

SWIMMING GAME BOOSTED ALL OVER

Claire Galligan Expects Women To Beat Men Before Very Long

Swimming is taking a greater hold in the mainland and particularly in the Pacific Coast than ever before. The greater interest being shown in this art all through the United States is to a very large extent due to Hawaii and her swimmers who have, time and again visited and competed in the mainland. Swimming and Hawaii are synonyms.

Fanny Durack has made her most remarkable records after her trip to the Olympic games in Stockholm. It was there that Miss Durack changed her foot movement from the Australian crawl to the Hawaiian crawl. Swimming along the edge of the big tank one day, she asked Duke Kahanamoku, who had just that year stepped into fame, how he used his

Duke showed her, and it was six months later that the Australian mermaid swam the mile in record time. It was stated that she used the crawl stroke the entire distance.

Claire's Confident

Ms. Claire Galligan, who holds several swimming championships and is regarded as the best all-round speed swimmer from the sprints up to four miles, among American women, is very optimistic about the future of American women's sports, swimming in particular. In the way she expresses herself on the subject:

"Within five years, yes, perhaps even in three, a woman will hold the speed swimming championship of the world."

"By 1928 the women will be supreme in some branches of sport and breaking fifty-fifty with the men in others. I fully expect to live to see my sex absolutely supreme in those branches of sport which require art and skill rather than brute strength. In tennis, golf, swimming, shooting and in short distance racing we shall certainly see women bringing open championship laurels before the present generation has faded out."

Ruth Keeps Boosting

Ruth Stacker is boosting the game in San Francisco and keeping Hawaii muchly in the public eye there. Here are some of her notes in the Examiner of March 6:

"The engagement of a Hawaiian champion to one of California's fair swimmers! The champion will be in California shortly, when the engagement will be announced."

"The Outrigger Club in Honolulu lost another member of its swimming team this month when young Sam Stacker entered the service of the navy. The swimmer expects to be transferred to Goat Island, where he will probably join the swimming aggregation under Lieutenant Murphy."

"The Piedmont Club has been trying to persuade J. W. Pratt Jr., of Honolulu to join their colors, but young Pratt, who was a member of the Outrigger Canoe Club team, is planning to swim for the Hawaiians should they appear here in any of the meets this summer. He is supposed to swim the fifty in 26:2."