

AL SWIM EVENT

Honolulu Merman Grabs Three National Titles; Wins In Half Mile Swim

Weissmuller Decides Not to Swim Against Crabbe in Half Mile; Johnny Woodd Is Fourth

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—Clarence ("Buster") Crabbe, described by one San Francisco sports scribe as "that big blonde Adonis from Waikiki," and labelled by all as the sensation of the 1928 national championship meet which closed here yesterday, won his third national title when he took first place in the half mile swim the final afternoon of the meet.

Winning three of the four races in which he participated and finishing second in the fourth, Crabbe carried off individual high scoring honors in the national events, piling up 18 points to 11 for George Kojac and 10 for Johnny Weissmuller.

HAROLD CASTLE SCORING STAR IN POLO EXHIBITION

Whites Beat Yellows, 5-3; Army Poloists Show Class In Tilt Sunday

Harold Castle, who came back to the polo field this year after a year's absence, went on a scoring rampage at Kapiolani field yesterday afternoon, carrying the Whites to a 5-3 victory over the Yellows.

Castle, who in past seasons was noted for his daring riding and his ability to score goals through a tight defense, was traveling at top speed Sunday. He was here, there and everywhere and exhibited an uncanny ability to be at the right spot to receive a pass from a teammate and convert it into a goal.

Of the five goals registered by the Whites four were made by Castle. For the Yellows Walter Dillingham, riding No. 3, was the leading scorer with two of the three goals. The third goal for the Yellows was made by Major Baehr, No. 4 rider. Major Baehr, who is rated as the best No. 4 man in local army polo circles, was a tower of strength for the Yellows and his ability to play with Dillingham made a powerful defensive combination for his team.

As usual the Australian star, Skene, was one of the outstanding players on the field. Skene, riding No. 3 for the Whites, did much of the work afield that enabled Castle to forge to the front in scoring.

Another Star

Colonel Taulbee, who is listed as the ranking army player in the Hawaiian department, held down No. 1 position for the Whites. While he did not break into the scoring columns Taulbee was valuable to his team due to his work in rustling the ball and feeding it to his teammates.

Jay Gould, the White's No. 4 man, was up to his old tricks again as a defensive player. Gould is exceptionally accurate in handling the ball and he made many saves that robbed Wellington Henderson of goals.

The brand of polo exhibited yesterday was much better than in the first two or three games this season. The players are getting down to

The three titles won by Crabbe were the 300 meter medley, one mile and half mile. He took second place in the 400 meter swim, which was won by Weissmuller. The Illinois star also won the 100 meter event.

The swimmers from Hawaii made a very good showing in the meet. In addition to the performances of Crabbe, the Honoluluans scored in other events. Lily Bowmer May won the 400 meter swim and finished second in the 100 meter event. Johnny Woodd was third in the 100 meters freestyle event for men and placed fourth in the half mile swim. George Harris, formerly of Honolulu, took third place in the 220-yard backstroke swim.

One world's record was established by a Honolulu swimmer, Crabbe setting a new mark in the one mile swim.

Crabbe had no trouble winning the two long distance events. In the half mile swim yesterday he pulled into the lead after the second lap and kept increasing the lead during the balance of the swim. He was 50 yards ahead of the second place man at the finish.

Lily Bowmer May made a strong bid for laurels in the 100 meters freestyle swim for women but was nosed out by Eleanor Garratti of San Rafael.

In winning the 880 yards freestyle national championship yesterday Crabbe took the lead after the second lap, increasing it steadily during the balance of the race. He finished 50 yards ahead of Austin Clapp of the Hollywood Athletic club, who took second place.

Paul Samson of the Illinois Athletic club was a close third and Johnny Woodd of Honolulu was fourth. The showing made by Woodd is considered exceptionally good due to the fact that he is a sprint swimmer, and this was his first attempt to swim as long a distance as the half mile in fast company.

Lost His Title

Walter Spence, who held the breaststroke and medley national titles last year, went through the meet without winning a single 1928 title. He did not enter the medley swim Saturday and that title was taken by Crabbe. He attempted to defend his 440 yard breaststroke title yesterday but was defeated by Tom Blankenburg of Alameda. Steve Fletcher of Hollywood was third.

Pete Des Jardines, who carried away all of the diving laurels last year, repeated the feat in the 1928 meet. The plain and fancy high diving event was on the program yesterday, being the final Olympic trials for American divers. Des Jardines won first place in the diving competition. Mickey Riley was second and Walter Colbath was third.

Crabbe Again

Buster Crabbe was the first of
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