

JIMMY McLANE

**STARTLED THE SPORTS WORLD
BY BECOMING ITS BIGGEST
SWIM-SPLASH!**



1941 - IN AKRON, OHIO - JIMMY'S HOME TOWN...



GEE, SIS, I'D LIKE TO LEARN TO SWIM.

ASK MR. MINTO OF THE FIRESTONE CLUB, JIMMY. HE COACHES KIDS.

SOON...



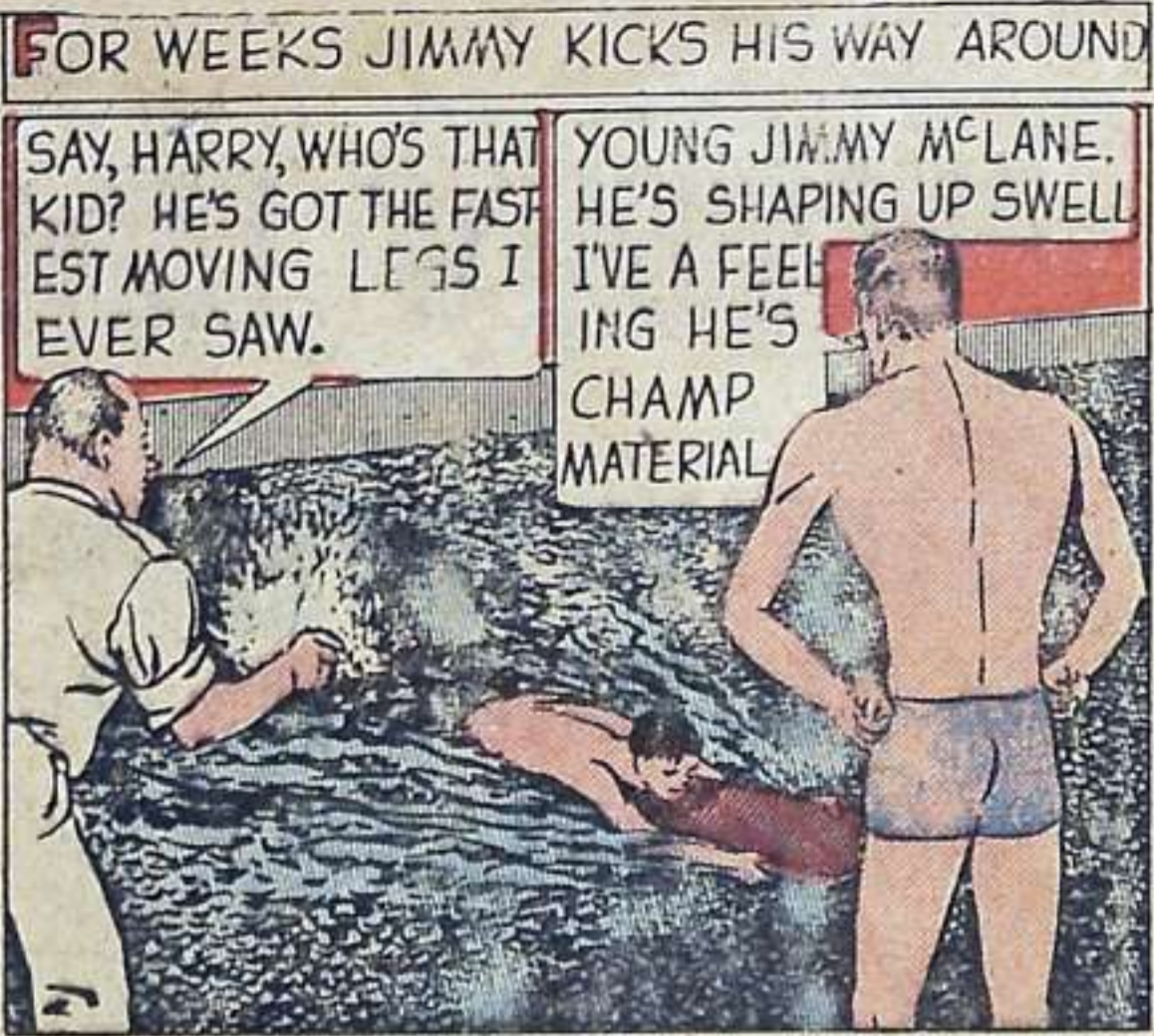
... AND I'M NEARLY 11 YEARS OLD, MR. MINTO. THINK THAT'S TOO OLD?

