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Gun-Shy Girls From S. Africa

SOUTH African and Rhodesian Empire Games girl swimmers are at a disadvantage in that the swimming races will be started with a gun.

"Our girls have never been started with a gun in their lives before," said Springbok coach Alexander R. Bulley yesterday.

"In all our national championships the start is by word of mouth. In the sprints the gun start may put our girls at a disadvantage, but I'm not making excuses."

Mr. Bulley said other factors which would count against his team were the facts that they were not used to swimming in a 55-yard pool, but in shorter pools, and that Hazel Holmes, of Durban, will swim for the first time in fresh water.

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