Shatters Weismuller's Tank Mark Hung Up In Milwaukee, April 1922

Henry Luning Gave Champion a Good Race; Island Breaststroke Record Falls When Kirschbaum Ambles Through Century In Fast Time of 1:13

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WARREN KEALOHA, Hui Makani star, lived up to expectations last night at the McKinley meet at Punahou tank by shattering the world tank record for the 150 yards men's backstroke and doing the distance in 1:44.4, which is three-fifths of a second under the 1:45.2 made by Johnny Weismuller, Illinois Athletic club, at Milwaukee pool in April, 1922. Henry Luning, a clubmate of Kealoha, gave the champion a good rub for it until the last lap when Kealoha stepped out and won by four yards.

MICKS' SWIM MEET NOTES

The second night of the McKinley High school swimming meet at Punahou tank was much better attended than the first.

The McKinley High school band was present in full volume.

There was a good turnout of men in uniform, showing that service events at swimming meets are getting popular.

Victor Ligda, in charge of the meet, was just as busy as the W. K. one-armed man tying up packages of cranberries in paper bags.

There were but three entries in the women's plain high diving. Christine Laird, Christine Smoot and Dorothy Waters.

It seemed like old times to have "Knute" Cottrell back at starting swimming races. He kept up his old record of perfect starts.

In the 220-yard women's handicap tonight, Wheselau is at scratch and starts at 34 seconds, Moses had four seconds and starts at 30 seconds, Bowmer had 10 seconds and starts at 24 seconds, Lovett has 20 seconds and starts at 14 seconds, Laird has 28 seconds and starts at six, and Lane had 24 and starts at "Go."

As an exhibition stunt Bill Simerson attempted to break the recovery dive for distance. He came within three-fifths of a second on his first try of doing it. His time was :19.2.

The 440 yards service was all to Welsh of the Navy, who won by more than a lap from Smith, Navy, who finished second. Laiblen of the Navy was third.

In the women's plain high diving Dorothy Waters won, with Christine Smoot second and Christine Laird third.

In Bill Simerson's second attempt at the record for the 60-foot plunge he did :19.2, which was within two-fifths of the record.

Then he tried again. His third attempt looked like a world record breaker, but it was :19.2 again.

Judge John C. Fletcher of Calgary, who officiated at the recent Hawaiian Kennel club show, was a guest of Capt. Bob Lillis at the swimming meet last night.

Prizes won in the Thursday night events were given out following the 150 yards backstroke number.

The crowd got a good laugh when Sweeney did a half twist that sent up a shower of water on the officials.

The crowd liked the men's springboard diving and there were frequent spells of applause.

There was plenty of cheering when it was announced that Warren Kealoha had broken the world

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Luning took the lead at the start, getting away with the gun, while Warren was a fraction of a second behind. Pung, the other man in the race, started fast, but stuck with the leaders for 50 yards. Luning led up to the 75-yard mark, when Warren went in front by a foot. Then the two raced up and down, neck and neck, but on the final turn Warren got the jump and sprinted the stretch to victory and a new world record. Luning will have to get his turns down better and then he will give the champion closer competition. His performance last night was sensational, but his turns will have to be smoothened out.

Island Mark

An island record went crashing in the 100 yards men's breaststroke and Norman Ross, celebrated Illinois Athletic club swimmer, complimented Kirschbaum on his winning. Kirschbaum broke the island record of 1:15.1 by covering the distance in 1:13 flat. The world record is held by Bobby Skelton of the I. A. C. at 1:12.

Kirschbaum took the lead from the start and was never headed. The former Hawaiian champion, "Tough Bill," was second for the first 75 yards and then Hammond got into second place. Hammond and Kirschbaum fought it out for first place with the latter holding the lead throughout and winning by a good four yards.

Other Events

Pauline Laird of the Outrigger club had an easy victory in the 50-yard women's novice, winning by five yards from Flora Woodhall, unattached. Olga Lincer, unattached, finished third, and needs a little coaching in her kick, which seemed to hold her back.

The most close finish in the 50 yards for girls under 15. Doris Helenihi won by four yards from Elsie Brown after the latter nosed out Eleaner Bickerton.

In the 100 yards backstroke service the race was entirely between Kaananaa and Nuuhiwa with the first named winning by a scant yard. There was plenty of excitement in the 100 for boys under 15 years of age, Alfred Hoea, well known surf rider, surprised the field by winning handily.

Middle Distance

Varsatility is another name for Warren Kealoha, who won the 440 yards free style event and did it handily by 10 yards. Pua Kealoha, taking it easy at the start, hit up towards the finish and finished second a chain or feet ahead of Sam Kahanamoku. The time was 5:20.1. Sam led at the start and Warren was second up to the 150-yard mark where he took the lead. Pua jumped into second place at the 200-yard mark and held it to the end.

The Interscholastic girls relay was all between Punahou and McKinley with the Puns finishing first and the Micks second. Normal was third.

The 200 yards boys interscholastic relay was the closing event of the evening. St. Louis with Pung, Makinney, Luning and Pua Kealoha won, but Punahou with Cooke, Holt, Ross and Darnell gave the Saints a close race. The Micks with Reeder, Buffum, Carter and Kinney finished a yard or so behind Punahou.