

Mariechen Swam 2 Seconds Over World Record At N. Y.

Remarkable Time Made by Island Girl in Strange Waters at Olympic Tryouts; Scribe Praises Her Work

MARIECHEN WEHSELAU, Hawaii's premier girl swimmer, a member of the American Olympic team, won the 100 meters freestyle swim in exceptionally fast time at the New York tryouts for the American team. Swimming in strange waters in a climate much different from that of Hawaii, the island girl negotiated the distance in 1 minute, 14 and 4-5 seconds, which is a little over two seconds over the world record, made by Gertrude Ederle in Hawaii.

Mariechen defeated Ethel Lackie, Chicago flash who had been regarded as Miss Ederle's biggest opponent in the Olympic races; "Squeaky" won on the strength of a tremendous sprint down the home stretch, which carried her to victory by less than a yard.

The details of the race are given: "In the fourth heat Miss Mariechen Wehslau, of Honolulu, scored a clean-cut victory in 1:16 3-5 her nearest rival, Miss Frances Clarke,

ent opinion. Your opinion is just as good as the writer's opinion. But you will undoubtedly agree with him that Walker must be placed among the first three.

It has seemed to this writer that Walker's own lack of confidence in his ability has kept from him public appreciation of his real prowess.

Walker and his friends have given too much attention to safeguarding Walker's title, precautions quite unnecessary. No GREAT fighter need worry about his title if he keeps in condition.

Billy Gibson, manager of Benny Leonard, was worrying the night before Leonard's fight with Johnny Kilbane, then featherweight champion of the world.

"Why worry?" asked George Engel, Gibson's friend. "You've got the best fighter—AND HE'S READY. What's there to worry about?"

WHEN Mickey Walker knocked out Morris Schlaifer of Omaha some time ago, he demonstrated to this writer that he need not worry about any other opponents in the welterweight division for some time to come.

If Tendler can beat Walker Monday night, then Tendler also is a great fighter.

of Philadelphia, being five yards back, with Miss Alberta Stafford, of Pittsburgh, third.

"The final developed into a stirring battle between Miss Wehslau and Miss Lackie. They turned neck and neck at fifty meters, then raced home fighting for the lead every inch of the way. Miss Wehslau earned the decision by inches, in 1:14 4-5. Miss Donnelly and Miss McKim followed in 1:17 2-5 and 1:19 1-5 respectively.

SUMMARY

100-meter swim (first heat)—Won by Miss Ethel Lackie, Chicago; Miss Virginia Ashe, Atlanta, second; Miss Adelaide Lambert, New York, third. Time 1:13.0. Second heat—Won by Miss Euphrasia Donnelly, Indianapolis; Miss Josephine McKim, Panama, second; Miss Minnie Devry, Chicago, third. Time 1:17 4-5. Third heat—Won by Miss Thelma Finn, Los Angeles; Miss Loretta Cannon, Baltimore, second; Miss Anna Baum, Bridgeport, third. Time 1:20 4-5. Fourth heat—Won by Miss Mariechen Wehslau, Honolulu; Miss Frances Clarke, Philadelphia, second; Miss Alberta Stafford, Pittsburgh, third. Time 1:14 4-5.

100-meter back-stroke swim (first heat)—Won by Miss Doris O'Hara, New York; Miss Ethel McGary, New York, second; Mrs. Elizabeth Buzby, third. Time, 1:34 4-5. Second heat—Won by Miss Aileen Riffin, New York; Mrs. Frances Schroth, San Francisco, second; Miss Maragret Ravior, Philadelphia, third. Time 1:31 2-5. Third heat—Won by Miss S. Bauer, Chicago; Miss Frances Clarke, Philadelphia, second; Miss Marlon Himmelstein, Los Angeles, third. Time, 1:24 2-5. Final heat—Won by Miss Bauer, Miss O'Mara, second; Mrs. Schroth, third; Miss Clarke, fourth. Time 1:22 3-5.

OPEN EVENTS

150-meter swim (invitation)—Won by Miss Gertrude Ederle; Miss Helen Wainwright, second. Time, 1:58 3-5.

200-meter swim for juniors (handicap)—won by Miss Dorothy Knight (26 seconds); Miss Kathryn Leimer (40 seconds), second; Miss Maxine Brecker (30 seconds), third. Time, 3:44.

100-meter swim—Won by Miss Grace Delany; Miss Ellen O'Mara, second; Miss Helen Briscoe, third. Time 1:33.