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### HAWAIIAN STARS

While some of the Honolulu "knockers" may not be able to see the benefits of the tour undertaken by the Hawaiian swimmers, sport scribes in New York are loud in their praises of the good done by the tour. For example, here is what the sport scribe on the New York Times says:

#### The Article

"Duke Kahanamoku, Clarence Lane, and Harold Kruger, Honolulu's famous swimmers, are about to conclude the American tour undertaken to raise funds for the Red Cross, and can now look back with pride on the work accomplished. Besides causing large sums to be turned over to the society in every city visited, they placed to their credit a long list of brilliant performances.

"Lane, a youth of 19, virtually at the outset of an athletic career, was unfortunate in having the peerless Kahanamoku against him in practically every race in which he took part. Several times he covered sprinting courses under standard figures, only to see Duke beat him by a narrow margin and thus deprive him of the laurels he would have earned in the latter's absence. So he succeeded in setting but one world's record, thrashing 25 yards in 0:10 2-5, or one-fifth of a second under the old mark.

#### Feats

"Kahanamoku lowered international records all the way from 60 to 200 yards, at many intermediate and classic distances, but only a few of them are likely to be bracketed, as the A. A. U. does not consider performances made over any but regulation courses. His greatest feats were 100 yards, straightaway, in 0:53 4-5, the fastest time ever made in this country under any conditions; 100 meters (109.3 yards), also straightaway, in 0:60 4-5, listed record, 0:62 2-5; 120 yards, 100-yard bath, in 1:07 2-5, former standard, 1:09 4-5; 125 yards, 75-foot pool, in 1:12 4-5, old mark, 1:16 2-5; 200 yards, 100-yard open water course, in 2:13 2-5, new record for conditions.

#### Kruger's Work

Kruger specialized at the back stroke and appeared able to improve on his own previous marks every time he raced. It is significant of his sterling ability that after bettering by degrees the world's 440-yard record of 6:47 2-5 he finally brought it down to 6:28. There is source for regret in the fact that some of his finest sprinting performances will not receive recognition owing to official neglect in seeing that all requirements were complied with, but among the marks which will undoubtedly be accepted are the following: One hundred and fifty yards, 75-yard open water course, in 1:54 4-5, world's time for conditions; 200 meters (218.6 yards), 75-foot pool, in 2:54, former record 3:01 2-5; 220 yards, 100-yard bath, in 2:58 2-5, old standard, 3:02 1-5.

One of the most remarkable features of the Hawaiians' work was their ability to swim consistently around world's figures despite constant competition. In some cases they raced daily for a whole week or more, taking part in several events at each meet, and the average contestant would have broken under the continued strain, yet these truly amphibious champions seemed not the least affected by the steady grind, and regularly threatened or beat records whenever conditions were normal.