

# Cann Can. There is No Doubt About That Point

New York Swimmer Who Was Despised Outsider Flashes Across Line First in Furlong Swim, Winning From Keli. Duke, Cunha, Kruger and Vollmer in Close to Record Time—Keli Makes Great Showing Saturday—Langer Wins 440

In the biggest upset of the year in aquatics Tedford H. Cann of the New York Athletics won the 220-yard Hawaiian championship Saturday evening on the harbor from the fastest field of furlong swimmers in the world. Cann's time was 2:29 1-5, just a fraction under the time made by Duke Kahanamoku and George Cunha last July, when they crossed the finish line in world's record time of 2:29.

Before the race the 500-yard national champion was not considered for a place in this event. After the race the crowd acknowledged his great feat by giving him a good hand. He had come from behind in the last ten yards and defeated two champions to the finish line in one of the greatest spurts in swimming history.

## Keli Stars

John Keli, a Honolulu boy, finished second in the grueling finish, crossing the line in time well under 2:30, with Duke Kahanamoku and George Cunha tied for third. Harold Kruger was fourth. Herbert Vollmer, national champion at this distance, was last.

It has been a queer fate that has entered the events which have been won by mainland swimmers. In the 500-yard championship the swimming fans of Honolulu cried for Ted Cann. They wanted to see someone who could win from Duke enter a race and give the Hawaiian champion an opportunity to defend the honors that had been lost. Cann did not enter, but Ludy Langer flashed home to the barge with plenty to spare.

## Wanted Vollmer

Saturday evening the fans wanted Vollmer to enter the 220-yard dash. He did, but it was not the Columbia University swimmer the crowd saw flash across the line one yard ahead of John Keli, but Ted Cann, a despised outsider. Fate has been unkind to Hawaii in the recent alignment of things.

There may have been furlong events that have created more interest than that of Saturday evening, but they have not been seen in Hawaii. Throughout every record of Noe race the crowd was kept at a high pitch. They were watching their favorite thresh through the water. A small body of New York men on the bleacher side were cheering for Vollmer and Cann. Over on the Healan bleachers were the club members cheering for "Porgie," "Stubby" and Keli. The Hui Nalu banked close to the 50-yard line were urging Duke to beat them out. It was a great combination of voices.

## Duke Ahead at 100

The swimmers were off to a good start and six bodies cut the water at the same time. They were all about even at the 50-yard mark, and then Vollmer began to set a fast pace which Duke followed and before the barge was reached for the first 100 Duke led Vollmer and made the turn first. "Stubby" Kruger was third and was called upon to keep up the pace. Cunha and Cann were last at the barge at the first turn.

Coming back to the barge Cunha and Keli increased their speed and Keli was flashing through the water with long, even strokes, and before the barge was reached passed Cunha, who was leading. At the end of the barge Keli was first and took the turn slowly, followed by Duke, Cunha and Cann, who had passed Kruger and Vollmer. Then began a 20-yard race. Cann came into the float fast and made a big gain in the turn, and was away after the swimmers. Duke and Cunha had gained on Keli on the turn and were even with him at the 210-yard mark with Cann coming strong only two yards behind.

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Then the crowd began to cry "Look at the man on the outside!" and, springing away at a pace that showed that the New York boy had a sprint at the finish, Cann drew up even with Duke and Cunha and a moment later his arm flashed in the water ahead of Keli and he went on to the line a winner, a yard ahead of the former nickel-diver. Duke and Cunha crossed the line together a bare yard ahead of Kruger, who had been making a great sprint to the finish line.

Last July Duke and Cunha had set a new world's record, by crossing the line together, and on Saturday night fate thrust them together across the line once more. A swimmer cannot always make the time equal to his best, and it was not the poor showing of Duke and Cunha that lost them the race, as they both made 2:30, which is fast time for any champions, but rather the great showing of Cann and Keli, who were not figured to finish in the first three. They both made a great race of it and are deserving of all credit for their performances.

## A Big Surprise

Surprises are due to happen in the swimming meetings, but that of Saturday night was one that the swimming enthusiasts will not soon forget. The 2:29 race has been the one topic of discussion, and the usual expression is "I can't understand it."

Some say that Duke and Vollmer were stale. They admit they lost because they were beaten by faster swimmers. "Stubby" Kruger finished

close at 2:30. He has made better time in the harbor and looked like place man earlier in the week. When six swimmers who can make time better than 2:31 are flashing through the water to the line something has got to crack, and the man with the sprint left is certain to be the winner. Cann had the sprint. Duke and Vollmer didn't Saturday night.

## Ludy Wins Again

Ludy Langer proved to the enthusiasts that he is the greatest middle distance swimmer in America by winning the 440 yard swim Saturday evening from Ted Cann and John Keli. His time was 5:28, only one second less than the time made by Norman Ross, and lowered the time made this year by Duke Kahanamoku, who held the American record for the 440 at 5:31 3-5. Duke had a Hawaiian record of 5:23 4-5 for this distance, but it is not recognized as an American record. The time made by Norman Ross was made in a mile swim, and may be acknowledged as a record by the A. A. U.

