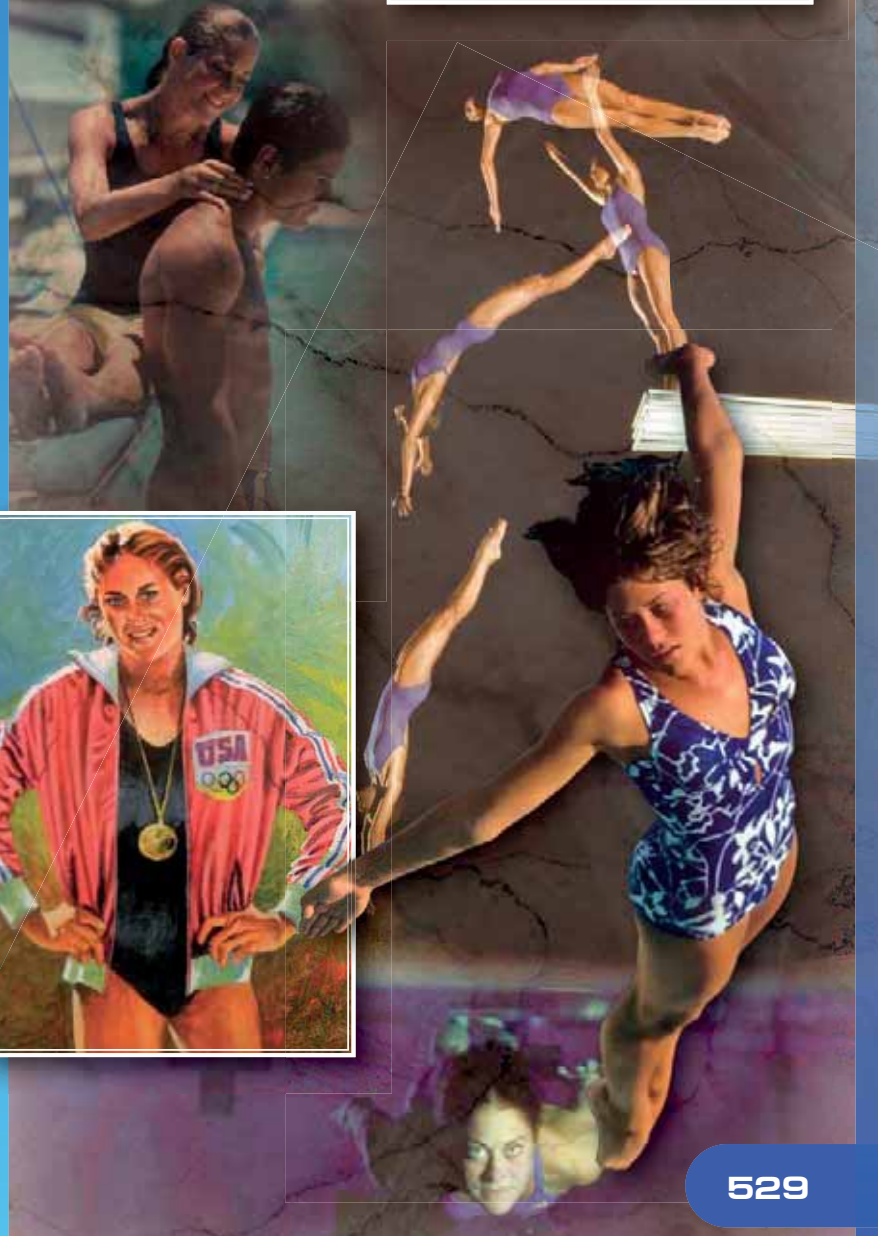
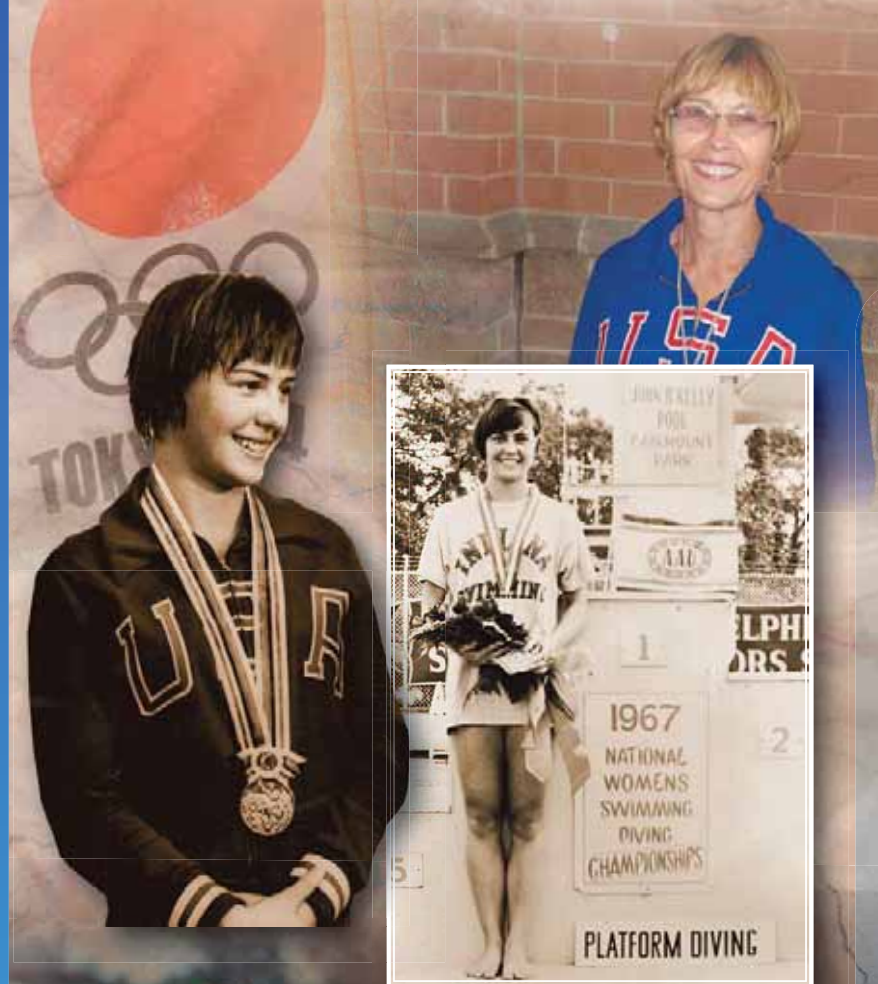
Jennifer Chandler was an American diver, born on June 30, 1959 in Alabama, USA.

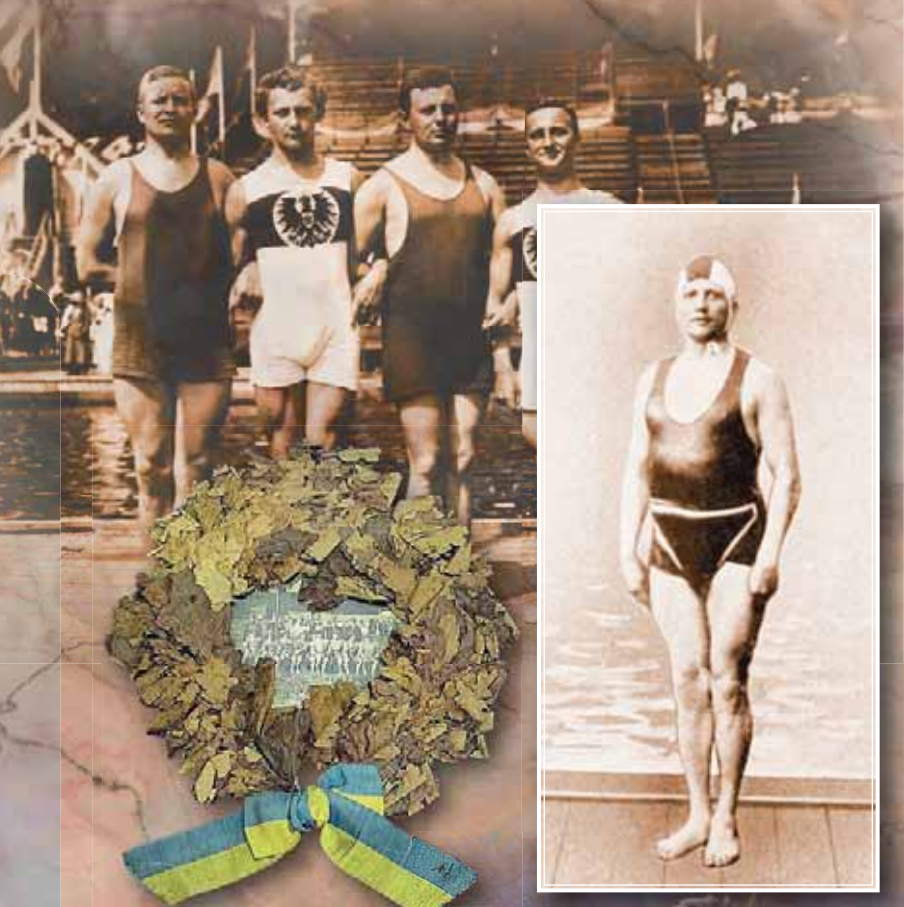
Chandler was the champion of the Games of the XXI Olympiad in the springboard, the bronze medallist of the World Championships (1978) in the springboard, the Champion of the Pan American Games (1975) in the springboard, the bronze medallist of the America's Cup (1977 and a seven-time US champion (1974-1978).

After retiring from diving at the age of 21 (due to a back injury), she worked as an expert commentator for several national television networks. In 2003 Jennifer became the head of the educational programme of the International Swimming Hall of Fame. She currently works at the Lakeshore Foundation, a world-class rehabilitation and sports training centre in Birmingham, Alabama.

Jennifer Chandler holds a Bachelor of Arts in Drawing and Painting from the University of Arizona and currently exhibits her art through the Art of the Olympians Foundation.

Jennifer Chandler was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1987; in 1985 - to the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.





Paul Gunther

Paul Gunther was a German diver, the Olympic champion, born on October 24, 1882 in Hanover, Germany.

Paul Gunther was the champion of the Games of the 1912 Olympiad in the springboard, also taking part in the platform (8th place), a four-time champion of Germany (1910, 1911, 1912, 1920).

Paul Gunther was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1988. He died in 1945 in Duisburg (Germany).

Cynthia “Cindy” Ann Potter

Cynthia “Cindy” Ann Potter was an American diver, coach and a sports judge, born on August 27, 1950 in Houston, Texas, USA.

Potter was the bronze medallist of the Games of the XXI Olympiad in the springboard, the silver medallist of the World Championships (1978) in the springboard, the bronze medallist of the Pan American Games (1975) in the springboard and the champion and the silver medallist of the World Universiade (1970).

Cynthia Ann Potter won 28 national championships (1968-1978), becoming the most titled women’s diver in the US history, named the “World’s Best Diver of the Year” three times.

After retiring from competitive diving Cynthia took a coaching job at the University of Arizona, was the owner and the head coach of Arizona Diving, an International judge in diving, a member of the American Board of Directors in diving, a member of the Board of Directors of the International Swimming Hall of Fame (2000-2005); worked on almost all the USA Diving committees. Expert-analyst in events of various ranks. Potter was the member of the NOC of the United States.

Cynthia Ann Potter was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame, Indiana University Sports Hall of Fame in 1987.

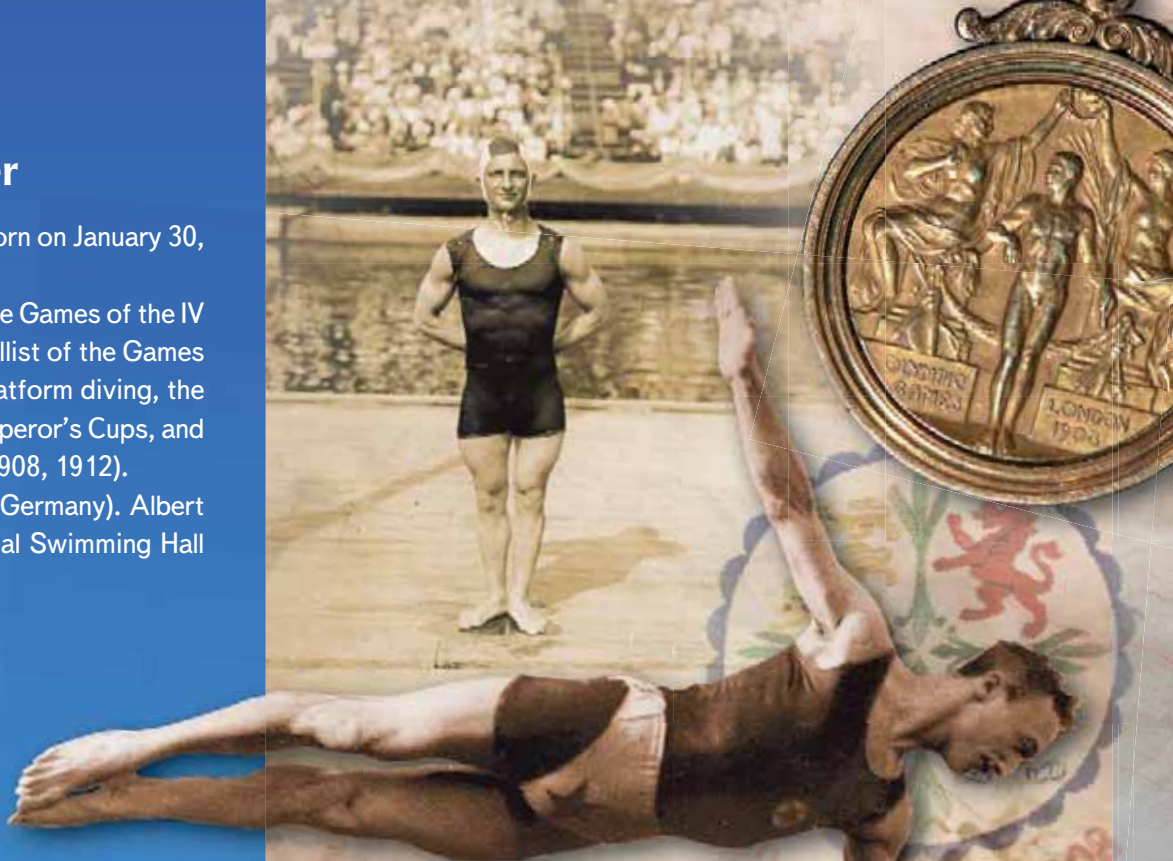


Albert Zürner

Albert Zürner was a German diver, born on January 30, 1890 in Hamburg (Germany).

Albert Zürner was the champion of the Games of the IV Olympiad in the platform, the silver medallist of the Games of the V Olympiad in Stockholm in the platform diving, the winner of four Hamburg Cups and the Emperor's Cups, and a participant of three Olympiads (1906, 1908, 1912).

He died on July 18, 1920 in Bremen (Germany). Albert Zürner was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1988.



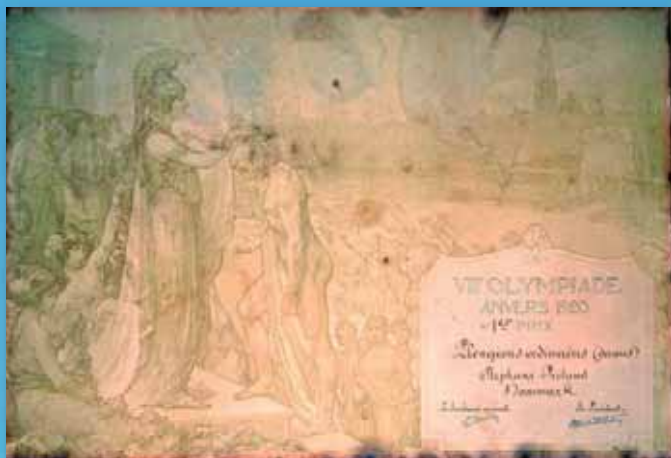
Anna Stephanie Clausen-Früland

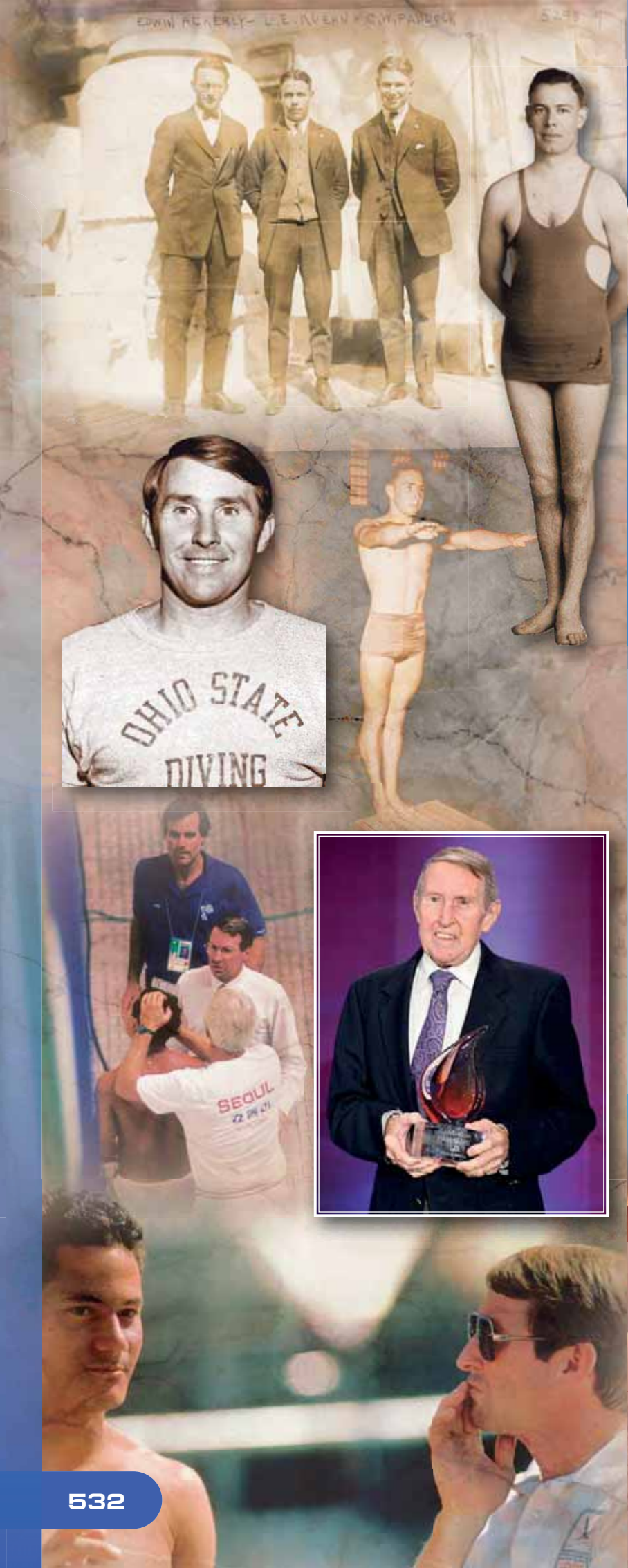
Anna Stephanie Clausen-Früland was a Danish diver and later a sports judge, born in 1900 in Copenhagen (Denmark).

In 1919, Stephanie Clausen focused on the platform and won several national and international competitions, becoming the champion of the 1920 Olympiad in Antwerp.

After retiring from competitive diving, Stephanie continued to work as a judge.

Stephanie Clausen-Früland was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1988. She died on August 2, 1981 in Karlebo (Denmark) at the age of 81.





Louis Edward “Hap” Kuehn

Louis Edward “Hap” Kuehn was an American diver, born on April 2, 1901 in Portland, Oregon, USA.

Kuehn was the champion of the Games of the VII Olympiad of 1920 in Antwerp in the springboard and the Junior Champion of the USA (1919).

After retiring from diving Louis received his University education and worked in the district court in Oregon. During World War II he served as an instructor in the Navy.

Louis Edward “Hap” Kuehn was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1988. He died on March 30, 1981 in Clackamas County (Oregon, USA) at the age of 79.

Ron O’Brien

Ron O’Brien was an American diver and later coach.

Ron O’Brien was the NCAA (1959) champion in the springboard diving and the winner of the US Championships (1961) in diving from a 3-metre springboard.

After retiring from competitive diving O’Brien served as the head coach in Ohio (1965-1978) and coached the US Olympic diving team at five consecutive Olympiad (1968-1988). His apprentices won 154 gold, 90 silver and 78 bronze medals at the Olympiad, world championships, NCAA national championships and the Big Ten Conference.

Ron was the author of the book “Diving for gold” and educational video “Diving My Way”.

Ron O’Brien was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1988. He is also a member of the Ohio University Hall of Fame and the US Sports Hall of Fame.





Caroline Smith

Caroline Smith was an American diver, born on July 21, 1906 in Cairo (Illinois, USA).

Smith was the champion of the Games of the VIII Olympiad in the platform and the champion of the USA (1925).

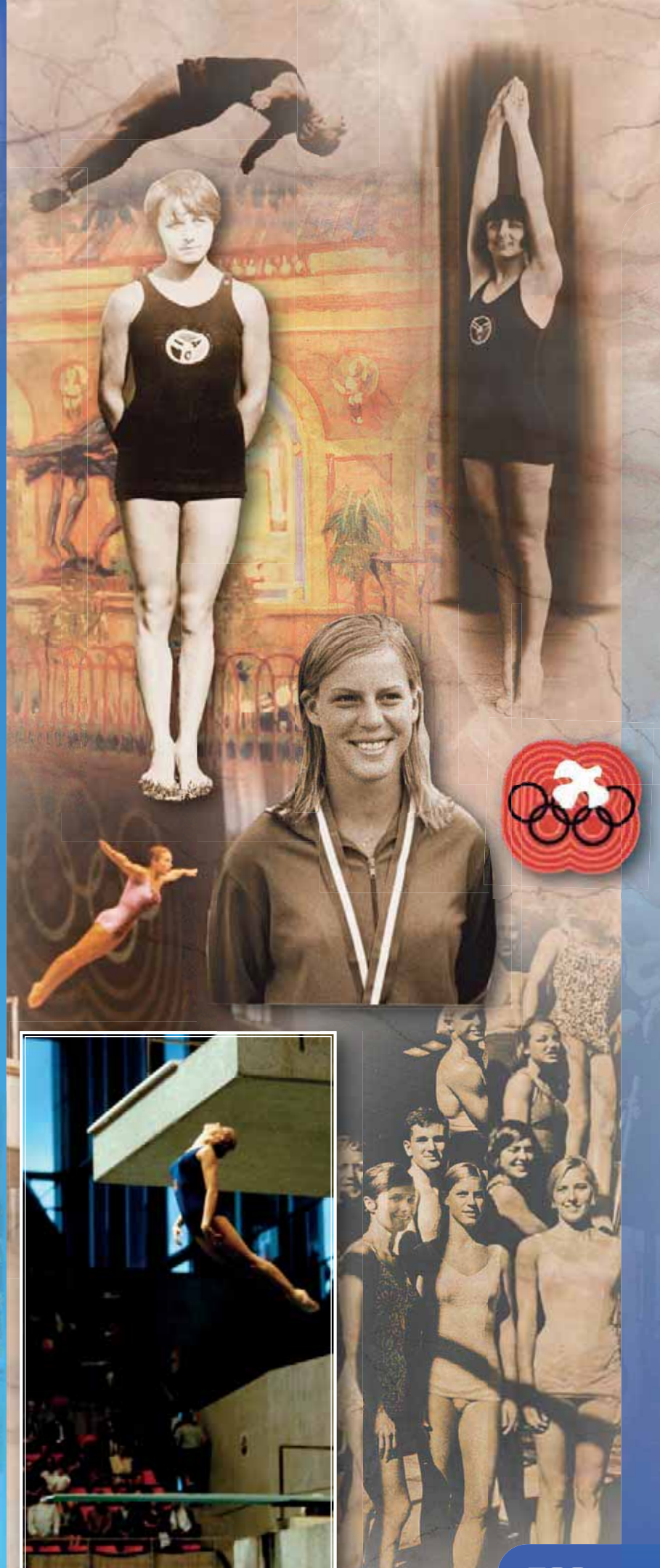
After retiring from diving Caroline took part in aquatic shows. Caroline Smith was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1988. She died on November 10, 1994 in Las Vegas (Nevada, USA).

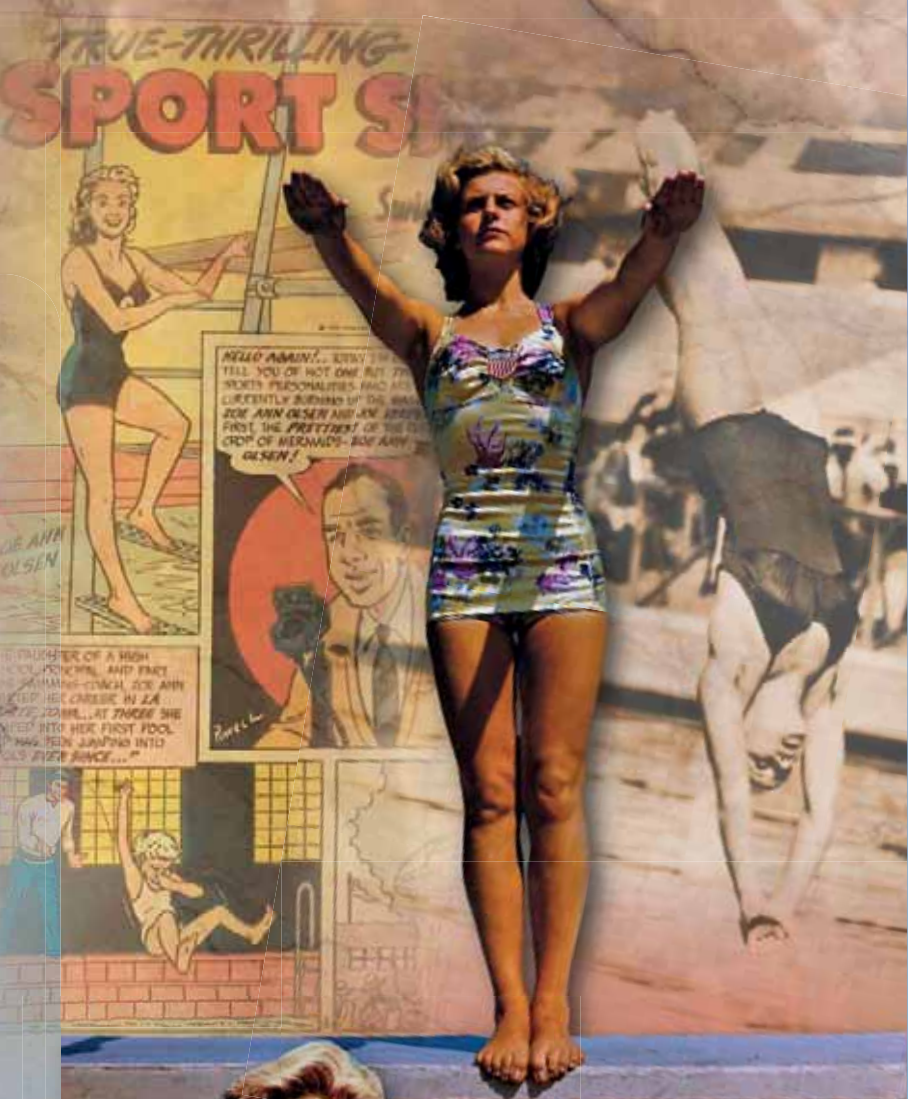
Susanne "Sue" Gossick

Susanne "Sue" Gossick was an American diver, born on November 12, 1947 in Chicago (Illinois, USA).

Gossick was the champion of the Games of the XIX Olympiad in the springboard, the champion of the Pan American Games (1967) in the springboard, a two-time world champion (1966, 1968) and a five-time US champion, as well as the participant of the Games of the XVIII Olympiad in 1964 in Tokyo.

Susanne "Sue" Gossick was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1988.





