

# Yankee Women Swimmers

## For the Olympics Will Be Named at Briarcliff Meet

**T**HE United States Olympic team of women swimmers will be selected at Briarcliff Lodge on Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8, when it is expected that some thrilling contests will be held among the mermaids of this country for the honor of wearing the American shield in the Olympic Games at Paris.

The entries received by the American Olympic Committee indicate that more than 75 girls representing all of the prominent women's swimming clubs in the United States, the Panama Canal Zone and the Hawaiian Islands will compete for the fifteen places on the women's team.

America's chances of gaining the Olympic title have never appeared brighter, largely through the phenomenal development of Gertrude Ederle of the Women's Swimming Association of New York, whose extraordinary progress as a swimmer since 1922 has been one of the outstanding features of American athletics. This girl at 15 years of age holds all of the world's records from 100 meters to 880 yards with the exception of the 700 meters, which event is held by her clubmate, Helen Wainwright, her closest rival.

### The Probable Winning Quartet.

Alleen Riggins, who when 14 years old, won the fancy diving championship at the Olympic Games at Antwerp in 1920; Helen Wainwright, who was a traction of a point-blind Miss Riggins in the Antwerp Games, and Sybil Bauer of the Illinois A. C., who is without a rival in the backstroke event, are expected to form the quartet upon which the hopes of America will be pinned at Paris.

While these places seem secure the competition at Briarcliff Lodge in the final tryouts may provide many upsets, for the sectional events which were held throughout the country developed many surprising performances from girls whose chances were not considered altogether bright and who may upset the advance reckoning of the selections committee.

The finals, which will be held under the auspices of the Metropolitan Association of the A. A. U. jointly with the Women's Swimming Association of New York, will approximate conditions to be met at the Paris games as closely as it is possible for the officials at Briarcliff Lodge to produce. The largest swimming pool in the country has been constructed for the event and will be ready in time for the girls to practice diving from a 32-foot platform. The pool is 600 feet long by 200 feet wide and is set in a natural amphitheater with the sides forming a natural grandstand on which thousands of spectators can be accommodated. The depths will range from three to eight feet, but at the diving platform a pit 40 feet square has been dug, at which point the water will be 17 feet deep.

The high diving tower will be ten meters from the water level and there will be another platform at five meters. Two springboards meeting the Olympic requirements will be placed at levels of one meter and three meters from the surface of the water, to be used for fancy diving. The candidates for the diving team will practice this week from the high dive platform.

### Entries for the "100" and "400."

The 100 and 400-meter swim, free style, entries include Gertrude Ederle, Helen Wainwright, Ethel McGary, Doris O'Mara, 100-yard Metropolitan outdoor champion; Alleen Riggins, Adelaide Lambert, former all-around Panama Canal Zone champion and present national outdoor 100-yard champion;

Virginia Whitenack, all of New York City; Mariechen Wehselau of Honolulu, the world's record holder at 100 yards and the present all-around Hawaiian champion; Ethel Lackie of the Illinois A. C., Chicago, the all-around Central A. A. U. champion; Josephine McKim, present all-around champion of the Panama Canal Zone; Margaret Varior, the Middle Atlantic A. A. U. 500-yard champion; Frances Clark of Philadelphia, Frances Taylor, Susan Laird and Grace Kempel of Pittsburg; Helen and Mollie McKittrick and Olive Holland of Boston; Delma Carlstrom, the New England Association A. A. U. champion of Worcester, Ephrasia Donnelly of Indianapolis, Anna Baum of Bridgeport, Martha Norelius of Jersey City, Caroline Smith of Cairo, Ill.; Ena Pettigill, Florence Skadding, Anna McCleary and Loretta Cannon of Baltimore.

### Sybil Bauer Appears to Be Alone.

The backstroke events include Sybil Bauer, the world's record holder at all distances and who is without a close rival in this style of swimming; Alleen Riggins, Metropolitan backstroke champion; Doris O'Mara, junior national outdoor backstroke champion, and Ethel McGary, all of New York; Florence Chambers of San Diego, Cal.; Frances Clark of Philadelphia, Middle Atlantic backstroke champion; Frances Cowels Shroth of San Francisco, Cal., a member of the 1920 Olympic team and Olympic champion relay team, who finished third in the 100-meter and 300-meter Olympic championships in 1920, and Grace Kempel of Pittsburg.

