

MAY PILOT HONOLULU SWIMMER



GEORGE FREETH.

Who will champion cause of brilliant Island aquatic sprinters, in Olympic tryouts and in Coast swimming meets.

George Freeth, one of Honolulu's Island champion swimmers, who has for several seasons been connected with water polo teams in southern California, has interested himself in the cause of Duke Kahanamoku, and is making plans at Venice, California, to assist in making it possible for Duke to take part in the Olympic tryouts which will take place during February.

After his recent visit to the Islands Freeth returned to Venice, where he is well known, having piloted the Venice polo team to the championship of the state in 1907, and successfully led the Redondo team to the state title in 1908 and 1909.

He has sort of taken Duke and Vincent Genoves, another local swimmer, under his wing as unofficial manager. Through his reports to Coast sportmen the prowess of the Island swimmers has been scattered far and wide. He

bore the news to many who had not heard it before, that in last summer's swimming championship, Duke broke two world's records, one in the 50-yard dash, and the other in the 100-yard. His time in the former was 24:1, and in the latter, 55:2.

Freeth intends, so he announces, to enter his proteges in any swimming meets which may be held in California during the next year, and make the Redondo, California, plunge his headquarters. Genoves has a fine swimming record here, having won first place in the 440, 880 and mile races of the A. A. U. meet in September, winning all three of them within three hours' time.

Interest here in the project of sending Duke into the Coast championships for the Olympic team has not abated, and the Hui Nalo Club, of which Duke is a member, is planning some sort of an entertainment to make up the remainder of the fund necessary to cover the expenses of Duke's trip to the mainland.