Zoe Ann Jensen-Olsen

Zoe Ann Olsen-Jensen was an American diver, born on February 11, 1931 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Jensen-Olsen was the silver medallist of the Games of the XIV Olympiad in the springboard, the bronze medallist of the Games of the XV Olympiad in the springboard and a thirteen-time AAU winner in the springboard.

In 1989, Zoe Ann Olsen-Jensen was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame, and in 1978 into the Iowa Sports Hall of Fame. Died September 23, 2017.

Vladimir Vasin

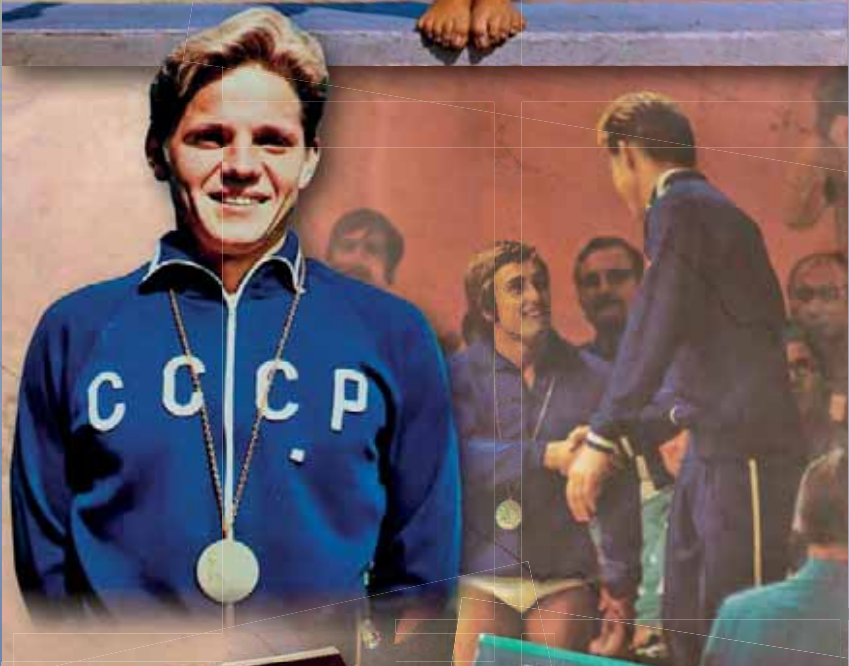
Vladimir Vasin is a Russian Soviet diver, later - sports judge, sports official, born on January 9, 1947 in Moscow (RSFSR, USSR).

In 1972, Vladimir Vasin became the first Soviet diver to win a medal in the Olympic Games, capturing the gold medal in the three-metre springboard competition. He beat the great Italian diver Giorgio Cagnotto by only 2½ points at a time when the Italian duo of Cagnotto and Dibiasi were the divers to beat. Bronze medallist of the European Championships (1970) in diving from a 3-metre springboard and a Participant of three Olympics (1964, 1968, 1972).

Vladimir stayed in diving beyond his competitive days and served as a member of the Technical Diving Committee of FINA, as well as the leader for youth in many Soviet organisations, where he is considered a hero.

In 1989-1992 he headed the All-Russian Olympic Committee. In 1992 he was elected the First Vice President of the Olympic Committee of Russia, in 2005 - Vice President. Since 2010 - Honorary Vice President of the Olympic Committee of Russia.

Vladimir Vasin was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1991.



Lyle Draves

Lyle Draves was an American diving coach.

Lyle Draves was the first pure diving coach developing 3 Olympic Champions: Vicki Manalo Draves (his wife), Pat McCormick, Sue Gossick. Vicki was the 1st woman to win the platform and springboard at the same Olympics (1948). McCormick followed by becoming the first double, double Olympic gold winner (1952, 1956). Gossick won the springboard in 1968. Draves coached female divers to 12 Olympic medals and 35 National Championships. His Olympic silver medallists include Paula Jean Myers and Zoe Ann Olsen-Jensen, each of whom took a bronze. His divers Olympic medal count reads 7 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze.

Following the footsteps of their parents, the sons of Lyle and Victoria Draves are Acapulco and World Champion high divers.

Lyle Draves was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame In 1989. Died on January 12, 2018 at the age of 103.

Irina Bazhina (Kalinina)

Irina Bazhina (Kalinina), a Soviet Russian diver, later coach, was born on February 8, 1959 in the city of Penza (RSFSR, USSR).

Irina Bazhina was the champion of the Games of the XXII Olympiad in diving from a 3-metre springboard, a three-time world champion in diving from a 3-metre springboard (1975, 1978) and in diving from a 10-metre platform (1978), a silver medallist (1975) in diving from a 10-metre platform, a two-time silver medallist of the European Championships (1974), a three-time bronze medallist (1977 (2), 1981), a 20-time winner of the USSR championships and a participant of the Games of the XXI Olympiad in 1976 in Montreal.

After retiring from diving, Irina started working as a coach. She worked as an athlete-instructor of the USSR national team in 1972-1984. Since 1984 Bazhina became a coach at the youth preparation diving school.

Irina Kalinina was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1990.





Clyde Aclé Swendsen

Clyde Aclé Swendsen was an American diver, later coach, born on May 25, 1895 in Port Townsend, Washington, USA.

Swendsen was the USA champion in the platform (1918), the springboard (1919, 1920) and a participant of the Games of the VII Olympiad of 1920 in Antwerp.

After retiring from diving, Clyde worked as a coach at the Los Angeles Athletic Club for 14 years. He trained 17 Olympians including Frank Kurtz, Vicki Draves, Elizabeth Becker-Pinkston, Dorothy Poynton-Hill, Edwin Harold Smith, Buster Crabbe and Johnny Weissmuller. From 1947 to 1950 he worked as a coach with the Guatemalan national team.

Clyde Aclé Swendsen was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1991. He died December 1, 1979 in Ventura (California, USA).

Elena Vaytsekhovskaya

Elena Vaytsekhovskaya was a Russian Soviet diver, later a coach and sports journalist, born on March 1, 1958 in the city of Lviv (USSR, USSR). Elena dove from a 10-metre platform for the first time at the age of 13. Already at the age of 16, in 1974, she became the bronze medallist of the European Championships and the Champion of the USSR.

Elena Vaytsekhovskaya was the champion of the Games of the XXI Olympiad in the 10-metre platform and the silver medallist of the European Championships in 1977. In 1980 she retired from competitive diving due to a serious injury, later worked as a children's coach and an interpreter.

In 1989-1991 Elena Vaytsekhovskaya worked as a journalist for the newspaper "Soviet Sport". Since 1991 - a columnist for the professional sports publication "Sport-Express", covering the events of five Olympiads and numerous world championships.

After being in Sport-Express for 26 years, in 2017 Elena Vaytsekhovskaya moved to the editorial office of R-Sport of MIA Rossiya Segodnya.

Elena Vaytsekhovskaya is a member of the press commission of the International Swimming Federation (FINA). Elena Vaytsekhovskaya was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1992.



Richmond Cavill “Dick” Eve

Richmond Cavill “Dick” Eve was an Australian diver—the champion of the Games of the VIII Olympiad in plain high dive.

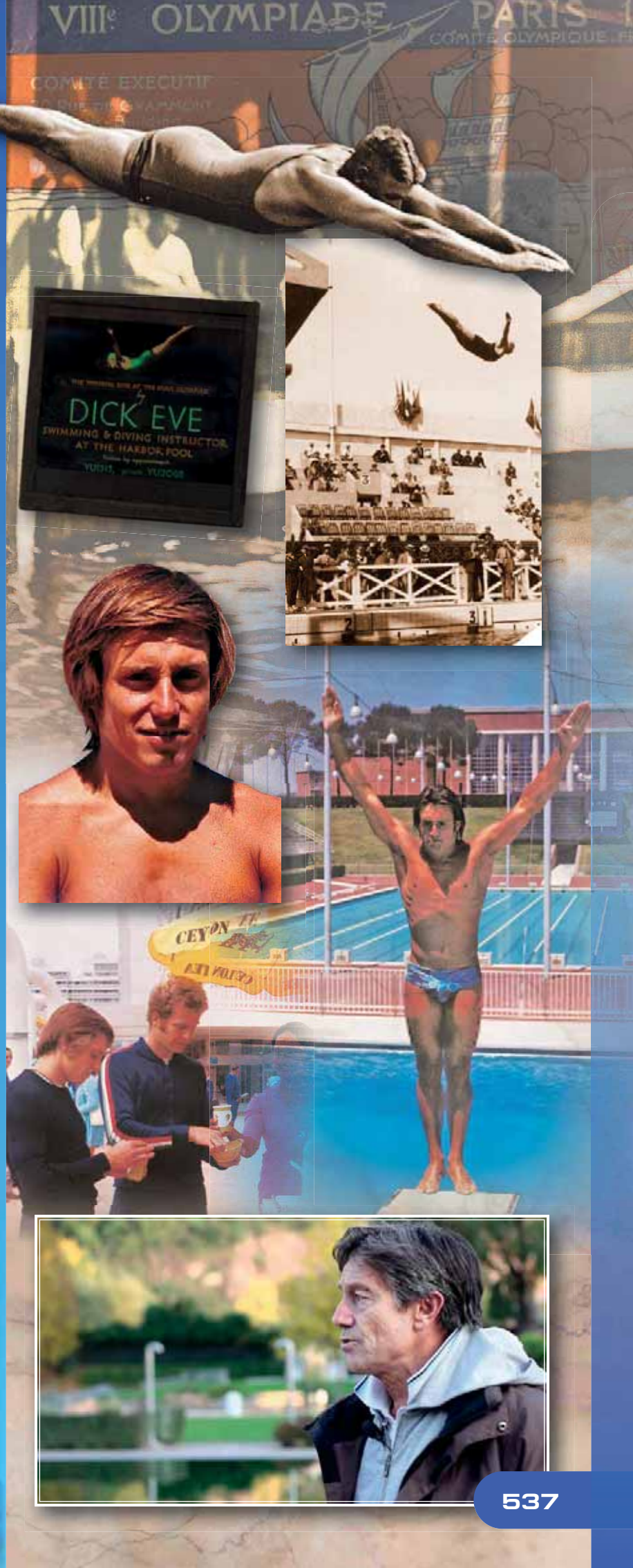
Richmond Cavill “Dick” Eve was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1991. Died 13 March 1970.

Franco Giorgio Cagnotto

Franco Giorgio Cagnotto was an Italian, diver later coach, born on June 2, 1947 in Turin (Italy).

Franco Giorgio Cagnotto was the bronze medallist of the Games of the XX and XXI Olympiad (1972, 1976) in diving from a 3-metre springboard, the bronze medallist of the Games of the XX and XXII Olympiad (1972, 1980) in diving from a 10-metre platform, the bronze medalist of the World Championships (1978) in diving from a 3-metre springboard, the European champion (1970) in diving from a 3-metre springboard, a two-time silver (1974, 1977) and two-time (1966, 1970) bronze winner of the European Championships, a four-time World Cup winner (1967, 1969, 1975, 1976), a four-time winner of the Mediterranean Games (1971–1972, 1975, 1979) and a participant of five Olympics (1964, 1968, 1972, 1976, 1980).

After retiring from competitive diving, Cagnotto worked as a coach of the Italian national diving team. Franco Giorgio Cagnotto was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1992.





Zhou Jihong

Zhou Jihong was a Chinese diver, born on January 1, 1965 in Wuhan (China).

Zhou Jihong was the champion of the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in diving from a 10-metre platform, the bronze medallist of the World Championships (1982) in diving from a 3-metre springboard, the silver medallist of the Asian Games (1982) in diving from a 10-metre platform, the winner of the World Cup (1983) in diving from a 10-metre platform, and a participant of the Games of the XXV Olympiad 1992 in Barcelona.

Zhou Jihong is the first Chinese woman to win an Olympic gold medal in the 10m platform. She was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1994.

Gregory Efthimios Louganis

Gregory Efthimios Louganis is an American diver, a four-time Olympic champion, five-time world champion, six-time champion of the Pan American Games, 47-time US champion, born on January 29, 1960 in El Cajon (California, USA).

Gregory Efthimios Louganis' first coach was the famous American athlete, two-time Olympic champion Sammy Lee, then he was coached by Ron O'Brien.

At the Games of the XXI Olympiad in 1976 in Montreal, Louganis won the silver medal in diving from a 10-metre platform. In 1978 he became the world champion in diving from a 10-metre platform. In 1982 for the first time, he won gold medals in both diving disciplines. He became the winner of the World Universiade in 1983.

At the Games of the XXIII Olympiad for the first time Louganis became a two-time champion and - after 1984 - won both gold medals in diving at the Olympics.

In 1986 he repeated the "golden double" at the World Cup, and in 1988 - the third "golden double" at the Games of XXIV Olympiad in 1988 in Seoul.

From 1978 to 1988 Greg Louganis won nine gold medals at three world championships and two Olympics in total.

Author of the autobiographical book "Breaking the Surface".

Gregory Efthimios Louganis was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1993.

Jane Fauntz

Jane Fauntz was an American diver, later coach, born on December 19, 1910 in New Orleans (Louisiana, USA).

Jane Fauntz was the bronze medallist of the Games of the 1932 Olympiad in Los Angeles in diving from a 3-metre springboard, a participant of the Games of the IX Olympiad in 1928 in Amsterdam, the winner of the AAU Championships (1929) in the springboard, and a World record holder in 100 m breaststroke.

After retiring from diving, Jane Fauntz participated in water shows as a professional diver. She was also a diving coach.

After receiving her art education at the University of Illinois Jane Fauntz had been working as an artist and sculptor, and an art professor for 20 years.

Jane Fauntz was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1991. She died on May 30, 1989 in Escondido, California (USA).

Kenneth Robert “Ken” Sitzberger

Kenneth Robert “Ken” Sitzberger American diver, born on February 13, 1945 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, USA.

Sitzberger was the champion of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in the 3-metre springboard, the champion of the 1963 Pan American Games in diving from a 3-metre springboard, a three-time US champion (1964, 1965), and a Five-time NCAA champion (1965–1967).

After retiring from competitive diving Kenneth worked as a sports commentator on the US television for over 16 years.

Kenneth Robert “Ken” Sitzberger was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1994. He died on January 2, 1984 in Coronado (California, USA).



Gao Min

Gao Min was a Chinese female diver, born on October 7, 1970 in Zigong, Sichuan Province, China.

Gao learned to swim at the age of four. At the age of 9 she started diving, at the age of 10 joined the national team of the province, at the age of 15 - the national team.

Gao Min won her first major international competition - the 3-metre springboard - at the 1986 World Championships, where she was named the “queen of diving”, being undefeated internationally in the 3-metre springboard from 1986 to 1992.

Min was the champion of the Games of the XXIV and XXV Olympiad (1988, 1992) in diving from the 3-metre springboard, a three-time world champion (1986, 1991 (2)), a two-time winner of the Goodwill Games (1990 (2)), a three-time World Cup winner (1987, 1989 (2)), and a three-time winner of the Asian Games (1990) in the individual (twice) and team championships.

Gao was chosen as the World’s Best Diver of the Year by the U. S. magazine *Swimming World* from 1987 to 1989 and the Woman’s World Springboard Diver of the Year for a record seven consecutive years from 1986 to 1992.

After retiring from competitive diving in 1992, Gao coached in Edmonton, Alberta for many years for the Edmonton Kinsmen Diving club, producing many national team divers and helping to further the sport of diving in Canada.

Gao Min was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1998.

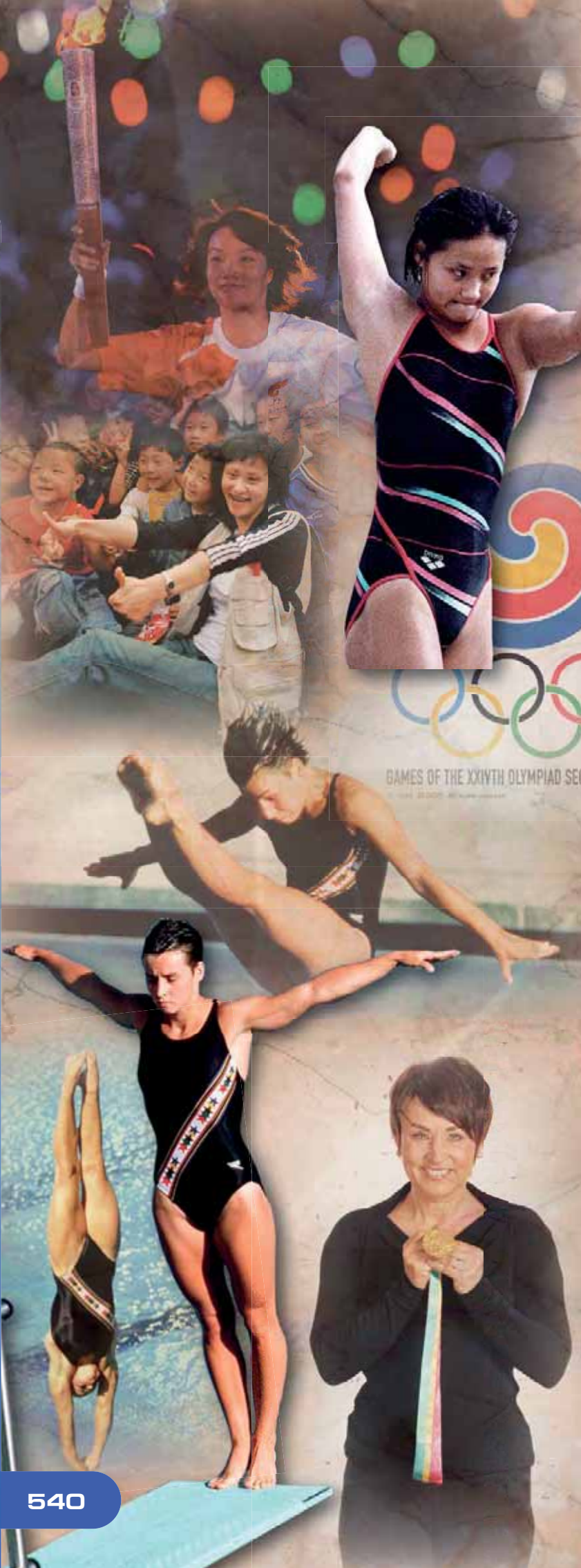
Sylvie Bernier

Sylvie Bernier was a Canadian diver, later a sports official, born on January 31, 1964 in the city of Saint-Foix (Canada).

Sylvie Bernier was the champion of the Games of the XXIII Olympiad 1984 in the springboard, the bronze medallist of the Pan American Games (1983) in the springboard, the silver medallist of the Commonwealth Games (1982), the bronze medallist of the World Cup (1983), the bronze medallist of the World Universiade (1983), and a five-time champion of Canada.

In 1985, Sylvie Bernier was made a Knight of the National Order of Quebec and a Member of the Order of Canada, Canada’s highest civilian honour. She served as Assistant Chef de Mission for the Canadian Olympic Team at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy (Torino). She served as the Chef de Mission for Canada at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China and served again as Assistant Chef de Mission for the 2012 Olympic Games in London, United Kingdom .

Sylvie Bernier was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1996.



Megan Neyer

Megan Neyer was an American diver, born on June 11, 1962, in Ashland, Kentucky, USA.

Megan Neyer was the World champion in diving from a 10-metre platform (1982), 15-time US champion (1981-1988) and eight-time NCAA champion.

After she retired from competitive diving in 1988, Neyer returned to graduate school at the University of Florida on an NCAA post-graduate scholarship to complete her master's degree in sports psychology in 1990 and her doctorate in counseling in 1994. Megan Neyer currently is the principal of Total Performance Systems, Inc., and works as a performance counselor for elite athletes and business executives in Atlanta.

Megan Neyer was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame of the University of Florida and into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1996.

Michele Anne Mitchell

Michele Anne Mitchell was an American diver, later coach, born on January 10, 1962 in Phoenix, Arizona, USA.

Michele Anne Mitchell was the silver medallist of the Games of the XXIII and XXIV Olympiad (1984, 1988) in diving from a 10-metre platform, the Winner of the Pan American Games (1987) in the platform, the Winner of the 1985 World Cup and a Nine-time US champion.

Mitchell is also the most decorated diver in Arizona history. She serves the sport today by holding notable roles in the collegiate and world diving communities, including Chair, NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Committee, and Chair, USA Diving, Committee for Competitive Excellence and Head Diving Coach, University of Arizona.

Mitchell also shares her knowledge of the sports on television. Her television resume includes the 1992 Olympic Trials and Games, the 1994 and 1995 NCAA Women's Championships, and the 1993 World University Games. During the summer of 1996, she anchored the in-stadium radio broadcasts for diving at the Olympic Games in Atlanta and was the bungee jump analyst for the ESPN X-Games.

In 1988, Michele Anne Mitchell was inducted into the University of Arizona Sports Hall of Fame and in 1995 into the International Swimming Hall of Fame.



Donald de Wayne “Don” Harper

Donald de Wayne “Don” Harper was an American diver, born on June 4, 1932 in Redwood City (California, USA).

Harper was the silver medallist of the Games of the XVI Olympiad in 1956 in the 3-metre springboard, the silver medallist of the Pan American Games (1959) in platform, the silver medallist of the Pan American Games (1959), a five-time US champion (1955-1959), a three-time NCAA champion (1956, 1959 (2)) and a Seven-time AAU champion (1955, 1956, 1958–1961).

After retiring from competitive diving, Donald worked as a professor of physiology at Ohio State University and an advisor to the National diving federation.

Donald de Wayne “Don” Harper was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1998. Member of the Ohio Sports Hall of Fame and the World Acrobatics Hall of Fame. He died November 30, 2017 in Upper Arlington (Ohio, USA).

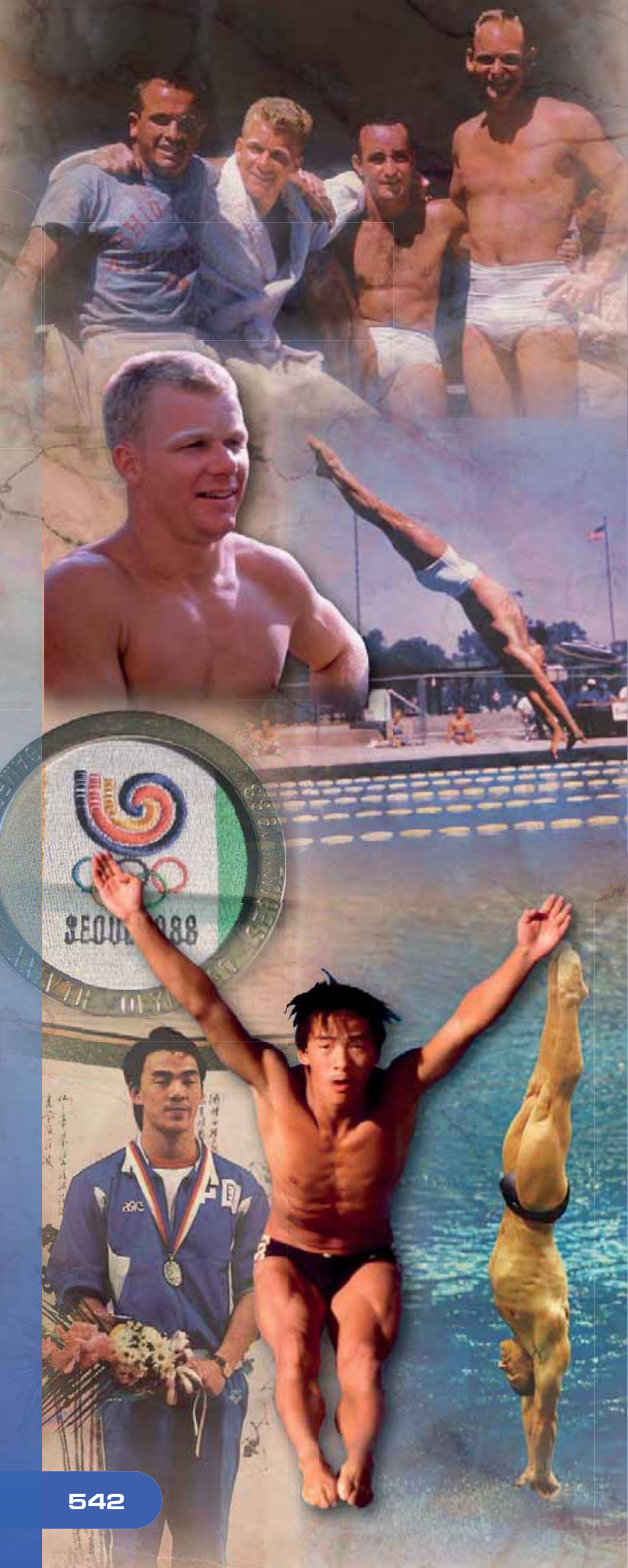
Tan Liangde

Tan Liangde was a Chinese male diver, born on July 14, 1965, in Maoming City District (Guangdong Province, China).

Tan Liangde began diving in 1978, in 1982 becoming the champion of China, the silver medallist of the Asian Games in the 3-metre springboard and joining the national team.

The silver medallist of the Games of the XXIII, XXIV, XXV Olympiad (1984, 1988, 1992) in the 3-metre springboard, a two-time silver medallist of the World Championships (1986, 1991) in diving from a 3-metre springboard, a three-time winner of the Asian Games (1986, 1990 (2)), the silver medallist (1982) and the World Universiade Champion (1987).

Tan Liangde was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2000.



Kelly Ann McCormick

Kelly Anne McCormick was an American diver, later a coach, born on February 13, 1960 in Anaheim, California, USA. Kelly is the daughter of the famous diving champion Pat McCormick and diving coach Glenn McCormick.

Kelly Anne McCormick was the silver medallist of the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in the 3-metre springboard, the bronze medallist of the Games of the XXIV Olympiad in the 3-metre springboard, a two-time winner of the Pan American Games (1983, 1987) and the bronze medallist of the World Cup in 1989.

She now coaches at the same facility where she had her last meet, the Goodwill Games at the King County Aquatic Centre in Federal Way, WA

Kelly Anne McCormick was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1999.

Falk Hoffmann

Falk Hoffmann was a German diver, later coach, born on August 29, 1952 in Chemnitz (German Democratic Republic).

Falk Hoffmann was the champion of the Games of the XXII Olympiad in 1980 in the 10-metre platform, the silver medallist of the World Championships (1978) in the 3-metre springboard and in the 10-metre platform, the European champion (1977) in the 3-metre springboard, the bronze medallist - in the 10-metre platform, the European Junior Champion (1967) and a participant in three Olympiads (1972, 1976, 1980).

After retiring from competitive diving in 1982, Falk Hoffmann worked at Halle-Wittenberg University. He later switched to coaching.

In addition to diving, Falk played football (played for Halle) and tennis (played for Delitzscher 1921). In 2002, Falk Hoffmann even became the champion of Saxony in tennis.

Falk Hoffmann was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1999.





