

## *Row, row, row your boat*

Wildwood Crest Beach Patrol's John Greenwood and Moxie Bilkins were the winners of yesterday's Around-the-Island rowing race that covered 22 miles around the Wildwoods. The winning time was three hours and 18 minutes. Pictured here is the middle of the pack, about 100 yards behind Greenwood and Bilkins. The second place

finishers were Vince Croce and Ray Davidson of Wildwood in 3:26. David O'Malley and Curt Smith of Avalon were third in 3:29. The race was sponsored by the North Wildwood Beach Patrol. It started and ended at 15th Avenue in North Wildwood.

*Photo by Charles Bausman*

## Greenwood-Bilkins Row Home First

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Joe Freeman of North Wildwood, a veteran of seven Island Rows who finished ninth yesterday, said that in the future he plans to hide whenever they talk about rowing around the island.

"That's it. No more. I've learned my lesson," said Freeman, who got brother Tom to enter late Wednesday when his first partner, Tom Max, skipped town for college.

"We were going around the point, and my mouth was foaming, when the radio we had in the boat starts up, 'How would you like a drink of cold mountain spring water?' Some beer commercial. Then they started talking about snow cones, and I started punching out the speaker."

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# AC Rescuers Seem Safest After Goudy-Winning Job

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VENTNOR CITY — It's a gamble to step into Atlantic City's casino any time of the day or night. But from 9-to-5 it's a good bet you'll be safe on its beach.

If it's John T. Goudy Memorial Rescue Races were what coordinator Lou Paludi claimed them to be, a simulation of actual lifeguard rescue missions, the chances of drowning are less in Atlantic City than anywhere else.

The Atlantic City Beach Patrol won two of the four rescue events and captured the team title with 17 points.

But don't hock your Ventnor City or Brigantine beach bangles — Ventnor finished second with 15 points, while Brigantine was a point behind in third.

The key to the Atlantic City victory was a 28-year-old swimming instructor who didn't stop to swim. His summer perch atop a lifeguard stand, Jim Whelan spent the past month in the water. He competed in four swim marathons and logged close to 100 miles.

The race he won was a drop in the bucket compared to the swimming to which Whelan is accustomed. Usually he swims courses the size of several local cornfields, but yesterday he swam less than half a mile.

Whelan won the Swimming Rescue, a race where he had to retrieve a dummy 200 feet from shore. He did it in 4:01, 23 seconds faster than Tim Tigue of Ventnor.

"This was a different kind of race than I'm accustomed to," said Whelan, ranked eighth in the world among marathon swimmers. "After swimming all summer, I knew I was in good enough shape. It was a lot of fun."

The Rope Pull Rescue was also fun for Atlantic City lifeguards. What it resembled was an old-fashioned taffy pull: one guard swam to a dummy, grabbed it tightly and was pulled to shore by four of his mates.

Mike Toy was the pullee, while Leo Egner, Mario Floriani and brothers Tim and Marty Friel were the pullers. They pulled in 38 seconds ahead of Brigantine.

Brigantine, though, managed to get an early jump on Atlantic City and the other four beach patrols.

The rowing team of Mark Spencer and Bob Solari saved a sopping wet duffel bag disguised as a dummy from sinking into Davy Jones' locker. They did it with a method none of the other beach patrols tried.

"After we got the dummy, we saw that the waves were breaking away from the flag the dummy was attached to. We had to try something," said Solari.

"I thought it would be best," explained Spencer, "if I rowed and Bob steered the boat with an oar."

So while the other patrols battled the turbulent waters, Spencer and Solari glided to shore six seconds ahead of Ventnor's Lane Vetter and Leo Flisch.

Host Ventnor secured the only other win; Billy Howarth, Gary Albright and Whitey Thomas teamed to win the Surfboat Rescue with swimmer, an aquatic cross between a Pony Express rider and two Brinks truck guards.

Howarth played the part of the Pony Express rider, galloping over waves to reach a dummy 200 feet away. When he grabbed the dummy, Albright and Thomas began rowing towards him. Howarth tossed the dummy into the boat, and his two accomplices rowed to the beach in 3:03.5.

Atlantic City's trio of Dean Castellani, Bill Kelly and Mike Nicocis finished second in 3:19.5.



Rescues at Sea

Lane Vetter and Leo Flisch of the Ventnor City Beach Patrol drag a dummy to shore while competing in the Surfboat Rescue, an event in yesterday's 12th Annual John T. Goudy Memorial Rescue Races (above), while two lifeguards hold the line during the Rope Pull Rescue in the photo below.

