SMITH PRAISES LILLIE BOWMER

Lauds Island Mermaid in S. F. and Also Praises 'Dad' Center, Coach

Ernest M. Smith, well known San Francisco swimming scribe, has plenty of praise for Lillie Bowmer, Outrigger girl swimmer visiting the coast. He writes as follows:

By ERNEST M. SMITH

"Lillie Bowmer has commenced training for the open 100-yard free style swimming race to be held at Neptune Beach on September 2. She went 50 yards at Neptune in 29 3-5 seconds, and did not swim very hard to do it.

The Hawaiian lass swims with an astonishing easy stroke. The stroke looks easy because of the deceptive recovery. Under the water her arms and legs are doing their work with powerful precision, and the correlation between the arms and legs is excellent.

A Hope

Miss Bowmer is looked upon as one of the hopes of the United States in the Olympic games at Paris next year. Women's swimming activities have localized in three places, New York, Honolulu and Chicago. In New York, Lou Handley and the New York Women's Swimming Association have built up the leading aquatic team for women in the world. In Honolulu "Dad" Center and the Outrigger Canoe Club have developed a group of sprint swimmers that can challenge even the New York Women's Swimming Association, and Bill Bachrach in Chicago is making a women's swimming team, at the Illinois Athletic Club, with Sybil Bauer, the greatest woman backstroke swimmer in the world, as a nucleus.

Miss Bowmer, Mariechen Wehselau and Helen Moses are the leading girl swimmers of the islands, and all three are almost sure to be invited to compete at Paris next year.