

Hawaii's Champions

Seldom if ever in the history of amateur sport is there an instance of such remarkable individual performances as Duke Kahanamoku has given on Red Cross tour of the Hawaiian swimmers. He has broken or equalled so many world's records that it is hard to keep count of them, and when it is considered that these records were set in the hottest kind of competition, by men who had trained for weeks for one particular race, the excellence of Duke's performance is all the more emphasized.

Duke and his fellow-swimmers have been travelling all over the country, racing every three or four days, with long and tiring train-rides through the heat and dust of the middle west and east between contests. Any athlete or trainer of athletes knows how difficult it is to make even creditable showings under such circumstances, but Duke and his mates have not merely beaten virtually all competitors, but have equalled or surpassed world's records with consistent regularity.

Some years ago when Duke, temporarily out of condition, failed to smash records right and left in one meet, some eager critics hinted that he had "gone back." Yet here he is after more than half a dozen years of hard racing, better than ever, faster than ever and more consistent than ever. Clarence Lane and "Stubby" Kruger, still youngsters, are coming along fast and are doing their share to make the Red Cross tour one of the big amateur athletic events of the year.
