Washington Swimming Meet Opens Tonight With Nine Numbers In Harbor Slip

Water Polo Game to Be Staged As Closing Event of the Evening; Trials in Many Events Will Be Held; Program Starts 7:30 p. m.; Records Due to Crash.

By MIKE JAY

With a record of almost 500 perfect swimming race starts, Knute Cottrell, gun in hand, will mount the end board in the slip between Piers 5 and 5A in Honolulu harbor tonight at 7:30 o'clock to get the swimmers away in the first race of the big Washington Swimming meet, a three-day affair including tomorrow and Saturday.



Knute will twirl the gun around his trigger finger, as he always does, raise his arm on high and say:

"Don't try to beat the gun!"

Then he will instruct the swimmers in his starting system, tell them to straighten up. He will hesitate a few seconds. Then he will give the command and the gun will bark the conclusion and the swimmers will be away in a splash and a shower of spray. The big meet will be under way.

The meet has a total of 208 entries, the largest number ever entered in a local meet. It has service swimmers of far superior caliber to anything entered by either the army or navy in past meets. The island stars entering are far improved over their past conditions and so both service and civilian records are bound to fall.

The opening swim will be for place in the 50 yards free style for army swimmers. There will be four heats in this event. The second event will be the first Hawaiian championship to be swum during the three evenings of the meet. In this case the women swimmers will compete in the 440 yards free style. This will be a final event.

Remainder

The remainder of the first night's program is as follows, with the events swum in the order named.

Third event, 8:00 p. m.—1500 meters free style, men's novice, finals.

Fourth event, 8:30 p. m.—100 yards breast stroke for men. Hawaiian championship finals.

Fifth event 8:45 p. m.—Springboard diving for army, finals.

Sixth event, 9:00 p. m.—220 yards free style for army, two heats; preliminaries.

Seventh event, 9:10 p. m.—100 yards back stroke for women, Hawaiian championship, finals.

Eighth event, 9:15 p. m.—50 yards, back stroke for army, two heats, preliminaries.

Ninth event, 9:25 p. m.—Water polo between teams from Luke Field and the Outrigger Canoe Club.

Preliminaries for the 100-yard free style for the army will be held Friday afternoon at 4:30 p. m.

This will be followed by a water polo game between the winners of the game on February 21, and a team from the Hui Nalu.

THREE GAMES ON IN COMMERCIAL RACE TOMORROW

All Games At Moiliili Park With One in the Morning and Brace in Afternoon

Three games in the Honolulu Commercial league will be played at Moiliili field tomorrow, one game being scheduled for play in the morning while the other two will be staged in the afternoon.

The morning game, which starts at 9:45 o'clock, brings the Honolulu Construction & Draying and the Liberty House teams together. While the Construction crew has not been setting the world on fire when it comes to winning games, they have been putting up hard fights in each contest and have given their opponents a run for their money in each game. The Liberty House gang won one game and lost two, giving them an edge on the Constructioners in the percentage column. A fast game is expected when the two nines meet.

Afternoon Games

After the fans have had a chance to run out and grab a hot dog, the ball tossers will start another game, 1:15 p. m. being the time announc-