

Angry English Channel Pounds Eight Swimmers

By ANTHONY GOODMAN
FOLKESTONE, Eng. (Reuters)—An angry English Channel pounded the strength out of eight swimmers Wednesday as one by one they were hauled helplessly from the water in a fantastic international race from France to England.

The last swimmer to give in was Jack McClelland, 32-year-old professional wrestler from Belfast, Northern Ireland, who collapsed after 11 hours, four minutes in the sea.

Forty-four minutes earlier, sinewy Thomas Laurie Park, 32, Canadian-born swimmer from California, who had led most of the way, gave up within seven miles of the English coast.

SEAS SQUALLY

Squally seas had been running since eight swimmers of the 22 entrants plunged into the icy water just before dawn at Cap Gris Nez, France.

The 14 non-starters were either victims of seasickness or had

been unable to land on the surf-lashed French shore in their tiny boats.

They returned, angry and frustrated, to Folkestone complaining bitterly to Butlin that the race should not have been held.

Among those who couldn't land was Jack Cloutier of Montreal who said he still plans to swim the channel—alone—Thursday night if the weather permits.

EIGHT STARTED

Only five men and three women started Wednesday's race which did not get under way until 5:20 a. m.—nearly three hours after it was scheduled to begin.

First to drop out was Clarence Wentworth Conza, 33-year-old New Zealander, dragged aboard his boat vomiting from severe seasickness, after 95 minutes in the water.

Thirty-five minutes later extreme cold left Greta Andersen, 9, Danish-born American girl from Downey, Calif., flailing helplessly in the sea.

The sea worsened. After five hours, Dogan Sahin, 25, of Istanbul, Turkey gave up. Maria Meesters, 17-year-old Dutch girl from Bergen-Op-Zoom, was the next victim, 15 minutes later.

SET FAST PACE

All the time Park surged forward. Race officials figured then he had a fighting chance to beat the record of 10 hours, 50 minutes set in 1930 by Egyptian Hassan Abdel Rehim.

After eight hours, Diana Cleverley, 22-year-old New Zealand teacher, had to be hauled out. Scotland's veteran swimmer, William (Ned) Barnie, 60, admitted defeat 90 minutes later to leave Park and McClelland fighting it out.

Park, who was born in Hamilton, Ont., saw the white English cliffs ahead. His strokes became weaker, but he refused constant calls to give up.

Finally, the Channel whipped him and, exhausted, he was taken aboard his boat after 10 hours, 20

minutes in the water. McClelland lasted 40 more courageous minutes in the sea before he collapsed, suffering from exhaustion and crippling stomach cramps.

SPLIT FIRST PRIZE

Back in Folkestone, swimmers gathered to hear Butlin announce that prize money totalling \$1,800 would be divided among them:

Three first prizes of \$250 for McClelland, Park and Miss Cleverley; \$200 each for Miss Meesters and Barnie; \$150 for Sahin, \$100 for Miss Andersen and \$50 for Conza.

The other 14 swimmers who did not enter the race received \$25 each.

Said Butlin: "If I was faced with the same problem tonight as I was last night I would make exactly the same decision.

"I would like to have seen one or two swimmers get across, but I am satisfied the way it has worked out."

Russian Records European Mark In Decathlon

MOSCOW (AP)—Russia's Vasil Kuznetsov set a European record in the decathlon Wednesday with 7,722 points—one of the finest all-around athletic performances ever recorded.

Kuznetsov took the European championship last year with 7,657 points. He improved considerably on that showing at the Soviet Spartakiad sports carnival Wednesday and for a time appeared to be heading for a world record.

But some weaker performances toward the finish, particularly in the 1,500 metre run, prevented his breaking Johnson's mark.

The Russian made a time of 5 minutes, 11 seconds in the 1,500 when he set the record last year. Johnson was timed in 5:01.5, his best for that event. In retaining his American title this year with 7,754 points, Johnson ran the 1,500 with a sore leg in 5:12.4.

