

# Rates Them in Order of Their Chances of Making American Olympic Team

Figures Pung Has Better Chance, For Instance, of Getting To Paris Than John Watt; Committee To Make Recommendations and Board To Make the Pick

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We present herewith our own idea of what a classification of Hawaii's Olympic material should be.

A committee has been appointed by the A. A. U. to make recommendations to the board of managers as to the makeup of the team which is to go to the mainland to compete in track tryouts at Palo Alto, men's swimming events at Indianapolis, and women's tests at Briarcliff, N. Y.

It is not a difficult stunt to rate the athletes on their past performances and probable chances in the trials, knowing pretty well what sort of competition they will meet on the mainland. The hardest part of the A. A. U.'s job will be to raise money enough to send a full-sized squad.

## Deserve Trip

Certain members of the A. A. U. have been minimizing the chances of success of the Hawaiians, claiming that it will be useless to send over more than two swimmers, Warren Kealoha and Mariechen Wehselau. We wonder if this isn't more a subterfuge to obviate the necessity of going out and hustling for funds. There are eight or ten swimmers and swimmeresses who have shown enough class to give them a fighting chance to make the team, and every one of them deserves the trip as a reward for their arduous work in the last few years.

## Simplified

As it is difficult to say how much money will be raised, the best system seems to be to classify the eligibles, and decide how much money each will need. Then it is a simple matter, having raised a sum of money, to decide who should go. If it is going to take a thousand dollars each, and five thousand is raised the first five on the list should go. If only two thousand, the first two, and so on.

However, it will not take a thousand dollars for the track men, unless they qualify, and the fact that men who make the team at the final tryouts will have their expenses refunded, gives the committee some latitude, as two or three of the squad is certain to be picked.

D. L. Conkling of course is the first on the list, and Mrs. Leo second. Warren Kealoha and Mariechen Wehselau stands out by themselves, and are entitled to first consideration as athletes.

## Bright

Dick Gartley's chances to make the team are very bright. There are several vaulters on the mainland who are quite consistent at around thirteen feet, but on the day of the tryout anyone is likely to be off form, and the man who is in form will win. Brooker of Michigan, Browell of Illinois and Knourek of the I. A. C. have all done 12 feet 10 or better this season. Gartley's form is such, however, that he must be considered the equal of these men. He is placed next on our list.

John Watt is an excellent hurdler and his time was 15 3-5 in the A. A. U. meet was excellent, for these islands, but does not assure him a place on the team by any means. In 1928 Watt was a member of the American team, but did not get to compete at Antwerp. He ran 15 1-5 seconds twice in the trials in the states, but failed to place in the final tryouts due to an injury. He seems to be in as good form as ever, but the fact that there are many 15 second hurdlers in the states now, and that there are several swimmers who have a better chance of making the squad, cause us to put him in ninth place.

## Stars

Hawaii has always had a flock of good backstrokers, but the present group is by far the best. Gay Harris, Luning and Pung are a trio of stars seldom seen in one locality. With Warren to lead the way, and one of these to back him up, Hawaii is certain to place two men in this event. All three have made excellent records, although Luning should be given the preference on account of his excellent win yesterday under Olympic conditions at the standard distance. Chas. Pung also could safely be sent, if the funds are sufficient.

Sam Kahanamoku, unless his showing in this meet is phenomenal, and on account of the heavy competition he will be forced to meet on the mainland, is not placed better than seventh on the list, or fifth, if the camp-followers are not counted. Pua Kealoha, one of the greatest sprinters of bygone days, is in the same boat, unless he can come through with a sensational performance to show that he has regained his old form.

Helen Moses and Kirschbaum are possibilities who might bolster up the American team, although they would have to put up a stiff fight for their positions.

Everyone of the athletes mentioned has a chance, and should be given that chance. They have worked long and faithfully for this trip, and deserve to get it. Those

## RATINGS GIVEN BY NORMAN ROSS TO LOCAL STARS

1. D. L. Conkling, manager.
2. Mrs. E. Fullard-Leo, chap-eron.
3. Warren Kealoha.
4. Mariechen Wehselau.
5. Dick Gartley.
6. Henry Luning.
7. Sam Kahanamoku.
8. Charles Pung.
9. John Watt.
10. Helen Moses.
11. Pua Kealoha.
12. W. Kirschbaum.

in charge of raising the money should make every effort to get the full amount of \$12,000 decided on, and should find a ready response from the sport-loving public.

## IRON WORKS WILL INVADE BIG ISLE

To Play Two Games With Hilo Teams Over Next Week-End

The Honolulu Iron Works baseball team, which is playing today in the final game of the Commercial Baseball league, will invade the Big Island next weekend.

The team will leave here on April 18 on the steamer Haleakala. On April 19 they will play the winners of the Hilo Commercial league, which probably will be Theo. H. Davies & Co. On April 20 the Ingots will play a picked Hilo team, returning to Honolulu on April 21.

Fourteen men will make the trip headed by Ted Rohlfing, manager of the squad.



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