

MORE NATATORS FOR SWIMMING MEET ON HARBOR

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Two more American swimmers have been invited to take part in the midwinter carnival of the Hawaiian A. A. U., coming off on February 11 in Honolulu—Billy Williams, the national fancy diving champion of 1915, and Sanford Goodman, the 50-yard Pacific coast title holder. Both are members of the Los Angeles A. C.

Particular interest attaches to the bid extended to the latter because his coach, Vance Vieth, a competent and conservative judge of swimming material, recently expressed the opinion that the lad, who is not quite 17 years old, would develop within six months into the greatest 100-yarder in the world.

This pronouncement might be thought unwarranted were it not that in winning his district 50-yard title last summer Goodman covered the distance, straightaway, in the remarkable time of 24.35 seconds, and that he has since increased both speed and stamina by constant practise over the middle-distance courses.

At all events, in Honolulu the lad will be pitted against some of the fastest sprinters of the day, including Norman Ross, Duke Kahanamoku, George Cunha, John Keli and Clarence Lane, and his skill will be thoroughly tested.

Goodman, despite his youth, is the giant of the aquatic fraternity. He stands 6 feet 2 inches in bare feet and weighs 195 pounds stripped. He has also been provided by nature with the biggest paddles ever seen on a champion swimmer—his hands measure more than 8 by 5 inches and feet are 12 inches by over 4.

Thanks to these monster propellers the boy seems actually to leap through the water and while his action is said to closely resemble that of the flying Hawaiian, Kahanamoku, he swims an even slower stroke than the latter, and appears to cover half the length of the average indoor pool with a single one of his powerful double-arm movements.

Goodman's greatest advantages, though, are youth and ambition. No youngster of his age has shown equal ability, nor was there ever a more conscientious and hard-working athlete. Unspoiled by early success, and ready always to take advice and follow his coach's instructions, the lad is a faithful trainer, a bear for work, and has no bad habits.

Results of Goodman's performances in Honolulu will be watched for with keen anticipation.