

Manager Conkling Issues Call For Practise; Will Test Men For Relay Team

Mariechen Wehselau Wants Her Mother To Go As Chaperon, Is the Report; Another Relay Next Week; Team Is Selected For Indianapolis-New York Trials

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D. L. Conkling, manager of the Hawaiian Olympic athletic team which was selected yesterday by the board of managers of the A. A. U., does not intend to let any grass grow under the feet of the members and has issued a call for the first team workout tonight at Punahou tank.

Picking the relay team from the men swimmers is the first part of the practise and a distance of approximately 800 meters will be used at the Punahou tank for the trial tonight, about 8 o'clock.

The meeting of the board of managers of the Hawaiian A. A. U. yesterday picked the following for the Hawaiian Olympic Athletic team:

Warren Kealoha, Mariechen Wehselau, Sam Kahanamoku, Henry Luning, William Kirschbaum, Pau Kealoha, Dick Gartley, John Watt, Milton Carter, Charles Pung and Gay Harris. Mrs. E. Fullard-Leo is chaperon and D. L. Conkling is manager.

The eight men swimmers will go to Indianapolis, the girl swimmer to New York and the three track men, Watt, Carter and Gartley to the sectional tryouts at Stanford. These last three will have to place in the sectional tryouts in order to go to the Boston finals.

The special committee appointed to make recommendations to the board regarding local athletics, reported that it favored sending a first team composed of Warren Kealoha, Mariechen Wehselau, Sam Kahanamoku, Henry Luning and W. Kirschbaum to the eastern trials, and a second team consisting of Dick Gartley, Charles Pung, John Watt, Helen Moses, Milton Carter, Janice Lovett and one diver to the Pacific coast trials. The report was received and placed on file.

The argument over the sending of two teams or one team waxed and waned at the meeting yesterday and then came a series of motions until but one team was picked.

Conkling's idea of getting the team to work at once training for the Olympic is a good one. The swimmers have but a short time left here for practise. Tonight he plans to have a team made up of Warren Kealoha, Pau Kealoha, Sam Kahanamoku and Henry Luning swim against Charles Pung, Gay Harris and several other stars, with the second team given a time handicap to make the first team swim fast. The Punahou tank is only 25 yards but the race will be so arranged as to come as close as possible in making it for a distance of 800 meters. Another relay race will be staged next week.

There is a report around that Mariechen Wehselau, Hawaii's champion girl swimmer, wants her mother to go as chaperon and while the board of managers of the Hawaiian A. A. U. has already selected Mrs. E. Fullard-Leo, the question may be revived.

Some indication of this was given at the meeting yesterday when D. L. Conkling asked the board to define the duties of the manager and the duties of the chaperon so that there would be no possibility of a clash between the two offices.

President Paul Rice of the Hawaiian A. A. U. expressed the opinion at the meeting of the board yesterday that he felt sure that John Watt, the hurdler, would not be able to make the trip. The matter of Watt getting leave from the plantation where he is employed is now reported to be in the hands of the manager of that plantation. It seems that business must come before athletics, and plantation conditions at present may be such as to make it difficult for the plantation manager to allow Watt any extended leave of absence.

D. L. Conkling has wired to California to trace down the report that the Hawaiian swimmers would have to swim in the sectional tryouts before going east. The locals were given to understand after the last Olympics that they would not have to take part in sectional tryouts and local opinion is strongly against the national A. A. U. forcing the islanders to do it.

The recent A. A. U. swimming meet was not a success financially. The loss amounted to \$328, indicating that something must be wrong with the game. The island swimmers can do a great deal towards reviving the popularity of swimming here by making spectacular showings in the Olympic trials on the mainland and in the Olympic games in Paris.

Now that the Hawaiian Olympic athletic team has been selected it is up to the rest of Hawaii to get busy and donate toward the \$12,000 fund needed to see them through.

There may be a few heartaches over the selections. That cannot be

helped. Many would like to have seen Helen Moses and Janice Lovett, girl swimmers of the Outrigger Canoe club, and K. M. Makinney, Outrigger Canoe club diver, get a chance to go. Helen has certainly been improving of late and Janice has shown some good speed. Makinney is about the best diver here.

But the Board of managers of the Hawaiian A. A. U. has finished selecting. It is too late to pine about those left off but there is some consolation for them left in the possibility that one or two of the picked ones may not be able to go and these mentioned will then be alternates.

With that possibility in view for those who were not put on the team everybody, including the alternates, should help now to boost for the funds needed.

There are great many who cannot afford to contribute but even these can assist by urging those who can contribute to dole out a few coppers. Every little bit helps to make a big bit and it's a big bit that is needed to "put it across."

Let's go!

The Pacific Coast Baseball league has just fulfilled its yearly custom of sending a season pass to the President. It might gain Hawaii a little publicity if the Honolulu Baseball league sent the President a pass. Don't laugh! There is just as much chance of President Coolidge getting time to take in a Honolulu game as he will ever have to take in a P. C. B. L. game, so why not?

The Associated Press report of the national indoor championship at Chicago in which Johnny Weissmuller won the 100 yards in :53.4 actually reads thus:

"Johnny Weissmuller again loafed to an easy win, finishing comfortably in the lead of the national 100 yards free style title test."

There has been a kind of feeling around that possibly Johnny Weissmuller was not swimming again in his old-time form just because he did not happen to be breaking records every day in the week.

When a reliable news gathering agency like the Associated Press, noted for its conservatism, actually uses the word "loaf" to describe Weissmuller's swim it means just that. To the A. P. man at the meet it was evident that Weissmuller was not even half trying and yet he made :53.4 for 100 yards.

If anybody thinks Weissmuller has "gone back" let them go out and swim the century yards and try and "loaf" to make :53.4. If Johnny can "loaf" and still make :53.4 he is far from being out of shape and can still be regarded as America's biggest star for the coming Olympic games, provided that matter of citizenship is settled satisfactorily.

Lieut. R. D. ("Lefty") Sproull, finished second to John Watt in the hurdles at the A. A. U. meet and leaves today to represent the Army at the Army tryouts on the mainland. How many of the local fans know that Sproull went into the race against Watt without any training this season and had to spend half of that night after the meet with his legs in a bathtub of scalding water to ease the resulting pains from over-exertion without previous practise. They make few gritty athletes of that caliber. Good luck, "Lefty!"

There is one branch of sport in Hawaii that has not received the consideration it deserves and there is a champion in that branch who has been overlooked. Reference is made to handball and the handball champion, Joe Medeiros.

For some years past Medeiros has won the local A. A. U. championship hands down. He has improved steadily and there are many who believe that he is rapidly attaining the class of mainland players.

It would not cost the Hawaiian A. A. U. more than \$300 to send him up to the national handball championship tourney which is to be held in Los Angeles towards the end of this month.

Medeiros probably would not win. In fact if he reached the semi-finals he would be doing well. But the result would be not only a benefit to him in giving him a chance to play against classy men and thereby learning something but it would also result in boosting the game here, a game that boxers, track men and athletes of all lines admit is the best training of any to bring all the muscles into play.

And handball needs some boosting!