

LUDY LANGER, DUKE AND LANE STARS OF NEW YORK SWIMS

NEW YORK, N. Y.—William L. Wallen of the Great Lakes naval training station successfully defended his title of national 880-yard swimming champion in a water carnival held yesterday at the Pelham Bay naval station and again captured the crown in the world's record time of 11 m. 27 1-5s.

The race will long be remembered by those lucky enough to see it. Lieut. Ludy Langer, formerly of the Los Angeles A. C., now at Camp Gordon, Ga., who held the old standard at 11 m. 27 2-5s., gave Wallen a stirring fight, although he had less than three weeks to train for the contest, and the issue was in doubt to the very end. Langer was beaten by a scant yard.

Harold Kruger of Honolulu and Leo Giebel of the New York A. C., finished third and fourth. Two other starters failed to complete the course.

Wallen set out at a terrific pace from the gun and soon had a good lead on all rivals. After covering two laps of the 110-yard open water course, he was three yards ahead of Langer and five in front of Kruger and Giebel.

The latter held Kruger safe until the 330-yard turn, then swerved off at right angles to the course and lost all

chance he may have had to figure.

Wallen reached the 440-yard mark in 5 m. 34s., Langer eight yards back, Kruger trailing, and kept this advantage for another lap. But on the sixth length Langer began to crawl up inch by inch, and he thereafter gained steadily, if slowly.

On the final lap he worked up so close on his tiring rival that it seemed certain he would get him. But Wallen still had a sprint in him, and with a desperate effort managed to stay in front and touch out with a couple of feet to spare. Kruger took third.

Duke Kahanamoku of Honolulu swam a sensational race in a 110-yard invitation handicap event. He was caught in the amazing time of 56 4-5s., or more than five seconds under his own international record, but a trifling tide favored him, so the new mark will not be accepted.

His great feat also failed to win for him. His team mate, Kruger, with an eight second allowance, beat him in the actual time of 61 3-5s.

Clarence Lane, another of the visiting Hawaiians, won an open 110-yard swim, and J. W. Newton of the Pelham Bay naval station took a 220-yard contest for enlisted men.