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Detroit Yawl Takes 2-Minute Margin In Rochester Race

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Escapade, the giant blue yawl from Detroit trying for a sweep of all Great Lakes distance races this season, inched her way into the lead of the fourth annual Rochester Race late yesterday afternoon.

The 72-foot "Eskie" rounded the Hamilton buoy at the west end of the lake 114 miles from Rochester at 4:40 p. m., only 2 minutes ahead of her huge black rival, the 70-foot Kittyhawk of Cleveland. The two minutes' separation emphasized the bitterness of the fight between the two titans of Great Lakes yacht racing.

Although Escapade's actual time was 2 minutes over Kittyhawk, the all-important corrected time gave the blue Detroitier an edge of closer to 7 minutes, for Kittyhawk is scratch boat and has to give away 4 minutes and 57 seconds in the way of handicap to Escapade for the Rochester-Hamilton distance. Escapade's Anderson brothers, Wendell Jr. and Jack, were living up to their threat to shoot for both elapsed and corrected time victories.

Sail in Light Breeze

The entire fleet last night still was racing in the disappointing tiny replica of a breeze that has dogged this world's longest freshwater race since its start off the Port of Rochester at 3 p. m. Sunday.

While the two great yawls were setting the pace as has been expected, and settling down for the 181-mile second leg the length of the flight to Stony Island near the St. Lawrence, two other yawls were close enough astern to pose excellent threats.

The Red Head, Gil Pingree's 60-foot yawl from Grosse Pt., Mich., whose skipper is a veteran of 10 Mackinac races, rounded the Hamilton mark at 5:40 p. m. Sporting a handicap of 59 minutes and 20 seconds to that point, this meant that Red Head was literally only seconds astern of Escapade on corrected time, and ahead of Kittyhawk by the same figuring.

The other was George Ford's defender, the 52-foot Venture 3rd from Rochester Y. C. Venture rounded at 7:21 p. m., and with a 1 hour and 46 minute handicap figured, was trailing the leading Escapade by roughly an hour. Hamilton spotters reported, after Ford had rounded, that there were no other boats in sight at the time.

The writer toured the sun-kissed, wind-minus course for 3 hours yesterday afternoon, perched in a plexi-glass blister on the side of a Coast Guard PBV patrol and rescue plane handled by race-wise young Lt. Harold French of Traverse City, Mich. The big amphibian plane has been assigned to check all racers daily against accidents or injuries.

French, a veteran of World War 2 who doubles as a helicopter pilot for the Coast Guard, handled the big ship like a kiddie-car as he and his crew checked off yacht after yacht scattered over 50 miles of Lake Ontario. The net impression was that it may be the slowest Rochester race on record as of now, but it's the gentlest for the crews who sometimes go sleepless for 24 and 48 hours in a blow. They were lounging on decks and in cockpits, with shorts the standard attire in the warm weather.

The plane also carried Boatswain Walter Czechanski of the Summer-ville Coast Guard Station and A. H. (Bud) Gorsline, in charge of shore operations for Rochester Yacht Club. The little 6-meter Jack, which has Herb Wahl of Rochester Yacht Club aboard, was spotted at noon 5 miles west of 30-Mile Light. Next spotted were RYC Commodore F. Ritter Shumway's Schooner Skookum 3rd, and Arthur M. R. Hughes RYC cutter Lady Linden, the latter 15 miles west of 30-Mile Light. Ahead of the Linden was her twin, Bud Doyle's Sashay of Youngstown, but not far ahead, and playing the shoreline close.

Bow to Bow

Off the port of Wilson near Olcott bow to bow and about a mile apart were Toot Gmeiner's Apache from Grosse Pt., Mich., and Charles Harrison's Stormy Petrel of Olcott.

That accounted for the fleet that played the shoreline. Others all had hitched out into the lake overnight.

After the 181-mile slide to Stony, the fleet will finish the triangular race, world's longest on fresh water, with an 81-mile leg home to the finish line at Rochester.

Harding Stops Kodak Majors With No-Hitter

Behind Bob Harding's no-run, no-hit game, the Sampson Sabres blanked Kodak Park Majors, 1-0, last night at Kodak Park Field in the first fray of a Metropolitan Rochester softball tournament twin bill.

In the nightcap, Rochester Postoffice defeated the Will Corporation, 7-1, as Johnny Cupik gave up but three hits.

Harding faced only 23 batters, striking out 10, walking none. It was the first no-hit, no-run game of the tournament. Two Kodak players reached base on errors.

Sampson scored its lone run in the second inning on two walks, a fielder's choice, and a single to left by Bill Levin.

The Postoffice team took a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning, and then scored six more in the fifth to wrap up the win. Johnny Hucko featured at bat for the winners with two hits in three tries, and both Dick Schneider and Danny Fox tripled to account for the longest blows of the game.

Tonight, Sampson Sabres play Kodak Park Dusties in the first of a doubleheader at Bushnell Basin Field. The nightcap will show Manchester, victors over Ritters in its first outing, playing Rochester Postoffice.

Frank Giordano will hurl for the Dusties, while Sabres' Lem Pendley will pitch Jim Lieberman.

Jack Curtin, who just missed a no-hitter in Manchester's win over Ritters, will be Manager Joe Boardman's choice against the Postoffice nine. Johnny Cupik will pitch again tonight for the Postoffice.

A doubleheader is also set for tonight at Russer Field in the women's tourney. In the first game at 8 o'clock, Russers play the Williamson Girls.

Van's TNT Girls play the Batavia Girls, in the nightcap.

Sampson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2
K. P. Majors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Harding and Wells; Busch and Russello										
Will Corp.	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	3	3
Postoffice	0	0	1	6	0	x	7	8	3	3
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TNT Girls Slate Weekend Games With Washington

Roy Van Graflan's TNT Girls softball team lists its biggest attraction of the season, meeting the Garvin Girls of Washington, D. C., Saturday night under the Bayview Stadium lights.

The visitors have won the District of Columbia and the Central Atlantic Regional championships for the last three years and are a seasoned outfit.

Jeanne Viqueria, captain, is regarded one of the best all-around players in and around Washington and she and her mates will be favored to take the weekend series over the TNTs.

Coach Van Graflan's TNTs play Batavia tonight in a Metropolitan Tournament game and all players are requested to report at Russers Field at 7 p. m.

Medina Net Star Seeded First in City Junior Play

Dudley Johnston of Medina was seeded first in the annual city junior championships, sponsored by the Tennis Club of Rochester, which open this afternoon on the Farrington Place courts. Len Treasch of Brighton High was placed second.