

# ISLAND

## ATTEMPT TO BE MADE SATURDAY AT Y.M.C.A. TANK

Distance Is 800 Meters and  
Locals Are Confident of  
Smashing Olympiad Time

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The Hawaiian Olympic relay swimming team is going out Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Central Y. M. C. A. tank to break the Olympic record for 800 meters. D. L. Conkling, manager of the team, and Harvey Chilton, Hui Makani coach, are confident that the local quartet composed of Warren Kealoha, Pua Kealoha, Sam Kahanamoku and Henry Luning will lower the present Olympic and world record of 10:04.2.

On Monday night at Punahou tank the team made 9:11 for 800 yards indicating that the four men are swimming in great form. The Punahou tank is 25 yards long made it difficult to work out an 800 meters relay. The Central "Y" tank is 20 yards long making it much easier to swim the 800 meters relay.

Since Monday the team has been practicing every afternoon, turns, kicking and starting and by Saturday is expected to be working in greater form than ever.

Should this team go under the world record or even come close to the time the performance will do much to quiet a large number of local doubters. It should also help the contributions to the Hawaiian Olympic team fund.

The medals and ribbons for the recent A. A. U. track meet and the recent Hawaiian Olympic swimming meet are ready for distribution at the Hawaiian A. A. U. office. Which should be welcome news to the winning athletes.

The tentative itinerary of the Hawaiian Olympic swimming team was announced at the meeting of the board of managers of the Hawaiian A. A. U. yesterday. The team will go to San Francisco, Santa Clara university, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Indianapolis and New York.

Dan Mooney, former president of the Outrigger Canoe Club, has his son, Frank, at Santa Clara and young Frank is a Hawaiian swimming product. So the island stars will be welcomed to Santa Clara with a real meet.

Salt Lake invited the islanders to stop there at the time it was thought that Sam Kahanamoku, Warren Kealoha and Pua Kealoha would go to the Illinois Athletic Club indoor meet and it is expected that the invitation still holds.

Los Angeles is looked upon as ready to invite the island team, for Lorrin Andrews has repeatedly intimated that the Hawaiians should not forget to come there on their way to the Olympic games. Andrews is a former member of the Hawaiian A. A. U. and now resides in Los Angeles.

Have you donated your bit towards the Hawaiian Olympic team fund? If you have not and want to do so drop into the Hawaiian A. A. U. office at 417, Hawaiian Trust building. Every little bit helps.

Right now there is a big argument in mainland sport as to whether the man or team "coming from behind" or whether the man or team who "gets a slight lead and holds it" shows the most courage.

The sports scribes and fans have always been strong on boosting the man or team "coming from behind." It has appealed to their sense of gameness. That spirit of "fighting till the last man is out" will always continue to appeal.

At the same time it must be remarked that the man or team with a slight lead has to show just as much courage and gameness to hold it. In fact there are many who believe that it takes more courage and ability to get an early lead and hold it than it is to come from behind at the last moment and win. Certainly it is a greater strain to stay in front when the margin is slight than it is to fight "from behind" to victory.

But we know very well that even if the contention that the front runner is more laudable was conclusively proved the fans and the scribes would continue to praise the man or team "coming from behind" because it is natural to favor the "under dog."