

AMERICAN STARS ANNEX LAURELS IN OPENING MEET

Swimmers Honored By Officials In Japan; Laufer, C. Crabbe, Set Records

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YOKOHAMA, Japan, Oct. 3.—The invading United States swimmers walked off with the prime honors in the International Aquatic meet just held in Japan. The winning contingent "copped" eight of the 10 events, with Clarence "Buster" Crabbe, Outrigger Canoe club swimmer and protege of George "Dad" Center, who recently won the American championship for the mile swim in Hawaii, splashing to a new record.

Crabbe set a new Japan record by doing the 800 meters freestyle in 10 minutes 39 1-5 seconds, while Walter Laufer, the 19-year-old marvel of the Cincinnati Y. M. C. A., by doing the 200 meters backstroke in 2 minutes 40 1-5 seconds, also upset a Japan record. The record for the 200 meters backstroke was hitherto held in Japan by Irie, his time being 2 minutes 57 1-5 seconds.

The American contingent proved to be far too powerful for either the

Japanese or the Australians. The Australians did not come up to expectations, the total points for the 10 events put up by the lads from the Land of the Southern Cross being only eight. Japan had 24 points against 41 points scored by the victorious American team. One reason for the bad showing of the Australian team was the unusually cold weather that struck Japan just about the time the meet was being held. Very low temperatures, with cold showers, have been the order of the day ever since the meet started.

Met by Officials

The American team was met at Yokohama by several officials of the Hochi Shimbun, which was one of the sponsors of the meet, and of the Japan Aquatic Sports Union. Hundreds of fans were also present on the pier and "banzaied" a welcome to the American swimmers.

At Tokio, the American boys from Hawaii had the honor of meeting Prince Chichibu, brother of the emperor and generally known here as the "sports prince of Japan," because of the intense interest he has always evinced in sports of all sorts. Prince Chichibu was not present at the meet in Osaka, due to the fact that he has been with his regiment. If duty did not demand that he be in barracks, there is no doubt that the "sports prince of Japan" would have graced the Osaka meet with his presence.

The meet, which took place at the Chikko pool in Osaka, was opened by his imperial highness, Prince Kaya, who, previously, received in audience all the contestants and the officials of the meet at the residence of Baron Fujita, where they were formally welcomed to Japan. His highness spoke to many of the for-

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KAPAA, Kauai, Oct. 7.—Kauai's Barefoot league opened with a bang last Sunday afternoon with large crowds at all of the games and prospects for a very successful season are very bright.

At the local grounds, the Kealia gang defeated the local team 12 to 7 in a hard fought battle. Both of the touchdowns made by the winners were on forward passes. Both teams were very evenly matched, only the breaks deciding the winners.

Experience proved too much of a factor and the Koloas romped away from the Kapaias 19 to 0 in the first of a doubleheader at the Lihue park. The first touchdown came on an intercepted pass right after the kickoff. They scored another touchdown in the first half when Lawrence Hamaku ran through the whole Kapala team on the runback of a punt. The second string men of the Koloa squad were given their opportunity to display their mettle in the second half. Neither side scored until the regulars came in towards the last of the half and put over another touchdown.

Sign lads and tea and cakes were then served to all present.

On the first day five events were worked out, of which the American swimmers won four. No world records were lowered, though two Japan records were smashed, these being in the 200-meter relay and 800-meter freestyle.