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Gertrude Ederle Smashes Century Meter Mark Made By Her Former Team Mate

Warren Kealoha Betters Olympic Mark For the Century Backstroke and Outrigger Canoe Club Relay Girls Clip Several Seconds From Old Figure; Plenty of Thrills

By MIKE JAY

GERTRUDE OF GOTHAM delivered the goods last night at the Hawaiian A. A. U. swimming meet in Honolulu and proved herself the greatest woman swimmer in the world today by capturing first place in the 100 meters and breaking the Olympic record of 1:13.3 and the American record of 1:12.3, both made by Ethelda Bleibtrey. Ederle's time was 1:12.1. Two other Olympic records went by the boards, Warren Kealoha crashing the Olympic 100 meters backstroke by doing 1:13.2 and the Outrigger Canoe club girls relay team setting a new figure in the 400 meters by swimming the distance in 5:09.1.

The crowd got plenty of thrills not only through the breaking of records but also through close finishes in practically all the events staged. Even minor races on the program furnished close windups.

The feature performance was that of Gertrude Ederle of New York in the 100 meters for women. It was the big scoring card of the evening because on it hinged the title of world champion woman swimmer.

The Race

Mariechen Wehselau, Lillie Bowmer and Gertrude Ederle had the first three lanes. Hattie Purdy, Rosalie Abreu and Maria Lane had the next three. Sister Herman von Holt got them away perfectly and they hit the water together. Mariechen jumped into a short lead with Lillie Bowmer and Gertrude Ederle even at half a yard behind. The Lillie Bowmer girl stuck with her for 50 meters, but nearing the turning thanks to her work girl sprinting. She turned first and got a yard to the good on the turn. Mariechen's turn was ragged.

At the 75-meter mark Ederle was by the lead by two lengths, with Wehselau and Bowmer by almost five yards. When the three swimmers struck the final stretch Mariechen sprinted. She seemed to be creeping up on the leader inch by inch. Lillie Bowmer's spurt was late in coming. The leader, but she drew up rapidly on Mariechen. Coming into the boards Wehselau gave it everything and finished on the heels of the visitor, while Lillie Bowmer, coming like a speed boat, touched the wall behind Mariechen. The crowd knew it was a world record even before the time was announced, for it had been a fast event.

Greatest Backer

Warren Kealoha, Hui Makani star, may have thought that he is still the greatest backstroke swimmer in the world by breaking the own Olympic record by 1-14.4. His time was 1:13.3. List of records furnished by the mainland A. A. U. last fall to New York newspapers give Kealoha an American record of 1:12.3, but the local A. A. U. claims that is a mistake. In this race Charles Pung, Hui Makani swimmer, gave Warren such a close race that he made himself entitled for serious consideration on the swimming team to be sent from Hawaii to the mainland and to Paris next year.

Pung put up a great spurt on the last 10 meters and Warren only nosed him out by a stroke. Pung led all the way down the first 75 meters, but Warren gave Warren the lead on the back stretch. It was one of the keenest races of the night.

Other Mark

The other record record to fall was in the last event of the evening. The outrigger girls' first team swimming against a second team composed of Eleanor Bickerton, Dorothy Wade, Helen Ellis and Pauline Laird won by a lap. Helen Moose hit up a fast clip on the first lap for the winners and Janice Lovett increased it. Lillie Bowmer buzzed through and Mariechen Wehselau is still raging over her defeat in the 100 hit up a terrific clip and the Olympic record of 5:11.3 went glimmering. Unofficial time for Mariechen's century was given as 1:12 flat, but that was the time made by the winner in the race earlier in the evening.

Other Thrillers

And now for the exciting races in which no records were made but in which the finishes furnished real thrills.

Probably the best of this lot was the 400 meters relay for army-navy teams. Jennings of the marines in the first lap got a big lead on the others. Wunderlich of the army, after swimming all over the course, finished second, 10 yards ahead of Kinsella of the navy. On the second lap Sabie of the army cut down the lead and nosed out Bates of the marines for first place. Laiblin of the navy finished third, far behind. George Lane swam the last lap for the navy and cut down the lead, but finished third, Carl Adler of the army finishing first in the final, and Wells of the marines just ahead of the navy swimmer. Hunt of the navy hit the water first on the final lap. He passed Welsh of the marines and quit, exhausted by the exhibition of gameness, losing to the army swimmer by but a few lengths.

Pua Tries Hard

Another close finish was in the 400 meters for men. Olson, Pua Kealoha showed grit and courage in this event, which Warren Kealoha won. On the first lap Warren Olson led by a healthy margin, with Warren second and just a little ahead of Sam Kahanamoku. Pua Kealoha was far in the rear.

They finished the 200 meters in the same order, but Warren and Sam had crept up on Olson, and Pua was coming up rapidly. Going into the 300 meters Warren Olson put on a great spurt and kept it up through the 350 meters, when he was first at the 300 meters, with Pua right behind him and Sam following a minute later. Olson was a yard behind Sam, but was dropping his speed. At the 350-meter mark Pua put on a spurt that threw him his heels and Sam even with Warren. Olson was 50 yards behind. At the Home stretch Warren led Pua lead to the 25-meter mark and Pua quickly cut into the lead and his up a faster pace, finishing three yards to the good. Pua and Sam raced neck and neck the last 50 stroke for stroke, and the crowd thought it a dead heat, but the referee decided Sam had won second place.

Two For Maui

Maui copped two events in close finish races. Maui took the 50 meter for girls under 13 years, when Elizabeth Kahanamoku, Eleanor Bickerton and Elsie Brown by touch. The other was the 50 meter for girls under 15 years, Clarence Crabbe out-touched Alfred Hess in a hurricane finish.

Everybody predicts that Hui Makani promises to be a fine swimming club when he learns to swim straight.

He went all over the course and got beat Hiram Kaakua by a good five yards, all the performers in the 200 meters for novices zigzagged and there was a lot of "rolling."

The defeat of Sam Kahanamoku by W. Kirschbaum in the 200 meters breaststroke, the first event of the evening, was a real surprise. The winner got the best start, took early lead and held it all the way.

SWIMMING

The crowd was slow in coming in last night and close to the starting time the stands were only about half filled.

The Kamehameha school chorus in their gaudy uniforms had seats on the end barge.

Ad. Club fair signs decorated the sides of the end barges just above the turning platforms.