

BENTON WOOD IS STAR AT HARVARD



Won First Place In Two Freestyle Events; Former Outrigger Club Star Swam the 100 Yards Close To National Collegiate Time

By Don Watson

Benton Wood, former Outrigger Canoe club swim star, is another Honolulu boy making a name for himself in athletic circles on the mainland.

Newspaper clippings received by his father, Hart Wood, show that Benton is swimming better than ever as a member of the Harvard freshman swimming team.

Young Wood used to go in for the longer distances and for a time he showed a great deal of promise in the long swims. He has now turned to the sprints, however, and local fans will be surprised to hear that he is clipping off the hundred yards in less than 56 seconds regularly. In a recent meet Benton won the 50 yard swim in 25 4-5 seconds and then won the century in 55 seconds.



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His time in the 100-yard swim was just one second slower than Al Schwartz when the latter won the century in the national collegiate championships.

Wood is listed as one of Harvard's best swimmers. In fact, the dope at Harvard is that a strong team will be turned out next year and that Wood will be the mainstay of the team.

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