

Women's Swim Records In Danger

SAYS HAWAIIAN MERMAID

More Competition Is Needed Here

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WHILE I was away I couldn't help noticing the number of girl swimmers who were just beginning to realize how easy it was to give at least a half hour each day to swimming. They were also beginning to apprehend how easy it is to get into racing form. I believe that by the end of another year there will be at least a half dozen new record breakers and divers in the United States proper. Mr. L. de B. Handley, well known coach of the New York Women's Swimming association, has a new prodigy, in Liza Lindstrom. "Little Liza" is a blonde who came over from Sweden several years ago. She is only 13 years of age and can swim breaststroke, backstroke and crawl. She also does a little diving. Her form on the board is somewhat like that of Aileen Riggen, the famous former world champion fancy springboard diver. Liza thinks nothing of getting out and swimming three miles. Sprints and distance swimming seem to be the same to her.



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While we were in St. Augustine she swam the 220-yard event in 2 minutes, 58 seconds. That is considered very good time for a 13-year-old. She beat Agnes Geraghty in a medley race which consisted of 50 yards breaststroke, 50 yards crawl and 50 yards backstroke. Miss Geraghty wasn't able to do the backstroke and the crawl as well as she could do the breaststroke. Mr. Handley predicted at the time that Liza Lindstrom would break a record within a year's time and possibly in the 300-yard medley event. Liza has also done the hundred yards in 1 minute, 9 seconds. She will no doubt be a champion very shortly, that is, if she stays by swimming.

Mr. Handley has a number of similar swimmers who are going to come forward in a year or two.

HOW NEW YORKERS DO IT

Now, away up in the city of New York, where it gets so terribly cold and so very hot, the Women's Swimming Association of that city has a little swimming tank that can't possibly be more than fifteen yards long. Don't you think it surprising that they should turn out so many champions in that tiny tank? And don't you think that it is somewhat surprising that Honolulu with its Punahou, Palama, University of Hawaii, Central Y. M. C. A. and Nuuanu Y. M. C. A. tanks, and wonderful beaches cannot produce more swimmers of champion caliber?

One reason is because we haven't enough swimming meets spread throughout the year. A swimming meet brings out talent. A swimmer will never know how fast she is able to swim unless she is matched with someone else.

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Honolulu is probably not aware of the fact that she has several swimmers who really should be given a chance to show their ability to make good times. For instance in the backstroke, we have Miss Dorothy Waters, of the Outrigger Canoe Club. Miss Waters is a very powerful backstroke as well as breaststroke swimmer. All that is necessary is a little competition. Just now we haven't any swimmers who could extend her in the hundred yards backstroke. The first step is to place her in a handicap race. However, if the handicap is too big it is liable to discourage her. Then, too, if the race is timed right, she should not only win but also better her former time. There are many other swimmers here who only need competition in order to bring them out. A few of them are: Janice Lowett, Helen Moses, Beatrice Newport and Lelehua Judge. We also have a number of younger girls who are beginning to come forward.

If those girls are given the right training, which they are no doubt getting, and the right amount of competition, they should in a short time be able to make just as good a showing as any girl in the New York Women's Swimming Association.

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DRAGON JINX

IF THE Beavers have anything to say about things today, the Dragons are going to step out on the wrong foot in their march toward this year's baseball championship which their rooters have already so gleefully staked out for them. There is much talk of an ancient curse and a very much alive jinx circulating in the Beaver Quadrangle, and old timers in the regiment, under the stimulus of their third cup of coffee have talked themselves hoarse telling recruits of the past deeds of the doughty Engineers when the Dragons were their opponents.

LaMarr, patriarch of the Beavers, his eyes alight with prophetic fire has just informed us that the Beavers for years past have been the bane and curse of the Dragons. Long and exciting was the Beaver Saga, as chanted by this venerable fellow to the melancholy rattling of the dishes in the not too distant kitchen of the brothers Wee. Time and again it seems these crafty Beavers have proved the stumbling blocks in the Artillerymen's pathway to victory. Once when they had failed to win a baseball game throughout the entire season they up and pounced on Eleventh to rob them of the pennant and throw it to the Gimlets. And so forth and so on, words without end.

However be all that as it may, and tion or any other club on the mainland.

The next installment of Miss Wehseleau's swimming articles will appear in The Advertiser on Sunday. They should be read by every swimmer in Hawaii, for they are as instructive as they are entertaining.—Sports Editor.