The entrants in the 200-meter swim, breaststroke, include Anez Geraghty of New York, national breaststroke champion, holder of the world's records at 400 meters and 400 yards; Dorothy Wesley Witteraft of New York, Mathilda Shurich of New York, Ruth Thomas of Atlantic City, national junior outdoor champion; Marie Hillegas of Philadelphia, Dorothy Andre of Detroit, Alma Mann, present Panama Canal Zone breaststroke champion; Susan Laird of Pittsburg, Anna Baum of Bridgeport, Florence Skadding of Baltimore, Lillian May Howard of San Diego, Cal.; Salome Brennesholz of Buffalo, the Niagara district champion; Peggy Williamson and Eleanor Coleman of Milwaukee, Olive Hatch and Thelma Finn of Los Angeles, Cal., and Frances Cowels Shroth of San Francisco.

### Entries in the Diving Events.

The diving events include Alleen Riggins, Helen Wainwright, Helen Meany, high fancy diving champion in 1921-22-23, who was a member of the 1920 Olympic team; Florence

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Every one who is interested in the success of the American Olympic team at the Olympic Games at Paris should immediately secure his ticket for the Eastern tryouts which will be held at the Yankee Stadium on June 7.

First—Because money is badly needed and the Metropolitan District is short \$35,000 of its quota.

Second—He will see the greatest competitions on track and field that have ever been held in this district.

Athletes from the colleges, high schools and clubs from Maine to West Virginia will be seen in action and that means that there will be wonderful contests and new records are likely to be established.

Some followers of track and field sports have been telling us that the athletes from the West will put it all over the Easterners when they meet in the final tryout on June 13 and 14. If you have any such idea, disabuse yourself of it very quickly and come up to the Yankee Stadium June 7, for I know you are going to be convinced that the Easterners are capable of competing successfully against the world.

### Wonderful Sprinters.

The field that is going to meet in the sprint races at 100 and 200 meters is the greatest that has ever topped the mark, not even barring the Olympic Games. Just think of Loren Murchison of Newark, many times national champion, being obliged to meet Frank Hussey of Stuyvesant High School, the wonderful school-boy runner; Jackson Schoz, N. Y. A. C., the former Missouri Valley champion; George Hill of the University of Pennsylvania; Chet Bowman, the Long Branch boy, who competes for Syracuse University and the Newark A. C.; Frank Conway the former Morningside A. C. flash, who now competes for Penn State; D. M. Norton of Yale, Louis Clark of Johns Hopkins; Alfred Leconey of Philadelphia, former intercollegiate champion, and Robert McAllister of New York. Each and every one of them is a sound ten-second man for the 100 yards, and Murchison, Hussey, Schoz, Bowman and Clark have been timed in 9-4-5. Every one of the men mentioned is capable of running the 220 yards in 21-3-5 seconds or better.

### The 400 Meters.

For the 400-meter race another great field has entered. Allen Woodring, Milrose A. A., last year's intercollegiate champion; J. Coard Taylor, N. Y. A. C., the runner-up to Woodring last year, who then competed for Princeton University; G.

Briscoe, Katherine Brown, intercollegiate diving champion; Lillian Stoddard and Helen Briscoe of New York City, Alma Mann, Panama Canal Zone diving champion; Louise Davidson of Jersey City, who was placed second to Helen Meany in 1923 in the high fancy diving championships; Carol, Fletcher of Pasadena, Cal.; Lizette Herrman, the junior low-board champion; Bernice L'Abian of San Francisco, Ida Lang of Detroit, Caroline Smith of Cairo, Ill.; Loretta Cannon of Baltimore, Eleanor Coleman of Milwaukee, Vonnie Malcolmson of Detroit, Minnie May Baldwin of Detroit, Elizabeth Becker of Atlantic City, Mrs. Chappaton of Detroit and Viola Hartman of Los Angeles, Southern California champion.

The selection committee will announce the swimming team immediately following the final event and the team will sail from New York on the S. S. America on June 16.