

ONE HUNDRED YARDS COURSE WAS SHORT

ONE TENTH OF A FOOT MIGHT SPOIL RECORD OF KA- HANAMOKU.

Duke P. Kahanamoku, of the Hui Nalu Club, will soon be proclaimed a world beater over the hundred yards swimming course. The records put up by Duke last Saturday were wonderful, and as the timekeepers all agreed on the figures, the new marks for the fifty and one hundred yards distances, should stand for many years. The course was surveyed on Monday, and along the wharf—was found to be 1 1-6 inches short. As Kahanamoku had crossed the finishing line before the watches were snapped, he more than covered the inch and a fraction, that the measured course is said to be short.

The performance of the Waikiki boy was a fine one, and he has made a name for himself all over the world. There is no doubt that Duke, by covering the hundred yards in 43.5 seconds faster time than ever a straightaway hundred was ever swam in, has placed figures on the A. A. U. books that will for years to come, be spoken of as marvelous.

Besides the regular official timekeepers, there were several men with stop watches keeping tab on the time put up by the swimmers. The Sporting Editor of The Advertiser caught the fifty yards and one hundred yards times exactly the same as the official watch holders. Dick Sullivan also made the time the same. There is no possible room for doubt as regards the timing of the events, and the fraction of a foot that the course—as measured along the wharf—could make no difference to speak of.

It is to be hoped that the mainland swimmers get busy and try and get Duke Kahanamoku up to the Coast. In straightaway races Duke could, no doubt, beat the bunch. In indoor races, where the turns count for so much, the Hawaiian champion might not do so well till he mastered the art of touching, and then propelling himself with his feet, from the end of the baths. Six feet is popularly supposed to be the gain in every lap from the advantage of shoving off from the end of the enclosed baths.

Kahanamoku is a wonder; there is no doubt about that and, for a long time, the beach boys have been aware of the fact. Still, as there was no opportunity to establish records that would hold water anywhere in the world, nothing in that line was attempted. Now that the A. A. U. has got busy, the records of Kahanamoku will be published all over the globe.