

# Borg Cuts

## Norse Star Lops Five Seconds From Record: Sam and Warren Even

Bill Kirschbaum Rubs American Record in Double Century Breaststroke; Mariechen Wins Century Under Fire

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**A**RNE BORG of Sweden once more rocked the swimming world and again vindicated his defeat by "Boy" Charlton of Australia, when the phenomenal Norse swimming wonder crashed into the 400 meters world record, lowering the mark by five seconds.

Honolulu watched aghast as this superman flashed through the water leading the pick of Hawaii's swimmers—Warren Kealoha and Sam Kahanamoku—by 25 yards at the finish. Borg, swimming the distance in 4 minutes and 59 seconds, bettered any record ever made by either Weismuller or himself, and proved himself without question to be the greatest middle distance swimmer, possibly the greatest swimmer, the world has ever seen.

The powerful stroke, the churning leg kick and the seemingly inexhaustible endurance of the Swedish wonder make him the leading opponent for Johnny Weismuller at the Paris Olympic games. Not since Duke Kahanamoku's days, have local fans witnessed such tremendous reserve power as Borg possesses; and even Weismuller's polished stroke would be pushed to its limit against the ragged, uneven—but swift and powerful stroke of the Scandinavian.

Again there was a feature furnished outside of Borg's performance, and this was the performance of Bill Kirschbaum, who made the 200 meters breaststroke in 3:03.2, just a fifth of a second over the American record. The world record is held by Rademacher of Germany, in 2:55 3/5.

Kirschbaum led his nearest opponent, Ah Kong Pang, by 10 yards at the finish, and his performance makes him an almost necessary part of the Hawaiian team. He led the field at the start and increased his lead, forging down the stretch in long, powerful strokes that carried him through the water like an eel.

### MARIECHEN STARS

Mariechen Weheslau proved that she is still there in the swimming game when the local mermaid, holder of the world century mark, splashed over the 100 meters in 1:14, less than two seconds over Gertrude Ederle's world record. Mariechen's race was made under the stiffest competition she has had in a long time, from Helen Moses and Janice Lovett.

Both Helen and Janice made the Outrigger flash stretch herself from start to finish, Helen finishing a scant two strokes behind, and Janice a stroke behind Helen. It was probably the fastest race Janice has ever swum; she kept abreast of Mariechen nearly the entire first lap, and fell behind only at the stretch.

Mariechen led off with a powerful stroke, and seemed to be doing her limit. At the turn for the last lap, however, with Helen Moses close behind, Mariechen met the challenge, and in a tremendous burst of speed forged down the last lap, with the water curling in her wake. Both Helen and Janice picked up on the stretch, and the three came down the stretch like the finish of a 50-yards race.

### HOT RACE

The half-century for men was the most hotly disputed race of the meet, with the exception of the finish of Warren and Sam in the 400 meters. In the short swim Clarence Lane lead, and held his pace up to the 40-yard mark, and there Pua and Sam drew abreast and the three sprinted for the finish. Pua finished a scant foot ahead of the others, Sam and Lane touching in order. The time was :27.1; it was the first time the 50-meters distance had been swum.

In his record breaking jaunt over the 440-yards course, Borg lead off at a faster pace than he set the day previous, when he cracked the half-mile record. Sam Kahanamoku forged up with him, and kept within striking distance for three laps. The Norse star never lowered the killing pace, however, and Sam was forced to drop behind.

From there the Swede was unchallenged. He shot past the 200 meters mark in 2:20 and churned up the course with undiminished speed. He past the fifth—the sixth—the seventh—and then, turning in a flash, at the crack of the gun he started to spurt.

### FINAL SPRINT

Not even Johnny Weismuller could have equalled that nerve-racking sprint for the finish. With the water

## Veteran Race Pilot Fatally Burned in Va.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va.—

The tragic death of George Elmore Willis, 88, widely known race horse trainer and breeder, will bring sadness to the racing fraternity, as the venerable turfman, who was still hale and hearty, had planned to make another season of it at fair grounds and race circuits this season. Mr. Willis was burned to death when his dwelling on Bothes creek, near Bridgeport was destroyed by fire, believed to have been caused by the explosion of an oil lamp. His body was charred beyond recognition.

Mr. Willis was a familiar figure on American race tracks for more than two-score years. One of the most famous of his horses was Crystal Bell, later owned by the late A. D. Parr, of this city, which won races on almost all the circuits of the country.

churning in a white foam at his feet, his legs chugging like the pulse of a motor boat, and his powerful arms clutching ahead, the champion tore down the home stretch. The water-trailed in a foaming wake at his rear; and while the crowd cheered itself hoarse, he rose in a final frenzy of effort, and, shoulders gleaming above the surface in the power of his effort, he fairly leaped through the last 10 yards to the finish. Sam and Warren finished in a dead heat.

This afternoon Borg will appear in the 200 meters swim, his last race here. The meet starts at 1:30 o'clock, and will be held in Honolulu harbor, piers 5 and 6.

### SUMMARY

100 meters freestyle for service—Oleson (A), Conniston (A). Time, 1:07 flat, evening the record made last night and beating the former service record.

400 meters freestyle open—Arne Borg, Stockholm; Sam Kahanamoku and Warren Kealoha tied for second place. Time, 4:59 flat.

50 meters freestyle for officers—Call (A), Stegdsell (N), Brand (A). Time :30.4, equalling the record held by Hunt.

200 meters freestyle for men, service—Hyun (HM), L. Kahanamoku (HN), Adler (UN). Time 2:47 flat.

100 meters freestyle for women—Mariechen Weheslau (OCC), Helen Moses (OCC), Janice Lovett (OCC). Time, 1:14.

50 meters freestyle for men—Pua Kealoha (HN), Sam Kahanamoku (HN), Clarence Lane (HM). Time, :27.1.

50 meters for boys under 15 years—Wood (YMCA), Hess (OCC), S. Kahanamoku (HN). Time :33 flat, breaking the record of :34.3, held by E. Crabbe.

200 meters breaststroke for men—Kirschbaum (HM), Pang (HN), Bergin (HM). Time, 3:03.2.

400 meters relay for women—Outrigger (Helen Moses, Pauline Laird, Janice Lovett, Mariechen Weheslau). Time, 5:25.