



SPORTS

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Shatter Swimming Records In National Championship Meet At Indianapolis

MISS WAINWRIGHT BREAKS MARK IN FREE STYLE EVENT

New York Girl Shows Speed—
Johnny Weismuller Takes Two Races.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 12.—Miss Helen Wainwright of New York City added another world's record to her already long string when she won a 500 yard free style open swim for women in the national water championship here Saturday. The time was 7:09 2-5. The record was established in a 100 yard closed water pool. According to the officials, the best previous record for the distance in a closed pool was 7:19 3-5.

An American record also fell by the wayside for Miss Wainwright in the same race when Miss Wainwright swam that distance in 4:13 2-5. The previous American record for 300 yards was announced as 4:18 3-5.

Hilda James, champion woman swimmer of England, was second to Miss Wainwright and Aileen Rigin of New York was third.

Miss James was first in the 300 yard medley race, 100 yards breast stroke, 100 yards back stroke and 100 yards free style. Miss Sybil Bauer of Chicago swam rapidly on her in the second lap of the race in which the back stroke was used, and was within a few yards of the leader when the final lap at free style began. Miss James finished several yards in the lead of Miss Bauer. Miss Wainwright was third. The time was 4:40 3-5.

Johnny Weismuller, the world's fastest swimmer, was a winner in two events Saturday—the 220 yard free style for the national senior championship and the 500 yard free style open event. His time in the 220 was 2:22 2-6, more than two seconds beyond his own world's record. The Chicago man's time in the 50 yard swim was 28 3-5 seconds. Tom Blake of Los Angeles, was second in each race, and John Moore, of Indianapolis, took the third place.

Aileen Rigin of New York, Olympic fancy diving champion, was declared the winner over Helen Meany of New York, national outdoor high and fancy diving champion, in an open diving contest. Dorothy Hucknall of Atlantic City, was third.

Two Indiana A. A. U. championships also were determined. Normal 220 yard breast stroke in 2:39 3-5. Ed Coryn of Indianapolis, was second and Henry Churchman of Indianapolis, was third. A 100 yard back stroke for women for the Indiana A. A. U. title went to Miss Thelma Darcy, whose time was 1:39. Dorothy Moore of Indianapolis was second and Mrs. Clara Tyges, also of this city was third.

Crawfordsville boys cleaned up in the boy scout state championship 100 yards free style. Thomas Matthews was first; Derwin Doherty second and Richard Whittington third. The time was 1:18 3-5.

Miss Dorothy Moore, who yesterday won the 110 pound city championship from a field of boys, tried to repeat in the 125 pound city title at 100 yards free style. Frank Aren, Doherty, was too speedy for her and won by about a yard, Rader Winger being third.

The summaries follow:

500 yard free style women—open—Helen Wainwright, New York, first; Hilda James, London, England, second; Aileen Rigin, New York, third. Time 7:09 2-5. Medley women 300 yards, 100 breast stroke, 100 back stroke, 100 free style, national senior championship; Hilda James, London, England, first; Sybil Bauer, Chicago, second; Helen Wainwright, third. Time 4:40 3-5. 220 yard free style men national senior championship; Johnny Weismuller, Chicago, first; Tom Blake, Los Angeles, second; John Moore, Indianapolis, third. Time 2:22 2-6. Fancy diving women open; Aileen Rigin, New York, first; Helen Meany, New York, second; Dorothy Hucknall, Atlantic City, third. Time 28 3-5. Back stroke men—Indiana A. A. U. championship; Normal 220 yard breast stroke in 2:39 3-5. Ed Coryn of Indianapolis, second; Henry Churchman, Indianapolis, third. Time 3:39 3-5. 100 yard back stroke women Indiana A. A. U. championship; Thelma Darcy, Indianapolis, second; Mrs. Clark Rigs, Indianapolis, third. Time 1:39. Boy scout state championship, 100 yards free style; Thomas Matthews, Crawfordsville, first; Derwin Doherty, Crawfordsville, second; Richard Whittington, Crawfordsville, third. Time 1:18 3-5. 125 pound city championship, 100 yards free style; Frank Aren, first; Dorothy Moore, second; Rader Winger, third. Time 1:17.

