

Duke Wins National Title For 100 In Record Time

Wins Classic Event in 53 1-5 Seconds — Hawaii Swimmers Win First Three Places—"Stubby" Kruger Sets New World Record—Langer Has New Mark in 1000 Yard Swim, and Threatens Ross' Mark in 880—Duke Makes 53 Flat in Relay Event Last Evening

Duke P. Kahanamoku, premier short distance swimming champion, retained his honors last evening on the harbor by winning the 100 yard national championship in world's record time, touching the float at the end of the century with a bang in the feature event of the swimming meet. His time was 53 1-5 seconds, equalling the world's record held by himself.

Hawaii showed the mainland that when it comes to sprinting there is only one answer. The result of the finish of the century which will be flashed around the world shows Duke, first; Clarence Lane, a grammar school boy, second; George Cunha, third; Herbert Vollmer, fourth, and Ted Cann, fifth.

Hawaii to Front

Had John Kelli not withdrawn on account of illness Hawaii might have placed the first four men. It was a great meet from every standpoint, but the real feature was the work of Duke, Lane and Cunha. Duke has gone back as a sprinter, said someone yesterday. It wouldn't be a bad idea for this someone to go out on the highways and byways and dig up a few more who had gone back.

Duke wasn't right last night, and if he had made 54, there would have been no surprises. In the longer swims he did not show the leg motion that has carried him to victory. He wasn't in the best of shape to begin the race, and his work is all the more remarkable. There isn't a swimmer today who can take Duke's measure for the short distances, and his performances of last night were convincing to those who believed he would fall in the century.

Duke Made 53 in Relay

Although no official records were kept Duke made a world's record in the 100 yard last evening in the relay, and there is a question as to whether or not he made it in 53 or 52 4-5. Two watches caught the champion in this time, and had he been given a harder race in the championship might have clipped 1-5 of a second from the record. When Duke reached the float at the end of the 100 he slammed the float with a bang which could be heard on the pier.

Duke was away to a good start in the century swim and for the first 50 yards was on even terms with Lane and Cunha. Then he began a powerful spurt with his arms cutting the water and true to the barge he sailed and touched the finish line in record time. It was the finish of a great race.

Lane Was Second

At the 60 yard mark Cunha was leading Lane by two feet, when Lane began a spurt which carried him to the second place only a stroke ahead of Cunha. Vollmer made an attempt to catch the Hawaii trio near the 70 yard mark, but the pace was too fast, and Cunha beat the Columbia waterman by a fair margin.

The showing made by Clarence Lane was another surprise of the meeting. The grammar school boy had not made better than 55 in the century before. Last night he fought gamely throughout, and made an attempt to catch Duke in the last 10 yards, and reached the finish line in time around 54. George Cunha made a great race of it, and in fact made better time than in the 100 yard Hawaiian championship.

Crowd Goes Wild

When Duke reached the barge an easy winner, the crowd went wild and hats were thrown into the water, cushions were thrown across the stand into the swimmers' course. Tough Bill danced a hula, and the Hui Nalus went speechless. There will be a number of very weak voices this day, caused by a Hawaiian victory.

When Hawaii was awarded the 100 yard national championship no one expected that when the finishing line was reached three Honolulu boys would be in the first three places. Duke deserves a heap of credit for his great showing, and there is plenty of it left for Clarence Lane and George Cunha who beat the New Yorkers, and made a clean sweep.

"Stubby" Gets World Mark

Harold Kruger set a new world's record for the 100 yard backstroke last evening when he reached the

barge in 1:14 1-5 seconds. "Stubby" was out for a record and set a new mark for the distance in open water. The best previous record was held by Walter Brack of Germany, who made 1:16 4-5 seconds, in 1904, at St. Louis.

"Stubby" was not pushed at the start, and had he kept to his course might have chalked up a better mark for the century. He tired at the turn, and Clarence Lane, coming from behind, gave him a harder race at the finish. Franca was third.

Close to Best Time

Ludy Langer once more proved that he was the premier long and middle distance swimmer of America by setting a fast pace for the half mile and the Los Angeles swimmer finished the 880 yards in 11:29 3-5 seconds, only 4 3-5 seconds under the American record made by Norman Ross. Langer announced that he was going after the half mile record, and the visiting swimmer made a great effort to beat the time of Ross, and had he been pushed might have established the fastest time ever made in open water in America. Langer is certain to lower Ross' mark before he is through.

Going on to the 1000-yard mark the Los Angeles swimmer continued at a past pace, using his rotary stroke which carried him through the water at a fast clip, and finished the 1000 yards in 13:07 2-5. This lowers the record held by Herbert Vollmer of 13:59 3-5, and is a new world's record for the distance in open water in a 100-yard course.

The relay race, which concluded the swimming program, was a real thriller. It brought out Duke, who made record time for the distance, going the century in 53 at the most and showing without doubt that he is far and away the premier short distance swimmer. He had two races in one evening which equaled the world's record, which is not at all bad, even for a champion.

Kelli Is Game

Healani won the relay for the first 500 and 600 yards, and Duke finished for the picked team made up of swimmers from all the clubs. The marks set by the Healani swimmers are American records for the distance. John Kelli entered this event and made a great race of it throughout. Inasmuch as he swam three races on Saturday suffering from the effects of an abscess, and again last night made an effort, his work is to be complimented. After finishing a great relay, where he beat out Cann, he came back to the float and was rushed to the hospital, where an operation was performed. The game youngster proved that he is to be counted on in future meets.

Robert Fuller again won out in the diving events, and retained his championship. Jack Hjorth, the little diver, made a great showing and finished third, with "Knute" Cottrell second.

Pingry once more proved that he was the class of the service swimmers by winning the 220 from Hostetter and Johns. The Matsuguma brothers took the honors in the 50-yard boys' and 50-yard novice events.

The results were as follows:

The Winners

50-yard Boys', under 13—First, Matsuguma; second, Cook; third, Danti. Time, 20 4-5.

100-yard National Championship—First, Duke Kahanamoku; second, Clarence Lane; third, George Cunha. Time, 53 1-5, equaling his own world's record.

50-yard Novice Race—First, M. Matsuguma; second, K. Matsuguma; third, D. Carter, swam second heat for second place. Time, 29.

220-yard Service Race—First, Arthur Pingry; second, V. Hostetter; third, U. Johns. Time, 2:52 1-5.

100-yard Back-stroke—First, Harold Kruger; second, Clarence Lane; third, Franca. Time, 2:14. Kruger broke world's record for the 100-yard back-stroke. Time, 1:14 1-5. Former record, 1:16 4-5.

880-yard Hawaiian Championship—First, Ludy Langer; second, Tedford Cann; third, George Keawenmahi. In swimming 1000 yards Langer broke American record of 13:59 3-5 by making 13:07 3-5. Langer's time for 880 yards was 11:28.

High Diving—First, Fuller, 141.3; second, Cottrell, 121.2; third, Hjorth, 118.4.

600-yard Relay—Healani broke American record for 500 and 600 yards, 5:12—6:10.

600-yard Relay—Healani six-man team made 5:12 for 500 yards and 6:10 for 600 yards. (Possible record. Announced as new American record but former relay times for these distances made with four-man teams, according to latest available statistics.)

