Ederle of New York Cuts Time to 2:45.2 in Great Race With Local Swimmer

Mariechen Wehselau Gives Gotham Girl Fine Tussle in Intermediate Distance; Helen Moses Springs Surprise By Coming Third in Great Finish

By MIKE JAY

CHOPPING her way through the water with a powerful short arm stroke, Gertrude Ederle of the New York Women's Swimming association won the 200 meters free style for women last night at the opening of the Hawaiian A. A. U. Olympic swimming meet in Honolulu harbor and broke the world record by skimming the distance in 2:45.2. The time slashed her own world record of 2:49.1 and the old-time record of 2:53 set by Fanny Durack of Australia in 1912. She took the lead at the 50-meter mark and from then on to the finishing boards was never headed.

Mariechen Wehselau of the Outrigger Canoe club gave the vivacious mermaid a great race for the honors. She finished a scant five yards behind the winner. Helen Moses, who had been in fifth place most of the way got in a wonderful sprint and touched right behind Wehselau for third place.

The Race

The girls got away to a fine start, Herman von Holt handling the race. Lillie Bowmer had the extreme ewa lane. Helen Moses had the next lane. Third lane was for Miss Lane. Then came Mariechen Wehselau, Hatty Purdy, Janice Lovett, and in the waikiki lane was Gertrude of Gotham.

They hit the water together. Mariechen Wehselau jumped into the lead and set a pace that might have been in keeping with a 100 meter race but which was bound to be too fast for the longer distance. Ederle kept right close and at the 25-meter mark she edged into the lead. Lillie Bowmer stayed with the leaders while Helen Moses dropped back.

Turned First

Nearing the 50-meter turn the New Yorker spurted a couple of strokes and turned first, a fraction of a second ahead of Mariechen, who seemed to be off her stroke. The usual smoothness was lacking and her arms resounded as she hit the water flat in an effort to increase her speed.

Coming back to the 100-meter mark the New Yorker commenced to use a short arm chop that carried her through the water in great style. She was leading Mariechen by a yard as they neared the boards. Ederle gained on the turn which she made almost without stopping and she shot out a length to the good. The local girl seemed to lose on her turn. They went away down the stretch followed by Lillie Bowmer five yards behind and the rest of the field trailing.

On the way to the 150-mark the two leaders stayed in their relative positions. Helen Moses drew up on Lillie Bowmer in this lap. Again on the turn Ederle gained and was leading by a length and a half on the stretch. She increased this to three lengths coming up to the 175-meter mark.

On the last 25 meters Mariechen put up a great fight and came through with a spurt that cut the lead down to two lengths, but the Ederle girl also spurted in the last 10 yards and finished about five yards to the good. The race for third place was between Lillie Bowmer and Helen Moses. The latter edged into the lead at the 175-meter mark and crept up on Mariechen, finishing right behind the island star.

The Grind

The other feature race of the night was the 1500 meters for men, which Warren Kealoha captured by a full lap, with Pua Kealoha second and Robert Durand third. Chester Sims was leading at the 14th lap with Pua Kealoha and Warren Kealoha a foot behind, when he was forced to resign. Stomach trouble was the cause. It was on the 13th lap that Warren Kealoha crept up from a position of 10 yards back to an even line with Pua Kealoha. When Sims dropped out, Warren took the lead, increasing it to 50 yards at the 20th lap and to three-quarters of the course at the 26th lap. During the three laps to finish Warren Kealoha finished, and Pua was content to lag behind.

Other Events

Maurice Hammond of the Outrigger Canoe club moved out Hans Iverson of Schofield in the 100 meters breaststroke for novices. It was a good race, and Louis Kahanamoku threatened the leaders all the way.

In the 100 meters novice for seven men Keith Comstock was the star and showed a stroke that recalls Johnny Weissmuller. His protege of Luther Hough swims high out of the water.

Charles Pung had no trouble winning the 100 meters for boys under 14 years. Victory was assured from the start.

James Sweeney of Fort Ruger surprised the field by taking second place in the springboard diving for novices. James Foley took first place and Harvey Smith got third.

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7. Springboard diving for men—
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POOR BASE RUNNING BEAT THE YANKEES

(Associated Press by Naval Radio)

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—"I am proud of my ball team," was the statement made by John McGraw manager of the New York Giants, last night, after the champs had won the first game of the 1923 world series from the Yankees 5 to 4 in a spectacular ninth inning finish.

Manager Huggins, manager of the defeated Yankees, said:

"We played bad baseball. I am going to pitch Pennock next against the Giants. I'm sure that my players are going to hit during the world series. Only poor base running cheated us out of a victory. Bush will beat them next time."