HAGER AND BECK MEET IN SENIOR GOLF FINALS

In the semi-finals for the senior championship (Shidler trophy) of Chain o' Lakes G. L. Hager defeated A. R. Erskine 4 and 3 holes, and J. C. Beck 1 up. The Shidler-Beck contest was a thriller no player at any time being more than 1 up. At the turn Shidler was 1 up getting a 44 and Beck won the 11th, Shidler the 12th, Beck the 13th, then Beck came back with a win on the 18th, Shidler taking the 14th. The next hole was halved, Beck winning the match by capturing the next three holes. In the finals which will be over the 36 hole route, G. L. Hager will meet J. C. Beck for the championship and for possession of the trophy. Both players are evenly matched and a great battle is expected.

Let your humor always be good humor in both senses. If it comes of a bad humor it is pretty sure not to belie its parentage.

It is far easier to know men than to know man.

Kaley Team Beats Leeper Club, Landing Championship

The championship of the city playgrounds in the series of ball games that have been played during the summer was decided Friday afternoon when the Kaley team won from the Leeper park team by a 14 to 7 score.

League "A" is composed of teams from the Kaley, Oliver, and Washington schools while Leeper, Howard, Studebaker, and Potawatomi park compose league "B". Leeper and Potawatomi tied for first place in league, with Leeper winning by an eight to three score in the deciding game. James Swift was in charge of the Kaley team, the city champions.

CUTTERS WIN AND LOSE IN CLASS A PENNANT CONTESTS

Defeat Studebakers in Second of Double Header—Fractically Assures Flag.

In a close header, marred by continual wrangling between the players and the umpire, the Cutters virtually clinched the pennant in the Class A industrial league when he broke even with the Studebaker club yesterday afternoon at Singer park.

Though the Studebaker team still has a chance to tie the Cutters for first place providing they win their game next Saturday and the Cutters lose to the Dodge Co. of Mishawaka, there is small hope as the Cutters should easily cap their contest. Next week's game end the season's schedule.

The first game yesterday was the play-off of a protested game between the Studebaker aggregation and the Cutters. The second battle was the regularly scheduled game. By winning both games Studebakers could have tied the league leaders.

The automobile tossers trailed all through the game which was a continual scrapping match in which the players of Studebaker club ended by pushing Umpire Dubois around the diamond and starting a near fight. After some delay the game was continued. The studies came into the last inning five runs to the bad and by a grand tally in which long and timely hits figured put across six runs and copped the contest by the score of 8 to 7.

In the second game with the increased attendance many of the major league parks have had the playing territory considerably cut down. In both major leagues there are a number of trick fly ball parks, so to speak—ball parks where an ordinary fly ball 20 years ago becomes a home run because of short fields.

As to pitching, I seriously doubt if any great difference exists between that of today and 20 years ago. At that, pitching has been below standard in both leagues for about five years.

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The breaking of a modern batting record doesn't call for quite the effort it did a score of years ago.

STANDARD OIL NINE WINS CLASS B FLAG

Defeats Meyer Club and Clinches Pennant—Hardy Nine Wins.

In the Class B Industrial league games yesterday afternoon at Leeper park the Standard Oil nine won the Meyer club when they defeated the Meyer club in a hard fought battle by the score of 5 to 3.

The victory gives the flag to the Standards and the right to meet the pennant winners of Class A in a post season contest for the city industrial championship.

The game yesterday was a pitchers' battle all the way between Oliver and Helge Ollingsen stuck out ten of the Meyer hitters while Helge retired 11 of the Oil team on strikes. Howard and Banner featured with timely doubles.

HARDY NINE WINS.

The L. P. Hardy Printing Co. Class A Industrial team defeated the M. R. C. nine in a slugging contest Saturday afternoon at Potawatomi park by a score of 13 to 8. Both teams were forced to use two pitchers in the contest.

