

MERMAN AND MERMAID BREAK HAWAIIAN MARKS IN AQUATIC CARNIVAL

Success of Victory Swimming Meet Augurs Well For Future of Sport—Great Crowds See Contestants Race For Honors

While to a merman, Warren Kealoha of the Hui Makani, went the honor of breaking a Hawaiian record, that in the 100-yards novice, on Friday evening, the first night of the big Victory Swimming Carnival, to a mermaid went the honor last night, the closing evening of the meet, of breaking a Hawaiian record.

Pretty little Edith Kenn, the star water sprite of the Hui Makani, broke the Hawaiian record in the 50 yards' event for girls under 15 years of age, making the half-century in 32.25 seconds, which beat the former record, held by herself, of 34.25.

Quite a number of Hawaiian records, as was the case on Friday evening, were established yesterday, to go down on the register of Island swimming as marks against which future mermen and mermaids will swim.

Every event last night was good. The starts were perfect in every instance and not once was Starter R. A. Vitousek compelled to call the swimmers back. It was "Ready! Set!"—and the pistol shot, and away they all went. **Picture Wonderfully Set**

Banked high on either side of the slip between Piers 5 and 6 were nearly 5000 interested, enthusiastic spectators who cheered the efforts and successes of their favorites. Nowhere else can such a picture in such a setting be found. What baseball is to other communities of the United States, what cricket and football are in Great Britain, that and more is swimming to Honolulu. The rain of the afternoon and early evening did not suffice to keep away the enthusiasts and they were out in as great, or nearly as great, numbers as the first night of the meet.

With more than 200 entrants it had been necessary to "run off" some of the preliminaries in advance of the meet. Last night 15 events were disposed of in less than three hours and on both nights the events followed one another with machine-like precision and without exasperating delays.

But Forerunner of More

Striking as was the spectacle to the stranger it was but an example of what Honolulu considers usual and is but a forerunner of the greater popularity the sport will enjoy when swimming tanks are built and the swimmers given an incentive and an encouragement they have not known in the past. The first step in this direction will be taken with the putting in of the new Punahou pool next year and other institutions of learning are expected to follow its example.

Swimming in Honolulu is not a sport for men alone. This was shown by the number of women and girls who were contestants and the fact the crowd, banked high about the "harbor tank" numbered almost as many women as men. It was a Honolulu night, with Honolulu's own best sport as the attraction.

Attendance Large Again

The crowd was quite as large last night as was that of the evening before, between 4000 and 5000 fans being on hand, and as each swimmer was announced he or she would receive a hand from the sections where members of the respective clubs were congregated.

The meet was over by 10:30 o'clock, having started at 7:20 o'clock. There were no long waits, the events being pulled off one after the other in rapid-fire order. In nearly every instance the finishes were close—some of them so close that the judges were at times hard put to reach a decision.

The keenest contested of any event was the century for men, open, in which John Kelli of the Healanis gave Duke Kahanamoku the race of his life. Duke did not loaf, as is his wont, in getting off in this race. He was in with the gun. Kelli led by a good margin at the halfway mark and at the 75 yards he was still a little to the good.

From then on Duke began to creep up, caught up to Kelli and finished by a rare foot to the good. The hands of the two swimmers went up like a flash and in such close order that to many from a distance it looked almost a dead-heat. Duke won, however, as those at the end of the stretch were able to see—but the world's sprint champion had to hustle to do it.

John Kelli is as steady in his swimming as a clock—certain, sure, if appearing like a plodder. He gives the best there are in the game today as close a run as is possible. And Kelli never changes. Year in and year out his form is the same and it seems he will be swimming in the same good old way when some of the title holders of the present day will have gone on the retired list.

Lively Race From Start

The events last night opened very auspiciously, for in the very first, the 220 yards for men, open, three of the very best mermen in the world today were pitted against each other. After many were scratched, there were left Duke Kahanamoku, John Kelli and Ludy Langer.

