



Martha Norelius, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1984



Personal Website (None known)

Martha Norelius won 1 Major: 1929 Canadian National Exhibition. She won a gold medal in the 400-meter freestyle at the 1924 Olympics and two gold medals in the 1928 Olympics. In the 400-meter race she beat Gertrude Ederle. She was suspended from amateur competition in 1929 for giving an exhibition in the same pool with professional swimmers, so she turned professional and won US\$10,000 in the 1929 16 km (10-mile) Wrigley Marathon in Toronto. This race was witnessed by 100,000 spectators and most of the 45 starters withdrew due to cold and eel bites. She is also an inductee in the International Swimming Hall of Fame (1967).

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