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FAIR-HAIRED FLASH BEATS BILL HARRIS

Revival of Old-Time Grind Sees New Distance Star Skim Across Limelight

Minvielle Fights Hard But Comes in Third With Two More Trailing His Wake

By MIKE JAY

On the horizon of the Hawaiian swimming world there appeared yesterday morning a new star when Chester Sims, fair haired and blue eyed, won the Outrigger Canoe club's second renewal Castle to club outdoor swimming race and in hanging up the performance defeated W. W. (Wild Bill) Harris, star of the beach organization, by more than 100 yards. It was a go-as-you-please race, with Sims winning as easy-as-you-please and swimming a fair portion of the distance on his back. The victory of Sims provided a distinct surprise to the 50 persons who crowded some 12 canoes and followed the race from beginning to end. Sims took the lead in the first 20 yards and from that stage on was not headed. His time was 22:16.2, the best ever recorded in the Castle-to-club swim. The course was approximately one mile.

The time made was several seconds better than that hung up when the race was first held in 1917 but as the course cannot be exact the time cannot be called a record. W. (Mouse) Smith got the men away on a perfect start, which under the circumstances was wonderful work. The swimmers dived from the gunwale of "Goliath," the club's largest canoe.

Sims took the lead early followed closely by Phillip Brooks and Bill Harris. Then came "Scowey" Hartman and A. E. Minvielle.

Veterans Race

The race for men over 30 years had been started a few moments prior to this with A. R. Tullock and Oliver Oliveria entered. The stars soon passed the veterans, and the canoes followed picking up Oliver after he had covered 500 yards. Tullock continued and won in 29.23 flat.

There was little change in the position of the star swimmers for the first 100 yards and then Sims started to move forward with Minvielle and Harris swimming together and Brooks and Hartman right behind. Sam Kahanamoku of the Hui Nalua, who came out and was an unofficial entrant, started with the others but could not keep up the pace set by Sims and dropped back to Harris.

Body Surfing

Coming through the surf Sims happened to hit a lull and had no chance to do much body surfing whereas those following got a chance to get some aid from the fair combers that were running under the southerly spell. The currents in the main favored the swimmers, sweeping from Queen's surf by the diving stand towards Popular surf.

Sims swam on his back for a portion of the time and finished fresh as a daisy. Harris had to spurt in the stretch to nose out Minvielle. Harris' time was 24:04 and Minvielle's was 14:10. Then came Hartman and Brooks.

Boys' Race

The boys' race was from Cunha's surf to the diving stand and was won by H. Makinney. Clark Chapin and N. Davis led him in the race but swam out of the course and were carried by the currents away over towards Popular surf. They had to swim back in. Though they had 75 yards lead, Makinney, who swam a near-shore course won because he crossed the line first in 5:48.2. He beat them by 50 yards.

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