

SWIM GIRLS SET RECORDS:

Australia sent a strong team to the Hague. Top event, the 100-metres free style. All set in lane three was world-champion Dawn Fraser, bent on beating her own terrific of 62 seconds, and at the quarter-length Dawn already led. A strongish wind rippled the water, but not enough to trouble Dawn, gaining all the time. At the turn she had the race well within her grasp. On the final length it was Dawn Fraser all the way.

Nobody could catch her now. Dawn Fraser touched the end, winner in sixty-one-point-two seconds. She clipped four-fifths of a second off the world title. A girl Australia's proud of. Now Topeka, Kansas. America's ace divers contested the national women's championships. In slow motion - Tahsia Sparling did a half-gainer, with layout.

The reigning champion, Paula Jean Meyers. In true champion style.

Sparling went to the high board for a perfectly executed two-and-a-half twist.

Paula Meyers again; same dive.

Sparling, in a forward one-and-a-half.

Paula Meyers - a two-and-a-half somersault.

Former champion, and judge, Pat McCormick, gave the title to Paula, in the closest possible finish.