Xu Yanmei

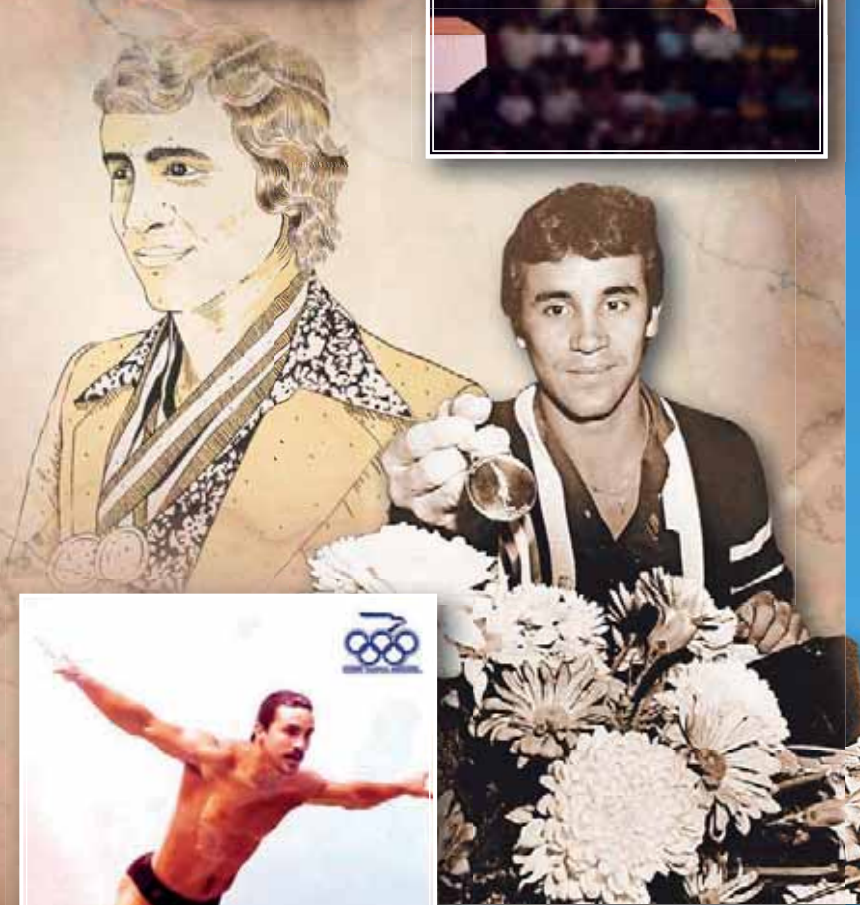
Xu Yanmei was a Chinese female diver, later a sports judge, born on February 9, 1971 in Maoming, China.

At the age of 8 she began to train in the children's amateur sports school, at the age of 10 she joined the national team of the province, finally joining the national team at the age of 14.

Xu Yanmei was the champion of the Gamers of the XXV Olympiad in 1988 in the 10-metre platform, a two-time champion (1990 (2)) of the Asian Games, the silver medallist (1986) in the 10-metre platform.

After retiring from diving in 1992, due to vision problems, she became an international diving judge.

Xu Yanmei was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2000.

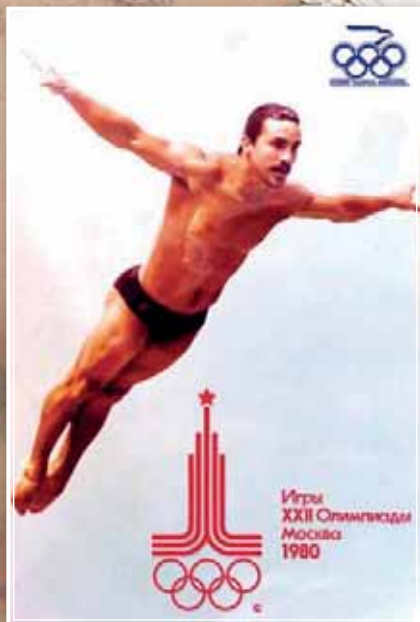


Carlos Armando Girón Gutiérrez

Carlos Armando Girón Gutiérrez was a Mexican diver, born on November 3, 1954 in Mexicali, Mexico.

Gutiérrez was the silver medallist of the Games of the XXII Olympiad in the 3-metre springboard, the champion of the Pan American Games (1975) in the platform, the silver medallist (1979), a two-time bronze medallist in the springboard (1975, 1979), and a participant of four Olympiads (1972, 1976, 1980, 1984).

Carlos Armando Girón Gutiérrez was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2001. He died on January 13, 2020 in Mexico City (Mexico).



Patricia Anne Elsener

Patricia Anne Elsener was an American diver, born on October 22, 1929 in Auckland, California, USA.

Elsener was the silver medallist of the Games of the XIV Olympiad in the 10-metre platform, the bronze medallist in the 3-metre springboard and a three-time US champion in springboard.

Patricia Ann Elsener was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2002. She died on September 29, 2018.

Janna Wendy Wyland

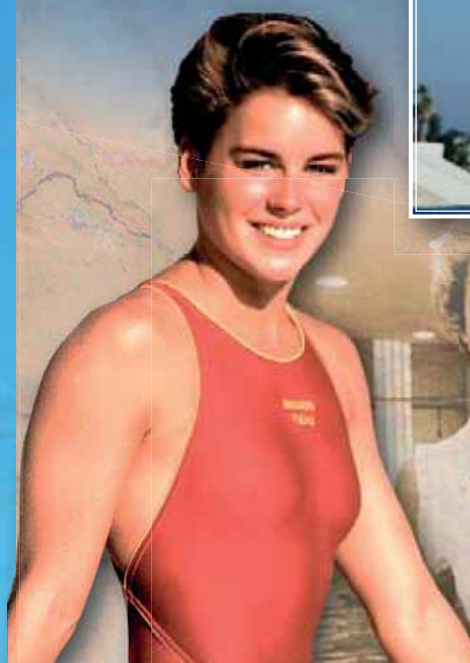
Janna Wendy Wyland was an American diver and later a coach, born on November 25, 1964 in Jackson, Michigan, USA.

Wyland was the bronze medallist of the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in the 10-metre platform, the World champion (1982), the bronze medallist (1986) in diving from a 10-metre platform, the champion of the Pan American Games (1983) in the platform, and the silver medallist in springboard diving.

Wyland was Swimming World magazine's World Platform Diver of the Year in 1982 and 1983. After retiring from diving, she managed the Webster Aquatic sports Centre and later worked as a head coach in diving and swimming at the Institute of Technology in Rochester.

Janna Wendy Wyland was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2001.

She died on September 27, 2003 in Rochester, New York, USA.



Fu Mingxia

Fu Mingxia was a Chinese female diver, born on August 16, 1978 in Wuhan (China).

Being 11-year-old Fu won the 10-platform at the Goodwill Games in Seattle, USA in the summer of 1990. At the World Championships in Perth, 12-year-old Fu Mingxia received the gold medal in the platform, becoming the youngest world champion in the history of sport in January 1991.

At the Games of the XXV Olympiad, 13-year-old Fu Mingxia (14 years old just a few weeks after the Olympiad) became the youngest Olympic champion in China. After that, the International Swimming Federation imposed a ban on participation in major competitions for athletes under 14 years of age. Therefore, none of the divers will be able to repeat Fu Mingxia's record in the near future.

Fu Mingxia won the gold in the 3-metre springboard and 10-metre platform at the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta. She became the first winner in 36 years in both the platform and the springboard.

At the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in 2000 in Sydney, she became the Olympic champion in diving from a 3-metre springboard and the silver medallist in synchronised diving from a 3-metre springboard. In Sydney, Fu Mingxia became the second woman to win four Olympic gold medals in diving, after the American athlete Pat McCormick, who received gold doubles in 1952 and 1956.

Fu Mingxia was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2005.

Xiong Ni

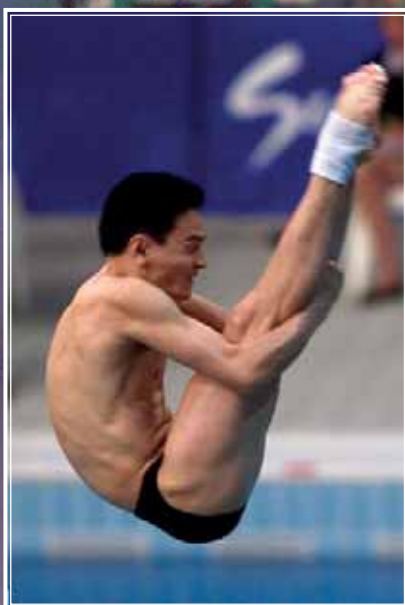
Xiong Ni is a Chinese diver who won his first Olympic medal at the age of 14 at the 1988 Games in Seoul, Korea. He also competed at the Games of the 1992, 1996 and 2000 Olympiad.

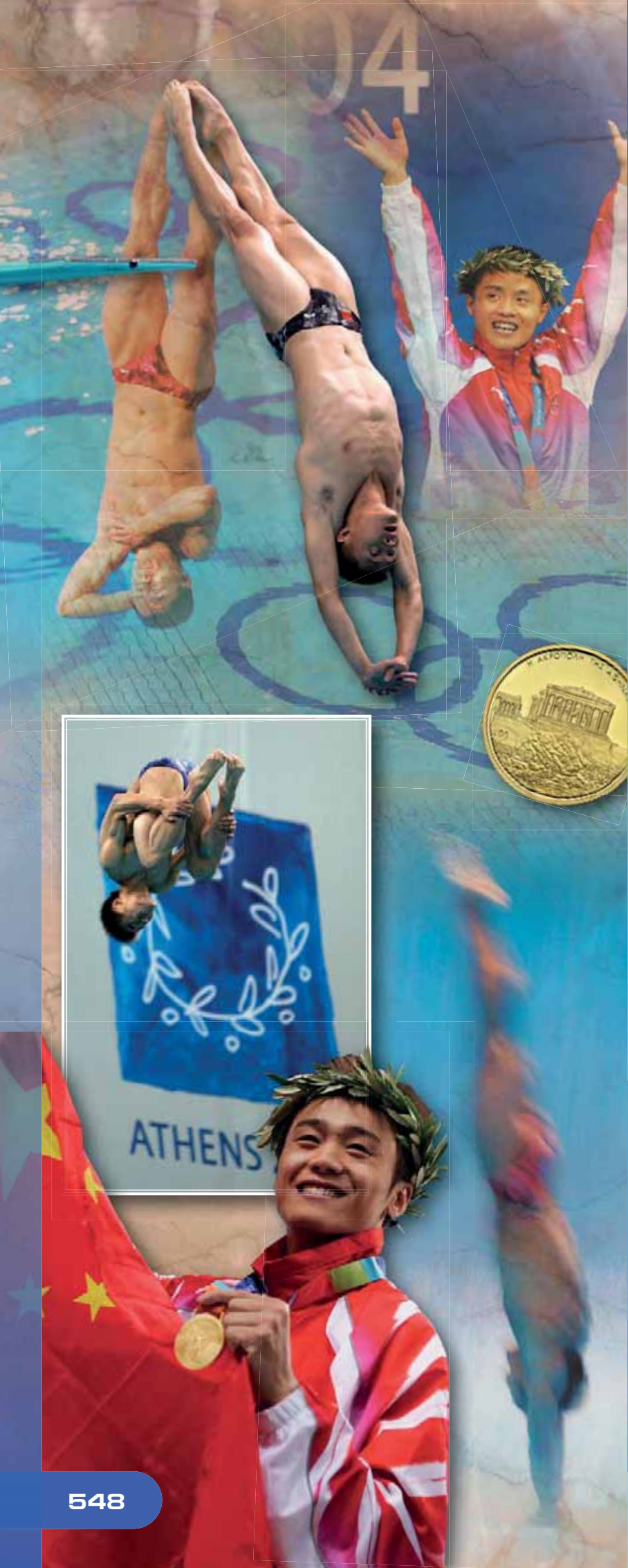
Xiong Ni is the Olympic champion of the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in springboard, Olympic champion of the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in synchronised springboard and springboard, silver medallist of the Games of the XXIV Olympiad and Bronze medallist of the Games of the XXV Olympiad in platform.

Xiong Ni attended an international competition for the first time in 1987, and won the title. He has since competed at the Olympic Games, winning 3 gold, 1 silver and one bronze medals; In addition, he has won 10 gold medals in the World Cup competition.

His biggest competitor Dmitri Sautin once paid him the tribute that, «I cannot claim to be the world's most outstanding diving athlete. In my opinion, the title of «King of Divers» belongs to Xiong Ni».

Xiong Ni was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2006





Peng Bo

Peng Bo was a Chinese male diver, born on February 18, 1981 in Nanchang, China.

The champion of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in the 3-metre springboard, the World champion (2001) in the 3-metre springboard synchronised diving, the silver medallist (2003) in the 3-metre springboard, the champion of the Asian Games (2002) in the 3-metre springboard synchronised diving, a five-time World Universiade champion in the 3-metre springboard synchronised diving (2001, 2003, 2005, 2007) and in the 3-metre springboard (2007).

Peng Bo was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2014.

Hu Jia

Hu Jia was a Chinese male diver, born on January 10, 1983 in Wuhan, China.

Hu Jia was the champion of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in the 10-metre platform, a two-time silver medallist of the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in the 10-metre platform and 10-metre synchronised diving, a two-time world champion in 10-metre (2001) synchronised diving and in the 10-metre platform (2005), the champion of the Asian Games (2002) in 10-metre synchronised diving.

Hu Jia was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2013.





Lao Lishi

Lao Lishi was a Chinese female diver, born on December 12, 1987 in Zhangjiang (Guangdong Province, China).

Lao Lishi was the champion of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in the 10-metre platform, the silver medallist in the 10-metre platform, the World champion (2003) in 10-metre synchronised diving, the silver medallist in the 10-metre platform and the Champion of the Asian Games (2002) in the 10-metre platform.

Lao Lishi was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2015.



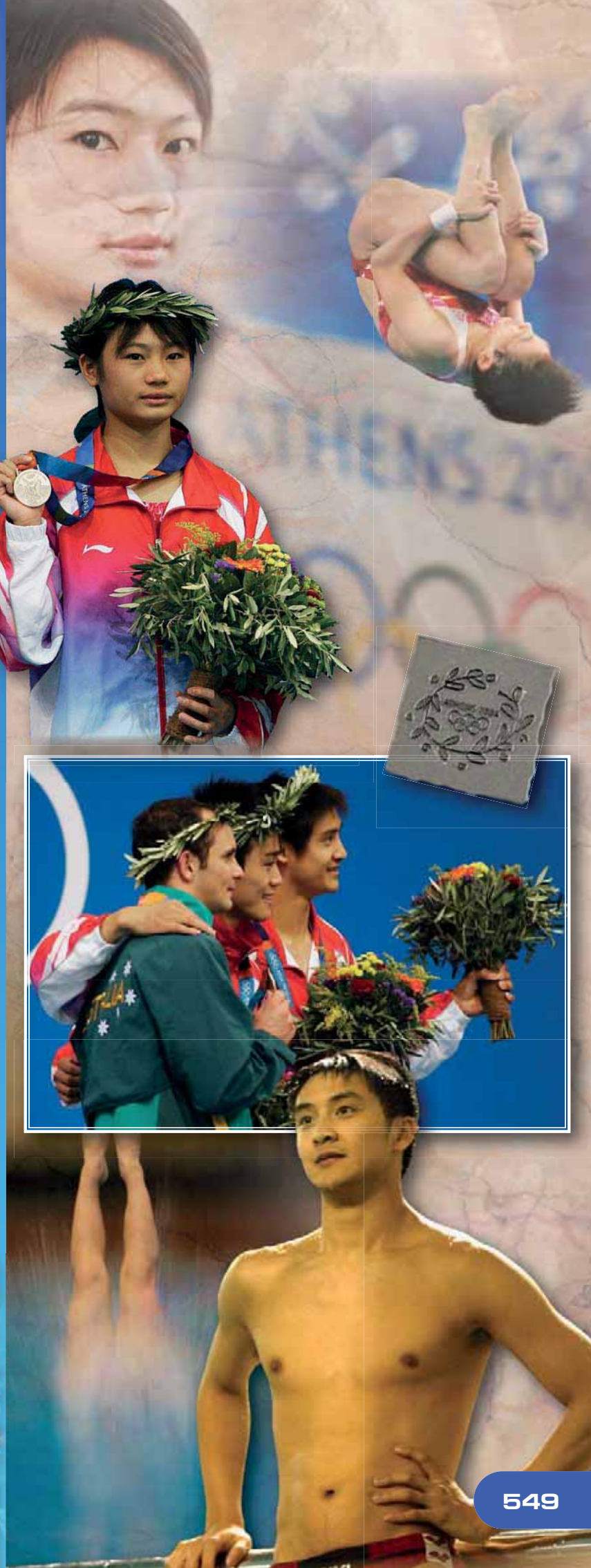
Tan Liangde

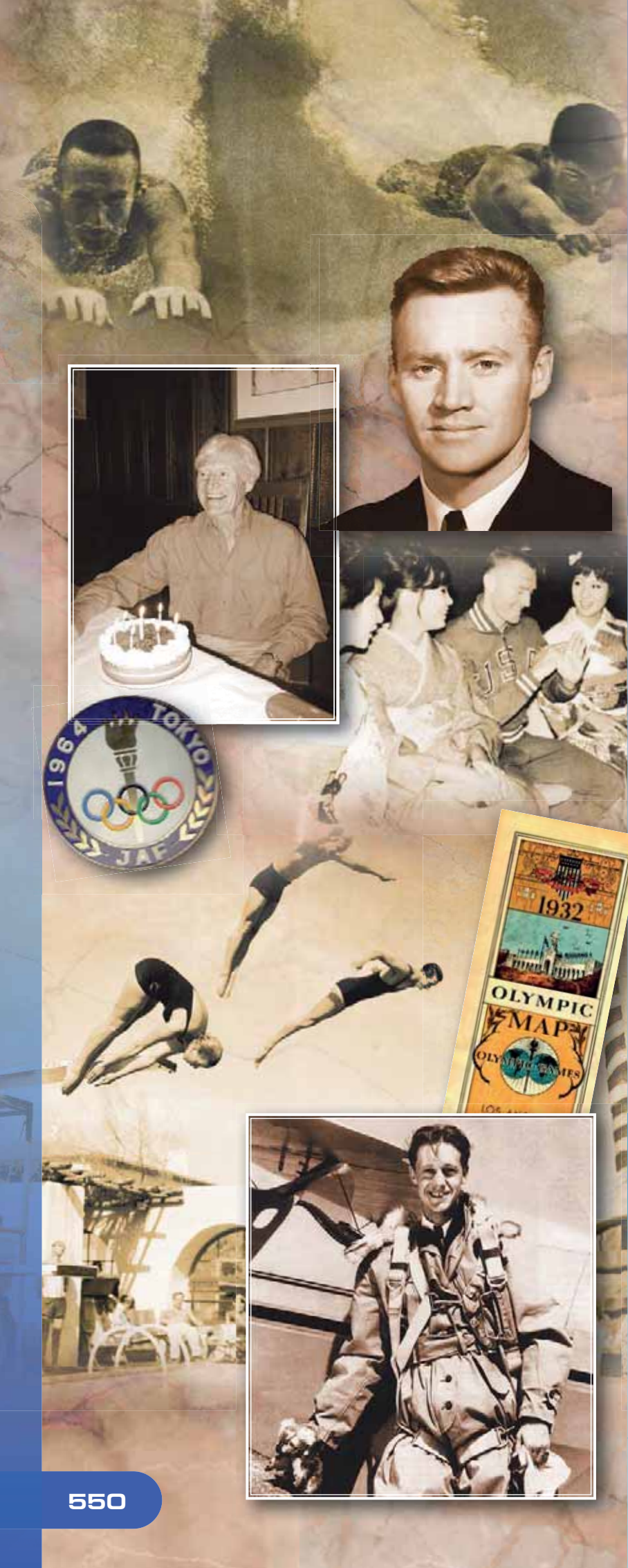
Tan Liangde was a Chinese male diver, born on August 27, 1979 in Chongqing, China.

Tan Liangde was the Champion of the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in the 10-metre platform, the champion of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in 10-metre synchronised diving, the silver medallist (2000) in synchronised diving from a 10-metre platform, the bronze medallist (2004) in diving from a 10-metre platform, a three-time world champion in synchronised diving from a 10-metre platform (1998, 2001), in diving from a 10-metre platform (2001), the silver medallist (1998) in diving from a 10-metre platform and a two-time bronze medallist, a nine-time winner of the World Cup in the 10-metre platform (1999, 2000, 2002, 2004) and in synchronised diving from a 10-metre platform (1995, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004), a two-time winner of the Asian Games (1998, 2002) and a 6-time World Universiade champion (2001 (3), 2003 (3)).

After retiring from competitive diving in 2007 Tan Liangde starred in movies.

Tan Liangde was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2012.





Francis Xavier "Frank" Gorman

Francis Xavier "Frank" Gorman was an American diver, born on November 11, 1937 in New York (New York, USA).

Gorman was the silver medallist of the Games of the XVIII Olympiad in the 3-metre springboard and a multiple-time NCAA diving champion (1957-1960). After Gorman's career as an athlete ended, he continued to stay involved in diving and giving back to the sport he loved so much.

In 2016, Francis Xavier "Frank" Gorman was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame. He died 13 March, 1970

Frank Allen Kurtz Jr.

Frank Allen Kurtz Jr. was an American diver, born on September 9, 1911 in Davenport, Iowa, USA.

Kurtz was the bronze medallist of the of the Games of the X Olympiad in the 10-metre platform, a 1933 USA champion in the platform and a participant of the Games of the XI Olympiad of 1936 in Berlin.

He died on October 31, 1996 in North Hollywood (Los Angeles, USA).

Frank Kurtz was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2012.

FRANK A. KURTZ
UNITED STATES

1932 OLYMPIC GAMES
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
1936 OLYMPIC GAMES
BERLIN, GERMANY

BRONZE MEDALIST
1932
10 METER PLATFORM DIVING

1936
PARTICIPATION MEDAL

Dmitry Sautin

Dmitry Sautin was a Soviet and Russian diver, born on March 15, 1974, in the city of Voronezh (RSFSR, USSR).

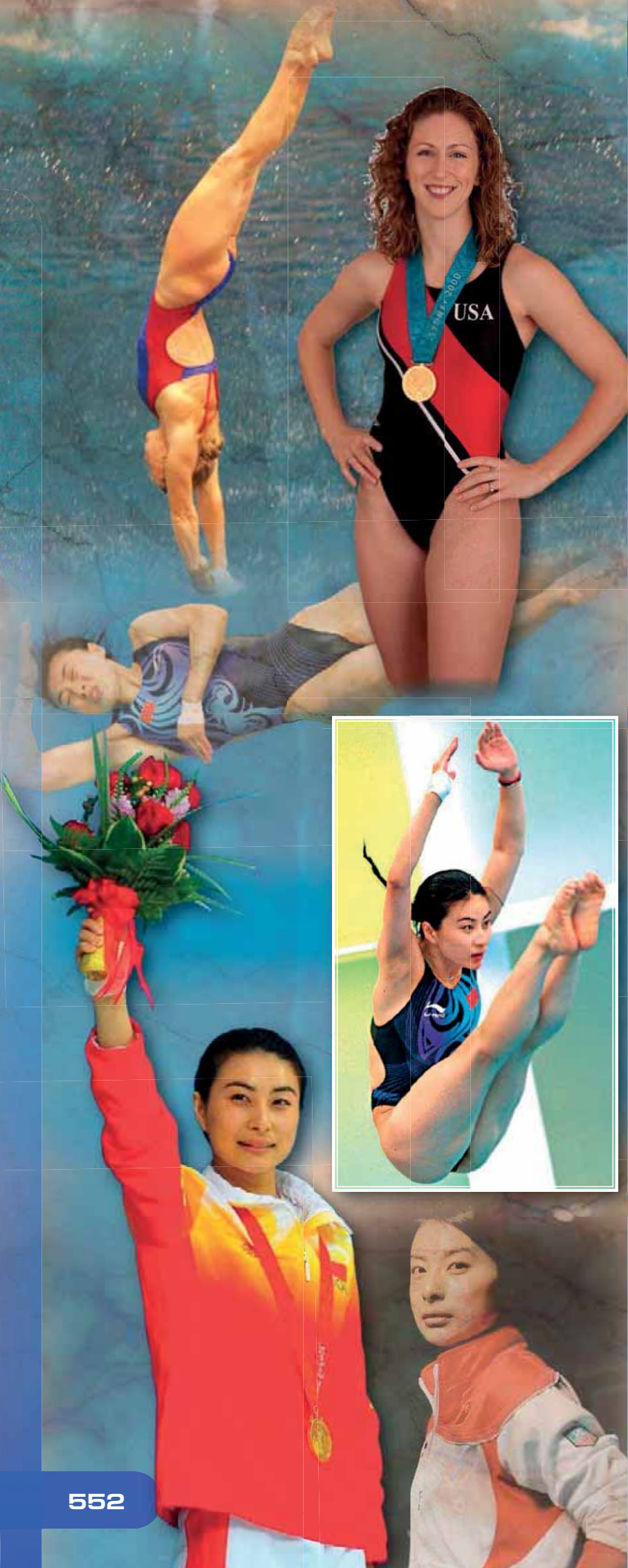
Dmitry Sautin was a two-time Olympic champion in the 10-metre platform (1996) and in 10-metre synchronised diving (2000); the silver medallist in synchronised diving from a 3-metre springboard (2000, 2008); the bronze medallist in the 3-metre springboard (1992, 2000, 2004) and 10-metre platform (2000). Five-time world champion: in the 10-metre platform (1994, 1998), in the 3-metre springboard (1998, 2001), in synchronised diving from a 3-metre springboard (2003); the silver medallist in the 3-metre springboard (1994); the bronze medallist in the long-distance plunge (2007), in the 3-metre springboard (2003), in the synchronised springboard dive (2001).

Eleven-time European champion in the 10-metre platform (1993, 1999, 2000), in the 3-metre springboard (1995, 1997, 2000, 2002(2), 2006 (2), 2008 (2)); the silver medallist in the 10-metre platform (1991), in the 3-metre springboard (1993), in synchronised diving from a 3-metre springboard (2000, 2006); the bronze medallist in the 10-metre platform (1995), in synchronised diving from a 3-metre springboard (2010). The winner of the World Cup and Grand Prix. Three-time winner of the Goodwill Games (1994, 1998, 2001).

Since 2010 Dmitry Sautin is Vice President of the All-Russian Diving Federation.

Dmitry Sautin was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2016.





Laura Ann Wilkinson

Laura Ann Wilkinson was American diver, born on November 17, 1977 in Houston, Texas, USA.

Wilkinson was the champion of the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in the 10-metre platform, the World champion (2005) in the 10-metre platform, a participant of seven World Championships (1995, 1997, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008), a nineteen-time US champion, and an Eight-time NCAA champion, a participant of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in 2004.

Laura Ann Wilkinson was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame of World Swimming in 2017.

Guo Jingjing

Guo Jingjing was a Chinese female diver, born on October 15, 1981 in Baoding, Hebei Province, China. She started training at the age of 6.

Guo Jingjing was a four-time champion at the Games of the XXVIII and XXIX Olympiads (2004, 2008) in the 3-metre springboard and synchronised diving from a 3-metre springboard. Two-time silver medallist of the Games of the XXVII Olympiad (2000) in the 3-metre springboard and synchronised diving from a 3-metre springboard. Ten-time world champion in the 3-metre springboard and in synchronised diving from a 3-metre springboard (2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009), the silver medallist (1998) in the 3-metre springboard. Four-time champion of the Asian Games in the 3-metre springboard (1998, 2002) and in synchronised diving from a 3-metre springboard (2002, 2006). World champion (1998, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009). World Universiade Champion (2001 (3), 2003, 2005 (2)). A participant of the Games of the XXVI, XXVII, XXVIII and XXIX Olympiads (1996, 2000, 2004, 2008).

Guo Jingjing was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2016.



Irina Lashko (Feza)

Irina Lashko (Feza) was a Russian and an Australian diver, born on January 25, 1973 in the city of Kuibyshev (RSFSR, USSR).

Lashko was the silver medallist of the Games of the XXV and XXVI Olympiad (1992, 1996) in the 3-metre springboard. Bronze medallist of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad (2004) in synchronised diving from a 3-metre springboard. Three-time world champion in the springboard (1998, 2003), in synchronised diving from the 3-metre springboard (1998), two-time silver medallist in the 3-metre springboard (1991, 2001). Two-time champion of the Commonwealth Games (2002) in the 3-metre springboard. Two-time European champion in the one-metre springboard (1989), 3-metre springboard (1991), five-time silver medallist (1991, 1993, 1997 (2), 1999).

In 2018, Iryna Lashko was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame.



Li Ting

Li Ting was a Chinese female diver, later a sports judge, born on April 1, 1987 in Linghui (Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China).