NO MAN'S TOO OLD TO LEARN. GET READY. I'LL START YOU WITH THE FLUTTER BOARD



YOU'LL START BY LEARNING TO USE YOUR LEGS. THE KICK'S MOST IMPORTANT IN SWIMMING.

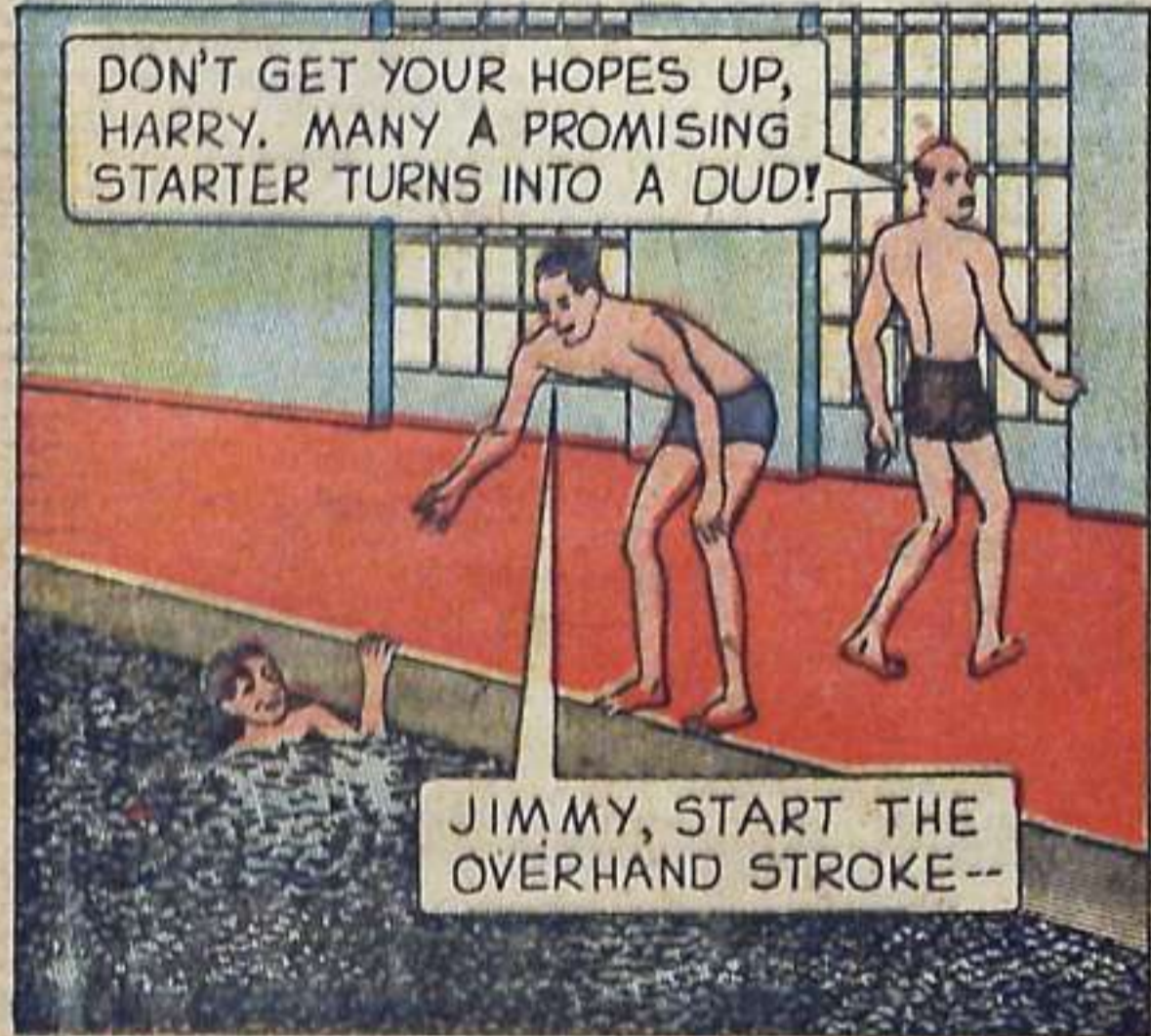
I'VE GOT BIG FEET. THAT OUGHT TO HELP.



