Not Quite Fair

WITHOUT casting aspersions of any kind on the two New York Athletic Club swimmers who have traveled 5000 miles to compete in Hawaii's big A. A. U. meet and who have shown themselves to be true sportsmen, it is not out of place to comment upon the deplorably poor sportsmanship of the club which sent L. E. Vollmer and T. H. Cann across the comment and half way across the Pacific ocean forbidding them to give Duke a chance to win back his lost laurels in the races in which they hold titles.

Two of the Easterners who defeated the world's champion sprinter during the indoor swimming season last winter are Vollmer and Cann, the former in the 220-yard and the latter in the 500-yard championship. When Duke found out that these two men were coming to Hawaii and that there would be races over the two distances, it was naturally one of his greatest ambitions to compete with Vollmer and Cann in an attempt to regain the decision over them.

The New York Athletic Club realized the feelings of the Hawaiian champion and they burst the bubble by refusing to let the New Yorkers swim against Duke in the events in which they hold national titles. They apparently feel that now if Kahanamoku wants to regain his laurels he will have to go to New York to do it.