

Chance to Cop Number of National Championships; Mgr. Conkling Undecided

Mariechen to Swim Next Sunday, Probably Against Ethel Lackie; Mrs. Leo Gives Dope on Olympic Games; General Comment on Doings in Sports World

By MIKE JAY

Mariechen Wehselau of the American Olympic swimming team will swim in Chicago, Ill., this coming Sunday in an exhibition race, according to a letter received from Mrs. E. Fullard-Leo, who is chaperon to the Outrigger swim star on the trip abroad. It is presumed that Mariechen will race against Ethel Lackie of the Illinois Athletic Club, who won the 100 meters final at the Olympic games. The other Hawaiian swimmers were also invited to swim in Chicago but D. L. Conkling had not decided whether to permit them or not at the time Mrs. Leo wrote.

Mrs. Leo's letter, in part, reads as follows:

"I had a letter from Norman Ross asking Mariechen and myself to stay over in Chicago for a race and exhibition on the Sunday after we get back (from Europe). I accepted so we will swim there on August 18. Ross also asked the boys to compete in three national cham-

ionships but Conkling has not made up his mind. It is a good chance to take home some championships and that will force the mainlanders to send for the title holders next year, so should be accepted by all means."

Her letter was written before the finals in the women's 100 meters but after the trials and in regard to them she says:

"The women held trials here again before entering the finals and caused quite a sensation. Mariechen won the 100 in Ederle's record time of 1:12.3 followed by rank outsiders with Ederle fifth. They say Eppie (Miss Epstein, chief chaperon for the women Olympic swimmers and chaperon of the club to which Ederle belongs) nearly fainted. Anyway they wouldn't recognize anyone else and gave Ederle third and entered her as one of the three.

"I hope she will make a better showing in the big race but not pass Mariechen. Mariechen is swimming fine and Handley (L. deB. Handley) thinks a great deal of her. She seems to be a general favorite and I think will deliver the goods. She is entered in the 100 and relay only.

"In the trials for the men, Pua was entered in the 100 but refused to swim when called upon. In the 200 trials for the relay he got out after swimming 90 yards and so is quite out of it. Pung got beaten by the fellow who tied with him in Indianapolis and is also out. So all we have is Warren, Sam and Squeaky. I have no doubt that America will carry off the swimming honors."

Mrs. Leo says that while South Africa had no swimmers in the Olympic games it had an observer present to gather all the data so that South Africa could have something to work on for the 1928 games.

Speaking of arrangements for the athletes in Paris, Mrs. Leo says:

"The headquarters of the women athletes and the track men are at Ruquencourt, the home of Prince Murat, and it takes half a day to get out there. The men have to go in trucks for two hours to Colombes stadium to train and the women two hours in buses to the swimming place right on the other side of Paris. The men swimmers are quartered at Colombes stadium and have to travel a similar distance to the pool. As they have two swimming sessions each day, they leave at 9 in the morning and don't get back till 6 at night. Some management. They also have an office in the city where you can't find sitting room for officials and not a soul to give you information.

"Absolutely the only courtesy I have received so far is being asked to march in the parade, and given an official badge that will permit me into the games at any time. They can't even tell you what the program will be for the next day. They refer you to somebody else, no matter how interested you are. One is helpless beyond imagination."

Mrs. Leo remarks that Conkling, manager of the team, was very much disappointed over the lack of recognition accorded him by the American Olympic committee officials.

While Mrs. Leo is abroad, Mr. Leo is busy here. He is stocking up his summer Palmyra for a fishing trip to that distant suburb of Honolulu, Palmyra Island. The plans are to leave on August 16, next Sunday. One of those in the party is bringing along a radio outfit which will enable the sampan to keep in touch with Honolulu all the time. Besides it being a fishing trip, there will be explorations and so on around the various islets that make up the Palmyra group. The party will consist of about seven in all and there are two berths still open.

Sporting editors have enough to do now without the job of "covering" the board of supervisors being shifted to their shoulders as well.

