

Ludy Langer Won't Swim In September Races Here

Distance Star Unable To Get In Condition To Compete Against Ross

Ludy Langer, Hawaii's best distance swimmer, will not swim against Norman Ross in the September swimming meet. Officials of the A. A. U. had heard that Ludy would not enter. Ludy himself confirmed the reports yesterday. His reason is that he cannot train properly for the meet.

Ludy is doing engineering work on the roads of windward Oahu. When the Y. M. C. A. indoor meet was run off early this month he said that he was not in good condition, having lost weight from work on the water at Pearl Harbor, but he hoped to be able to get in trim on the other side of the island. Things were unsettled the first week of his new work, he said yesterday. These factors, added to the lack of opportunity to get in form, decided him not to swim.

"I don't believe that I could be fair to myself or to Ross by entering," he said.

Always Did His Best

The news will come as a great disappointment to sport-lovers here, but Hawaii certainly would not ask Ludy to swim if he does not believe that he can do himself justice. Hawaii knows that he always has done his best, has taken his victories modestly and his defeats cheerfully, and that he would swim if he could. Despite the disappointment, Hawaii will acquiesce in his decision.

With Ludy out, Ross probably will make a clean sweep of the distances.

The only hope that Ludy will swim is in someone "talking him into it," as he expressed it yesterday. He may swim in later meets if he has the opportunity; but, on the whole, it appears that Ludy's day is done. "It is," he said, "a matter of business." If Ludy is pau, or nearly pau, Hawaii will bid aloha to one of the best of them.

Swim Fifty Outdoors

A cablegram received yesterday by John F. Soper, chairman of the games committee of the A. A. U. in charge of the September swimming meet, from F. W. Rubien, secretary-treasurer of the A. A. U., New York, advised Mr. Soper as follows with regard to the women's national championship 50-yard swim, to be run off here September 5:

"Fifty indoor-event. Conform conditions as nearly as possible."

Mr. Soper said that he took this to mean that the race could be held in open salt water in conjunction with the other races, as arranged tentatively, and that Secretary Lorrin Andrews agreed with him on the interpretation. It would be a straightaway, he said. The next meeting of the games committee will be advised of the receipt of the cablegram. If the race can be held in the harbor it will be well, because having to run it off in the Y. M. C. A. tank, alone among the races, would be disappointing, especially since very few persons could see it.

They Want Their Money

W. T. Rawlins received a cablegram from the Olympic Club, San Francisco, yesterday, demanding the return to the club of money advanced to Ross to come to Honolulu for the meet. Ross stated under his signature in the San Francisco Examiner that the Olympic Club was sending him; he was quoted here as having made the same statement, whereas Mr. Rawlins had arranged with Ernest Smith to pay one-half the expenses, the Olympic Club to pay one-half. Now comes the club and asserts that the money merely was an advance and is to be repaid by the Hawaiian A.A.U.

The Olympics may get the money and again they may not.

Outrigger Men At Work

The Outrigger Club has already started training for the September swimming meet. The good showing made by the club in the recent Y. M. C. A. meet has aroused great enthusiasm among the members and they are going to do their utmost to put out the best team that they can.

The progressive policies adopted by the club are now bearing fruit and

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there are numerous small changes. Almost all the canoes are in A1 condition, a new addition has just been completed for the storing of paddles, paint and general canoe and surfboard material. Many new paddles have been added to the club's supply, and more interest is being shown in surfing in the Outrigger canoes.

New Raft Is Moved

Yesterday the new raft which was put out Thursday was shifted further in shore, so that now it is located in a deep sandy channel. It was put out Thursday while a southerly wind was blowing and this so disturbed the water that the bottom could not be seen, and as luck would have it, the raft was anchored over a patch of coral that would have meant disaster if it had been left there.

Through the kindness of Walter Dusenberger, one of the club's most enthusiastic promoters of sport, an innovation in the shape of a rolling log was introduced. It is about twenty feet long, planed very smoothly and painted to protect it from the water. It is practically impossible to maintain one's balance on top of it, and yesterday, in spite of the comparatively few people on the beach, there were crowds waiting in line for their turn to fall off.

The new raft is very popular. It is for the stronger swimmers primarily and there is no life line to it. It is about fifty feet from the diving stand in direct line with the Moana pier. A diving board is on it and already has seen good service.

Officials Are Chosen

The following officials for the meet have been announced by John F. Soper, chairman of the games committee:

Judges—Fullard Leo, Charles K. Stillman Jr., Paymaster George P. Dyer.

Judges of Diving—C. E. Mayne, Ben Clark, A. H. Tarleton.

Referee—Capt. William H. Britton.

Scorer—Glenn E. Jackson.

Announcer—John Anderson.

Timekeepers—Lester Petrie, Capt. Louis D. Pepin, Ben Hollinger, M. M. Johnson, Prof. C. T. Schmutzler, Edward J. O'Keefe.

Clerk—Lorrin Andrews.

Assistant Clerk—A. C. Reinecke.

Marshals—A. C. Reinecke, Sergeant Zimmerman, Harold Castle.

Inspectors—E. C. Mayne, A. H. Tarleton, Ben Clark.

The first of a series of informal swimming meets for women novices will be held at Palama this evening beginning at eight o'clock.

PACIFICS HAVE GAME

The manager of the Royal Hawaiian Garage team said last evening that he accepted the challenge of the Pacifics for a game at Makiki Field at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Pitcher Miers of the Garage team will not play, he said, being out of town.