

THIS IS PROVING TO BE A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR IN AQUATICS

Old Time Marks Going Fast As This Country Gains Supremacy in Swimming

Aquatic Feats of Kahanamoku and Ross Among Most Remarkable of Modern Record-Breaking Achievements in All Sports.

By Robert Boyd.

THIS has been an extraordinary year in athletics. Many of the world's marks established twenty years ago have either been equalled or shattered. Several of these figures, notably the sprinting marks equalled and bettered by Charles Paddock on the Coast this spring and the broad jumping of Ned Gourdin of Harvard, stand out most prominently.

Both marks set by Paddock and the colored Crimson star would tend to substantiate the fact that the present day athlete excels the stars of the past. Paddock has done better sprinting according to the timers of California than any athlete in the long history of the track, while Gourdin's jump erased every long jumping record.

These two new marks have little significance, however, in proving the superiority of the present day star. For every record equalled or broken today you will note two established by stars of a few years ago. Some of these marks linger under the "World's Best Records" as if they were chiseled in stone, bearing the truth in the athlete on the track and field of the past being equal to the best we have to-day.

Right on down through the vistas of sport, where figures of the past watch over a correct basis of comparison, the athletes of past generations can be rated on a par with those of modern times. All have been equal in their athletic achievements save one, swimming. It is one branch of athletics where the old timers cannot say, "They are not what they used to be."

The modern swimming stars of today tower head and shoulders over the aquatic stars of the past. Very few records are left on the books, and the ones that are generally are broken before the International Amateur Athletic Federation can sanction them.

The introduction of the modern stroke has been the chief cause of the steady tumbling of swimming records. And in their introduction the United States leads the world both in swimming and the greatest number of swimming stars. In fact, so steadily have the Americans been progressing that there is no predicting when the international record-breaking will cease.

About twenty years ago the Australian swimmers were the greatest in the world. H. B. Kieran, Richard Cavill, Wickham, C. Healy, A. W. Barry, Beaupre, Longworth, Chapman and Harwick for years held the world's swimming supremacy. This supremacy was held right up until the Olympic Games at Stockholm, 1912, when they relinquished their leadership to Germany, never to be regained again.

Much of the Australians' success has been attributed to the perfection of the leg drive. Richard Cavill in 1906 was so fast that he could swim 100 yards just as fast with his legs tied together at the ankles as he could using the trudgeon kick. He won his belt. He swam just as fast and this was the advent of the Australian crawl stroke. Cavill's contention was that the awkward trudgeon effected more resistance, decreased momentum forward and in general retarded the progress of speed swimming. Later Cavill used a slight flutter to his two feet, held on the surface of the water, which was later called the Australian crawl and helped its discoverer to establish many new world's records and revolutionized speed swimming.

But the swimmers from the antipodes were not to dominate the world very long. Their international leadership was short lived. At the Fifth Olympiad at Stockholm in 1912 Germany supplanted the Australians as the greatest swimming nation in the world. They scored a total number of 22 points. Sweden was second with 18. Great Britain followed with 11, Australia 12 and the United States 9.

After this the United States forged to the front. The Australian crawl

stroke was perfected, or Americanized. The four-beat and six-beat leg drives were introduced and at the interrelated swimming races at Lake St. James, Paris, in 1913, and at the long Olympic Games in Amsterdam, American swimmers outclassed every other nation.

Until February, 1906, Richard Cavill and Barney Kieran of Australia were looked upon as the world's greatest swimmers. Capt. Matthew Webb, until that time, was accepted as the greatest long distance swimmer, on the strength of his swimming the English Channel between Dover and Calais in August, 1875.

Charles M. Daniels, a Dwight High School boy and a member of the New York Athletic Club, broke every swimming record in the world from 25 yards to 400 in three days during the month of February, 1906, in the New York A. C. tank. The little Daniels shattered eleven world's records.

Daniels for a long while was considered the greatest all-around swimmer in the world. His records stood for a while after he was through competing. But to-day, not one of the Dwight High School boy's records are visible on the record books. The six and four beat crawl strokes evolved by Americans developed swimmers that far out-ran the former Mercury Foot star.

In 1906 Daniels swam fifty yards in 23.5 seconds. Duke Kahanamoku of the Outrigger Club, Honolulu, shattered the world's record for that distance last Saturday when he did 22.4 seconds.

During the year of 1906, Daniels's 100 yards in 58 seconds was looked upon as a record that would stand for years, but Kahanamoku broke the world's record in Honolulu Harbor in 1917, swimming 100 yards in 53 seconds.

Daniels's mark for 150 yards of 1.43 in 1906 is held to-day by Ted Cann, who did 1.23 3/5 for the distance. His 220-yard record of 2.33 1-5 seconds is also held by Ted Cann. The new record is 2.19 4-5 seconds.

The quarter-mile record set by Daniels the same year, of 5.50 2-5 seconds, is now held by Norman Ross, who did the same distance in 5.05 3-5 seconds. Just as these times have been perceptibly reduced so have all the old distance records been lowered by the swimmers of to-day. The breast stroke, swimming on back, and other modes of propelling man through the water have likewise been shattered.

When these record breaking feats will terminate is problematical. As fast as the records are compiled in A. A. U. headquarters they are lowered again. And this is likely to continue for some time.

In the record breaking swimming achievements of the Americans, Duke Kahanamoku, the Honolulu sprinter, and Norman Ross, chief scorer in the swimming events in the last Olympic Games, stand out as the two greatest. McGillivray, Langer, the Keala-ha brothers, Warren and Pua, and Ted Cann are also among the best of these great watermen. The two Keala-ha boys perhaps are the most promising of these five. The great bronze-skinned Duke has seen his best days as a swimmer. He will have to bow shortly to time, and his successor as sprint king will likely be one of his own swarthy countrymen from the islands in the Pacific.

