

WOMAN EXPERT HAS SAY ON SWIMMERS

Feminine Gossip On Honolulu Mermaids Who Will Compete In Big Saturday Meet

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GETTING a "line" on the feminine swimmer is not near as easy as it was a year ago in that we are now able to speak of quantity as well as quality. In other words, instead of having

two swimmers we have more nearly twenty-two; not quite that many, of course, but at any rate a good many more than two.

Gerd Hiorth stands out as a star among the women swimmers of Honolulu. A fifteen-year-old girl and swimming fifty yards close to 30 seconds speaks for itself. Miss Hiorth is of an athletic build and extremely strong and sturdy. The biggest point in her favor is that her work is systematic. She does the rotary crawl kick and uses the fast arm movement that "Kaute" Cottrell teaches.

Miss Hopkins Born Swimmer

Josephine Hopkins, the Outrigger Club entry, is another born swimmer—you know they say that swimmers are born and not made. She is tall. Miss Hopkins has been swimming since she was about eight years old. Several years ago, when swimming among women was yet new, she used to swim a great part of the time with Mrs. Frederick Wilhelm (Edith Kibling.) It was, however, not until two years ago that she was persuaded to bend her efforts toward the sprints with a view to race, and this last year the Outrigger club, looking ahead, asked the little swimmer to swim under its colors.

Much may be said of "Kay" Law, the Canadian, who appeared in public for the first time this year and who won the century sprint for novices in the September meet. Miss Law is fast coming ahead as a swimmer, and is working out every day at Fort De Russy with "Kaute" Cottrell. Cottrell will have some contingent with Miss Law doing the distances and Gerd Hiorth in the sprints.

Waialua Girl Enters

Thelma Sackowitz, a Waialua girl of fifteen summers, works out every afternoon in the Palama tank and is entering the fifty, one hundred open, the fifty novice, and the plunge for distance. There seems to be no limit to the girl's breathing capacity as she easily covers one hundred and fifty feet under water.

The girls are all training diligently at Palama. As a remedy for their wind, they run nearly half a mile before swimming. The Settlement team will have entries in every event but the furlong.

Mrs. Raphael In Long Distances

Mrs. Heinie Raphael is entered in the two-twenty. Mrs. Raphael is good in the distances, and in a race for endurance in the open sea would probably be able to defeat any girl in Honolulu. Little Mabel Black is a coming swimmer in the short distances, and will be an entry in the meet at the Y. M. C. A. a week from tonight. The younger element surely is going to put Hawaii on the map in the feminine world of swimming.

The diving event is attracting much attention and will probably demand more after the swim, in that it is the first event of this sort for women in the city. The compulsory dives are very simple (front jack knife, back jack knife, front dive, back dive) and there will be two optionals.

Punahou To the Front

Punahou is entering a number of girls, one being Maile Vicars, a little Hilo girl who made her first acquaintance with the waters at Coconut Island. Miss Vicars is hailed as a tennis champion, is an excellent swimmer and now stands in pretty good line of taking the diving honors.

Helen Martin, an Outrigger Club entry, is certain to take a place in the dives if not first. The little girl has been schooled in the first principles of diving and has shown herself an adept. Both Agnes and Elsie Auld of Palama Settlement stand a pretty good show, as does May Gay of Punahou and Louise Drew, if she decides to enter this competition.