

BRITISH SUCCESS IN CHANNEL SWIM

At Cap Gris Nez spectators watch Channel swimmers grease up. Hassan Abd El Rehim of Egypt is a veteran with two successes; for Wanda Boutagy, who comes from Israel, it's a first attempt. Bertil Warle represents Sweden in the 12-nations race. 21-year-old Eileen Fenton (Yorkshire and proud of it) is the smallest competitor.

Well and truly greased, they make their way towards the start.

Now they're all under starter's orders. The course is very wet, but that should favour genuine stayers. They're all in line ... any minute now ...

And they're off! Roger Le Morvan of France gets away to a good start. He's trained by Georges Michel, the Channel speed record holder. Youngest trier is 17-year-old Margaret Feather. The first Scot and the oldest man to succeed, Dr. Bernie finished 5th. By dawn the armada of boats and swimmers was well on its way, with Le Morvan, swimming strongly and leading all the way.

Jenny Kammergaard is swimming well. She is one of the successful nine.

After 10 hours Eileen Fenton is swimming with a strained shoulder.

A few hundred yards from success Abd El Rehim spurts spectacularly past Le Morvan and robs the Frenchman of the "Daily Mail" £1,000 cheque for the first man across. Both beat Georges Michel's record time.

41-year-old father of 6, Rehim is an officer in the Egyptian army.

Sam Rocket, 4th, makes the third British success. Most popular British success is Eileen Fenton. First woman across, she also wins £1,000, her grand victory due to sheer courage. Exhausted after having landed she was carried ashore.

And here comes the conquering Hassan Abd El Rehim, looking fresh enough to swim back to France rightaway. And now we give you his own dramatic story of his race across.

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Thank you; to end, here is Eileen, freshened up after swimming for nearly 16 hours.

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