JONES BEACH TEAM WINS IN LIFE-SAVING

Defeats Atlantic City Surf Guards, 21 to 20, for Title of North Atlantic.

REAL AND MOCK RESCUES

One Participant Has to Be Saved —Charles Cronin Gets Highest Individual Honors.

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WANTAGH, L. I., Aug. 16.—The Jones Beach life guard team won the North Atlantic Coast Life Guard tournament by one point over the Atlantic City team tonight in sixteen boat racing and life guard demonstration events held on the beach this afternoon and in the open-air pool tonight. More than 20,000 persons crowded the boardwalk this afternoon and about 5,000 witnessed the events at the pool.

The life guards were called upon to act in a real emergency during an underwater event when Bernard McKerna of the Long Beach team became unconscious. He was rescued and revived by a pulmotor, in a demonstration that displayed the efficiency of the life guards.

Independent Trophy Winner.

Charles Cronin of the Jones Beach team won the individual trophy for his prowess as a life guard and was declared the champion of the tournament. George Rowland of the Rockaway Beach team was second and Paul Boesch of the Long Beach patrol won third place.

Starting slowly without winning a first place in the afternoon events, the Jones Beach team, which won first place in the tournament last year, gained steadily on the Atlantic City team until the last event, when it won over the New Jersey team by a score of 21—20. When Commissioner Thomas McWhinney of the Long Island State Park Commission, which organized the tournament, announced the winning team, Earl Andrews, coach of the home team, walked up the diving board in his new white uniform and jumped in, head first, with joy.

Cronin, the star of the tournament, won two first places tonight and one first place in the afternoon events. He won the contest for individual rescues on the beach, by bringing to shore a man simulating a drowning person about fifty yards from shore. He won a similar race in the pool, in which he was required to bring the "victim" to safety while the latter maintained a strangle-hold on the life guard.

"Water Potato Race" Held.

The races included a "water potato race," in which the contestants were required successively to pick up weights in the water and bring them to shore one at a time. There was also a medley race in which the contestants swam three times across the pool with three different strokes. The latter was won by William Marquette of the Jones Beach team.

A team surface dive was won by the Rockaway Beach patrol. The life guards were required to dive while swimming, pick up weights from the bottom of the pool and continue the race.

The contests on the beach included an individual boat race, in which one member of each team pulled a regular life guard boat a quarter of a mile out into the ocean and back. It was won by Paul Boesch of the Long Beach team. A similar race with two men rowing a mile was won by Atlantic City.

A race for the resuscitation of a "drowning" person was won by Rockaway Beach team of four men with a score of 80 per cent. The contest was judged on the swiftness and efficiency of the use of the Schaefer method of resuscitation by arm movements and exercise, without the use of pulmonary equipment.

The teams participating in the events were from Hammanasset State Park, Conn.; Valley Stream State Park, L. I.; Riis Park, Queens; Atlantic City, N. J.; Long Beach, L. I.; Rockaway Beach, Queens, and Ocean Beach, New London, Conn.