

HAWAII NOT TO ASK FOR SWIM TITLE EVENTS

Local Swim World Plans
to Spend Next Year Away
Visiting Other Courses

National Championships Not
to Be Sought At A. A. U.'s
Annual Meet Next Month

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Island swimmers are going visiting next year. The Hawaiian A. A. U. has decided not to ask for any national swimming events during the year 1923. This decision has just been reached, the question having been held open to this date in an effort to learn the wishes of all the clubs involved in the matter. With the Los Angeles trip in prospect, Hawaiian swimmers are getting set for plenty of touring next year. Even if the Los Angeles games trip next summer falls through there will be tours for local swimmers of foreign natatoriums and that is why no national swimming championships are being sought by the Hawaiian A. A. U. at the National A. A. U. meeting next month in New York city.

There will probably be more girls on the Hawaiian swimming team that goes to the mainland next year than men. At present the rising talent among the men is limited. There is Sam Kahanamoku of the Hui Nalus as a sprinter and Warren Kealoha of the Hui Makani as a backstroke star. Outside of these two Hawaii is barren of championship talent.

Mermaids

But among the mermaids Hawaii has plenty. First of all there is Mariechen Wehselau of the Outrigger club, whom Bill Bachrach of the Illinois Athletic club says is the greatest girl swimmer in the world. Then there is Lillie Bowmer, Helen Moses, Lellehua Judd, Janice Lovett, Helen Ellis, Connie Davis and Eleanor Bickerton, all clubmates of Wehselau and all worthy of consideration. Lillie Bowmer has cinched her place on the Los Angeles team by her backstroke work the other night. Helen Moses has cinched her place by the 440 yard swim of hers Tuesday last.

Divers Needed

For breaststroke swimming the islands have Kuualoha Keliipio of Hilo, who is coming forward rapidly in this style of work. Rosalie Abreu of Maui is another coming sprinter.

All that is needed to sweep the boards in aquatics now is a couple of good divers among the girls and Hawaii would be ready to meet any nation's mermaids or the whole world for that matter.