

Ross Better's World Record Tank Time

Meet to Be Staged Soon At Central "Y"

Taking a practise spin in the Y. M. C. A. tank yesterday, Norman Ross, Illinois Athletic club and champion middle distance swimmer, broke the world tank record for the 220 yards, making the distance in 2:19. The record will not stand officially, but as a result of his work it has been decided to stage a "Norman Ross swimming meet" at the Y. M. C. A. tank within the near future, when the "Big Moose" will try for some new indoor marks together with a lot of Honolulu swimmers. The plans are now shaping up and more complete announcement will be made early next week when the committee meets Monday noon.

The record which Ross bettered yesterday is 2:20.2, which is the world tank record today. He made it himself in the Illinois Athletic club tank. Ross explained yesterday why it

was so easy to make a new world tank record in the tank at the Central "Y." The whole thing was due to the fact that the local "Y" tank is in the open air. Another reason is because it is short and gives more turns.

"It's the open air that counts. Most of the tanks on the mainland are under cover and the air gets close, with the result that a swimmer cannot do his best.

Frances Cowells went into the water at the "Y" tank yesterday and swam the 220 yards. The time taken by Bill Bachrach, George Schroth and "Stubby" Kruger was 3:06. Miss Cowells demonstrated that she had almost recovered from the sprained tendon which she suffered in Hilo.

There was a big crowd of Honolulu swimming fans on the dock this morning to bid goodby to the visiting swimmers. The party that sailed on the Manoa included "Big Bill" Bachrach, coach of the Illinois Athletic club. The three swimmers were George Schroth, Frances Cowells and Harold Stubby Kruger.

It looks as if the islands are about to lose two promising girl swimmers and that California is to gain them.

The two are the Dowsett girls, who, it is reported, are going to California to reside for several years. Marion "Babe" Dowsett is to go to school at Palo Alto. With two swimmers such as Beatrice and Marion Dowsett, the California lists will have some new material to match against eastern competition. The San Francisco clubs will probably appropriate the island girls for their very own, just as they did "Stubby" Kruger. The departure of these two girls will be a real loss to the Outrigger club. Beatrice Dowsett, with her "Norman Ross" stroke, has the promise of developing into a champion middle distance swimmer. "Babe" is already a star sprint swimmer and when she gets down to real training she will have a brilliant career in the water world.

Incidentally Hilo ought to know better than to claim Beatrice Dowsett as a Hawaii island girl. Some sport scribe in Hilo got the idea that just because her daddy, "Alika" Dowsett, owns a ranch on Hawaii, Beatrice must have been born there. As a matter of fact, Beatrice is a Honolulu girl out and out and was born in this city.

In the next swimming meet an effort will be made to boost diving for girls and one of the members of the swimming committee has already offered to put up a cup for the event. The only stipulation that he makes

is that there be at least two different clubs represented and that there be at least three entries. The fans appear to be in favor of such an event and there are quite a number of girl divers both at Palama and the Outrigger club. Gerd Hjorth is one of the divers of the Outrigger club and so is Harriette Carter. The Outrigger club has a real star in Lois Cooper. Just what Palama has is somewhat uncertain, but some good divers can be developed.

PALAMA AND PAUOA TO PLAY FOOTBALL GAME

The Palama team will play the Pauoa football team Sunday, November 22, on the Pauoa field at 1:30.

