

DUKE KAHANAMOKU MAY GO INTO A. A. U. CHAMPIONSHIPS

SPALDING CUP FOR BIG LEAGUE TEAM



DUKE KAHANAMOKU.

Duke Kahanamoku, who astonished Hawaiian sportsmen August 12 by breaking the A. A. U. 50-yard record and the world's 100-yard record in the aquatic meet held under the auspices of the local Amateur Athletic Union, may be sent to the mainland in February to take part in the A. A. U. championships preparatory to the Olympic games of 1912.

Kahanamoku's record, forwarded by the local branch of the union to the head office in New York through Doctor Galiek who is well known in A. A. U. circles, has been scrutinized by Otto Wahle, president of the union, and while he expresses reluctance to accept the time made by the Hawaiian swimmer he urges that the young man be sent to the mainland, intimating that should he make good in the championship events, there would be little difficulty in getting his records here accepted.

The local branch of the A. A. U. is taking the matter up with its members and with Hawaiian sportsmen who are known to possess the virtue of generosity, and the Hands-Around club may also be enlisted in the cause of raising the fund necessary to send Kahanamoku into the Olympic preliminaries, accompanied by a trainer.

News of the A. A. U.'s consideration of the Hawaiian's local records was received by Lorrin Andrews through Doctor Galiek yesterday. President Wahle writes to Doctor Galiek as follows:

Receives Timers' Certificates.

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 11th inst. together with documents sent to you from Honolulu. Kindly excuse my tardiness in answering. I wished to go over the matter carefully and as I am rather busy at this time of the year with getting out reports, etc., a delay was unavoidable.

"Among the documents I found certificates from three timers, one being two watches, certifying that a swimmer by the name of Duke Kahanamoku swam 50 yards in 24 1/2 sec. and 100 yards in 52 2/5 sec. According to the measurers' certificates I

take it that the race was swam straight away.

"According to my mind this matter should be treated very carefully and with extreme caution before the 100 yards record is to be accepted as an A. A. U. record. In the first place the 100 yards record would not only be an American record but also a world's record. In swimming we have an International Federation which assumes authority over world's records which would considerably increase the responsibility of the A. A. U. in dealing with Kahanamoku's time. If his 55 2/5 sec. were accepted and he should afterwards compete in the United States or Europe and be beaten by swimmers whose best times are considerably slower, the correctness of his 55 2/5 sec. would be seriously questioned as well as the good faith of the A. A. U.

"For this reason, I would like to see Kahanamoku beat other fast men first and have his record accepted afterwards.

More Information Wanted.

"The fact that four watches, two of which are handled by one person, should on two occasions agree absolutely is a very rare, almost unusual occurrence. The fact that an absolutely unknown swimmer should swim 100 yards considerably faster than the world's champion is still more rare or to be correct it is unheard of. Information regarding his previous career as a swimmer should be forwarded. The statement that the swimmers had the tide against them makes this case all the more extraordinary. If a man can do 100 yards against, no matter how slack a tide, in 55 2/5 seconds, it is reasonable to assume that he can swim one or two seconds faster in still water.

"It seems to me that the information that the swimmers had the tide against them is based on the reasoning that the tide was coming in whereas the swimmers swam from the shore towards the open. No greater mistake could be made than to accept this supposition as a general rule. In a bay with inlets and channels the current runs in irregular directions. The following occurrence will show you how difficult it is to determine in advance whether a swimmer will be helped by the tide or not. The One Mile Metropolitan Championship was held on August 25, at Sun Gate. The race was

The winner of the Oahu Senior Baseball League may come into possession this year of the A. G. Spalding trophy offered to Honolulu ball players several years ago to go to the team winning each year's major league championship.

At a meeting of the league last evening in C. F. Chillingworth's office a movement was started which is expected to result in bringing this trophy once more into the limelight. The St. Louis team was the last to win the cup in the old Honolulu Baseball League, and has held it ever since the league became defunct. The Oahu Baseball League is now the major league of the city and as such intends to claim the trophy for its championship team as long as it is the only recognized big league in the city.

The Spalding cup was to remain in the possession of the winning team for one year only, unless won again. St. Louis announced some time ago that they would keep the cup since they had retained it for three successive years. It was found, on application to the Spalding people, however, that this was not the intention of the donors.

held over a 110-yard course laid out on a parallel line with the shore. The tide was rising and one would expect the current to sweep from the open towards the shore. By throwing small pieces of paper or wood into the water we found that the current ran in the opposite direction from the shore towards the open, sweeping across the course, which would have led one to believe that it interfered with fast times as the swimmers would have been swept sideways out of their course. By analyzing and examining the intermediate times for each 110 yards we found that all odd lengths were swum about 6 or 8 seconds slower and the even lengths just as much faster than under ordinary conditions.

Dan Renear's Record Cited.

"This matter brings back to my mind the career of Dan Renear, a swimmer from Philadelphia who went to Honolulu. According to information which was given me, he was good for 1 min. 7 sec. before he left Philadelphia. One day a cabled report appeared in all papers that he had done 100 yards straight away in 1 min. in Honolulu, which, at that time would have been a world's record for outdoor swimming. He returned to Philadelphia the next following year and entered the University of Pennsylvania. He was supposed to have profited by the coaching of the coach of the University of Pennsylvania George Kistler. In the A. A. U. 100 yards championship which was swum straight away in 1905, at Travers Island, he finished last in about 1 min. 6 sec. The time of the third man, C. A. Ruberl, was 1 min. 5 sec. and the others were close up. During the next following winter he won several intercollegiate competitions, but he could never do better than 1 min. 3 sec., and this in a bath which is generally supposed to favor a swimmer by 1 or 2 seconds.

"It would be interesting to examine the photographs in order to find out how far behind the second and third men were. It would also be of interest to know what stroke Kahanamoku uses.

Some Points in Question.

"Regarding the certificates, I would say that something should have been said how the start was made, if Kahanamoku did not beat the gun and some information regarding the anchoring of the floats should have been given. If they were not well secured they may have floated nearer to each other with the tide and a course which measured 100 yards may have been considerably shorter an hour or two later.

"From my experience in the past I can only say that you cannot be too careful with performances made in tidal water. If you go through the list of A. A. U. records made in tidal waters you will only find such which have been confirmed by other performances of the respective swimmer, and we wish to see them confirmed by better performances.

"Summing up this case I would say that while it appears to be highly improbable to me that an unknown swimmer can come out and do 100 yards in 55 2/5 sec. straight away against the tide I am not prepared to say that it is absolutely impossible. If Kahanamoku really can do 100 yards straight away or even in a bath in 55 2/5 sec. he is a man whom the A. A. U. needs to replace Daniels in the Olympic games, 1912, and I would suggest that he be sent to the United States to take part in the A. A. U. championships which will most likely be held in February, and I would like to see any action on his records deferred until additional proofs of his speed are on hand.

"Believe me,
Yours truly,
"OTTO WAHLE."

Additional information will be sent to President Wahle, and the complete record of how Kahanamoku tore through the water in his remarkable races here will be disclosed to the A. A. U. officials.

The Kamehameha alumni team which was badly defeated by the Kamehameha first team last Saturday during the absence of most of the grad players will meet the first school team again tomorrow afternoon on the new Kam field at four o'clock. Kamehameha was to have played Punahou, but this contest had to be postponed because of conflict with the Hawaii-Punahou football game. There will be no practise of the alumni team today.