



Mark Warkentin

CLUB: Santa Barbara Swim Club (SBSC-CA)

AGE: 28 **DOB:** Nov 14, 1979

HEIGHT: 6' 2" (188.0 cm)

WEIGHT: 185 lbs (83.9 kg)

HOMETOWN: Santa Barbara, Calif.

BIRTHPLACE: Santa Barbara, Calif.

COACHED BY: John Dussliere

CAREER STATS:

2007	SUM NATS - 20 Final, 400m FR
2006	SUM NATS - 14 Final, 400m FR; , 800m FR-R SPG CHAMPS - 14 Final, 100m FR; 14 Final, 200m FR; 8 Final, 400m FR
2005	SUM NATS - t68 Prelim, 100m FR; 23 Prelim, 200m FR; 20 Final, 200m FR; 5 Prelim, 400m FR; 7 Final, 400m FR WC TRIALS - 19 Prelim, 200m FR; 15 Final, 200m FR; 10 Prelim, 400m FR; 12 Final, 400m FR
2004	SPG NATS - 33 Prelim, 100m FR; , 100m FR; 13 Prelim, 200m FR; 11 Final, 200m FR; 16 Prelim, 400m FR; 16 Final, 400m FR; , 400m FR-R
2003	SUM NATS - , 100m FR; 9 Prelim, 200m FR; 11 Final, 200m FR; 25 Prelim, 400m FR; 19 Final, 400m FR; , 400m FR-R; , 800m FR-R; , 400m MED-R SPG NATS - 7 Prelim, 200m FR; 8 Final, 200m FR; 10 Prelim, 400m FR; 11 Final, 400m FR
2002	SUM NATS - 20 Prelim, 200m FR; 23 Final, 200m FR; , 200m FR; 24 Prelim, 400m FR; 21 Final, 400m FR; , 800m FR-R
2001	WUG - , 400m FR

Career Highlights:

Took gold in the 10K at the 2007 Open Water World Championship Trials ... won the 25K and earned the bronze in the 10K at the 2007 Open Water Nationals ... won the 25K and finished third in the 5K & 10K at the 2006 Open Water Nationals ... member of the 1998 Goodwill Games ... won four gold medals at the 1999 World University Games and a silver at the 2001 WUGs

World Champs History:

2007: 4th, 25K; 17th, 5K; 20th, 10K

WUGs History:

2001: Silver, 800m FR-R ... 1999: Gold, 200m & 400m & 800m FR & 800m FR-R

2006 World Rankings:

142nd, 400m free

2005 World Rankings:

137th, 200m free; 61st, 400m free

Briefly:

Won gold at the 2007 10K Open Water Grand Prix ... placed seventh in the 2006 Tiburon Open Water Mile

ADDITIONAL HONORS:

National Teams: Two-time National B Team (1999, 2006) ... 1995 National Junior Team ... 1998 Goodwill Games Team

Collegiate: Four-time All-American at USC ... 1999 Willis Award recipient, given to a freshman on the men's swimming team at USC

PERSONAL:

High School: San Marcos HS '98

College: USC '03

College Major: Communication

Future Professional Aspirations: Possibly coaching if he chooses not to follow in the family business

Job Outside of Swimming: Works with his father in property management and real estate development

Parents: John and Marjolein ... father is a real estate developer and manager, and mother is a homemaker ... John was a decathlete in the 1960s and 70s; graduated from Fresno State and continued to pursue the sport after college; won the national title in 1967 and 1971, and narrowly missed making the Olympic Team

Spouse: Wife (Diana) is a Christian preschool teacher ... they were married Sept. 20, 2003

Sibling(s): Older sister (Kara) attended USC and was an All-American tennis player ... younger brother (Paul) attended Arizona and also played tennis

Started Swimming: At age 2 ... "I made a serious commitment when I was 13 with Larry Liebowitz (current coach at Oregon State) who was with the Santa Barbara Swim Club coach at that time. I wouldn't be here today if not for Larry."

Sports Played Before Swimming: Basketball and soccer (until the age of 13) in addition to swimming

Hobbies Outside the Pool: Plants trees ... "I love avocado and citrus trees. I've planted about 60 of them over the past few years at my parents' 13-acre property in the hills of Santa Barbara. I don't have the time to be a commercial farmer, but planting a tree is very self-satisfying."

Hobbies Outside the Pool: Enjoys announcing swim meets and is the official announcer at UCSB for all of their dual meets; has also been the announcer at USC swim meets and various club meets in Southern California ... works at his church as a volunteer in the children's ministry with "AWANA," a program that resembles Boy Scouts; he is a counselor and is in charge of all of the games and activities

Ultimate Way to Relax: Watching TV with his wife

Sponsor(s): TYR

Training Stats: Trains mostly on his own at home in Santa Barbara or at the training center in Colorado Springs ... "I do an enormous amount of pulling, but very little swimming. I do a lot of cardiovascular dryland."

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PERSONAL: (continued)

More: Considers open water swimming to be his second chance at a swimming career ... "I got into Open Water swimming because I wanted to make the National Team in any event. I realized that the 25k was the easiest race to make the National Team and so I pursued Open Water Swimming. The Olympics were not my goal, the goal was simply to be on the National Team. Once I had success in 2006 I started to realize the potential for the Olympics in the 10k and I rearranged my life to make the Olympic Dream a reality."

More: Swam with Lenny Krazleberg, Brad Bridgewater, Lindsay Benko, Erik Vendt, Klete Keller, and Kalyn Keller during college ... swam with Ryk Neethling, Adam Ritter, and Lacey Nymeyer after college

Favorites: Movie: Chariots of Fire ... t.v. show: Lost ... music: Jeremy Camp, Newsboys, Audio Adrenaline