

BUSTER CRABBE SAYS HE WILL WIN 1500 METERS, AT OLYMPIAD

Hawaiian-born Swimmer Tells Who's Who and What the Mermen Will Do In Los Angeles Competition

THE Human Crab—my friend, the world champion, Mister Clarence (Buster) Crabbe—was in a most amiable and affable mind, says Art Cohn in the Long Beach Telegram. In the course of an idle hour we settled many world problems, not the least of which was the Olympic Games swimming classic to start in Los Angeles August 6. Buster minces no words. He talks like he swims—straight forward. Rarely does the Crab slip off in the lane ropes.

Just so we can get our bearings . . .

There are six men's swimming events in the Olympics. These are the 100, 400 and 1500-meter free style races, 100-meter backstroke, 200-meter breaststroke and four-man 500-meter relay.

In the 1928 Olympiad at Amsterdam, Crabbe, then an 18-year-old kid, entered both the 400 and 1500. He placed fourth in the former, trailing, in this order: Alberto Zorrilla of Argentina, Roy Charlton of Australia and Arne Borg of Sweden. Buster was third in the 1500, finishing behind Borg and Charlton in that order when the lean Scandinavian created a new world record of 19 minutes 51.8 seconds.

"Although the officials are counting on me to swim the 400 and 1500 again," Crabbe told me, "I will refuse to race the 400. I don't like the distance. It's a little too short for me. My race is the 1500, and I expect to win it."

ZORILLA WASHED UP

Zorrilla, the chunky little Gaucho who loved to wear fancy clothes and dance the adagio far more than he ever liked to swim, is washed up. He couldn't score a single point race here two years ago in the Nationals. Zorrilla is out.

Borg, master of the middle distances, has turned pro. That leaves only Charlton ahead of Crabbe, and that only in the 400. The Anzac is a 235-pound giant who herds sheep for a living. He lives a simple life and never trains until a month before a national championship and the Olympics. Then he leaves the ranch to brush up his strokes.

Crabbe does not fear the Australian giant. Buster claims he will be at his peak this summer; Charlton is coming downhill. Buster says his nearest rivals in the 1500 will be Austin Clapp, the Hollywood marvel, now competing for Stanford; Arai and Takebayashi, the Japanese stars, and Ray Ruddy of the New York Buddys.

KOJAC SHOULD REPEAT

Buster thinks that happy-go-lucky George Kojac, the chubby champion who used to die for dear old Rutgers, is a cinch to repeat his 1928 Olympic triumph in the century backstroke. George created a new world record of 1:08.2 to trim the field in Holland. He was only 17 at the time.

Kojac is stronger and faster than ever. There isn't a European who can swim within two seconds of him. George has never been given full credit for his skill. Not only can he beat the world lying flat on his back, but he is the greatest crawl sprint swimmer alive.

Crabbe figures that Kojac will repeat with ease and probably set a new world record in the dorsal grind . . . and he names Malola Kaihili, the native Hawaiian, to take second place ahead of Japan's Iriye, Germany's Kuppers and England's Breeford.

KAIHILI IS POWERFUL

Kaihili, who came to Long Beach an unknown two years ago and became the greatest hero of the Nationals, gave Kojac a terrific battle in that backstroke. He was a split second behind at the finish, enough to sweat George out of at least four of his 210 or so pounds. The dark-skinned beach comber with that golden-toothed smile and wild Bushman hair should be plenty tough to beat.

Kojac should win the 100 meters, but he probably will not. Steven Barany, Hungary's veteran of two Olympiads, will be back. He was a hot second at Amsterdam when Johnny Weissmuller was winner in 58.6. His world record, incidentally, is 57.4. Takahashi of Japan was third and George Kojac was fourth. The veteran Walter Laufer of Chicago was fifth, and Walter Spence, the British Guianan from Philadelphia, wore the colors of Canada in sixth place.

Kojac and Barany seem to be the cream of the field, with Al Schwartz, ex-Northwestern star; Laufer, Takahashi and an unknown flash uncovered at Annapolis last year all very much in the running.

BUSTER OVERWEIGHT

Buster is now soft and flabby, far out of condition. He weighs 198, but swears he will cut that tonnage down to 138 by Olympic time. He has graduated from S. C. and is now working in a Los Angeles department store.

Crabbe now holds five world records and nearly two dozen American marks among his thirty or forty National titles. All of Weissmuller's prized records from 500 yards up now belong to the Crab.