FOR WEEKS JIMMY KICKS HIS WAY AROUND

SAY, HARRY, WHO'S THAT KID? HE'S GOT THE FASTEST MOVING LEGS I EVER SAW.

YOUNG JIMMY MCLANE. HE'S SHAPING UP SWELL. I'VE A FEELING HE'S CHAMP MATERIAL.



DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP, HARRY. MANY A PROMISING STARTER TURNS INTO A DUD!

JIMMY, START THE OVERHAND STROKE--



AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR OF COACHING, JIMMY ENTERS HIS FIRST RACE.

NOW I'LL SEE WHAT I REALLY HAVE.



4 LENGTHS OF THE POOL--AND...

JIMMY WINS!

NOT SO GOOD. JIMMY BARELY BEAT THEM OUT, AND THEY'RE NOT CHAMPS..



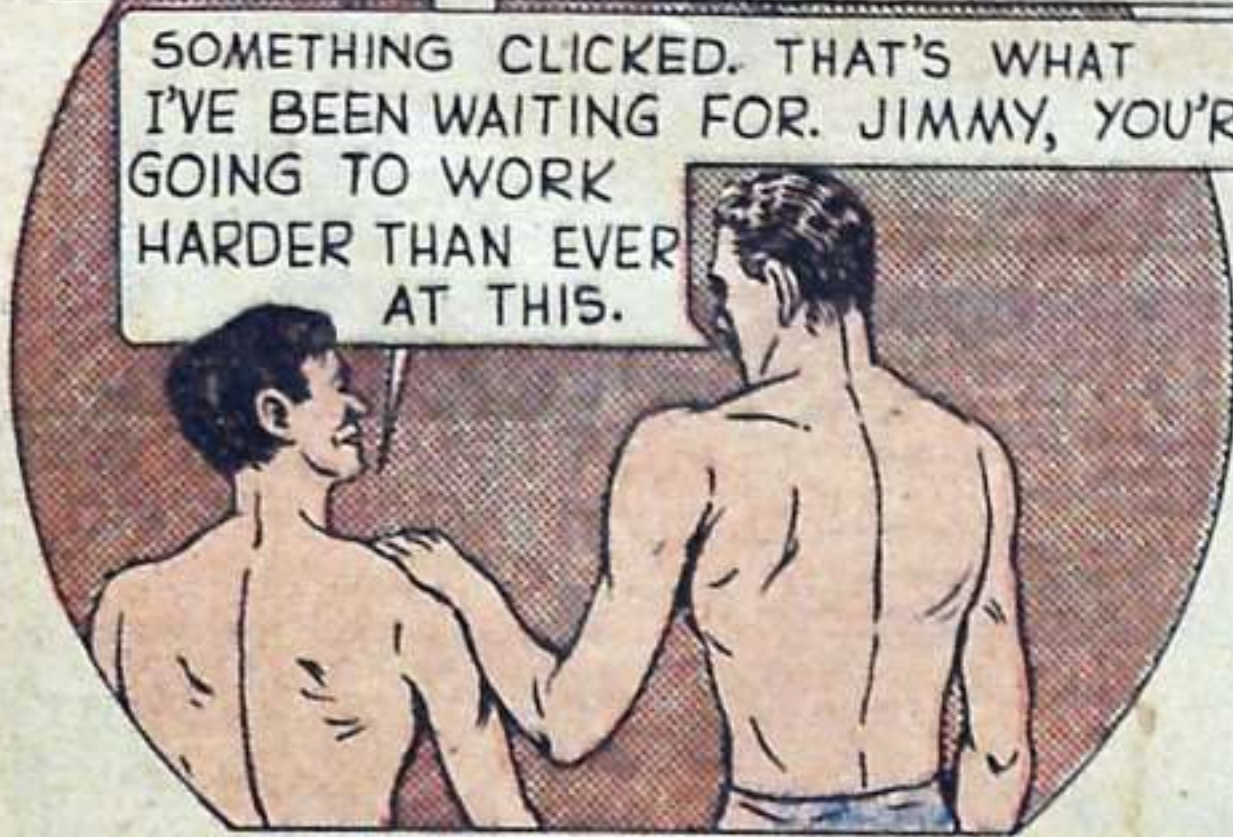
THEN ONE DAY, IN ANOTHER POOL RACE..

