

Blue-Ribbon Event Is Officially Won By A. R. Minvielle; Hines Victor

Sam Crosses Finishing Line About A Minute Ahead of Winner; Hines Wins Star-Bulletin Cup

SAM KAHANAMOKU proved himself the peer of all outdoor swimmers when he unofficially won the mile in the Thanksgiving Day morning races held by the Outrigger Canoe club November 28. All the races started from Castle's point.

The start of the race was spectacular. Gay Harris and K. Pratt scratched. This left the field to the oldest and smoothest swimmer, A. E. Minvielle, the official winner. He set out after Buddy Crabbe, who took the lead for just a short time when the contest became fixed between Sam and the oldest swimming member of the Outriggers.

After the first 10 minutes the field was scattered. Sam increased his lead over Minvielle, who tried to cut down the distance as the finish line appeared.

Every five minutes showed an increase in the distance between the three leaders. Bud Crabbe weakened and Thomas E. Ellis became stronger, forcing the brother of the national champion to do his best to hold on for second honors.

Not A Member

Sam won the race in 29 minutes 41 seconds, but, not being a member of the club, was not entitled to the first prize, which goes to Minvielle, who finished in 30 minutes 28 seconds. Buddy Crabbe was third in 31 minutes 55 2-5 seconds, and Dease, the well known tennis star, finished his first competitive race in 34 minutes 23 seconds.

Lorena Hines again showed the world of her future championship ability by forcing Kenneth Wood, who swam in the race for boys under 18, to extend himself in order to beat her to the tape. Wood led Lorena throughout the entire distance with but five feet separating them at times. Hines won The Star-Bulletin trophy.

Mildred Slaght was in pain many times during the course. When the seven-minute mark was passed Mildred was seen floating and officials were ready to pull her in but this plucky youth would not give in, and completed the distance, a very tired, sick girl.

Game Show

It was the best exhibition of stamina ever seen in any open water competition. Mildred Slaght is a real swimmer and her placing in the race won for her lots of admiration.

Lorena Hines won the swim in 20 minutes 51 2-5 seconds; Mildred was second in 24 minutes 42 seconds and Ruth Becker took her time and just strolled in, in 28 minutes 33 seconds.

Cliff Gessler was in the best shape. For men over 30 he entered against last year's winner, Bob Askew, and Art Powlison. The race was not taken seriously until Gessler began to show his heels to Bob and when Art became tired and resorted to his powerful backstroke resting stroke, the officials began to take notice.

Gessler won the 1/2 mile grind against tides, waves, water and all in 26 minutes 57 2-5 seconds. Bob Askew had to be contented with second place and 27 minutes 29 3-5 seconds and Art kept the procession waiting for warm blankets and hot tea by asking "Is the race over?"

Art finished awfully late, but he finished. The three men over 30 were in good condition.

Wood Winner

The boys under 18 race found Kenneth Wood another coming title holder. He finished ahead of the other two entries in 20 minutes 23 2-5 seconds. This boy certainly can swim and only 15 years of age. Micky Carmichael was second in 22 minutes 41 2-5 seconds and Roy Craw third in 26 minutes 49 seconds. These three boys will bear watching at the open meets.

The best race of the morning, outside of the Castle swim, was the girls' novice race. Three girls took off from the tossing outrigger about 500 yards away from the anchored finish line. Olga Clarke, a second wonder girl who will soon make Hawaii known with her youthful ability as a champion swimmer, wasted no time and took a comfortable lead. The sea at this time became a little choppy and rather uncomfortable for many of the people who were helping.

Wilbur Craw who started in the same race attempted to break his last year's record, but soon found this Clarke girl making it hard for him to win, not alone break a record. The race became interesting and when the five minute mark was passed, Olga passed Craw.

Fast Pace

Loretta Gillespie soon dropped back and the tiny fighting Dot Hammond held on for a long time but could not keep up with the fast pace that was being made by first Craw then Clark. The finish was just as dramatic as the entire race. It was a fight between two outstanding youthful aquatic stars.

Wilbur Craw won in 10 minutes 30 seconds and he was the only entrant for boys under 16 years. Ten seconds behind, with a powerful finish, Olga crossed the line as the winner in the girls' novice. Her official time was 10 minutes and 40 seconds. Loretta Gillespie was a third in 11 minutes 4 5 seconds and Dot Hammond finished in 11 minutes and 45 seconds.

The summary is as follows:

Castle Swim—1st, A. E. Minvielle, 30 min. 28 sec.; 2nd, Buddy Crabbe, 31 min. 55 2-5 sec.; 3rd, Thomas Ellis, 32 min. 10 2-5 sec.; 4th, M. Dease, 34 min. 23 sec.

Men Over 30—1st, Cliff Gessler, 26 min. 57 2-5 sec.; 2nd, Bob Askew, 27 min. 29 3-5 sec.

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