

David Kahanamoku is trainer and rubber with the Olympic swimming team and one of the reasons he was appointed to the position is Bill Bachrach, coach of the team.

David is a good trainer and a good rubber. All the members of the island swimming world know that. Besides he has a charming personality.

But the Olympic swimming committee did not know him. They did not know of his abilities or his character. And that's where Bill Bachrach stepped in.

The big, genial coach of the Illinois Athletic Club wrote a letter to the American Olympic committee in which he urged the appointment of David Kahanamoku as trainer and coach. In the letter was the paragraph that read something like this:

"David Kahanamoku will be a bigger help to the American team than I will."

That's pretty strong praise in view of the fact that Bill Bachrach is regarded as the greatest coach of men swimmers in the world. But it shows how highly the popular captain of the Waikiki beach guards is regarded in some quarters on the mainland.