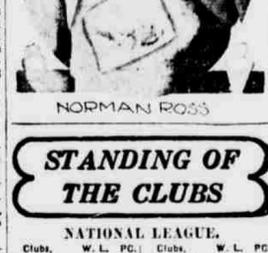
"Rain Makers" Will Make Another Attempt To-Night. Those two inevitable "rain makers," Marty Burke, the New Orleans "Strikebeater," and Gene Tunney, A. E. P. light-heavyweight champion, are scheduled to make their eighth attempt to meet in flat battle at Dickman Oval to-night. Gene and Marty have been matched just seven times, and up to date each meeting has been postponed or called off, generally on account of rain.

Even this present match had to be postponed once on account of rain, as this show originally was scheduled for Tuesday night. John Jennings, manager of the Assembly A. A. of Jersey City, was in town yesterday seeking to sign Bryan Downey, a right-handed winner of the Mike Gibbons-Jeff Smith bout, which is to be held at the Armory A. A. next Tuesday night.

"I have already made an offer to Johnny Wilson to meet the winner of this bout," said Jennings, "and if called up Downey, I'll have three, and possibly four, of the best middleweight bouts obtainable at my club before the close of the open air season.

"My plan is to match Downey with the winner of this bout, and then put on the resultant winner with Wilson. If Downey should not be the winner, there would still be a chance for a bout between Wilson and Downey, regardless of the result."

TWO OF WORLD'S GREATEST SWIMMERS



STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Table showing National League and American League standings for various clubs like Pittsburgh, New York, Boston, etc.

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Ruth Thinks He Can Make Up Lost Ground Against Ty's Tigers

Rain One of Reasons Babe Is One Day Behind 1920 Home Run Record.

By Isaac Shuman.

WEATHER permitting, the Tigers will play the Yanks at the Polo Grounds this afternoon, to-morrow and Saturday and Babe Ruth has in his eye the bright light of expectancy.

And well he might. For the Babe, be it known, with one thing and another, principally prejudicial pitching and a couple of days of rain, is now one day behind his 1920 home-run record, and he feels that he can make it up on the Tiger pitchers.

He should, if past performances this season count for anything. Five batsmen—Dauus, Ehmke, Middleton, Cole and Sutherland—have yielded nine of the thirty-eight circuit clouts the Babe has amassed by Aug. 1, two more than the pitchers of any other club have given him, and, naturally, George Herman doesn't expect any sudden curtailment of their generosity.

Cole and Sutherland have each given him one home run, Middleton, two; Ehmke, two, and Dauus, three. On June 14, respectively, gave him two each.

The Yanks also look forward with pleasant expectancy to the set-off with the Tigers, and if present in their case holds good, they should easily win the series.

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Two successive days of rain have given both the Yanks and the Indians a much needed rest for their pitchers. Of the two clubs the champion, probably needed the lay-off most, for as matters stood at the beginning of this week they had only the overworked Cowles upon whom to pin their hurling hopes.

The big Pole now will be in good shape to start against the Senators and Sothoron, Bagby, Caldwell and Fhle, each will have improved. Meanwhile Duster Maltz is at home receiving treatment and ease for his injured side. His absence coming when it did made Cleveland's pitching prospects look dark, but the rain and the consequent rest have brightened their chances.

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FAMOUS AUTO RACER AND SKY PILOT



EDWARD V. RICKENBACKER SPEED TRAPS ON MAIN HIGHWAYS

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RICKENBACKER NOW A MOTOR CAR MANUFACTURER

Organizes Company With Prominent Detroit Men to Build New Car.

Capt. Eddie V. Rickenbacker, America's ace of aces, has entered the automobile business as a manufacturer in Detroit. He is a member of the Rickenbacker Motor Company, which has just been organized. An application for a charter in Michigan was filed at Lansing Monday. The new company will be incorporated for \$5,000,000 and will bring together men of international prominence in the automobile world.

The Rickenbacker Company brings together in the business once more "Barney" Everett and Walter E. Plandera, who were members of the old E. M. F. Company, which later became the Studebaker. William E. Metzger, who was the M. of the E. M. F. Company, which in its day brought out the first popular high-priced car in quantity, is not connected with the new organization. Mr. Cunningham has been associated with Everett and Plandera for twenty years.

No announcement is made as to what kind of a car the new company will build. It will be exhibited for the first time at the New York Automobile Show.

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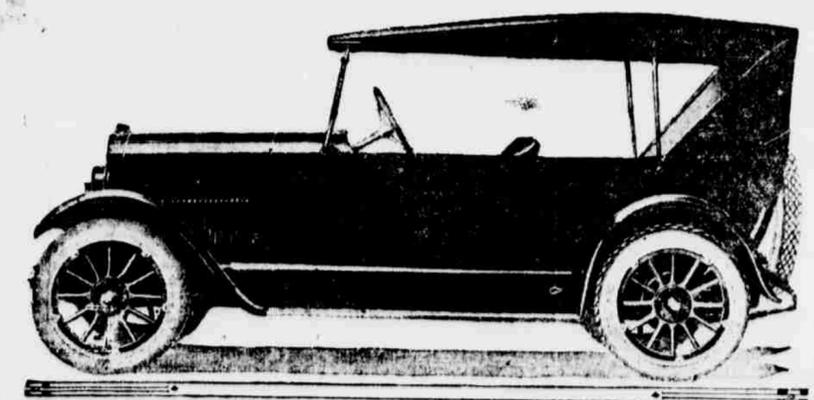
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By G. M. Wells, Chief Roadman of the Automobile Club of America.

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