

Girls' Swimming Meet Would Be Big Feature For Honolulu

If Feminine Competitors and Women Officials Could Be Secured Such a Meet Would Without Doubt Attract Many Stars—Ruth Stacker and Marjory Capps Favor Plan—Young Ladies Are Confident That They Could Carry on Meet With Success

Why not stage a swimming meet in which mermaids will be the only competitors and girl officials act instead of men? Throughout the mainland swimming for girls is receiving a big boost, and Olga Dorfner, Claire Galligan, Dorothy Burns and Frances Cowells are better known than the men swimmers.

With the prospects of seeing world's champions in action, much interest is being taken in feminine swimming, and with a meet for girls alone, there ought to be a large number of entries. It would bring out much talent which has heretofore been absent at the meets.

Ruth Stacker Favors Plan

When seen today, Miss Ruth Stacker, who has perhaps done more than any other swimmer to boost the game here, said that it would be an excellent plan, and was confident that enough girl officials could be obtained to carry on the meet successfully. The Outrigger club has taken up swimming in earnest, and without doubt could enter a number of candidates.

Miss Marjory Capps, swimming instructor of the Y. W. C. A., is enthusiastic about the plan, and is confident that a number of her pupils will enter. She suggested that a number of different events be staged in order to give all classes of swimmers an opportunity to compete. This is an excellent idea and will perhaps be carried out.

Many Punahou Stars

It is known that there are a number of young ladies in the city who can swim, and they would all be given an opportunity to show what they could do in such a meet. In the Punahou meets in the past excellent time has been made in a number of the events.

The suggestion was made to one of the local feminine stars, at the first night's meet at the Y. M. C. A., and the plan indorsed by two of the local swimmers. If the young ladies of the city will take the plan in hand it is certain that they can make it a real success.

In the past the Outrigger club has not paid much attention to competitive swimming, but this year they are going after the events in the right manner, and with Dad Center on the job, this club should have at least 20 entries for the feminine swimming meet, if one can be staged.

With Gerd Hiorth, Josephine Hopkins, Kathleen Law, Helen Rosa and one or two other entries in the open events for the 50, 100, 220 and 440; with the Outrigger and Palama girls in another class, as novice events, and races for girls under 15 years, there would naturally be a heap of interest in such a program.

With breast stroke, back stroke events and a relay the young ladies would, without doubt, furnish a program which would be interesting. It is rumored that there are three or four young ladies at Punahou who could make up a relay team, and with entries from the Kunalu boat club, Palama, the Outrigger and Y. W. C. A., enough entries could be secured to make up a real program.

Many Young Swimmers

The showing made by little Edith Kenn in the open event at the Y. M. C. A., shows the progress made by the swimmers at Palama. Although she is but 13 years old, she kept up with the older swimmers and was defeated by a narrow margin. Eleanor Lyser of the Outrigger club also made a great showing in the Friday meet, and this competition has a tendency to improve the quality of swimming here. Before many years it is expected that Hawaii will have a real champion to compete against the best on the mainland.

A girls' meet this month would be timely inasmuch as Claire Galligan is coming to Hawaii, and possibly Dorothy Burns and Frances Cowells will be here for competition. If the various organizations will send representatives to a meeting, something may be worked out which will give the feminine swimmers an opportunity to show what they can do in competition.