

QUESTION ON POINTS AT NATIONALS

Point Involved Is Whether
Crabbe Competed unat-
tached or for L. A. A.
C.; Hui Makani May Be
Second in the Club
Standings

—By Don Watson—

THE question of whether Clarence ("Buster") Crabbe's points in the recent national swimming championships at Long Beach should be credited to the Los Angeles A. C. has resulted in an exchange of wires between the mainland and Hawaii the past several days.

The point is that Buster competed in the 1929 national championships at San Francisco as a member of the Outrigger Canoe Club of Honolulu. This meet was held in August. Last fall Buster entered the University of Southern California and started to swim unattached so he could later perform for the Los Angeles Athletic club.

Under the A. A. U. rules an athlete must perform unattached for a period of one year from his last competition before he can start performing for a different club. As the national championships this year were held in July, the point has been raised that Crabbe was not unattached for a full year and therefore should have performed in the Long Beach meet as an unattached athlete.

Arnold Eddy, secretary of the Southern Pacific division of the A. A. U., claims that Crabbe is eligible to compete for the Los Angeles A. C. because as a student at U. S. C. he established his residence at Los Angeles and is governed by special student dispensation clause which would permit him to compete for any club during the time he is attending U. S. C.

IS DEBATEABLE

Some of the local A. A. U. officials still feel that this is a debatable subject, pointing to several sections of the rules as authority.

One of these sections states: "No one shall compete or be granted permission to compete in any competition, exhibition, game or entertainment given or sanctioned by the A. A. U., as a representative of any club, educational institution or other organization if it is that within the period of one year prior thereto, the competitor has taken part in any A. A. U. competition as a member of any other club, educational institution or other organization."

There are some special privileges for students at universities insofar as competing for educational institutions are concerned, but it is claimed that the one year ruling is not set aside in such cases insofar as clubs are concerned.

The reason Hawaii is particularly interested is that if Crabbe's points are listed as unattached rather than for the Los Angeles Athletic club it will mean that Hui Makani will have second place in the club standings. Malola Kalli made 17 points for Hui Makani in the national meet.



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