

DUKE READY TO TRY FOR OLYMPIC TEAM

Hawaii's Unofficial Swimming
Champion Says He Could
Make Good.

Duke Kahanamoku, holder of the world's swimming record for the 100-yard dash, and the A. A. U. record for the 50-yard, says he is sure he can make good in competition with the American candidates for the United States Olympic team if he is given a chance.

His time of 24 1-5 seconds for 50 yards and 55 2-5 seconds for 100 yards made August 12, has not been accepted by the A. A. U., but in a recent communication to Lorria Andrews of this city an official of the American Association intimated that should Duke show up well in competition on the mainland the record made here will be upheld. He beat the world's record in the 100 yards by about three seconds.

Since Otto Wahle, the A. A. U. official, suggested that Kahanamoku should be sent to the mainland to try out for the United States Olympic team, local sportsmen have begun talking up the proposition and it is by no means improbable that financial arrangements can be made for putting Duke into the race.

"I think I could make good," said Duke yesterday, after he had brought an enthusiastic bunch of pretty tourists ashore from an afternoon of canoe surfing at Waikiki. "I have tried tank swimming and I don't think it would bother me much, even if fresh water were used. The only thing that might cause trouble would be the turning necessary in a tank. Swimmers who are accustomed to this would have an advantage over me in that respect, but with a little time to practise I think I could overcome that handicap.

"I certainly should appreciate the chance of competing for a place on the American team and you can be sure I would make some try for it."

The American Olympic championships will be run off in February. Duke will probably be accompanied by a trainer, should it be found possible to send him as Hawaii's competitor for Olympic honors.