

Ten Greatest Swimmers Selected

THREE HAWAIIANS RANK

Champs Of 1922 Retain Laurels

By CLAIR HARE

THREE Hawaiian swimmers are included in the 10 best American aquatic performers of the past year, according to rating by various mainland scribes. Johnny Weismuller and Warren Kealohe are ranked as supreme in the men's division, while Gertrude Ederle and Sybil Bauer are given the women's laurels. Mariechen Wehselau and Lillie Bowmer, local mermaids, are ranked among the ten.

Following is the rating:

Swimming champions of today are examples of the old adage, "youth must be served." The present title-holding mermen and mermaids rate as sports veterans, but are still youthful in years.

The list of aquatic champions for 1923 is remarkably devoid of any elderly, gray-haired performers. History was made in swimming in more ways than one during the last 12 months.

Innumerable world's records fell before the united onslaught of America's swimmers. But record-breaking, no matter how extensive, is nothing new in swimming.

History was made in 1923 in that virtually the same mermen and mermaids who ruled the world at the close of 1922 retained their leadership.

Gertrude Ederle, Johnny Weismuller, Helen Wainwright, Sybil Bauer, Alleen Riggins, Warren Kealohe, Robert Skelton, Lillian Bowmer, Mariechen Wehselau and Elizabeth Becker were the leading figures in the aquatic world in 1922 and 1923.

TWO BRIGHTEST STARS

Gertrude Ederle, 16-year-old luminary of the Women's Swimming Association of New York, and Johnny Weismuller, 19-year-old representative of the Illinois Athletic Club of Chicago, continue to reign supreme in their respective divisions.

The New York lassie proved herself the brightest feminine swimming star in 1922. The black-haired Chicago youth did the same. During the year just ended this pair of individual champions retained all their honors and did so in no uncertain manner.

Winsome Miss Ederle was easily the outstanding star among free-style swimmers. So consistently did she swim during 1923 that more than a dozen marks were shattered.

The Gotham mermaid is credited with bettering free-style swimming marks from 100 to 500 yards in

tanks measuring from 60 to 65 feet. She lowered the century from 1:03 4-5 to 1:05, and for 150 yards from 1:59 3-5 to 1:47 2-5.

The marks for 200 yards were twice bettered until, after resting at 2:35 3-5, they finally were set nearly four seconds lower. Miss Ederle's best achievement for the 200 yards, using the crawl stroke, was 2:31 4-5.

The petite champion made corresponding slices from times for all other distances up to 500 yards in indoor tanks. While competing outdoors she shattered the world's records for 220 yards and the half mile and equaled the international mark for 100 meters while participating in a 110-yard dash.

Johnny Weismuller, forced out of competitive races for more than two months due to illness, figured just as prominently as ever.

A REAL SHOCK

Natatorial circles were shocked when in midyear a report was circulated throughout the country that the greatest merman of all times was the victim of a leaking heart. Later it was found that Johnny suffered nothing worse than a cold, and he was able to don his one-piece racing suit again.

After a rest he was as good as ever, which was decisively proved when the Illinois A. C. leader returned to competition and continued to better his own records.

All told, Weismuller figured in 17 record-wrecking performances. Ten new American records for free-style swimming were made by him. He also swam in relay races, where new figures were established on four different occasions. In addition to all this, Johnny proved his versatility by lowering backstroke records in three different races.

Just as Gertrude Ederle and Weismuller ruled the free-style swimmers so did Sybil Bauer and Warren Kealohe carry off the individual honors for backstroke swimming.

In setting a new world's record for 440 yards back-stroke swimming—a mark which, incidentally, she had already held—Miss Bauer established a time that had never before been listed, even by a male competitor.

MADE BRILLIANT MARK

This was the high light of Miss Bauer's performances during the year. But every new mark made for back-stroke swimming was credited to the Western star. This also set a precedent.

National and international records for both indoors and open water fell before the greatest back-stroke swimmer of all times. Miss Bauer twice beat the world's straightaway mark of 36 seconds for fifty yards, returning 35 2-5 seconds in each instance.

