

Arne Borg Leaves Entire Field 50 Meters Behind In Setting Up New Mark

Henry Luning Shares Honors of First Day of Hawaiian Olympic Swimming Meet By Coming Within a Fifth of a Second of Warren Kealoha's Backstroke Record

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Call him "The Record-Busting Beauty!"

That's Arne Borg, the Swedish star swimmer who ironed out the half-mile record yesterday afternoon in the first day of the Hawaiian Olympic swimming meet by stepping the distance in 10:43.4, thereby clipping some eight seconds from the best time ever made by Andrew Charlton of Australia. Charlton's mark was 10:51.4.

Some swimming baby is that boy Borg and the swimming fans who were there yesterday will tell you and tell the world it's so!

The girls at the Outrigger Canoe Club have been nicknaming him "Ironing Board," a phrase coined by Dorothy Waters, and yesterday he simply ironed that old half mile record right out of existence.

What Ross Said

Norman Ross, once upon a time the world greatest distance swimmer, just threw up his hands and chortled:

"I might have had some fool idea of going to the Olympics this year, but you can quote me here and now that so far as I'm concerned that guy is THE champion."

And everybody else who saw Borg swim that half mile and saw the Swedish star drop Warren Kealoha of the Hui Makani and the rest of the field down below the horizon of the 50 meters mark will agree with Ross that when it comes to distance swimming Borg is "THE champion."

And listen to Warren Kealoha:

"I never swam the 880 in my life so fast before. I did it in 11:30, but

gee, that guy Borg" and Warren just swayed his head from side to side to indicate that Borg was beyond him.

"Another Weissmuller in his distance, that's all," added Warren, and then announced that he had had enough for that day and would not enter the backstroke.

"I'm all in," added the Hui Makani star, and then stepped over and congratulated Borg on his performance.

Some Gallop

The race was well worth watching. Not because it was close, for it was anything but close. It was worth seeing because of Borg. He stepped out like he was swimming the century. Right from the plunge he was out in front and stayed there.

"The fellow is setting too strong a pace," was the general comment of the crowd. The fans figured Borg would not set a moderate pace for fear he would never catch up.

Choppy Stroke

But he kept up the pace. At 220 yards the crowd expected him to slow down a little, but still the short, choppy stroke, associated with sprint swimmers, continued.

"Ye gods! He's going to keep it up," was the mood of the moment. And he did keep it up. His time, taken unofficially, shows that he was swimming strong up to the 500 mark. Then he slowed down a little, but not a great deal. It still seemed like too much speed for the distance.

"Wait till he gets to the fourteenth lap and then he will begin to weaken," was indicated by the general shaking of dubious heads.

But on he went, the short choppy stroke continuing unabated. He turned and shot out on the 14th lap as neat as ever.

"He's due to slow down pretty soon," was the thought sent around by radio.

On he traveled through the 14th and through the 15th and then he turned on the final lap.

"Now he's got to slow down. He has 40 meters lead on Warren, anyway," the thought waves wireless.

Slow down? Say not so! Out he shot from the board like he was starting on a 50-meter race only.

THEN HE SPRINTED!
Actually, after 15 laps of that 50-meter course the "record-busting beauty" sprinted away down the stretch kicking up a wake like Duke Kahanamoku used to do in the century.

Some Finish

Every moment the crowd expected him to break his stroke and show the effects of the terrific pace he had maintained. Every stroke was expected to be the last at that gruelling style. But the crowd was only becoming acquainted with Arne Borg, the peerless paddler who makes no bones about admitting himself as "THE champion."

Down that stretch he came, on his way to a new world record. And he knew it and the crowd knew it. The fans showered him with applause as he skated into the boards, turned and shot out the last few yards to the 880 mark.

The timers waved their arms to him to signal a record and Norman Ross, who had called . . . if the laps to him, yelled out the time.

"That's all right," Borg gasped back and then swam slowly to the boards while Warren finished and then Pua Kealoha for second and third places.

Borg was more than 50 meters ahead of Warren while Pua finished about 15 meters behind the Hui Makani star. The rest of the field struggled in and the great race was over.

Luning Stars

Hawaii went on the map as the home of great backstroke swimmers in the final race of the day when Henry Luning did 1:12.4 in the 100 meters, nosing out Charles Pung by half a yard and Gay Harris by about a yard.

Harris lost his race on the turn at the 50 meters. He was even with Pung and Luning up to that time but hesitated on the turn and it gave Luning and Pung just enough to beat him. The three were bunched together with Harris in the center going down to the turn and Harris had his work cut out watching that he did not collide with the man on the right and the man on the left.

Luning's time is but one-fifth of a second more than the Hawaiian, American and world record of

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SPORT SKED FOR TODAY AND SUNDAY

TODAY

Tennis—Finals in doubles of Hawaiian Tennis association tourney, Ferrandini and Godshall vs. Kinsey and Neer, at Beretania Tennis Club courts at 2 p. m.

Athletics—Milk walk and two-mile run at Alexander field at 1:30 p. m.

Swimming—Hawaiian Olympic meet in Honolulu harbor at 2:30 p. m.

Baseball — Business Men's league: at Makiki, Honolulu Iron Works vs. American Can at 1:45 p. m. and Schuman Carriage vs. Pond Co. at 3:15 p. m.; at Alexander field, Royal Hawaiian Sales Co. vs. E. O. Hall at 1:45 p. m. and von Hamm Young vs. Lowers & Cooke at 3:15 p. m.; at Cooke field, American Factors vs. Del Monte at 2 p. m.

Pearl Harbor Baseball league; Submarine Base vs. Hospital-Radio at main field; Marine Barracks vs. Receiving Ship at Marine Barracks field and Submarine Divisions vs. Naval Air Station at Air Station field. All games at 2 p. m.

Government league: at Fairgrounds, Executive vs. Federals at 1:30 p. m. and Judiciary vs. City Hall at 3:15 p. m.

Honolulu Commercial league; at Moiliili field, Hawaiian Pines vs. Honolulu Iron Works at 2:30 p. m.

Schofield Regimental league; at Schofield, 11th Field Artillery vs. 8th Field Artillery and 21st Infantry vs. 19th Infantry at 2 p. m.

Schofield Staff league; at Schofield, 11th Ordnance vs. Quartermaster and 11th Medical vs. Military police at 2 p. m.

TOMORROW

Swimming—Hawaiian Olympic swimming meet in Honolulu harbor at 1:30 p. m.

Golf—First inter-club match between Honolulu Golf and Oahu Country Club golf teams at Nuuanu course at 9 a. m.

Baseball—Honolulu Baseball league exhibition for benefit of Columbus Welfare Club: at Moiliili field, Braves vs. Wanderers at 1:30 p. m. and All-Chinese vs. Asahis at 3:15 p. m.

Schofield Regimental league; at Schofield, 13th Field Artillery vs. 3rd Engineers and 27th Infantry vs. 35th Infantry at 2 p. m.

Schofield Staff league; at Schofield, Air Service and the Signals at 2 p. m.

Senior Fairgrounds league, at Moiliili field, Brownies vs. Kallas at 9 a. m.

Inter-Country league; at Watertown, Watertown vs. Pearl City at 2 p. m.

Spalding league; at Atkinson park, Pauoas vs. All-Filipinos at 1 p. m.

Junior Fairgrounds league; at territorial fairgrounds, Rainbows vs. Shinyos at 10 a. m. and Iwileis vs. Moiliili at 1 p. m.

Paradise league; at Makiki field, Pauoas vs. Doles at 10 a. m., Almahis vs. Castles at 1 p. m. and Kewalos vs. Pacifics at 3 p. m.