

World championships — 3

even if he had been disqualified from the race he still would not have affected the overall result.

The race got off to an on-time start at 11.30 a.m. and after three of the four rounds completed it looked like being a Swedish benefit. Rolf Nilsson in S4894 led from start to finish followed for most of the time by the Warfvinge brothers with the Germans and five UK boats fighting it out for the remaining positions. Caig was going up and down like a yo-yo going round the leeward mark, sixth, fourth, fourth, second and finally ending up at the finish in sixth position.

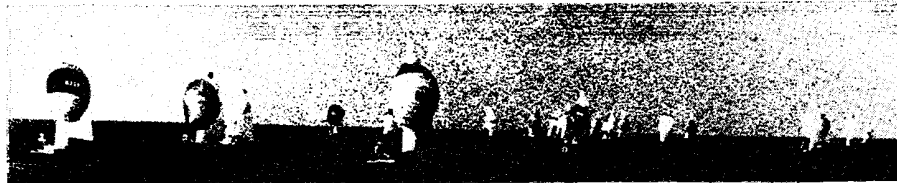
The German came through into second followed by Norman Bagley and Rosalie Fletcher in K6411 with Ian Gray (K6403) in what was to become a bit of a bogey for him as he could not seem to shake off his No. 4 rut. With positions changing, no-one yet seemed to be establishing himself as a true favourite.

WEDNESDAY

THE third race gave the first real indication as to who were the real challengers for the title. Caig (K1570) and Diesch (G6220) decided to do battle and after a fairly close race in which he only lost the lead once, Caig led Diesch over the line with the next few places being filled in general by the same faces, apart from third place which showed Bill Godkin from Ireland with the Swedes only managing fourth and eighth.

THURSDAY

THIS was the only strong wind day (comparatively speaking) and it brought another name to the top of the list. After taking the lead at the first mark John Caig lost it almost immediately to Gordon Lucas and Paul



Caig and Diesch lead the fleet down to the leeward mark.

Withers from Australia who built their lead right through to the finish. The race did not really provide any dramatic happenings race-wise as the first eight places hardly changed throughout the race. Ian Gray finally got out of his fourth place on the last round to beat Carl Warfvinge into third place only to put himself back into the rut as the third balanced out his fifth the day before, giving him an average fourth. The German could manage no better than fifth. This race left Caig in the happy position of not having to race again but the situation for second place was very different. There were six different possibilities for this and so we looked forward to a very interesting last race.

FRIDAY

THE morning dawned and many people's hopes dropped as there was very little wind and what there was was very fluky. Anyway it finally filled in and German took an immediate lead which he never lost and the rest of the fleet sorted themselves out behind him. This assured him of second overall with John Caig following him into second place and Peter and Christine Sandy finally hitting form in third slot. Surprise of the day came with the American Graham Hall who after a terrible week's sailing pushed himself into fourth. The Swedes again showed a certain

amount of inconsistency by dropping to ninth and tenth.

FINAL PLACINGS

THIS left Caig and Davis as champions for the second time, followed by newcomers to the fleet, the Diesch brothers, managed by their very attractive sister, and in third place old hands Carl and Sten Warfvinge. Ian Gray kept hold of his fourth place with the other Swede Rolf Nilsson and Bo Agardh fifth.

This year, therefore, was the first year that the top 10 placings were not 80 per cent UK, with the first 12 places spread over six nations. This surely must be a good omen for the class, as no-one likes to see one nation have the monopoly whatever sport it might be.

WRAPPING UP

FRIDAY night saw the closing of what turned out to be probably one of the best championships yet, both on and off the water.

This was the end of a fabulous week and I left for home with a certain amount of sadness and a great deal of relief that they had come out well and came down to earth the following day with a phone call which started: "Now about next year's worlds . . ."

See you next year.

FINAL PLACINGS

NAME	Boat Number	Overall		Points	Pos.	NAME	Boat Number	Points	Pos.
		Points	Pos.						
J. Caig	K1570	6	1		B. Ancel	F6143	78	13	==
J. Davis					A. DeJoux				
J. Diesch	G6220	16	2		J. Haldane	KA4358	78	13	==
E. Diesch					J. Schramm				
C-E. Warfvinge	S2533	29	3		N. Kerley	K1179	79	15	
S. Warfvinge					P. Wain				
I. Gray	K6403	31.7	4		G. Hall	US3056	89	16	
K. Gray					Hollenbeck				
R. Nilsson	S4894	33.7	5		T. Ellis	SA6661	90	17	
B. Agardh					Allen				
G. Lucas	KA5273	40.7	6		R. Dickson	IR5000	91	18	
P. Withers					H. Morton				
M. Mountfield	K 959	49	7		L'Huillier	Z2576	94	19	
M. Treadwell					Maey				
J. Godkin	IR6624	49.4	8	==	P. Durr	Z4105	96	20	
W. Godkin					P. Gay				
N. Bagley	K6411	49.4	8	==	Prince Bira	TH3781	104	21	
R. Fletcher					Princess Bira				
P. Sandy	K2786	53.7	10		J. Waller	TH6227	105	22	
C. Sandy					R. Ashworth				
B. Blades	K3541	59.7	11		C. Sturm	Z3935	106	23	
S. Tuppen					E. Sturm				
F. Tesnier	F4155	71	12		H. Rusterholz	Z6463	111	24	
DuVallet					R. Mermod				
					P. Briandet	F3472	113	25	
					J. P. Joteau				
					P. Helou	LE6004	118	26	
					R. Fa.				
					Hori	J6001	121	27	
					Morino				
					J. Demarais	MS 844	122	28	
					R. Tennant				
					R. Halabi	LE6003	124	29	
					C. Ede				
					E. Nichol	KA6817	126	30	
					D. McKenzie				
					A. Maes	B6345	128	31	
					J. Bernaert				
					P. Sednoui	LE5017	137	32	
					R. Dagher				
					I. Thring	SA4568	140	33	
					G. Thring				
					R. Zzilah	LE5130	150	34	
					A. A. Ajram				
					T. Went	KA4541	153	35	
					A. Pritchard				
					E. Elshayeb	AR4011	157	36	
					G. Kotisomos				
					L. Baboyan	IN4010	161	37	==
					Turquieh				
					Luiten	H4019	161	37	==
					Weisfiz				
					Daftari	IK5131	167	39	
					Daftari				
					A. Chad	SY4020	186	40	
					J. Boustani				