

SWIM RECORDS MAY BE BROKEN

In the same waters where Duke Kahanamoku, Buster Crabbe and many other famous Hawaiian swimmers first acquired the perfection of strokes that carried them to aquatic heights, a field of 75 mermen and mermaids will compete tomorrow in the Waikiki Open Swimming events, sponsored by the University of Hawaii and held under official AAU rules. Officials predict new records will be established.

Although similar meets have been held over the Waikiki course in previous years, this is the first time that so great and so varied a number of swimmers has responded to the call for entries.

Last year the meet was held over the same course under the exclusive auspices of the university.

In previous years the Outrigger Canoe club and other local sport bodies held races over the course, but no attempt was made to officialize the competition.

This year, however, the Canoe club and other local athletic organizations are cooperating with the university in an attempt to give the races all the aspects of big time competition.

Novice events and junior events have been included in the program to appeal to those natators who take their swimming less seriously, but some of the best swimming talent in the islands will be entered in the senior races. Because of the quality and variety of this year's entries, student records established last year will probably be bettered.

A. E. Minvielle Jr., former winner in similar open swimming events, is one of the favorites in the men's senior race. But he will have to go right along, if he hopes to finish ahead of Maurice Furusho, Noburo Hamada and Diamond Martin.

Best times made in the various events last year are as follows: Senior swim for men, 30 min. 38 sec.; senior swim for women, (shorter/course), 19 min. 45 sec.; junior swim for men, 19 min. 24.4 sec.; novice swim for men, 12 min. 42.9 sec.; novice swim for women, 13 min. 30.3 sec.

If officials are careful in their timing Thursday, Theodore Searie, swim manager, said he expected that the senior times would be lowered.

If the weather is good, the race officials expect a large crowd of spectators will be lining beaches from the Elks club to the finish line in front of the Royal Hawaiian hotel.

First race is scheduled for 9 a. m.