

"Buster"

First In

400 Meters

Trial Heat

Kojac Breaks 100 Meters Backstroke Mark in Trials

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AMSTERDAM, Holland, Aug. 7. — Clarence "Buster" Crabbe of the Outrigger Canoe club, Honolulu, won his heat in the trials for the 400 meters freestyle swimming race at the Olympic games today, coming within 1/5 of a second of the time made by Arne Borg of Sweden, also a heat winner.

Austin Clapp of the Hollywood Athletic club also won his right to compete in the finals of the 400 meters by taking first place in his heat. Ray Ruddy of the New York Athletic club, by making a fast third place time, also qualified for the United States.

New swimming honors were won for the United States today by George Kojac, youthful star swimming under the colors of the New York Boys' club. Kojac won his heat in the trials of the 100 meters backstroke event, establishing a new Olympic record of one minute, 9 4-5 seconds. Kojac had little competition in the race since Iriye of Japan, Il de Fonso of the Philippine Islands, Alberto Zorilla of Argentina and several other entries in the 100 meters backstroke were scratched.

Others who qualified in the 400 meters race were Ault of Canada, Takaishi of Japan, and Zorilla.

Because of the presence of Borg and Crabbe in the 400 meters freestyle race further competition in the event promises to be as interesting as that in the finals of the 1500 meters. Borg won the 1500 meters with Boy Charlton of Australia second and Crabbe taking third place.

Americans are favored to win the 100 meters backstroke. In addition to Kojac, Walter Laufer of Chicago and Paul Wyatt of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, have qualified in this event.

Tsuruta of Japan won the semi-finals of the 200 meters breaststroke event today. For the second consecutive day he established a new Olympic record for the distance. His time was two minutes, 49 1-5 seconds. Walter Spence of Canada and Il de Fonso of the Philippine Islands also qualified for the 200 meters breaststroke finals. The Filipino's time today was 2 minutes, 53 1-5 seconds.