

HAWAII LEADS IN SWIMFEST

Attention of Fans Now Focused On Olympic Trials At Detroit; Hawaii Will Have Representatives In Four of Seven Events

—By Don Watson—

NOW that the men's national outdoor swimming championships are over interest centers on the men's Olympic trials, to be held at Detroit June 22, 23 and 24.

"Buster" Crabbe and Johnny Woodd will be Hawaii's representatives at the Olympic trials. Buster will probably enter the 1500 meters and 400 meters freestyle and possibly the 100 meters backstroke. Johnny Woodd will be in the 100 and 400 meters freestyle.

This means that Hawaii will be represented in four of the seven events on the men's Olympic program. There is also a relay team and Johnny Woodd has a very good chance of landing a berth on that team. It looks as though Buster Crabbe is a cinch for a place on the team as there does not appear to be anyone who can touch him in the 1500-meter swim. Of course, Harry Glancy did not compete in the meet last week and he should make a better showing in the mile than Clapp, who took second place.



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Johnny Weissmuller decided not to swim against Crabbe in the half mile the other day. When Weissmuller and his coach, Bachrach, were here last fall the latter informed the writer that he hoped he would never have to send Weissmuller in to race against Crabbe in the half mile again. Crabbe would have carried off high point laurels in the meet even though Weissmuller had won the half mile. Guess Bachrach decided it wasn't worth the chance of having Johnny beaten.

ONE-MAN TEAM

On the mainland they are referring to Buster as a one-man swimming team.

This is due to the fact that he won 18 points in the meet, which was enough to give the Outrigger Canoe club second place in the national championships. "Dad" Center must have been a pleased man after that meet. Beating out the Illinois Athletic club team is no small job—and the Outrigger club did it with but a single entry in the meet.

Too bad Mariechen Wehselau did not get into the meet. Due to illness she was unable to swim. Had she been entered she would have won the 400-meter swim. In addition, Mariechen would have been in the century swim and would have made Eleanor Garratti swim faster than one minute 12 2-5 seconds if she expected to win. It should be mentioned that Lily Bowmer May was very ill while on the steamer en route to the mainland and lost seven pounds during the trip. By the time the Olympic trials for women are held in July, Lily will be in better condition and she'll win the century if the others can't swim better than one minute 12 seconds.

You have to hand it to Johnny Woodd. He made a wonderful showing in the national meet, considering all obstacles, and deserved to be sent to the Olympic trials. Honolulu fans were pleased to learn through The Star-Bulletin yesterday that Johnny had been sent to Detroit.