

# THEY ARE READY TO HIT AQUA

Swimming Pulse Here and  
Elsewhere Seems to Be  
Increasing in  
Speed

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DON VICKERS, coach for the Crystal pool swimming team of Seattle, which took the majority of first places in recent Northwestern swimming meets, has gone a-hunting.

Every fall Don gets rigged up in khaki with the kit slung over his back and a fishing rod and gun over his shoulder and hies himself into Southern Oregon in search of deer and trout. This is according to C. F. Werner, swimming expert of the Northwest.

It was one on Don Vickers' divers who out-pointed Happy Kuehn, Portland boy and Olympic champion, in the contests this summer.

Dad Center is all enthusiastic over the October swimming meet. He is very much in hopes that Hawaii may win back a few of her lost laurels, at least the girls' 400 yard relay record.

There will be 20 entrants in a Public School event in the October swimming meet here. The boys are already practising for a 50 yard event.

Happy Kuehn is on his way east to attend Columbia university. There will be keen competition in the college events, for Louis Balbach, New York's diving champion, attends the same university.

Irene Guest of Philadelphia, member of the American Olympic swimming team of 1920 last week returned to racing after many months of inactivity and won a 220 race over a 110 yard course (open water). Her time was 3:02.

There was keen disappointment in the swimming circles over the failure of Charles Toth of Boston to span the English Channel. He covered three-fourths of the course after he had been under way 11 hours.

It was the general belief among American experts that the Bostonian had every qualification to succeed. Apparently the cold sea defeated him. And this is not surprising, for an 11 hour immersion in water at 58 degrees is enough to take the heart out of the hardest.

Meriechen Wehselau is showing better form in the water than ever. She claims that she is going hard after the 50 and 100 yard records. Lilly Bowmer is a close second.

Helen Moses, Meriechen Wehselau, Dorothy Waldren, Lilly Bowmer and Helen Ellis are swimming instructors at Punahou. This does not mean that they have turned professional. They are being given credits for the regular work of instructing in the tank.

Five more competent swimming instructors could not be obtained for the school.

Races for 10 and 12 year-olds are bringing out new swimmers at each meet. Both the Hui Makani and Outrigger clubs are planning a number of new entrants this year.

Bill Harris is working out in the Punahou tank in fine form. Providing his "luck" is not against him, Bill will do some fast work.

Warren Kealoha means business about taking the 100 and 150 backstroke records. He works an hour every day in Punahou tank.