In the women's shot put final of the Spartakiad, Tamara Tishkevich defeated the Olympian champion and record holder, Galina Zybina, and came within three inches of Miss Zybina's world record when she made a toss of 83 feet 2 1/2 inches.

American Woman Pulls Upset In Canadian Golf Tourney

By AL VICKERY
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WINNIPEG (CP)—Mary Patton Janssen of Charlottesville, Va., created the first upset in the Canadian women's open golf championship Wednesday when she sidetracked co-medalist Barbara McIntire of Toledo, Ohio, 3 and 2 in the second round at Niakwa Country Club.

Four other Americans and defending champion Marlene Stewart of Fonthill, Ont., came through the tournament with victories as play goes into the eighth today.

Judy Bell of Wichita, Kan., outshot Mrs. J. R. Jamison of Edmonton in a 4-and-2 triumph; Pat Lesser of Seattle downed Shirley Woodley of Toronto 3 and 2; Virginia Denney of Lake Forest, Ill. defeated Donna Patton of Winnipeg 5 and 4; and Mrs. Maurice Glick of Baltimore, Md., edged Janet MacWha of Montreal 2 and 1.

SEEKS THIRD TITLE

Miss Stewart, going after her third straight open title, defeated Mary Gay of Kitchener, Ont., runner-up the last two years and also in 1952, 3 and 1.

Other matches saw Canadian junior champion Betty Stanhope of Edmonton score a one-sided 5-and-4 win over Roma Neundorf of Toronto, and Rae Milligan of Jasper, Alta., who tied Miss McIntire for medalist honors, defeat a stubborn Mrs. Graeme Pyke of Hudson, Que., 2 and 1.

Majority of the spectators followed the battle of the two Americans. Miss McIntire, pre-tournament favorite in view of her qualifying round and recent runner-up position in the U.S. Open at Duluth, Minn., fell behind one stroke at the turn and lost out on the 16th—mostly due to a sour putter. She missed at least six putts of two feet or less during the seasaw match.

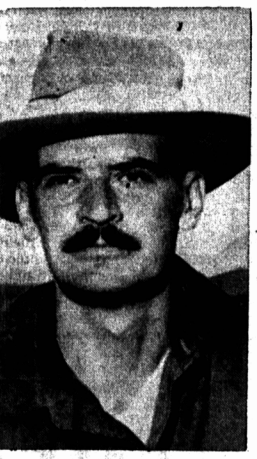
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WINS MEDAL

Sgt. J.R. (Bud) Hardy, 28, of Kingston and Vancouver, runner-up for the Queen's Gold Medal at the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Shoot, was awarded the medal when Lieut. Edson Warner of Lennoxville, Que., was disqualified for taking too long on shots.

(CP Photo)

Lady Says Women Are Better Rifle Shots Than Men; Cites Mary MacLennan As Example

SOUTH MARCH, Ont. (CP)—Women make better rifle shots than men according to Mrs. Mary Robinson of Vancouver.

Taking part at the annual Dominion of Canada Rifle Association prize shoot at Cootenaw rifle ranges here, 10 miles west of Ottawa, this week, the attractive blonde housewife, says women have better nerves and are steadier than their male counterparts.

Mrs. Robinson is one of some 20 women competing alongside the men in more than a dozen matches.

She says women have proved that they can be adept with the heavy service rifle at long range. She gave as an example, Lieut. Mary MacLennan of Charlottetown, a school teacher, who became the first woman in history a few years ago to make Can-

ada's Bisley team. Miss MacLennan is competing here this week and is consistently making high scores.

STEADIER NERVES

Mrs. Robinson says she thinks the reason women on the average shoot better than men is that they have better nerves and are steadier.

"However, women also run into a few disadvantages," she said. "Too many people think shooting isn't a woman's sport, and they also get less opportunity to practice. Then, too, women do not make good mechanics and if anything goes wrong with their rifle they can't fix them like the men."

