

Youngsters break records at Can-Am swim meet

American swimmers top Canadians 593-286 in age-class competition

The older you get, the slower you get.

That's the rule for most water babies. Swimmers are supposed to hit their peak when they're between 15-18. But the younger ones got into the act last weekend at the university pool, home of the fifteenth annual Canadian-American Invitational Dual Swimming Meet.

The great majority of the records set or broken at the meet were by the water babies, under 12 years old. Saturday afternoon 50 events were run-off and 41 records were set.

Keith Favreau, an American 12-year-old, set a Canadian open record in the 400 yard free style with a time of 2:00.3. Favreau also set another open record with a time of :27.8 in the 50-yard butterfly and set a meet, American and open record with a 2:13 timing in the 200 yard individual medley.

OPEN RECORDS

Pattie Finn, another 12-year-old American, set open records in the 200 yard freestyle and 200 yard individual medley. Her times were 2:08.5 for the freestyle and 2:26.4 for the medley. Her time in the medley was also a new meet record.

Gretchen Ross set four records for girls 10 and under in the 100 yard freestyle and 200 yard individual medley. Her time of 1:04.1 in the freestyle was good enough for a meet and an open record. She set another similar dual record with a 2:40.5 timing for the medley.

Jane Wright, of Toronto, was the

top Canadian swimmer in Saturday's action. Wright set Canadian records in the 100 yard breaststroke (1:14.4) and the 200 yard individual medley (2:32.0) for 11 and 12 year olds. Her time for the breaststroke was also good enough for meet record. She tied for first in the race with another Canadian, Beverly Sterling, but was awarded a first by the judges.

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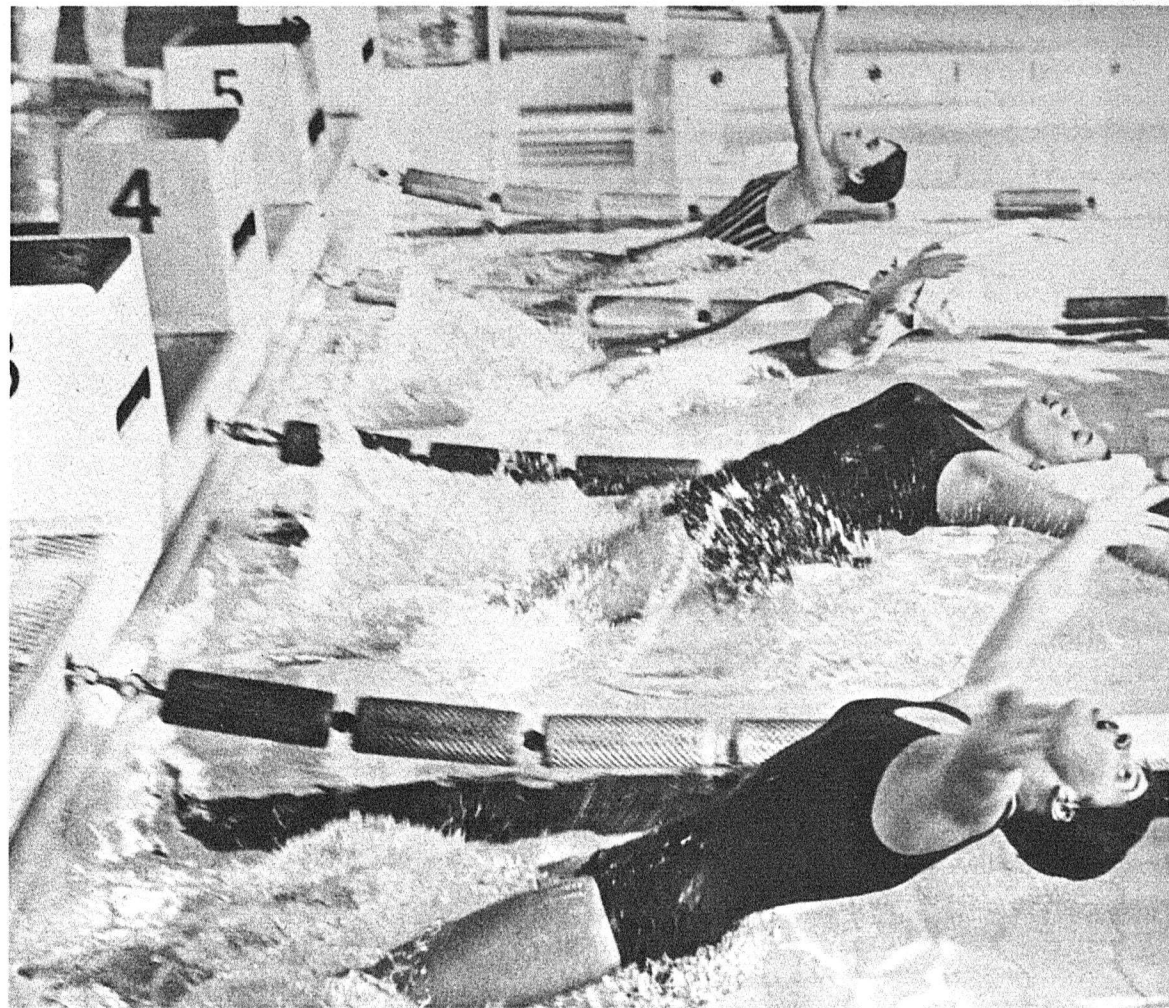
Eight other Canadian records were set in the first day's race, but the Americans swam away with a 306-160 lead.