Li Ting was the champion of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad 2004 in synchronised diving from a 10-metre platform, the world champion in synchronised diving from a 10-metre platform (2003) and synchronised diving from a 3-metre springboard (2005), a two-time champion of the Asian Games in synchronised diving from a 10-metre platform (2002) and in synchronised diving from a 3-metre springboard (2006).

Four-time World Universiade champion in the 10-metre platform (2005), the synchronised 3-metre springboard (2005), the synchronised 10-metre platform (2005), and 3-metre springboard (2007).

After retiring from diving, she worked as the Deputy Director of the Guangxi Aquatics Centre. Since 2018 Li Ting is an international diving judge.

Li Ting was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2019.







Part VIII. *The* Origins and
Development
of Diving in Ukraine





Kyiv. Dnipro River embankment near the aquatic centre. Early XX century

The Origins of Diving in Ukraine

The history of aquatic sports on the territory of Ukraine in the XIX - early XX centuries had respective difficulties and particularities. While retaining its general features, diving had attained specific geographical, regional, socio-political, and economic grounds affected by traditions and specific traits of that sport on the territory of Ukraine. Many differences may be explained by the fact that the Ukrainian territories had been under the rule of various states, primarily the Russian and Austro-Hungarian empires, for many years. Their population had to live by the laws of those countries, inscribing their national history in the annals of those nations.

The formation of sports in the Russian Empire took place in the European part of the vast country, where the aquatic sports, diving in particular, commenced their development in the second half of the nineteenth century.

In the early XX century in large cities such as Kyiv, Sevastopol, Mykolaiv, swimming schools were created on the territories of Yacht Clubs. Almost all of them were

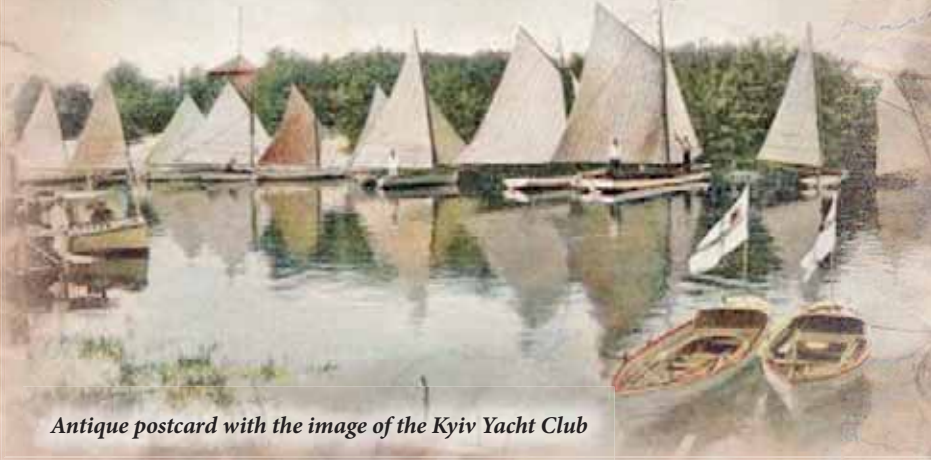


Kyiv. View of the Dnipro River and Trukhaniv Island from St. Volodymyr Hill. Early XX century



Kyiv. Chain bridge that connects Trukhaniv Island with the city boardwalk. Early XX century

Привѣтствіє съ Днѣпра.



Antique postcard with the image of the Kyiv Yacht Club

equipped with platforms, but regular diving classes were not conducted. The most determined of the swimmers were fond of diving, teaching one another some practical skills. So, it was not surprising that the athletes could perform only three or four simple dives, among which the most popular and spectacular was a half-turn dive bent forward, resembling the soaring flight of a bird and therefore called the «swallow».

In Kyiv - the spiritual capital of the Russian Empire - an aquatic centre was founded at the Kyiv River Yacht Club in 1887. It was located in the northern part of Trukhaniv Island.

Amateurs, patrons, and leaders of the Yacht Club soon turned that area of the island into a prosperous place for recreation and entertainment. Starting from 1895, the Yacht Club held not only sailing races but also billiards tournaments, swimming competitions, rowing, performances of swimmers and divers. The 1895 Yacht Club's report stated that the number of people wishing to take part in the festivities was considerable, "On some Saturday evenings, the influx of guests and the public was



Tsar Nicholas II took part in the opening of the Kyiv Yacht Club



Signal gun of the Kyiv Yacht Club



Badge of a member of the Kyiv Yacht Club



Harbour of the Kyiv Yacht Club overlooking the Dnipro river

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so great that the Yacht Club's steamboat could not carry everyone. In such cases, the Club appealed to the Shipping Company, which made its steamers available to them.»

The first diving event in the Russian Empire was held in 1913 in the same place - on Matviyivsky Bay near Trukhaniv Island as part of the I All-Russian Olympiad.

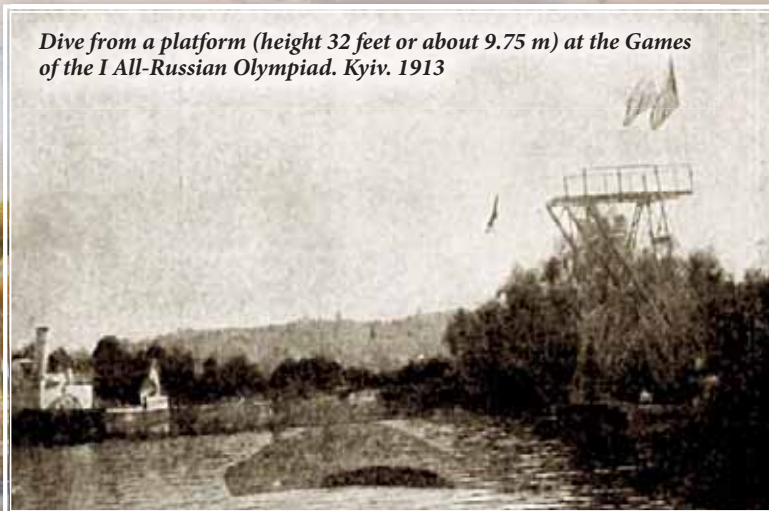
The aquatic events held on the territory of the Kyiv Yacht Club were attended by the Grand Duke Dmitry Pavlovich and the Prince of Imperial Blood Konstantin Konstantinovich on 26 and 27 August 1913. The retinue included Major General V. N. Voyenkov, Chief Observer of the Physical Development of the Population of the Russian Empire, M. I. Ivanov, Cavalry General, Commander of the Kyiv Military District, V. I. Sreznevsky, Chairman of the Russian Olympic Committee, and others.

A 32-foot-tall platform (then called the «tower») was built for diving competitions (at the time 1 foot in Russia was 30.48 cm, i.e. the height of the 32-foot platform was 9.75 m if converted to the metric system).

V. Baranov (104 points) won in the classic platform dives; A. Khameleinen (99 points) and V. Finikov (90



Opening ceremony of the I All-Russian Olympiad. Kyiv. 1913



Dive from a platform (height 32 feet or about 9.75 m) at the Games of the I All-Russian Olympiad. Kyiv. 1913





Gold medal of the I All-Russian Olympiad. 1913

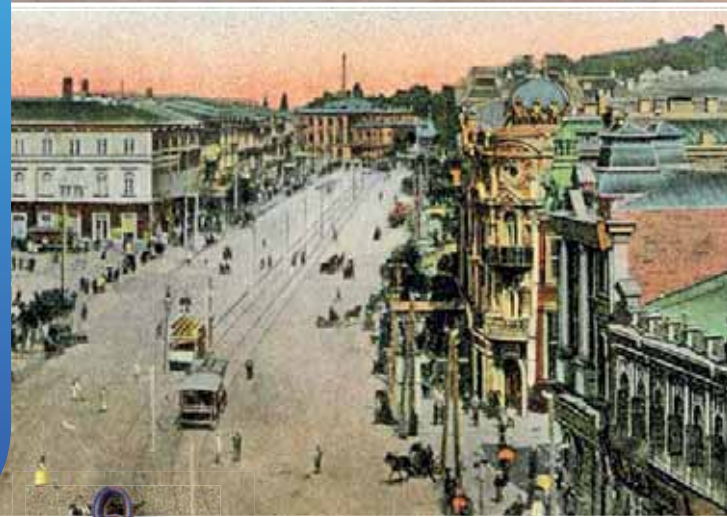
points) came second and third respectively. All three represented the Shuvalov School of Swimming in St. Petersburg.

And in the “exquisite figure dive” competitions, V. Kolpakov was awarded victory ahead of P. Avksentiev (both - from the Shuvalov School of Swimming in St. Petersburg).

Among the participants of the competitions, in addition to athletes from St. Petersburg, were divers from Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Kharkiv, but they failed to win prizes.

The development of diving in Mykolaiv, the southern part of the Russian Empire was also linked to the activities held at the Yacht Club, which opened in 1889 on the Southern Bug River.

Spas’k, then a suburban part of Mykolaiv, was chosen as the place for the construction of the Yacht Club. At the end of the XIX century, part of the Spas’k land was transferred to the Mykolaiv Yacht Club along with the Spas’kyi Garden and the springs.



Badge of the participant of the I All-Russian Olympiad. 1913



Entrance ticket to the I All-Russian Olympiad 1913 at the «Sports Field» in Kyiv





Grand Duke Oleksandr Mikhailovich - patron of the Mykolaiv Yacht Club

In the early XX century, swimming schools began to operate on the territory adjacent to the Yacht Club, whose patron was the Grand Duke Oleksandr Mikhailovich (grandson of Tsar Nicholas I). Temporary pools and platforms were constructed. Competitions were held. The skill level of Mykolaiv divers conceded to the representatives of Moscow and St. Petersburg.

With the outbreak of World War I and subsequent events caused by the fall of the Russian Empire, all activities and development of aquatic sports ceased.

In the early 1920s, the Ukrainian lands, which before the World War I were largely part of the Russian and Austro-Hungarian empires, were divided into parts that were subordinate to several states. Most of the Ukrainian territory became part of the USSR known as the Ukrainian Socialist Soviet Republic. Volyn' and Halychyna became part of Poland from 1920 (and until September 1939). Bukovyna and Bessarabia went to Romania from 1918 (until 1940 and in 1941-1944), and Transcarpathia was part of Czechoslovakia from 1919 (till 1939) and Hungary (1939-1944).



View of Mykolaiv. Nikolai Alekseev. XIX century



Mykolaiv Yacht Club. Early XX century

Wooden platforms for diving. Early XX century





КВІТНЕ РАДЯНСЬКА ФІЗКУЛЬТУРА
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The development of diving in the Ukrainian SSR (1920–1952)

From the first years of the creation of the Soviet state, the country's leadership paid great attention to physical culture and sports.

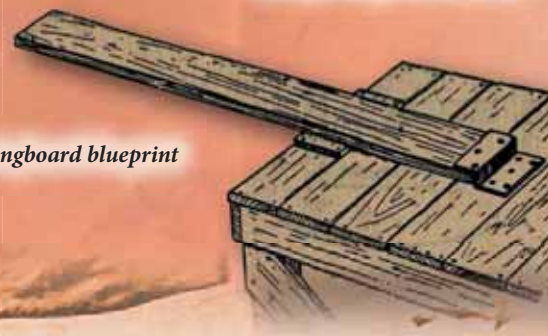
The I All-Ukrainian Spartakiad was held in 1923. Aquatic competitions, including diving were conducted from 1 to 6 August in Kyiv on the Dnipro River. However, the results of the champions were significantly inferior to those shown 10 years ago during the I All-Russian Olympiad in 1913.

In August 1925, Odesa hosted an All-Ukrainian aquatic competition, in which the first divers were from Mykolaiv.

In May 1927, the I All-Ukrainian Water Games were held in Mykolaiv on the Southern Bug, which became a qualifying start for participation in the upcoming All-Union Games in 1928. The core of the aquatic teams was formed by the athletes from Mykolaiv and Odesa.



Group diving classes. 1926

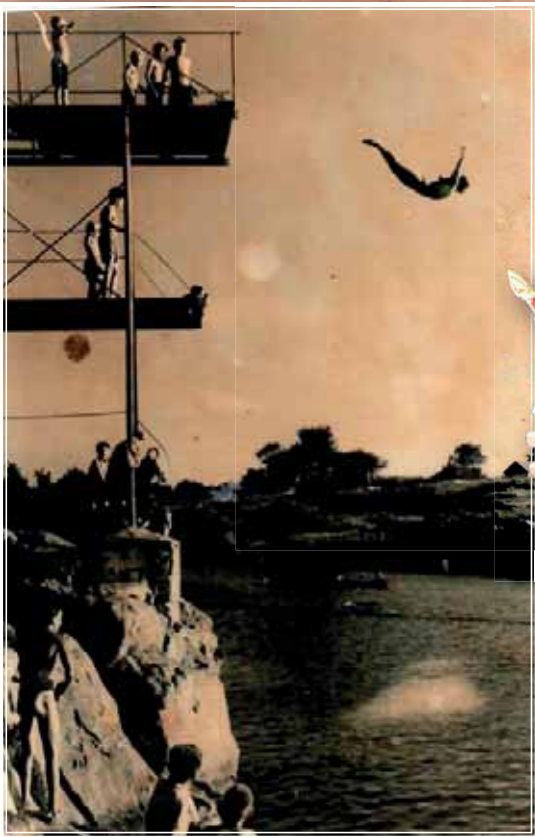


Springboard blueprint



С вянком на голові, в расшитих костюмах прошли девушки делегации Украинской ССР.
Фото И. Физурова





Much attention was paid to involving children and youth in physical culture and sports thus holding large-scale competitions in the republic.

In 1940, 650 athletes took part in the I Ukrainian Spartakiad in aquatic sports, which included the diving National Championships. The victory was awarded to the athletes from Kyiv and Mykolaiv.

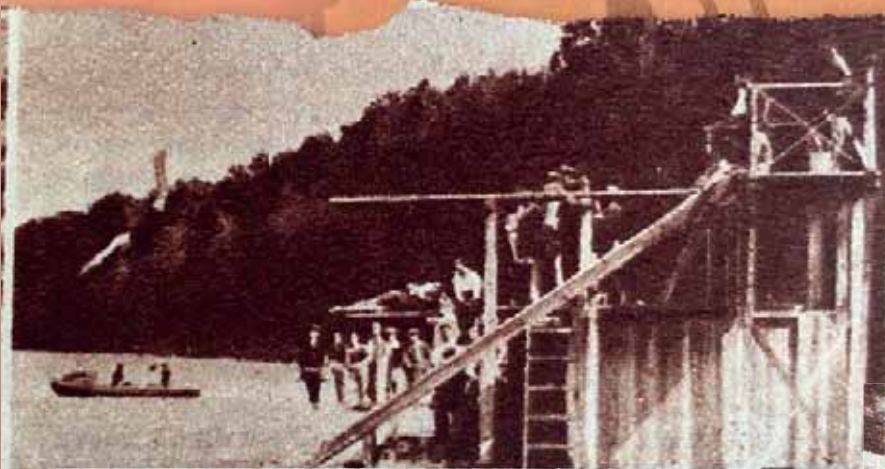
After the beginning of the World War II and during the difficult war years, there was no diving. However, athletes tried to stay in shape.

A constellation of Ukrainian divers known since the pre-war times performed successfully during the first peacetime years. Among them are Grygoriy Manchesko, Isaak Barkan, Ninel Krutova (Bezzabotnova), Volodymyr Haikovyi, Valeriya Matulevych, Roman Brener, and others.

In the pre-war years, the leader of the national team of the Ukrainian SSR in diving was the native of Mykolaiv Grygoriy Manchesko, the multiple champion of the Ukrainian SSR.



Перше змагання на відкритті водної станції (Б. Чернів)



Primitive bridges and platforms were called aquatic centres (water stations) at Yacht Clubs



Т. Літвінова — абсолютна чемпіонеса УРСР в плаванні на бок і на спині. Їй належить 13 рекордів УРСР на різні дистанції по різних стилях та поринанню.

Кремінчуцька селянська спартакіада. Старт занурення на 50 метрів

СЧАСТЛИВЫЕ ДЕТИ СТАЛИНСКОЙ ЭПОХИ

До Великой социалистической революции в России спортом и гимнастикой занималось ничтожное меньшинство учащихся в гимназиях, реальных училищах, кадетских корпусах, т. е. в тех учебных заведениях, куда был открыт доступ лишь детям из привилегированных классов.

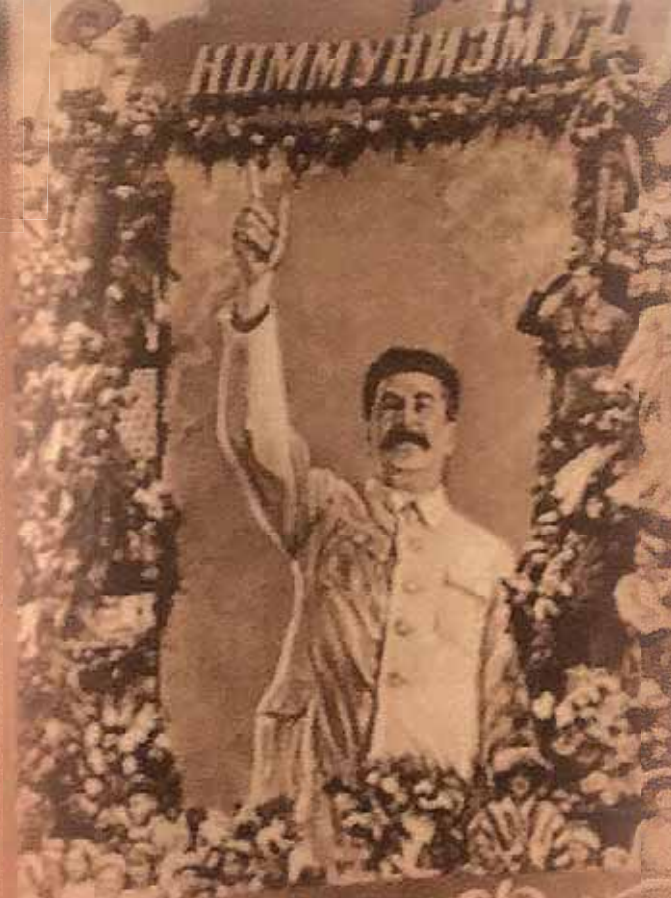
Только после социалистической революции в результате грандиозных побед социализма в нашей стране были созданы условия для широкого развития физической культуры и спорта.



In later years, Grygoriy promoted the development of diving in the capitals of the Ukrainian SSR, in Kharkiv (in 1935–1941) and then in Kyiv (1949–1973).

G. Manchesko developed the first-ever training programme of the country to prepare professional diving coaches. He became the first lecturer at the department of the Kyiv Institute of Physical Culture, where in 1954 a speciality in Diving was opened.

A great contribution to the development of diving in the USSR was made by a native of the village of Habne (now - Polissya), Kyiv province, Merited Master of Sports Isaac Barkan - USSR champion (1943, 1944, 1945, 1949) in the platform. After the end of his competitive sports career, Isaac Barkan worked as a coach, he founded in 1957, and later managed the Children's and Youth Athletic School of Olympic Reserve «Youth» in diving (Moscow). Among his apprentices were the European champion Vera Baklanova, the USSR champion Igor Lobanov. He was awarded the honorary title of the Merited Coach of the USSR.

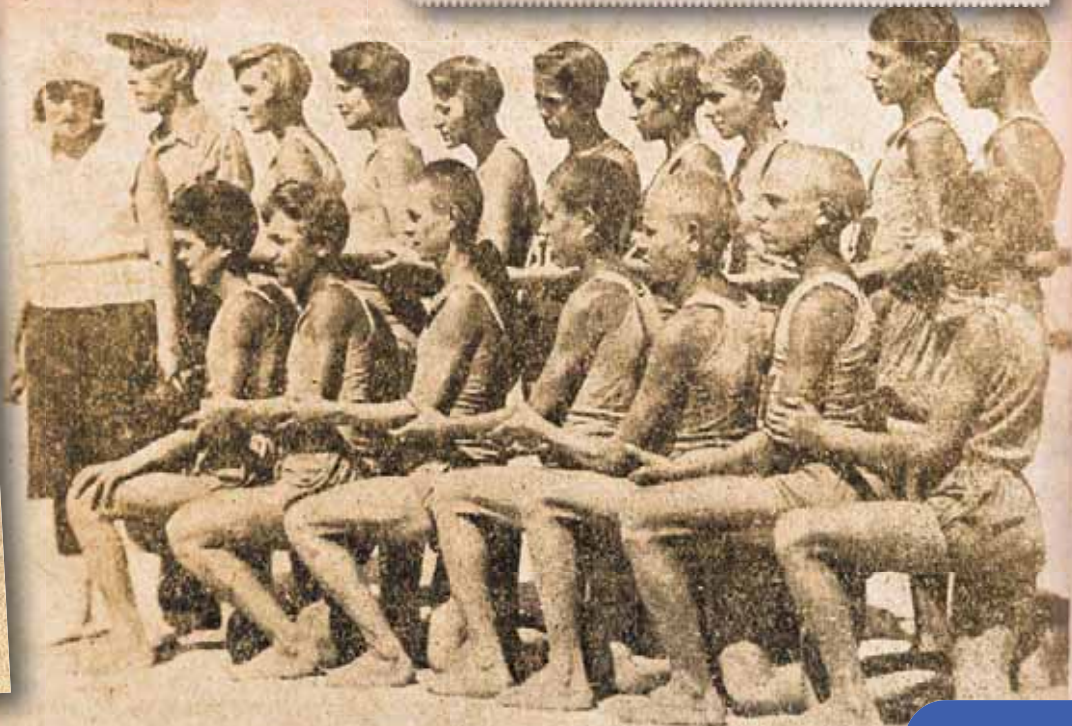


Делегация киевських піонерів на спартакіаді.

Фото Вукмана



Кращий десятирічний стрибун у воду з 5-метрової висоти киянин Ахмедов М.
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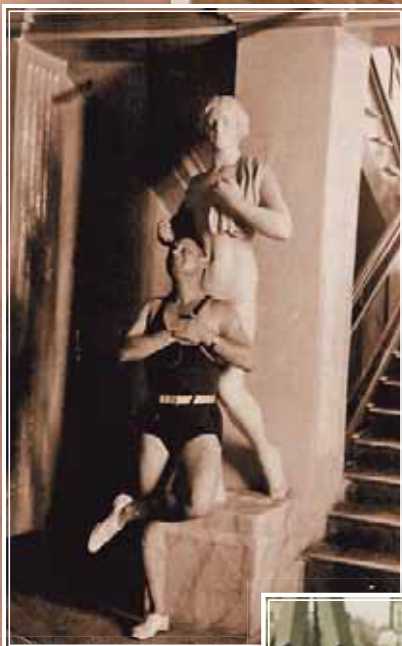
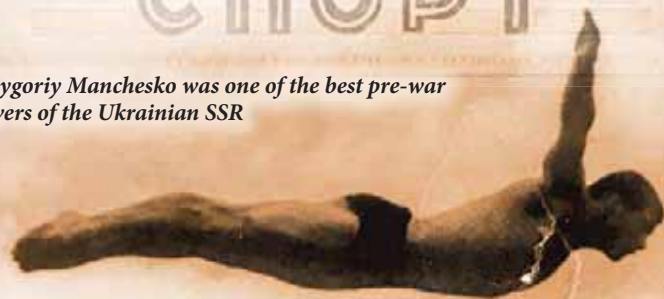


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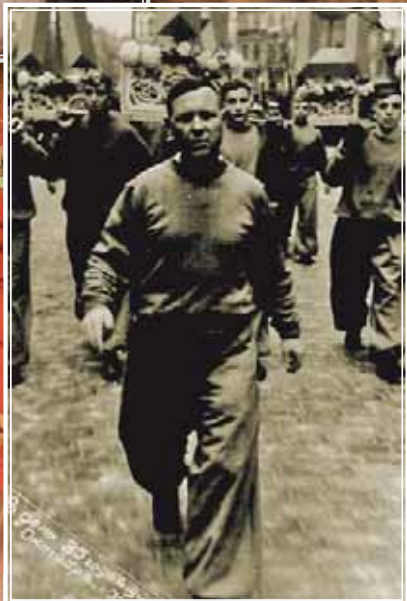
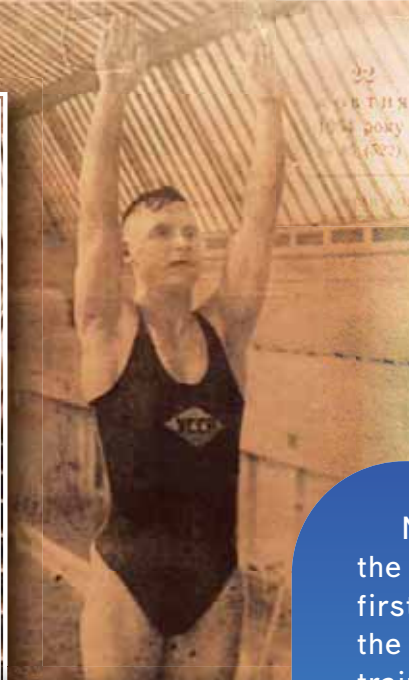
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Grygoriy Manchesko was one of the best pre-war divers of the Ukrainian SSR



G. Manchesko in the lobby of the Palace of Physical Culture, Kyiv



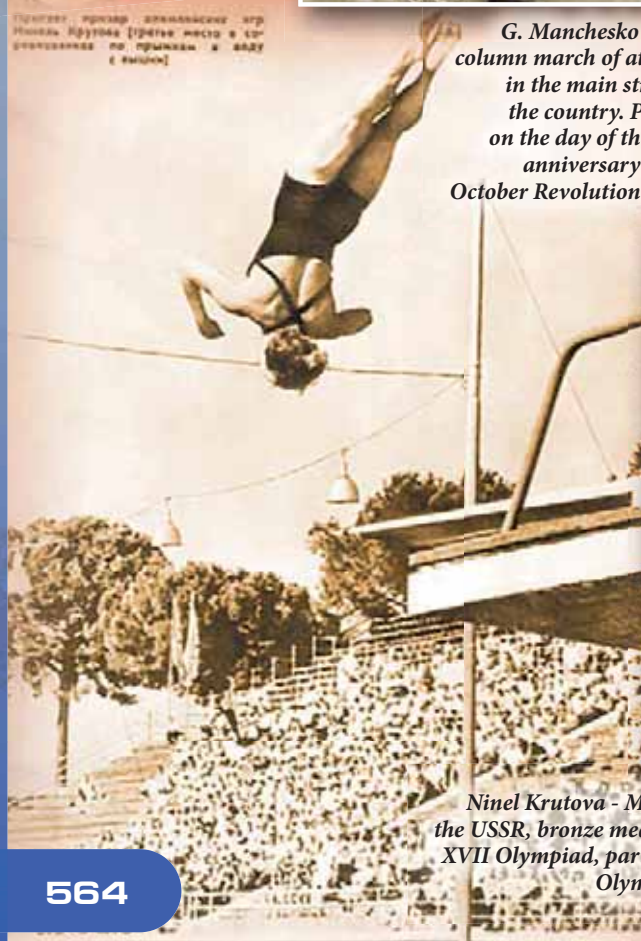
G. Manchesko in the column march of athletes in the main street of the country. Parade on the day of the 35th anniversary of the October Revolution, 1952

Ninel Krutova (Bezzabotnova), a native of Kyiv, the Merited Master of Sports of the USSR, made her first steps in diving in Kyiv, on the Dnipro River, under the guidance of Mykola Glushko, with whom she had trained from 1937 until the beginning of World War II. In 1943, immediately after the liberation of Kyiv from the Nazi occupiers, the young Ninel Bezzabotnova moved to Moscow, where she was coached by the long-time chairman of the USSR Diving Federation Grygoriy Mazurov. Ninel Krutova was the USSR champion in platform diving (1945, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963) and springboard diving (1945, 1955, 1957, 1959); member of the USSR national team from 1952 to 1960; participant of the Games XV, XVI, XVII Olympiads (1952, 1956, 1960); bronze medallist of the Games of the XVII Olympiad of 1960 in the platform; European champion (1958) in the springboard; silver medallist of the European Championships in the platform.

