

Lillie Mackenzie Elected to Punahou Athletic Hall of Fame

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Longtime OCC member Lillie Bowmer Mackenzie was selected for induction into the Punahou Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986. Lillie, one of Hawaii's all-time swimming greats, heads a group of five former Punahou athletes so honored this year.

Interestingly, all five of the inductees have ties in one form or another to our club. In addition to Lillie, who joined the Club in March 1920 (66 years ago!) they are as follows: the late Claude "Spud" White, Class of '29, a track star who competed as a member of the OCC's track teams of the late 1920s and early 1930s.

"Eddie" Hitchcock, Class of '33, an all-around athlete who starred in foot-

ball, track, baseball and swimming. He is the brother of OCC member Tina Haight.

The late Tommy Collins, Class of '48, a former OCC junior member who won all Ivy League defensive back honors while at Dartmouth.

James "Hutch" Hutchinson, considered one of Hawaii's greatest quarter and half-mile runners who starred at both Punahou and the University of California. However, we think his greatest claim to fame is the fact that he is the dad of OCC's lovely Kelly Hutchinson, an outstanding athlete in her own right.

Lillie was a prodigy of the late "Dad" Center, Hawaii's all-time great

swimming coach and long time Club member. "Dad" coached her both at Punahou and later when she swam and paddled for OCC.

During her ten years of competitive swimming, Lillie competed in the following events: diving, freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, relays and open water ocean races.

She won 39 gold, 21 silver and 12 bronze medals plus a galaxy of ribbons and trophies. She competed in Senior National swimming meets in 1926 (Florida) and 1928 (New York). In 1923 she broke the world record in the 25 yard freestyle dash and then, in 1928, duplicated this feat in the 100 meter freestyle event. 🏊