LONDON (Reuters)—Academician W. Knechtel, Prof. M. Ionescu and Prof. G. Lupascu left Bucharest Tuesday for Canada to attend the international congress of entomology at Montreal, Agerpress, the Romanian news agency, said Wednesday.

POPE GIVES BLESSING

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (AP)—Pope Pius gave his apostolic blessing to the world by radio Wednesday on the Feast of the Assumption. The Roman Catholic leader recited the Angelus Domini prayer and then imparted his blessing. The Feast of the Assumption is a major holiday in many countries.

Golf Results

EDMUNDSTON, N.B. (CP)—Second round results in the Canadian amateur golf championships Wednesday:

Doug Bajus, Winnipeg, defeated Eugene Mealey, Saint John, N.B., 3 and 2.

Ted Lenczyk, Newington, Conn. defeated Robert W. Knowles, Jr., Aiken, S.C., 2 and 1.

John G. Miles, Mamaroneck, N.Y., defeated Dick Chapman, Oshkosh, Wis., 5 and 4.

Don Gardner, Winnipeg, defeated Andrew J. Gard, Newtonville, Mass., on the 20th.

Jack Lowrey, St. Catharines, Ont. defeated E. W. Carmichael, Springfield, Ohio, 3 and 1.

Norman, Kitchener, Ont. defeated Dr. Alton Richardson of Waterville, Me. 3 and 2.

George Knudson, Winnipeg, defeated Bob Kidd, Vancouver, 4 and 3.

Ed Meister, Jr., Iloungby, O. defeated John Russell, Vancouver, 2-70.

Gary Cowan, Kitchener, Ont. defeated James McHale, Jr., Newton Square, Pa. 4 and 3.

E. W. Carmichael, Springfield, O. defeated Bill Gorham, Campbellton, N.B., 2-up.

John Russell, Vancouver, defeated Jack F. Ellis, Vancouver, 4 and 3.

Bob Fleming, Victoria, defeated Bryan Copp, New Westminster, B.C., 1-up.

Ed Meister, Jr., Willoughby, O., defeated Gordon MacKenzie, Vancouver, 2 and 1.

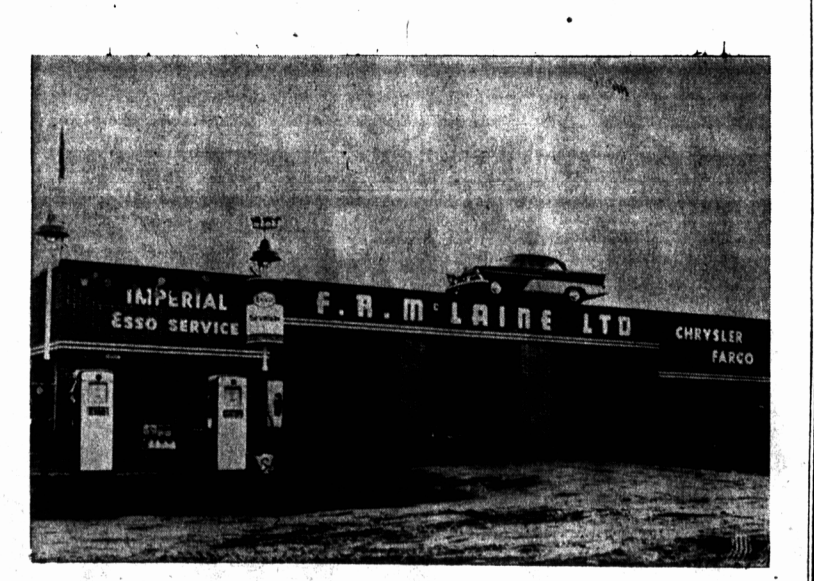
Bob Kidd, Vancouver, defeated Arthur Peterson, Fitchburg, Mass. 6 and 5.

Andrew J. Gard, Newtonville, Mass., defeated Doug Silverberg, Red Deer, Alta., 3 and 2.

Jack Fenrose, Miami Beach, Fla., defeated Perry Locke, Dartmouth, N.S., 4 and 3.

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