


No Record Made At First Pre-Olympic Swim Meet Held On Saturday Night

Sam Kahanamoku Shows Up Well By Beating Two Kealohas and Winning Breaststroke Race From Kirschbaum's Next Meet To Be Held About Middle of February

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ONOLULU swimming fans have become so blasé that unless world records are broken they consider a swimming meet unsuccessful. The first pre-Olympic swimming meet Saturday night at Punahou tank was successful despite the fact that not a single world or American record was broken throughout the whole evening. The meet was successful because it accomplished its purpose and that purpose was to make local swimmers get into training for the local trials in March and later for the American trials on the mainland for the Olympic games in Paris this summer.

The showing of Sam Kahanamoku was the outstanding feature of the meet, and his biggest triumph was in the 220-yard breaststroke race, where he sprinted to victory in the last 20 yards after Will Kirschbaum had led the way for the distance. Sam nosed out the former Navy star by an eyelash. It was a pretty race to watch, but the time was slower than it looked to the spectators. Juggling the finish rope bewildered Kirschbaum and slowed him up a little. The record is 2:58.3 and the time was 3:04.2.

Other Victory

Sam's other victory was in the 100 open, the blue ribbon event of the evening. It was his start, a perfectly timed one, that gave him the victory over the two Kealohas. Warren Kealoha certainly deserves credit for making a game fight for it. Pua was not well, but swam anyway.

Warren swam a good race in the 100 backstroke handicap, making 1:06, which is within three-fifths of the world record held by Johnny Weissmuller. He did not win the event, but only his time was officially taken.

K. M. ("Ee-nay") Makinney won the springboard diving and showed well in the other men's diving event, putting himself down on paper for real consideration as Olympic material. Pauline Laird sprang a surprise by taking the women's diving.

Dorothy Waters won the 220 yards breast stroke race and made fairly good time but no record. Constance Davis was pacemaker for part of the race.

Other Events

Lillie Bowmer took the century backstroke in rather slow time of 1:24.4, which is 12 seconds over the world record held by Sybil Bauer of Chicago. Janice Lovett took the 220-yard handicap free style and swam a good race. Mariechen Wehslau, island champion, was ill with a bad cold and could not enter.

Alfred Hess of the Outrigger club won the century for boys under 15, making 1:09.1, which is a good deal under the time he made when he last won this race. The young man looks like a coming Weissmuller. Doris Helenihi beat Eleanor Bickerton again in the fifty for girls under 15 years. There is great rivalry between the two and they always put up a fine race.

Charlie Pung, after swimming a great race in the 100 backstroke, won the 440 yards men's handicap. The relay was swum between two Outrigger club women's teams.

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