LILLIE BOWME

Splashes Through Century For Women Saturday Night In Great Time of 1:03.3

Hui Makani Wins Meet On Points and Navy Defeats Army in Service Events; Schofield Wins Over Other Posts; Sam Kahanamoku Takes 220 From Warren

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"Li'l Lillie" Bowmer, the mermaid with dimpled cheeks from the Outrigger Canoe club, grabbed the lion's share of the spotlight Saturday night, the closing night of the Washington Swimming meet in Honolulu harbor by coming within one-fifth of a second of the world record for 100 yards free style for women. Her time was 1:03.3, while the world record set in 1921 by Ethelda Bleibtrey, New York Women's Swimming association, is 1:03.2. Janice Lovett finished right behind the winner and Ruth Scudder, another Outrigger swimmer, came third. The Hui Makani won the meet with 54 points, while the Navy beat the Army 30 to 20 points. Schofield scored 54 points, beating the other posts in the army competitions.

The women's hundred was a beautiful race from start to finish. Lillie took the front position from the gun. She swam in the waikiki lane. Janice was in the lane beside her, but never caught up with her. At the half century Lillie had a yard to the good. At the 70-yard mark she slowed up a little but not enough for Staples come on, and she did not slow up because she wanted to, but because she was finishing the race she put in her best efforts and she was so all in when she finished that Sonny Kalama, Outrigger club assistant to Dad Center, had to carry her up the ladder of the finishing barge.

New Mark.

Helen Moses won the mile race for women by nearly half a lap from Constance Davis and set a new island record. Dorothy Waters was third, a lap and a quarter behind Constance. Helen took the lead from the start, setting a fast pace for the first 100 yards and then finished the first lap 10 yards behind. Helen increased her lead, gradually maintaining a steady, easy stroke throughout the race. Constance made a shorter effort, but stuck gamely to the task. Dot Waters finished in a spurt that won vociferous applause from the audience.

George Kane of the U. S. S. Navajo had little difficulty in taking the 50 yards backstroke event for the navy, covering the distance in 1:21 flat. Muller was second, five yards behind, and Bissell finished a yard behind him. Kane took the lead at the start and increased it steadily with a strong arm pull and powerful leg action.

The navy vanquished the army in the 200 yards relay for officers, winning the first leg on a three-year step presented by the Athletic Department. The army took the lead at the end of the first lap, but the second navy man evened up matters. At the end of the third lap the navy was two yards ahead and the last man finished five yards to the good. The team was Lt. Magrieta Livingston won the 100 yards free style for girls' novice in 1:11.3, establishing a Hawaiian record. Anna Deverill was second and Gertrude Kealoha finished third. The race between the two latter was hotly contested, Miss Deverill winning only by a scant inch. The winner took the lead at the 20 yards mark and the issue was never in doubt from that point on.

Mark It Down

Another service record went crashing in the 400 yards relay between the army and the navy when the Pearl Harbor team swept home in 4:25, thus breaking the record of 4:26.3 set by Luke Field quartet in 1921. It was no walkover. Kamana, swimming for the army, actually touched the anchor man of the navy team by a fraction. It was the final event of the evening and full of thrills, thus it was staged in a manner worthy of the efforts of the fans already on their way home.

Ellis of Schofield won the consolation race for army men by a good 5 yards Warren, another Schofield swimmer.

Crooked Course

Olson had been expected to set a new record in the 100 yards free style for the army, but he swam all over the course and yet won the event in 1:02.4. Regebrugge of Hunter finished second by four yards. Had Olson gone straight there is no doubt that he would have toppled Kane's mark of :60.1.

The men's girls relay was a close victory for the Hui Nalu team with Pua Kealoha nosing out Warren Kealoha of the Hui Makani in the final lap. The Outriggers finished far in the rear. The Hui Makani team led in the first three laps and then Sam Kahanamoku, swimming the fourth lap for the Hui Makani, put the beach club in the lead, which they held to the finish.

Lassie Fort Kam was the winner in the 50 yards backstroke for army swimmers, nosing out Smith by a few inches. Summers won this race went out of their course causing considerable mixup.

Hello Sam!

The 220 yards free style for men open was a race of three of the best swimmers in Hawaii. Sam Kahanamoku won the event by two yards from Warren Kealoha with Pua third. They got away to a good start with Pua getting a little of the best of it, Sam also in the first hundred and made the turn first with Sam and Warren turtle right behind him together coming to the 150-yard mark Sam took the lead and was a yard ahead of Warren who left Pua by a yard at that point. At the end of the second lap Sam had increased his lead to the good. Warren sprinted on the last lap and Sam also increased his pace and finished first. Pua was all in on the home stretch and lost ground rapidly. The time was slow

Great Go!

The 440 yards for army swimmers was a thriller from start to finish, the night with C. E. Olson in the limelight as winner by a big margin and breaker of the long standing service record for the event.

There was never any question of victory. Olson took the lead from the start and increased it on every lap so that by the time he finished he was more than 40 yards to the good. Olson has a pretty stroke and finished fresh. His time of 6:12.1 cutting the service record by about 35 seconds gives promise of his future greatness as an aquatic performer. Swimming third Olson could barely negotiate 50 yards some six weeks ago his performance in the relay ranks as the finest bit of an achievement and a compliment to the training of Coach Luther Hodgh.

Other Numbers

Janice Lovett won the 50 yards event for girls novice in 1:11.2, Magrieta Livingston coming second and Miss Bickerton third. Miss Lovett won easily, swimming with a fast, even stroke.

Warren Kealoha was bested in the 100 yards backstroke handicap by Kane, Muller finishing third for the navy event a close victory for Kirshbaum of the U. S. S. Hancock, who just beat out Hamman of the naval air station.

There was little surprise furnished in the high diving for men when the veteran Bob Fuller took the honors, Fuller was coached by J. L. Foley of Fort Shafter. Bob Burbank of the Outrigger club was third.

BEATS CARR

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WELLINGTON, N. Z., Feb. 24.—Morris Kirksey, former Stanford university runner, defeated E. W. Carr, Australian sprint champion, here Saturday in the 100 and 220-yard sprints. Kirksey's time was 9 4-5 seconds for the hundred and 21 4-5 for the 220.

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