

HARRIS WORKING ON AUTOMATIC DEVICE

W. W. "Wild Bill" Harris, Jr., star swimmer for the Outrigger Canoe club, is working on a timing device which may be tried out in the June swimming meet provided he has it finished by that time.

The unsatisfactory ending on the 100 yards backstroke at the Puna-hou tank last Saturday night when the finish was so close that the judges picked Weissmuller and the timers caught Kealoha has persuaded Harris to continue his efforts on the timing and finishing device whereby there will be no more disputes about time or winners.

The device includes the placing of boards at the finishing line for each lane. Each board is wired so that the moment it is touched a light on a special panel flashes up. Also the timing watches are wired to it and are stopped the moment any board is touched. Carried out further, the watches are started by means of an electric wire, which runs to the starting gun. Firing of the gun sets the watches off and the touching of the panel stops them. Harris has not perfected the device yet, but is working on it and hopes to have at least a working model ready shortly.