

Mariechen Wehselau astonished the world a day or two ago by defeating Gertrude Ederle in the century meters at Paris. At this stage it is hard to say whether Ederle is going back or whether she was merely having an off day. However, the victory is the very best thing that could have happened for Mariechen. The Outrigger Canoe Club star has been beaten so often by Ederle that she was just about becoming convinced that she would never be able to trim the New York Swimming Association performer. This victory will convince Mariechen that she is able to do it and so when the two clash in the 100 meters final at Paris a real race can be expected.

Mariechen has plenty of fight and plenty of confidence now and she did lack that tiny fraction needed to make her a winner. It is our guess that in all future races against Ederle the island girl will be fighting for victory with every ounce of her ability and the chances are that she will win half of her starts, if not more, against the New Yorker.