

HOOPER SHOWS HEELS TO ALL IN BIG RUN AND HANGS UP NEW RECORD

Cheering Crowds Greet Modified Marathoners As Athletes Plod Through City Streets—Nather Finishes Second, Sailor Is Third—Only Four Come Home

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RUNNING in perfect form, Berton Hooper overcame all handicaps and finished first in the A.C.A.'s distance run staged yesterday morning. Hooper's time was 32 minutes and 38 seconds, or one minute and ten seconds faster than that made by E. Nather of the 21st Infantry, who finished second. Four of the ten men starting the race crossed the finish line, the rest dropped out along the way and were picked up by the judges who followed the runners. Kolarik of the U.S.S. Colorado was the third man to finish, and close behind him came P. Hellbush of the Central Y.

The large crowd that assembled at the start of the race at Queen and Richards streets was indicative of the widespread interest this affair had attracted. S. Ching, who had a lead of seven minutes over Hooper, was the first man to start, and he was followed two minutes later by A. Lane and S. Chu. DeRego was given a four-minute lead, and two minutes later Hellbush, Kolarik and Newport started down Richards street. R. Hamano and E. Nather were each allowed one and one-half minutes handicap over Berton Hooper, who started at scratch. Nather started out at a faster pace than was set by the previous runners, and cut down their lead considerable in the first mile.

Berton Hooper, starting last, set out with a smooth and easy stride, and although he was seven minutes behind Ching, he had passed the majority of contestants by the time he reached Pawa, and when the runners made the turn from Beretania into King street on the return lap of the race, Hooper was running easily in fourth place. Nather gained steadily on the men who had started before and when he took the lead shortly after making the turn, he was running smoothly and seemed to have an abundance of reserve strength.

CHING FALLS BACK

Ching, the first man to get under way, kept his lead until he reached Pawa, where Chu passed him. Both men were working hard, and although Chu maintained his lead until he had turned into King street, he did not have the endurance to keep the pace of Nather who was crowding him.

The runners began to bunch after the first two miles, and did not separate until they had almost reached the turning point. Lane and DeRego were forced to stop on account of side pains. Hooper rapidly cut down the margins held by the other contestants, and despite the fast pace set by Nather, he steadily gained on the leader until at the baseball park on the way back, Hooper was running easily about a hundred yards behind the

Schofield man. Hellbush, running steadily for the first three miles of the race, was the third man to make the turn at Beretania and King streets, while Kolarik turned fourth but seemed to be having a hard time of it. He passed Hellbush near Pawa junction, and these two men ran rather close for the remainder of the race, with Kolarik spurring at the finish and crossing the line about a minute ahead of the "Y" man.

CUTS DOWN LEAD

Hooper ran behind Nather until they were one mile from the finish when he began to cut down the lead held by the Army man, and passed the latter at Thomas Square. It was nip and tuck between the two for several blocks, but the Outrigger star steadily increased the distance between himself and Nather, and finished in good form a little over a minute ahead of his closest rival.

The race finished in front of The Advertiser building, where a large crowd of enthusiastic fans awaited the runners. The cups which were awarded to the first three men finishing were presented at the close of the race. The cup for first place was presented to Berton Hooper by K. Ching in behalf of the A. C. A. club, who sponsored the race and to whom a great deal of credit is due for the success of the event. Dr. Dai Yen Chang presented the cup awarded by the Hawaiian Chinese Civic Association to Nather as winner of second place. Mrs. A. Fullard Leo gave the cup put up by the Chinese Merchants' Association for third place to Kolarik, the Navy's representative.

SETS NEW RECORD

This race established a new record for the Hawaiian Islands, and replaced the regular annual five-mile affair. The large number of spectators who turned out to see the race, and the numerous bicycles and autos that followed the runners over the course show that as far as creating interest, the race was a huge success. The A. C. A.'s have always been one of Honolulu's foremost athletic organizations, and have been prominent in pushing any of the various sports, here. The honor of being the first club to stage a six-mile cross-country run is well deserved by this club, and they are to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which the affair was handled.

The officials were: Mr. Pawlison, starter; Mr. A. Fullard Leo, referee; Mr. B. H. Robbins, Mr. A. Fullard Leo and Mrs. A. Fullard Leo, timers. Mr. Victor Ligda was clerk of the course and head judge.



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