Volodymyr Trokhymovych Haikovi - one of the best platforms and springboard divers of the late 1930s and 1940s was born in Feodosia, Tavriya Province, in 1914. He was Merited Master of Sports (1942); champion of the USSR (1938, 1939 - in the springboard, 1938 - in the platform); silver medallist of the USSR championships



Пример прыжка спортсменки из Киева. Крутова [третий место в соревнованиях по прыжкам в воду (высота)]



Ninel Krutova - Merited Master of Sports of the USSR, bronze medallist of the Games of the XVII Olympiad, participant of three Games of Olympiads (1952, 1956, 1960)



Крутова



Ninel Krutova (L-R) with a silver medallist of the Games of the XVI Olympiad Jeanne Stunyo. Melbourne, 1956

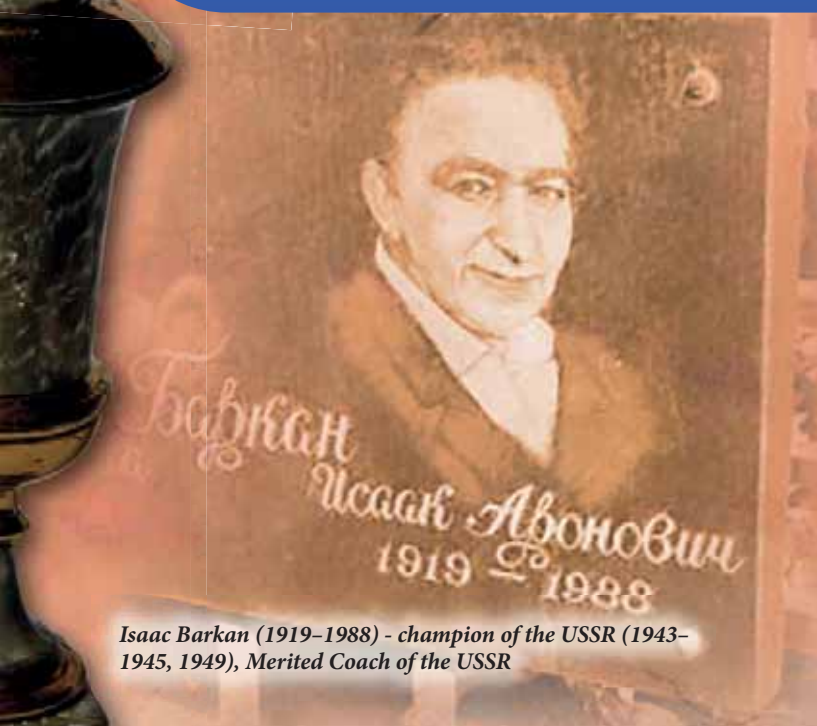


(1936, 1943, 1944, 1947); bronze medallist of the USSR championships (1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1948). After retiring from competitive diving, he worked as a coach in Leningrad.

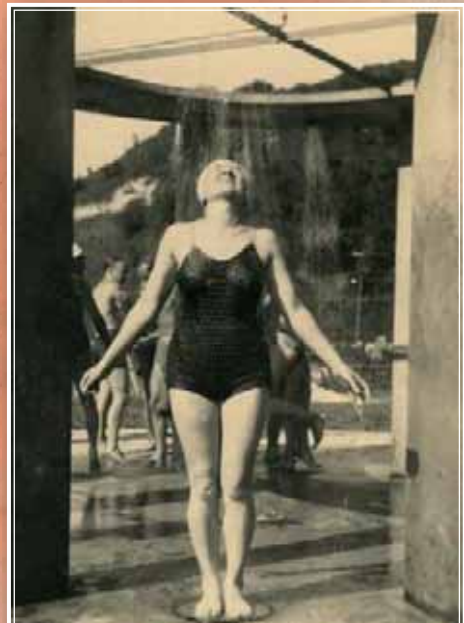
Prominent athlete and coach Yevgeniya Bogdanovska started diving in Kyiv under the guidance of Mykola Glushko. She reached considerable heights in her sports career becoming the champion of the USSR (1937, 1939, 1944, 1948 in springboard, 1948, 1952 - in platform). She participated at the 1952 Games of the XV Olympiad in Helsinki. After retiring from competitive diving, she turned to coaching. Yevgeniya Bogdanovska was awarded the title of the Merited Coach of the USSR.

Another Ukrainian diver, whose success dated back to the post-war period - Master of Sports of the USSR Valeriya Matulevych. In 1946, she became the champion of the Ukrainian SSR, then moved to Leningrad to obtain her education. She was the prize-winner of the RSFSR championships (1952, 1953).

In the first post-war years, sports life in the Republic became extremely active. The swimming pool of the Palace of Physical Culture was restored in Kyiv.



Isaac Barkan (1919–1988) - champion of the USSR (1943–1945, 1949), Merited Coach of the USSR



Diving classes at the Kyiv Palace of Physical Culture. In the 1960s



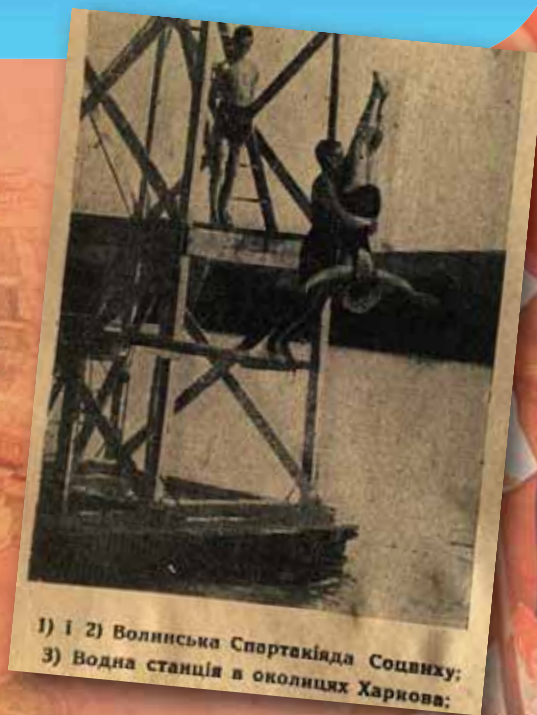
The All-Union competitions for the prizes of the Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper took place in the pool of the Palace of Physical Culture on 23 February 1948.

On 1 April 1949, the new Unified Sports Classification was suggested, which significantly increased the requirements for those who applied for sports titles and ranks. In order to reach a new level of athletic skills, it was necessary to alter the coaching approach and improve the quality of training methods. In this regard, public authorities organised scientific and methodological conferences and meetings for coaches and judges in aquatic sports.

In 1950, at the USSR Individual Team Championships, which brought together the best swimmers, divers, and water polo players in Kyiv in mid-August, Ukrainian swimmers lost in a fierce struggle only to the athletes from Moscow (Russia). Ukrainian divers Volodymyr Yefimov from Lviv and Yuriy Stakhanov from Kharkiv performed best. In team competitions, the Ukrainians took third place.



Kharkiv scientific journal «Bulletin of Physical Culture» covered the athletic activities in the Republic on a monthly basis. Scientific journal cover. March 1925



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Diving practice at an aquatic centre on the outskirts of Kharkiv. 1930s



Cover of the scientific journal «Athlete of Ukraine»



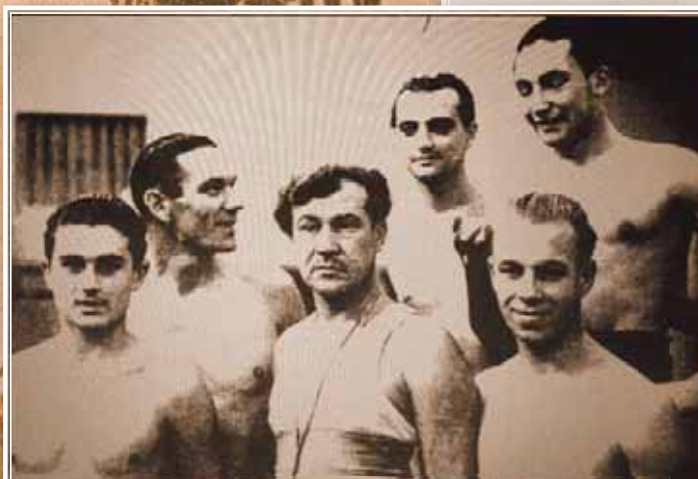
Ukrainian divers performed well in 1950 at the All-Russian Championships in Astrakhan. V. Vorontsov from the Kharchovyk Society, Yevgen Kholoptsev from the Vodnyk Society, K. Mogylny from the Nauka Society and V. Pinchuk together with L. Zhukova from the Burevisnyk Society from Lviv were among the winners.

In late November in Moscow, the Ukrainian athletes were not left aside at the Dynamo All-Union individual championships, which gathered about a hundred of the best swimmers and divers. Aleksey Zhigalov from Moscow - the USSR champion - was the first in the springboard and the platform. Ukrainian divers Volodymyr Yefimov and Gennadiy Galkin from Lviv and Kharkiv resident Yuriy Stakhanov received silver and bronze awards.

In December 1950, the National Competitions of athletes from Kyiv, Lviv, Minsk, Tallinn, Kharkiv, and Kaunas were held at the Lviv swimming pool. Iryna Zhylykivska from Kyiv took the second place in the platform and in the springboard. Only the national teams of Leningrad and Moscow were able to overtake the Lviv team in those competitions.



Cover of the scientific journal «Athlete of Ukraine». № 10, 1934



Leaders of Dynamo swimming, diving, and water polo. Second in the top row - USSR champion, Master of Sports of the USSR Yuriy Stakhanov



In August 1951, swimming and diving team Championships of the Republic were held at the Mykolaiv aquatic centre. The panel of judges noted the unsatisfactory preparation levels of divers, an extremely low number of female team members in Odesa, Chernihiv, poorly equipped and extremely untidy aquatic centres as well as the lack of bleachers for spectators, which forced fans to watch the course of competitions from the shores of the Southern Bug.

The competitions demonstrated the presence of a large number of young talents who, with proper training, would have been able to become the best divers of the Republic. The Kharkiv team showed the largest number of promising athletes. These were the apprentices of Pavlin Poluyanov - I. Volkov, E. Korenko, A. Levchenko, and 16-year-old G. Kalenyk.

An aquatic centre of the Lokomotyv Sports Society was opened on the banks of the Southern Bug River in Vinnytsia in 1952. It was equipped with a swimming pool, a diving platform, as well as comfortable locker rooms for athletes. The opening of another aquatic centre in



Members of the USSR national team, Masters of Sports of the USSR Oleksandra Nekrasova (L-R), Mikhail Chachba and Lyubov Zhigalova



Oleksandra Nekrasova - Merited Master of Sports of the USSR, multiple champion of the Ukrainian SSR



Diving at the aquatic centre in Sevastopol

the country was an incentive for the development of diving and other aquatic sports in the Vinnytsia region.

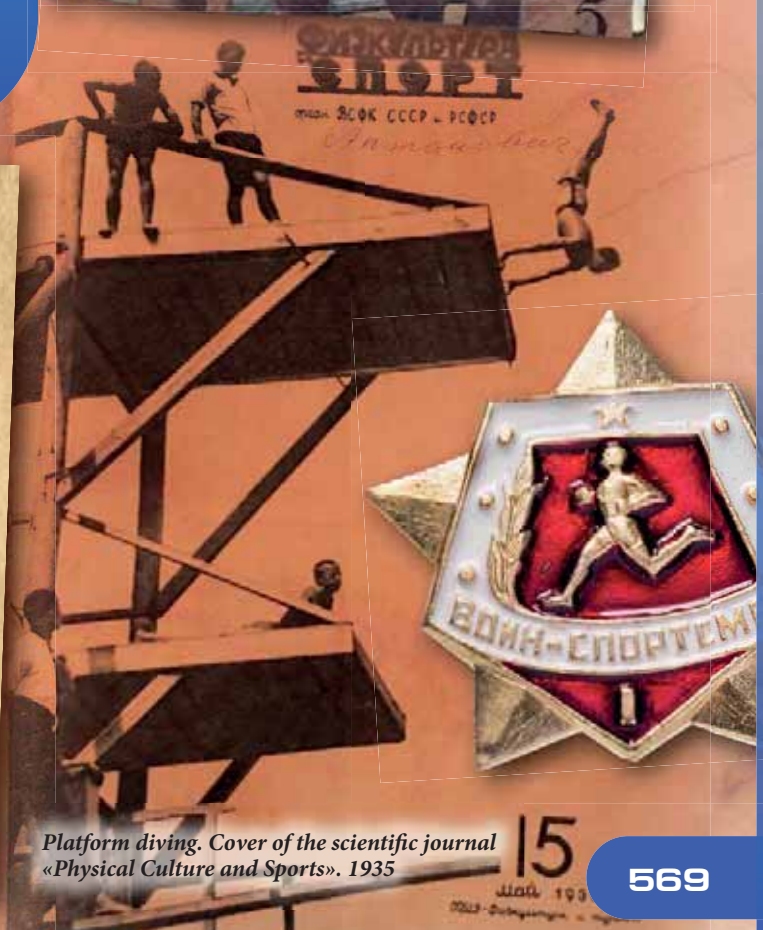
On 23 April 1951, the USSR Olympic Committee, with permission from the Kremlin, submitted documents to the International Olympic Committee with a request to join the organisation for the Games of the Olympiad. Already on May 7 at the IOC session in Vienna, a historic decision was made to enrol the Soviet Union in the Olympic family. There was a little more than a year left before the start of the Games of the XV Olympiad in Helsinki, so hard work began in Ukraine to prepare those athletes who were able to take places in the First Soviet Olympic team. New horizons, previously unknown to the Soviet athletes, opened for divers. In those years, real Olympic ideals inspired the great victories of the leading masters of the Soviet diving.

The first participants of the 1952 Games of the XV Olympiad in Helsinki were the representatives of the Ukrainian school of diving Yevgeniya Bogdanovska, Ninel Krutova, and Roman Brener.

One of the best divers of the 1950's, Merited Master of Sports Roman Brener was born in Zaporizhia in



At the aquatic centre. Cover of the scientific journal «Sport»



Platform diving. Cover of the scientific journal «Physical Culture and Sports». 1935

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*The best Soviet divers, among whom Volodymyr Haikovy
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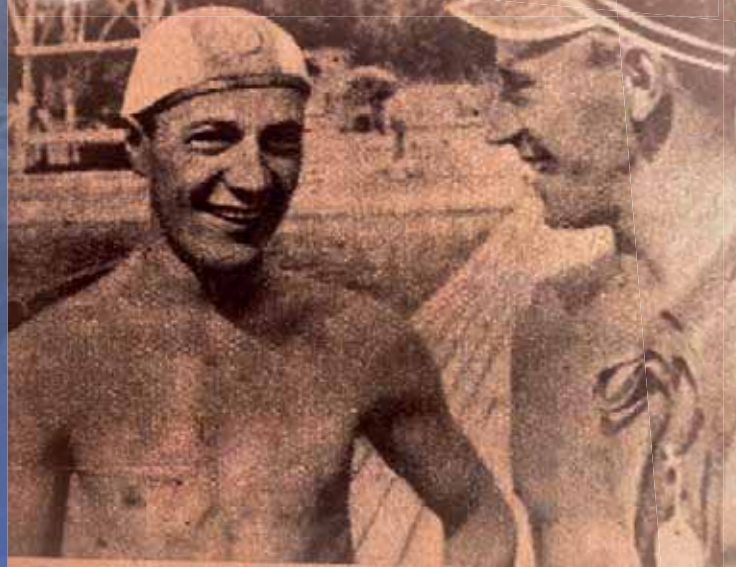
Вихованці ЛДІФК заслужені майстри спорту Г. Прокопенко і Г. Андросов.

1932 and became a diver in Lviv under the leadership of Oleksandr Tkachenko. Brener moved to Moscow, having received an invitation from the famous «team of lieutenants» created by the commander of the Air Force of the Moscow Military District Vasiliy Stalin. Brener was the only diver to perform all the dives allowed by the International Swimming Federation at the time.

Roman Brener was the champion of the USSR (1950-1954, 1958-1960 - in the springboard; 1951, 1962 - in the platform). In 1954, he was awarded the title of the European champion in the springboard and platform, became a bronze medallist of the European Championships (1958). At the 1952 Games of the XV Olympiad in Helsinki, he took the fifth place and at the 1956 Games of the XVI Olympiad in Melbourne - the sixth place in the springboard.

Apprentice of O. Tkachenko Merited Master of Sports of the USSR, silver medallist of the 1964 Games of the XVIII Olympiad, Georgiy Prokopenko (L-R) and Merited Master of Sports of the USSR, participant in two Games of Olympiads Gennadiy Androsov. Lviv. 1964

Merited Masters of Sports of the USSR Roman Brener and Yevgeniya Bogdanovska



Голубев (слева) со своим тренером В. Поджукевичем. Фото З. Фирсова.



European Champion, participant of two Games of Olympiads (1952, 1956) Roman Brener and his wife



Oleksandr Tkachenko - the hero of the Dniiproges construction. Zaporizhia



Diving in the USSR (1953-1991)

The decade following the 1952 Olympiad in Helsinki was marked by the emergence of new names and healthy competition between athletes representing various Ukrainian diving schools.

The 1955 Ukrainian SSR Championships held in the pool of the Odesa Military District Officers' House showed an increase in the number of participants. Sixty-six athletes (25 women) took part in diving competitions. The geography of this sport was also expanded with divers from Sevastopol, Voroshylovgrad (now Luhans'k), Zhdaniv (now Mariupol), Cherkasy, Kirovograd (now Kropyvnytskyi), Zaporizhia, etc.

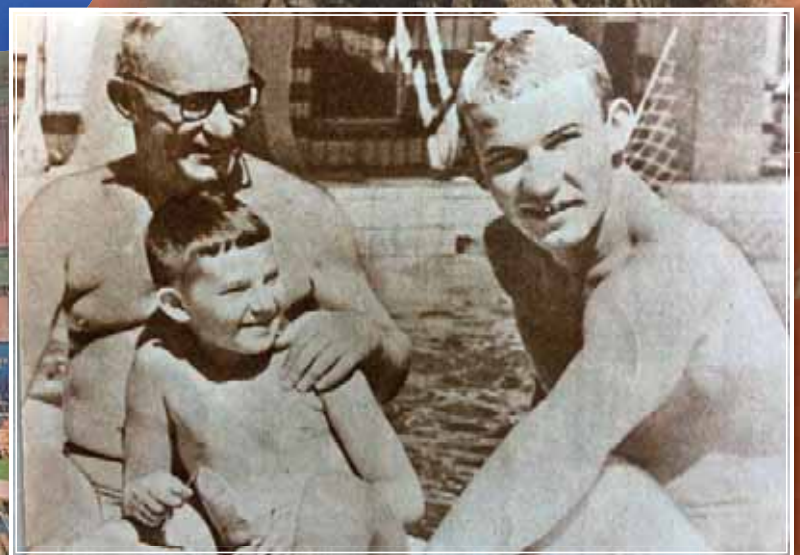
Volodymyr Mishyn from Lviv led in the springboard diving competition; the previous year's champion Borys Zelmanovych was the second, and Georgiy Khyzhnyak (Kyiv) was the third. The best result among women was shown by the 16-year-old Lyudmyla Ivanova from Kyiv, but her compatriot Lidiya Zhuk became the champion of the Republic, and Iryna Kachanovych from Lviv was the third.

Кращий фізкультурник, працьовитий ударник Дніпробуду
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A team of athletes led by Oleksandr Tkachenko of "Dniiprobud". Zaporizhia. 1930s



Merited Coach of the USSR Oleksandr Andriyovych Tkachenko with his son Oleksandr Tkachenko - Master of Sports, champion of the Republic





Prominent Ukrainian diver Georgiy Bilyi conducts diving master classes to the coaches in China



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Felix Samsonov. Pool of the Kyiv Military District. 1956

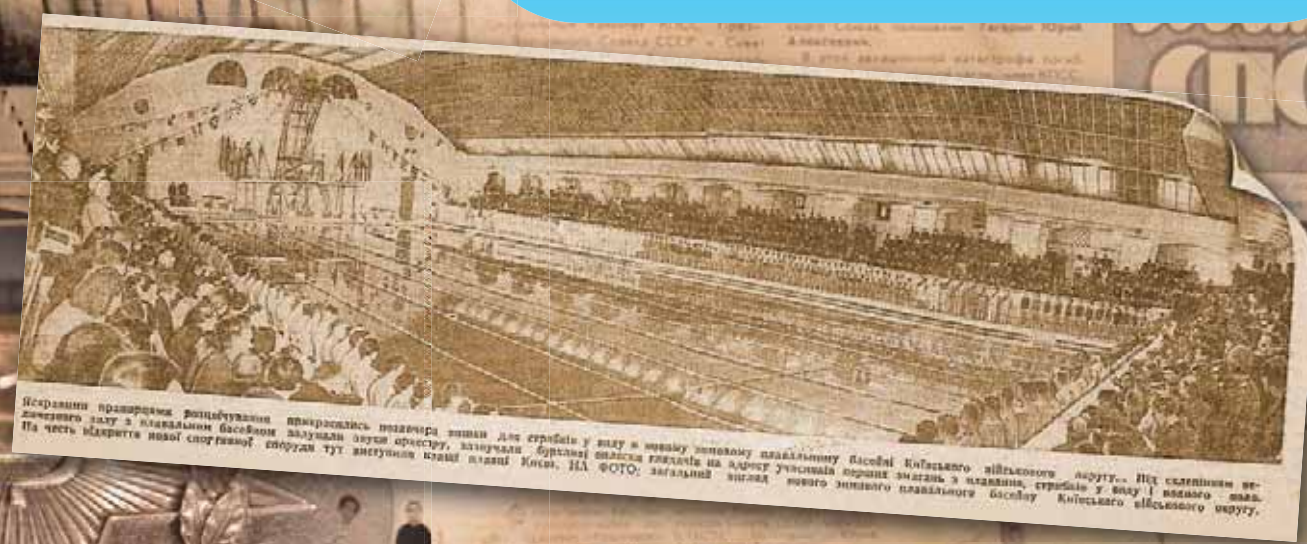


In the platform, the first place was taken by Master of Sports of the USSR Viktor Khakhanov (Kyiv), the second and third places were taken by Vladyslav Pinchuk and Volodymyr Asayev from Lviv. Among women, Olena Barayeva from Lviv took the first place, Zynayida Vasylyuk from Kyiv took the second place, and A. Lyubavina (Lviv) took the third place.

In the team total, the athletes from Lviv came the first, the team from Kyiv was in the second place, and the team from Kharkiv was in the third place.

At the 1956 Ukrainian SSR Championships, multiple champion of the USSR Viktor Khakhanov again became the best among the Ukrainian divers, having brilliantly performed the most difficult dive - three and a half turns forward in the starting group - with a difficulty of 2.7. The second place was taken by Volodymyr Asayev from Lviv; the third place was taken by Leonid Fedorenko from Kyiv. Zynayida Vasylyuk from Kyiv won the champion's title in the platform; last year's champion of the USSR Olena Barayeva (Lviv) took the second place, A. Lyubavina (Lviv) - the third.

In the team standings, the first place was taken by the team from Kyiv (coach Y. Kholoptsev), the second



Нескільки прапорців розцвучили привітали позачерг вишан до стрибків у воду в новому затишному плавальному басейні Київського військового округу... Під склепінням величезного залу з плавальним басейном озвучили оркестру, залучили бригади охорони глядачів на аджегт учасників змагань з плавання, стрибків у воду і всілякого шквалу. На честь відкриття нової спортивної споруди тут виступили кошти плавної Києва. НА ФОТО: загальний вигляд нового затишного плавального басейну Київського військового округу.

Opening of a new indoor swimming pool of the Kyiv Military District. Kyiv. 1956



Ukrainian divers (L-R): Anatoliy Kostytsky, Felix Samsonov, Yevgen Kholoptsev, Oleksandr Oreshkin. May 1, 1956



Champion of the USSR Volodymyr Yefimov

- athletes of Lviv (coach L. Shylov), the third - the team from Kharkiv (coach M. V. Naumenko).

In December 1956, under the glass dome of the winter swimming pool of the Kyiv Military District, a fierce struggle continued among the best athletes of trade unions. Anatoliy Kostytsky from Kyiv showed the best result in the springboard, and Galyna Klevenko became the winner.

The Master of Sports of the USSR Raisa Gorokhovska and Gennadiy Galkin, performed most successfully. In the second and third place, respectively, were Roman Brenner and Georgiy Bilyi.

Representatives of the Burevisnyk team won the team championships.

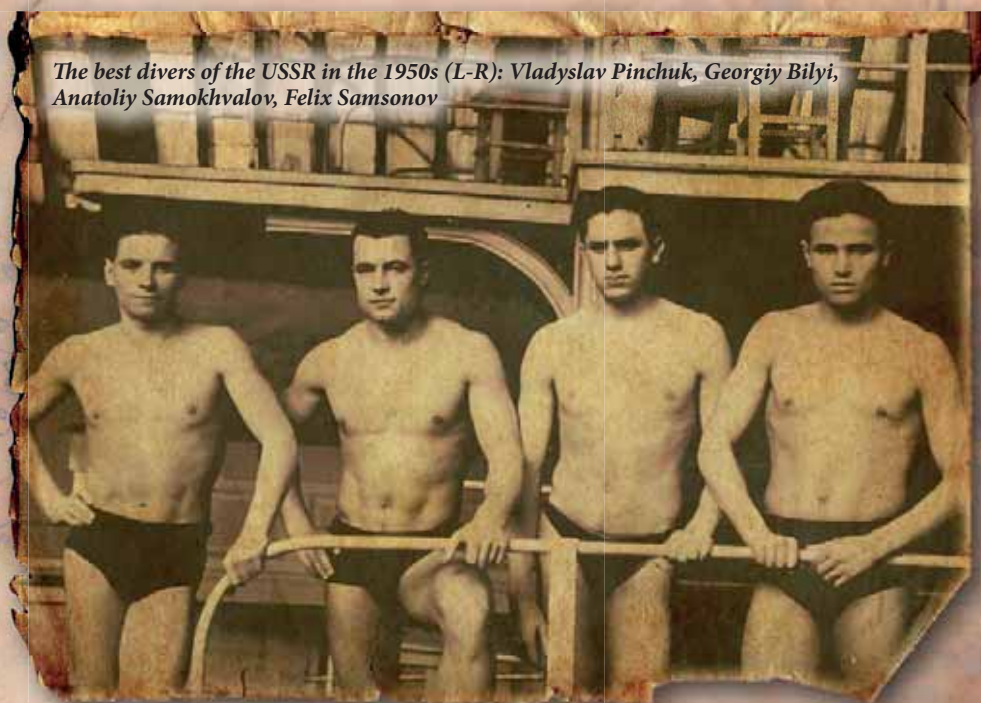
Thus, in the early 1950's, the "pioneers" were replaced by experienced divers Viktor Khakhanov, Leonid Golub, Felix Samsonov, Oleksandr Oreshkin, Georgiy Bilyi, Volodymyr Yefimov, Oleksandr Nekrasov, who held leading positions in diving.



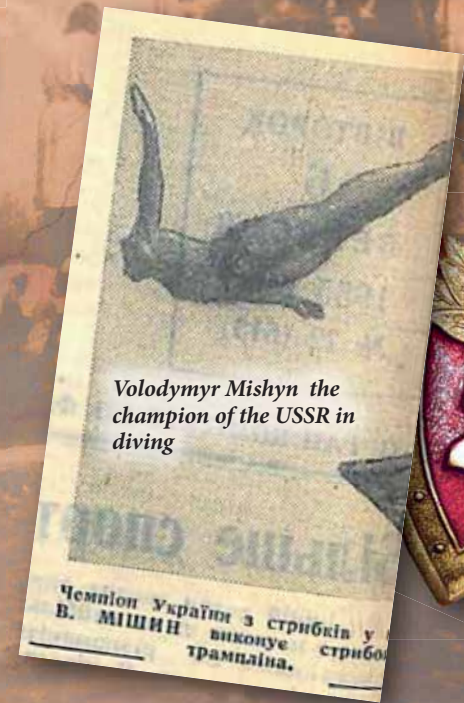
In the DFC pool Ukrainian masters of diving (L-R) Georgiy Bilyi, Felix Samsonov, Oleksandr Oreshkin. 1956



Перший в ЦРПС з стрибків у воду. НА ФОТО: спортсменка квітського «Буревісника» Людмила ІВАСЬКО в виконанні стрибків з трампліна. НОВА виконує стрибки з трампліна. фото В. Дестіна.



