

BOBBY SKELTON IS STAR OF GOTHAM SWIM MEET

Keen Competition Marks the Farewell Water Carnival for American Olympic Team

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NEW YORK, June 18.—Keen competition and some remarkable performances, considering conditions, featured the farewell water carnival for the American Olympic swimming team, conducted by the Westchester Biltmore club at Rye yesterday afternoon.

The outstanding feat was returned by Bobby Skelton of the Illinois A. C. of Chicago. He won the 200-metre breast stroke race for men in 2:59 2-5, a striking achievement in view of the fact that the water was bitterly cold and choppy and the tide so low that the contestants could stand on bottom.

Skelton defeated as he pleased his club-mate, John Faricy, who was second, in 3:07.

John Weissmuller, the peerless Illinois A. C. sprinter, scored an impressive victory in the 100-meter free style swim. The time was 1:00 3-5, apparently not fast, but it speaks of the class of the exploit that Weissmuller led home by nearly five yards the noted Duke Kahanamoku, who finished second, a touch ahead of his brother Sam.

Miss Wehselau Swims Well.

Miss Mariechen Wehselau of Honolulu, distinguished herself in the competition for women. She won the 50-meter free dash in the sterling time of 0:31 2-5, with Miss Ethel Lackie, of Illinois A. C., the runner-up, three feet back.

Both the back stroke races were marred by mishaps, due chiefly to the off-shore drift of the ebbing tide. In the men's 100-meter test Warren Kealoha, of Honolulu, the world's record holder, shot off at a tangent. As he was at the shore end of the line all five of his opponents were crowded into the outward ropes. Gay Harris, of Honolulu, emerged in the lead from the melee, but three yards from home he crashed into one of the bordering floats. By the time he straightened and finished Kealoha had nipped him in 1:19 3-5. Henry Luning, another Hawaiian, was third, almost in dead heat with Harris.

In the women's dorsal swim at 50 meters, Miss Sybil Bauer of the Illinois A. C., was ten yards from the line, with Miss Aileen Riffin of the Women's S. A. close when her feet struck a sunken rock, throwing her out of stroke. But she recovered cleverly and succeeded in nosing out Miss Riffin in 0:40. Meanwhile, Miss Doris O'Mara, in third position, had cut across the two other contenders and the three collided and stopped. Miss Josephine McKim of the Canal zone was the only one to resume swimming, thereby gaining third place.

Agnes Geraghty Wins Easily.

Miss Agnes Geraghty of the Women's S. A. apparently did not have to extend herself to capture the 100 meter breast stroke swim in 1:37. Miss Matilda Shurich of the same club came up on her at the end, but Miss Geraghty had a safe lead and won by one yard.

An error in counting the laps undoubtedly lost the men's 500 meter event to Lester Smith of San Francisco. He stopped at 400 meters, several yards ahead of the field, thinking he had finished. When he saw the mistake his opponents were off on the next lap, and he tried in vain to overtake them. Wallace O'Connor of Venice, Cal., won by inches in 7:02 4-5, with Adam Smith of Erie, Pa., second.

A 200-meter mixed relay race, two girls and two men on each team, went easily to a foursome made up of Miss Wehselau, Miss Norellius and Duke and Sam Kahanamoku. Weissmuller was anchor man on the losing quartet and gained on Duke, but he could not overcome the six-yard lead received by the latter, who earned the decision by four yards in 1:57 1-5.