The big fellow always has maintained this his best event and favorite one is the 300-yard medley in which he has created the world record of 3:38.8. Some of his other better marks are 4:40.0 in the 500 meters, 10:15.4 in the 800 meters, 12:54.4 in the 1000 yards, 21:37 for the mile, 13:08.4 for the 1000 meters and 4:50.8 for the 440. Quite a range!

Leilehua Wins Cage Game By 29-18 Score

Mules Outclass Mid-Pacific with Strong Offense

UNCORKING a strong offense, the Leilehua Mules defeated the Mid-Pacific Institute five yesterday at the Palama gymnasium by the score of 29 to 18. The boys from the red dirt area played great ball throughout the game and there was no stopping them.

Outscoring the Millionaires in the first half, the Mules went into the lead by a margin of six points. In the second half they continued to play clever ball and added thirteen more points to make their total 29.

They penetrated deep into the Mills defense almost at will. With the opposing defense scattered, they tallied shots, one after another. Their defense was also good and checked the threats of the Manoa lads.

M. Freitas, playing center for the Mules, was the high point scorer of the game. He collected a total of 13 points while H. Kim was not very far behind with nine points to his credit.

Raymond Tamashiro played fine ball for the Mid-Pacific team. He came through with ten points.

Scores:

LEILEHUA—29				
	Pg	Ft	Ftm	Pts
C. Chapman (f)	0	0	0	0
H. Kim (f)	4	1	1	9
M. Freitas (c)	6	1	2	13
Gonzales (g)	2	0	0	4
Maise (g)	0	0	1	0
B. Ito (f)	1	1	0	2
Nakayama (f)	0	0	0	0
Nakayama (f)	0	0	0	0
Fowle (c)	0	0	0	0
H. S. Kim (g)	0	0	0	0
Chef (g)	0	0	0	0
Total	13	3	4	29

MID-PACIFIC—18				
	Pg	Ft	Ftm	Pts
Tamashiro (f)	3	4	1	10
Yamato (f)	0	0	0	0
Fujii (c)	0	0	0	0
Gold (g)	0	2	0	2
Okada (g)	2	0	0	4
Yam (f)	1	0	0	2
Takemoto (f)	0	0	0	0
Taira (c)	0	0	0	0
Okamura (f)	0	0	0	0
Total	6	6	1	18

SCORES BY HALVES
 Mid-Pacific 10 8-1
 Leilehua 18 13-0
 Officials: Referee, Parker; umpire, Rath; scorer, K. Ito; timer, Noble Yamashiro.

Large Field

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Kong, 12; Raymond Kong, 16; Albert Y. Kop, 12; B. Y. Kop, 8.

Dr. F. K. Lam, 24; Edward Lau, 8; Kammy Lau, 5; Thomas Lau, 16; William Lau, 16; T. Y. Lee, 24; Harry Bates Len, 14; H. K. Leong, 8; Leong, 24; T. S. Loo, 22; Aysu Lum, 20; K. C. Lum, 18; Martin Lum, 24; Yim Lum, 22; Loui Leong Hop, 20; Dr. W. W. Luke, 24; Kong Tai Pong, 24.

William Shak, 18; Arthur Soon, 16; B. Soong, 18.

K. H. Tom, 16; Tong You Sam, 6; Nick Tong, 14; Richard Tong, 14; Ruddy Tong, 14; Theo. Tysu, 12.

Wai How Tim, 10; Wong Que, 20; Samuel Wong, 14.

Alfred Yap, 24; F. T. Yap, 14; Norman Yap, 24; Sam Yap, 12; George Yee, 18; K. S. Yee, 18.

Harry A. Yim, 18; Henry K. Young, 20; Henry H. Y. Young, 24.

Ah Wah Zane, 22; Harry Zane, 12; James Zane, 12; Y. F. Zane, 12.

Sport Flashes

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all appear to be fairly well matched.

MORE MONEY NEEDED

THERE'S a loud wail from the American Olympic games committee in charge of financing the Olympiad in Los Angeles this summer. Money is needed badly, according to a letter that has reached this desk.

The writer was under the impression that financing the Olympic games had been worked out long in advance, but it appears not.

Threats are made that if the money is not forthcoming the United States will not be in a position to enter the large field of athletes it was hoped, in every Olympic event.