The best divers of the USSR in the 1950s (L-R): Vladyslav Pinchuk, Georgiy Bilyi, Anatoliy Samokhvalov, Felix Samsonov



Volodymyr Mishyn the champion of the USSR in diving

Чемпіон України з стрибків у воду. В. МІШИН виконує стрибки з трампліна.



Vladyslav Pinchuk from Lviv



Champions of the Ukrainian SSR Anatoliy Kostrytsky and Galyna Pidkhaluzina



By the second half of the 1950's, diving schools were formed in the Ukrainian SSR. Representatives of the Lviv school were Borys Zelmanovych, Vladyslav Pinchuk, Oleg Melnykov, Volodymyr Marynyak, L. Zaytseva, Olena Barayeva, and others; Mykola Naumenko and Oleksiy Shelest from Kharkiv, Anatoliy Kostrytsky, Yuriy Rud, Iryna Zhylykova, E. Mykhalenko, Zynayida Vasylyuk, Lyudmyla Ivanova from Kyiv performed brilliantly, successfully representing the Ukrainian SSR at various All-Union competitions.

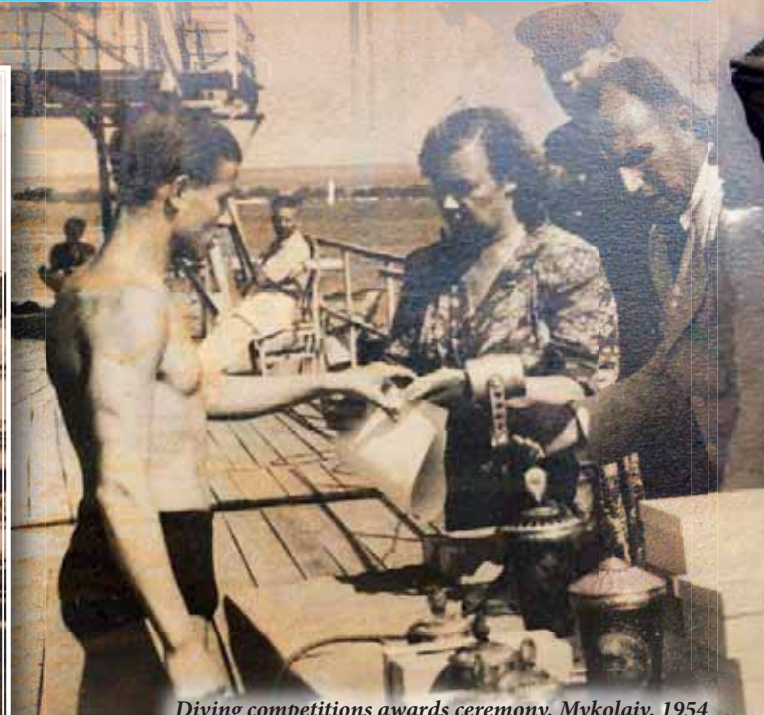
The 1960's were marked by the talent of brilliant Ukrainian divers Anatoliy Kostrytsky (Kyiv), Oleksandr Tkachenko, Oleg Melnykov and Valeriy Sukhanov (Lviv), Volodymyr Molchanov (Kharkiv), Volodymyr Maryniak, Volodymyr Asayev and Volodymyr Mishyn (Lviv) and others.

Among the leaders of the Soviet diving were the Ukrainian athletes who impressed with their grace, beauty, sparkle, virtuosity, high technical training, such as Tamara Sarkisova, Tetiana Stroganova, Lyudmyla Kostrytska (Ivanova), Yevgeniya Markunina (Kyiv),

Felix Samsonov. ASC pool. Kyiv. 1958

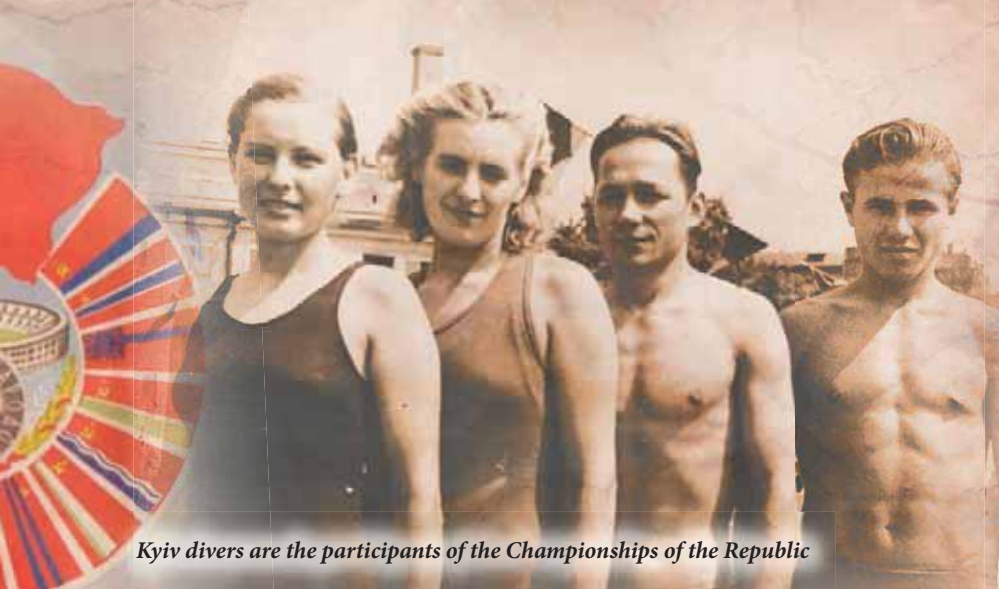


F. Samsonov diving. Moscow. 1954



Diving competitions awards ceremony. Mykolaiv. 1954





Kyiv divers are the participants of the Championships of the Republic

Lyubov Asayeva, Galyna Pidkhalyuzina, Lyudmyla Panchenko (Dnipropetrovsk), Lyudmyla Tkachenko (Lviv), and others.

Their natural talent was revealed owing to the hard work and mentoring of young coaches at the time, who selflessly helped these athletes reach the top of the pedestal. The names of Felix Samsonov, Mark Polyakov, Oleksandr Tkachenko, and others are inscribed in golden letters in the history of the Ukrainian diving.

In the 1960's and 1970's, the coaching talent of the outstanding diver Felix Samsonov was discovered. The successful young coach decided to move from Kyiv to Dnipropetrovsk, where he founded a diving school. Among his famous apprentices were the Ukrainian aquatic sports stars, champions of All-Union, Republican, and International Competitions Galyna Pidkhalyuzina, Lyubov Asayeva, Iryna Fonaryova, Lyudmyla Panchenko, Volodymyr Asayev, Volodymyr Mishyn, brothers Volodymyr and Oleksandr Tregub, Leonid Kochenkov, and many others. For success in



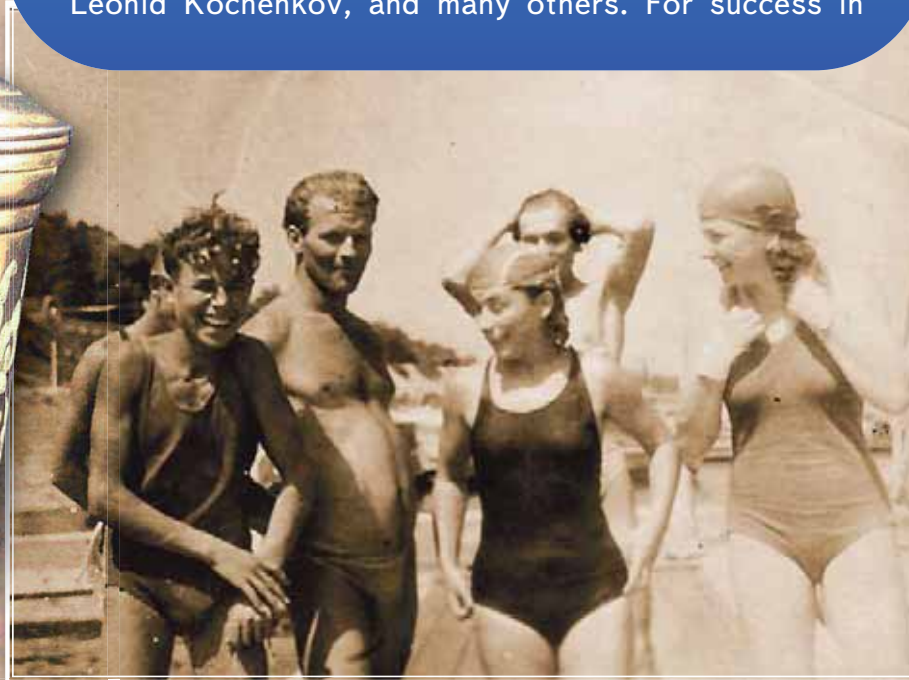
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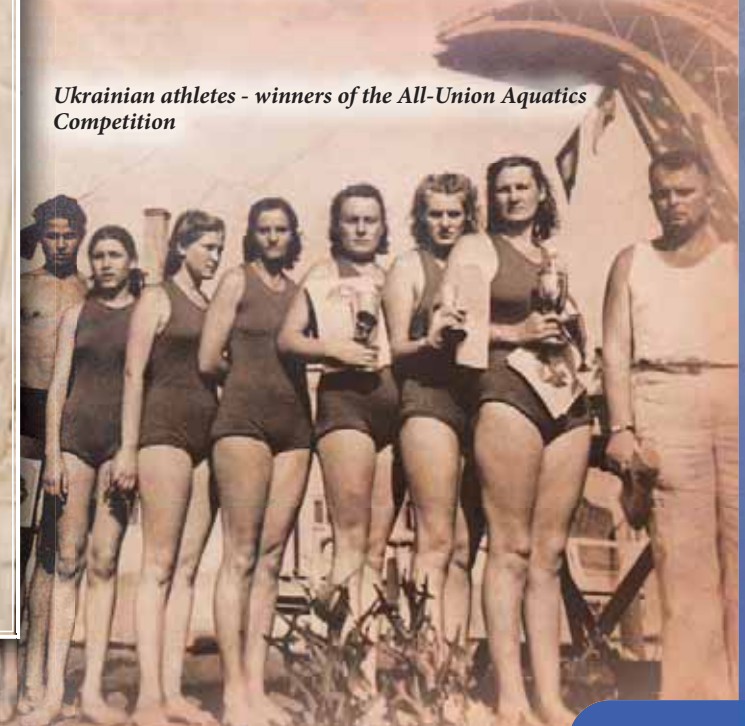
An excellent dive at the opening of the ASC pool by the Master of Sports, the champion of the USSR Viktor Khakhanov. Kyiv. 1956



Multiple-time champion of the USSR in diving Felix Samsonov



At the aquatic centre on the Dnipro River. L-R: Felix Samsonov and Viktor Khakhanov with athletes. Kyiv. 1950



Ukrainian athletes - winners of the All-Union Aquatics Competition



New Year's celebration in 1954 in the role of Santa Claus - Grygoriy Manchesko



Mykola Naumenko - Merited Master of Sports of the USSR, a multiple champion of the USSR, Merited coach of USSR



coaching, F. Samsonov was awarded the title of Merited Coach of the USSR.

His most titled apprentice - Lyubov Asayeva (nee Tytarenko) came to practice diving in September 1957. By that time, she had been training professionally in tumbling, gymnastics, and figure skating.

Vasyl Severyn (a native of Dnipropetrovsk) became her first diving coach.

Already as Asayeva, she moved with her husband Volodymyr to Dnipropetrovsk in 1963, where she continued her intensive training with Coach Samsonov.

Throughout her sports career, Merited Master of Sports Lyubov Asayeva became a 25-time champion of the Ukrainian SSR, a member of the USSR national team in the 1960s-1970s in the platform, winner of many international competitions. According to experts and sports journalists, she was the most elegant diver of the USSR.

Continuing her performances, Lyubov Asayeva switched to coaching in autumn of 1972, recruiting apprentices to train in the recently built swimming pool in Dnipropetrovsk.



Members of the USSR national team (L-R): Georgiy Bilyi, Viktor Khakhanov, Anatoliy Kostrytsky - from Kyiv, as well as Mikhail Chachba

The best Ukrainian divers of the 1960s: L-R - Mykola Naumenko, Oleg Melnykov (in the centre of the first row)





Leading divers in the USSR, including Leonid Fedorenko (right in the 2nd row) and the famous Gennadiy Galkin (left in the 1st row)



One of the best divers of the 1950s is Leonid Golub from Kyiv

One of the outstanding coaches who worked in Kyiv, Mark Polyakov is also worthy of special attention. In 1958, as a student of the Correspondence Department of the Kyiv State Institute of Physical Culture, he headed the newly organised educational and sports section of diving called the Young Dynamo. In summer, classes were held at the Dynamo aquatic centre, and in winter - in two pools in Kyiv (Sports Club of the Kyiv Military District and the Palace of Physical Culture). It is known that due to the heavy occupancy of the pools, diving classes started at 10 pm.

Under the leadership of Polyakov, Anatoliy Kostrytsky and Vadym Chaikin became the champions of the USSR.

An apprentice of M. Polyakov Mykola Gordyuta was the winner of the All-Union Youth Competition in Moscow in 1960.

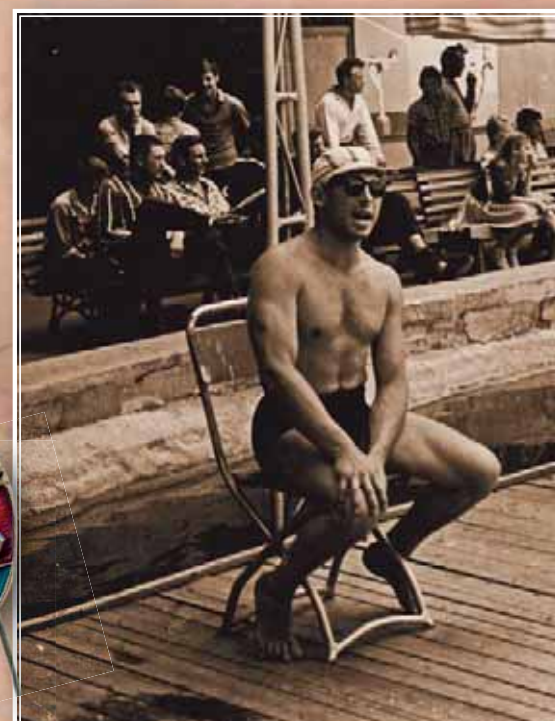
In 1964, M. Polyakov's apprentice Tetiana Stroganova became the champion of Ukraine, twice a Master of Sports of the USSR - in the platform and the springboard diving. Tetiana Stroganova's brilliant sports career



The national team of Ukraine at the All-Union competitions. Far left with the Prize Cup - the head of the delegation, chairman of the Federation of Diving of the USSR Mykhailo Avramenko. Second (L-R) - young Anatoliy Kostrytsky



Participants of the All-Union swimming and diving competitions. 1950s



Mark Polyakov - Merited Coach of the USSR



*Stars of Ukrainian sports
Lyubov Asayeva and Volodymyr
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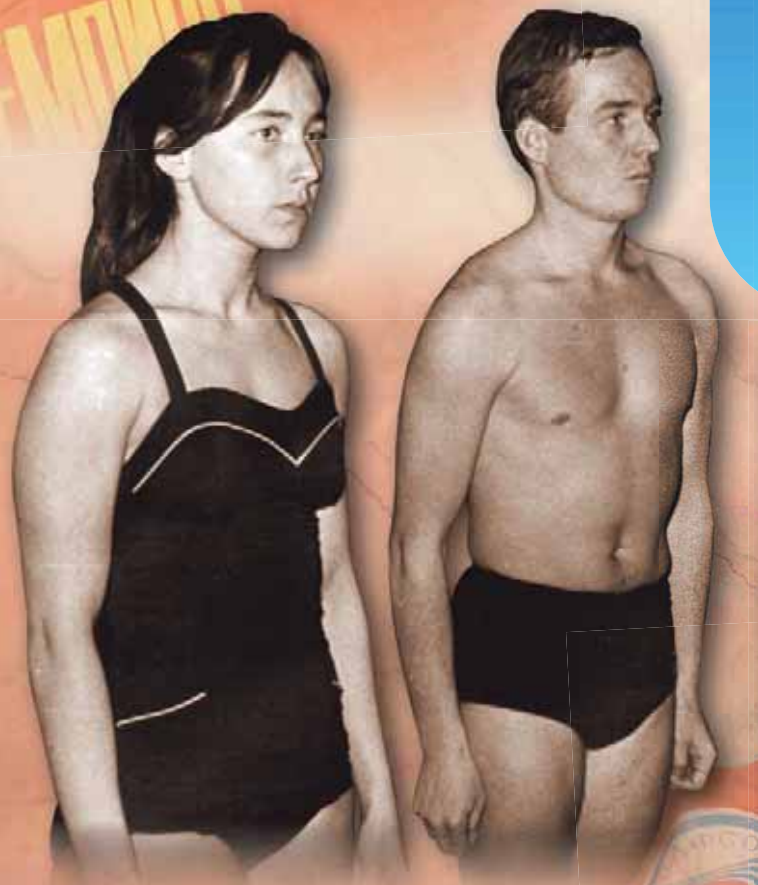
*Participants of the Championships of the Ukrainian
SSR Master of Sports Lyudmyla Tkachenko (left) and
Lyubov Asayeva (right)*



resulted in 15 victories in the USSR Championships, as well as the international tournaments, among which the most memorable was the first in the history of diving encounter between the USSR and USA teams held in 1971 in the Kyiv Dynamo swimming pool.

Other notable Ukrainian divers trained by M. Polyakov were Yevgeniya Markunina (the first Ukrainian champion of the schoolchildren Spartakiad of the USSR), Master of Sports of the USSR Dmytro Yuga, Yuriy Yanovsky, Volodymyr Synko, Georgiy Pakhomov.

One of the most successful coaches of the late 1960s - early 1970s was Master of Sports of the USSR Leonid Fedorenko from Kyiv. His athletic career took shape at the Vodnyk aquatic centre in Vodnytsia Bay of the Dnipro River. In 1950, at the age of 13, he dove from a wooden platform on Trukhaniv Island, after which he began training under the tutelage of Merited Coach



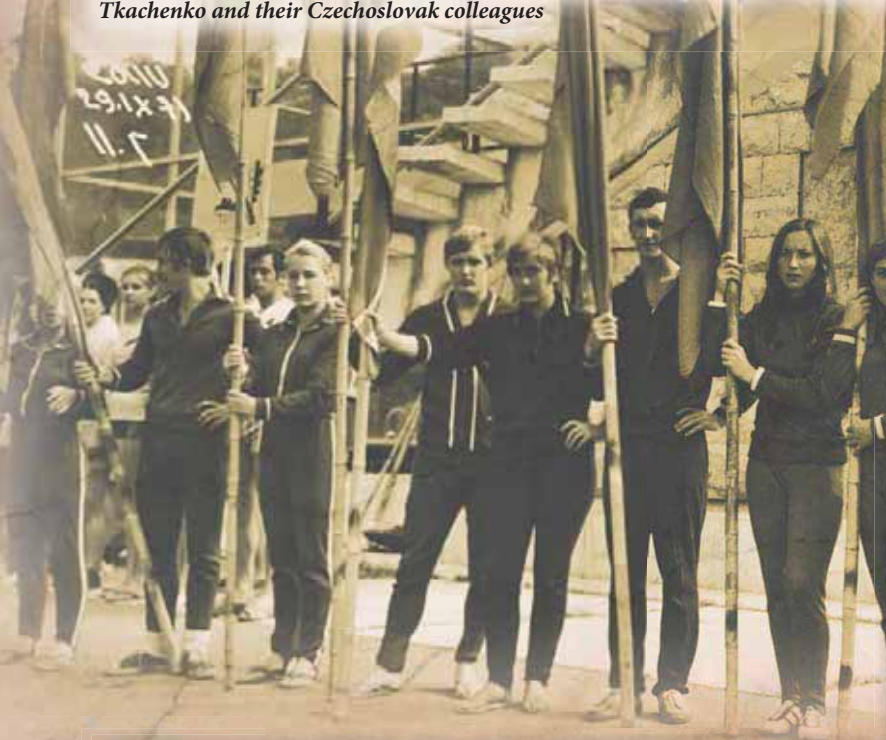
*The best divers of the Ukrainian SSR, honorary
Master of Sports of the USSR Lyubov Asayeva
and Anatoliy Kostrytsky*



*Leaders of the Ukrainian diving, Masters of Sports of the USSR (L-R): Galyna
Pidkhaluzina, Lyubov Asayeva, Felix Samsonov, Lyudmyla Panchenko,
Volodymyr Mishyn. 1970s*



Participants of the Ukrainian SSR-Czechoslovakia meet. Lviv. 1965 Ukrainian divers (L-R): Nadiya Marynyak, Lyubov Asayeva, Galyna Pidkhaluzina, Lyudmyla Tkachenko and their Czechoslovak colleagues



After the end of her competitive sports career Lyubov Asayeva had dedicated her time to raising the younger generation of divers



Leaders of Ukrainian diving Volodymyr Asayev and Lyubov Asayeva





*Master of Sports
Leonid Fedorenko. Kyiv*



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of the USSR Yevgen Kholoptsev. Lyonya Fedorenko trained along with Tolya Kostytsky, a well-known USSR junior champion. Over time, Anatoliy Kostytsky - a rival, colleague and friend of Leonid Fedorenko - became a multiple champion of the Ukrainian USSR, the champion of the USSR in diving from a 3-metre springboard (1962).

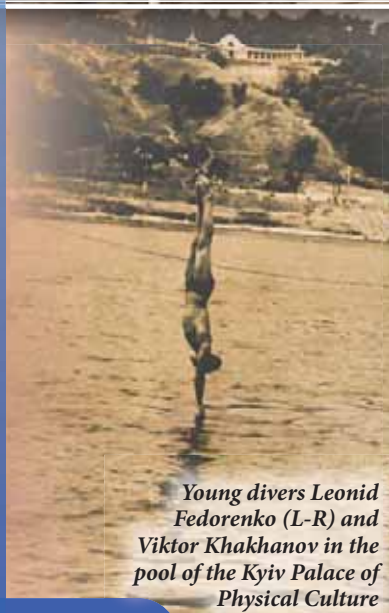
And then, in the early 1950s, the boys practiced in the Palace of Physical Culture, where in addition to the pool with a platform were also venues for drylands training.

As a Master of Sports of the USSR, Leonid Fedorenko competed until 1968, for which he received the nickname the 'Flying Coach'.

The apprentices of Leonid Fedorenko were among the leaders of the Ukrainian national team - Sergiy Alekseyenko, Slava Gordeyev, Vasyl Zamuruyev, Tamara Sarkisova.

Tamara Sarkisova began training with him in 1966. A few months later, the athlete won the jubilee, dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution, Spartakiad of the Peoples of the USSR

Future champions Anatoliy Kostytsky (sitting) and Leonid Fedorenko (standing) at the water base on the Dnipro River. Kyiv



Young divers Leonid Fedorenko (L-R) and Viktor Khakhanov in the pool of the Kyiv Palace of Physical Culture



On Trukhaniv Island





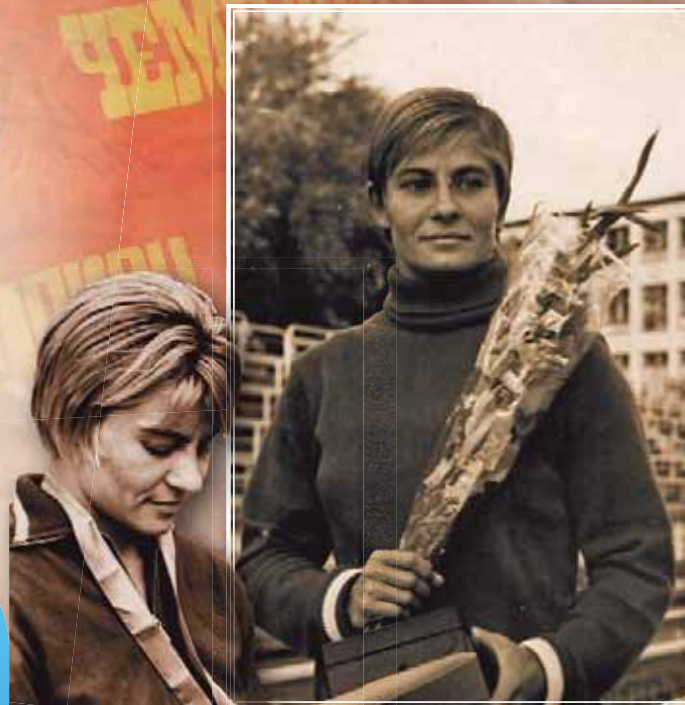
The dive of Tamara Sarkisova

in the 10-metre platform. This victory brought Leonid Fedorenko the title of Merited Coach of the USSR.

Tamara Sarkisova, a multiple champion of the USSR and the Ukrainian SSR, winner of the Spartakiad of the Peoples of the USSR, Master of Sports of the USSR of International Class, became an excellent coach, having raised a constellation of talented divers, including Fedir Volkov – the winner of the European Junior Championships, men’s world champion (1979, Stuttgart, Germany). Tamara Semenivna was awarded the title of Merited Coach of the USSR.

T. Sarkisova’s first coach Oleksandr Tkachenko from Lviv instilled the love of diving in her. Back in 1957, he adopted an orphan girl, Tamara Sarkisova, with four children of his own. In almost ten years (until 1966), he brought up a wonderful athlete and a future talented coach.

