

JUNIOR NATIONAL SWIM EVENTS AT JULY MEET HERE

Two 300 Meter Medley Swims Are Added To List of Events For Swimfest

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Two junior national A. A. U. championships of the United States will be contested at the war memorial natatorium in conjunction with the international inter-collegiate swimfest to be held on the nights of July 17, 18 and 19 when Yale and Meiji, universities and an All-Hawaiian team meet to shatter more swimming records.

The 300 meter medley for men and women are the two other attractive faces which should furnish plenty of competition for mermaids and natators, and an interesting event for the spectators to watch. The medley is a test of all around swimming ability, and most strenuous.



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Junior National Title

These two events were applied for at the national meeting last November by Don Watson, the Hawaiian association representative. The suggestion to hold these star races for the big meeting next month was well received by the local swimming committee, as it gives the women especially, a chance for a junior national title and regulation A. A. U. championship medal.

Margaret Decker of the W. S. A. of New York won the title and event last year, completing the three styles of padding in 5 minutes 30 4-5 seconds.

Present Record Slow

This "time" is very slow compared to the national or local "times" made by other swimmers. However, in junior national events, it is usually confined to the club applying for the event and seldom is open to other clubs who probably have faster performers. This is due to the expense of traveling and inability to be excused from school or work.

Eleanor Holm, the 16-year-old all around world record holder of the W. S. A. of New York, swam the 300-meter medley in 4 minutes 49 4-5 seconds last year here in Honolulu, when the senior A. A. U. title events were held for women. It created a new mark for the association and the United States.

Holds Record

Mildred Slaght of the Outrigger in The Star-Bulletin weekly competitions holds the record for that special event. Mildred is credited with 5 minutes 23 seconds, which is at least seven seconds faster than the junior national mark in the record book for last year's winner.

The junior national medley for women will bring together at least five outstanding performers in the district. The more experienced and recent champion, Lillie Bowner May, should be the favorite for this special event. Lillie in winning the dorsal and breaststroke senior Hawaiian association titles, missed by a few seconds winning the freestyle event.

In Good Condition

The former junior national freestyle champion is in great swimming condition and should lower the mark of 5 minutes 30 4-5 seconds made last year by the New York performer.

Mildred Slaght, Dot Hammond, Betty Hammond, Loretta Gillespie, Jean Smith, Mae Wescoatt are perhaps the outstanding women swimmers who will be invited by the swimming committee to compete on July 17.

Local Time Faster

Wallace Spence of the Brooklyn Central Y. M. C. A. won the 300-yard medley junior national title in 4 minutes 24 1-5 seconds. In The Star-Bulletin swimfests Maiola Kalili swam the 300-meter event in 4 minutes 15 2-5 seconds and equalled the mark of 4 minutes 13 seconds made by other title holders. Buster Crabbe swam the race in 4 minutes 12 1-5 seconds.

The Hawaiian association has many men capable of turning in creditable times for this event. Bud-die Crabbe, Mauuella Kalili, E. Tom Ling, Sam Kahanamoku, Harold Hanhy, Maurice Furusho, and many of the boys in the under 18 class who are slowly developing under 5-minute swimmers.

The race will be further attractive as it will be opened to any of the college men who are eligible for a junior national championship.