

'Toots' Takes Annual Long Distance Aquatic Classic By Margin of Five Yards

Mariechen Wehselau Wins Star-Bulletin Trophy and the Women's Race For Third Consecutive Time; Bob Askew Scores In 'Old Man's' Race

By MIKE JAY

Taking the outer course where the current was stronger and adverse Alberto E. ("Toots") Minvielle nevertheless won the Thanksgiving annual Outrigger Canoe Club's Castle surf to club swim yesterday by a narrow margin of five yards from Gay Harris, who swam the inner lane and came second. The time was 31 minutes and 52 seconds. Mariechen Wehselau, holder of the world record for 100 meters for women, finished an easy first in the women's event from Public Baths surf to the beach and won The Star-Bulletin trophy. Her time was 18 minutes, 12 1-5 seconds.—Pauline Laird was second.

The classic event for the men has been won in the past years by such celebrated swimmers as Duke Kahanamoku, Carbis Walker and Chester Sims. In as much as the length of the course cannot be accurately set the same each year there can be no comparisons of time or records set. The victory of Minvielle was somewhat a surprise as Harris was figured to have a slight edge over the University of Hawaii performer. They swam an even race up to Cunha's surf where Minvielle began to take the lead. The distance between them was never greater than six yards at the most and both swimmers had enough reserve power to put on a semi-sprint at the finish. Albert E. Minvielle, Sr., clerk of the course, was delighted with his son's victory and not only shook the boy's hand but gave him a paternal kiss on the cheek to emphasize his pleasure.

All Finished

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the annual meet was

the fact that every competitor who started finished the race. Even Russel L. Richards, who came third in the race from the public baths for men over 30 finished the grind, which is no little tribute to the development of distance swimmers by the Outrigger Canoe club, whose coach is George D. ("Dad") Center. It is the first time that all entrants finished. In past years at least one swimmer has had to quit and crawl into a following canoe.

The loaded canoes left the beach at 3:30 promptly. Two went out to Castle's where the men's race started. One remained at Cunha's where the girls' novices and boys under 16 started and the others hove to off the public baths. Not a little tribute must be paid to Starter Joseph R. Farrington, who got the performers away together and that from difficult starting platforms like wobbly canoes.

There were no upsets in the boys under 18 race from the public baths for K. Makinney was an easy victor. The same may be said for the girls' novice which was won by Lellehua Judd, who promises to develop into another Mariechen Wehselau.

It was an ideal day for easy swimming. There was practically no surf running and with the light south wind following the swimmers the job was without any great hurdles. The current was quite strong in the outer lanes where most of them swam.

Bob Askew chalked up his second victory in the "old man's" race beating A. H. Tulloch, who scored last year.

There was a good crowd on hand at the beach to watch the finishes and the winners were applauded as they came out of the water.

Presentation of medals and trophies will take place at a dance to be given some time next week.

The detailed results are as follows:

Results

Men's open from Castle surf—A. E. Minvielle, Jr., Gay Harris, Fred M. Reeder and H. Hill. Time, 31:52.

Women's open from Public Baths—Mariechen Wehselau, Pauline Laird. Time, 18:12.2.

Boys under 18 years from Public Baths—K. Makinney, T. E. Ellis, H. Vierra, G. Smith, E. Hallar and T. Gillis. Time, 17:52.1.

Men over 30 years from Public Baths—Robert Askew, A. R. Tulloch and R. L. Richards. Time, 22:58.4.

Boys under 16 from Cunha's surf—Benton Wood, Alfred Hess, Wilfred Paul. Time, 09:04.4.

Girls' novice from Cunha's surf—Lellehua Judd, Annie F. Douse, Eleanor Bickerton and Myra Morong. Time, 09:35.

Officials

Referee—George D. Center.
Clerk of course—A. E. Minvielle, Sr.
Starter—Joseph R. Farrington.
Judges—Chris F. Jenkins, S. M. Starratt and Allan J. McGuire.
Timers—P. G. H. Deverill, G. Piltz, B. Karratti, Cecil Benny and Mike Jay.

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