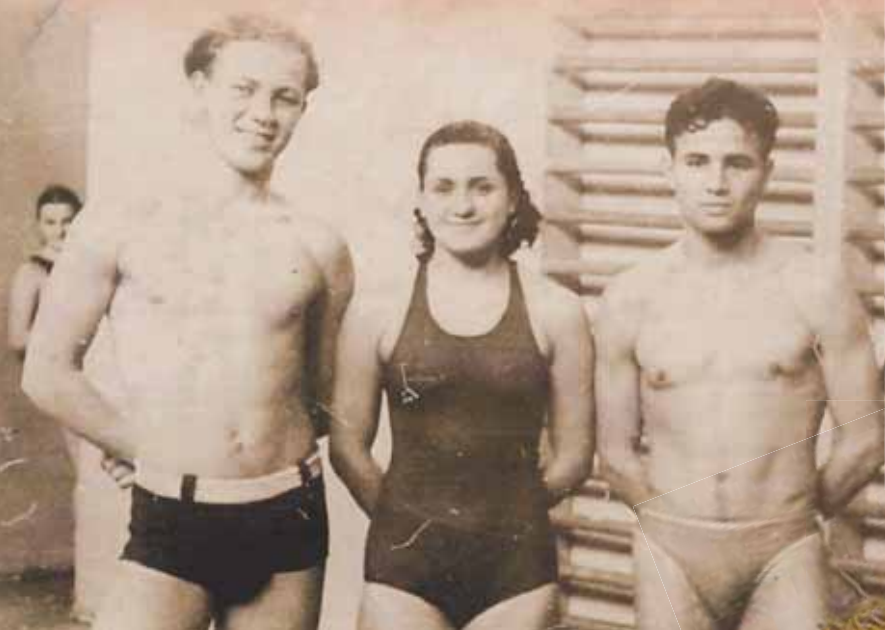
Oleksandr Tkachenko is called one of the founders of the Ukrainian school of swimming and diving. Among



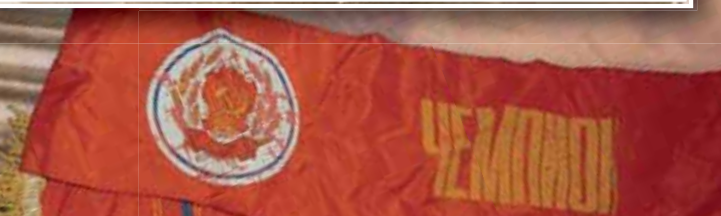
Tamara Sarkisova - Master of Sports of the USSR, multiple champion of the USSR, Ukrainian SSR



Merited coach of the USSR O. Tkachenko, a group of apprentices. L-R: Oleg Melnykov, Lyudmyla Tkachenko (third L), Tamara Sarkisova, Oleksandr Tkachenko Jr. - future champions of the USSR and the Ukrainian SSR



Divers Leonid Fedorenko (L-R) and Felix Samsonov (from right) in the hall of the Kyiv Palace of Physical Education



Young coach M. Avramenko with apprentices. Lviv. 1960s



Merited Coach of Ukraine, judge of the All-Union category Mykhailo Avramenko



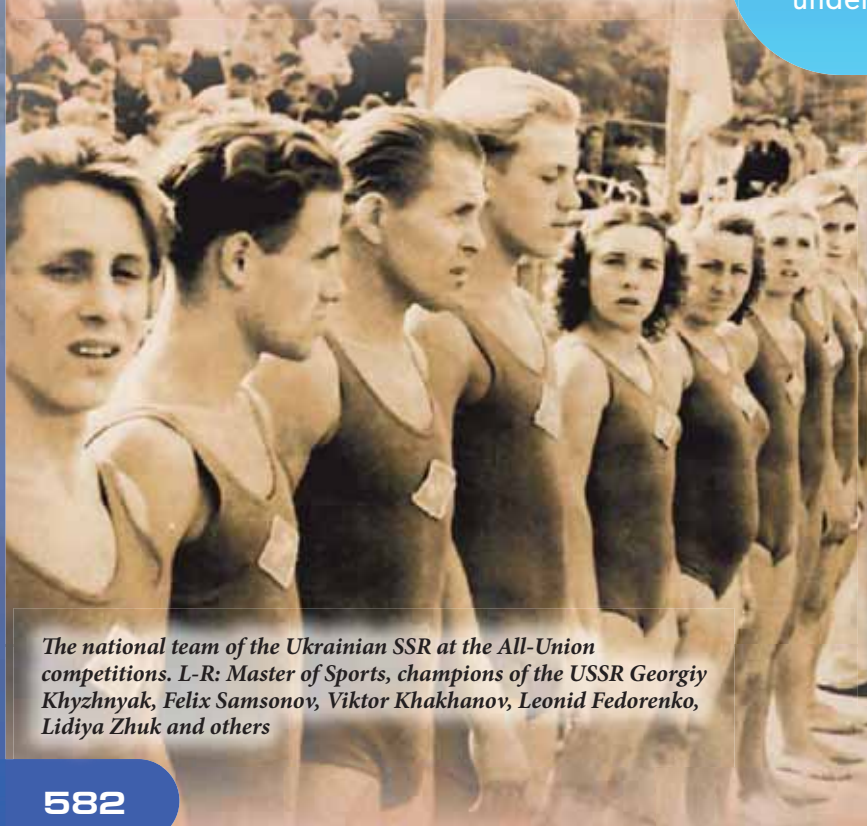
his apprentices, in addition to Tamara Sarkisova, were numerous stars of the national aquatic sports: USSR champions Gennadiy Galkin, Oleg Melnykov, Tetiana Shtyryeva, and many others. Oleksandr Andriyovych trained not only excellent divers but also swimmers. Among his apprentices were the silver medallist of the XVIII Olympiad in Tokyo (1964), four-time world record holder (1964), 11-time European record holder (1962-1964), three-time European champion (1962, 1966 (2)), Merited Master of Sports of the USSR Georgiy Prokopenko. O. Tkachenko's coaching activity was awarded the honorary title of Merited Coach of the USSR.

After retiring, Oleksandr Tkachenko moved to the city of his youth, Zaporizhia. His name is associated with the opening of the department of diving in the Zaporizhian Motor Sich Sports Club.

Merited Master of Sports of the USSR Gennadiy Galkin began to engage in diving in the city of Lviv under the leadership of Tkachenko, achieving significant



The national team of the Ukrainian SSR at the All-Union competitions



The national team of the Ukrainian SSR at the All-Union competitions. L-R: Master of Sports, champions of the USSR Georgiy Khyzhnyak, Felix Samsonov, Viktor Khakhanov, Leonid Fedorenko, Lidiya Zhuk and others



Merited coach of the USSR O. Tkachenko with his athletes. Seated: Master of Sports of the USSR Anatoliy Kostrytsky (L-R) and Leonid Fedorenko



Apprentices of the Institute of Physical Culture during diving classes. House of Physical Culture pool. Kyiv. 1958

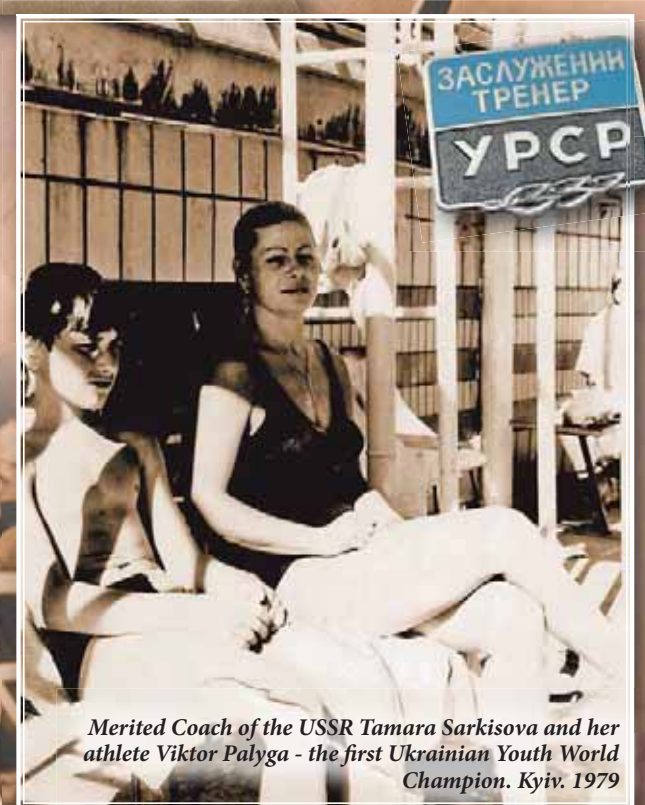


КОСТРИЦКИЙ А.
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Anatoliy Kostrytsky - Merited Master of Sports of the USSR, the USSR Champion in diving

success. Galkin performed dives in two and a half turns back in grouping from front and back. He was the founder of the technique that is widely used today by the Chinese divers: it consists of a rapid initial rotation with the opening followed by “reaching” in the bent position. Gennadiy Galkin — a five-time champion of the USSR (1956, 1957, 1960, 1961, 1963), bronze medallist of the European Championships (1962), a finalist of the 1960 Olympic diving event (6th place). Nadiya and Volodymyr Marynyaks from Lviv took part in the finals of the VIII All-Union Spartakiad of Trade Unions in 1966. Although they did not win the championships, the Spartakiad became a valuable tool for improving their athletic ability. Another apprentice of O. Tkachenko, Tetiana Shtyryeva from Lviv, achieved great success in diving. She was Master of Sports of International Class, who became the USSR champion in the 1-metre springboard diving in 1968 (at the age of 13!). At the age of 14, she won the USSR championships in diving from a 3-metre springboard. In 1970, she became the winner of the USSR Youth Championships. She also was a three-time

Volodymyr Molchanov - Master of Sports of the USSR, Champion of the USSR



Merited Coach of the USSR Tamara Sarkisova and her athlete Viktor Palyga - the first Ukrainian Youth World Champion. Kyiv. 1979

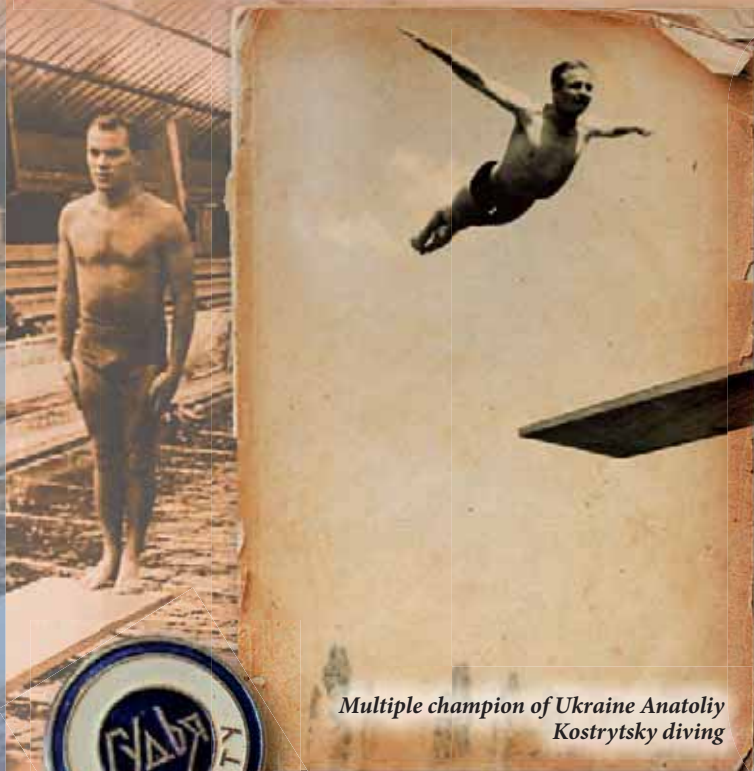


Judges of the Championships of the Ukrainian SSR. Judge-commentator - Merited Coach of the Ukrainian SSR Semen Gutnik, right - Grygoriy Manchesko





Young divers among the participants of the Ukrainian Championships. L-R: Lyudmyla Ivanova (second), Leonid Fedorenko (sixth), Anatoliy Kostrytsky (eleventh)



Multiple champion of Ukraine Anatoliy Kostrytsky diving



USSR champion (1968, 1969, 1972), participant of two Games of Olympiad: in 1972 - in Munich (16th place), in 1976 - in Montreal (12th place).

Since 1972, Tetiana Shtyрева (later Volynkina by marriage) trained under the guidance of one of O. Tkachenko's apprentices, Master of Sports of the USSR Oleg Melnykov. The silver medal of the World Championships in Kali (1975) won by Tetiana brought O. Melnykov the title of Merited Coach of the USSR.

Another memorable athlete, a participant of the 1964 Games of the XVIII Olympiad in Tokyo, the bronze medallist of the World Universiade (1970), the champion of the USSR in diving (1974) was Igor Lobanov from Kyiv.

One must also note Mykola Matkovsky from Lviv. The two-time bronze medallist of the European Cup (1973, 1975), three-time champion of the USSR (1973, 1975), who had also been mentored by Merited Coach of the USSR O. Melnykov.



The leading divers of Ukraine are taking a break in Odesa. L-R: in the first row - Leonid Fedorenko (second), Zynayida Vasylyuk (third), Vyacheslav Pinchuk (fifth), Volodymyr Asayev (sixth); in the second row - Volodymyr Mishyn (first) and Georgiy Khyzhnyak (second)



The team of Ukraine at the All-Union competitions. L-R: Leonid Shylo (second), Oleksandr Tkachenko (third), Volodymyr Asayev (fifth), Igor Bulych (sixth), Olena Barayeva (seventh), Mykhailo Avramenko (twelfth), Volodymyr Mishyn (fourteenth), Vladyslav Pinchuk (fifteenth)

Leading Ukrainian divers Leonid Fedorenko, Lyudmyla Ivanova (centre), Galyna Popova



The champion of Ukraine Lyubov Asayeva diving

The second half of the 1970's and 1980's was marked by an intensive growth in the athletic results of the Ukrainian divers. Decent training facilities, qualified coaches, healthy competition among the cities of the Republic and sports clubs quickly led to increased performance of athletes.

Lviv, Kyiv, Kharkiv, Zhdaniv (Mariupol), and Dnipropetrovsk diving schools continued to operate very effectively.

Leaders of Ukrainian diving were Vadym Chaykin from Kyiv, Vasyl Zamuruyev, Lidiya Tytarenko, Yuriy Artamonov, Sergiy Anoshkin, Najib Alyautdinov, Andriy Ignatenko, Igor Yanko, Oleksiy Bryzhanchuk, Tetiana Kuleba, representatives of the glorious city of Lviv Tetiana S. Vasilyshyn, Sergiy Galperin, Roman Kucher, Volodymyr Tkachov, Vyacheslav Malynovskiy, Sergiy Gurylyov, Tetiana Gadun, Iryna Afonina, I. Pustarnakova, Larysa Lomaka, Olena Barayeva, I. Kosenkova, Oleg Andriyuk, and others.

However, the most famous Ukrainian diver of the 1980s was Zhanna Tsyulnikova, Merited Master of Sports of the USSR, a participant of the Games of the



Members of the national team of Ukraine (L-R): Sergiy Anoshkin, Yuriy Artamonov, Leonid Fedorenko, Lidiya Tytarenko, Anna Maslova, Igor Lobanov



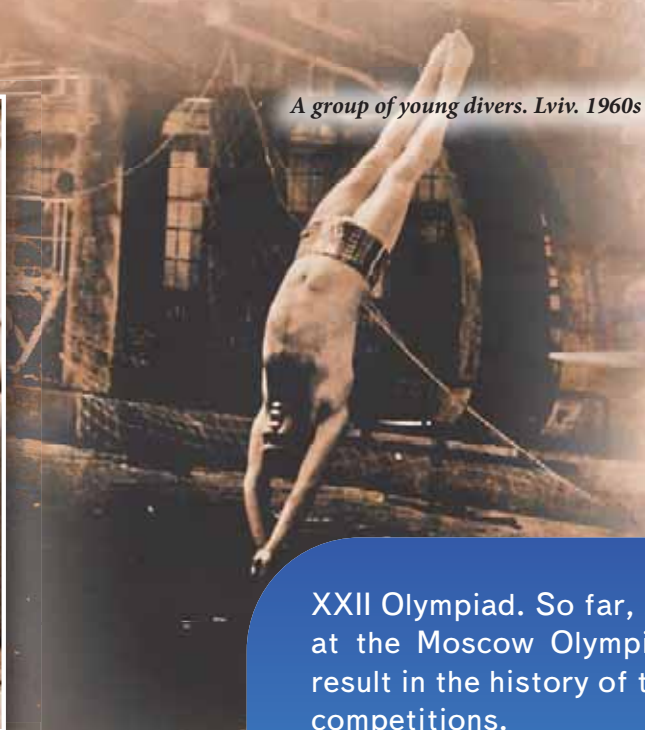
Yevgeniya Markunina among the participants of the Championships of Ukraine





Merited Coach of the USSR Yevgen Kholoptsev

A group of young divers. Lviv. 1960s



XXII Olympiad. So far, Zhanna Tsyurulnikova's 4th place at the Moscow Olympiad has been the best Olympic result in the history of the Ukrainian divers in individual competitions.

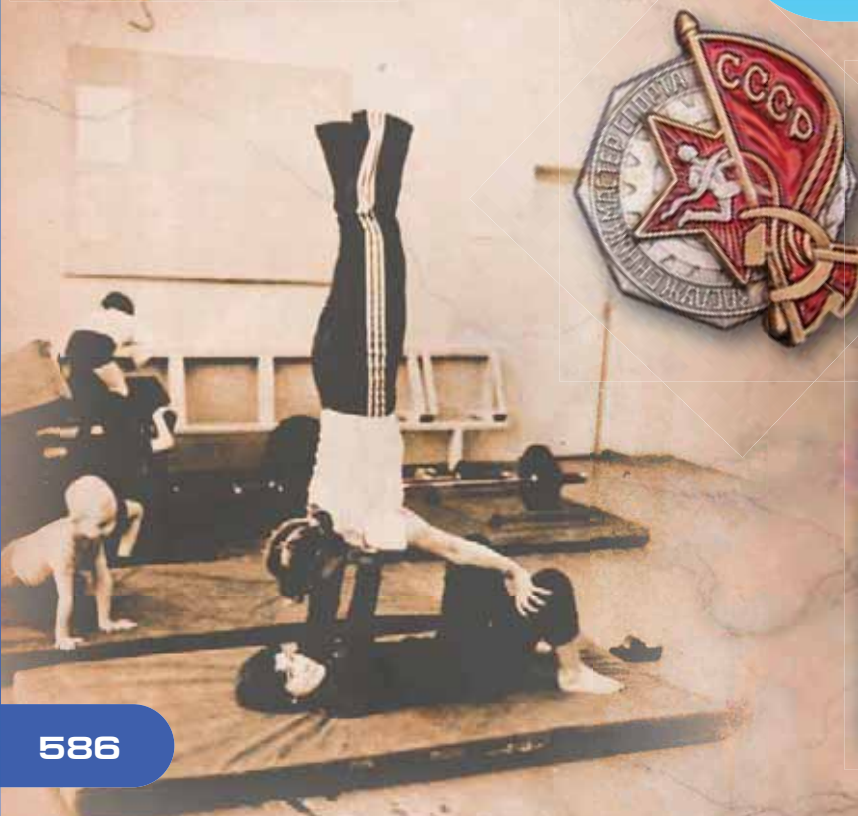
European Champion (1983, 1985), winner of the European Cup (1981), winner of the World Universiade (1985), bronze medallist of the I Games of Good Will (1986), she trained under the guidance of Merited Coach of the USSR, USSR Mykhailo Yakovych Ugryumov and Merited Coach of the USSR, USSR Vanar Petrovich Kuzmenko.

Mykhailo Ugryumov - Master of Sports of the USSR, the champion of the Ukrainian SSR (1967), Coach of the USSR national team at the 1980 Games of the XXII Olympiad in Moscow and the Spanish national team - at the Games of 1996, 2000, 2004. Mykhailo Ugryumov became one of the best diving coaches at the age of 30, when his apprentice Zhanna Tsyurulnikova became the European champion in 1981.

From 1981 to 2004, ten of his apprentices - Zhanna Tsyurulnikova, Najib Alyautdinov, Valeriy Statsenko,



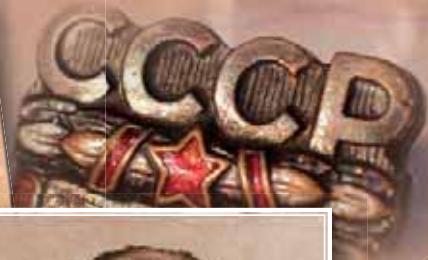
G. Manchesko with Sinko brothers



Zhanna Tsyurulnikova (third L-R) among the members of the USSR national team



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 Татьяна ШТЫРЕВА
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The youngest Master of Sports of the USSR of International Class, champion of the USSR, Ukrainian SSR Tetiana Shtyreva. Lviv. 1969

Julia Cruz, Dolores Sáez de Ibarra, José Miguel Gil, Jose Luis Hidalgo, Rubén Santos, Javier Illana and Leire Santos - won 27 medals at Cups and Championships of Europe and World, at the World Universiade, including 10 gold, 10 silver, and 7 bronze awards.

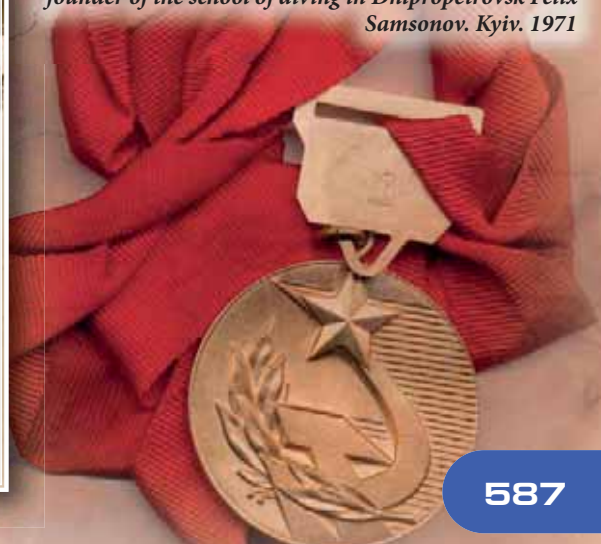
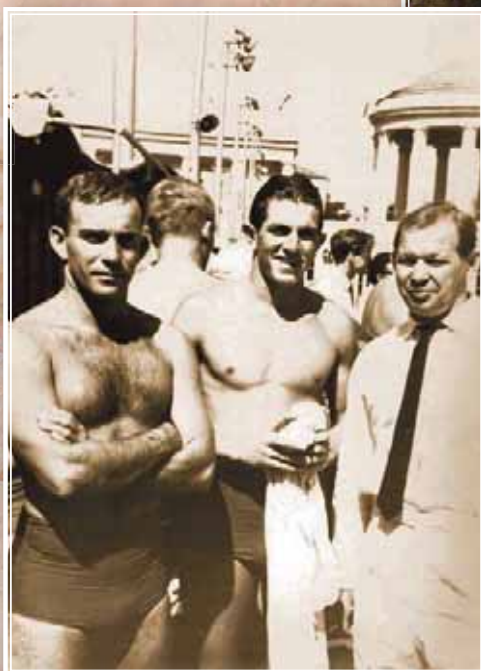
At the same time, Ugrumov worked with another springboard diver - Valeriy Statsenko, who was the first to implement his coach's unique ideas. Statsenko demonstrated the novelties in 1989 at the European Cup in Zurich, winning those competitions and becoming the second at the Continental Championships and the World Cup in the same season.

Valeriy Statsenko was born and trained in Kyiv. A participant of two Games of Olympiads: in 1992 in Barcelona (8th place) and in 1996 in Atlanta (9th place). Winner of nine medals at the European and World Championships and Cups, graduate of the Kyiv State Institute of Physical Culture, Valeriy Statsenko became the youngest Merited Coach of Russia. His apprentices Svitlana Timoshyna and Evgeniya Olshevskaya won two medals at the World Championships - silver in 2001



Judge of the All-Union category Leonid Ivanovych Golub with the international leaders in diving. The champion of the Games of the XVI Olympiad in Melbourne, Mexican diver Joaquín Capilla Pérez in the centre

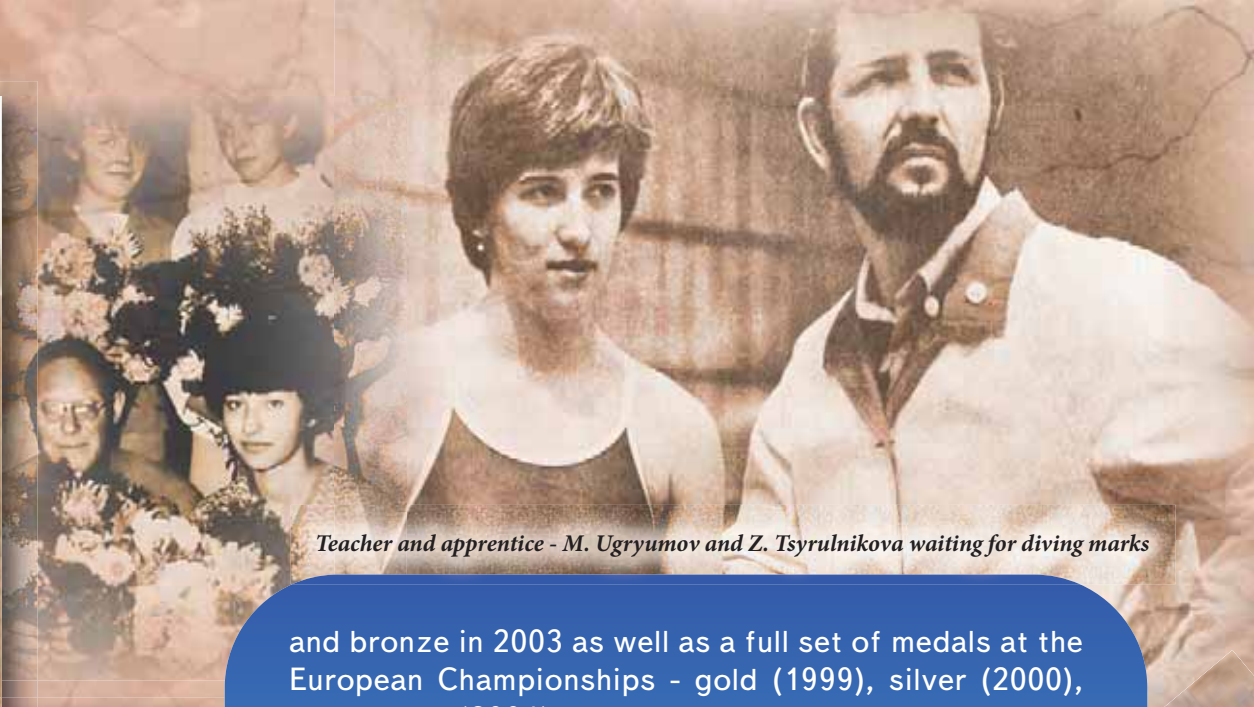
Head of the US national team, diving coach Hobby Billingsley and judge of the All-Union category, founder of the school of diving in Dnipropetrovsk Felix Samsonov. Kyiv. 1971



А. Куц, «На ампі» — Жанна Цирюльникова.



Zhanna Tsyurulnikova on platform. Bronze sculpture. A. Kuts. 1980s



Teacher and apprentice - M. Ugryumov and Z. Tsyurulnikova waiting for diving marks



and bronze in 2003 as well as a full set of medals at the European Championships - gold (1999), silver (2000), and bronze (2001).

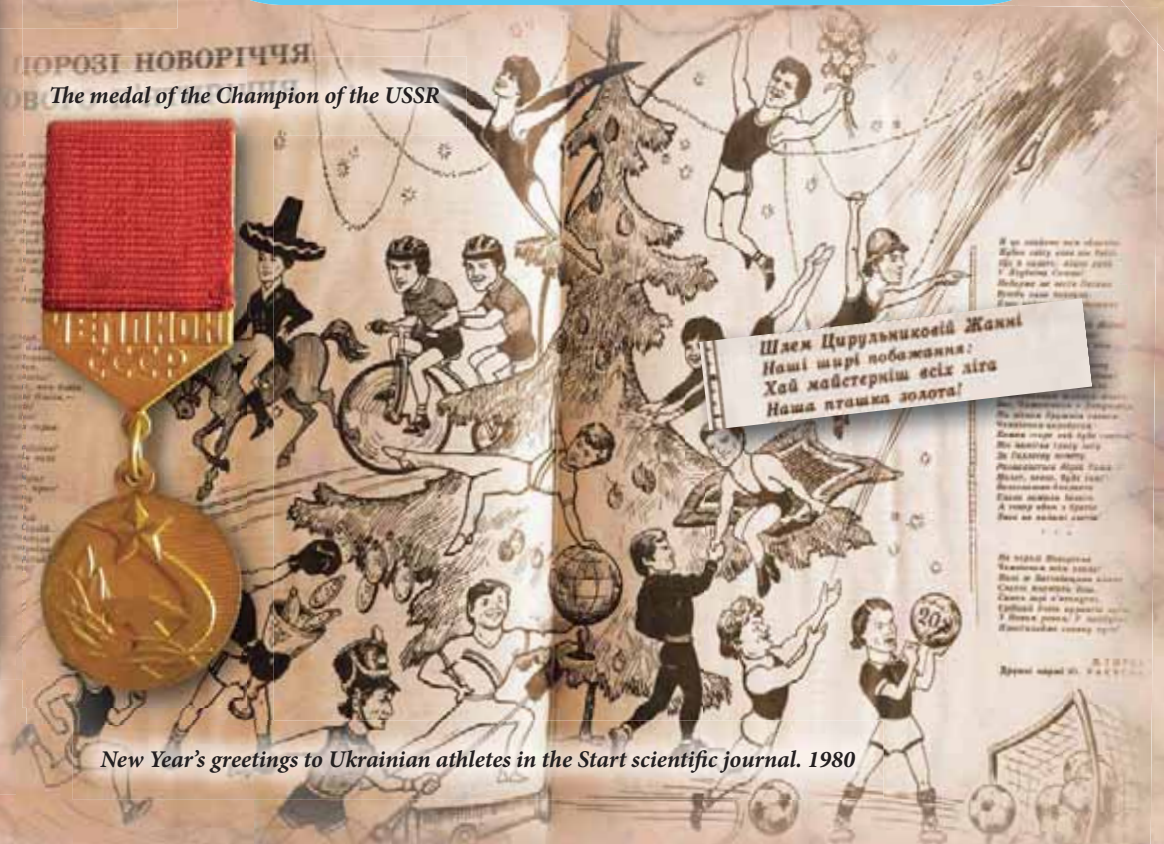
In the 1980s, the Zaporizhia school of diving began to gain momentum. A fruitful combination of the experience of the older generations of coaches Oleksandr Tkachenko, Mykola Kapenkov, Volodymyr Chumak and the enthusiasm and determination of the younger ones - Tetiana Turova, Yevgen Pishkurov, Volodymyr and Nataliya Tarasenko, Leonid Tolkachov - produced its results.

