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AMERICAN MERMAIDS LEAD THE WORLD

THE result of the Outrigger Canoe Club swimming meet held this week at Punahou tank is to give to American mermaids the unquestioned crown of superiority over all the women swimmers of other nations.

While both Gwitha Shand and Pauline Hoeft of New Zealand are first-class swimmers under the British flag, and while both will show to advantage in open water, they are not quite in the star class despite the fact that they hold world records. They were the last obstacle that stood between the American women and the championship of swimming the world over.

Hilda James, champion of Europe, came from England this summer to the United States and was beaten in practically every race.

The two New Zealand girls came here and the fans know with what result.

Today American mermaids stand without question as the best women swimmers in the world.

Wouldn't it be a grand stunt to get Mariechen Wehselau, Lillie Bowmer and Helen Moses of this city together with Helen Wainwright and Gertrude Ederle of New York and Sybil Bauer of Chicago in a single meet. The six greatest women swimmers of the world would then be together and no record safe from their breaking.

Maybe it will happen next year at Los Angeles!

