

Outrigger Club Win

"Buster" Crabbe Close To Record; Fair Times Made In Impromptu Meet

Mariechen Wehselau and Lily Bowmer May Make Good Showings in Two Exhibition Events

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Clarence ("Buster") Crabbe, national one-mile swimming champion and king pin of the Outrigger Canoe club members, was the star performer last night at the new War Memorial natatorium when the "On to Detroit" swimming meet was staged.

The Outrigger club team won the meet, scoring 53 points to 25 for the Central "Y" team. Other teams made the following scores: Nuuanu "Y" 10, Palama 10, Army 5, McKinley 4, Lincoln 1 and Hui Makani 1. Exhibition events, surfboard contest and the service race were not counted in the score.

Crabbe's stellar performance was in the 400 meter freestyle event. The Outrigger star won the race by a big margin over his brother, "Bud," who took second place, and Gonsalves, who finished third.

Crabbe showed considerable improvement over his performance in the national outdoor championships at the natatorium last August. He finished the 400 meters last night in 4 minutes 58 seconds, which is 6 2-5 seconds faster than the Olympic record, and only two seconds slower than the world's record.

The Outrigger star took the lead from the start and was never hard pressed. Lanes were not laid out in the 100-meter tank and as a result Crabbe wandered off his course. It was figured by officials that he would have saved five seconds had the course been laid out with lanes roped off.

Good Performances

Next to "Buster" Crabbe the most noteworthy performances were made by Mariechen Wehselau, Hawaii's leading middle distance star who formerly starred in the sprints, and Lily Bowmer May, who is Hawaii's best bet in the sprint swims.

Miss Wehselau swam 200 meters exhibition in 2 minutes 55 1-5 seconds, which is considered very good seeing that she had no competition. Lily Bowmer May finished the 100-meter exhibition in one minute 14 2-5 seconds, about three seconds behind the world's record.

"A future champion," is the way Coach George D. ("Dad") Center of the Outrigger Canoe club referred to little Olga Clark, 10-year-old mermaid, after she took second place in the 100 meter swim for girls under 15 years of age.

Miss F. Bickerton finished first in this race in 1 minute 19 2-5 seconds, which is considered exceptionally fast. Miss Clark, who was a close second, exhibited a smooth stroke which she maintained the entire distance. Center declared that she is the most promising girl swimmer that has come to the front here since Mariechen Wehselau first

started to bowl over world's records.

JOHNNY WOODD

Hats off to Johnny Woodd, Central "Y" swimmer. Johnny appeared to be in very good condition last night when he copped the 100 meter freestyle event in 62 seconds, beating "Bud" Crabbe of the Outrigger club.

Woodd's appearance was almost in the nature of a comeback, and it looks as though he is going to be stronger than ever this year. "Bud" Crabbe was not in the best of shape, due to recent illness, but it appears he will have to swim better than ever to beat Woodd. These two performers loom as Hawaii's best bet in the sprints.

Aaron De Roy, Detroit sportsman who started the movement to stage last night's meet, was an interested spectator. He was very much pleased with the showing made by the swimmers and predicts that Hawaii will land some berths on the American Olympic team.

De Roy was introduced and gave a short talk in which he urged Honolulu residents, especially the business men, to back the swimming team to the limit in the coming Olympic trials.

In view of the fact that the meet was arranged on only three days notice the affair went off in fine style and drew a fair-sized crowd. No records were broken but the meet gave the fans an advance line on our swimmers.

Complete results follow:

50 yards, boys under 13—First, M. Fuji, Palama; 2nd, Konjiro, P; 3rd, M. Paoa, Central Y. Time, 30 3-5 seconds.

50 yards Girls' novice—First, E. Matthewman, O. C. C.; 2nd, Lorena Hines, McKinley; 3rd, M. Wescott, McKinley. Time, 32 3-5 seconds.

100 meters freestyle open for men—First, Johnny Woodd, Central Y; 2nd, (Continued on Page 10)