(Press Photo by Mike Blizack)



## Phils Shut Down

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pinch-hitter Manny Mota singled home Bill Russell to cap a three-run rally in the eighth inning that powered Los Angeles to a 5-4 victory Thursday night over Philadelphia.

The win moved the Dodgers a full game ahead of idle San Francisco in the National League West, while the Phils' lead in the East fell to three and a half games over Pittsburgh and Chicago.

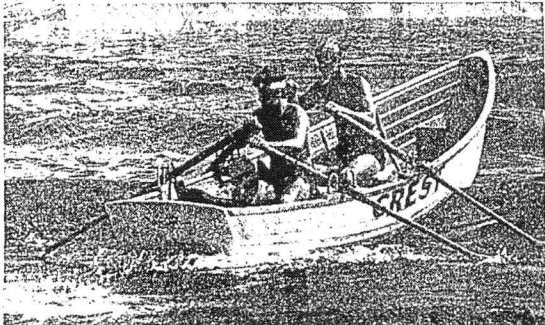
Ron Cey opened the winning rally with a single and Dusty Baker followed with a double. Pinch-hitter Vic Davalillo struck out and Russell singled to left to score Cey and Baker with the tying runs. Phils lefty Tug McGraw replaced Warren Brusstar on the mound and gave up a single to Mota, scoring Russell.

Tommy John, 15-9, earned the victory and Charlie Hough worked the ninth inning to record his seventh save. Brusstar, 2-2, took the loss.

Jerry Martin bluffed his eighth homer off John to lead off the first inning. Los Angeles, however, took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of first off Phils starter Steve Carlton. Reggie Smith singled home Dave Lopes and Ron Cey doubled home Smith.

Schmidt singled with one out in the third and scored on Garry Maddox' two-out single to tie the game, 2-2.

The Phils broke the tie in the seventh. Martin singled, went to second on a wild pitch, took third on Bud Harrelson's single and came home on Mike Schmidt's sacrifice fly.



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## Hagler Outpoints Briscoe in Philly

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — ranked middleweight by both the World Boxing Council and the World Boxing Council.

Briscoe's record is now 66-17 with 50 KOs. Briscoe, 161 pounds, from Philadelphia, had been ranked fifth by the WBA and 10th by the WBC.

In the second round, Hagler stunned the crowd of 14,930, a Spectrum record for a non-title bout, when he turned Briscoe completely around with a straight right lead. The punch bloodied Briscoe's nose, a problem for the fighter the rest of the night.

Hagler, 159 pounds, from Brockton, Mass., raised his record to 41-2-1 with 33 knockouts. He is the eighth-

## Jezeq Avoids U.S. Shutout

BERLIN (AP) — Linda Jezeq of Los Altos, Calif., set a world record in the women's 200-meter backstroke and saved U.S. swimmers from a gold medal shutout in Thursday's individual events at the World Swimming Championships.

However, the American men's 600-meter freestyle relay team of Bruce Furniss, Bill Forrester, Bobby Hackert and Ambrose Galpin set a world record of 7:20.82, easily beating the mark of 7:23.22 set by an American team at the Montreal Olympics in 1976.

The Soviet Union was second in 7:28.41. West Germany third in 7:33.29.

Jezeq won her event in 2:11.93, finishing more than two seconds ahead of East German Birgit Treiber, who held the old record of 2:12.47.

The victory, Jezeq's second in individual events in the championship, came after favored Americans lost chances for gold in the women's 400-meter freestyle and the men's 200-meter medley.

In afternoon qualifying,

Tracy Caulkins, the American who has collected more gold medals than most of the teams, failed to qualify for the women's 200-meter breaststroke.

The finals saw world records fall in all four individual events — women's 600-meter freestyle, 200-meter backstroke and 200-meter breaststroke and the men's 200-meter medley.

Fifteen-year-old Lina Kachinska of the Soviet Union, an unranked newcomer, bettered the world mark of 2:33.11 that she had set a few hours earlier by winning the 200-meter breaststroke in 2:31.42. It was the first event in which no American reached the finals.

Canada and Australia picked up their first gold medals.

Tracy Wickham, world-record holder in the 800 and 1,200-meter freestyle, added the 400-meter freestyle to her record collection with a time of 4:06.28.

