

KAHANAMOKU SETS SWIMMING RECORD

New York Sun Tells of Duke's
125-Yard Race Held
August 8

NEW YORK, August 8—A shirt-waisted and bathing suited crowd that fairly made the Winter Pool bulge out at the sides saw Duke Kahanamoku, Harold Kruger and Clarence Lane, the three famous swimmers from far off Honolulu, give exhibitions of the water prowess of the Hawaiians at Brighton Beach last night.

They saw the bronzed Kahanamoku "crawl" home ten yards ahead of Leo Geibel, the New York A. C. star, in a special 125 yard match race in the corking time of 1:12 4-5. Kruger, employing the back stroke, easily distanced King Troenesgaard of the Brooklyn Federal Rendezvous, who swam free style, in their mixed match at 100 yards in 1:08 3-5. Lane led Ted Reilly of the New York A. C. across the line in their fifty-yard duel in 24 1-5 seconds.

Announcer Chris Dalton, with the consent of Justice Barton S. Weeks and Fred Rubien of the A. A. U., clarified to the fans that the Duke's time was a new world's record. The former figures were 1:16 1-5. Neither the A. A. U. nor the International Swimming Federation, however, recognizes the distance as standard for a record.

Two Superior Feats

The nearest standard distance to 125 yards is 120 yards. In a bath with four turns, such as that in which Kahanamoku performed last night, Charlie Daniels swam 120 yards in 1:10 in 1908. In a five turn bath Perry McGillivray covered 120 yards in 1:08 2-5. Both of these performances were superior to that turned in by Kahanamoku last night. The Duke, however, did some grand swimming and convincingly showed he has lost little of the speed that returned him king of the sprint swimmers at the Olympic Games in Stockholm in 1912.

The best performance was Kruger's backstroke "100" in 1:08 3-5. The time turned in by the Hawaiian was only one fifth of a second behind the backstroke record of 1:08 2-5 made by Harry Hebner in 1911 and tied by Russell Dean of Yale in 1916. Kruger won by one fourth length of the tank despite the fact his opponent, Troenesgaard, used the crawl stroke.

Besides the Hawaiians another famous visiting swimmer thrilled the fans. He was Ludy Langer of the Los Angeles A. C., who is a lieutenant in the United States Army, and made the long trip from Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Georgia, to compete. Ludy drew Jack Curran, the former New York A. C. crack, who is at the Federal Rendezvous, in a special match race at 200 yards. The pair swam together till the turn for home, when Ludy cut loose and "lost" his opponent. Langer was timed in 2:28 3-5.

Girl Divers Interest

One of the most interesting events on the program was the diving competition for girls. It was won by Miss Helen Wainwright of Brooklyn with the good total of 71 4-5 points. Miss Helca Seiple of Philadelphia was second and Miss Eileen Riggan of Brooklyn third.

Miss Charlotte Boyle and Miss Claire Galligan, two of America's leading women swimmers, met in an exhibition race which resulted in a dead heat. The summaries:

50 Yard Girls Race—Won by Eileen Riggan, Brooklyn; Helen Wainwright, Brooklyn, second; Helen Seiple, Philadelphia, third. Time, 35 seconds.

50 Yard Match Race, Clarence Lane, Honolulu, vs. Ted Reilly, New York A. C.—Won by Lane. Time, 24 1-5 seconds.

100 Yard Match Race, Harold Kruger, Honolulu, to swim backstroke, vs. King Troenesgaard, Brooklyn Federal Rendezvous, to swim free style—Won by Kruger. Time, 1:08 3-5.

200 Yard Match Race, Lieut. Ludy Langer, U. S. A., vs. John Curran, Brooklyn Federal Rendezvous—Won by Langer. Time, 2:28 3-5.

125 Yard Match Race, Duke Kahanamoku, Honolulu, vs. Leo Geibel, New York A. C.—Won by Kahanamoku. Time, 1:12 4-5. New world's record.

Fancy Diving, Girls—Won by Miss Helen Wainwright, Brooklyn, 71 4-5 points; Miss Helen Seiple, Philadelphia, 61 points, second; Miss Eileen Riggan, Brooklyn, 50 2-5 points, third.