

Hawaiian Five Will Journey To Mainland Next Season

Visit of Blues To Honolulu Will Be Repaid In Kind, Says Piercy Nottage

HONOLULU will get on the basketball map on the mainland as a result of the visit of the Los Angeles Blues, and in addition will probably have a basketball team representing Hawaii sent to the mainland during 1922. These two facts were announced last night by Piercy Nottage of the Oahu Basketball League.

The Blues are a team of national renown and the contests with the Hawaiian teams will place the local men on a competitive basis and will give them the prestige of having met, and possibly beaten, the best in the United States. These facts will tend to give the Hawaiians much standing in the sporting world when the coming trip to the mainland is arranged.

The tour of the Blues in Honolulu will include games with the winners of the championship of the Oahu Amateur Basketball League for 1921 and also with the runners up, as well as contests with the best service team in the Islands outside of such teams as may win the first two places in the league.

The responsibility of guaranteeing the expenses of the Blues has been undertaken by the Honolulu Service Club, the National Guard and the Oahu Sporting Goods Company.

There is no doubt but that the tour will be a success said Nottage last night, because the local people are filled with loyalty to any athletic organization that is produced here, and furthermore are such enthusiasts for sports that the coming of a team of this caliber means much to them.

Nottage further stated that the basketball season here is creating much interest, but added that this is not surprising in view of the fact that the game has undergone an unprecedented growth on the mainland this season and that where some years ago a basketball contest would draw but a corporal's guard, the fans now pack the scenes of good contests to overflowing.

The Blues are expected to sail from San Francisco on the 19th of February, arriving here a week later. The first game will be played about two days after their arrival in Honolulu.