

# Are The Amateur Rules Too Strict For Honolulu?

The restrictions on open sport imposed by the local A. A. U. are beginning to make themselves felt among some of the athletes, with the result that the amateur movement is being "knocked" somewhat. There is considerable opposition to the movement in some circles, which has been of a passive, rather than an active, nature in the past, but there seems to be more likelihood of the opponents of the A. A. U. taking a more active interest in the question now.

The relay race between Honolulu and the sailors from the British cruiser Kent almost fell through by reason of the fact that the sailors are not amateurs, there being a general rule to the effect that no soldier nor sailor can be an amateur under the British definition. However, after some discussion, the local boys were permitted to compete, no prizes being offered for the race.

Another sport which will be seriously affected by the rulings of the A. A. U., unless something in the way of a general relaxation of rules takes place, is that of canoe-racing. This is a sport which is confined to but a few clubs in the Territory, the most important being the Kamehameha and the Outrigger Clubs. The Kamehameha Club is composed entirely of Hawaiians who will not even consider a proposition to race unless there are money prizes. This is forbidden

by the A. A. U., consequently the Outrigger boys if they wish to retain their amateur status will have to give up racing against Kamehameha. That would be little short of a calamity in the aquatic sportdom, for if the Kamehameha Club were to be eliminated there would be little interest in canoe racing.

Eli Crawford, who is one of the most prominent members of the Kamehameha Club, states that on the question of money prizes for canoe races all the Hawaiian paddlers are united, and he does not hold out any hope that they will change their stand. He also claims that Kenneth Reidford and Kenneth Brown, two of the Outrigger captains, are like-minded and that canoe races will probably be arranged in the near future in which the Outrigger boys will compete against the Kamehameha crews.

Eli challenges all comers on behalf of the Kamehameha crews. He states the men are willing to row in four- or six-paddle events over any distance from a quarter of a mile to two miles, or even further if necessary. He is also open to make a match race in the boarding canoes, two men in each, or sailing the boarding canoes by one man. Eli Crawford is an enthusiastic paddler and would like to hear of his defi being accepted. Details, such as course and date, can be arranged between the interested parties.