

# BASKETBALL LEAGUE PLAN IS TO CLASS BY WEIGHT

Three Divisions Fixed, Unlimited,  
150-Pound and 100-Pound;  
Many Teams Expected

SEASON WILL BE BUSY  
ONE PREDICTS NOTTAGE

A. A. U. To Control — College,  
Outrigger, Palama, 'Y' and  
Others To Enter

**B**ASKETBALL will come into its own this year, according to Percy Nottage, who is leading the Outrigger Canoe Club teams. He claims that the coming season will be one of the most successful experienced by basketball on Honolulu. The reason, says Nottage, is that with the organization of a league every person who wishes to play the game will have a chance, for the league will have classifications according to weight. This will give the smaller fellows a chance to qualify on lightweight teams.

Also, there is more interest in the game than heretofore. In former years, the Outrigger has been the only team entered in the major league outside of soldier teams. This year besides the Outrigger entry, there will be teams from the College of Hawaii, the Y. M. C. A., Palama, and other small clubs about the city. Then there will be the usual soldier entries besides. Thus a large range of interest will be created in Honolulu.

The new system is to have several leagues operating under the control of the A. A. U. Each league will be limited to a certain weight. One will be the unlimited weight, another at 150 pounds, and so on down to the little shavers weighing less than 100 pounds. Each player does not have to qualify for the weight of his class, but the average weight of the team as a whole will be taken as a basis. Thus a slightly heavier man may play on a lighter team if the team as a whole, including his weight, does not exceed the class weight. This will split the classes up and tend to make the teams more equal in strength, as they will be all of the same weight and should therefore play better games. When better games are played the crowds will be willing to attend for they know that they will be given their money's worth, and as the crowds grow bigger, the interest will grow accordingly.

Nottage, one of the game's biggest boosters, is to coach the Outrigger Club's teams. Already he has lined up over 60 men and boys to try out for his various weight teams. Big and small, he has 'em all signed up and he claims that this is the biggest turnout that any local club or organization has ever had for basketball. Formerly enough men turned out to make two fairly strong teams, but this year enough men are turning out daily to compose over 10 strong teams. The Outrigger team promises to be one of the strongest in the city. For forwards there are Canaria and Auerback; centers, Nottage and Fritchie, and guards, Harvey and others. In this squad are many of the city's best players. Canaria is considered the best shot in the Islands, and Harvey is one of the strongest and fastest guards in the city. He made the Interscholastic All-Star team last year and after that season closed, he filled the same position in the Outrigger team. Besides this team, the club will have teams in every other weight class, and every one will have one or more stars attached to it.

The only thing that is bothering the coach of the Cannermen is that there is very little space for the squads to practice on and now he is endeavoring to make arrangements whereby a court of some kind will be fitted up at the club headquarters on the beach.

The first schedule to get going will in all probability be the Interscholastic league schedule. St. Louis, McKinley, Kamehameha and Punahou all will have strong teams, and Mills will be a contender also. H. M. A. will not enter the league, it is thought. However, with the four teams fighting it out for first place, things promise to be interesting. Then when the big leagues get into running order, basketball will come into its own.