

Has Duke Gone Back? His Showing Last Night Was Far From the Like

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Can we swim? I'll say we can. It seems to be a habit wi' em. Duke certainly is the lion today and modest as a child. His name is on the lips of every one in any way interested in sport. Hurray for Duke—our Duke. He has taken praise and blame in the same way and has "come back" with a bang. Norman Ross was the picked winner for this distance but, as the Portland boy said last night, "The best man wins." Norman Ross is an admirer of Duke the man and swimmer. He was out to win the furlong and lost, but that does not mean that the boy can't swim. He was up against the best.



Speaking of the very best, Dode Burns is no slouch when it comes to swimming. The fifty yard National was a beautiful race, Miss Burns establishing a lead in the first ten yards and kept it with that slow, even stroke. Frances Cowells gave the fans and, I think, herself a surprise in coming second with Claire Galligan a close third. Miss Galligan deserves all the credit in the world for swimming last night in that her physician, Dr. James T. Wayson, advised her not to enter. Miss Galligan's race with Miss Burns was as close as a race may be without being a dead heat. Up to the sixty yard it looked as though "Chap" Cowells had the century sprint, but right there Dode and Claire gave her a cold shoulder and the finish was mighty close. Dode Burns' record for the fifty was 29 3-5, and her one hundred yard 1:07 4-5, an American record unless Miss Dorfner's time of 1:07 3-5 is accepted. There is, we hope, no question about accepting the records made last night.

The race for girls under fifteen was a great surprise to everyone, including the coaches. Little Edith Kenn of Palama showed the stuff of which champions are made when she crossed the line in 34 2-5 with Eleanor Lyser second and Elsie Auld of the Settlement aggregation third. Edith has been known to do the fifty in 34 1-5 in tank practise but never in open water. The eleven swimmers on the whole were evenly matched and this, so say the officials, is one of the first events where there has been no dropping out. There is going to be a great fight among these little girls for supremacy in this and other distances.

Tonight the ladies' quarter-mile attracts much attention with Claire Galligan a picked winner, Frances Cowells and Dode Burns fighting for second.

The fifty will be interesting though not as much so as last night's event. However, Miss Burns will try to beat her record of last night. If such a thing should happen it would certainly be put down in history.

The two little Honolulu girls, Gerd Hiorth and Phoena Hopkins deserve mention. They swam a race by themselves. In the fifty Miss Hopkins crossed the mark a stroke ahead of Gerd Hiorth but Miss Hiorth turned the tables in the hundred.

The twenty-five yards for boys under twelve has started something and from now on will be a regular event, as it will bring out more young swimmers. It would be not a bad idea to have a similar event for girls.

The races were run off in far better time last night than they were on the first night, there being no complaints and the officials should be congratulated upon this for this is the largest entry list and largest swimming meet Hawaii has ever held. Has Duke gone back?