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Hawaiian Youngster Sprints Past Wayne Moore In 440

Thoman, Scholes and Davies Also Crowned in
National Meet at Yale Pool; New Haven Swim
Club Retains Team Title

NEW HAVEN, April 5 (AP)—Ford Konno, Ohio State's tiny swimming sensation from Hawaii, tonight established himself as America's brightest hope for the Olympic games in Helsinki when he won his third National AAU championship by taking the 440-yard freestyle in 4:34.5.

Defending Champion John Marshall of the New Haven Swim Club led during the early stages of the race, but Wayne Moore, also of the Swim Club, took over at the 250-yard mark with Konno moving at that point into second place.

At 400 yards, Konno let loose his terrific finishing kick and won by a clear two feet from Moore who was timed in 4:35.2.

James McLane, also of the New Haven Swim Club, edged Marshall out of third place.

Konno, a five-foot, seven-inch Hawaiian of Japanese parentage, who weighs a mere 155 pounds, thus took over the triple swimming crown worn last year by Marshall, the Australian who competes for Yale.

Konno previously won the 1,500-meter free style and the 220-yard free style. Marshall, a world record holder who wrenched his back last summer and has never been the same since, was third this year in the 1,500 and was shut out of the 220-yard event.

It was a rough night for defending champions. In the 100-yard free style, Clarke Scholes of Michigan State, the Big Ten and National Collegiate champion, defeated Dick Cleveland of Ohio State, the 1951 AAU titleholder, winning in 50.2 after leading all the way. Cleveland was caught in 51.1.

Richard Thoman of the New Haven Swim Club, which is composed of Yale swimmers and alumni, won the 150-yard back stroke in 1:30.8 with the defending champion, Jack Taylor of Ohio State second in 1:31.4.

In the 100-yard breast stroke, John Davies of Michigan, the collegiate champion, won in the sparkling time of 59.2. Dennis O'Connor of the New Haven Swim Club was second in 60.7. Charles Moss, the 1951 winner, did not defend his title.

Medley Ends In Rhubarb

The 300-medley relay wound up with one of those wonderful rhubarbs which can only happen in swimming.

In all swimming events there are separate timers for each lane as well as finish judges. This means that it sometimes happens that the second place competitor has better time than the one adjudged the winner. Such was the situation tonight.

The New Haven "A" medley team was adjudged the winner in 2:47.4 and Ohio State was placed second with a time of 2:47.2. The accepted world record is 2:49.1 set by the University of Michigan in 1948.

However, the same Ohio State team that swam here tonight has applied for a world mark of 2:47.1, so any discussions of world records was somewhat academic.

The New Haven team was composed of Dick Thoman, back stroke; Dennis O'Connor, breast

stroke and Kerry Donovan, free style.

Thoman, in his back stroke leg, was timed in 56.3 seconds, which is well below the listed world record of 56.8 held by Jack Taylor of Ohio State.

The Ohio State team swam with Taylor, Gerald Holan and Cleveland. Cleveland was a good length behind Donovan when he started the anchor leg and there were many in the crowd of 2,600 in the Payne Whitney pool at Yale University that thought he over-hauled the Yale freshman.

Skippy Browning of Texas again made a clean sweep of the two diving titles by taking the three-meter event with 619.1 points against 578.05 for Morle Shapiro of Ohio State.

The team race wound up with the New Haven S.C., composed of Yale varsity, freshmen and alumni winning with 113 points. Ohio State was next with 97 followed by Michigan State and the Navy Olympic Club, 20 each.

100-yard free style—1. Clarke Scholes, Michigan State, 0:50.2; 2. Dick Cleveland, Ohio State, 0:51.1; 3. Kerry Donovan, New Haven S.C., 0:51.2; 4. Roland Gora, unattached (Michigan) 0:51.4; 5. Don Sheff, New Haven S.C., 0:51.9; 6. Bob Nugent, New York A.C., 0:52.4.

150-yard backstroke—1. Dick Thoman, New Haven S.C., 1:30.8; 2. Jack Taylor, Ohio State, 1:31.4; 3. Yoshi Oyakawa, Ohio State, 1:34.9; 4. Bill Clinton, New Haven S.C., 1:36.1; 5. Wally Wolf, Navy Olympics, 1:36.5; 6. Bill Sonner, Navy Olympics, 1:37.4.

100-yard breaststroke—1. John Davies, Michigan, 0:59.2 (betters meet record of 0:59.3 made by Charley Moss, unattached, Ann Arbor, Mich., April 7, 1951); 2. Dennis O'Connor, New Haven S.C., 1:00.7; 3. Bowen-Stassforth, Iowa, 1:01; 4. Gerald Holan, Ohio State, 1:01.1; 5. Ken Smith, New Haven S.C., 1:01.9; 6. Bruce Aldrich, Michigan State, 1:02.4.

440-yard free style—1. Ford Konno, Ohio State, 4:34.5; 2. Wayne Moore, New Haven S.C., 4:35.2; 3. Jim McLane, New Haven S.C., 4:41; 4. John Marshall, New Haven S.C., 4:43.3; 5. Bert McLachlan, Michigan State, 4:43.1; 6. Frank Chamberlain, New Haven S.C., 4:43.4.

300-yard medley relay—1. New Haven S.C., "A", 2:47.4 (Dick Thoman, Dennis O'Connor, Kerry Donovan) (betters listed world record of 2:49.1 made by Michigan at Ann Arbor, Feb. 21, 1948); 2. Ohio State "A", 2:47.2; 3. New Haven S.C., "B", 2:51.9; 4. Ohio State "B", 2:52.7; 5. Navy Olympics "A", 2:53; 6. Michigan State "A", 2:57.8.

Three-meter dive—1. Shippy Browning, 619.1 points; 2. Morley Shapiro, Ohio State, 578.05; 3. Bob Clotworthy, Ohio State, 569.25; 4. Al Coffey, Miami, 552.65; 5. Jerry Harrison, Ohio State, 533.65; 6. Joe Marino, Ohio State, 527.06.

Team score—New Haven S.C., 113 points; Ohio State 97, Michigan 21, Michigan State 20, Navy Olympics 20, Texas 14, unattached 12, Iowa 8, Mexico City S.C., 8, Purdue 3, Miami 3, Lawrenceville School 2, Springfield College 1, New York A.C. 1.