Langer took the lead from the beginning and using a strong stroke reached the barge first and started out after a record. Had there been anyone to push him at the finish the Los Angeles athlete might have beaten the time made by Norman Ross. He won out easily though Ted Cann made a great spurt at the finish.

## Cann and Keli

John Keli again entered this event and made a remarkable showing. For a greater part of the distance he raced against Cann and when the New York natator sprinted Keli followed him, but Cann is a marvel at the turn, and it was here that he gained his advantage, and Keli lost out after a great race.

Again in the 100 yard dash did John Keli make a showing that was remarkable. Duke did not enter, on account of his meeting the swimmers in this event this evening. George Cunha, who was picked to take second place, flashed home a winner in 55 2-3 seconds.

## "Porgie" Cunha Best

Cunha, Lane and Keli were bunched at the 80 yard mark, and the three swimmers started a sprint. Lane had made time close to 56, but the best Keli had done before was 59. Cunha made a great race of it to the barge and passed the two swimmers who were making a great fight for second place. At the last two strokes Keli won out from Clarence Lane, and both natators broke their past records.

The Russian navy had it all their own way in the 50 yard swim for boys. Mitrie Konowaloff again proved that he is a comer by winning from another Russian boy, Subotine, in the fast time of 28 2-5 seconds. This race may not have been a feature, but it means that Honolulu has swimmers who can be depended upon in the future. This time made by a 13 year old boy is more than pleasing to those interested in the swimming game.

## Coming Champions

As before this race ran to form and the boys finished the same as on Friday night with Kenneth Auld taking third place. In a few years these swimmers are coming to take the place of the present champions. John Keli is a product of the novice races this year, and the girls' events Gerd Hiorth is certain to make a great showup in the next meeting.

## Bernicia Lane First

Bernicia Lane retained her honors in the 100 yard swim, and came within 4-5 of a second of the record held by Ruth Stacker. She had the race well in hand up to the 50 yard mark when Helen Rosa began a spurt that gave her a good position, but the present champion increased her speed at the barge and won out, as Helen Rosa tired at the finish.

Carrie Lane, who finished third, made a great showing in competition and was only two yards behind Helen Rosa at the finish. She showed more to advantage in the 100 yard swim than at the 50, and should have made a better showing had she started her sprint sooner.

Ruth Stacker's mark is 1:17, and it is certain that the three girls can lower this the next time out, and inasmuch as Bernicia Lane made better than 1:15 at San Francisco she is expected to create a new record in the next meeting. Helen Rosa is a promising swimmer, and can always be figured upon to make a strong sprint. Gerd Hiorth did not enter this event, as she has never competed in a century swim.

## Honors for Pingry

Arthur Pingry is the premier swimmer of the service. He won out in the 50 yard event on Friday night, and on Saturday night he took the honors from a fast field in the century swim. Pingry was in third place behind Murphy and O'Brien at the 75 yard mark, but he gave a burst of speed at the 80 yard mark which carried him to the float in fast time. Murphy and O'Brien made a great race of it all the way, and the former won second place only by inches.

In the 220 yard novice race V. A. Franca, by sprinting from the 120 yard mark to the 150 yard line, passed Leslie Lemon and went to the barge

# A Coming Champ.



John Keli, who was a novice this year, has reached the stage where he must be called a prospect for championship honors. He made a remarkable showing on Saturday evening, and looks like a future champion. Keli has strength and speed, and should Duke decide to turn professional Keli will be a big factor with Cunha, Lane and Kruger in retaining the honors of Hawaii.

## JOHN KELI MAY BE CHAMPION OF WORLD ERE LONG

Healan Natator Proves He is to Be Counted on; Was Novice This Year

Presenting John Keli, coming champion. Up to this year the name of John Keli was not heard of in swimming circles. No one had expected that out of the score of novices who were busily engaged in swimming around the incoming ships a future champion would come.

John Keli hasn't been given the full credit for his feats this year, as he has been back in the shadow of Duke, Cunha, Kruger and Lane, but on Saturday evening the former novice made a showing that will not soon be forgotten in swimming circles. He finished second in a great sprint to Ted Cann, and made better time than he had ever made before. Had he made the turns as well as the New York swimmer, he might now have held the world's mark for the distance. This is pretty fair work for a swimmer who was a novice this year.

## Stars in Three Events.

In the 440-yard race he made a great finish against Cann and again surprised the swimming fans. It was in the 100 that he made another great showing, and few believed that he could win from Clarence Lane, a great little swimmer, but Keli did it, and gave George Cunha, one of the best swimmers in the world today, a great race. Keli was beaten, but he lost to a good man. No one would have believed that he could defeat Duke P. Kahanamoku, George Cunha and Herbert Vollmer in a 220-yard swim.

Keli came out in the novice race this year, and his friends of the deep knew. They knew that he could win from the other novices, and Keli did. He placed his name in the limelight and has kept it there ever since. His performance on Saturday night means that he will be in the chase for honors in the future, and the other natators will have to look to their laurels.

a winner by three yards. Lemon led the field from the first 120 yards, and had the best of it from every angle, when Franca started a sprint that carried him ahead to the barge and although Lemon made a great effort in the last 20 yards could not catch the Healan swimmer.

Five hundred hod carriers at Hartford, who have been on strike, returned to work.