

Question of Duke's Status May Make Fuss In Swimming

Choppy Seas Ahead For Many Stars if Duke is Ruled Out Of the Amateur Class; Ross Will Be Protested; Prieste, Kruger, Cunha May Be Bothered.

By RUTH STACKER

WHEN is an amateur not an amateur and wherein is Duke P. Kahanamoku a professional?

That is the question before the house at present.

William T. Rawlins, father of swimming in the Hawaiian Islands, attorney and member of the board of governors of the Amateur Athletic union, has the signed contract between Kahanamoku and Dr. Oscar Henning, Duke's authorized manager, before him for consideration. He will give an opinion on the amateur standing of Duke within the next two days.

L. Fullard Leo, secretary of the Hawaiian Amateur association, stated yesterday that although she has not personally seen the contract between Henning and Duke, she does not feel that he should be ruled a professional any more than Norman Ross who exploits his name and athletic fame through the writing of newspaper articles, and if Duke is so ruled a professional she will request the Hawaiian association to protest Ross' standing as an amateur.

Others Also

If Ross' standing is questioned, it is likely that Haige Priest, Aileen Allen, Stubby Kruger and George Cunha will also be on the carpet.

Kruger and Cunha have been working with Tex Rickard, the promoter of prize fights, at his Madison Square tank for some time.

Rickard is credited with having said that within the next ten years there would be no amateur swimmers, and that he would exploit swimmers as he does pugilists.

Mrs. Leo admitted yesterday that if the rulings on professionalism were strictly enforced, not only by each branch of the association, but by the association itself, there would be less than half of the famous swimmers today eligible to swim in an amateur meet.

There are few swimmers who, although they keep the letter of the ruling on professionals, could in the spirit of the association be classed as amateurs, it is believed by many.

The interest of the athletic world is turned with keen anticipation toward the question of the status of Duke Kahanamoku, who has proved himself the most remarkable swimmer of the day.

Swim fans have been anxiously looking forward to a meet proposed between Weismuller, the Chicago sprinter, and Duke whose laurels the Windy City boy has threatened. Duke's supporters feel that such a match would be just one more means of proving for the Hawaiian boy his absolute right to the title of foremost swimmer of America.

But, if Duke is ruled professional, this will not be.

At a meeting between an Advertiser reporter and Oscar Henning, Duke's manager, in the law offices of William T. Rawlins, Henning showed his contract in full for the first time. He is as anxious to secure a ruling, as the public is to get it, he says.

Duke, as the most interested party, however, still feels that he is entitled to his amateur card.

Chung and "Bobbie" Booth Win In Hard Round At Moanalua

A gross 63 for lowball on an eighteen hole round was turned in by one of a foursome composed of Charles Chung, "Bobby" Booth, Francis Brown and "Wally" White last Sunday at Moanalua.

The gang of par performers were even up at the eighteenth, and agreed to play off another nine. This last nine was all square until the last, the 27th, hole when Chung and Booth, playing as partners slipped one over on the island champ and White.

A 63 in low ball competition for consecutive eighteen holes is considered by local golfers to be a noteworthy performance, especially in view of recent weather conditions which have almost halted golf in Honolulu for the past two weeks.

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For a point of information will you, through your sporting columns, let me know whether or not the blow called the "rabbit punch" is barred in the A. A. U. boxing rules. Thanking you in advance.

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(NOTE: Section 14 of the A. A. U. boxing rules states distinctly: "The referee may disqualify a competitor who is boxing unfairly by striking an opponent on the back of the neck, or on the spine or over the kidneys." The first named is the so-called "Rabbit Punch.")

O. P. and Libs Play To A Tie

The O. P. baseball team and the Liberty House aggregation played an 11-