

WARREN TAKES TWO CENTURY SWIM EVENTS

Noses Out Norman Ross In
Hundred Free Style After
Other Had Led For 80

Beats Gay Harris In Supine
Number, Coming Through
In Last of the Stretch

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NE American 20-yard tank record was broken last night at the second pre-Olympic swimming meet at the Central "Y" pool when Mariechen Wehselau sprinted over the 220-yard course in 2:49.2. The official American 20-yard record as accepted by the national A. A. U. at the last meeting is 2:51.2 made by Gertrude Ederle of the New York Women's Swimming association on December 16, 1922. There were no other records broken last night.

Mariechen made her record in a handicap event which Helen Moses, a teammate, won. Helen was given a short lead and put up a great swim. Mariechen passed the rest of the field and the two turned almost together on the last lap. But Mariechen's effort to catch up had been a mighty one, and in the final spurt Helen nosed out the Outrigger champion. Helen's time was 3:04. The race brought the crowd to its feet.

Warren Kealoha of the Hui Makani came from behind to win the 100 yards backstroke and the 100 yards free style event. In the free style century Norman Ross of the Illinois Athletic club led the local boy for 80 yards, only to be nosed out in the home stretch and in the century supine Gay Harris of the Outrigger club surprised the assembled fans by showing his heels to the world champion backstroker for three-quarters of the way, but was out-touched at the finishing line.

While only one record was broken last night the crowd got plenty of thrills. Every race was close and exciting. The time in the 100 free style was :55.1, while the American record is :51.4 made by Johnny Weissmuller of the Illinois Athletic club at Minneapolis in a 20-yard pool on March 13, 1923. The time in the backstroke was 1:06.3 and the American record is 1:05.3 made by Johnny Weissmuller at the Illinois Athletic club's 20-yard tank on December 7, 1922.

Both century races last night were humdingers. Norman Ross got into the lead with his usual beautiful start and held the lead to the last turn. Warren, who had been gradually creeping up, turned with him and the two raced down the stretch neck and neck. Little by little the Hui Makani star edged into the lead and he skated into the boards a scant hair-breadth ahead of the visitor. Pua Kealoha started his spurt too late and finished a fraction behind Ross.

In the century supine came a distinct shock when Gay Harris of the Outrigger club, always a second rate swimmer, thrust himself forward for consideration for the Hawaiian Olympic team by showing the way to the world backstroke champion for the best part of the distance. Gay seemed to lose on the turns, not starting his stroke quickly enough after shoving off, and the last lap the champion edged him out.

Christine Smoot furnished another surprise by winning the women's diving after a long period of inactivity on the shingle. Lillie Bowmer May was second. K. Mackinney took the men's springboard event with some pretty work.