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AUSTRALIAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS;

The Australian 200 freestyle championship at North Sydney Olympic Pool draws a world class field with John Henricks No. 5, Murray Rose No. 4 and Gary Chapman No. 3. It's a perfect start - and the winner will have to break the record. Chapman, in No. 3 lane, is half a yard ahead of Rose and Henricks. The 55 yard mark is coming up. Chapman turns first, but Henricks and Rose are right up there with him. The first lap takes 29 point 2 seconds and Chapman's still ahead at the half way mark.

This is a real thriller - only inches between Chapman, Rose and Henricks. But now watch Chapman - he's putting in a real spurt in this lap and he's gradually drawing away. Chapman turns for the last lap nearly a length ahead of Henricks and Rose and seems set for an easy win.

But Henricks, near the camera, sets after him, almost clawing his way through the water. The camera angle here's deceptive but Henricks is pegging Chapman back inch by inch. Rose is close up too. A few yards to go and only inches in it - Chapman touches first, but only the judges can separate Chapman and Henricks. Both their times are two minutes 5.2 seconds - Australian records.

The women's 400 freestyle - with all the interest in Lorraine Crapp, in No. 4 lane. She's broken the record in her heat and now she's trying to break five minutes - the first girl ever to do so. Lorraine's in front from the start and going further away.

On the eighth and final lap the crowd roars encouragement as Lorraine well ahead, swims strongly towards the finish. And here's the finish - Lorraine Crapp first in a new world record time of 5 minutes 5.9 seconds. She's only 17 and she's plenty of time to break that 5 minutes before her really big test - next November's Olympic Games.

LENGTH: 198'