The water babies picked up right where they left off Sunday afternoon as they set an additional 35 records. Favreau set five more records with wins in the 100 yard freestyle, 100 yard backstroke and 100 yard butterfly. His times of 1:01.1 in the butterfly and 1:02.7 for the backstroke were both good enough for Canadian open and meet records. Favreau's time of :55.5 in the freestyle was only good for a Canadian open record.

In winning his races Favreau pushed two Canadians to set new Canadian records. Pat McClosky, an Edmontonian, set the record for Canadian 11 and 12 year-olds in the 100 yard free-style with a time of :56.9. McClosky set another Canadian record in the 100 yard backstroke while finishing third in 1:03.9. Dennis Wilson set a Canadian record in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:04.4.

CANADIAN RECORDS

Jane Wright set two more Canadian records for 11 and 12 year-old girls with times of :27.4



THE WATER BABIES ARE OFF AND SPLASHING ... at the Can-Am meet held here at the weekend

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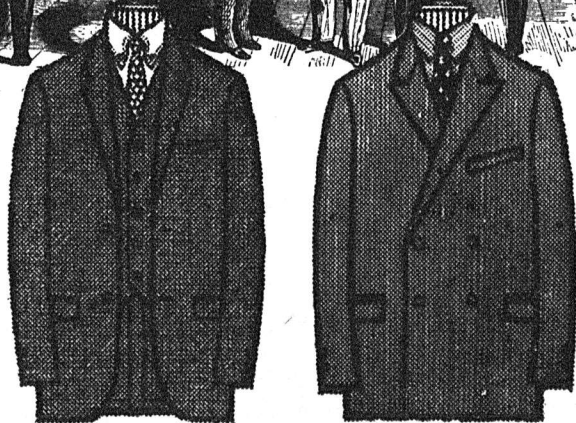
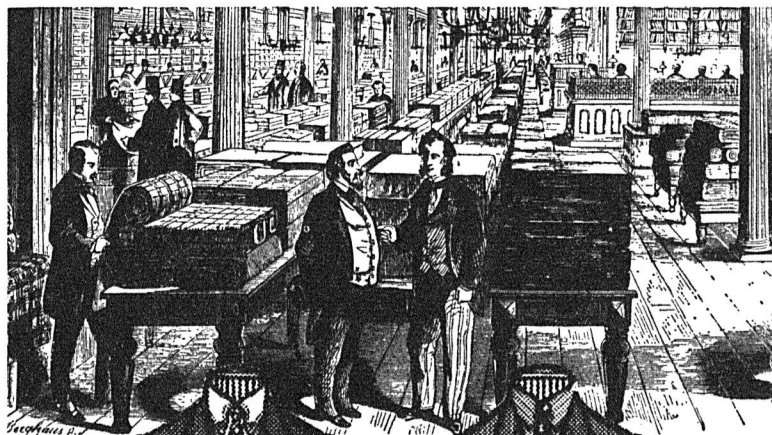
in the 50 yard freestyle and :34.0 in the 50 yard breaststroke. She again shared the latter record with Beverly Sterling. Ann Walton was the only other Canadian to

set any records with a time of 2:17:5 in the 200 yard backstroke for girls 15-17. Her time set Canadian and meet records. The final results of the meet

were 593 to 286 for the United States over Canada.

This was the first time the age-class competitions had ever been held in Western Canada.

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