

Every swimming fan in Honolulu is asking the question regarding the distance by which Johnny Weissmuller beat Duke in the century meters in Paris and also the distance by which Ethel Lackie nosed out Mariechen. Frankly, we don't know!

The Duke has done the century in just about a minute and it is a safe bet that, in this race with Weissmuller setting a pace that brought him home in 59 seconds flat, the Hawaiian star must have made it in about 60 or between 59 and 60 seconds. A second means about a yard and a half so that it must have been a thrilling windup.

In the women's race Mariechen Wehseilau made a minute 12 and 2-5 seconds in the trials Saturday and that was the same time by which Ethel Lackie won the final Sunday.

Here's another safe bet—that Mariechen made under 13 seconds for that final race, so that the finish must have been closer than that between Duke and Weissmuller.

What we are trying to bring out is that such close finishes can be staged here with perhaps the tables reversed as to victory by bringing Duke, Weissmuller and Ethel Lackie for a big meet in the islands. The chances are strong that Duke will come home for a visit either late this year or early next year. To bring Weissmuller, Miss Lackie, a coach and chaperone from Chicago will cost in fares about \$2000. But a meet with those three and Duke performing should draw at least an \$8000 gate, perhaps more. Setting \$3000 aside for other expenses, that would leave a net profit of \$3000, which will be just about right to pay off the indebtedness of the Hawaiian swimming meet, for it is almost certain now that the swimming team tour will be in the hole about that before the trip is over.

The idea is suggested for consideration by the Hawaiian A. A. U. this coming fall.