Inga Afonina (1985, 1987, 1990-2, 1992), an apprentice of L. Tolkachov, became the champion of the USSR in diving from a 10-metre platform. Another Zaporizhian athlete - Master of Sports of the USSR of International Class Tetiana Gadun, multiple winner of the USSR championships (1987, 1990), apprentice of T. Turova - became the winner of the USSR Championships in the same discipline (1984).



Merited Coach of the USSR M. Ugryumov and Merited Master of Sports of the USSR Z. Tsyurulnikova

The medal of the Champion of the USSR



New Year's greetings to Ukrainian athletes in the Start scientific journal. 1980



Igor Yanko - Master of Sports of the USSR of International Class, winner of the Cup of the USSR, multiple-time winner of the USSR Championships

Friendly meeting in the Kyiv pool «Dynamo». L-R: Master of Sports Igor Yanko and Oleksiy Bryzhanchuk (Kyiv) and Master of Sports of the USSR of International Class, multiple-time champion and winner of the Championships of the USSR Volodymyr Tkachov (Lviv)



Ukrainian divers, Masters of Sports of the USSR (L-R) Igor Yanko, Lyudmyla Reshetukha, Tetiana Kuleba with coaches Alla Ugryumova and Leonid Tolkachov. Kyiv. 1980

Sergiy Gurilyov from Zaporizhia became the winner of the USSR Championships and the USSR Winter Championships in diving from a 10-metre platform twice in 1987 and 1988.

In the early 1990s, Iryna Pisareva, an apprentice of the Zaporizhian coaches Lyubov Barsukova and Oleksandr Barsukov, began to make rapid progress. She became the USSR champion (1991) in the 3-metre springboard, winner of the USSR championships (1990) and the 1992 CIS championships.

It should be noted that many Ukrainian professionals were not only brilliant coaches, but also judges of the All-Union category, who were invited to judge the largest National and International Competitions and Championships. Among them are Grigoriy Manchesko, Mykhailo Avramenko, Leonid Golub, Anatoliy Kostytsky, Felix Samsonov, Vanar Kuzmenko, Oleg Melnykov, Tetiana Turova, Leonid Fedorenko, Leonid Lensky, and Volodymyr Dragunov.

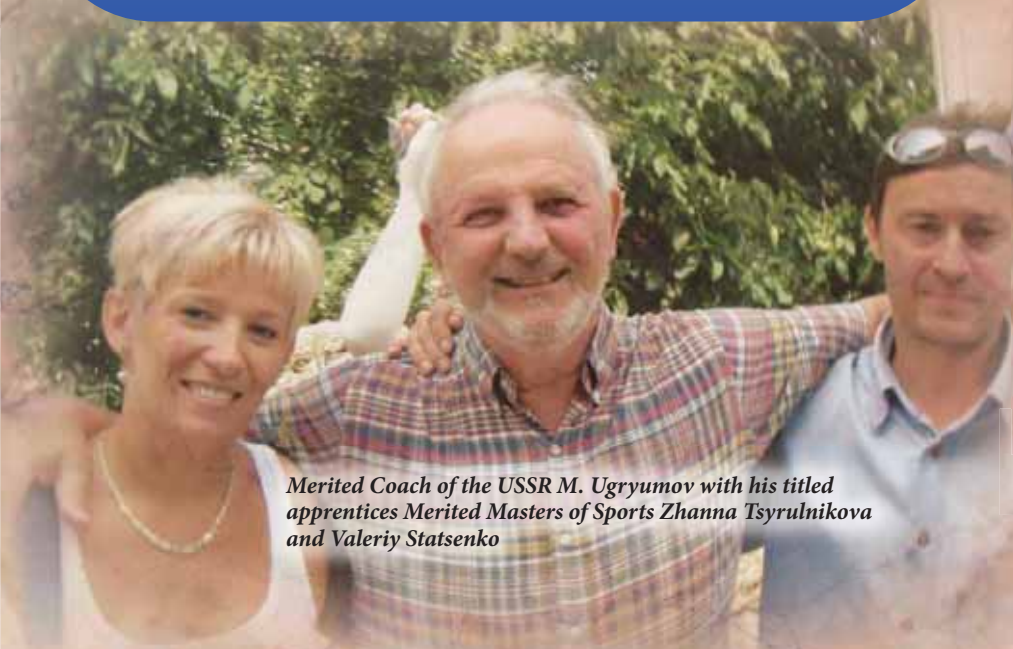
With such potential, Ukrainian diving coaches and athletes met the independence of Ukraine in 1991.



Master of Sports of the USSR of International Class Tetiana Gadun during her training session



Merited Master of Sports Valeriy Statsenko with Merited Coach of the USSR Mykhailo Ugryumov



Merited Coach of the USSR M. Ugryumov with his titled apprentices Merited Masters of Sports Zhanna Tsyruhnikova and Valeriy Statsenko



Valeriy Statsenko - the winner of the Good Will Games. 1990



Diving in Ukraine in the Years of Independence

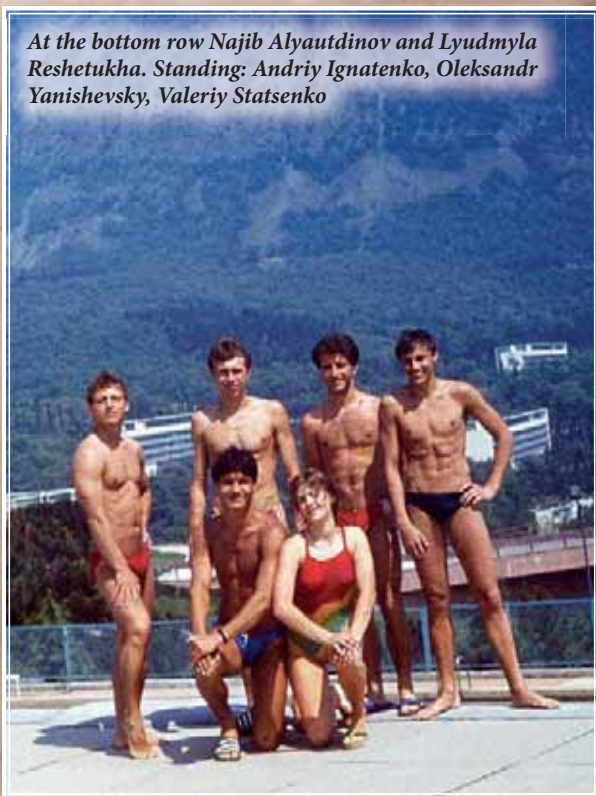
From the first days of gaining state independence, the sports community of Ukraine dreamed of creating its own national sports federations. Diving as an Olympic sport became no exception. This was discussed during the Championships of Ukraine in Zaporizhia in 1992, which was immediately followed by a concordant decision to create the Ukrainian Diving Federation.

It took another year to realize the dream; and in 1992, the Ukrainian Diving Federation was established. Its first President was Kostiantyn Melnyk (1993—1994), later succeeded by Kostiantyn Alekseyev, who led the development of diving for the next five years. In 1999, Igor Lysov was elected President of the Federation and has been its permanent leader to this day. Over the past 20 years, the Ukrainian Diving Federation has experienced rapid growth and development taking a worthy place in the European Swimming League (LEN)

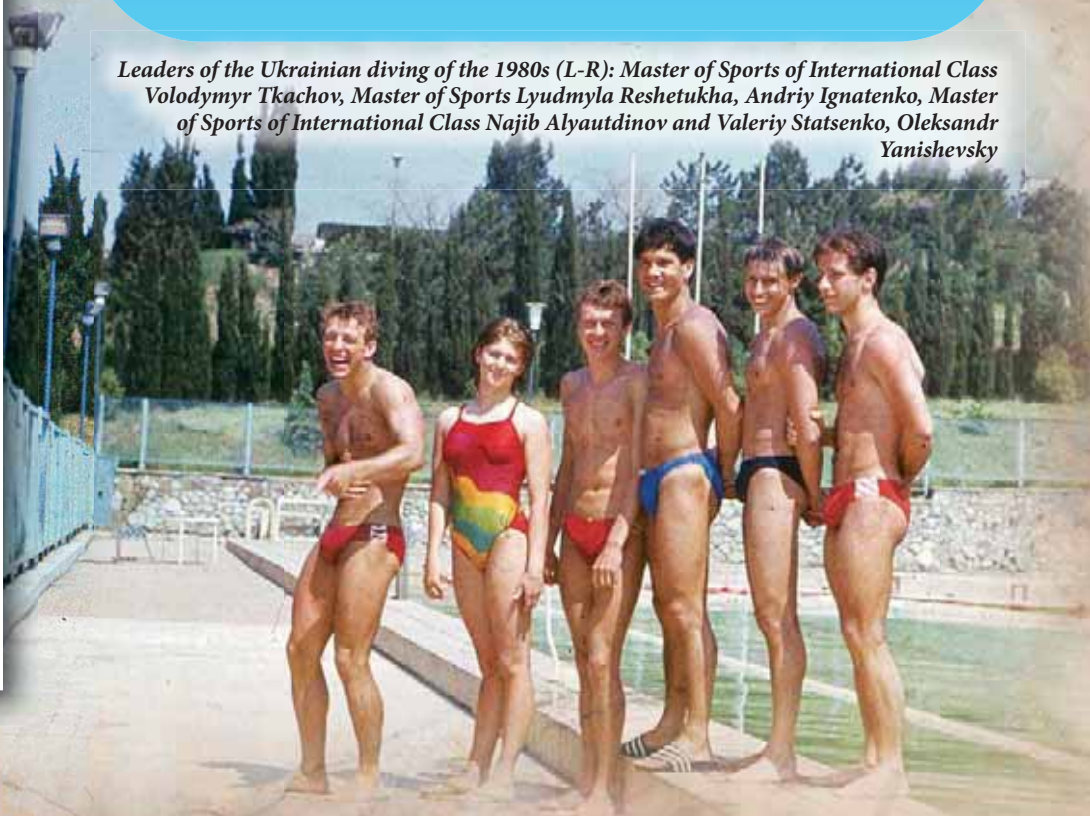


Merited Master of Sports Valeriy Statsenko – the winner of international competitions. Sofia

At the bottom row Najib Alyautdinov and Lyudmyla Reshetukha. Standing: Andriy Ignatenko, Oleksandr Yanishevsky, Valeriy Statsenko



Leaders of the Ukrainian diving of the 1980s (L-R): Master of Sports of International Class Volodymyr Tkachov, Master of Sports Lyudmyla Reshetukha, Andriy Ignatenko, Master of Sports of International Class Najib Alyautdinov and Valeriy Statsenko, Oleksandr Yanishevsky





Kostiantyn Melnyk - the first President of the Ukrainian Diving Federation (1993-1994)

and becoming an active member of the International Swimming Federation (FINA).

The activities of the Federation include such areas as the development and promotion of diving in Ukraine, ensuring the training and participation of national teams of Ukraine and individual athletes in official international competitions.

During the years of state independence, the Federation initiated the creation and stimulated the further development of its branches in ten regions of the country - Kyiv, Vinnytsia, Dnipro, Zaporizhia, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Luhans'k, and Pokrov, where relevant specialized children's and youth's sports schools or diving departments operate.

The Ukrainian Diving Federation is a member of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine, and its President I. Lysov is the Vice President of this notable sports organisation.



President of the NOC of Ukraine, Olympic Champion Sergey Nazarovych Bubka visiting the Ukrainian Diving Federation. L-R: I. Lysov, S. Bubka, Vice President of the NOC of Azerbaijan Chingiz Huseynzade and the Head Coach of the National Team of Ukraine T. Tokmachova



Igor Lysov - President of the Ukrainian Diving Federation (since 1999 - present)



Construction of one of the best high-tech pools in Europe - «Liko»



Laying a capsule at the construction site of the sports complex «Liko»



Tamara Tokmachova - Head Coach of the Ukrainian national diving team

Nina Umanets - Executive Director of Ukrainian Diving Federation, silver medallist of the Games of the Olympiad, President of Ukrainian Olympians Academy, Merited Member of Physical Culture and Sports of Ukraine



Ukrainian divers have been active participants at the Games of the Olympiads since the independence of Ukraine.

At the Games of the XXV Olympiad, Ukrainian athletes performed as part of the Unified CIS team. Ukraine was represented by the apprentices of the Kyiv and Zaporizhia schools - Valeriy Statsenko and Inga Afonina, respectively.

Valeriy Statsenko took the 8th place in the 3-metre springboard. Inga Afonina came the 5th in the women's 10-metre platform, which became the best Olympic achievement of Ukrainian divers in this discipline.

At the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta, Ukrainian athletes performed as an independent team. It included seven divers who were entrusted with the honour of representing their country in this aquatic sport - Roman Volod'kov from Zaporizhia, Maksym Lapin from Mariupol, Oleksandr Skrypyk from Luhans'k, Olena Zhupina from Zaporizhia, Svitlana Serbina and Iryna Pisareva from Kyiv.



Yuriy Osyphchuk - Merited Coach of Ukraine, Head Coach of the Ukrainian national diving team (1994-2005), Executive Director of the Ukrainian Diving Federation (2005-2008)



Anna Sorokina Olympic bronze medallist, Vice Chairman of the Diving Technical Committee (LEN)



Inga Afonina - Master of Sports of International Class, participant of the 1992 Games of the XXV Olympiad in Barcelona

Roman Volod'kov came the 11th in the men's springboard; Maksym Lapin showed the 23rd result. In the men's platform, Roman Volod'kov took the 20th place, and Oleg Yanchenko – the 26th. Olena Zhupina finished her performances the 5th in the women's springboard, and Iryna Pisareva came the 12th. In the women's platform, the best result among Ukrainian athletes was shown by Olena Zhupina (6th place); Svitlana Serbina was in the 14th place.

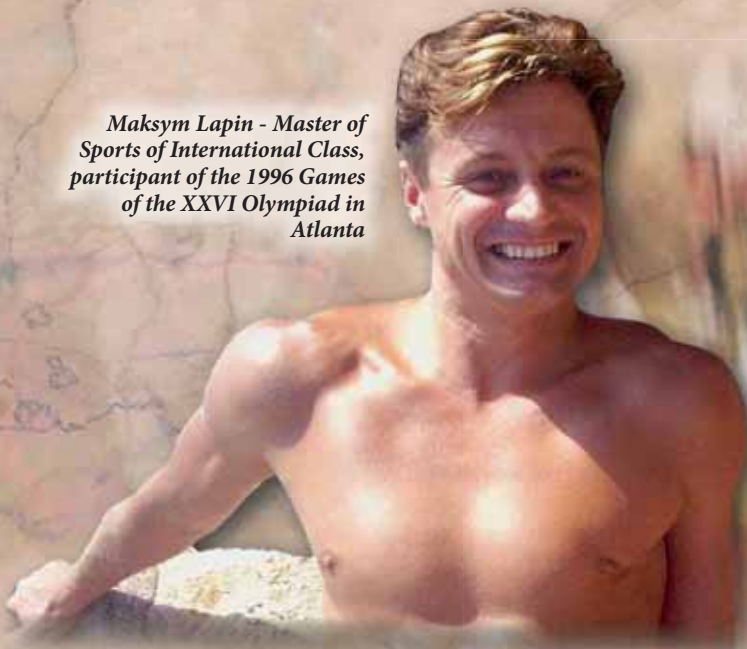
The Ukrainian team of divers consisting of eight athletes, including Roman Volod'kov, Anna Sorokina, Svitlana Serbina, and Olena Zhupina (Zaporizhia), Oleksandr Skrypnyk (Luhans'k), and Eduard Safonov (Donetsk), Olga Yefimenko (Kyiv, Zaporizhia) took part in the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in 2000.

The men's springboard competitions ended with the following result: Eduard Safonov - 25th place, Dmytro Lysenko - 27th. Roman Volod'kov (21st place) showed the best result among Ukrainian athletes in the men's platform, followed by Oleksandr Skrypnyk (23rd).



Valeriy Statsenko - Merited Master of Sports of the USSR, participant of the 1992 Games of the XXV Olympiad in Barcelona

Maksym Lapin - Master of Sports of International Class, participant of the 1996 Games of the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta



Olena Zhupina and Svitlana Serbina - Masters of Sport of International Class, participants of the 1996 Games of the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta



Olena Zhupina and Svitlana Serbina - world champions in synchronised platform (Perth, 1998)



Roman Volod'kov - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, finalist of the Games of the XXVI and XXVII Olympiads (1996, 2000)

In the men's synchronised platform, the Ukrainian duo Roman Volod'kov and Oleksandr Skrypnuk took the 6th place.

In the women's springboard, Anna Sorokina took the 11th place, Olga Yefimenko – the 14th. Athlete from Zaporizhia Olena Zhupina was the 6th, and Svitlana Serbina the 32nd in the women's platform.

Ukrainian divers were expected to succeed in the new type of Olympic programme first introduced in 2000 - synchronised women's diving.

The Ukrainian duo Anna Sorokina and Olena Zhupina was awarded the bronze Olympic medal - the first in the history of the independent Ukraine in diving! The athletes were led by the Merited Coach of Ukraine T. Turova.

A team of eight Ukrainian divers took part in the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens in 2004: Anna Sorokina, Olena Zhupina, Roman Volod'kov, and Anton



Tetiana Turova - Merited Coach of Ukraine, Merited Worker of Physical Culture and Sports of Ukraine with apprentices Anna Sorokina (L-R) and Olena Zhupina

T. Turova and bronze medallists of the 2000 Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney Anna Sorokina (diving) and Oleksandr Krykun (athletics)





Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine Olena Zhupina (L-R) and Anna Sorokina with Coach T.A. Turova

Zakharov (Zaporizhia), Eduard Safonov and Dmytro Lysenko (Mariupol), Olena Fedorova (Mykolaiv), and Yuriy Shlyakhov (Dnipro).

In the men's springboard diving competition, Dmytro Lysenko showed the best result of the team taking the 11th place, and Yuriy Shlyakhov came the 26th. In the men's platform, Anton Zakharov was in the 16th place, and Roman Volod'kov - in the 21st.

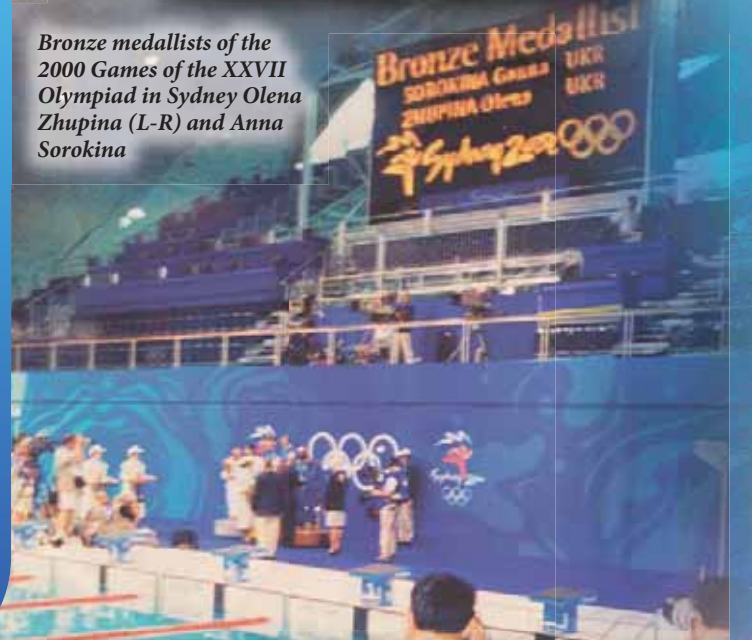
Competitions in the men's synchronised platform were notable for the Ukrainian duo Roman Volod'kov and Anton Zakharov. They took the 4th place.

In the women's springboard, Olena Fedorova took the 13th place, Anna Sorokina - the 16th. In the women's platform, Olena Zhupina was the best Ukrainian athlete, finishing the 9th, followed by Olga Leonova – the 23rd.

At the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing, Ukraine was represented by nine divers - Olena Fedorova, Illya Kvasha, and Kostiantyn Milyaev (Mykolaiv), Oleksiy Prygorov and Yuriy Shlyakhov (Dnipropetrovsk), Mariya Voloshchenko and Anna Pysmenska (Luhans'k), Yuliya Prokopchuk (Kyiv), Anton Zakharov (Zaporizhia).



Bronze medallists of the 2000 Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney Olena Zhupina (L-R) and Anna Sorokina





Dmytro Lysenko - Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class



Olena Zhupina - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, participant of three Games of Olympiads (1996, 2000, 2004)

Anton Zakharov - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine

Illya Kvasha came the 15th in the men's 3-metre springboard, and Yuriy Shlyakhov took the 23rd place. Kostiantyn Milyaev was 20th and Anton Zakharov were the 29th in the men's platform.

The competitions in synchronised diving from the 3-metre springboard ended with the success of the Ukrainian duo Illya Kvasha - Oleksiy Prygorov who, for the first time in the history of the Ukrainian diving, were awarded bronze Olympic medals.

Olena Fedorova showed the 11th result, and Anna Pysmenska - the 26th in the women's 3-metre springboard. Yuliya Prokopchuk came the 20th in the women's 10-metre platform. The Ukrainian duo Mariya Voloshchenko and Anna Pysmenska took the 7th place in the women's synchronised springboard.

At the Games of the XXX Olympiad in London, nine divers were a part of the Ukrainian Olympic team: Yuliya Prokopchuk (Kyiv), Illya Kvasha and Olena Fedorova (Mykolaiv), Anna Pysmenska, Oleksandr Bondar, Oleksandr Gorshkovofov (Luhans'k), Viktoriya



Anton Zakharov and Alina Chaplenko with coaches L-R: A. Sorokina, O. Leonova, T. Turova, T. Tokmachova



Roman Volod'kov and Anton Zakharov with Merited Coach of Ukraine L. Barsukova

The bronze medallists of the 2008 Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing, Merited Masters of Sports of Ukraine Illya Kvasha and Oleksiy Prygorov



Potyekhina, Anton Zakharov (Zaporizhia), Oleksiy Prygorov (Dnipro).

In the men's 3-metre springboard, Illya Kvasha finished the 8th and Oleksiy Prygorov the 16th. Oleksandr Bondar took the 12th place and Anton Zakharov the 15th in the men's platform.

In the men's synchronised springboard, Illya Kvasha and Oleksiy Prygorov showed the 4th result. Oleksandr Bondar and Oleksandr Gorshkovofov came the 8th in the men's synchronised platform. In the women's 3-metre springboard; the 9th result was shown by Olena Fedorova, the 21st - by Anna Pysmenska. Yuliya Prokopchuk took the 12th place in the women's platform.

In women's synchronised diving, the Ukrainian athletes Olena Fedorova and Anna Pysmenska took the 6th place. Viktoriya Potyekhina and Yuliya Prokopchuk showed the 8th result in the women's synchronised platform.



Merited Masters of Sports of Ukraine Oleksandr Gorshkovofov and Oleg Kolodiy with Merited Coach of Ukraine T. Tokmachova

Anastasiya Nedobiga - Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class



Merited Masters of Sports of Ukraine Oleksandr Gorshkovozov and Maksym Dolgov have repeatedly become winners and prize-winners of major international tournaments in synchronised diving



Ganna Krasnoshlyk - Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class

At the Games of the XXXI Olympiad 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Ukraine was represented by seven divers: Yuliya Prokopchuk (Kyiv), Illya Kvasha and Olena Fedorova (Mykolaiv), Maksym Dolgov (Zaporizhia), Oleksandr Gorshkovozov, Anastasiya Nedobiga and Ganna Krasnoshlyk (Luhans'k).

Illya Kvasha took the 6th place in diving from the 3-metre springboard.

Oleksandr Gorshkovozov and Maksym Dolgov showed the 6th result in the men's synchronised platform.

In the women's 3-metre springboard Olena Fedorova came the 11th, Anastasiya Nedobiga –the 18th. Yuliya Prokopchuk was the 14th and Ganna Krasnoshlyk came the 16th in the platform.

Ukrainian divers took part in seven Games of Olympiads, while showing a consistently high level of athletic performance. In total, there are 2 bronze medals in the Olympic treasury of the Ukrainian national team: in women's and men's synchronised diving from the 3-metre springboard in 2000 and 2008. Olena Zhupina



Yuliya Prokopchuk - Master of Sports of Ukraine



Anna Pysmenska - Master of Sports of Ukraine



Oleg Kolodiy and Oleksandr Gorshkovozyov - Merited Masters of Sports, honored Ukrainian divers



Best divers of Ukraine Olena Fedorova and Diana Shelestyuk



Olena Fedorova - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine



and Anna Sorokina, Illya Kvasha and Oleksiy Prygorov became the prize-winners.

The Ukrainian divers continue to perform successfully at the World Championships held by the International Swimming Federation (FINA), having achieved eight medals: four silver and four bronze as of today.

Roman Volod'kov and Anton Zakharov won bronze medals at the 2001 World Championships in Fukuoka, Japan, and silver medals at the 2003 World Championships in Madrid, Spain, in the 10-metre platform. The 2005 World Championships in Montreal, Canada, brought Ukrainians Olena Fedorova and Khrystyna Ishchenko bronze medals in the women's synchronised 3-metre springboard.

The 2011 World Championships in Shanghai (China) were successful for Oleksandr Gorshkovozyov and Oleksandr Bondar who received bronze medals in the men's synchronised 10-metre platform.

Oleg Kolodiy and Illya Kvasha with President of the Ukrainian Diving Federation I. Lysov



President of the Ukrainian Diving Federation I. Lysov, President of the NOC of Ukraine S. Bubka, Vice President of the NOC of Ukraine V. Brynzak with the leaders of the Ukrainian national diving team and Head Coach T. Tokmachova



Oleg Kolodiy and Illya Kvasha receive greetings from Mayor of Kyiv V. Klitschko and President of the Diving Federation of Ukraine I. Lysov



Illya Kvasha excelled at the 2013 World Championships in Dubai (UAE), taking the 2nd place in the men's 1-metre springboard.

At the 2015 World Championships in Kazan (Russian Federation), Illya Kvasha was awarded the silver medal in the 1-metre springboard, and bronze medals were awarded to Oleksandr Gorshkovoov and Yuliya Prokopchuk in the mixed synchronised diving event from the 3-metre springboard and 10-metre platform.

Ukrainian divers also perform successfully at the European Championships. Ukrainians have won over 100 medals at continental Championships (FINA and LEN) since the independence.

Today, the Ukrainian national diving team is one of the three best national teams of Europe.

A new innovative swimming pool equipped with the latest platforms and springboards - one of the best facilities of its kind in the world - was presented to the Ukrainian national diving team in 2014.