JUMPING JEES! HE BROKE THE POOL RECORD. SOME SWIMMING!

YAY, JIMMY!

YOU ASKED ME HOW I DID IT, MR. MINTO.. GOSH, I DON'T KNOW. SOMETHING IN ME JUST GOT MOVING, I GUESS.

SOMETHING CLICKED. THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR. JIMMY, YOU'RE GOING TO WORK HARDER THAN EVER AT THIS.



IN 1943...

JIMMY, I'VE DECIDED TO ENTER YOU IN THE A.A.U. SENIOR DISTANCE SWIM. IT'LL BE HELD AT WILLIAMS LAKE, NEW YORK.

OH BOY! THAT'S ONE OF THE BIGGEST EVENTS OF THE YEAR!



EVERYWHERE - MINTO'S MOVE AMAZES AND AMUSES!

HA-HA! SO MINTO'S ENTERED A 13-YEAR-OLD.

--TO SWIM AGAINST SUCH FELLOWS AS PAUL MALONY, DEFENDING CHAMP, AND KEO NAKAMA. WHY NAKAMA'S HOLDER OF THE WORLD'S MILE RECORD!



AT WILLIAMS LAKE, THE DAY OF THE RACE

THEY SAY WE HAVE A 13-YEAR-OLD COMPETING AGAINST US, NAKAMA!

HO-HO! HE'LL DROWN IN OUR SPLASH!



H-HOUR...

--A FOUR-MILE RACE... WHEN YOU HEAR THE GUN...

BANG! THEY'RE OFF!

