

LUDY LANGER BREAKS OWN RECORD FOR 500

Clips More Than Two Seconds Off American Mark; Duke Wins 50-Yard Sprint

SMASHING the existing American record held by himself by two and two-fifths seconds, Ludy Langer ploughed through the water in true championship style and defeated Duke Kahanamoku by nearly twelve yards over the 500-yard course last night. This was the most noteworthy performance of the first night's program of the three-day A. A. U. swimming carnival which started in fine shape at the Naval Slip last night.

Everyone who saw Ludy Langer swim in the five century race yesterday evening became firmly convinced that he is the world's best swimmer over the middle distances. In addition to holding the national championships in the 440, 880, and the mile swims, he holds the American record in the 500 and the world's record for the mile. His showing last night is one of the most remarkable performances among this year's swimming achievements.

Duke Wins 50 Yards

Duke came fully up to the expectations of the big crowd when he won the 50-yard race within two-fifths of a second of his own record time. After a slow start, the world's champion sprinter spurred the whole of the half century and forged ahead just in time to nose out George Cunha and Clarence Lane who came second and third with scarcely a touch separating them.

It was the longest race of the evening that was the treat. The pick of the country faced the starter in the 500-yard race and from the dope it might have gone to any one of three of the men. Langer held the American record and he was somewhat of a favorite on that account. Duke had come within four-fifths of a second of Ludy's time and he looked nearly as formidable as the recordholder, Herbert Vollmer, the Columbia University star, holds the world's record for the 500-meters and it was expected that he would have a lookin last night but the pace was too hot for him. After leading for the first lap, he dropped back and quit after the fourth hundred had been completed.

Vollmer Darts In Lead

At the crack of the pistol in the long event, Vollmer started out in the lead after having been the first to strike the water. He had a pretty stroke which carried him through the water in fast time but it was plain at the outset that the pace was too hot. The New Yorker led to the seventy-five yard mark when Kelii made a spurt and touched the turning point first with Vollmer second, Duke third, Langer fourth, and Kruger fifth.

After the first turn the men who won the race got in their best licks. Langer passed Duke and Vollmer and then Kelii. After this point he was never headed and gained slowly inch by inch until he had the twelve yards lead. Duke followed him in his spurt and passed the other two men. Kruger took up the same idea and went into third place. Swimming in this order the three first place men never changed positions until the finish.

Vollmer Quits

On each lap, Langer went a few inches more to the front until at the fourth turn he had gained the full distance. At this point, Vollmer, who was swimming last dropped out of the race. Duke made an attempt to close up the gap but his spurt was not forthcoming and the two old rivals finished in the same order with Stubby Kruger not far behind Duke for a third place. Both Duke and Kruger made faster time in this race than they ever did in competition.

Langer's time was six minutes, eleven and two-fifths seconds. The former American record was six minutes, thirteen and four-fifths.

In the 50-yard race Duke was the last man to hit the water and he swam behind the field for the first twenty-five yards. At this point he opened up full speed ahead and with his old form passed the entire entry list and crossed a couple of feet to the good. For the first thirty yards, T. H. Cann, the New York 500-yard man, looked good but the sprint was too much for him and he failed to place. Cunha and Lane had an excellent fight for second honors. The two swam well together for the entire distance and it was almost impossible to determine which won. Cunha beat out the younger swimmer by a nose. The time 0:23 2-5 was within two-fifths of a second of Duke's championship time.

Girls' Race a Fight

The girls' race was the success which was prophesied for it. From an excellent start the four swimmeresses swam neck and neck for the first thirty yards when they began to separate a little. The girls took the water as nearly simultaneously as it is possible for four swimmers to do. Bernice Lane and Helen Rosa took the lead in the fight for first place but Gerd Hiorth was not far to the rear with Carey Lane nearly by her side. It was a good performance not only because of the closeness of the swimming but because of the ability of all four entrants.

The four girls all swam a fast but easy stroke and showed true championship style. At the thirty yard mark Miss Lane pulled a little ahead of Miss Rosa and they crossed the line in that order with less than a foot between them. It was almost no time before Miss Hiorth had also crossed the line and she scarcely beat Miss Carey Lane for third position.

Gerd Hiorth a Star

The work of Miss Hiorth, the thirteen-year-old find of Ruth Stacker, was really the feature. Within three weeks she has jumped into the limelight as a novice winner in her first race and then into the open class as a point winner. Her company in the 50-yard open race last night included championship material at that. The time of Miss Bernice Lane was 0:32 2-5, the same as that in the recent Y. M. C. A. meet. Last night Miss Rosa made a much better showing than when the two swam for first place at the Y. M. C. A.

Many of the other races on the program yesterday evening were of A class. The diving, in which Robert Fuller retained his title as Hawaiian champion, was as good as any that has been seen here. Lorrin Thurston finished with the second highest number of points. Jack Hiorth was third. The Service races were both good, the time made by Pingry, 0:28 2-5, promises well for interest in these events in the future.

The race for novices resulted in good time for the 100-yards. Lorrin Thurston finished a touch ahead of Ernest Gray in the time of sixty-three seconds. Both Thurston and Gray swam an excellent race. Auld finished third.

The results of the entire program of races were as follows:

The Results

75-yard boys under fifteen years—1, Mitrie Konowaloff; 2, Michael Subotine; 3, Kenneth Auld. Time, 0:46 2-5.
50-yard service race—1, Arthur W. Pingry; 2, P. Murphy; 3, Max Heinze. Time, 0:28 2-5.