

Blues Basket Team Seeking Matches Here This Season

Guard-Nevada Game Causes Interest On the Part of Champion Angeleno Five

The Los Angeles Blues, champion basketball team of the A. A. U. and winners of the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain conference championships for the past several years, are anxious to obtain a game or two with the local basketing stars.

In a letter addressed to the Sports Editor of The Advertiser, to be forwarded to the managers of the National Guard and Outrigger teams, the Blues outline what they consider a sure fire winning proposition.

The champions' lineup includes such men as Swann and Rock at forward positions, Cate at center, Cooper and Tate at guard. This is the same team that defeated the Nevadans, the only team that did by the way, in the last season play. The Blues won by the narrow margin of three and five points in the respective games.

The letter follows:

Jan. 9th, 1921.
Manager Outrigger National Guard Basket Ball Team,
Dear Sirs:

Representing the Los Angeles Blues Basket Ball team, playing this year under the name of the City of Los Angeles, I wish to state that the team is desirous of making a trip to Honolulu, if satisfactory guarantee could be made by your two teams.

The personnel of our team is made up of five of the National champions, consisting of Swann and Rock forwards—Cate center—Cooper and Tate guards—This team has also won the Pacific coast and Rocky mountain championship for the past three years.

As one of your teams defeated Nevada, the other losing by a very close margin the spectators would be sure of good games as we defeated Nevada last year on their own court on two occasions, both by three and five point margins.

We have the opportunity to go to the National Championships held at Kansas City, Mo., this year, but prefer to go west to Honolulu instead of east the way we traveled last year.

It would not make any difference to us whether we played you both two games or each only one, as long as we had one day rest between games.

We could arrange to sail from San Francisco on Feb. 19th arriving Feb. 25. In order to secure sufficient publicity and give us a chance to work out and limber up games could be played after Mar. 1st.

We have taken several trips back east to National Championships and our experience with these affairs has shown us that each team played has more than made their guarantee.

It is difficult to book passage, therefore we desire you to cable us immediately at our expense if it is possible for you to arrange these games. If not a letter will be sufficient.

We urge your immediate attention to this matter in order to arrange our trip to Kansas City. In case everything is satisfactory and you wish us to make the trip, final details can be arranged by letter. Trusting we may hear from you favorably, we remain,

Very respectfully,

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