They got off with the gun, all three as one and they stuck together the first lap so that it was hard telling where the advantage lay. Duke made

the turn first, just a trifle ahead of the field. Kelli and Langer followed in what was practically a dead heat to the end of the 200 yards. Meanwhile Duke kept gaining and won by fully 10 yards. In the last 40 yards of the race Kelli forged ahead of Langer and won second place by a couple of feet to the good.

The world's record for this distance is 2:24 1-5, and is held by Perry M. McGilivray of Chicago. It has the "Made in Hawaii" trade mark, for Perry earned the title right here in Honolulu Harbor. Duke Kahanamoku made the distance last night in 2:26 3-5, his time being 2 2-5 seconds slower than the world's record. Back in 1915, Duke Kahanamoku and George Cunha finished the 220 yards in a deadheat in 2:29.

Butterflies In the Water

The second race of the evening, the 50 yards for girls under 15 years of age, was as pretty as could be wished. Ten "butterflies of the water," got away to a perfect start. Edith Kenn of the Hui Makani gradually taking the lead and finishing first by a fair margin, her time being 32 3-5, or 1 4-5 seconds better than the Hawaiian record, held by Miss Kenn herself. Julia Kebin, the shortest girl swimmer of her age in the world today, was second. Julia wears the colors of the Palama Girls' Swimming Club. Agnes Auld, also of Palama, finished third.

The 50 yards for men, novice, was another good race, the many entries being bunched closely all the way. H. Mitchell of the Hui Makani took first honors, time 27 flat, or 2-5 of a second slower than the Hawaiian record of 26 3-5, held by J. Kealoha Jr. Gilbert M. Cannrio of the Outrigger was second and Yee Kop of the Palamas third.

Navy Always First

A. V. Kachu of the Navy won the 440 yards race for Service men and he did it by easily 15 yards to the good. Granrose of Fort Kamehameha was second. It was a pretty race for third place between Hensley of Fort De Russy and Sanders of the same post and for a time it looked like a deadheat. Hensley, however, nosed his mate out at the tape. The time, 6:11 3-5 establishes a new Hawaiian record for the distance in the Service department.

Portugal, represented by fair little Blanche Fernandes of the Outrigger, carried off premier honors in the 50 yards ladies' breast stroke event. Signe Magnus of Sweden being second and Elsie Auld third. Rose Robero finished first, but was disqualified by the judges for departing from the breast stroke style and developing it into a hybrid crawl. Josephine Weil, another fair visitor, as Miss Magnus also is, was likewise disqualified. The time was 49 seconds, establishing another Hawaiian record.

Black and Gold Triumphant

The Black and Gold of McKinley was triumphant in the school relay race, four man teams, each man swimming 100 yards. McKinley won by a fair margin. In a measure this settles a dispute which arose between this team and Punahou at the recent Yale meet in the Punahou tank. Coach Maurice G. Greenly was all smiles last night as he shook hands with each of his four swimmers, after they had won the classic. Time, 4:11 4-5. In the order the men took the water the swimmers were: McKinley—W. Chung, S. Matsuguma, A. E. Minvielle Jr., and Ah Kin Yee; Punahou—R. Mott-Smith, E. L. Paris, H. Harvey and Gay Harris. The last lap was a pretty race between Ah Kin Yee of McKinley and Gay Harris of Punahou.

Him Lum Was There

Him Lum, a brother of Wong Lung, it was explained last night, won the 50 yards for boys under 13 years of age. This was Hui Makani to the fore again. Peters of Palama was second and Isobe Hakuiku third. A protest was entered to the participation of Masuda and Hakuiku, it being claimed that both are over 13. Masuda didn't count, for he swam under the wharf, from under which he emerged finally, after the event was all over. Burbank was fourth and Kinney third. Time, 33 1-5, also a new Hawaiian record established.

The 100 yards for men, open, has been dealt with earlier in this story. Duke won, time, 54 2-5, which was 1 2-5 seconds slower than his own world's record of 53 flat. Kelli was second—a mighty close one at that, and Bill Harris third.

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