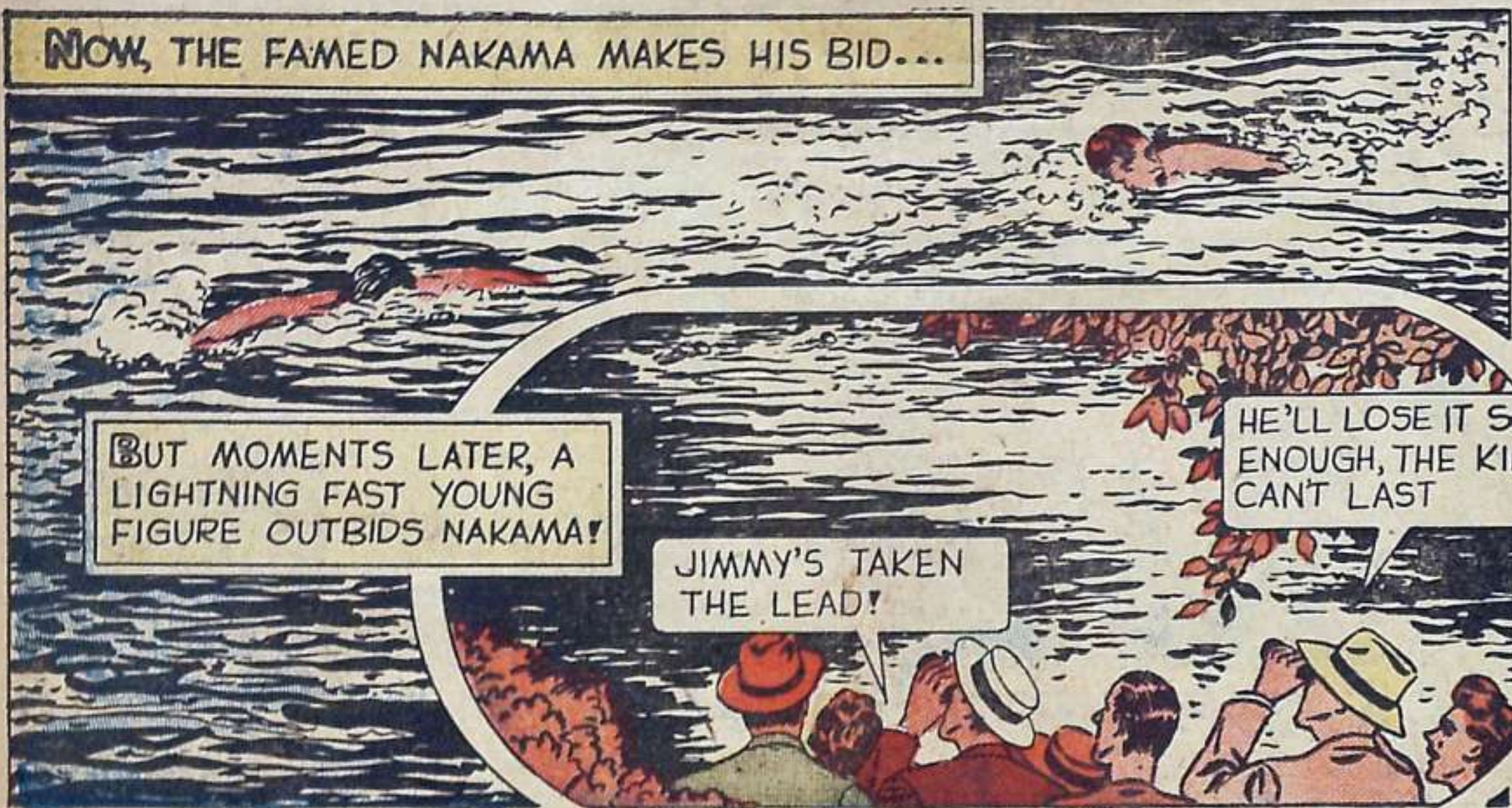


THE KID'S OUT FRONT.

AW, THEY'RE JUST HUMORING HIM! NAKAMA'S MOVING UP!



NOW, THE FAMED NAKAMA MAKES HIS BID...



BUT MOMENTS LATER, A LIGHTNING FAST YOUNG FIGURE OUTBIDS NAKAMA!

HE'LL LOSE IT SOON ENOUGH, THE KID CAN'T LAST

JIMMY'S TAKEN THE LEAD!

NEARING THE END OF THE 4TH MILE.

A NEW CHAMPION!



HERE COMES THE WINNER. IT LOOKS LIKE PAUL MALONY.

MALONY?.... HOLD YOUR BREATH! IT'S..



GREAT WORK, JIMMY.. TIRED?

NO. IT WAS PRETTY EASY.. BUT WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?



MALONY OVER 300 YARDS BEHIND-AND NAKAMA'S AT LEAST HALF A MILE AWAY!

GOSH!

AFTER THIS BREATH-TAKING RACE, MINTO WAS INVITED TO BRING YOUNG JIMMY FOR A VISIT TO YALE-- AND THERE IN THE POOL THE AMAZING BOY SWAM A PACED MILE, 21 SECONDS UNDER THE WORLD'S RECORD!



THAT BOY'LL BREAK EVERY EXISTING WORLD'S RECORD FROM 400 METERS UP!...



Jimmy McLane & Keo Nakama