Krell and Rose were used in the box for the Hardy team and Ganks and Zeigler hurled for the losing aggregation. Every member of the Hardy nine "looked good" with the bat.

BUTLER FACES STIFF FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 12.—Coach Pat Page, the "wonder worker" of Butler college is carefully laying plans for what he believes will be the most successful football season in the history of the Indianapolis school.

Irvin field is being enlarged. There will be about an acre more land inside of the fence than last year. When the first game is played Sept. 23, with Wilmington college at Indianapolis the new bleachers will be complete.

Last year 19 athletics won letters at Butler on the gridiron. Half of them will not be in school this fall. Capt. Harry Duttenhaver is one of those who is sure to return. Hungate, the big line man, also will be in football tugs when Coach Page starts his practice early next month.

Butler football men this year face the hardest schedule ever planned for a team at that school. The schedule follows:

Sept. 23—Wilmington at Indianapolis.

Sept. 30—Franklin at Indianapolis.

Oct. 7—Chicago Y. M. C. A. college at Indianapolis.

Oct. 23—Wabash at Indianapolis.

Nov. 18—Notre Dame at Indianapolis.

Nov. 4—Rose Poly at Indianapolis.

Nov. 11—De Pauw at Indianapolis.

Nov. 18—Notre Dame at Indianapolis.

Nov. 25—Bethany at Wheeling, W. Va.

Hornsby's 28th Breaks 38 Year Old Homer Mark

Ed Williamson of Chicago Hit Twenty-seven Circuit Smashes in 1884.

By BILLY EVANS.

Rogers Hornsby of the St. Louis Cardinals has broken a National League record that has stood the test of time since 1884.

When Hornsby cracked out his twenty-eighth home run he broke the home-run record that has stood for 38 years in the National League.

In 1884 Ed Williamson, playing for Chicago, cracked out 27 home runs. Since that time the game's greatest hitters have unsuccessfully battered away at the mark.

In 1919 Babe Ruth of the American League broke Williamson's record by getting 29 circuit drives. In 1920 he bettered the mark, getting 54, and in 1921 he placed it at 59.

In 38 years no National League player has ever been able to surpass the feat of Williamson. When Hornsby cracked out his twenty-eighth homer he therefore set a new National League record. He is certain to add a great many more homers to his total before the close of the season.

At the start of the season, when Hornsby wasn't being given the slightest consideration for the home run honors, he expressed to me the thought that he would like to break the National League record for home runs. He has fulfilled his fondest hopes.

What about these records that are being constantly shattered in baseball?

Does the breaking of a record in these days of modern baseball mean as much as it did in the old days?

In breaking a batting record is the credit due the modern players, because they possess a keener eye and greater strength than the old-timers, or is it due to conditions that now govern the game?

Personally, I do not think that the players of today have keener eyes, greater judgment or more strength in their swing than the stars of 20 or 30 years ago.

That I am inclined to believe the conditions that govern the game today make for more hitting than in the old days.

The ball in use today is so much better than the ball of 20 or more years ago that comparison is ridiculous.

The official ball of those days was a raw ball in comparison.

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SARATOGA SPECIAL TAKEN BY GOSHAWK

Harry Payne Whitney's Two-Year Old Cops Historic Saratoga Classic.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Goshawk, carrying Harry Payne Whitney's colors, with McAtee up, Saturday won the Saratoga Special, one of the season's leading events for two year olds. Goshawk finished half length ahead of McKee, with Garner up, after a driving duel down the stretch. The value of the race to the winner was \$13,500. Bud Turner finished third and Martingale fourth.

Goshawk was coupled with Rietto to the Whitney entry and ruled favorite among the nine starters that faced the barrier for the twentieth running of the historic juvenile event.

Goshawk jumped into the lead at the start and stood off challenges by Martindale and McKee. Martindale tired entering the stretch but McKee, a 3-1 Madden entry, batteled. Goshawk neck and neck through the last eighth, the Whitney entry jumping ahead in the last few strides. Bud Lerner was two lengths back of McKee and Martingale fourth.

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