The decision of the directors of the Outrigger Canoe club to erect a set of new lockers for surfboards over 10 feet in length will be received with joy by a large number of riding members of the organization who for the past three years have had to let their valuable boards lie round in the spare parts shed subject to the whim of every mailbird would-be surfrider.

The growth of surfboards at the Outrigger Canoe club has been remarkable, not only in number but in length as well. There are now 200 lockers and practically all are occupied by boards. That means that at least one-fifth of the members of the club have boards. But

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the feet, even the angle at which the heads are carried. The facial expressions are almost identical, too.

The camera caught both runners at a moment when both feet were off the track at the same time, indicating uniformity in stride. As the dotted line shows, Nurni and Ritola are almost equally gaited as to the length of their stride.

FINISHES SHOWN OF GREAT RACES

Some of Olympic Athletic Events on at Hawaii Theater

Though it is less than three weeks since the athletic events of the Olympic games in Paris were concluded the news-reel at the Hawaii theater is already showing them.

There is the 100 meters dash in which Harold Abrahams of England surprised the world by beating the American stars. This is particularly a thrilling picture as it shows just how the British beat the other runners.

Another thrilling episode is the victory of Taylor in the hurdles. The picture shows how clearly he outdistanced the rest of the world, leaving the other hurdlers far behind.

Another shows Bob Legrende breaking the broad jump record in the pentathlon events. Another shows Willie Ritola winning the 10,000 meters event.

HIGH FIGURES IN SECTOR BATTING

Newcomer Is Leader; Six Shafter Men Are On the Top

There were plenty of .200 hitters and plenty of .400 hitters in the Honolulu Sector Baseball league this season, according to the figures just issued.

Newcomer of Fox Shafter topped them all with a figure of .527. He

even those 200 lockers are not enough to fill the demand for there are at least 20 new boards which are over 10 feet in length which have no lockers. The present set of lockers has room for about 10 boards of the 10-foot length and all these are occupied.

That means that at the Outrigger club there are more than 20 boards over ten feet in length. The Hui Nalu has possibly 15 or so making about 50 boards at Waikiki now over the 10-foot length.

Five years ago the boards of 10 feet and over could have been counted on the fingers of one hand. The old-timers laughed when malibinis began to order longer and longer boards but now some of the old-timers have come to using the long board. And there is one old-timer at the club who has a board over 11 feet long and who used to swear by an eight-foot board.

As a matter of fact the increasing length of the surfboards only goes to prove the eternal cycle of things. The old Hawaiian boards were sometimes 15 and 20 feet long and were ridden by three and four persons. Tandem riding is quite common at Waikiki but three and four riding a board has not happened in the last decade. But the lengthening of the board may result in that eventually and the beach boys instead of taking only one girl tourist out at a time will double and triple their earnings by taking two and three out at a time.

Don't make the mistake that the lifting contests at the Olympic Games included all the "dips" who attended the show.

And now South Americans are peevish over the way Luis Angel Firpo behaved towards the beautiful senorita who was turned back at Ellis Island by the customs officials and made to go to Havana.

The general opinion in Buenos Aires regarding the Lourdes-Firpo tangle is that Firpo showed little chivalry by leaving the pretty girl on Ellis Island.

The Latins declare that had Luis been a perfect gentleman instead of a mere box-fighter he would have stayed at Ellis Island with the pretty senorita. The Latins intimate that the hard-hearted immigration officials would then have relented from their cruel attitude and allowed both to enter America.

One of Firpo's best friends in Buenos Aires came out with a public statement to this effect:

"Firpo is ungrateful. Bianca Lourdes, although of the demi-mondaine, is too fine a girl for him."

The Latins, of course, regard these little affairs of the heart, in a different way than do Anglo-Saxons.

Bianca Lourdes Picart was once a famous beauty in Spain and a favorite in the gay circles in Madrid. She became engaged to Firpo while they were in Havana, Cuba, but when the two arrived in Buenos Aires after the Dempsey fight the engagement was allowed to slide.

But by and by the two came together again and were often seen at