

Women's Relay Teams Will Also Have Chance to Make A National Record In 400

Senior Record for 400-Yard Relay Held by New York Club Whose Time is 4:47.

Local Team Made it in 4:45 3-5 Last Summer; Will Stand if Made This Year

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THERE is one event on the Aloha swimming meet which will prove the acid test for local mermaids. That is the 440 yards women's junior national championship. It will be the first time that the fair sex of the territory will have been called upon to swim such a distance in a harbor meet and there is considerable speculation on as to the time that will be made. Ethelda Bleibtrey swam the distance here in the record time of 6:21 3-5 in 1920, and it is doubtful if this time will be equaled, as our mermaids will just be branching out into the distance class. It will be interesting, however, to note the time after the race. It will determine just what success our mermaids may expect in this class.

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ANOTHER event for the women which may put Hawaii more plainly on the map is the 400 yards women's junior national relay championship, the winner of which will be the first titleholder. The senior record for the event is held by the W. S. A. of New York, their time being 4:47 flat. Last year the Outrigger Canoe club women's team won the 400-yard relay race in the harbor, their time being 4:45 3-5. This was not a national event, however, and for that reason special efforts were made by the local A. A. U. to secure this event for the Aloha meet, as it was known that the Outrigger club would enter practically the same team as the one which made such fast time last year. If they equal their last year's time in the Aloha event it will place them in the front ranks as a relay combination. Clipping off 1 2-5 seconds from the senior record is not to be sneezed at. The Outrigger team will be composed of Helen Moses, Estelle Cassidy, Lillie Bowmer and Mariechen Wehselau. The Lewers & Cooke shield is up for the event, it already being partly held by the Outrigger swimmers. The Hui Makani girls will provide the opposition in the event.

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TICKETS for the meet are going like the proverbial hot cakes and the S. R. O. sign is sure to be hung out on Friday and Saturday nights. Indications also point to a flock tomorrow night when 12 races will be pulled off, including the 440 Hawaiian open. Weissmuller will swim in the race and will be timed at intermediate marks for records. A whole regiment of timers will be used in this race to get the seconds right. As Weissmuller is expected to finish first in this race, the one finishing second will also be timed as the title will go to him, Johnny being ineligible for any local titles, although he can break all the records he is able to.