

Fifty-Yard Free Style May Attract Mariechen Tonight: 100 Wednesday

Women's Auxiliary of Outrigger Canoe Club and
The Advertiser Wire "Good Luck" Messages
to Hawaiian Girl on Eve of National
Championships

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S five-day national indoor A.A.U. swimming championship meet for women opens tonight in the Alcazar hotel pool, with the 50-yard freestyle and pentathlon as the features, and with the leading women swimmers of the world as the main attraction.

Miss Mariechen Wehselau, Hawaiian champion, who left Honolulu for Florida last month is ready, according to brief reports, for the gun that will send her into action against her rivals for the aquatic crown. Whether she will swim in the 50-yard event, or whether she will enter the pentathlon tonight, has not been learned here, but it is believed that she will elect the sprint event in which she ranks with the best in the country, and will leave the all-around compet to other swimmers. Should the Hawaiian champion enter the pentathlon she would stand an excellent chance of winning, but it is expected that she will confine her activities to sprint swimming and will forego the opportunity of competing in the other offering.

POINTS TO CENTURY

With the 100-yards free style event coming Thursday evening, it is not believed that Mariechen will enter the 220-yards event tomorrow afternoon, and it is for the same reason that local officials believe that she will not compete in the pentathlon. The century is the Hawaiian champ's best race, and she will center all her efforts in this event, it is said. It is in this event that she stands the best chance to win a national title.

The medley swim, consisting of 100-yards each, of backstroke, breaststroke, and free style, will probably attract Mariechen, as she will then have completed her attempts to lift a free style title, and will then be free to go after other laurels. She should stand an equal chance to win in the medley swim, which is scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

"GOOD LUCK" WIRES SENT

Yesterday two wires were sent to Miss Wehselau in Florida, one by Mrs. F. M. Swanzy, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Outrigger Canoe club and the other by THE ADVERTISER. The first wire read:

**"ALOHA NUI EVERY
GOOD WISH FOR YOUR
SUCCESS."**

The message from this paper said:
"GOOD LUCK"

With the knowledge that Hawaii is watching her, and is backing her to win, the Hawaiian girl champion will put forth the greatest efforts of her career to win this week in Florida. She is in fine condition for the meet, has had practically 10 full days in which to train at the scene of the national championships, and is swimming in better form than when she broke the world's record for the 100 meters at the Olympic Games in Paris.

SAN FRANCISCO HEARD FROM

Victor Lidga, secretary of the local A. A. U., yesterday received a letter and a press account, telling him of the reception accorded Mariechen on her arrival in San

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Ready For The Gun



MARIECHEN WEHSELAU