

Buster Outclassed Completely In Feature Swim By Japanese Youths

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OLYMPIC PLUNGE, Los Angeles, Aug. 13.—America suffered one of the most crushing defeats of the entire Olympics in the final championship event when Japan's crack distance swimmers, Kitamura and Makino, made a two-man race out of the 1500 meters swim this afternoon. Clarence "Buster" Crabbe, Honolulu boy, and James Christy, American entries, were completely outclassed by the 14-year-old Tokyo merman and his team-mate.

SMASHES RECORD

The finish of this long-awaited event showed Kitamura touching the finish in the Olympic record smash-

ing time of 19 minutes, 12 $\frac{4}{10}$ seconds. Makino was two seconds behind him. Christy, who finished third, and Ryan of Australia, fourth, also finished under the old Olympic record time.

Crabbe proved a disappointment, and was clocked at 20 minutes 2 $\frac{7}{10}$ seconds to take fifth place just ahead of Tavis, of France. Crabbe's time was much slower than that of the trial heats.

For only 500 meters Crabbe remained in the fight for first honors, and then gradually dropped back under the smooth stroke of the Japanese pair. Christy, however, held on until the twentieth lap, when he succumbed before the attack of the Sons of Nippon.

After that Kitamura and Makino ran away from the field and finished more than half a tank length ahead, after swimming even throughout.

BEAUTIFUL FINISH

Kitamura won the title on a final sprint, finishing with a beautiful stroke that carried him to the heights of Olympic fame.

Japan's cup of joy was overflowing as a result of the 200 meters breaststroke, when Tsuruta churned through the water for a new Olympic record to place first with his team-mate Koike less than a second behind him to take second honors.

As the result of today's finals, Japan wins the men's swimming championship and the undisputed claim as the world's premier aquatic nation.