

# Basketball Title Play Will Start This Week

H. B. L. Crown At Stake Tonight;  
Island Championships  
On Saturday

**S**ATURDAY and Monday evenings are going to be spelled with red letters in the annals of Territorial basketball, according to the drawings which "Dad" Center made yesterday afternoon for the Hawaiian championships, to be pulled off on the Central "Y" floor on those two occasions.

For the first contest on Saturday night, which will start at 7:30 by the Mutual Telephone clock, the A. A. U. president drew the Outrigger five as opponents for the fast-flying quintet representing Pearl Harbor. This is guaranteed to open the evening with a bang.

The second week-end embroglio, booked to begin an hour later, finds the National Guard bunch facing the Alumni Alerts from Maui, and another white-hot struggle promises to result. The Maui five has been going great guns on the Valley Island and is reported to be "fit as a fiddle" for the title rounds.

For Monday evening's opener "Dad" first picked the alumni quintet from Hilo Boarding School, and then drew "interscholastic champions" to oppose the Big Island five. This contest will start promptly at 7:30 o'clock, also on the "Y" floor, and there should not be much time to eat peanuts between thrills.

An hour later, according to Center's draw, the hard-fighting five representing the University of Hawaii will face the winners of the Schofield Barracks championship—meaning that any stray patches of hair which did not stand up during the curtain-raiser will surely altitudinize then.

## Semi-Finals Next Week

On Wednesday evening next, March 15, the winners of Saturday's and Monday's contests will come together in the semi-finals of the big tournament, the championship game of which will be played a week from next Saturday evening. This contest will be followed by a big dance (ladies free), during the progress of which the trophies and individual prizes for the tournament will be awarded.

Among the rules laid down for the tourney are the following:

No player having played on one team in the tournament is eligible to compete as a member of any other team.

All contests to start promptly on time, the first contest of the evening at 7:30 o'clock and the second contest to begin 10 minutes after the first has ended.

All players must be numbered and must occupy seats set aside for them at the corners of the playing court.

H. N. Mosher and J. E. Hoek will officiate at all of the games, alternating in the positions of umpire and referee.

Hilo's star forward, H. P. Ching, regarded as one of the fastest and cleverest players on the Big Island, arrived here yesterday ahead of his teammates and is working out at the armory in preparation for next Monday's contest.

The quintets representing the 25th and 35th Infantry, who are fighting it out for the privilege of upholding the army's banner in the big tournament, were interested spectators at the games played on Monday night, when the National Guard five defeated the University of Hawaii (37-26) and the Outrigger clan was returned victorious over the Palamas (30-24).

Tonight, commencing at 8 o'clock, the National Guard and Outrigger quintets will clash at the armory for the championship of the Honolulu Basketball League. This should be a peach of a battle and will undoubtedly draw a record crowd.

Miniature gold basketballs will be awarded to the players on the winning team, together with a club trophy denoting the winning of the 1922 championship.