

WINNING CLAMPS BID HILO ADIEU

Great Future for Local Athletes Predicted by Trainer William Bachrach.

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at the Fall Meet, and we hope they will be real competitors."

Entry List Surprising

"That 12 girls entered for the girls' meet here was surprising," said Coach Clark. "It is more than we had in Honolulu, and if Hilo gets behind the swimming team, they will have plenty of good material to come down to Honolulu."

"The meets in Honolulu and Hilo were a wonderful success," said George Schroth (Frances Cowell). "You should have a number of meets all the time to keep up the practice and develop the swimmers to make more of a showing in the next carnival in Honolulu."

"Yes I sent a message back to the mainland that I was going on to Hilo. I received a cable asking:

"Where is Hilo?" said William Bachrach. "I wired back: 'You'll find out!'"

"You have, and that is some of the surprising you have got. Not only are my folks found out, but all over the States they know where Hilo is now. This advertising will more than pay you for any expense you may have been put to."

"The Territory of Hawaii more than overshadows the whole of the United States in the quality of its swimmers," continued Bachrach. "In the whole of the States there are not a dozen swimmers who can cover 100 yards in less than one minute, but you seem to have a million of them here. I think the best thing you can do is go ahead and begin your work here to organize. Get the Yacht Club to join the A. A. U. and have an A. A. U. Commissioner appointed here."

Agree With Bachrach

In his latter suggestion D. L. Wells agreed with him. "You need two or three clubs, as well as the Yacht Club," he said, "then you can have competition between the clubs, and of which will add to the spirit of the sport. Get affiliated with the A. A. U. and endeavor to bring the sport under one head, that is, the A. A. U. All must be amateurs and be sure you understand the rules as better for all."

"Ted" Center also urged similar action, pointing out that Trainer Bachrach was in the Territory to select swimmers for the Olympic Games in Belgium to be staged next year. "He is looking for swimmers to represent the United States there and I am pretty sure he has seen that Hawaii has a good many swimmers. From what he said to me, Hawaii will be pretty well represented on the U. S. team."

"When we started the Honolulu swimming meet we figured on having Ray Derack make an appearance. On account of the trouble she had with the A. A. U., we had to call on other swimmers and we were fortunate in getting Frances Cowell, Ernest Ross and 'Stubby' Kruger to come over. We did not figure the meet was going to be more than a local one, but Mr. Bachrach claims it was one of the biggest of the year. The fact that we have a 100-yard straightaway course is in our favor, for the Olympic course is 100 meters, which is 113 yards, and swimmers who get some swimming over the 100 yard straightaway should have a better chance in some of the Olympic races. It is the first time such a large number of athletes came down from the mainland and, in addition to them, we have local boys who were brought out. Warren and the Keoluha, for instance; also the champion Chinese swimmer of the world, champion Japanese swimmer and the champion Chinese girl swimmer of the world. Our girl swimmers in these two meets seem to be better than ever and the local swimmers of Hilo have come out and shown Hilo people that they are interested."

"I hope Hilo will hold some local meets and further develop the local talent."

"The sure got away with it," added Bachrach when given another chance to talk. "When they talked about their first swimming meet, I laughed 'till I made myself sick. Just think of it: a 100 yard course, bleachers for more than 1,000 persons! You have to go some to beat it. It looked like real money to me, and you brought home the bacon."