

CHAMP MERMEN DEFEND TITLES IN RACES TODAY

Johnny Weissmuller and 'Buster' Crabbe Defend Titles At San Francisco

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—

The national swimming champions will defend their titles here today when Johnny Weissmuller of the Illinois Athletic club, Chicago, world's 100-meter champion, and Clarence Crabbe of the Outrigger Canoe club, Honolulu, national mile champion, will face a score of challengers in the program of the opening day of the national swimming championships at Fleishacker pool.

The races also are to serve as preliminary Olympic games trials. In addition to the two races mentioned, the opening program will include a 400-meter race for women, in which Mariechen Wehselau of Honolulu is expected to compete, and the final Olympic trials for 10-foot springboard diving.

Crabbe is expected to meet his strongest opposition in August Clapp, sensational high school swimmer from Hollywood, Calif., while Weissmuller will face a tough competitor in George Kojac of New York.