

SWIMMERS WELCOMED HOME

“Dad” Center and His
Gang of Swimmers
Back From Japan;
Mainland Coach Com-
ments On Work of Miss
Wehselau and Buster
Crabbe

—By Don Watson—

HAWAII today welcomed home several local athletes and their coach and trainer, George D. (“Dad”) Center, who have been in Japan where they participated in the recent Pan-Pacific swimming meet.

Hawaii's athletes made a fine showing while in the Orient, winning several events for the American team and adding points to the team score each time they appeared in competition.



Watson Again the star performer was Clarence (“Buster”) Crabbe, who won the men's national one mile championship at the big meet staged in Honolulu a couple of months ago. Crabbe hung up a couple of Japan records and was a member of the relay team that established a new universal record for the 800 meter relay.

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While the swimmers were in Japan The Star-Bulletin received a complete report of their swimming activities. All of these reports, as published in the columns of this paper, showed that the Honolulu boys were able representatives of Hawaii in the swimming competitions.

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Hawaii comes in for considerable mention in the latest Ocean Bulletin of Swimming, a sheet issued monthly in New York and edited by L. De B. Handley, one of America's foremost swimming coaches and amateur coach of the Women's Swimming Association of New York.

The reason for the special attention being paid Hawaii was the staging of the men's national outdoor swimming championship here last August. Of the local swimmers Clarence (“Buster”) Crabbe and Mariechen Wehselau are the ones who receive special mention.

Miss Wehselau's picture appears in one corner of the sheet while that of Martha Norelius and Agnes Geraghty is in another corner. Handley comments that Miss Wehselau lowered the world's long course 220 yard freestyle record.

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Mariechen's return to the swimming game has caused quite a bit of comment in mainland swimming circles. She now looms as a contender for championship honors. Her showing in the recent meet assures Miss Wehselau of consideration for a place on the next Olympic team.

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BACK ON MAP

Now that Hawaii is back on the swimming map the thing to do is keep things moving right along and continue to develop championship swimmers.

We will probably be represented next year on America's Olympic team. Buster Crabbe is a strong contender for a position on the team and will no doubt win additional laurels.

Most sports move along in their respective seasons without much boosting but swimming is a sport in which there must be a great deal of hard work done and the swimmers must be given the support of the community.

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The new War Memorial tank at Waikiki is moving right along. The second section of permanent bleachers is almost completed and work on the approaches will be started soon. When this fine tank is finished there can be no excuse of a lack of place for the swimmers to train. The tank will be open to all.