

DUKE IS FAVORITE IN AUSTRALIA

Representative of Melbourne Club Gathering Data Here; Impressed By Wonderful Physique of Swimmers At Waikiki Beach

—By Don Watson—

DUKE KAHANAMOKU is the most popular athlete that has ever visited Australia, according to Bert Potts of the Victorian Institute club of Australia, who left for the mainland on the Matsonia after spending several days here.

During his stay in Honolulu Potts spent much of his time at the Outrigger Canoe club, where he told Ivan Barnes, manager of the Outrigger club, much about athletic conditions in Australia.

"Mr. Potts has been sent to America to study various methods of athletic instruction and to purchase equipment," Barnes said. "He is athletic director of the club at Melbourne, which has a membership of more than 10,000. He plans to spend 18 months away from Australia, spending one year of that time in the United States. Potts says Australia is always ready to encourage American athletes and a warm welcome is assured for any team that makes the trip 'down under.'"



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"Potts spoke of the fine impression made by Hawaiian swimmers on their last visit to Australia and said he considered Duke Kahanamoku the most popular athlete to have visited Australia.

MAKING MONEY

"Mr. Potts told me that wrestlers and golf professionals are making big money in Australia," Barnes continued.

"Running is almost completely commercialized and there are many boys who can run the 100 yards in less than 10 seconds. There are many promising young swimmers, but no outstanding ones.

"He attended the smoker held here on Rizal Day and was amazed to see the boys of different nationalities competing so generally.

"Potts informed me that everybody in Australia knows about the Outrigger Canoe club. He showed a great interest in the club while here and exchanged notes with 'Dad' Center and other club officials.

"He was amazed at the ability shown by boys in the water and on surfboards at Waikiki and commented on the uniformly fine physique of boys who keep fit by swimming and riding surfboards."