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TIP TO AUSTRALIA

How American Coach Worked Wonders In South Africa

SHOULD South Africa's swimmers enter the winning lists at the Empire Games, one man in America will be mightily pleased.

This is John W. Harte, former Yale University swimmer, who made a coaching tour of the Union last year.

THE South African authorities set a notable example to Australia.

"Thanks to Mr. Harte's tour, our standard of swimming has improved tremendously," remarked Mr. Alec. Bulley, coach-manager of the S.A. swimming team.

"A comparison of times of our leading swimmers before and after

Mr. Harte's visit bears out what I say."

And that is true. Terry Collard's best figures for 100 yards up to November, 1936, were 55 2-5. In April, 1937, he had lopped a second off that time.

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MOLLY RYDE, holder of all S.A. national freestyle championships in the last three years, cut down her best time for 230 yards from 2.33 2-5ths to 2.34 3-5ths, turned in a 100 yards in 1.03, and in lowering her national 500 yards record from 6.22 2-5ths to 6.21 2-5ths set a new mark of 5.33 for the furlong.

Carla Gerke, South Africa's outstanding breaststroke swimmer, during Mr. Harte's visit twice lowered her own national record for 200 yards, first from 2.55 3-5ths to 2.53 4-5ths, and then to 2.49 3-5ths.

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A COACH like Mr. John W. Harte, who can get such excellent results in South Africa, surely would be a boon to Victoria and South Australia, for instance, where the standard of swimming has deteriorated in recent years.

Greater enthusiasts than the young South Africans it would be hard to find.

Terry Collard, broad-shouldered Adonis, who is a physical culture expert, and looks the part, and the platinum-blond Molly Ryde will be worthy opponents for the best from Australia, Canada, and England.

"Training is fun to them," said Alec. Bulley.

"They'd be in the water all day if I'd let them."

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