Lillie Bowmer Back With Gain of 15 Pounds Weight As Result of Coast Trip

Says That Frances Cowells Schroth Is Working Hard to Regain Old-Time Form and Wants to Make American Olympic Team; Coast Champion McDonald Not Much Of a Star

By MIKE JAY

Lillie Bowmer, Outrigger Canoe club swimmer, who holds the world 50-yard tank record for women, returned this morning on the steamer Manoa after some months spent visiting on the coast. During her short visit Lillie gained 15 pounds in weight but it has not hampered her swimming in the least.

She swam in one race at Neptune beach and did the 100 yards in 1:07.2 winning by 20 yards from her nearest competitor.

Slow Swimmers

"Gee, they're slow up there," she said this morning, "and there's any amount of girls down here who could beat the best around San Francisco. The Pacific Coast champion is Jennie McDonald, but there are 25 girls in Honolulu who would not have the slightest trouble in beating her.

"I was not able to get into the Pacific Coast association meet because you have to live on the coast five months before you can swim in that meet.

"Oh, yes, it's true I gained 15 pounds but then you see I have lost four pounds on the boat," added Lillie smiling. She weighs 121 pounds now.

In Training

While on the coast Lillie met Frances Cowell Schroth and had quite a chat with her. Lillie says that Frances is sincere in her effort to come back and that she is training three times a week under the direction of a coach in an effort to recover her speed.

"Frances is doing fine and I would not be surprised if she made the team. She is trying hard anyway," said Lillie.

In Coming Meet

The returning mermaid will swim in the October meet to be held in the harbor when mainland competition will be present in Miss Gertrude Ederle of the New York Women's swimming asociation. Duke Kahanamoku was also invited to the meet but had notified the Hawaiian A. A. U. that it will be impossible for him to come.

Norman Ross and Harold Kruger are on their way overland from Chicago to the coast and are expected to arrive in San Francisco shortly to take the boat for Honolulu in time to be here for the meet.

MEETING TONIGHT

The Healani Yacht and Boat club's annual meeting will be held tonight at the boathouse at 7:30 o'clock.

PREP GRID

The Interscholastic Football league will hold a meeting on Monday, September 24, in the Central "Y."

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