

WEISSMULLER DEFIES KEALOHA WOULD RACE 100 YARDS ON BACK PROCEEDS FOR BEAMER FUND

Stipulating that the proceeds go to the Milton Beamer fund, Johnny Weissmuller, Illinois Athletic club star, issued a challenge this morning through his coach, Bill Bachrach, to race Warren Kealoha, Hui Makani star, over the 100 yards backstroke at Punahou tank on any date set by the Hawaiian A. A. U.

In view of the fact that when these two raced on May 27 at Punahou tank the timers caught Warren Kealoha as making the time of :64.4, and the judges picked Weissmuller as winner, Bill Bachrach figures that such a race would draw sufficiently to raise the funds necessary to send Beamer and his coach, R. J. Borden, to New York for the national A. A. U. track and field meet.

"The Hawaiian A. A. U. and the local fans have treated us fine and we want to do something in return to show that we appreciate their efforts," said Bill Bachrach.

The Place

"We are familiar with the stiff job which the A. A. U. has had to raise the necessary funds to send both Beamer and Borden to New York. We believe that a race between Johnny and Warren would bring in a sufficient profit to make up the entire Beamer fund. Punahou tank is the only place to hold that race because that is where the question rose and that's where it ought to be settled," added the big Chicago coach.

Milton Beamer is the Kamehameha school runner who did 9 4-5 seconds for the 100 yards dash at the A. A. U. track and field meet in the spring and ran second to Charley Paddock, world champion sprinter. The funds to send Beamer, amounting to \$800, came out of the A. A. U. treasury, but the A. A. U. funds cannot be used to send a coach. It is necessary to send a coach with Beamer and so the Hawaiian A. A. U. folk endeavored to raise the funds by means of entertainments.

More Needed

To date more than \$300 has been raised, but there is a balance of \$500 still to be obtained. Now comes Bachrach with this plan of having Johnny and Warren stage a 100 yards backstroke at Punahou with perhaps two or three minor events. The other events would not amount to anything, naturally. It is the backstroke race, on which there has been so much discussion, that would pull the crowd and that's how

Bachrach and Weissmuller feel. The question raised by that race of May 27 has not yet been settled and the games committee of the Hui Makani meet is to confab again tomorrow noon.

No Matter

"Regardless of what the games committee does, the question will remain a question in the minds of the fans until the two meet again over that distance at Punahou tank," declared Bachrach, and local swim authorities are inclined to agree with him.

"The 100 yards in the harbor meet, no matter who wins it, will not settle the question of tank supremacy. It's a chance to kill two birds with one stone, settle the question of tank supremacy in this distance and at the same time raise the funds necessary to send Beamer and Borden to the game in New York in September," added Bachrach.

SCRIBE PASSES

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CHICAGO, June 13. — Carroll Claire Cooke, Jr., known as Dixie Carroll, a widely known sports writer and authority on fishing, died here yesterday. He was 35 years old.

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MADISON, Wis., June 13.— The University of Washington crew defeated the Wisconsin crew by eight lengths in a race in Lake Monona here yesterday.

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