

Mermaids Fail To Swim Race Over At Meet

Edith Kenn, the sensational little mermaid from Palama Settlement, who was one of the big stars of the swimming meet, and Marion Dowsett, another star in the meet, did not swim their race over Saturday evening.

On Friday evening the judges ruled that Marion Dowsett had won the 50-yard event for girls. The ruling did not make a hit with the crowd and there was considerable discussion about it. More than 90 per cent of the spectators interviewed on the subject say that Edith Kenn was the winner.

Many of the Outrigger Club members state that the little Palama miss won the race. In fact, Miss Marion Dowsett was reported to have said when she returned after the race. "Well, I did my best anyway." It was an unfortunate occurrence, and Charles Stillman, one of the judges, said that the best he would have given the Outrigger mermaid was a dead heat.

Both swimmers proved themselves the best types. Little Edith was naturally disappointed, and "Baby" Dowsett agreed to swim the race over. There was no official protest made, but it is expected that the next time these two swimmers meet in competition the spectators will see a great race. Marion Dowsett is the last person who would want to win a race in any other than a clear cut win.

Had the judges awarded the race to Edith Kenn, she would have had the honor of winning five first places in the meet. Miss Marjorie Capps, who has charge of the girls at Palama, was naturally disappointed, but refused to enter any official protest.