Warren Kealohe, of the Outrigger Canoe Club, of Honolulu, which boasts of the Hawaiians who first gave this country its world's supremacy in aquatics, shone brilliantly in back-stroke swimming among men.

Kealohe, a veteran of many years, continued to flash the same excellent form which gave him his first victory, his first title, and his first record. He added several new marks to his already long list.

A PHILADELPHIA LUMINARY

Philadelphia was not without its honors during the year. Elizabeth Becker, a product of the Philadelphia Turngemeinde, successfully defended the senior national indoor fancy diving diadem, which she first won in 1922. Her initial victory gave Philadelphia its first triumph in this event.

By retaining her honor the petite Betty, now a member of the Ambassador Swimming Club of Atlantic City, still remains as one of the logical choices for the American Olympics team among its members some of the great in 1924.

Alleen Riggins, of the Women's Swimming Association, of New York, who annexed first place in the Olympic diving in 1920, cap-

KAMS LOSE IN SECOND MAUI GAME

Lahainaluna Team Wins By 25-15 Score; Yanks Trim Guards

LAHAINA, Jan. 26.—The second basketball game of the West Maui series was held at Armory hall last night in the presence of a large crowd. Lahainaites emerged victorious against the Kams in the first game, the score being 25-15.

Marked improvements were noticed in the Kam team and showed better form of playing than last week. Much credit should go to them for holding the fast Lahainaluna team from running away by a large margin. It was possibly due to the all-around playing of MacDonald, who was always in the limelight in blocking or intercepting passes, that the Lahainalunas were unable to pile a much higher score. The little player, S. Yamamoto of the Kams, divided honors with MacDonald, and his fast playing was partly responsible for preventing the Lahainalunas from scoring more. Cockett also starred for the losers. Eldridge of the Lahainalunas played a wonderful game and he was the highest individual point-getter. Alama and Lindsay of the same quintet also deserved some special mention for their all-around playing.

THE LINEUP

Lahainaluna—	Position	Kam—
Wai Tong	Mimura
Eldridge	Yamamoto
Piimann	MacDonald
Alama	Lindsey
George Lindsey	Elvin

SECOND GAME

In the second game the fast Yanks triumphed over the Guards to the tune of 28-14. Good teamwork featured for the two teams, though the Yanks' work was more noticeable. Their passes always worked smoothly.

Takatsuka of the Yanks won the admiration of all present with his remarkable shooting ability. To his credit stands 11 points, almost half of the total score. Minami, Hamai and Manriki all played splendidly.

In the Guard team, Oana, Lewai and Sharpe were the outstanding shining luminaries. Lewai's height had a decided advantage over all the players, and incidentally it was noticed that he made the most attempts at the basket; the majority of them proved to be fruitless. With more practice he will be a star, and bids fair to be included in the all-star team.

THE LINEUP

Yanks—	Position	Guards—
Minami	Hauki
Miyasaki	Lewai
Hamai	Koanui
Manriki	Sharpe
Takatsuka	Oana

The officials were: A. H. Waechter, referee; Takatsuka and MacDonald, umpires; P. H. Cooley and George Dermody, scorers; G. Okahiro and Lucas, timers.

tured the major share of the other spring-board events this year. The New York lassie about broke even with the former Turners' captain, each defeating the other. Not more than a few points separated them in any of their meetings.

Philadelphia and Atlantic City came to the fore in another branch of aquatics when Miss Ruth Thomas, of the Ambassador Swimming Club, established herself as the leading breast-stroke swimming during the year.

Miss Thomas, a 15-year-old school-girl, won the junior and senior national 220-yard diadems, defeating seven contestants in the latter event. She also set a new world's record. The youthful star is a former member of the Philadelphia Turngemeinde.

The Women's Swimming Association of New York and Illinois Athletic Club retained the team honors in women's and men's swimming, respectively.

re Gene Sarazen, who Sunday hur Havers for the world golf his left is his namesake, "Saraz-world's best racehorses.

