

# DUKE SHOULD GO TO MAINLAND

He Would Make Better Records  
There Than Here and Be  
Great Publicity Feature.

That Duke Kahanamoku will do much better swimming on the mainland, and that he should be sent there from a publicity standpoint, is the opinion of E. W. Kopke who has long been in touch with the swimming game here and in the States.

"I have worked with Cavill brothers who are and have been world champion swimmers, with Scott Leary and with H. F. Brewer, the latter having held the championship middle distance in the swimming world, and I can say truthfully that Duke can swim faster than any of the crowd," said Kopke.

Kopke is an Island boy but has followed the swimming game in Australia and the United States besides Hawaii. He was the first man to bring the crawl stroke to Hawaii and what he has to say of swimming is worth listening to.

"Australia is ahead of both the United States and Hawaii in aquatic sports," he said, "and I might say that Hawaii pays less attention to them than does either of the countries named. This is on account of swimming and other stunts being so common here that no notice is taken of them.

"For instance, look at the feats Duke performed at the meet here in September, hardly a ripple of applause was heard when he broke record after record in the harbor. It was too common, he is seen in the water every day and folks think nothing of it.

"Cavill brothers brought the crawl to the United States and are all good swimmers, as is shown by their records, but not one of them can get through the water with Duke.

"Duke's stroke is superior to the Cavills, and should he be sent to the States for swimming contests he would make the people there open their eyes. Dan Renear had hard luck and did not do what was expected of him when he went to the mainland, and so his tales of what other swimmers here could do were not wholly believed.

"All the Island boys who have gone over have done better work in the tanks than they have here in the open, and if Duke could do what he did in the amateur races here, he would more than surprise those records in a tank.

"As far as coaching is concerned he doesn't need any. He has the greatest stroke I have ever witnessed, and all he needs is a little instruction in getting started and making the turns in a tank. If anyone tries to modify his

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stroke it will be all off for he has that down pat now.

"The cold water and tank myth which has been held up to Hawaiian swimmers does not amount to anything, as all of our boys have shown they can do better on the mainland than in the Islands.

"I believe it would be the finest kind of publicity stunt to send Duke to the mainland to compete in aquatic meets, for it would be a great novelty, and serve to attract the attention of people there to Hawaii which could be done in no other way."

CHICAGO.—Falling short two points of equaling Lajoie's record of .422, made while a member of the Philadelphia club in 1901, Tyrus Cobb of Detroit topped the 1911 American League batters for the fourth successive year with an average of .420, according to official averages announced tonight by President Johnson of the American League.