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CARLA GERKE FOR EMPIAD BREASTSTROKE

DOROTHY GREEN NOT IN TOP FORM

From PAT JARRETT.

SYDNEY, February 2.
Clare Dennis, the former Olympic breaststroke champion and world record holder, says that Carla Gerke (South Africa) will win the women's Empiad 220 yards breaststroke title. Miss Dennis, who is now a professional, is one of the most popular coaches at the North Sydney Olympic pool, where the Empire Games representatives are training. After two days' coaching by Miss Dennis, the South African girl has shown a marked improvement, particularly in her glide.

Joan Langdon, Canada's representative in this event, went at top speed to-day over 110 yards, but she is not in the same class as Miss Gerke. Miss Dennis is also confident that her young protegee, Joan Thomas, will do well in the Empiad event.

PAT. HUNT'S STRONG BID.

Pat. Hunt, one of Australia's representatives in the high-tower dive, will make a strong bid for this title. She has amazing courage for a youngster. She has lost a stone in weight in three weeks, and this has improved her appearance in the air. A little more than two years ago, Laurie Hawes, one of Australia's divers for the three-metre event, was a cripple, but to-day, at the pool, she showed form that is certain to put her among the placegetters next week.

With only three days before the opening of the Games Australia's main hope in the freestyle events, Dorothy Green, is a long way from her best form. She is missing a beat with her feet, and does not appear to be getting any power from her arms.

Pat Norton is swimming better than ever and has bright chances for the 110 yards back stroke, although she will have a hard race against Hazel Holmes (South Africa) in the heats.

FANNY DURACK STILL KEEN

Australia's first woman Olympic Games swimmer, Fanny Durack, grey haired now, but still a swimming enthusiast, sits in a bathing costume on the side of the pool and watches the young Empiad girls at training every day.

ATHLETES OUT EARLY

Athletes took advantage of finer weather to-day and were out early at Rushcutters Bay Oval. One of the Canadian sprinters, Aileen Meagher, has food poisoning. And another, Isabel Bleasdel, is still affected by leg trouble. England's No. 1 hurdler, Kathleen Tiffen, has recovered from her leg injury. The Australian backstroke swimmer, Madge Nixon, is suffering from a heavy cold and has not trained since she arrived here on Monday.



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