

NEW COURTS STRIKE PLAYERS JUST RIGHT

Tennis Stars Say They Are Fast Enough to Bring Out Best Playing.

Fast playing marked the opening of the new Mauna Hotel tennis courts at Waikiki yesterday afternoon when some of the crack players representing the Pacific, Beretania, Mauna and Knight's neighborhood clubs gave an exhibition on the two courts, all eight players afterwards expressing the opinion that while they were not the fastest courts in town, yet they were just fast enough to bring out the best sort of playing.

The two courts have been in process of making for many months and have been constructed in the most approved way, with macadam foundation, rolled by steam roller and the surface composed of oiled sand and light crushed material, the whole forming a splendid springy surface. The players found the courts not too hard on the feet. They ascertained one thing about the courts and that is there is plenty of elbow room at the ends and the players were not crowded for space.

The courts are splendidly located in one of the prettiest parks in the city. The view from the porch of the handsome clubhouse gives out upon a coconut grove, long stretches of lawns, attractive cottages and fancy shrubbery. The aim of the late Alexander Young, who planned and superintended the laying out of the courts was to have the very best in Honolulu. He selected the site and made better could have been chosen. The courts are sure to be popular with players from all the clubs in the city, as well as with the guests of the Mauna, Young and Hawaiian hotels, all of which are under the Young proprietorship, largely because the location is so beautiful.

A. A. Young, who has succeeded the late Alexander Young in the general oversight of the Young enterprises, was present at the opening, as was Manager J. H. Bertelme. The latter who didn't have a tennis racket from a polo stick has already become thoroughly interested in the game, and plans to pick up the game, using the early morning hours for exercise in the courts.

A. J. Casile and Will Both were matched against Captain Low and Atherton Richards, winning from the latter with the score of 6-3, 6-1.

A. M. Norwell and F. F. Moore were matched against C. O. Hooks and Rich and Casile, winning from the latter with the score, 6-4, 6-2.

The two winning pairs played after. Both and Casile, the latter winning, 7-5, 6-4.

The playing was exciting on both courts throughout and some rather wonderful plays were witnessed.

None of the players were fatigued at the conclusion of the strenuous playing, the cool trade winds from across the Mauna ridge sweeping across the courts. At times there is a little too much breeze and the management will probably plant pine trees on the mauna side to form a windbreak.

A. A. U. MOVEMENT PROMISES SUCCESS

Five of Ten Clubs Endorse Application, and Others Practically Assured.

Five of the necessary ten clubs have signed the application for membership in the A. A. U. as the Hawaiian Association of the Amateur Athletic Union. They are: The Hawaiian Outrigger Club, Hawaiian Football Association, McKinley High School, Grammar School League and Y. M. C. A. The St. Louis amateur baseball team has signified its intention of joining, but the man with the application did not get around for the Society's signature Friday.

The Oahu College alumni were favorably inclined Friday, but Mr. Greenwell was the official whose signature was needed, and he was not connected with the Association. Schools are good any time for a signature, and Will Lytle is strong for coming in with the Middle West Club and the Honolulu Yacht Club.

These organizations will probably add their signatures tomorrow, and the application will be forwarded to Secretary Sullivan this week, along with a list of questions which are bothering some of the others who want a full knowledge and understanding of the workings of the system before they will become identified with the A. A. U.

The five who have signed had already made up their minds beforehand, and at their names down without a word about joining on the part, and one of these, the Oahu College, felt that it was only a formality to get the thing started, by having ten of the clubs sign, and as it would be the middle of November before the A. A. U. annual meeting, with a charter might be granted to the Hawaiian branch, the ten could go ahead and get in the spirit, and if the plans went through, and all the other clubs that they were in any way affiliated with fell in line,

then they would not be backward in coming forward.

Wants to Know All About It.

President Grimsby said that the Oahu College had had a committee studying over the rules and trying to shape it all out in advance just how the college would be affected by joining, and there were a lot of questions which no one here seemed able to answer, and he thought that any one who had any doubts or was not so fully informed as he would care to be about the A. A. U. should note down any questions he might want to ask and send the list to The Advertiser, addressed to the sporting editor, so that the entire batch of queries might be forwarded to Secretary Sullivan at New York. There a final decision is to get all the applications for membership in made to get into the A. A. U. this year, and the letter way to do, it is thought, will be to send the questions along with the signed application, and the annual secretary will probably clear up the matter at the same time that the charter is granted in the Hawaiian Islands, and then the others can join after that. It is only the intention now, anyway, to get ten clubs to make the application for membership, so as to get the thing started, and get the rest in later.

Might Send Track Team.

Percy Polson, before he signed for the High School, said that the strongest reason he had for favoring the movement was that with the Islands under the jurisdiction of the A. A. U. all the records made by the local athletes would be officially registered and students going to the States to colleges would be able to show their records.

"There is Chapley Lyman," he continued, "who used to play on some of the big league ball teams. Nobody knows whether he accepted money for it or not and if there had been any one from here attending West Point or Annapolis when Lyman was taken into him and there being an A. A. U. branch down here to stand for his claim record he could have been barred from participating in athletics altogether. It was he who was questioned about his record and there being no one to vouch for him as there was no satisfactory organization in the Hawaiian Islands, he was situated on the academy baseball team."

Polson then spoke as though there might be a possibility of getting up a track team to send to some of the A. A. U. meets. "There is Bill Hilly," he said, "the one who has handled in ten and a fifth every day and there are not many who can make such time except now and then when they are in their best condition, but Bill never seems to have an off day. If they can raise Y. M. C. A. building I guess it would be such a hard matter to send a team of athletes to the States to represent the A. A. U. athletic meets."

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