Finishing behind the 15-year-old Australian was two-time gold medal winner Cynthia Woodhead of Riverside, Calif., in 4:07.15 and 15-year-old Kim Liechain of

Sarasota, Fla., in 4:07.73. Liechain, swimming in her first international meet, set the old world record of 4:07.66 in qualifying for the U.S. team last month.

Graham Smith of Canada reclaimed the world record in the men's 200-meter medley in 2:03.65 for Canada's first gold. Jesse Vassallo of Mission Viejo, Calif., a double gold winner here, came in second in 2:04.99, and Alexander Sidorenko of the Soviet Union was third in 2:05.29.

Steve Lundquist of Atlanta led briefly but dropped behind to fourth in 2:06.98.

In the women's 200-meter backstroke, Cheryl Gibson of Canada finished third behind Jezeq and Treiber in 2:14.23. Margaret Browne of Mission Viejo, Calif., was fifth.

Jezeq, who also swam on the winning women's 400-meter relay team, picked up her third gold medal with the victory.

"Three starts, three gold medals, one world record," said the excited 17-year-old. "I am extremely happy."

She told reporters she didn't do anything special to

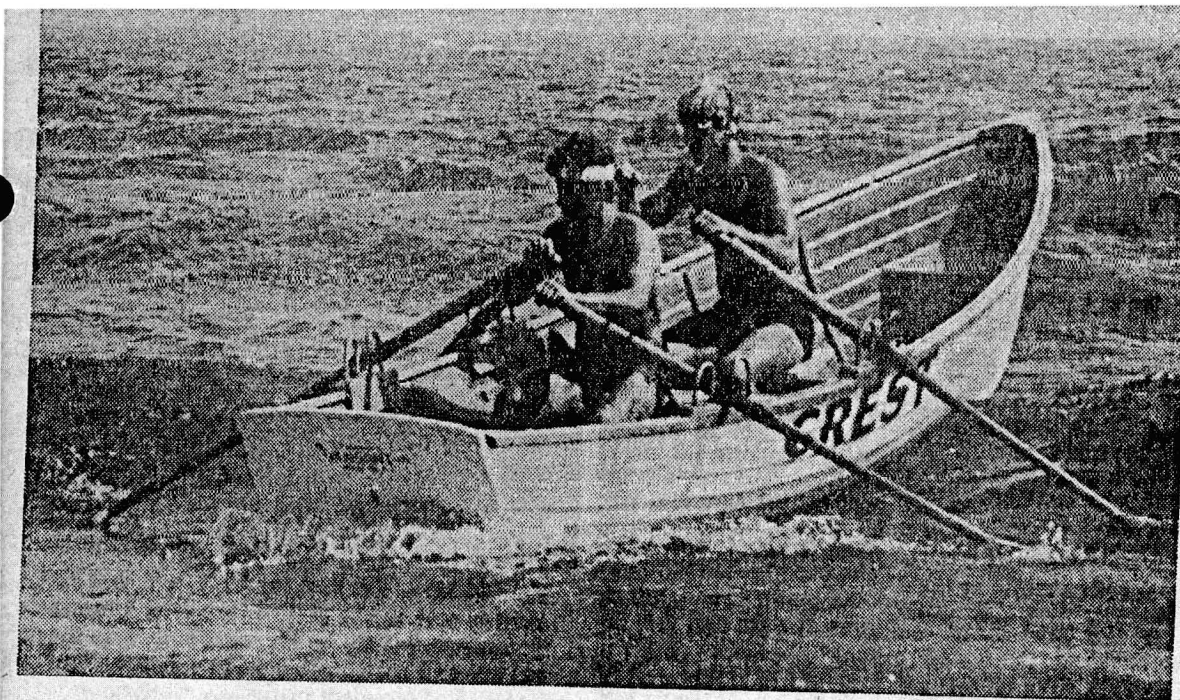
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## It's Easier With Friends

— After 22 miles of rowing alone around the Wildwoods, a tired Wildwood Crest pair of Moxie Bilkins and John Greenwood ride a wave into shore after winning the Around-the-Island row Thursday, then accept some help from other lifeguards to get their boat on the beach.

(Press Photos by Tom Kinnemond)





1978 North Wildwood Around Island Row

Left to right:

Bob Hall NWBP Beach Director,

Max Bilkins (WCBP),

John Greenwood (WCBP)

Tony Cavalier NWBP Captain